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SCUBA VBS!

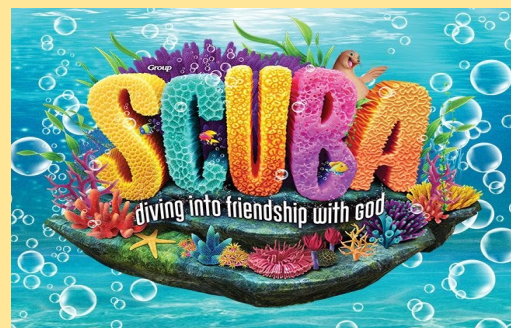
June 17-20, 2024

9:30 a.m.-12:00p.m.

For children who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade.

In SCUBA we will learn that God is a real friend who loves you forever! What better way to show God's love to others during SCUBA VBS, than to have our

MISSION OFFERING support our friends at Together For Hope: Swim Camps in Helena, AR. We will be collecting an offering each day from our campers, but if you would like to donate to their summer camp experience, please use the link below to help fund this wonderful opportunity where children are taught the important skill of swimming AND learn how they can "Put Your Hope In God." To register [click here](#) or to support Together For Hope [click here](#).



Sister Didi's visit

Over 50 people from First and Second Baptist Churches shared a beautiful evening of fellowship and encouragement listening to the story and ministry of Sister Didi and her husband, Mualusi from the Refilwe Bophelo Clinic in South Africa. Didi's story is one of courageous trust in God and God's unfailing faithfulness to a humble nurse choosing to give her life in service to others in the name of Christ. Among the highlights was Didi having the chance to publicly thank the youth and Benjamin Cook for their idea to purchase a backup generator for the clinic's medicine fridge with Pumpkin Patch funds. After returning home safely, we received these words from Didi's daughter Refilwe. "Thank you for taking care of our parents and their stay so enjoyable. Words can't express how grateful we are for your splendid hospitality and for making them feel part of your families. We cannot thank you enough for your beautiful hearts and for your generosity." If you want to learn more about Didi or donate to the clinic, contact Daniel Johnson.



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from the pastor

SERMON & WORSHIP THEMES

June 2:

Daniel Johnson preaching
Text: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

June 9:

Rick Bennett preaching
Text: Mark 3:20-35

June 16:

Rick Bennett preaching
Text: Mark 4:26-34

June 23:

Linda Serino preaching
Title: A Boy, A Slingshot, and the Armor of God
Text: 1 Samuel 17:32-50
NT Lesson: Mark 4:35-41

June 30:

Jacqueline Martin preaching
Title: Tender Mercies
Text: Mark 5:21-43

"Come Away from Rush and Hurry"

This phrase is the title of a wonderful hymn we sometimes sing. This might well be the theme song for my sabbath leave that is now underway. These eight weeks are affording me an opportunity to step out of the day-to-day rhythms of the pastoral life to keep time by a different rhythm; one of rest, renewal, and restoration.

These days I am making my way through an ambitious reading list while also taking an online course on the science of well-being. Our family is exploring a few different European cities and soaking in remarkable places among remarkable people. Additionally, I am spending a week in a Benedictine monastery (not in Europe, but in Alabama), making a couple of college visits with Benjamin, and spending another week attending the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly in North Carolina. Along the way, I am getting the chance to worship in magnificent spaces and experiencing the view from the pew rather than the pulpit.

I am deeply grateful for the generosity and grace of our Second family for the gift of this time. I continue to pray for you, for our church, and for the renewing work the Spirit is doing in us all in this time apart. I look forward to seeing you again at the end of July!

Grace and peace,
Stephen

ONCALL

Each Sunday we will have the minister-on-call and the deacon hospital ministry person for the week. The "on-call" week goes from Sunday to Saturday.

Minister-on-Call Schedule:

May 26 – Larry Denman
June 2 – Daniel Johnson
June 9 – Tanya Mabry
June 16 – Larry Denman
June 23 – Tanya Mabry
June 30 – Daniel Johnson
July 7 – Daniel Johnson
July 14 – Larry Denman

Deacon Hospital Visitation Schedule:

May 26 – Bonnie Smith
June 2 – Theresa Jennings
June 9 – John Moore
June 16 – Amanda Gowen
June 23 – Steve Waring
June 30 – Sandra Livesay
July 7 – Carmen Anderson
July 14 – Bart Harris

On Sunday, May 26, 2BC said, "Bon Voyage!" to Stephen, Amy, Benjamin, and Jonathan as they embark on their 8-week sabbatical. They were gifted with their very own sabbatical t-shirts and funny hats as a reminder to just "BE" during this time. Our church also sent them on their way with the same blessing that Stephen closes worship with each week. While everyone here at Second Baptist will miss them, we will pray for Stephen that he may return feeling rested and renewed and for their family as they travel and spend time together making special memories.



Thank You, Elijah!

Since December, one of Second's young adults – Elijah McBride – has filled a critical role during the transition period in our Christian Family Life Center staffing. Elijah stepped in to serve as our CFLC supervisor, all while finishing his course requirements and exams to become certified as an airline mechanic.



Last month, Elijah completed his service with us after accepting a full-time position in his career field, working with a company based in Millington. Elijah has done an outstanding job and we are both grateful for his service to Second and excited for this new chapter beginning in his vocational life!

CFLC Updates

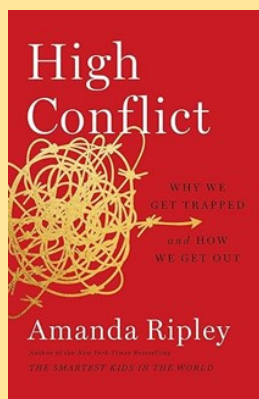


This summer, two projects will put a fresh shine on the church gym. First, in late June, we will add an accent color around the gym to cover scuffs and marks and also better protect the surface against future marks. Volunteers are needed to help paint on Saturday, June 29th. Those interested in helping can contact Daniel Johnson. Second, we will be refinishing the floor in the gym and racquetball court. Even with increased use, our floor has held up really well since it was refinished in 2020. However, it is showing signs and is in need of a new finish. As a part of the refinishing process, we will also have pickle ball lines painted on the floor. Exact dates are to be determined but the work should be happening in early August or early September.

Our City, Our Story

Looking for a little summer reading? Concerned about the tone and tenor of the deep divisions in our culture in this election year? Our ministry partners at MIFA are preparing to welcome Amanda Ripley, author of *High Conflict: Why We Get Trapped and How We Get Out*, in September for the annual Our City, Our Story event.

Amanda Ripley is a storyteller. She is a *New York Times* bestselling author and an investigative journalist who writes about human behavior and change for the *Atlantic*, the *Washington Post* and other outlets. Her most recent book, *High Conflict*, chronicles how people get trapped in conflicts of all kinds—and how they get out. Her previous books include *The Unthinkable*, which was published in 15 countries and turned into a PBS documentary, and *The Smartest Kids in the World*, a New York Times bestseller which was also turned into a documentary film. Her work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Slate*, *Politico*, *The Guardian* and *The Times of London*. Her stories helped *Time* win two National Magazine Awards. She is also the host of the *Slate* podcast [How To!](#) She has also appeared on ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN, FOX News and NPR. She has spoken at the Pentagon, the U.S. Senate, the State Department and the Department of Homeland Security, as well as dozens of conferences on leadership and communicating in conflict.



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Update
Contact Info



If any of your contact information has changed, please email updates to info@2ndmemphis.org.

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Playground Restoration and Repair

Following church approval for funding, the Properties Committee has accepted a proposal by TNT Greens to repair and restore our playground. The project includes 1) repairing and repainting the fence 2) adding a washed concrete curb outside the south and west sections to prevent silt washing up on the playground and 3) installing a new artificial turf surface. Work is scheduled to begin at the conclusion of the PDO summer session at the end of July and is anticipated to take no longer than one month.

If you visit the playground, you will see signs announcing the pending restoration and also inviting members of the community to contribute to the project. If you would like a copy of the sign or the QR code to share with others who might want to contribute, please contact the church office.

PLAYGROUND RESURFACING

Our playground is open to ALL children because ALL children are God's children.

Our playground needs a new surface and we are inviting ALL people to give.

To donate, use the QR code or contact the church office.

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IRA Distributions to Charity - Tax Free!

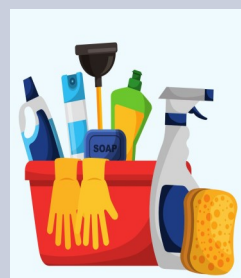
Normally, distributions from a traditional IRA are taxable when received. With a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), however, these distributions become tax-free as long as they're paid directly from the IRA to an eligible charitable organization.

Each year, an IRA owner age 70 ½ or over can exclude from gross income up to \$100,000 of these QCDs. Also, the QCDs count toward the IRA owner's Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the year. Remember, the Qualified Charitable Distribution has to be made directly from the trustee of the IRA to the charitable organization for it to be non-taxable.

So, if you'd like to contribute to Second Baptist Church directly from your IRA, simply contact your IRA trustee with instructions. Thank you for your faithfulness!

Kitchen TLC

From June 22-27, we will once again play host to mission teams serving Memphis through Praying Pelican Missions. In addition to projects around



Memphis, volunteers will also be serving at Second Baptist. Volunteers will work alongside Thistle & Bee to provide a deep clean of our church kitchen. Cleaning will include scrubbing sinks and surfaces, mopping and sanitizing floors, cleaning walls, organizing spaces, and more. If you are around the church and see volunteers in the kitchen, be sure to tell them "thank you" as this is a great benefit to the church as well.

STEWARDSHIP

Take a peek at our generosity and ministry costs
Year-to-date through 5/26/24

Receipts	\$336,833
Expenses	<u>398,287</u>
Net	(\$ 61,454)

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.

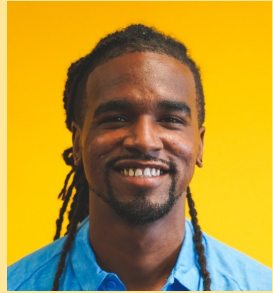
New staff additions at Second Baptist

Welcome Julia Cunningham

Julia is not a new face to Second Baptist but starting Sunday, June 2nd, Julia will officially begin her new role as Youth Ministry Intern. Julia's role will include helping lead and coordinate the summer youth trips, advocating for better ways to engage youth in worship, building relationships and supporting youth outside church activities, and developing regular youth meetings. In addition, starting in the fall, Julia will have learning goals to help her grow in faith, equip her for ministry, and discern more clearly God's call on her life. We are excited to have Julia join our Second Baptist staff and look forward to her continued personal growth and ministry to youth. Please help welcome and thank Julia for taking on this new role.



Welcome Michael Johnson



We are excited to welcome Michael Johnson as the new Christian Family Life Center supervisor. We believe Michael will be a positive addition to our church staff and look forward to how he will enhance our ministry in the community through the CFLC. Michael has extensive experience working in church and parachurch settings. He leads the A/V team at The Avenue Community Church and served previously with Memphis Athletic Ministries and Streets Ministries. Michael loves meeting new people so be sure to stop by the CFLC to welcome Michael to the Second Community and get to know him.

East Memphis Classical Conversations

Thank you for your generous hospitality again this year. Every time our family drives by on Walnut Grove, my little boy shouts out "there's OUR playground and school!" Thank you for partnering with our 28 families to present God's world through all the academic subjects. Our motto is "To Know God and to Make Him Known," and you are helping us equip 57 more students to receive a rich education and to be better equipped to go out and "make Him known" to a lost world.

In Grades K-6, students presented in front of their classes each week, memorized states, capitals, and important geographical features in the USA, participated in book clubs, field trips, memorized John 1:1-7 in Latin and English, and much more. Our 4th- 6th graders also recently put on a Faces of History event in which they confidently presented their historical character in front of 100 people. Our 7th grade class won 1st and 3rd in a Science Fair and our 8th grade class participated in a Mock Trial at the Shelby County Circuit Court, winning their first round.

All of these amazing experiences would not be possible without our partnership with Second Baptist Church! We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for another wonderful year!

May the Lord richly bless each of you,

Rebekah, Leslie and Michal

**THANK
YOU**

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June 1 Bill Mathis
 June 2 Frances Breland
 June 4 Joseph Bryan
 June 5 Carter Hochstein
 June 5 Lauren Young
 June 7 Sharon Ludwig
 June 8 Benita Carney
 June 8 Audrey Johnson
 June 10 Aaron Parker
 June 10 Steve Waring
 June 11 Wanda Martin
 June 11 Lucy Parker
 June 13 Jim McLain
 June 14 Catherine Lewis
 June 15 Carol Bearden
 June 15 Sadie Breazeale
 June 17 Virginia DeHart
 June 21 Harry Hochstein
 June 22 Marsha Barron
 June 23 Neil Boggan
 June 24 Daniel Hochstein
 June 26 Mark Luttrell
 June 28 Sandra Waller
 June 30 Marilyn Waller

Please send any family birthday updates to: info@2ndmemphis.org

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Mission Trip to Appalachia

June 8-15, 2024

**CALLING ALL YOUTH AND ADULTS!!!**

Between changes in leadership and COVID, we have not offered a domestic youth mission trip since 2018. That's changing this summer as we head to Appalachia to serve Christ by helping economically challenged families through home repair projects. We are working through Appalachia Service Project, an organization that has been coordinating projects in the region for decades. Work teams are kept small so WE NEED SEVERAL ADULTS willing to serve for a week alongside our youth. There is no cost to participants other than time as all costs are covered by Pumpkin Patch funds. If you are an adult interested in serving, contact Daniel to learn more.

Passport Camp

Dates: July 13-19, 2024

Location: Converse College

Needs: Male chaperone and scholarship funds

Registration: Email Daniel at djohnson@2ndmemphis.org

This July, our youth will wade into the water for a week of worship, fellowship, and spiritual growth at Passport Camp. Passport Camp provides daily Bible study, worship, and the chance to pick an area of interest that can spark their passion and faith. In addition, evenings are full of fun fellowships like the annual Passport dance and variety show. Passport is a great place for our youth to create memories and deepen relationships within their Second Baptist youth group and other youth from around the country. The cost of camp is \$500 and includes a before camp adventure. The payment due by Sunday, June 2. Contact Daniel with questions or if you are interested in chaperoning.

**Summer schedule for Ms. Roz****Learning Center**

In January, new member Roz Plummer, brought her educational ministry to Second Baptist Church. During the school year, Roz provides after-school tutoring and mentoring along with parent trainings and Saturday playdates.



During the summer, Roz expands her hours to help students resist the summer slump through learning enrichment activities and fun experiences from 9 am – 5 pm Monday thru Thursday. Be sure to take a moment and pray for Roz, the children, and the ministry that will take place all summer long. You might even want to stop by to say hello or talk to Roz about how you can help.

PASSPORT
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PASSPORT YOUTH CAMP

July 13-19, 2024

Converse University

Spartanburg, SC

Completed 6th– 12th grades

PASSPORTkids

PASSPORT KIDS CAMP

July 13-17, 2024

Rock Eagle 4H Center

Eatonton, GA

Completed 3rd-5th grades

Before Camp Adventure

included

FAMILY ministry

PDO Graduation

Congratulations to our Parents' Day Out Graduates! They recently had a graduation program where parents and grandparents were treated to a wonderful program showcasing all that they have accomplished this year. Their beautiful smiles and sweet voices could be heard throughout downstairs as they shared songs about numbers, Jesus, and moving up to Kindergarten. Their teacher, Brandie Ivers, has done an outstanding job with these children this year. Becca Childress, PDO Director, and all of us at Second, know each of these children will have the BEST Kindergarten year thanks to the love and care they have received here at 2nd PDO.



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Spectacular Summer Kick-off Party

Everyone is invited to join us immediately after church on Sunday, June 2 for ice cream sundaes and porch games!



Passport Kids Camp July 13-17, 2024

PassportKids camp will be here before we know it! Please be in prayer for our campers this year as we prepare for the "Come to the Water" session: Davis Bryan, Joseph Bryan, Adelaide Denman, Carter Hochstein, Charli Meador, and Iva Kate Parker. Chaperones are Aaron Parker and Tanya Mabry. We are looking forward to meeting new friends from other churches, Bible study times and daily rotations of games and swimming in the pool with the huge twisty slide. We are excited to attend the Night Market- where this year campers will journey to the lakes of Togo, a country in West Africa. The campers are also looking forward to this year's fun at the "Mario Party" Rec Party and the "Disney Cruise" talent show. The camp is \$410 and final payment is due June 2. Contact Tanya with questions.



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Second Baptist Church Parents' Day Out IS HIRING

INFANT & PRESCHOOL
TEACHERS



Requirements:

- *Love for Children 5mo - 5yr
- *Availability Tues & Thurs 9am - 2:45pm
- *Team player

Formal Education not required

Contact: pdo@2ndmemphis.org



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 CLOSED Saturday and Sunday

Summer Hours

