

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

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## Front Porch Presentation

Sunday, June 4

After worship on the first Sunday in June, everyone is invited to the next congregational conversation with our Front Porch Team. Barry Yoakum, the architect guiding the design of this project, will be on hand

to share preliminary plans for development on part of our church property.

Come take part in the discussion, get a first look at the renderings, and continue the conversation as we keep discerning together who God is calling us to be and what God is calling us to do as a church in this time and place!



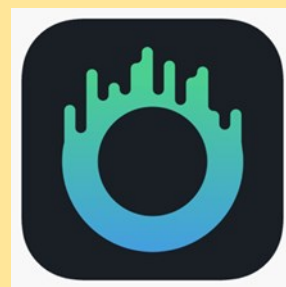
## One Church Membership App

This month we are introducing a new church membership database that includes an app anyone can download to have access to our pictorial directory, members' contact information, the church calendar, past worship services, and more!

One Church Software, an online church engagement tool will help us stay better connected as a church.

We, as a church, are passionate about our mission and we believe that adopting this software solution will aid us in that pursuit. One Church is simple to install and easy to use.

With this tool you will have access to our various ministry areas, whether that's connecting with groups or volunteering teams, learning about church events, watching sermons and much more. You will receive an email on Thursday, June 1 with additional instructions. Feel free to contact Alisa Cunningham at [acunningham@2ndmemphis.org](mailto:acunningham@2ndmemphis.org) for more information.



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# from the pastor

## PREACHING & WORSHIP THEMES

### June 4:

Title: Sacred Spaces, Holy Places

Text: 1 Chronicles 28:1-3, 9-12, 20-21

NT Lesson: Ephesians 2:19-22

### June 11:

Title: Learning to Forget

Text: Psalm 113

NT Lesson: Ephesians 3:14-21

### June 18:

Title: With Every Head Bowed

Text: Psalm 111

NT Lesson: Luke 11:1-4

### June 25: South Africa Mission

Team Commissioning

Title: Made One Through Music

Text: Matthew 26:26-30

OT Lesson: Psalm 27:1-6

## Sacred Spaces, Innovative Places

A common theme I hear from people in our Second family is this sense that our church is a well-kept secret in our community. However, when we consider the number of people we have the opportunity to impact and the connections we keep discovering with ministry partners, non-profits, and individuals, there seem to be quite a lot of people who are finding Second and discovering graciousness, warmth, and hospitality in our little corner of the Kingdom.

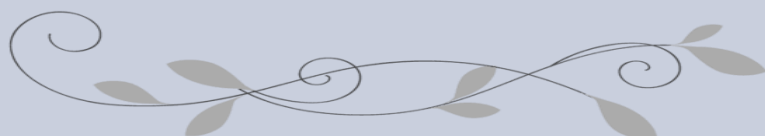
This month begins with an important congregational conversation on the first Sunday in June. I hope you will participate in this time of listening, discerning, exploring, and discovering together more of what it can look like for us to connect with our community by way of a front porch ministry.

At the end of the month, our partners with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship will be publishing a new resource for congregations across the Fellowship. *Sacred Spaces, Innovative Places* tells the stories of four different churches that are using their buildings and grounds to create streams of revenue that help them live into their mission. You might be happy to know that our church is one of the four being featured!

Many of us might not realize the good that comes of our church's willingness to embrace creative approaches to ministry. The impact and the influence of a congregation committing itself to faithfully fostering relationships with others – whether they ever set foot in the sanctuary for a Sunday morning service or not – is noteworthy. The temptation we sometimes feel is to get discouraged when church isn't what it used to be.

But thanks be to the God who makes all things new, there are always opportunities for us to reimagine what mission and ministry faithfulness requires of us now. I am honored to be part of a place that faces its future with wide-eyed realism and a willingness to keep dreaming new dreams for living into its ministry calling.

Grace and peace,  
Stephen



## Summer Worship Series

Each Sunday this summer, our congregation will set our sights on what sits at the center of the Church's life: worship. We will use this season to consider questions about worship such as: what does it feel like to be worshipful? Why do we do what we do in our services? Is it possible to be worshipful outside of and beyond the church building? Each Sunday will find us considering the various ways we worship and the components of our worship services (prayer, music, giving, proclamation, etc.).

Join us in person when you are in town and via livestream when you aren't able to be present. Let's learn and grow in faith together as we worship!

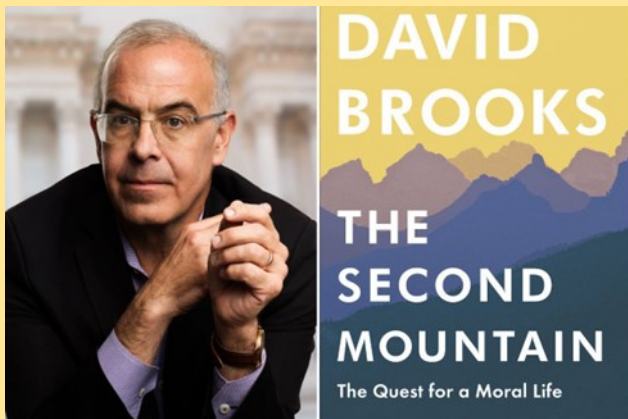


### Second Sunday Lunch

Join members of the Second family for a fellowship meal following worship on Sunday, June 11. Make your reservation by calling the church office at 901.682.3395 or emailing [info@2ndmemphis.org](mailto:info@2ndmemphis.org). Costs for the meal are \$12 for adults, \$8 for children, and a \$32 maximum for families.

## Our City, Our Story

Looking for a little summer reading? Our ministry partners at MIFA are preparing to welcome David Brooks in September for the annual Our City, Our Story event.



Brooks is a bi-weekly columnist for the *New York Times* and regular analyst on *PBS NewsHour* and NPR's *All Things Considered*. He has authored several bestselling books, including *The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life*.

Brooks is also the founder of Weave: The Social Fabric Project at the Aspen Institute. Much like MIFA's vision to unite the community through service, Weave's mission is to invite everyone to start living like a weaver and shift our culture from one that values achievement and individual success to one that finds value in deep relationships and community success.

Our City, Our Story will be held on September 21. Watch for more details as

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Update  
Contact Info



If any of your contact information has changed, please email updates to [info@2ndmemphis.org](mailto:info@2ndmemphis.org).



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## STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

Take a peek at our generosity and ministry costs  
Year-to-Date through 5/26/2023

Receipts	\$ 394,877
Expenses	<u>414,666</u>
Net	(\$ 19,789)

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

- Cash and Checks
- Text-to-Give: 888.704.0507
- Online at 2ndmemphis.org
- Click "Giving" and follow the prompts
- Stock and Mutual Fund Transfers

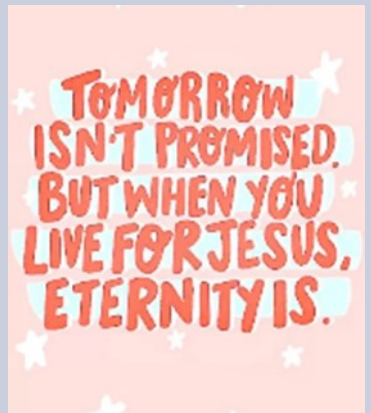
To learn more about any of these, please contact our Financial Administrator, Patti Calvert, at pcalvert@2ndmemphis.org.

## Planning for Our Future

I recently listened to a sermon by Tony Evans about "planning." The Bible encourages us to plan, but to hold those plans loosely. The qualifier for our plans should always be "if the Lord wills." This summer my husband and I are planning a trip to the northern Rockies, all the way to Banff and Jasper National Parks in Canada - if the Lord wills. I'm planning to retire one day (but not very soon according to our finance committee chair!) - if the Lord wills.

As this quote says, we aren't promised tomorrow, so let's all live for today. Live like today's your last day on earth. Be kind, be gentle, reach out to others, give to those who need it. Support Jesus' work here at Second Baptist and elsewhere. Make a difference for Him. And know you'll be with Jesus in eternity.

- Patti Calvert



## *A Note about our guest choir*

On Sunday, June 25, Second Baptist will host the youth choir from First Baptist

Church in Dalton, Georgia. Their choir will lead us in worship through music, and we look forward to their ministry and musicianship.

## Commissioning the South Africa Mission Team

For centuries, churches have laid hands as a means of blessing, affirming, calling, and conferring hopes, prayers, support, gifting, and love to individuals and groups. Second Baptist will continue that tradition on Sunday, June 25 as we commission participants serving as representatives of Second Baptist Church on this year's South Africa Mission Experience. Please plan to attend this Sunday and join others in offering encouragement and peace to those being sent to serve and witness in South Africa.



### Giving for the South Africa Mission Experience

Now through June 18, we are collecting donations to support our ministry partners in South Africa. Donations will be used for two purposes. First, to purchase items we can take to South Africa in July like toiletries, washable sanitary items, sports equipment, etc. Second, funds will be given to partners for items too heavy or bulky for traveling (books, diapers) and to support ongoing maintenance needs such as petrol fuel for the generator at Sister Didi's that offers supplemental electricity due to South Africa's energy shortage. In the spirit of intergenerational ministry, we have donation goals for children (\$500), youth (\$1000), and adults (\$3000). To help motivate giving, church members will be given the chance to turn ministry staff into human ice cream sundaes for each goal achieved. Tanya Mabry for the children's goal. Daniel Johnson for the youth goal. Larry Denman for the adult goal. And if all three goals are achieved, Stephen Cook. "Decorating" of the sundaes will be given after worship on Sunday, June 18. An ice cream truck will also be onsite providing free ice cream to celebrate the church's generosity. Individuals are welcome to give toward any or all goals. Use the QR codes to give and thank you for giving!



### Praying for the South Africa Mission Experience

In two months, 14 Second Baptist volunteers will join 68 volunteers from six other churches to serve in South Africa. From the time Barnabas and Paul were set apart for a special missionary task, the church has laid hands, prayed, and encouraged those sent away from the comfort of home in the name of Christ. As our team prepares for their special task, we ask that you encourage and pray for our team: Anne Bryan, Chris Bryan, Kirsten Bryan, Spencer Bryan, Benjamin Cook, Stephen Cook, Audrey Johnson, Daniel Johnson, Alice Moffatt, Amy Moffatt, Catherine Piche, Jason Piche, JoJo Piche, Lyra Piche.

PRAY: Safe and uninterrupted travel for all.

PRAY: For a sense of purpose and calling for all who are serving.

PRAY: That God would deepen and shape the faith of all participants.

PRAY: That our ministry partners would be encouraged, affirmed, and comforted by our presence.

PRAY: That the work we do and the resources we bring enhance the ongoing ministries of our ministry partners as they offer the love of Christ to their communities.

PRAY: That all we do and say would represent Christ and glorify God.

PRAY: That all participants would trust God as they prepare, serve, and return.

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## PASSPORT

Empowering Students • Embracing the World • Extending Grace

**Passport Youth Camp** June 9-15, 2023

McMurry University – Abilene, TX

Completed 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades

Pray for our youth and leaders who will go deep in the heart of Texas for a week of fun and spiritual growth at Passport Camp in Abilene, Texas. At Passport camp our youth spend a week with daily bible study, worship, and mission projects along with evening fellowships like the annual Passport dance and variety show. Youth also have the chance to create memories and deepen relationships with our Second Baptist youth group and other youth from around the country. This year's group includes Gus Breland, Benjamin Cook, Jonathan Cook, Davarrien Currie, Donhaven Currie, Dontae Currie, Audrey Johnson, OJ Johnson, Michael Serino, Julia Cunningham, and Daniel Johnson. Please pray for these participants by name, that God's love would pierce their hearts and bring them the courage and confidence to share that same love with the world.



### Congratulations to Tyieshi Elliott

Last month we recognized our traditional high school graduates. This month we celebrate with Tyieshi Elliott, a non-traditional student, who will be graduating on June 13. Our church met Tyieshi over ten years ago when we were matched in a program called The Faith Based Partnership to End Homelessness. At that time, Tyieshi was a struggling mom, trying to survive and care for two young children. Since that time, and with the help and encouragement of many at Second Baptist Church, Tyieshi has grown personally and spiritually while finding stability in her life and the life she provides for her, now, three boys. We thank God and congratulate Tyieshi for this accomplishment and the hard work and sacrifice it took to achieve this milestone.

Graduating from: The Excel Center Adult High School

Plans after graduation: Working to be a pharmacy technician.

Most grateful for having the chance to go back and finish school and allowing my children to see that it is never too late.

In addition to graduating, Tyieshi is also moving into a new home. If you would like to help stock her new home, you can find items at her Target registry. ([www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/tyi-wishlist](http://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/tyi-wishlist))

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### PASSPORT KIDS

July 15-19, 2023 Cost \$400

Rock Eagle 4H Center

Eatonton, GA

Completed 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades

Before Camp Adventure included

# FAMILY ministry



## Passport Kids Camp July 15-19, 2023

What a great group of campers we have going to Passport Kids Camp, July 15-19, in Eatonton, GA. Campers: Charli Meador, Larry Breland, Joseph Bryan, and Iva Kate Parker. Adult leaders: Aaron Parker and Tanya Mabry. We are looking forward to learning more about the 2023 theme: Upside Down! and participating in Bible study, mission marketplace, worship and recreation night! The

campers have said they're also looking forward to the twirly slide at the pool! We know you will be praying for us as we prepare for this wonderful trip! If you know of any other students who have completed grades 3-5, contact Tanya to find out more information about possibly going.



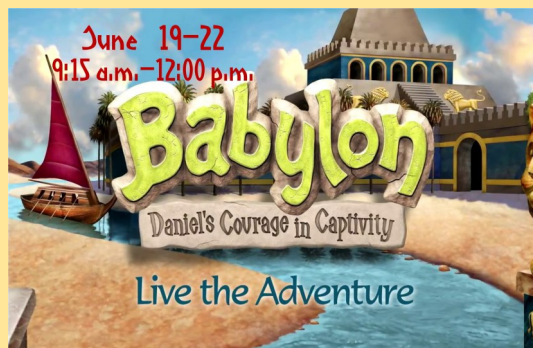
## VBS: Daniel's Courage in Captivity

June 19-22

9:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Join Daniel—torn from his home and forced into the king's service. Imagine the pressure of learning a new language and culture...and the shock of discovering your best friends have been tossed into a fiery furnace.

Explore exotic sights and smells in a Babylonian bazaar! Kids and adults will find that they're not much different from Daniel and his friends, who kept their faith in a faithless culture.



We are looking for fabulous volunteers to help with Bible stories, missions, preparing a real live marketplace, crafts and more! Childcare for those under 3 will be available. Reserve your spot for June by following the link in Center Your Week email.

Folks of all ages needed to transform our church into a Babylonian Marketplace as we prepare to learn about Daniel's story! When? Friday, June 16. 10:00 a.m. Meet in the foyer. See you then! Contact Abbi Carlson [abbicarlson7@gmail.com](mailto:abbicarlson7@gmail.com). or Tanya at [tmabry@2ndmemphis.org](mailto:tmabry@2ndmemphis.org) with any questions or to volunteer!

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