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Dedication Concert Series

SATURDAY, MAY 12
Houston Chamber Choir
and special guest Jamie Bernstein,
7:30 PM in the Sanctuary



HOUSTON CHAMBER CHOIR

South Main members receive a 35% discount on tickets using the code SMBC35 at houstonchamberchoir.org.

Walk with Me/ MainStreamers

Our MainStreamers program on Monday, May 14, invites Bettye Carpenter to share stories and experiences from the recent Adult III Trip to Charleston and Savannah. Don't miss this morning of fellowship, good food, and learning. Walk with Me starts on the 2nd floor of the Loessner Building at 9:00 AM. Join a table for game-playing at 9:30 then stay for lunch (\$7) and the program. Invite a friend!

Deacon Hospital Visitation Training

On May 20 at 12:45 in Chafin 210, deacons who would like to become a part of South Main's Deacon Hospital Visitation or those deacons who are a part of this ministry who would like to receive some additional training, are welcome to attend a Deacon Hospital Training/Orientation led by Greg Funderburk and Gillian Cooke. The training will last about 45 minutes. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Lonnie Campbell at lonnie@smbc.org. A lunch will be provided if you RSVP.

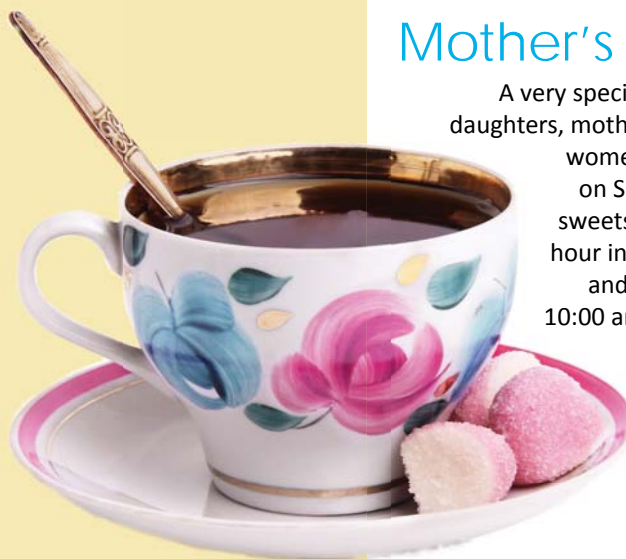
Dolores Rader's 10th Anniversary Recognition



Dolores Rader is celebrating her 10th anniversary as a minister at South Main Baptist Church this year.

During worship on May 20, we will recognize

her ministry among us. Please don't miss this celebration of our favorite Minister to Families!



Mother's Day Tea

A very special invitation is extended to daughters, mothers, aunts, grandmothers - women of all ages and seasons - on Sunday, May 13, for tea and sweets during the Sunday School hour in the Fellowship Hall. Come and go as you please between 10:00 and 10:30 AM and for those of you with young children or grandchildren at SMBC, please stay for a short program to hear our preK and Kindergarten children shower you with prayer and precious song.

2018 Missions Offering: The Heart of the Church



ART COURTESY OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF SOUTH MAIN.

We are now accepting donations toward our annual Missions Offering that will culminate on Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018. Our goal is to raise \$125,000 that we can give to our Mission Partners here and across the world.

Here's a story about a Cambodian refugee family helped by SMBC's Harvey recovery efforts.



They are farmers. They worked their greenhouses and built their modest home with their own two hands. They were grateful for the lovely little kitchen and for the bedroom for their son, Lucky. They had been in their new home two months. Then came Harvey.

The devastation of Harvey for the Cambodian refugee community of Rosharon was on two fronts. Residents lost not only their homes but their livelihoods as their greenhouses flooded and protective coverings were ripped away.

Peter and Phalani were among the very first that we met. We provided a tent for temporary shelter. Then we began work roofing their garage so they could have a better roof over their heads. Phalani continued to work what was left of their water spinach crop, but it would be six months before another crop was ready for market and they had an income again. The special refrigeration that they had for their produce was lost. What little money they had they gave to a repairman who promptly ran off with the funds.

When teams started coming to work on their home, the love and gratitude of this little family was palpable. Two of the teams that worked on their home were housed at South Main. One of those teams also replaced their refrigeration. South Main

gave funds to help repair the road into the neighborhood which was barely passable. South Main members provided Lucky with a bedroom set. We don't know when we have seen a child so happy to have a bed, chest, and dresser.



Peter, Phalani, and Lucky make up just one of many families that have experienced the love and light of Christ due to the generosity of time and finances given for Harvey recovery.

Meet the Family Ministry Volunteer Team

In addition to our wonderful Childcare Workers, we have some amazing volunteers in the nursery area who give their time as Sunday School Teachers and Baby Rockers. These wonderful people hold babies, snuggle them, rock them, and sing to them. We are so thankful for each of these special people who have a commitment to share God's love from early in our babies' lives. Lauren Hassig is both a Baby Rocker and mom to Griffin, who will join us in the nursery in May.

As a pre-teen, I remember begging to help my mom when she would volunteer in our church nursery. Partly, this was a way to avoid attending worship, but mostly it was for the babies. There is really nothing sweeter than the smells and snuggles of a newborn or the babbling and giggling of a toddler. So there I was, joyfully wiping the slobber from the faces of those two and under. I've watched those babies grow into children, teens, and young adults, proud that I had a small part in knowing them at such a young age. As an adult I still rock babies in the church nursery, but with a greater appreciation of those that have committed to building up the body of our church, starting with the simplest act of service. Being the family of God to our family in this place begins with the love and care that is provided for our children. Beginning this Sunday, and for each Sunday following, we will be dropping off our newest little one to the nursery. I have no doubt that his basic needs will be met, that he will be held and loved, and that he will never remember a day in his life where he didn't know of God's love for him.

- Lauren Hassig

*Celebrating and navigating Mondays through Sundays
from week one to week 936
toward authentic and lasting faith in Christ.*

Worship Flowers



A family or individual from our congregation may contribute an extra measure of beauty to our sanctuary by donating a flower arrangement to honor a family member, a friend, a group, or simply to commemorate the anniversary of a birth, a marriage, or a death.

If you would like to give flowers for this purpose on an upcoming Sunday please contact Susan Moore by email at susan@smbc.org.

Our Newest Members - April 29, 2018



JD Donalson



Whitney Donalson



Isabella Jones



Michelle Kraft



Darryl Schwark

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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- 12 Dedication Series Concert –
Houston Chamber Choir
with Jamie Bernstein
- 13 Mother’s Day Tea
- 14 Walk with Me/MainStreamers
- 20 Dolores Rader’s
10th anniversary recognition;
Pentecost;
Last day for Missions Offering
- 27 Single Service Sunday
(10:00 AM Worship, 11:00 AM SS,
No lunch)
- 28 Memorial Day, Church office closed

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Our Weekly Records

Sunday School 5/6

English	490
Hispanic	33
Total	523
Visitors	14

Choirs 5/2 & 5/6 289

Mid Town Mid Week 5/2 33

SMILE 5/1 103

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Budget Receipts	\$	52,271
Weekly Budget Needs	\$	78,225
YTD Receipts	\$	1,138,750
YTD Budget Needs	\$	1,408,050
Designated Receipts	\$	39,182
YTD Missions	\$	78,431



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MAY 2018

Sunday-Relationship with God and others	Monday Pray for church staff	Tuesday-Members, visitors, ministries	Wednesday-The sick, needy, oppressed and Armed Forces	Thursday-Houston, workplaces, school and neighborhood	Friday-The world, social justice, religious freedom and peace	Saturday-Gratitude for people, events and things in our lives
1 Our spiritual growth; giving more of ourselves to God	2 Worship Ministry: Steve/Carey, pastoral care team & support staff and their families	1 Families; the church as a place of growth for parents and children	2 Those in mourning and periods of grief Pray for our choir as they make a recording and share their gifts with the world SANCTUARY CHOIR	3 Our workplaces and those looking for work	4 Latin America OSA staff, other volunteers	5 Offer thanks for opportunities in our lives
6 Generosity of spirit toward those around us Pray for our pastor and his family as we celebrate their work in our midst STEVE WELLS 15TH ANNIVERSARY	7 Adult Education Ministry: Greg & support staff	8 Visitors to our church & those seeking answers, meaning in life,	9 The marginalized & poor, those seeking assistance, Grace Wood, EAC Pray for our families as the school draws to a close LAST NIGHT OF FAMILY MINISTRY	10 The streets of our city; First responders	11 Asia, North Korea, China	12 Offer thanks for God's presence and authority in our lives
13 Openness to God's leading in our lives Pray for our mothers as we set aside a special day to honor them MOTHER'S DAY TEA	14 Youth Ministry: Suzann, J, VOX, and SS leaders	15 Visitors to our church; GO Team & Outreach	16 MANNA ministry worship & friendship for the homeless, SEARCH Pray for our homeless neighbors and the relationships that are formed at Chess Club	17 Internationals in Houston; those who need a friend	18 Africa, Europe	10 Offer thanks for God's care and guidance
20 Our growing in the knowledge of God Give thanks for Dolores and her vision and for the 10 yrs she has ministered among us. DORIS RAIDER 10TH	21 Church Admin-Brad, Susan and support staff P	22 New members: A place of connection & acceptance here	23 People with illness,, the elderly and their caregivers, Amazing Place; Sojourn House	24 Our communities; those needing friends South Main at Home	25 People who are in places with armed conflicts; refugees and their families	26 Offer thanks for the challenges that make us trust more
27 Insight for showing God's love and mercy Give thanks for those who have given their lives in service to our country MEMORIAL DAY	28 Children's Ministry: Dolores, staff and families	29 Adult communities' teachers, leaders, and classes	30 People serving in the military & government	31 People who are homebound or isolated		