

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

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PUMPKIN PATCH APPRECIATION LUNCHEON Sunday, November 3 at 11:30 a.m.

The success of our Pumpkin Patch is not possible without the support and encouragement of our entire church community. So, bring your lawn chairs and appetites and let us thank you, our incredible volunteers! We want to thank everyone—youth, children and adults—who make sacrifices to set up the patch, unload pumpkins, work daily shifts, and offer prayers for the patch that lead to ministry benefiting Memphis and beyond. Proceeds from the Pumpkin Patch are used for summer youth mission trips, spring break mission projects in Memphis, our ongoing work with Together for Hope Arkansas, and other mission endeavors by our youth. You can make luncheon reservations online or by contacting Tommy Sexton at 682-3308 or tsexton@2ndmemphis.org. Reservations must be received by Friday, November 1 and we'll see you in the patch!

COMMUNITY INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE EXPLORES HOW TO BE A PERFECT STRANGER Tuesday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Temple Israel

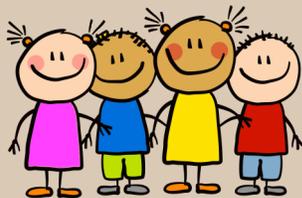


This year our annual Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service will take on a different feel than past years' gatherings. With time given to guided conversations with neighbors of different denominational and faith backgrounds, together we will explore this year's theme, "How to Be a Perfect Stranger."

The evening gets underway at 7:00 p.m. at Temple Israel, 1376 E. Massey Road. We will share time together at tables enjoying food and fellowship, as well as worship with our neighbors from the community of congregations from the Christian, Jewish, and Muslim traditions. There will be a combined choir from more than 10 different congregations and an offering will be given to support the work of homeless ministries in our community.

Make plans to take part in this service of worship that fosters community among congregations and faith partners around our city!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY



On Sunday, November 10 at 10:15 a.m. children will be leading in worship by sharing music and scripture, prayer, and taking up the offering. In addition, our new intergenerational choir will share their gifts through music. Please join us for this special Sunday in which "a little child will lead us."

SAFETY SUNDAY

On November 3, we will continue to practice safety as a form of divine hospitality. Be sure to check your Sunday School boxes for two key resources: fire extinguisher locations in our building and the importance of reporting all emergency incidents to church staff. *(We WILL NOT be having a fire drill.)*

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SERMON TOPICS

November 3
Baptism &
All Saints Sunday
Title: A Rule for Saints in
the Making
Text: Matthew 7:12-14
Ephesians 1:11-23

November 10
Children's Sunday
Julia Goldie Day
preaching

November 17
Title: Glimpsing What God
Is Up To
Text: Isaiah 65:17-25
NT Lesson: Ephesians 3:14-
21

November 24
Christ the King Sunday
Title: Where Christ is King
Text: Psalm 46
NT Lesson: Colossians
1:11-20

"But I have Called You Friends."

Who is the last friend that you made? How long ago was that?

A recent survey from Evite revealed that the average American hasn't made a new friend in five years. Let that sink in for a moment. Five years!

Almost half of all adults reveal that they find it hard to make new friends. But, a significant number of respondents report that they would go out of their way to do so if only they knew how or if they had more opportunities to do so.

I cannot help but read this kind of news through the lens of the faith community. As we see another pumpkin season coming to its end here at Second, I wonder how many of us have made connections with people during the last month. How many potential new friends might there be for us? How many folks have we connected with that might like to be included in an invitation to a community that is ready-made for making new friendships?

This month we are heading toward a season of the year when people's hunger for contact is especially pronounced. In a few weeks, we have the chance to make closer connections with our neighbors from other congregations and faith traditions when we gather at Temple Israel for the annual Thanksgiving service. This year's theme is, "How to Be a Perfect Stranger" and we are going to have opportunities to spend time getting to know our neighbors better.

For we who are the Church, we always take our cue from Jesus. And Jesus is the one who spoke a remarkable word of blessing to the ones with whom he shared his life and work over his years of ministry. "I have called you friends," he says in John 15.

Somehow, I don't think that's reserved only for the handful of folks in the room where He first speaks those words. Those words ring true for you and me. Those are words of assurance and invitation.

In a culture that has made "friending" a verb and something that can be accomplished with the click of a computer mouse, perhaps this is as good a time as any for those of us who know that there's something better to reach out, to speak up, and to make friends with people who are looking for something a bit more real.

Grace and peace,
Stephen

NEW DEACONS ELECTED

Please express your appreciation to the following six church members who have agreed to serve as deacon ministers with three-year terms beginning in January. These were elected by the church in our October congregational meeting with four of these to be ordained in the new year: Neil Boggan, Shan Criswell, Catherine Lewis, Julia Pilgrim, Rob Robertson, and Andrew Smith.

2020 MINISTRY BUDGET APPROVED

In a specially called congregational meeting on Sunday, October 23, the church unanimously approved a plan for funding Second's mission and ministry ventures in the year ahead. Our \$1.2 million budget reflects a 2% increase over the current year, and is in line with our giving trends for 2019. Please contact Patti Calvert at pcalvert@2ndmemphis.org or 682.3395 for a detailed copy of the plan.

FAMILY PROMISE SUPPORT

Over the last 23 years, Family Promise of Memphis has helped over 500 formerly homeless families including 750 adults and 1300 children with 85% of those families remaining in stable housing. However, Family Promise is at a critical point in the life of their ministry.



Over the last several years, the number of hosting congregations have reduced, and they also recently lost a significant grant from the City of Memphis due to budget cuts. To address these concerns, Family Promise is suspending hosting families in order to focus on two priorities. The first is enlisting more hosting congregations and the second is raising funds to offset the lost financial support. They are also asking for our help. They need our prayers as they navigate this current challenge. They need your network to help spread the word and encourage your friends and neighbors to talk to their churches about becoming a hosting congregation. And they need your financial support.

If you would like to give, you can do so through Second Baptist or by mailing gifts directly to Family Promise of Memphis (200 E Parkway, Memphis, TN 38112). If you would like information to share, Family Promise of Memphis flyers are available on the table outside the church office.



Thembalethu
Care Organization

BETSY MEYER VISITS SECOND Sunday, November 10 at 9:00 am

On November 10, Betsy Meyer, a founder of Thembalethu Care Organization, one of our ministry partners in South Africa, will visit Second

Baptist and share during the Sunday school hour in the CFLC foyer.

The ministry of Thembalethu began in 2006 as a way of responding to the devastation the HIV epidemic was having on their rural community. The work began with a small, local network of women who were caring for their dying HIV infected neighbors. Since that time, Thembalethu has expanded to include the training and support of home-based caregivers, home-based hospice care support, small group support for HIV positive adolescents, orphan and vulnerable children programs, early childhood development support, and a community resource center. Betsy and her family recently relocated to Washington state for a season and we are truly fortunate that she can be with us while visiting Memphis. Individuals or full classes are welcome to join in this special Sunday school offering. If you have any questions, contact Daniel.

BRINKLEY HEIGHTS CHRISTMAS TOY STORE

It's time again to start collecting for the Brinkley Heights Christmas Toy Store. Brinkley Heights Ministries offers families in the 38108, 38112 and 38122 zip codes an opportunity to receive emergency help with their children's Christmas. Each family receiving assistance visits with a spiritual counselor and discusses their needs and their personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. NEW toys may be dropped off in the bin by the church office. Funds may also be given directly to Brinkley Heights or through the church. Funds and items will be collected until Friday, November 29. A list of requested items is available on the table outside the church office. Brinkley Heights thanks you for your help in this venture and your continued partnership in reaching this community for Christ.

scattered to serve

Thank you!

We would like to thank you on behalf of all the men, women, and children you have encouraged with your generous donation to LIV Lanseria. All the efforts are highly appreciated and we are honored by your gift.

It was lovely to have so many network representatives out this winter. They encouraged and uplifted our spirits with their love and words. We feel part of a bigger picture and plan. The network is full of beautiful people and we are grateful to be a part.

We look forward to collaborating further.

Thank you again for your contribution to Kingdom work.

Many Blessings,

LIV Lanseria Leadership

gathered to worship

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME REMINDER

Please remember to set your clocks *back* one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 2. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep as Daylight Saving Time ends that evening. Then, come rested and ready for Bible study and worship on Sunday morning!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 3

The first Sunday in November each year is designated as All Saints Sunday. This is a time set apart to remember and give thanks for our predecessors in faith. When our congregation gathers for worship that morning, we will read the names and honor the memories of those from our Second family who have died since last November and who, collectively, represent more than 450 years of membership in our church. We have invited the family members of all those who have passed away to join us that morning as we celebrate these saints who now rest eternally with God.

**INTERGENERATIONAL CHOIR**

The Intergenerational Choir will lead worship Sunday, November 10. Worshippers of all ages join us in the choir room immediately after church each Sunday for a quick rehearsal. Our next time to sing in worship is December 1 for the Hanging of the Green service. Come be a part of this unique opportunity to lead in worship!

Do you have a gift, musical or otherwise, that you would like to share in worship? If so, please email Larry Denman at ldenman@2ndmemphis.org to get involved!

SECOND SUNDAY LUNCHEON
November 10 at 11:30 a.m.
in the Fellowship Hall



Our monthly second Sunday lunch will take place on November 10 immediately after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Please make your reservation no later than November 6 by emailing Donna Taylor at dtaylor@2ndmemphis.org or calling the church office at 682.3395.

JERALD WALKER AND ORCHESTRA CONCERT
November 17, 6:00 p.m.

Jerald Walker, the violinist who has recently blessed us with his violin on Sunday mornings, has reserved the sanctuary for an orchestra concert on Sunday evening, November 17 at 6:00 p.m. They will be performing an original composition of his, along with the Haydn Cello Concerto No.1 in C Major and Beethoven Symphony No. 6, "the Pastoral Symphony." The thirty-piece orchestra has been organized by Jerald. He composes and arranges music for the orchestra and is the conductor.

HOLIDAY CLOSING REMINDER

Please note that the church office and Christian Family Life Center will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29. In the event of an urgent pastoral care need during that time, please call the minister on call at 901.604.6686.

STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

Take a peek at our generosity and ministry costs through October 28:

Year-to-Date Receipts	\$823,031
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$846,497
Net	\$ (23,466)

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.

SECOND'S FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE

Last year we started a new tradition during the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Included among the decorations in our sanctuary we now have our 12-foot Second Family Christmas Tree!

We need help from every household in our church with the decorations for the tree. If you did not share an ornament last year, or if you would like to add a new one this year, you are invited to create or purchase ornaments and include your family's name on them. Ornaments might show something about your family (hobbies, names, etc.) or simply express your joy during the season. Everyone sharing ornaments will add to the beautiful decor of our worship space.



On Sunday, December 1 during our annual Hanging of the Green service, we will include time for people to place ornaments to the tree. If you know that you will not be able to be with us that morning but would like to contribute to it, please deliver your ornaments to the church office by Wednesday, November 27.

CHRISTMAS BASKET MINISTRY

Coordinated by our Deacon Benevolence Team, Second Baptist provides Christmas baskets full of food and grace to families in need during the holiday season. In order to serve these families, we need your help.

First, you can submit the name of an individual or family to receive a basket. Call the church office or contact Donna Taylor at dtaylor@2ndmemphis.org with those names. Second, we need banana boxes to help hold the food we share. We are collecting boxes at the church through the month of November. You can drop them by the church office. Third, we are accepting financial donations to support this ministry. Please designate your gifts for "Christmas Basket Ministry." Lastly, you can be a part by joining the deacons to pray and deliver baskets on Saturday, December 7 at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Working with a friend or going as a family to deliver baskets is a great way to feel the reason for the season. If you plan to deliver Christmas baskets, please contact Donna Taylor at dtaylor@2ndmemphis.org by Wednesday, November 27.

POINSETTIAS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS



During the seasons of Advent and Christmas, consider sharing the gift of a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one. Each one costs \$10.00 with order forms available in the church office and foyer.

Please note: While we will not have our poinsettia tree in the foyer as we have in past years, there will be poinsettias placed throughout the sanctuary and other gathering spaces through the season. Please give generously to help enhance the beauty of our space during this sacred season!

It's the season

INTERGENERATIONAL
ADVENT
SUNDAY SCHOOL
Sunday,
December 1
at 9:00 a.m.

Plan to join your Second family on the first Sunday of Advent in the fellowship hall for a very special Sunday school session for each generation. Children, youth, and adults will gather for refreshments and a time of learning together as we begin this sacred season together.

gathered to worship

FAMILY ministry



MIDSOUTH DERBY AND JUICE

DERBY AND JUICE
Sunday, November 10
4:00 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.

Get ready for an afternoon of pinewood derby racing at Second! All youth and children are invited to build and race pinewood derby cars to race for top place! We will also have Best Design award for most creative. Snacks and juice will be provided during the race. Friends and family are also invited to Second to race.

You can pick up a derby car kit for \$5 on Sunday, November 3 during the Pumpkin Patch Appreciation Lunch and talk with derby car experts, Chris Bryan and Daniel Hochstein about crafting your cars for the race. For more info contact Chris Bryan (901) 481-0863.

GRATEFUL COOKIE PARTY

Saturday, November 23
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Children ages 4 - grade 5 are invited to a Grateful Cookie Party! Children will bake cookies, make their own mini pizza, decorate and have lots of grateful fun. Come, bring a friend, and experience the warmth and goodness of the season of giving thanks!



YOUTH HANGING OF THE GREEN REHEARSAL AND PUMPKIN PATCH REWARD

Saturday, November 23

Youth continue their tradition of leading in worship for Hanging of the Green on the first Sunday of Advent, on December 1. The final rehearsal will be Saturday, November 23 at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Following rehearsal, youth will go on to the Pumpkin Patch Award, location TBD.

Please arrive on Sunday, December 1 at 9:00 a.m. SHARP in the Youth Room for breakfast and then rehearsal in the sanctuary. Youth are asked to dress appropriately to lead in worship for Hanging of the Green. Please choose worship attire carefully. Please wear long pants, a long skirt, or a long dress with sleeves or paired with a cardigan sweater. Collared shirts are preferred for young men. Holiday colors are encouraged, but not required.

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3 Baptism & All Saints Sunday Deacons' Meeting 8:00 am Worship Service 10:15 am Pumpkin Patch Appreciation Luncheon 11:30 am Intergenerational Choir Practice 12:15 pm	4 Margaret Ware Bible Study 9:30 am Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	5 Weight Watchers 11:30 am	6 Jerry Michel's Texas 42 1:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm	7	1 Open Gym WSHS Students 2:30 pm	2 Weight Watchers 9:00 am Daylight Saving Time Ends
10 Children's Sunday Worship Service 10:15 am Second Sunday Lunch 11:30 am Intergenerational Choir Practice 12:15 pm Mission Team Meeting 12:30 pm Derby and Juice 4:00 pm	11 Margaret Ware Bible Study 9:30 am Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	12 Weight Watchers 11:30 am	13 Jerry Michel's Texas 42 1:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm	14	15 Open Gym WSHS Students 2:30 pm	16 Weight Watchers 9:00 am
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24 Worship Service 10:15 am Intergenerational Choir Practice 11:30 am	25 Margaret Ware Bible Study 9:30 am Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	26 Weight Watchers 11:30 am Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 7:00 pm	27 Jerry Michel's Texas 42 1:00 pm	28 Thanksgiving Offices & CFLC Closed	29 Offices & CFLC Closed	30 Weight Watchers 9:00 am



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, November 3

9:00 a.m. Safety Sunday
 10:15 a.m. Baptism & All Saints Sunday
 11:30 a.m. Pumpkin Patch Appreciation Luncheon

Sunday, November 10

10:15 a.m. Children's Sunday
 11:30 a.m. Second Sunday Lunch
 4:00 p.m. Derby Race

Sunday, November 17

11:30 a.m. Family Ministry Team Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Jerald Walker and Orchestra Concert

Saturday, November 23

11:30 a.m. Grateful Cookie Party for Children
 2:00 p.m. Hanging of the Green Rehearsal and Pumpkin Patch Reward

Tuesday, November 26

7:00 p.m. Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving
 (Offices + CFLC Closed)



CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Phone: 901-682-3308

CLOSED SUNDAY

tsyton@2ndmemphis.org

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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

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

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