

# South Main Today

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# COUNTY Fair

Fun Food Games

**W**e kick off a new school year with a stroll back in time. The Family Ministry hosts a vintage county fair on our front lawn from 5:30 – 7:00 PM on Wednesday, September 5.

Join us for fishing in the fountain, turtle races, midway games and rides, a pie eating contest, and bluegrass music, plus fried chicken and ice-cold lemonade!

Purchase a food and activity wristband for \$10 (adults), \$8 (Youth and Tribe) and \$6 (MainKids). Two and younger are free.

**SEPT. 5**

## Single Service Sunday

# SEPTEMBER 2

On Sunday, September 2, we will run our single service Sunday schedule:

- Worship in the Sanctuary at 10:00 AM
- Sunday School at 11:00 AM
- Shoe Packing at 12:00 PM

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

- 2 Single Service Sunday, Promotion Sunday, Regular Adult SS classes resume, Shoe Packing Day, Food Pantry
- 4 SMILE year begins
- 5 County Fair
- 9 Family Ministry Programming begins, Blood Drive
- 10 Walk with Me/MainStreamers
- 12 Midtown Midweek Supper, Bible Study, Family Ministry Programming resume
- 26 Columbarium Town Hall, Adoption/Foster Care Information Session
- 29 Midtown Music Concert Series: Houston Chamber Choir



## Adult III @ Camp Allen



*Camp Allen: Beautiful grounds, travel time a little over an hour, clean rooms, very good and varied menus, friendly “can-do” staff, level walking paths, dorm buildings*

*near main buildings, hotel is further from main buildings, two lakes, swimming pool, chapel is beautiful and conference center is spacious, elevator access in all buildings, check-in and out is easy. The camp is comfortable and relaxing around outside seating, an indoor fireplace, and meal times. Nature comes to you or you can go further into the woods on easy as well as more challenging trails. If you like a comfortable getaway in a beautiful woodsy setting while you share your faith and life stories, eat well, AND you can get there in a little over an hour from church, Camp Allen is it for me!*

– Toni Richerson

We are planning a fantastic time this year at our Fall Retreat, October 3–5. Special guest speakers, Marvin Gaspard with his terrific music, games, activities and the most wonderful people are all on the agenda.

Contact Lonnie at [lonnie@smbc.org](mailto:lonnie@smbc.org) to register or for more information.



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## SMBC 2020 Oberammergau: Historic Germany Tour

- **Reservation Deadline is August 31**
- **Only 12 Spaces Remain**

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! On this one-of-a-kind journey 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.

Contact Bettye Carpenter ([betcarpenter@gmail.com](mailto:betcarpenter@gmail.com)) for more information.

Tour website: [grouptoursite.com/bettyecarpenter](http://grouptoursite.com/bettyecarpenter)



## 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.

While Susan Moore is on sabbatical, contact Brenda Brundrett ([brenda@smbc.org](mailto:brenda@smbc.org)) to reserve flowers.



## Five Dates

This fall the Family Ministry invests in marriage with a five date adventure creatively named "Five Dates."

Five Dates is for couples. Married couples. Engaged couples. Couples who are just starting out or who have been together for decades. Here is what "Five Dates" offers:

- 1 A his and hers "Five Dates" workbook focusing on presence, talking styles, gratitude, origins, and dreams
- 2 Five Friday nights of childcare at the church (August 24, September 7 and 21, October 12, and November 9) from 7:00 – 9:30 for infants through 7th grade
- 3 A devoted Facebook group community
- 4 One evening of sharing, encouragement, and laughter (Friday, September 21)
- 5 Opportunities to hear advice and life experiences from other church members (Wednesday evenings, September 12 and November 14)

Cost for the entire package is \$60 and includes all five nights of childcare for all children in the immediate family up to 7th grade. Cost for just the books is \$25.

### Final week to register!

Deadline is September 6. Sign up online at [smbc.org/ministries/family-ministry](http://smbc.org/ministries/family-ministry)

Couples will not sign up for individual nights of childcare. Your reservation allows you to use any or all of the five nights of childcare. Childcare on the designated five nights is ONLY open to couples participating in the Five Dates program and who have registered on or before September 6.



## Our Weekly Records

### Tithes and Offering 8/26

Budget Receipts	\$	41,568
Weekly Budget Needs	\$	78,225
YTD Receipts	\$	2,076,513
YTD Budget Needs	\$	2,659,650
Designated Receipts	\$	8,765
<b>2018 – 2019 Missions Offering</b>	\$	<b>15,027</b>

**Coalition to Combat Human Trafficking**

**PRESENTS BE THE ONE**

**Saturday Sept. 8, 2018**

6-7:30pm

**2ND CUP COFFEE HOUSE**

**FREE!**

LIMITED SEATING - REGISTER AT <http://cchttx.com/event/be-the-one-film-showing-with-live-panel-discussion/>



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Coalition to Combat Human Trafficking  
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"Breaking the chains of slavery"

## Coalition to Combat Human Trafficking in Texas

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 8, and join Coalition to Combat Human Trafficking in Texas at A 2nd Cup-Houston for a powerful video on human trafficking! *BE THE ONE* documents the experiences of actual trafficking victims here in Texas (including Houston) and includes narratives from individuals who "saw something/said something" which led to victim rescue. Panel discussion to follow. No cost, but registration required (visit [cchttx.com](http://cchttx.com)). Seats are limited, so sign up now.

# BLOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, SEPT. 9

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, September 9, is your next opportunity to give the gift of life.

No appointment is necessary and refreshments will be served in the Gym from 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM.

PLEASE DONATE!



## Food Pantry Sunday, September 2

Please bring canned pasta (ravioli), tuna or chicken, hearty soups, or vegetables/beans as your gift to the hungry in our community.

### Clothing Center Needs

If you would like to help the Clothing Center, they are in need of the following: men's pants waist sizes 32-36, men's shoes, men's belts, winter outerwear for men, women's XL clothing, and blankets.

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## Thank you for making a difference...

Once again South Mainers are making a difference in the lives of many orphan children by providing a new pair of shoes. These shoes will soon be on their way to children in need around the world, but *it's not too late!* A contribution of new shoes may be dropped off in the Welcome Center or a monetary contribution may be made at [smbc.org/giving](http://smbc.org/giving) or by writing a check to South Main. Please designate "Shoes for Orphan Souls" on monetary gifts.

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



### Shoe Packing Sunday

On Sunday, September 2, following Sunday School, we will gather in the Welcome Center to pack the shoes that are to be delivered to these vulnerable children.

**There is a Job for Everyone!**  
(Lunch will be provided)



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

SEPTEMBER 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 Offer thanks for opportunities in our lives
2 Generosity of spirit toward those around us <b>SHOE PACKING FOOD PANTRY</b> Pray for those needing food, clothing, and shoes around the world	3 Adult Education Ministry: Greg and Family Team Ministries	4 Visitors to our church: GO Team & Outreach <b>SMILE BEGINS</b> Pray for a successful year building friendships with our int'l community	5 The marginalized & poor, those seeking assistance, Grace Wood, EAC Food Pantry <b>COUNTY FAIR</b> Pray for a joyful return from vacations and bonding for families	6 The streets of our city First Responders	7 Asia, North Korea, China	8 Offer thanks for God's presence and authority in our lives
9 Openness to God's leading in our lives <b>FAMILY PGMS BEGIN</b> Pray for the building of relationship through study and fellowship	10 Youth Ministry: Suzann, J, VOX, and SS leaders <b>MAINSTREAMERS</b> Pray for stronger ties for our seniors as they share fun, food, and games	11 Families; the church as a place of growth for parents and children	12 MANNA ministry worship & friendship for the homeless, SEARCH <b>MIDTOWN MIDWEEK RESUMES</b> Pray that we grow in faith through Bible study and fellowship	13 Internationals in Houston; those who need a friend	14 Africa, Europe	15 Offer thanks for God's care and guidance <b>Youth Christmas Celebration</b> Pray for our teenagers as they celebrate the season
16 Our growing in the knowledge of God and choosing God's way	17 Children's Ministry: Dolores, staff and families	18 New members: A place of connection & acceptance here	19 People with illness, the elderly and their caregivers, Amazing Place, Sojour House	20 Our communities; those needing friends South Main at Home	21 Latin America OSA staff, other volunteers	22 Offer thanks for the challenges that make us trust more
23 Insight for showing God's love and mercy  ----- 30 Our spiritual growth and self-awareness, giving more of ourselves to God	24 Worship Ministry: Steve/Carey, pastoral care team & support staff and their families	25 Adult communities' teachers, leaders, and classes	26 People serving in the military & government <b>ADOPTION/FOSTER CARE INFO SESSION</b> Pray for those considering helping children in need of secure family relationships	27 People who are homebound or isolated	28 Europe, Ukraine	29 Offer thanks for God's protection in travel <b>FAMILY FUN DAY CONCERT SERIES</b> (Houston Chamber Choir) Pray for those attending to feel the joy God provides for our lives