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SECOND WELCOMES REV. BRITTANY STILLWELL FOR MARTHA STEARNS MARSHALL MONTH OF PREACHING

Since 2007, Baptist Women in Ministry has invited Baptist churches to participate in the Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching by having a woman preach during the month of February.

On Sunday, February 2 we welcome Rev. Brittany Stillwell to our pulpit. Brittany serves as the Minister with Students and Families at one of our partner congregations, Second Baptist Church in Little Rock, AR. A native of Danville, Kentucky, Brittany has a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from Samford University in Birmingham, AL and a Master of Divinity degree from The Baptist Seminary of Kentucky in Georgetown, KY.

Before beginning her current role at Second Baptist, Brittany served as a volunteer helping guide communications initiatives with one of our ministry partners, Door of Hope Children's Mission in Johannesburg, South Africa. Prior to that, Brittany served as the Associate Pastor of Worship and Youth at First Baptist Church in Memphis. In her role there, she helped give shape and leadership to shared initiatives between our churches, as well as helped lead the first team of FBC members who partnered with us in South Africa in 2017.

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PANCAKES AND TRIVIA

Come one and all to our annual Fat Sunday party on Sunday, February 23 at 5 p.m. for a time to connect, consume and compete. This event is a great way for all generations to celebrate the last days before Lent with a delicious pancake supper followed by some fun competition. A sign up board is available in the sanctuary foyer where people can sign up as individuals or as a whole table. Be sure to include participants from various generations at your table to give your team a better chance to win as trivia categories and questions are designed for all ages. In addition to the food and games, door prizes and other awards will be given, including a prize for the "largest age difference at a table." Childcare is available. Also, if you need transportation to the supper or can help prepare pancakes, please contact Daniel Johnson at djohnson@2ndmemphis.org or Julia Goldie Day at jgoldieday@2ndmemphis.org.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Wednesday, February 26 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The 40-day season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26. Our congregation marks the start of this sacred time through a service of worship that includes time for prayer, reflection, and preparation as we enter this season that prepares the way for our Easter celebration in the spring. Make plans to join us on the journey to Holy Week and Easter by sharing this time of worship together.

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SERMON
TOPICS

February 2:
Rev. Brittany Stillwell
preaching in worship
Title: Get Up!
Text: Genesis 21:8-21
NT Lesson: Acts 9:36-43

February 9:
Title: On Being a Know it All
Text: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
OT Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-9a

February 16:
Title: Toastmaster Moses
Text: Deuteronomy 30:15-20
NT Lesson: 1 Corinthians
3:1-9

February 23: Transfiguration
Sunday
Title: The Bible's Biggest
Understatement
Text: Matthew 17:1-9
OT Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18

AFTER 40 YEARS OF MINISTRY, A DAY TO REMEMBER

Regular readers of this newsletter will note that this space is where I typically offer a few reflections on the life and work of our church in any given month. However, for this issue, I am yielding the space my words normally take up to let one of our longest-serving church leaders offer her appreciation for the celebration we shared in January. Unquestionably, Julia Pilgrim is a gift to us and we are more than fortunate to be the beneficiaries of her presence among us as she now begins her 41st year of service at Second.

Grace and peace,
Stephen

To Dr. Stephen Cook and the members of Second Baptist Church,

What a celebration! My mind is still reeling and my heart is overflowing. You have lavished upon my family and me your generosity in words and in deeds. How can I say thank you!

Before becoming the pianist at Second Baptist, Steve and I joined Second as newlyweds looking for a church home. A few months later, I began my service to the church as pianist, and here we are 40 years later. This anniversary is shared with so many of you who have also been a part of this congregation for 40 years or more. You've forged the path, following God's hand in building a church that is known for stepping out, taking risks, and making a difference.

I am pleased (dare I say proud) to be identified as a member of the Second Baptist congregation, a fellowship of loving, caring people; our "purple" church, where red and blue, black and white come together to serve along side of each other in Christian harmony and respect. We are truly the body of Christ, each person a specific part of that body, so that together we reach our community as well as our world with the message of Jesus Christ's love.

Early each Sunday morning I enter an empty sanctuary preparing to present my offering of worship, praying that it will be an acceptable and pleasing presentation to God, and that it will help those who will gather to worship in this place. I thank God each Sunday that because of His mercy and grace I have something I can offer in service to Him.

Music is a beautiful and perfect tool we've been given for worship. It reaches deep in our souls, evokes memories, stirs feelings and emotions, fills empty and hurt places in our hearts, and inspires us. We use the gift of music to praise and worship our Creator God. We use it to feed our souls with the words of devotion and inspiration. The solid theology found in the hymns of our faith is indisputable. "God's spirit inhabits the praises of His people." As we lift our voices and our hearts in praise and worship, His Holy Spirit equips us to go out and serve with a healed heart, a fed and blessed soul, and a mind open to God's leading.

I humbly thank God for the privilege and the honor of serving and using my gifts and offerings within this unique, loving band of believers. It's been a good run so far...exciting and challenging, harmonious and sweet, at times difficult and frustrating, at times exhilarating and joyful, satisfying and fulfilling. May God grant us traveling mercies as we continue the journey together. "Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place."

I love you and thank you with ALL of my heart,
Julia Pilgrim

Continued... This emphasis on women's preaching in Baptist life is named for Martha Stearns Marshall, an eighteenth-century Separate Baptist preacher. Her husband, Daniel, converted during the First Great Awakening, and the couple then spent 18 months living among a tribe of Mohawk Indians, hoping to win them to Christianity.

The Marshalls were baptized and attended the "Regular" Baptist church, and Daniel was licensed to preach. Both Marshalls often prayed and preached during worship services, and Martha's zeal apparently equaled that of her husband. Her behavior in worship scandalized the Virginia "Regular" Baptists, who opposed women speaking in public. But among Martha's family and friends, her behavior was a perfectly acceptable way for her to exercise her spiritual gifts.

Having moved to North Carolina, in 1755 she founded a Baptist church at Sandy Creek, and within 17 years, the church grew from 16 to 606 members. The church sent out 125 preachers and established 42 other Separate Baptist churches and missions.

These Separate Baptists differed from the "Regular" Baptists in many ways, but perhaps the most notable difference was that the Separate Baptists allowed women to have a more prominent role in worship and in church leadership.

We look forward to living up to one of our congregational core values that honors God's call to ALL people. Make plans to be present on Sunday, February 2 as we welcome a gifted and compelling preacher who will help lead us in worship!

TOILET BOWL

Youth will gather to prepare for our annual youth Toilet Bowl football competition at 3:00 p.m. on Hope Field (upper soccer field) on Sunday, February 2. Kick off will take place at 3:30 p.m. Teams will be competing for the legendary award of Toilet Bowl 2020 Champions! Intergenerational half time entertainment will include fun for all ages. Youth and families are asked to bring finger food or dessert and a drink to share for the meal after the game. We will tailgate in the CFLC Lobby and watch the Super Bowl after our friendly competition. Youth are encouraged to bring friends and our church family is encouraged to be the spectators cheering us on for this historic event!

Toilet Bowl Game Day Events

3:00 p.m. Pre-Game (Hope Field)

3:30 p.m. Kick Off (Hope Field)

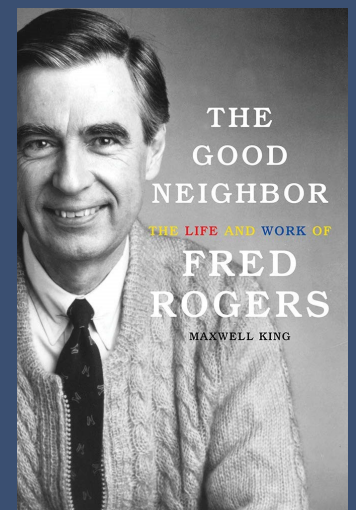
4:45 p.m. Awards Ceremony

5:00 p.m. Tailgate and Super Bowl Party (CFLC)

WINTER BOOK DISCUSSION *THE GOOD NEIGHBOR: THE LIFE AND WORK OF FRED ROGERS*

In December many of our Second family gathered to watch "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood." On the first Tuesday of this month, we are continuing our discussion of Maxwell King's new book, *The Good Neighbor: The Life and Work of Fred Rogers*.

Even if you were not able to take part in the January discussion – and even if you haven't read the book – come join us! We will discuss King's book, as well as share some video clips and reflect on the kindness, compassion, and care of a remarkable minister whose life's work has impacted untold numbers of people around the world.



SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH**February 9 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

Our monthly second Sunday lunch will take place on February 9 immediately after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Please make your reservation no later than Wednesday, February 5 by emailing Donna Taylor at dtaylor@2ndmemphis.org or calling the church office at 682.3395.

**CHOOSING TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN
WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN**

February 9, 12:00- 2:30 p.m. in the Youth Room

Children, grades 2-5, are invited to a workshop designed to help them understand how they can choose to follow Jesus and be baptized. Children will learn experientially how God calls them to make promises that begin their journey of faithfulness.

AN UPDATE FROM THE GIDEONS

On Sunday, February 16 we have the privilege of welcoming back to our church Ted Minor, a leader in the Gideon ministry in our community. During worship we will hear an update on the Gideons' work as they go about sharing the Gospel and providing access to the Bible for people all over the world.

**THE MARY ROSE HARDIN CONCERT SERIES
PRESENTS "PSALMS, HYMNS, AND SPIRITUALS"**
Sunday, March 1 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Out of great appreciation for our congregation and community, we are reopening the Mary Rose Hardin Concert Series with a gathering of musicians playing everything from classical, hymns, old time gospel and spirituals with a little south Memphis energy. The musical selections will be collaborations between our pianist, Julia Pilgrim, and musicians who have contributed to our worship services and programs in the past. Among these collaborators are Dr. Dennis Janzer, Dr. Andre Duvall, Jerald Walker, and our own Tommy Sexton, Jason and Carrie Hardy. There will be a couple of surprises on the program as well. You won't want to miss this event as we open our doors to our neighbors and friends for this fun and exciting afternoon of music and entertainment.

SPRING BREAK BORED UP
March 13-16, 2020

Second Baptist youth are invited to join other youth from around the city to help serve Memphis during Spring Break 2020. Partnering with Heights Community Development, Serve 901 and others, this is an opportunity for local students to work alongside college students from across the country to serve their community and neighbors.

Students will board up abandoned houses and paint positive designs and messages on the boards. All students will meet at Treadwell Middle School (920 N Highland St) from 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Interested students or adults who would like to help or just see what happens during the week should contact Daniel at djohnson@2ndmemphis.org.

STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

Take a peek at our generosity and ministry costs through January 28,

YTD Receipts	\$70,650
YTD Expenses	\$80,598
Net	(\$9,948)

Remember that when it comes to giving, we have several options for sharing gifts with our church:

- Cash and Checks
- Text-to-Give: 901.401.9621
- Online at 2ndmemphis.org
- Click "Giving" and follow the prompts
- Stock and Mutual Fund Transfers

To learn more about any of these, please contact our Financial Administrator, Patti Calvert, at pcalvert@2ndmemphis.org.

FINANCIAL WRAP-UP FOR 2019

In our first quarterly congregational meeting of the year, our Finance Committee reported good news about the year just ended. Because of the faithfulness and generosity of our community of faith and others sharing together, our church finished 2019 in a positive financial position. Our revenues exceeded expenses by \$16,000. On top of that, we were able to retire our outstanding debt 15 months ahead of schedule!

Your continued support, both financial and otherwise, are important to the ministries of Second Baptist Church, and will allow us to continue to serve the Kingdom of God both in our neighborhood and beyond. Thank you to all who have shared generously and given graciously to the mission and ministry commitments of our congregation!

SECOND'S MUSIC MINISTRY

Because of the generosity of some anonymous donors in our church, the music ministry at Second Baptist will soon begin a new branch of our ministry. Over the coming weeks and months, we are looking to invite students studying music at area colleges to take part in our choir and music ministry in exchange for a scholarship. We hope to engage these students in worship at Second Baptist based on their experience, interests, and abilities.

This new ministry is a wonderful way to teach emerging musicians how they can use their musical skills and gifts in a professional manner to worship, and further, the kingdom of God.

PARENTS' DAY OUT OPEN ENROLLMENT

Open Enrollment for the 2020 summer session and the 2020 fall/spring session begins on Tuesday, February 4. Enrollment forms will be available on the church website or you can come by the church office to pick one up. Children are placed on a class roll on a first come, first serve basis and as space permits.



SPRING SOCCER REGISTRATION

Register now for the spring soccer season at Second Baptist Church! Participants can register online at www.2ndmemphis.org/recreation or by visiting the Christian Family Life Center office. Teams are available for boys and girls, ages 4 – 10. Practices will be one day a week and will vary on the coach's schedule and field availability. For questions or if you are interested in coaching, please contact Recreation Director, Marcus Patterson at 682-3308 or at mpatterson@2ndmemphis.org. Registration fees are waived for children whose parents volunteer to coach. Background checks are required for all coaches.

2020 PERMISSION FORMS

2020 Youth and Children Medical and Permission forms are now available online. The link is provided through Family Ministry News emails. Please complete a digital form for each child and youth in your family in a timely fashion so that we may have correct information in our system for the safety and security of each child. Paper forms will still be available by request.

FAMILY PROMISE CEASING OPERATIONS

Due to a lack of hosting churches and grant funds,

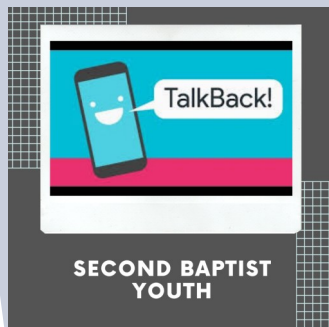
Family Promise of Memphis has been forced to cease operations and close their program.

While we grieve this loss and pray for those affected, we also celebrate the more than 500 families served in the last 24 years.

FAMILY ministry

SING AND PLAY

Families with children ages 6 weeks-3 years are invited to Sing & Play Sundays, February 16, 23 and March 1 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 211. Common Grounds fellowship and childcare will follow at 4:30 p.m. in the nursery area. Childcare will be available for older siblings starting at 4:00 p.m. in Room 210.



YOUTH TALK BACK

Want to talk back? Here is your chance to engage in discussion about HEAVEN. What are our preconceived notions of heaven? What does the Bible say about heaven? How can we critically think about our theology of heaven? How does our understanding of heaven affect how we live as followers of Jesus? Join Julia and your fellow youth for two talk back sessions on heaven February 9 and 16 at 5:00 p.m. in the youth room. Snacks provided!

PASSPORT

Passport Choices youth camp for grades 6-12 is July 4-10, 2020 in Greensboro, NC. A refundable (until May 3) \$75 deposit is due with 2020 Child and Youth Medical Permission Form. Final payment of \$225 is due Sunday, May 22. Need-based scholarship applications are available by request. Passport Choices is a creative discipleship youth camp that allows students the freedom to customize their camp experience, explore their passions, and live out their calling. At this camp students choose from multiple afternoon activities designed to help them cultivate their unique identity as a follower of Jesus Christ. With choice tracks ranging from environmentalism, to health and fitness, to music and ministry, students will have the opportunity to explore their interests and discover how to live out the calling of God in their lives. If you are interested in helping youth explore their faith at camp as a caring adult, please let Julia know if you can serve as a chaperone. Chaperones attend at no cost.

COMING SOON: MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Mar 16-19: Bored Up Youth Mission Project

April 4: Easter Egg Hunt

May 1: Youth Sunday Rehearsal (6:00 p.m.)

May 3: Youth Sunday and Graduate Recognition

May 10: Camp Second Applications and payment due

May 24: Passport \$225 payment due

June 7-12: Camp Second

June 21-27: Youth Mission Trip to Atlanta, GA

July 4-10: Youth Passport Camp

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Weight Watchers 9:00 am Second Basketball League Games 9:00 am-2:00 pm
2 Deacons' Meeting 8:00 am Worship Service 10:15 am Youth Toilet Bowl + Intergenerational Superbowl Party 3:00 pm	3 Margaret Ware Bible Study 9:30 am Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	4 PDO Open Enrollment Begins Weight Watchers 11:30 am Mr. Rogers Book Discussion 6:00 pm	5 Jerry Michel's Texas 42 1:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm	6	7 Open Gym WSHS Students 2:30 pm	8 Weight Watchers 9:00 am Second Basketball League Games 9:00 am-2:00 pm
9 Worship Service 10:15 am Second Sunday Lunch 11:30 am Choosing to Become a Christian Workshop for Children 12:00 pm Youth Talk Back 5:00 pm	10 Margaret Ware Bible Study 9:30 am Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	11 Weight Watchers 11:30 am	12 Jerry Michel's Texas 42 1:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm	13	14 Open Gym WSHS Students 2:30 pm	15 Weight Watchers 9:00 am
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23 Worship Service 10:15 am Sing and Play 4:00 pm Common Grounds 4:30 pm Pancakes & Trivia 5:00 pm	24 Margaret Ware Bible Study 9:30 am Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	25 Weight Watchers 11:30 am	Ash Wednesday 26 Ash Wednesday Service 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	27	28 Open Gym WSHS Students 2:30 pm	29



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

February 2

3:00 p.m. Youth Toilet Bowl +
Intergenerational Superbowl Party

February 4

6:00 p.m. Winter Book Discussion
PDO Open Enrollment begins

February 9

11:30 a.m. Second Sunday Lunch
12:00 p.m. Choosing to Become a Christian
Workshop for Children
5:00 p.m. Youth Talk Back

February 16

4:00 p.m. Sing and Play
4:30 p.m. Common Grounds
5:00 p.m. Youth Talk Back

February 23

4:00 p.m. Sing and Play
4:30 p.m. Common Grounds
5:00 p.m. Pancakes & Trivia

February 26

6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

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CLOSED SUNDAY

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Monday—Thursday: 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.