

# Encountering God at the **CROSSROADS** of community and mission.

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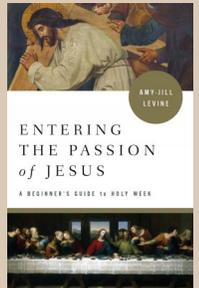


## THE MARY ROSE HARDIN CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS "PSALMS, HYMNS, AND SPIRITUALS" Sunday, March 1 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

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.

## *ENTERING THE PASSION: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO HOLY WEEK* Beginning Wednesday, March 4

On four Wednesdays during the season of Lent (March 4, 11, 25, and April 1) enrich your experience with this sacred season of the year by taking part in this adult formation opportunity. Using Amy-Jill Levine's recent book, *Entering the Passion*, as well as video components, we will share discussions that allow us to consider the risks that Jesus took during those fateful days. We will explore the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story and consider how the Bible's accounts raise ethical and spiritual questions for us as we all face risk in our Christian experience.



The studies each week begin at 6:00 but come early at 5:00 to share a meal together in the Fellowship Hall. We will have catered food to share each week around the tables as we eat and learn together. Please make a reservation for the meals by the Monday prior by contacting Donna Taylor in the church office at dtaylor@2ndmemphis.org or 682.3395.

If you choose to order a copy of the book through Amazon, remember to include Second Baptist Church in Amazon Smile!

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## SPRING FORWARD ON SUNDAY, MARCH 8



Don't forget to set your clocks *forward* one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 7 so you can be on time for Sunday school and worship as Daylight Saving Time begins.

## INTERIM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR NAMED

I am pleased to share officially what many of our members may have already expected. In its most recent meeting, the Personnel Committee unanimously approved naming Tanya Mabry as our Interim Children's Ministry Coordinator. Of course, Tanya is no stranger to Second and stepping in to lead during seasons of transition. Many of us remember with deep gratitude that she filled a similar role for us from the summer of 2014 to the spring of 2016.

In this part-time role, Tanya will be working in collaboration with the other members of our church staff to give leadership in coordinating the children's ministries of the church. Working alongside the Family Ministry Team and other volunteers in the church, she will guide our church's ministries with children and their families.

Tanya brings a deep love for Second and its families to this role. Her heart and spirit are gifts we celebrate as she comes to serve in this staff position for the interim season.

In the coming days, our Personnel Committee will be working with various stakeholders from our congregation to assess staff needs in this area, to clarify vision and values for our church's family ministries, and to bring recommendations to the congregation as we move toward a ministerial search. At the appropriate time, in keeping with our church's bylaws, the church will vote to elect a ministerial search committee that will be recommended by our deacons who are tasked with nominating those persons.

In the meantime, though, please join me in welcoming – and thanking! – Tanya as she comes to lead during this important time in Second's life together.  
Grace and peace,

Stephen

## SERMON TOPICS

### March 1:

Title: How Did That Get Here?

Text: Romans 5:12-19

OT Lesson: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

### March 8:

Title: Encountering Jesus: An Insider's Experience

Text: John 3:1-17

OT Lesson: Psalm 121

### March 15:

Title: Encountering Jesus: An Outsider's Experience

Text: John 4:5-42 (selected verses)

OT Lesson: Psalm 95

March 22: Daniel Johnson preaching

### March 29:

Title: What Jesus Refuses

Text: John 11:1-45 (selected verses)

OT Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

## LENTEN GOSPEL READINGS

At the outset of the season of Lent, Stephen invited us to consider how we might immerse ourselves in the Gospels during these days. If we started Ash Wednesday with Matthew, and read two chapters per day, we will get through all four New Testament Gospels on Good Friday, April 10. Will you join us in these daily readings as a spiritual journey through this season?

March 1 – Matthew 9 & 10	17 – Mark 13 & 14
2 – Matthew 11 & 12	18 – Mark 15 & 16
3 – Matthew 13 & 14	19 – Luke 1 & 2
4 – Matthew 15 & 16	20 – Luke 3 & 4
5 – Matthew 17 & 18	21 – Luke 5 & 6
6 – Matthew 19 & 20	22 – Luke 7 & 8
7 – Matthew 21 & 22	23 – Luke 9 & 10
8 – Matthew 23 & 24	24 – Luke 11 & 12
9 – Matthew 25 & 26	25 – Luke 13 & 14
10 – Matthew 27 & 28	26 – Luke 15 & 16
11 – Mark 1 & 2	27 – Luke 17 & 18
12 – Mark 3 & 4	28 – Luke 19 & 20
13 – Mark 5 & 6	29 – Luke 21 & 22
14 – Mark 7 & 8	30 – Luke 23 & 24
15 – Mark 9 & 10	31 – John 1 & 2
16 – Mark 11 & 12	

## SPRING BREAK BORED UP March 16-19, 2020

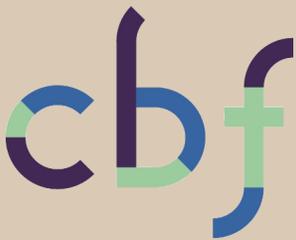
Second Baptist youth are invited to join other youth from around the city to help serve Memphis during Spring Break 2020. Partnering with Heights Community Development, Serve 901 and others, this is an opportunity for local students to work alongside college students from across the country to serve 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 Johnson at [djohnson@2ndmemphis.org](mailto:djohnson@2ndmemphis.org).

## UNDIE SUNDAY Sunday, March 29

It's time again for the special collection of new underwear (any size or gender) to support the Brinkley Heights clothes closet and bring dignity to those in need. Underwear can be donated anytime and is always needed at Brinkley Heights but Undie Sunday is a day to bring more awareness to this important need for those in our community who depend on the generosity of the Brinkley Heights Ministry Center. A container for collecting donations can be found in the church foyer.

## YOUTH MISSION TRIP June 21 - June 27 Atlanta



This summer, our youth will have the chance to be sent and to serve in Atlanta. In addition to serving in the city, youth will also have the chance to participate in various portions of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) annual General Assembly.

At the General Assembly, youth will have the chance to learn firsthand about CBF, hear stories of missionaries and ministries around the world supported by CBF and even think about ways God might use or call them to be the hands and feet of Christ in the future. Please pray for our youth and leaders as we prepare for this experience with our youth. If you are interested in learning more or volunteering as a chaperone, contact Daniel Johnson at [djohnson@2ndmemphis.org](mailto:djohnson@2ndmemphis.org).

## COULD YOU BE A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER?

We know not everyone is able to commit to teaching adult Sunday school each week. However, a great benefit to our regular adult teachers would be individuals willing and able to substitute teach now and again. If you would be willing to be on such a list and serve in this important way, contact Daniel Johnson at [djohnson@2ndmemphis.org](mailto:djohnson@2ndmemphis.org).



## Sort(a) MISSION DAY

Saturday, April  
25

This year, we will once again unite with our brothers and sisters from The Healing Center Full Gospel Baptist Church to serve our community in the name of Christ. Join in this great mission opportunity where our working together is as valuable to the kingdom as our work.

## gathered to worship

## LIVING LENT: PRACTICING CARE, KINDNESS, AND COMPASSION

Hosted by Germantown Cumberland Presbyterian Church  
Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. – March 3 through 31

Our neighbors at the Germantown Cumberland Presbyterian Church have invited us to join with them in a series of discussions on Tuesday evenings during the season of Lent. Each week features a conversation with different guests about how they work to live out their faith in different ways in the world. During these times participants will explore questions such as:

*How do we live out our faith through our work and in our lives in meaningful and concrete ways?*

*How do we put our faith into action outside the church building?*

*How can our Lenten disciplines lead us into a new way of living?*

While no one promises to have all the answers, through these conversations people have a chance to wrestle with the questions with these good folks from our community:

- March 3: Dr. Peter and Kathleen Gathje, Founders and Directors, Manna House
- March 10: Rev. Eyleen Farmer, Founder, Thistle and Bee
- March 17: Rev. Ayanna Watkins, Executive Director and Lead Organizer, Memphis Interfaith Coalition for Action and Hope
- March 24: Rev. Lisa Anderson, Founder and Director, Room in the Inn Memphis
- March 31: David Waters, Assistant Director  
Institute for Public Service Reporting



## SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH March 8 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Our monthly second Sunday lunch will take place on March 8 immediately after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Please make your reservation no later than Wednesday, March 4 by emailing Donna Taylor at [dtaylor@2ndmemphis.org](mailto:dtaylor@2ndmemphis.org) or calling the church office at 682.3395.

## INTERGENERATIONAL CHOIR IS BACK!!!

Intergenerational choir rehearsals will return on Sunday, March 8 immediately following worship. We will rehearse each Sunday for 20-30 minutes throughout March to prepare to sing in worship for Palm Sunday on April 5.

Who can participate in Intergenerational Choir? Are you between the ages of 4 and 104? Do you breathe on a daily basis? Do you value singing as a form of worship? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then Intergenerational Choir is for you! We hope to see you in the choir room after worship on March 8, and be sure to bring a friend!



## STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

Take a peek at our generosity and ministry costs through February 27,

YTD Receipts	\$142,703
YTD Expenses	<u>\$172,591</u>
Net	(\$ 29,888)

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](http://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](mailto:pcalvert@2ndmemphis.org).

## THISTLE & BEE IS MOVING INTO SECOND BAPTIST

Thistle & Bee has been using the Second Baptist kitchen to bake their delicious granola, process honey and process orders for almost two years. But, on Friday, March 20, Thistle & Bee will also be moving their administrative office into Room 102 in our building. When the arrangement was finalized, their founder Eyleen Farmer emailed, "Thank you thank you! This is what I call radical hospitality and we are so grateful. God really is at work in the world!" Eli Cloud, the Executive Director added, "I am overwhelmed with gratitude. Thank you for this very generous opportunity. Thank you so much. You all are one in a million." One of the unique and exciting parts of the arrangement is that part of their financial contribution for the space will be to place bee hives with our ministry partners in the Mitchell Heights neighborhood. This arrangement is a beautiful example of the body of Christ working and sharing resources together to meet needs, bring healing, offer hope and proclaim the kingdom of God.



## PARENTS' DAY OUT OPEN ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for the 2020 summer session and the 2020 fall/spring session is open. Enrollment forms are 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.

## 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.

## COMMUNITY CLOTHES CLOSET

For years, thanks to the work of Pam Jenkins, Second Baptist has kept a supply of clothes, bags and home supplies for families in the Family Promise program. With Family Promise of Memphis ending their operations, we want to remind people of that closet and open it up to more needs in our community. If you know of a need, please contact Pam at [pjenkin1985@gmail.com](mailto:pjenkin1985@gmail.com) so she determine if there is a way we can support or supply help.

## E-MAIL AND TEXT COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE



The staff at 2BC have updated everyone who submitted their information last year to receive email or text notifications from the church. To ensure you receive these emails consistently, please add "info@2ndmemphis.org" to your contacts list and move your emails from the "junk" folder to your inbox. If you need assistance in receiving emails or would like to be added to these notifications, please contact Annabeth Barnes in the church office or by emailing [abarnes@2ndmemphis.org](mailto:abarnes@2ndmemphis.org).

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# FAMILY ministry

## ANNUAL COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT Saturday, April 4 at 10:00 a.m.



Families with children ages babies through grade 2 are invited to experience the journey to the cross and the empty tomb beginning in the Fellowship Hall and ending with hunting eggs outside. Bring your Easter basket and join neighbors from across the community on Saturday, April 4 at 10:00 a.m. for a special morning together.

Please help us have eggs to share with those who participate! We are collecting donations of pre-stuffed plastic eggs. You can stuff eggs with wrapped candy, stickers or small toys. Please drop them off in the box outside the church office no later than Wednesday, April 1.

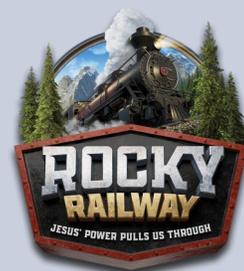


## CAMP SECOND IS COMING SOON! Sunday, June 7 – Friday, June 12 Country Place in Moscow, TN

Camp Second is a fun-filled creative experience for children currently in the 2nd-5th grades. Campers experience Bible study, crafts, missions, recreation, and worship all designed to encourage growth in faith. To attend, notarized applications must be turned in to the church office no later than May 10 with payment of \$350 (church/members participants) or \$400 (non-members). Need-based scholarship applications are available for church members and participants.

Please contact Tanya Mabry at [tmabry@2ndmemphis.org](mailto:tmabry@2ndmemphis.org) or 682.3395 for additional information or to volunteer to assist with this important ministry in our church and community.

## ROCKY RAILWAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Monday, June 15 – Thursday, June 18 8:30 a.m. - Noon



Get ready for Vacation Bible School this summer where children will learn about how trusting Jesus pulls us through life's ups and downs! Fun activities will help Bible stories come to life and lead children deeply into scripture as we journey on the Rocky Railway together. Our VBS will be offered Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

To all our caring adults, would you please consider serving as a station leader or age group leader/shepherd? Stations are Bible study, crafts, missions, recreation, and snacks. If you are willing to serve, please contact VBS Director, Catherine Denman at [catherinesdenman@gmail.com](mailto:catherinesdenman@gmail.com) with your contact info, station or age group you are interested in leading, and your t-shirt size.

### CROSSROADS

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>First Sunday in Lent</b> Deacons' Meeting 8:00 am Worship Service & Lord's Supper 10:15 am Family Ministry Lunch 11:30 am Sing & Play 3:00 pm "Psalms, Hymns and Spirituals" Concert 4:00 pm	2 Margaret Ware Bible Study 9:30 am  Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	3 Weight Watchers 11:30 am	4 Jerry Michel's Texas 42 1:00 pm  Fellowship Meal 5:00 pm Lenten Study 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	5	6 Open Gym WSHS Students 2:30 pm	7 Weight Watchers 9:00 am
<b>Second Sunday in Lent</b> Daylight Saving Time Worship Service 10:15 am Second Sunday Lunch 11:30 am Intergenerational Choir Practice 12:00 pm	9 Margaret Ware Bible Study 9:30 am  Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	10 Weight Watchers 11:30 am	11 Jerry Michel's Texas 42 1:00 pm  Fellowship Meal 5:00 pm Lenten Study 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	12	13 Open Gym WSHS Students 2:30 pm	14 Weight Watchers 9:00 am
<b>Third Sunday in Lent</b> Worship Service 10:15 am Intergenerational Choir Practice 11:30 am	16 Margaret Ware Bible Study 9:30 am Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	17 Weight Watchers 11:30 am  Spring Break Bored Up	18 Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm	19	20 Open Gym WSHS Students 2:30 pm	21 Weight Watchers 9:00 am
<b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b> Worship Service 10:15 am Intergenerational Choir Practice 11:30 am	23 Margaret Ware Bible Study 9:30 am  Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	24 Weight Watchers 11:30 am	25 Fellowship Meal 5:00 pm Lenten Study 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Personnel Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	26	27 Open Gym WSHS Students 2:30 pm	28 Weight Watchers 9:00 am
<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent &amp; Undie Sunday</b> Worship Service 10:15 am Intergenerational Choir Practice 11:30 am	30 Margaret Ware Bible Study 9:30 am  Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	31 Weight Watchers 11:30 am				



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## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

### Sunday, March 1

11:30 am Family Ministry Lunch  
3:00 pm Sing & Play + Common Grounds  
4:00 pm "Psalms, Hymns and Spirituals" Concert

### Wednesday, March 4

5:00 pm Fellowship Meal  
6:00 pm Lenten Study

### Sunday, March 8

Daylight Saving Time begins  
Second Sunday Lunch

### Wednesday, March 11

5:00 pm Fellowship Meal  
6:00 pm Lenten Study

### Wednesday, March 25

5:00 pm Fellowship Meal  
6:00 pm Lenten Study

### Sunday, March 29

Undie Sunday

### Saturday, April 4

Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt

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Ministry Coordinator

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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.