

Encountering God at the

# CROSSROADS

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*Welcome* Welcome, Hal Poe!

The first three weeks of this month find a face familiar to many returning to Second. Hal Poe, former interim pastor, will lead in combined Sunday school sessions for all of our adult classes, as well as preach a three-part sermon series – “Peter: Before and After” – in worship those Sundays. Dr. Poe is a gifted proclaimer and insightful scholar who is sure to inspire and challenge us. Make plans to be present for these special days at Second!

### Second's Marking a Milestone!

On July 22, 1962, a group of Christians gathered to constitute a new congregation

in our community. Second Baptist Church was born 62 years ago this month and, on Sunday, July 28, we will celebrate that milestone as part of our worship that morning. We will also welcome the Cook family home from sabbatical that day.



Make plans to be present as we gather at the Lord's Table. There, we remember God's grace for all and what unites us as a Second family. We will also share a special offering to support the benevolence ministries of our deacons as we continue to live into our calling to care for and meet the needs of our neighbors in need.

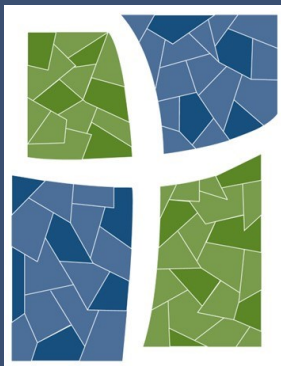
Join us as we worship and give thanks for more than six decades of worship, work, and witness at Second!

### Welcome Back Reception on Sunday, July 28

Everyone is invited to a reception to welcome back the Cook family to Second Baptist after the conclusion of Stephen's pastoral sabbatical. The reception will be in the church foyer from 8:45 a.m. until 9:15 a.m. with coffee, pastries, and donuts served.



Come out for this casual time of fellowship where we can offer the kind of Christian welcome and hospitality which has become an important part of our Second Baptist identity through Stephen's leadership.



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# from the pastor

## SERMON & WORSHIP THEMES

July 7: Hal Poe preaching  
Title: Peter All Wet  
Texts: John 14:22-31; 21:1-9

July 14: Hal Poe preaching  
Title: Peter's Naps  
Texts: Mark 14:32-42; Acts 10:9-16

July 21: Hal Poe preaching  
Title: Peter's Pastoral Heart  
Texts: John 18:10; 21:15-19

July 28: Anniversary  
Sunday / Celebration of  
the Lord's Supper  
Title: Leftovers and  
Holdovers  
Text: John 6:1-21

### Re-entry

This month finds me finishing the sabbatical time you have so graciously granted for eight weeks this summer. Although I make a living with words, I find my vocabulary fails me when I try to express the depths of my appreciation for this season of sabbath rest.

At the end of July it will be time to re-enter the routines and rhythms of our life together. I will return to the day-to-day work of the church on Monday, July 22, then be ready to celebrate at the Lord's Table in worship on Sunday, July 28. In the time that I have been away I know that my colleagues on staff, our special guest proclaimers, and the servant leaders of our church have carried on the various and sundry tasks of our life together with grace and care.

While I cannot capture in this limited space all that these days of more intentional sabbath-keeping have meant to me, let it suffice to say here that this has been profoundly formative for me. I suspect that it will take many weeks – months even – to make meaning of all that these days have held. I hope that my re-entry into our congregational routines will include some adaptations to my own spiritual life that make me a healthier, more effective minister with you. Likewise, I hope that some of the adaptations we are making as a church to our spiritual formation offerings and worship offerings will make us a healthier, more effective congregation.

There is much for us to anticipate and celebrate together very soon. For now, though, rest assured in knowing that these days of rest and renewal are gifts I will always remember you giving me.

Grace and peace,  
Stephen

## ONCALL

### Minister-on-Call Schedule:

June 30 – Daniel Johnson  
July 7 – Daniel Johnson  
July 14 – Larry Denman

### Deacon Hospital Visitation Schedule:

June 30 – Sandra Livesay  
July 7 – Carmen Anderson  
July 14 – Bart Harris

### Summer Sabbath is Here

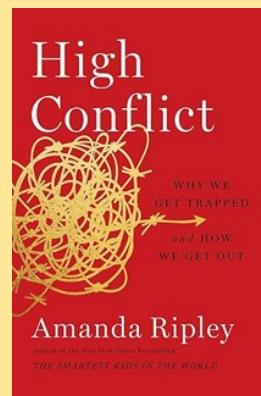
Remember that during the month of July we scale back our activities and enjoy a break from some of the regular routines of congregational life. Our committees and leadership teams break from their usual meetings as we prepare for a full and active season ahead when schools resume and we return to some more familiar congregational rhythms.



## 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.



Our City, Our Story will be held on September 10. Watch for more details as the date approaches, but start your summer reading now!

## South Africa Update

Last month we wrote about Sister Didi's visit to Memphis and the wonderful time we shared hearing about the work of the clinic with members of First Baptist Memphis. This month we are excited to announce that Didi's visit also generated over \$10,000 for the Refilwe Bophelo Clinic from the eight different churches and one school of medicine with whom she met. In response to those gifts, Didi wrote this: "Words cannot express how humbled and grateful we are. It will really help us bring so much change. We appreciate each and every one for carrying us under your wing, constantly praying for us and being so supportive throughout. Blessed is the hand that gives as it will receive more than what they have given. Let it be so with each and every one of you and your families." Please note that plans are beginning for our next mission experience in South Africa with anticipated dates of July 10-22, 2025. Prayerfully consider if you would like to participate and contact Daniel with any questions.



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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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## Playground Closed for Repairs

On Friday, July 19, TNT Greens will begin needed repairs on our playground. Repairs include:

- 1) repairing and repainting the surrounding fence
- 2) adding a washed concrete curb outside the south and west sections
- 3) installing a new artificial turf surface.

The playground will be closed during these renovations and the work is anticipated to take no longer than one month.



## Holiday Closing Reminder

Please note that, in observance of the Independence Day holiday, the church office and Christian Family Life Center will be closed on Thursday, July 4. In the event of an urgent pastoral care need during the holiday please call Daniel Johnson, the minister on call, at 314.488.0573.

## Deacon Nominations Begin this Month

Beginning Sunday, July 21 and going through Sunday, August 18, members of Second Baptist Church are invited to submit names of qualified persons willing to serve as a deacon on a three-year term beginning in January of 2025. The deacon selection committee wishes to receive feedback from as many members as possible during this time.



Please pick up a nomination form from the table outside the church office or complete one online at [2ndmemphis.org](http://2ndmemphis.org). Prayerfully consider those persons qualified to serve and return the form in the box in the church office or via email by Sunday, August 18.

## STEWARDSHIP


Take a peek at our generosity and ministry costs  
Year-to-date through 6/21/24

Receipts	\$393,576
Expenses	<u>470,692</u>
Net	(\$ 77,116)

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](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).

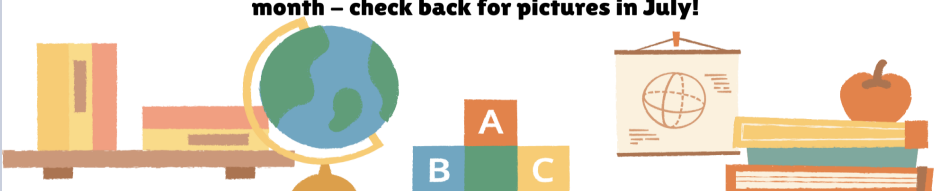


# PDO Update

**PDO is off to a great start for our summer semester! It is always nice having new little faces in the building.**

**PDO has had the privilege of welcoming some aspiring teachers this summer and allowing them to get a feel for the classroom as Teachers' Assistants. We look forward to continuing this for years to come.**

**We are looking forward to our Carnival Day that will take place later this month – check back for pictures in July!**





### Welcome Katya Lloyd

We are excited to welcome Katya Lloyd to our Christian Family Life Center staff. We believe Katya will be a positive addition to our church staff and look forward to how



she will enhance our ministry in the community through the CFLC. In addition to her role at the CFLC, Katya is a coach and teacher at Memphis Power Academy High School. We met Katya through the She Got Game program where she is a coach and league coordinator. Katya will begin her time at Second in July. We hope you'll take time to welcome Katya to our Second Community.



### Gym Closed to Refinish Floors

The gym and racquetball courts will be closed from August 6 through August 11 to refinish the floors and add permanent pickle ball lines. Although our gym floor has held up well since it was refinished in 2020, it is showing signs of wear.



### *A note from Larry Derman*

Although there is no end in sight for this summer heat, the choir's Summer Sabbath is coming to an end. Wednesday night rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, July 24 at 5:00 p.m. and we would love to have some new faces join!

### Street Reach Lunches

On Tuesday, June 4, Parents Day Out teachers joined the church staff to pack 285 lunches for volunteers working through Brinkley Height's Street Reach program. The saying, "many hands make light work," proved true as this

group was able to finish all the lunches in less than two hours. It was also great opportunity to deepen relationships between the church staff and PDO teachers. On Monday, June 24, Adult 5 and 6 also provided 240 lunches for Street Reach volunteers.

Thank you to all those who helped support our ministry partner and those serving in our community.



- July 1 Rosalia Ragsdale
- July 2 Jack Davis
- July 2 Joy Wernet
- July 3 Matthew Scoggins
- July 3 Dorothy Westmoreland
- July 6 Joshua Mullenix
- July 8 Duncan Breland
- July 10 Pat Doty
- July 10 Bonnie Lattimore
- July 13 Matthew Breazeale
- July 14 Chris Bryan
- July 15 Charlotte Myers
- July 16 Cindy Childress
- July 16 Ken Elliott
- July 16 Steve McCleskey
- July 17 Karen Smith
- July 20 Shula Cangelosi
- July 23 Betty Loughridge
- July 23 Susan McCandless
- July 24 Michele Mallory
- July 25 George Holt
- July 27 John Moore
- July 28 Bill Adams
- July 29 Betty Sexton
- July 30 Mekea Johnson
- July 31 Carmen Anderson
- July 31 Gus Breland

Please send any family birthday updates to: [info@2ndmemphis.org](mailto:info@2ndmemphis.org)

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**Youth Mission Trip to Appalachia**  
 Our youth had an incredible and exhausting week of ministry on this year's youth mission trip to Appalachia. We stayed and worked at the Appalachia Service Project center in Lee County, Virginia. During the day, our youth used their muscles to build a deck and stairs on the back of a house to make it safe for a family with multiple children. In addition to their physical labor, they also shared kindness and compassion by playing and laughing with their children, including one child who had fractured his spine just a few days before we arrived. As we were leaving, an adult said, "Y'all have a great bunch of kids. You should be proud." We are very proud of the work and ministry provided by our youth.



### Pray for Passport Camp

July 13-19

On Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, a group of youth and adults will depart Memphis to attend Passport youth camp at Converse University in Spartanburg, South Carolina. The theme of this year's camp is "Come to the Water" and the theme verse is from Isaiah 55:1, "All of you who are thirsty, come to the water!" Each youth and adult who attends this year are thirsty and in need of the spiritual living water that only God can provide. Some need the water to refresh their soul. Some need it to cleanse them. Some need it to heal them. Some need it to wake them up and some need it to bring them peace. And our group needs the living water to surround and carry us through the week. Please pray for our group as we travel, learn, play, and grow together at Passport Camp.



### PASSPORT YOUTH CAMP

July 13-19, 2024  
 Converse University  
 Spartanburg, SC  
 Completed 6th– 12th grades



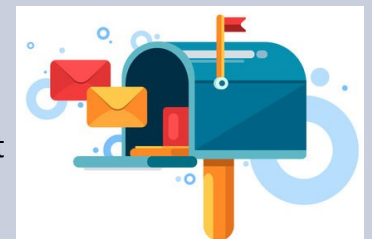
### PASSPORT KIDS CAMP

July 13-17, 2024  
 Rock Eagle 4H Center  
 Eatonton, GA  
 Completed 3rd-5th grades

### Passport Kids Camp July 13-17

*"All of you who are thirsty, come to the water!" Isaiah 55:1*

What a great group of campers we have going to PassportKids Camp, July 13-17, in Eatonton, GA. We invite you to be in prayer for our campers and chaperones as we travel to camp and learn about the Living Water that only our God can provide. Our campers love to receive mail while at camp! Please take time to write a note of encouragement and place it in our 'Camper's Mailbox' in the foyer. Campers: Adelaide, Charli, Iva Kate, Davis, Joseph, Landon and Carter. Adult leaders: Aaron and Tanya. We look forward to sharing about our experiences when we return!





# FAMILY ministry

What a wonderful week at SCUBA VBS where we immersed ourselves in Bible stories about Jonah, Elijah, Jesus calming the storm and Jesus lives forever! Our campers learned bible verses and sang songs together. They experienced hands on science experiments and amazing rec games. Snacks each day were a tribute to our underwater theme. For our mission project, the campers collected \$80 for the Together for Hope Swim Camps in Helena, Arkansas.

A HUGE thanks for Abbi Carlson, our VBS Director for her creativity and leadership! We truly appreciate Abbi and all the volunteers whose time and energy made this week possible! VBS Director: Abbi Carlson  
Registration: Pam, Sharon, and Sandra  
Imagination Station: Julia, Ken and Barbara  
Deep Bible Adventures: Carol and Tim & Bob and Linda  
Sticky Scripture: Debbie and Keith  
Tidal Treats: Faith, Lynette, Edward, Elizabeth, and Cindy



Group Helpers: Emily, Nicholas, Payton Avery, Mary Frances, and Hannah  
Decorations: Cindy, Faith, Sharon, Betty, Charlotte, Becky, Lynette, Edward, Elizabeth, Abbi, and Tanya. A special thank you to our entire 2BC support staff who did so much work behind the scenes and to our 2BC family for all their prayers during VBS. We appreciate you all!

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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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*Summer Hours*

