

# 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. Sunday mornings from 10:10 to 11:10 AM, running through August 26, make plans to be in one of the following spots:

### Contemplative Practices

**July 15, 22, & 29**

Michael Raimer-Goodman  
and Dave Robertson

**Chafin 214**

### Bible Study

**July 15**

Chris Dove  
*Jacob: Liar, Lover, Wrestler*

**July 22 & 29**

Linda Brupbacher,  
*Lessons from the Exodus*

**Fellowship Hall**

### Life Stories & Roundtables

**July 15**

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

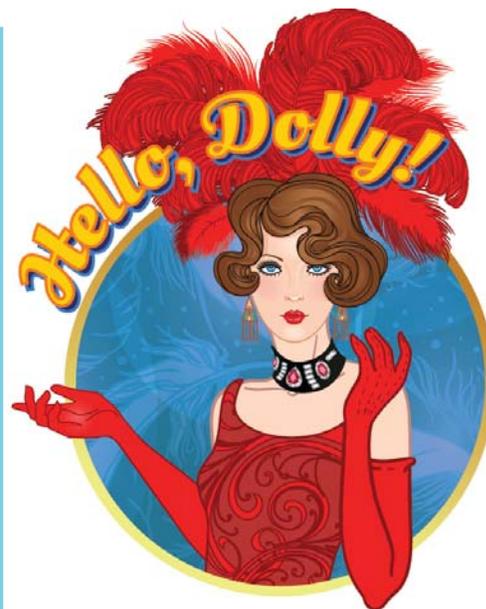
**July 22**

*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**



## South Main Summer Musical presents Hello, Dolly!

This year's South Main Summer Musical is "Hello, Dolly!" Performances are Friday and Saturday evenings, August 10 and 11 at 7:30 PM, and a Sunday matinee on August 12 at 2:00 PM.

Lynda McKnight is reprising her role as Dolly Gallagher Levi, and this performance will certainly be a highlight of your summer. All shows will once again be performed at the MATCH Theater located at 3400 Main Street, Houston, TX 77002.

Tickets on sale now! All tickets are purchased through the MATCH ticket office at <https://matchhouston.org/events/2018/hello-dolly> or 713-521-4533.

Premium Seats \$50  
General Seats \$30  
Youth \$20 (ages 13 – 18)  
Child \$10 (ages 6 – 12)

## BLOOD DRIVE

The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center needs 1000 units of blood a day to support the demands of 170 healthcare institutions in our area.

SUNDAY, JULY 15,  
is your next opportunity to give  
the gift of life.

No appointment is necessary  
and the Blood Center will have the  
Blood Mobile on Colquitt Street  
from 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM.

PLEASE DONATE!

# MIDtown MIDweek MIDday

Each Wednesday in August, we will share Bible Study and Lunch together at Midtown Midweek Midday. Invite friends and join our church family in the Fellowship Hall at noon.

## Special Travel Opportunity

On Sunday, July 22, at 12:45 PM in the choir room, come learn about an opportunity to go on tour: Oberammergau 2020: Historic Germany. In September of 2020, we will experience a centuries-old tradition in the heart of Bavaria, the Oberammergau Passion Play where the story of Christ's life comes alive. The play is produced only once every ten years! We will make our way from historic Munich to vibrant Berlin, seeing Neuschwanstein Castle and the classic cities of Weimar and Dresden along the way. At the meeting we will learn about exploring the vibrant culture of Germany on this one-of-a-kind journey.



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## Our Weekly Records

Mid Town Mid Week	6/27	56
Tithes and Offering	7/8	
Budget Receipts	\$	33,356
Weekly Budget Needs	\$	78,225
YTD Receipts	\$	1,663,883
YTD Budget Needs	\$	2,112,075
Designated Receipts	\$	4,601
YTD Missions	\$	5,476

## Sojourn House Apartment Ministry



Thank you to the PrimeTimers Sunday School class which has continued its longtime tradition of preparing festive bags for the 4th of July holiday for residents of the Sojourn House apartments. The bags, containing red, white, and blue tableware and decorations, are later delivered by volunteers from the Sojourn House Ministry. The holiday gift bags are always a much welcomed surprise for the patients here in Houston, far away from their own homes and family and friends.



The patriotically themed Sojourn House apartment was decorated by South Main member and designer Bruce Roberson. The apartment features red, white, and blue colors and is accessorized with touches of Americana.

## 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).

# Servant Leadership Development Program



This fall, the Discipleship Committee will offer a new round of our “servant leadership” program at South Main. The program will focus on exposing participants to almost every aspect of South Main and how to serve and lead in various ministries.

Through the program,

the group will visit/participate in various committee meetings, missions activities, and communities, as well as learning in depth how South Main works and how to effectively serve and lead. It will also include time with ministers and deacon mentors. The program hopes to make connections with various members and communities across the church that will help mobilize members for service projects down the road.

The program will start with a weekend retreat September 15/16 (at South Main) and will run for about six weeks for the main “intensive” program. However, participants will have until mid-April of next year to finish all of the class “visits” to various programs and communities around the church. During the first six weeks, the main activities will be on Sunday mornings starting at 9:00 AM and going through 12:30 or 2:00 PM depending on the week. There will be other activities during the week or on an occasional evening, but many of those can be flexibly scheduled. At the initial retreat, we’ll develop a schedule that fits each individual. During the initial six weeks, we will meet together as a Sunday School class.

We will ask all participants to commit to attend consistently and participate actively. Please prayerfully consider this as an opportunity to learn and develop as a servant leader at South Main. If interested in the program (this fall or at a later date), please go to <https://tinyurl.com/LeadDevForm> and fill out the one minute form to let us know about your interest.

Each class is limited to 15 members and we will be working to put together a class that is a good mix. If you are interested, but don’t get into this class, you will be given priority for the next offering. The plan is to offer this once per year starting each Fall. We will plan on selecting the class in August based on the responses to the interest form.

– Steve Rader  
Discipleship Committee Chair

## Family Ministry

### CAMP IN

*Thank you, South Main family,  
for allowing us the time and space to learn about God’s word  
and develop 2 AM friends at the 2018 Camp In.*



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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JULY

- 15 Blood Drive
- 22 Information meeting for 2020 Oberammagau trip
- 23 Walk with Me/  
MainStreamers,  
Deacons' Meeting
- 26 Shoe Unpacking Day
- 29 Quarterly Business Meeting
- 30 MainStreamers Game Day

### AUGUST

- 1 Midtown Midweek Midday  
Bible study and lunch
- 5 Food Pantry Sunday
- 10-12 Hello, Dolly! at MATCH

## SMBC/Buckner Shoes for Orphan Souls Henry Hill Memorial 2018 Shoe Drive



Why new shoes? New shoes last longer, and as a gift to a child with few possessions, they communicate volumes about his or her inherent worth. Simply put, the children are worth it! Your gift will bring hope to those most vulnerable.

Contact Damon Ankenman at  
(281) 821-6584 for more information.



South Main's Shoes for Orphan Souls Shoe Drive will soon begin with the first shoe "unpacking day" on Thursday, July 26, in the Welcome Center. Come anytime between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM to help unpack shoes. Opportunities to participate in this mission will include weekly unpacking days, making monetary gifts which can be stretched to purchase shoes in bulk, or giving the gift of a **new** pair of shoes which may be

brought to the Welcome Center starting Sunday, July 22.

Monetary gifts may be made online at [www.smbc.org/giving](http://www.smbc.org/giving) or by writing a check to South Main. Please designate "Buckner Shoes."



JULY 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 Our spiritual growth; giving more of ourselves to God <a href="#">Pray for our congregation as we share the Lord's Supper during worship</a>  LORD'S SUPPER	2 Worship Ministry: Steve/Carey, pastoral care team & support staff and their families	3 Families; the church as a place of growth for parents and children	4 Those in mourning and periods of grief	5 Our workplaces and those looking for work	6 Latin America OSA staff, other volunteers	7 Offer thanks for opportunities in our lives
8 Generosity of spirit toward those around us	9 Adult Education Ministry: Greg & support staff <a href="#">Pray for our senior adults as they fellowship, eat, and learn together</a>  WALK WITH ME /MAINSTREAMERS	10 Visitors to our church & those seeking answers, meaning in life,	11 The marginalized & poor, those seeking assistance, Grace Wood, EAC <a href="#">Pray for our youth and Emmanuel Baptist Church as they do Harvey relief this week</a> YOUTH MISSION	12 The streets of our city; First responders	13 Asia, North Korea, China	14 Offer thanks for God's presence and authority in our lives
15 Openness to God's leading in our lives  <a href="#">Pray for those who give blood and those who receive it</a>	16 Youth Ministry: Suzann, J, VOX, and SS leaders	17 Visitors to our church; GO Team & Outreach	18 MANNA ministry worship & friendship for the homeless, SEARCH	19 Internationals in Houston; those who need a friend <a href="#">Pray for the children of South Main as they enjoy summer break and spend time with friends.</a>	20 Africa, Europe	21 Offer thanks for God's care and guidance
22 Our growing in the knowledge of God and choosing God's way	23 Church Admin-Brad, Susan and support staff <a href="#">Pray for our church as they discern the best way to follow God and serve His children</a>	24 New members: A place of connection & acceptance here	25 People with illness,, the elderly and their caregivers, Amazing Place; Sojourn House	26 Our communities; those needing friends South Main at Home	27 People who are in places with armed conflicts; refugees and their families	28 Offer thanks for the challenges that make us trust more
29 Insight for showing God's love and mercy <a href="#">Pray for our congregation as we learn about the business of the church and share exciting mission stories</a>	30 Children's Ministry: Dolores, staff and families	31 Adult Communities' teachers, leaders, and classes				