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Every Child Deserves a Loving Home

**September 26, 6:30 to 8:00 PM
in Chafin 210**

Come learn more about foster care, adoption, and volunteer opportunities from Arrow Child & Family Ministries, and Homes with Hope. Arrow serves children rescued from abuse through placing children in foster care, and by recruiting, training, licensing, and supporting foster families. Homes with Hope is a private, non-profit Child-Placing Agency for children in foster care. It's the mission of both these organizations to restore hope to abandoned, abused, or neglected children by placing them in a community of Christ-centered families. This meeting will provide information to those in our congregation who wish to learn more about adoption or foster care. For more information about this meeting contact Keisha Smith at keishasmithlaw@sbcglobal.net or Greg Funderburk at greg@smbc.org.



Adult III @ Camp Allen

October 3 – 5



"Camp Allen is a well maintained meeting facility. Sleeping rooms are clean and near the meeting location. The cafeteria is well designed to serve multiple groups at mealtime. There are multiple options for spending your time between sessions, including trails to walk and bikes to ride. I think the quality of the facilities and meals will make a big impression on all guests."

– Bill Carpenter

We will have lots of prizes for games, and a prize for the Sunday School class with the highest percentage of campers at Camp Allen. Even if you have a small class, you can win if you have the highest percentage of class members attending the Retreat. So, invite your group this Sunday to sign up for the Senior Adult Retreat at Camp Allen. See Lonnie in the church office or register online.



**GREAT FUN, GREAT FELLOWSHIP, GREAT FOOD,
& GREAT MEMORIES!**

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 to register or for more information.



Sodzo International

Preparing for my first mission trip to Maua, Kenya



How do I share my gifts? How do I serve? What does success look like on this trip? These are the questions that are floating in my mind as I prepare to travel to Maua, Kenya.

My role for this trip will be to help lead sessions on Business Development and Market Assessment for community groups. I have a goal to serve by using my background in the

corporate world, and my education to assist people who are in need of skills in these areas by teaching and listening to their needs and questions. Although I probably will not have the expertise in the products or services that I am speaking to, the real hope is that I will be able to ask the right questions to help challenge somebody to strengthen their own business plan.

One of my favorite things about international mission trips is that they afford you the opportunity to build community with someone from a different part of the world. I have some great friends that I have met across the world and I hope that will continue in Kenya.

– Robbie Matteson

Savvy Caregiver

**Wednesday Nights, September 26 to October 31:
Third Floor Office Conference Room
from 6:00 to 8:00 PM**



Amazing Place, Houston's only day center exclusively for adults with mild to moderate dementia, (South Main is one of its 16 church sponsors), is offering the innovative SAVVY Caregiver Class* to churches in the

community. The free, six-session, two-hour class is intended to help caregivers learn practical skills for managing a loved one with dementia including:

- Insights about the changes their loved ones are experiencing;
- Coaching to identify solutions for individual issues;
- Feedback to assess how things are working between sessions.

Caregivers who participated in this program improved their skill, knowledge, and confidence in dealing with their loved one's behavior, as well as reduced their own feelings of stress.

Contact Greg Funderbunk at (713) 305-9797 or greg@smbc.org if this is something you would be interested in attending.

This is a good course to take and it was very useful in many ways. It not only addresses the patient's needs, but also emphasizes the needs of the caregiver. It gave me a peek into the mind of a person experiencing dementia, how they are receiving and translating information, and how I might best communicate with them so that we are both understood, and comfortable and happy. I learned practical, doable strategies and language to aid me in managing current situations and in anticipation and recognition of those ahead. The manual/book is well organized and the information and language is understandable to this novice caregiver. Being together with other folks in the same situation is an obvious relief to those who need help, or simply validation. It's good to hear and learn from how others are successfully handling issues, as no situation is exactly alike. I left the class with good information and more confidence. If you aren't caregiving for someone with dementia, the class will help you to grow a big heart for those who are.

– Hillevi Baar

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



18 Years... 182,000 Pairs of Shoes!

That is South Main's – Your – contribution to the Shoes for Orphan Souls Shoe Drive.

This year, South Main contributed 7,000 pairs of new shoes. That is 7,000 lives that are going to be changed through your contributions and Buckner Ministries in the United States and around the globe.

Thank you for giving and making a difference!



Gracewood Groundbreaking

August 23, 2018

Gracewood, a ministry that provides a home for single mothers and their children in crisis, located in Spring Branch with a rich history of support at South Main, had the groundbreaking of new duplexes that will provide housing for Gracewood's Next Step Project. These duplexes will house mothers who need additional time on campus to finish their education, or a certification program, and will give them the ability to learn to live independently while still being able to access counseling and other services on the Gracewood campus. Through Gracewood, mothers also receive counseling services and help in obtaining an education and jobs. The agency helps these families refocus their future toward happiness and independence, while acquiring the basic tools they need to make long-term, quality-of-life improvements.

Thank you to South Main and their volunteers for their continued support of Gracewood. Cathy Edwards and Kathy Kronzer serve on the board. Kathy and Anne Fowler volunteer weekly in the Patti's Place clothing boutique. Lydia Law faithfully organizes the Power & Light class every year to provide new shoes at Easter for the moms and children. Martha Dethrow takes beautiful photographs of the families that appear in the publications and decorate the Gracewood campus offices. The young mothers of M2M recently gave children's clothing and shoes from their garage sale to Gracewood. Many others have served as donors and volunteers through the years. Sally Reed serves on Gracewood staff as Volunteer Coordinator.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 26 Columbarium Town Hall, Adoption/Foster Care Information Session
- 29 Midtown Music Concert Series: Houston Chamber Choir

OCTOBER

- 3-5 Adult III Retreat
- 5-6 6th Grade Rite of Passage Retreat
- 5-13 OSA Fall Mission Trip
- 7 Food Pantry



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Our Weekly Records

Tithes and Offerings 9/9

Budget Receipts	\$ 62,369
Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 78,225
YTD Receipts	\$ 2,232,336
YTD Budget Needs	\$ 2,816,100
Designated Receipts	\$ 20,366
2018 - 2019 Missions Offering	\$ 17,237



South Main
Sanctuary Choir
"I Was Glad"
Recording

Get on the iTunes Store.

Search
"I Was Glad"
or
"South Main"

CDs are now available
for sale at church.

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 SHOE PACKING FOOD PANTRY 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 SMILE BEGINS Pray for a successful year building friendships with our int'l community	5 The marginalized & poor, those seeking assistance, Grace Wood, EAC Food Pantry COUNTY FAIR 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 FAMILY PGMS BEGIN Pray for the building of relationship through study and fellowship	10 Youth Ministry: Suzann, J, VOX, and SS leaders MAINSTREAMERS 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 MIDTOWN MIDWEEK RESUMES 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 Youth Christmas Celebration 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 ADOPTION/FOSTER CARE INFO SESSION 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 FAMILY FUN DAY CONCERT SERIES (Houston Chamber Choir) Pray for those attending to feel the joy God provides for our lives