

# South Main Today

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## SUMMER SUNDAY MORNINGS

*Summertime can be a season of soul-expanding adventure— a time when we break from our regular schedules, perhaps travel a little, and hopefully take some deep breaths to reorient and renew ourselves.*

*At South Main, our Summer Sunday Mornings are designed with all of these things in mind. Instead of our regular Sunday morning classes, we have three exciting venues to foster this sense of renewal.*

*Each Sunday morning from 10:10 to 11:10 AM, running from July 1 through August 26, make plans to be in one of the following spots:*

### Life Stories & Roundtables

#### July 1

*God, Spirituality, and the Arts:*  
A Panel with J Hill, JoAnn Hopper,  
and Luis Campos  
Moderated by Greg Funderburk

#### July 8

*A Life Story:* Phyllis Brockermeier

#### July 15

*A Life Story:* Courtney Cox Smith  
and her book, *The Butterfly Catcher*

#### July 22

*Marriage Wisdom Dialogue:*  
A Panel with Bob & Anne Fowler,  
Gordan & Gail Musgrove,  
Damon & Emma Ankenman,  
and Bill & Bettye Carpenter  
Moderated by Greg Funderburk

#### July 29

*A Life Story:* Rev. Bob Wells

**Loessner 207**

#### August 5

*A Columbarium at South Main:*  
A Conversation, moderated by  
Brad Jernberg

#### August 12

*Hearing God in Music:*  
A Panel with Jake McKim,  
Brook Ballard, and Mark Jones  
Moderated by Greg Funderburk

#### August 19

*Finding God in Literature and Writing:*  
A Panel with Seth Humble,  
Angela Holder, and Charis Smith  
Moderated by Greg Funderburk

#### August 26

*A Life Story:* John McCoy

### Bible Study

#### July 1, 8, & 15

Chris Dove  
*Jacob: Liar, Lover, Wrestler*

#### July 22, 29, & August 5

Linda Brupbacher,  
*Lessons from the Exodus*

#### August 12, 19, & 26

Peter Almond  
*Questions from the Bible*

**Fellowship Hall**

### Contemplative Practices

#### July 1 - August 26

Michael Raimer-Goodman  
and Dave Robertson

**Chafin 214**

**July & August ■ 10:10 to 11:10 AM**

## Summer Reading

Are you looking for some enriching reading for the summer? Your Discipleship Committee has polled South Main's ministers and some of your fellow congregants and has collected a terrific list of books for the upcoming vacation season. You'll find all sorts of picks from the spiritually edifying and deeply educational to the pleasantly amusing and simply entertaining.

We hope you'll grab a few of these titles, some of which are in our church's library, enjoy them this summer, and have some conversations in the upcoming months with those who have shared some of their favorite reads.

For a complete list of suggested titles go to <https://tinyurl.com/smbcGoodReads>

<i>You are the Beloved,</i> Henri Nouwen	Jane Jefferies
<i>Listening to Your Life,</i> Frederick Buechner	Jeanne Luedemann
<i>Pillars of the Earth,</i> Ken Follett	Carey Cannon
<i>The Brothers Karamazov,</i> Fyodor Dostoyevsky	Chris Dove
<i>Paris in the Present Tense,</i> Mark Helprin	Greg Funderburk
<i>The 5 Languages of Appreciation in the Workplace,</i> Gary Chapman & Paul White	Susan Moore
<i>Lincoln on Leadership,</i> Donald P. Phillips	Carol Shattuck
<i>Stories Jesus Still Tells - The Parables,</i> John Claypool	Steve Rader
<i>We Were Eight Years in Power: An American Tragedy,</i> Ta-Nehisi Coates	Dolores Rader
<i>The Tipping Point,</i> Malcom Gladwell	Brad Jernberg
<i>The Rain in Portugal,</i> Billy Collins	Greg Funderburk
<i>Telling Secrets,</i> Frederick Buechner	Jane Jefferies
<i>The Divine Conspiracy: Rediscovering our Hidden Life in God,</i> Dallas Willard	Dave Shattuck
<i>What's So Amazing about Grace?,</i> Philip Yancey	Steve Wells

## Amazing Place Social Worker



The Faith Care Connection Project is a pastoral care help/opportunity which is coming to South Main through our church's partnership with Amazing Place. It's a program designed to support our senior members, most particularly to give support and help to those who live alone. The goal is to help seniors stay connected to the church, as well as connect them to community resources such as

transportation options, emergency alert systems, homemaker services, home safety information, access to healthcare, nutrition information, counseling services, and other services we often need as we age. A licensed social worker from Amazing Place, Lauren Bradley, is available to work together with family members and our own Mainties ministers to assist where needed to uncover needs and provide connections to these helpful resources. If you are interested or know someone who may benefit from this program at South Main, please contact Greg Funderburk, Minister to Adults/Pastoral Care, at [greg@smbc.org](mailto:greg@smbc.org).



## 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 in the church office by email at [susan@smbc.org](mailto:susan@smbc.org).

## Our Newest Members

JUNE 3, 2018



Mary Ramos



Jason Smith



Matthew Wackerle



Montrose  
Madison  
Wolf

## A Special Anniversary

June 16 marks a special anniversary at South Main Baptist Church. In 1918, 100 years ago, the church, then known as Tuam Avenue Baptist Church, had been in existence for 15 years and had been served by four ministers. On June 16 of that year Montrose Madison Wolf became the pastor of the church. During the next 100 years he and only four other men have served in that capacity.

The average length of these pastorates is just over 19 years with only brief interims between. The national average for a minister to serve in a Baptist church is 4 to 8 years. Although longer-term pastorates are not uncommon, to have five in succession is most unusual. It speaks to the stability and faithfulness of the church and congregation.

To quote from Dr. and Mrs. William Yost's book "To God Alone be Glory," written for the church's 75th anniversary: "No preacher has been invited to appear before the Church until the Pulpit Committee was ready, unanimously, to recommend him to the Church for call. Consequently, there never has been sown the seed of dissent; in accepting the call, the preacher could feel that he and the Church were in accord with God's will. Every call has been by unanimous vote of the congregation." Although the book went through the call of Dr. Chafin the quote still remains true today.

During the last 100 years the pastors of South Main Baptist Church are as follows:

Montrose Madison Wolf (1918-1937)

E. Hermond Westmoreland (1938-1971)

Kenneth Leon Chafin (1972-1984)

William Lewis Turner (1985-2002)

Stephen C. Wells (2003- present).

To God Alone Be Glory



## Children's Camp

Nancy Campbell was the Children's Minister, and one day out of the blue she asked me to be a sponsor at Children's Camp. Unfortunately I had maxed out my vacation that year, so I couldn't set aside the time. I asked her to ask again the following year, which she did. The rest is history...

Reflecting on Children's Camp, it is easy to use it as a great example of how SMBC does Children's ministry. We do it right, from the Children's Ministers, to the sponsors that volunteer their time, to the parents who sent their children, to the children that taught me so much. For those that don't know me, I am single. Not divorced, not widowed, just flat out single. That means I have close to zilch knowledge about children outside what I experienced growing up. So to be asked to sponsor camp is faith and I am honored to have that faith bestowed on me.

So what is Children's Camp? Four fun days of getting to know kids as they begin the process of exploring the world in which they live. Four days of explaining what being a Christian is all about, not just from personal experience, but from the biblical perspective. I have learned a lot from those I was supposed to teach, a learning that continues to this day. It has always done my heart good to see the children's potential which they showed during the summer come to realization as youth, then as university students, as married people, and finally as parents. The undeveloped faith blossoms as children grow into some of the finest Christians I know.

There are numerous stories of children, sponsors, and ministers which speak volumes of this ministry, too many to recount in this telling. Yet each has affirmed my faith in this Family of Grace. I thank those parents who honored me with the trust of their children. I pray that they have learned at least half as much from me as I have learned from them.

— Mr. Ruben (Ruben Jarrin)



## Trinity Pines Chapel

Trinity Pines Chapel is the place where Manna worship takes place on our campus. The table tops have recently been replaced so no matter where we worship, we give God our best.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JUNE

- 17 Father's Day
- 21-22 MainKids' Camp In
- 24-29 Youth Mountain Camp
- 25 Walk with Me/MainStreamers, Deacons' Mtg

### JULY

- 1 Combined Adult SS begins, Family Ministry Summer SS begins
- 4 Office closed for July 4th holiday, Midtown Midweek break begins
- 10-15 Emmanuel Baptist youth in YC for mission trip
- 12 OSA Board Meeting
- 15 Blood Drive
- 23 Deacons' Meeting
- 29 Quarterly Business Meeting



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## Our Weekly Records

Mid Town Mid Week	6/6	83
Tithes and Offering	6/10	
Budget Receipts	\$	68,466
Weekly Budget Needs	\$	78,225
YTD Receipts	\$	1,425,047
YTD Budget Needs	\$	1,799,175
Designated Receipts	\$	12,044
YTD Missions	\$	2,774



Mrs. Leigh Anne



Gail Musgrove



Missy Wells



Angela Spoede

## Wonder with Me

Part of our purpose statement in the Family Ministry is "to build an authentic and lasting faith in Christ." If you check out the timelines across campus from the Orange curriculum, you'll see one on the topic of Authentic Faith where the goal for Preschool is to "incite wonder so they will know God's love, and meet God's family." In lieu of Vacation Bible School this year, we will have Wonder with Me for our two year olds through PreK.

We will gather for Music with Me in the Great Hall with Mrs. Leigh Anne and have some additional time with Bible Story and Craft Time. We are thrilled to announce our amazing leaders who have volunteered to help us as parents learn how to read the Bible, pray, and do crafts with our children. Gail Musgrove will help lead Bible time, and Missy Wells and Angela Spoede (who know these children well from teaching them in Sunday School) will lead Craft time. We hope you will join us for Wonder with Me on Wednesday nights in June from 6:00-7:30 PM!

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

JUNE 2018

<b>Sunday</b> -Relationship with God and others	<b>Monday</b> Pray for church staff	<b>Tuesday</b> -Members, visitors, ministries	<b>Wednesday</b> -The sick, needy, oppressed and Armed Forces	<b>Thursday</b> -Houston, workplaces, school and neighborhood	<b>Friday</b> -The world, social justice, religious freedom and peace	<b>Saturday</b> -Gratitude for people, events and things in our lives
					1 Latin America OSA staff, other volunteers	2 Offer thanks for opportunities in our lives
3 Generosity of spirit toward those around us  <b>FOOD PANTRY</b>  Pray for the hungry in our community	4 Adult Education Ministry--Greg & support staff	5 Families; the church as a place of growth for parents and children	6 The marginalized & poor, those seeking assistance, Grace Wood, EAC Food Pantry <b>TRIBE MISSION TRIP</b> Pray for safety and open hearts as our Tribers travel to the Mississippi	7 The streets of our city; First responders	8 Asia, North Korea, China	9 Offer thanks for God's presence and authority in our lives
10 Openness to God's leading in our lives	11 Youth Ministry: Suzann, J, VOX, and SS leaders	12 Visitors to our church: GO Team & Outreach <b>MAINKIDS' WATER PARK CAMP</b> Pray for our 3rd/4th graders as they develop 2AM friends on a trip to	13 MANNA ministry worship & friendship for the homeless, SEARCH <b>CBF ASSEMBLY</b> Pray for our leaders as they gather to worship and plan for the future of	14 Internationals in Houston; those who need a friend	15 Africa, Europe  <b>Friday Night Fun</b>  Pray for our families to enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun	16 Offer thanks for God's care and guidance <b>Servant Leadership Development Retreat</b> Pray for beginning of Leadership Development pilot program
17 Our growing in the knowledge of God and choosing God's way <b>FATHER'S DAY</b> Pray for the fathers in our congregation to be Christ-like examples to their	18 Children's Ministry: Dolores, staff and families	19 New members: A place of connection & acceptance here	20 People with illness,, the elderly and their caregivers, Amazing Place; Sojourn House	21 Our communities; those needing friends South Main at Home <b>MAINKIDS' CAMPIN</b> -Pray for our K-2nd graders as they spend the night at SMBC and learn, play,	22 People who are in places with armed conflicts; refugees and their families	23 Offer thanks for the challenges that make us trust more <b>YOUTH CAMP</b> Pray for our youth and sponsors as they travel to Colorado to spend time
24 Insight for showing God's love and mercy	25 Worship Ministry: Steve/Carey, pastoral care team & support staff and their families	28 Adult communities' teachers, leaders, and classes	29 People serving in the military & government	30 People who are homebound or isolated		