

Gathered to Worship

WORSHIP NOTES



SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

4680 Walnut Grove Rd.
Memphis, TN 38117

Church Office
682-3395

Parents' Day Out
682-3389

Christian Family Life Center
682-3308

OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday
8:30a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Stephen H. Cook
Senior Pastor

Mr. Larry Denman
Minister of Music and Worship

Rev. Daniel Johnson
Associate Pastor

Mrs. Tanya Mabry
Minister of Children and Families

Julia Pilgrim
Pianist

Jane Smothers
Organist

Rev. Wayne H. Randolph
Associate Minister Emeritus:
Music & Worship

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Poinsettias



The children are selling poinsettias to help raise funds that will help others during the holidays. If you would like to donate a poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone, please complete the form and submit your secure online payment. Each poinsettia costs \$15, with \$5 going towards the children's ministry project.

Thank you for supporting the children's ministry!

Christmas Baskets

Saturday, December 16

Coordinated by our Deacon Benevolence team, Second Baptist provides Christmas baskets full of food and grace to families in need. If you know of a family that would benefit from a basket, please share their information.



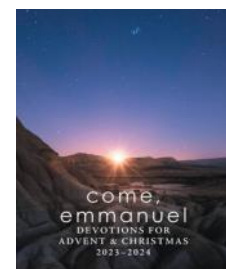
Brinkley Heights Toy Store



Help us collect items for the annual Brinkley Heights Toy Store where families receive Christmas gift assistance along with a spiritual conversation about a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. A list of requested NEW toys can be found on the Amazon Wish List in the QR code. Monetary donations can be mailed or given online (notate "Toy Store" in the memo section). All donations are due by Thursday, November 30.

Advent Devotionals Available

The season of Advent begins on December 3. We have free devotional guides available to pick-up beginning today. The devotions begin the first Sunday of Advent and go through the celebration of Epiphany on January 6. Please take one book per household and enjoy the rich traditions, reflections, and insights afforded for this sacred season of the year!



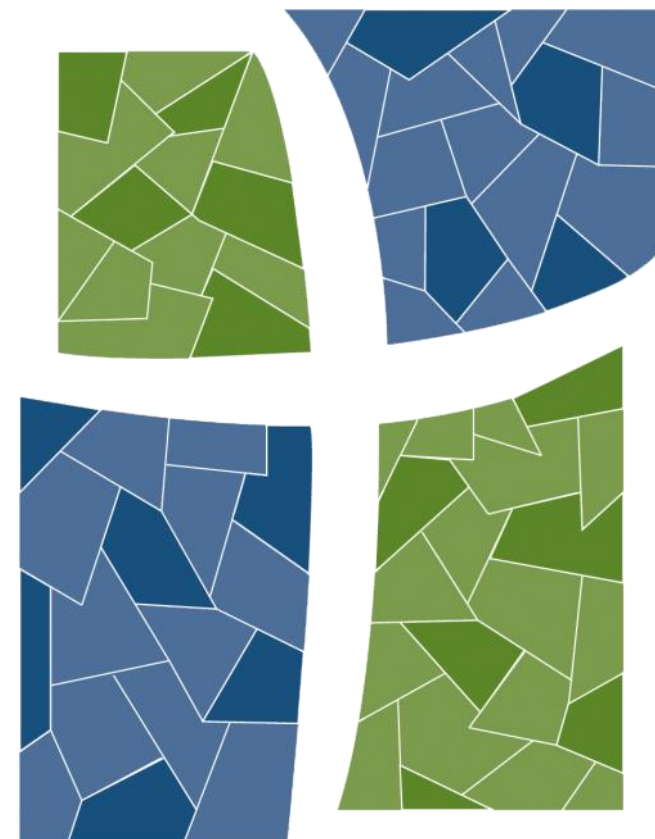
Adult Sunday School Sessions

Although Advent doesn't technically begin until the first Sunday in December, the week prior – on Sunday, November 26 – we will begin a special study to prepare for the celebration of Christmas. Stephen Cook will lead all of our adult classes in *Stay Awhile: Advent Lessons in Divine Hospitality*. Everyone will meet in their "home" Sunday school group at 9:00 for fellowship, prayer, and announcements. Then, at 9:25, everyone will come together in room 113 of the fellowship hall for this four-session study that speaks to some of our congregation's core values as we explore biblical hospitality in this season of great expectations.



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The Worship of God
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Prelude to Worship “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come ” George Elvey

Invitation to Worship Stephen Cook

Time of Meditation “I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord Forever” J.H.Fillmore

“During these turbulent times we must remind ourselves repeatedly that life goes on.

... Let us not be deceived.

It is just as important as ever to attend to the little graces by which the dignity of our lives is maintained and sustained.

Birds still sing; the stars continue to cast their gentle gleam over the desolation of the battlefields,

and the heart is still inspired by the kind word and the gracious deed.”

-Howard Thurman

Call to Worship Larry Denman

God, You alone will satisfy our longing.

We wait, O God, for you alone.

We survive by our faith that fears and tombs and tribulations are preludes to eternal life.

We wait, O God, for you alone.

We wait, hoping to meet You in our gardens of sorrow as You met Mary.

We wait for You to come to us behind locked doors of fear as You came to the disciples.

We wait, O God, for you alone.

Soon enough we will walk to the tombs again and discover resurrection;

learning that if weeping endures for a night, joy comes in the morning.

We wait, O God, for you alone.

And when the morning finally comes, its light is ever more brilliant as we remember how You carried us in the night.

We wait, O God, for you alone.

- from *Celebrating Grace*, “Perseverance”

Hymn of Praise, #302 “Come Away from Rush and Hurry” PROMISE

New Testament Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:8-11 Tanya Mabry
(Found on page 961 in the pew Bible)

Anthem “For the Beauty of the Earth” John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,

For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

Stewardship Moment Catherine Lewis

Prayer of the Day Catherine Denman

Offertory “Vocalise” Opus 34, No. 14 Sergei Rachmaninoff
Evan Engbretson, cellist

Children’s Sermon Tanya Mabry
Following the Children’s Sermon, children in grades Pre-K through 2nd grade are invited to Children’s Chapel in Room 211.

Old Testament Reading Psalm 123 Daniel Johnson
(Found on page 498 in the pew Bible)

Sermon Until Daniel Johnson
“When you wait, you’re always counting, self-assured but somehow doubting
Wondering what you got yourself into
Toss and turn, anticipating, all the while, your heart is aching
Knowing that the day is comin’ soon
That’s what it feels like waiting for You
That’s what it feels like waiting for You”

Hymn of Response, #72 “Day By Day” BLOTT EN DAG

Benediction Stephen Cook

Prelude to Service “We Plow The Fields, And Scatter” Johann Schulz

PRAYER CONCERNS

HOSPITAL/REHAB:

Terry Criswell – Signature Healthcare on Dove Crest Lane
Faye Greer – St. Francis on Park
Howard Prince – Alan Morgan Rehab at Trezevant
Joan Smith – recently discharged from Baptist Hospital
Dorothy Wheat – hospice care at home

June Hatley – former pastor’s wife, hospice care in Texas

MEMBER CONCERNS:

Charles & Shirley Biggers; Shula Cangelosi; Steve & Benita Carney; Terry Criswell; Carol Densford; Barbara Elliott; George & Mary Lou Holt; Pam Jenkins; Dixie Knowlton; Peggy Michel; Howard Prince; Jim Rae; Joan Smith; Alan Sanders; Joy Wernet; Dorothy Westmoreland; Gough & Dorothy Wheat

OTHER CONCERNS:

Clif Bungard (Mekea Johnson’s step-father); Marilyn Childress (Frank Childress’ mom); Christopher Cotton (Greg & Debbie Cotton’s son); Toni Carol Hardin (Dixie Knowlton’s friend); Sigrid Long (Dixie Knowlton’s niece); Mary Murrah (former member); Maury Warren (Dixie Knowlton’s granddaughter)

Welcome to Our Guest Cellist!

Evan Engbretson is a senior at East High School. He has been playing cello since he was 4, and is currently a member of the Memphis Youth Symphony. He also studies dance at Ballet Memphis and is an active member of the youth group at Bartlett United Methodist Church.

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STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

Take a peek at our generosity and ministry costs

Year-to-Date through 11/17/23

Receipts \$ 820,769

Expenses 886,188

Net (\$ 65,419)*

*Figures do not include Pumpkin Patch proceeds.

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")
- Stock and Mutual Fund Transfers

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Patti Calvert, at pcalvert@2ndmemphis.org.