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of community and mission.

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## Quarterly Congregational Meeting

Wednesday, August 7 at 6:00 p.m.



CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

Each quarter our congregation gathers to share ministry updates, report on the work of our various leadership teams, and decide together about different matters related to the operations of our church. Make plans to take part in the third congregational meeting of 2024 on Wednesday, August 7.

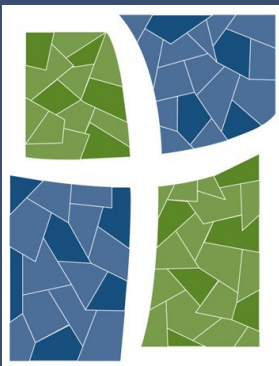
We will gather in the fellowship hall for this meeting, as well as have a Zoom option for those who need to participate remotely. Watch for the link to the meeting in the week prior or contact Alisa Cunningham in the church office to receive the login information.

## Ministry Planning for 2025

Although we are still very much in the heat of summer, our church leaders have begun developing plans for mission and ministry initiatives to undertake in the year ahead. From coordinating calendar dates to developing a plan for funding our congregational commitments to gathering names for nominations to fill different leadership roles, many of our members are hard at work behind the scenes preparing for the next year.



Prayerfully consider where you might be called upon to serve and share your gifts for the ongoing work of our church in the community and beyond!



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 2nd   
**SUNDAY**  
luncheon

**\$12 per adult**

**\$ 8 per child**

**\$32 family max**



August Lunch

### Second Sunday Lunches Return!

Following a summer break, our monthly Second Sunday lunches are returning on August 11! That day we will hear some stories and see some pictures from Stephen following his sabbatical experiences. Mark your calendar and make your reservation now by emailing [info@2ndmemphis.org](mailto:info@2ndmemphis.org) or calling the church office at 901.682.3395. As a reminder, the cost for the meal is \$12 for adults and \$8 for children with a \$32 maximum per family.

# from the pastor

## SERMON & WORSHIP THEMES

### August 4:

Title: Seeing What Others Can't, Don't, or Won't

Text: John 6:24-35

OT Lesson: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

### August 11:

Title: 'Til I Want No More

Text: John 6:35, 41-51

OT Lesson: 1 Kings 19:4-8

### August 18:

Title: Have You Got Any Questions?

Text: John 6:51-58

OT Lesson: Psalm 111

### August 25:

Title: There's No Place Like Church

Text: John 6:56-69

OT Lesson: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

## Sabbath Provisions in Abundance

In the days since my return from this summer's season of sabbatical rest, I have been overwhelmed by the warm welcome and gracious care of our Second family. The fact that this is a church that cares for its pastor the way that you do is something I do not take for granted. (And, I had occasion during my time away to advocate for sabbatical provisions for the pastoral staff in a congregation I visited. Your ears should have been burning because I was singing Second's praises that Sunday!)

Not only was the gift of time a priceless treasure for my family and me to share this summer, but also the gift of your prayers, encouragement, and support. That goes not only for me, but for one another.

I have been hearing story after story about the ways you all, as the body of Christ, tended to and took care of one another. You have seen to families in need during hospitalizations, bereavement, and the need for transportation to and from appointments. You have delivered meals, engaged with neighbors near and far in mission, helped lead spiritual formation experiences for people of all ages, and so much more.

In other words, you have been the Church together. I knew you would, because this is who we are!

During my time away I had the opportunity to worship in seven different congregations of seven different denominations. Those experiences were rich and beautiful in so many ways. Simply being able to sit in the pew alongside my family was a gift unto itself.

But, there is nothing in the world for me like the feeling of stepping back into this community of faith that we call home. The renewal I have enjoyed is a gift of sustenance for years to come. I am truly grateful for your care: for me, my family, and one another. You are truly Second to none!

Grace and peace,  
Stephen

## Discovering Abundance

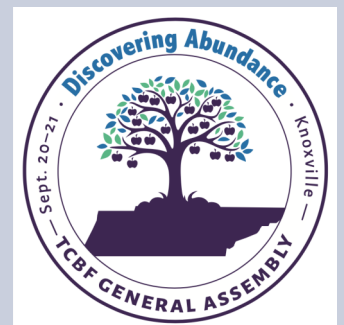
Tennessee CBF General Assembly

Friday and Saturday, September 20-21

*"His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness..." (2 Peter 1:3)*

Join with Cooperative Baptists from across Tennessee at Center Baptist Bearden in Knoxville for fellowship, worship, and a time to explore the diverse callings God has placed on our lives and the abundant ways – through one another and our Tennessee network – that we have been equipped for each one.

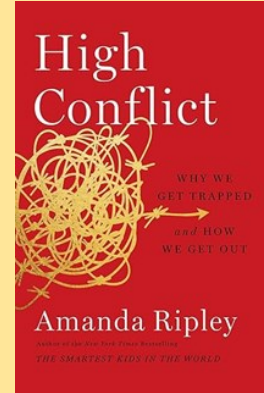
More information and registration is available at [www.tn.cbf.net](http://www.tn.cbf.net).



## 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!

## BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY

### Back to School Party Sunday, August 25

"Let's get wet" party for all children through youth! On Sunday, August 25 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., we will enjoy lunch, cool treats and fun! Wear your swimsuit, bring a towel and be ready for an exciting afternoon! All family members are welcome!



### Playground Closed for Repairs

Work on the needed repairs and resurfacing of our playground has begun. All loose fence posts have been repaired, the original pour-in-place surface has been removed, new foam safety shock pads have been placed over which the turf will be laid, and painting has begun on the fence. The playground will be closed during the work which is anticipated to take no longer than one month.

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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

Take a peek at our generosity  
and ministry costs  
Year-to-date through 7/26/24

|          |                |
|----------|----------------|
| Receipts | \$502,095      |
| Expenses | <u>570,132</u> |
| Net      | (\$ 68,037)    |

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

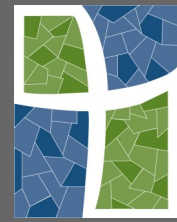
- Cash and Checks
- Text-to-Give: 888.704.0507
- Online at 2ndmemphis.org
- Click "Giving" and follow the prompts
- Stock and Mutual Fund Transfers

To learn more about any of these, please contact our Financial Administrator, Patti Calvert, at [pcalvert@2ndmemphis.org](mailto:pcalvert@2ndmemphis.org).

## Deacon Nominations are Underway

Now through Sunday, August 18, members of Second Baptist Church are invited to submit names of qualified persons willing to serve as deacons 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.



DEACON  
NOMINATIONS



One Church Giving

onechurch

online giving

I'm always looking for ways to save our church money. That's why they call me Penny Pinching Patti (or P-cubed for short!). We actually have a payment processor that saves us a lot of money now. OneChurch, our membership database, has the ability for you to give to Second, and we are only charged a flat 1% service charge, compared to 3 to 4% or more using other vendors.

If you're already giving electronically on a recurring schedule through Vanco Payment solutions, THANK YOU! But may I ask you to move those contributions to our OneChurch platform?

Every church member has access to OneChurch, to look up addresses and such when they are logged in. The web address is [secondbaptist.onechurchsoftware.com](http://secondbaptist.onechurchsoftware.com) (If you need help logging in please contact computer wizard Alisa Cunningham at 901-682-3395!) Once in the website, there's a green "Give Now" button at the top left. Enter the amount you want to give. The default account is Tithe 2024 (CBF). If you want to select a different account, select the arrow and scroll to the appropriate account. The default gift is "One time", but you can select "Recurring" and choose the frequency you wish to give. Put in your banking information, and then there's a box to select "add \$x.xx to cover processing fees". This box allows 100% of your gift to be given to Second Baptist! Then, click the "Give" button at the bottom. The donation will recur according to the schedule you select, and you can change the amount or frequency of the gift at any time.

As always, please let me know if I may assist you in any way. Thank you for your generosity to our Lord through Second Baptist Church!

Patti Calvert



# Pumpkin Patch

## THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING .... THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING!!

At the end of next month, the most exciting season of the year will begin at Second Baptist Church. Pumpkin Season! Pumpkin season brings our church together as we serve our community as one. Together, we create a safe place for children to play and families to gather. Together, we offer each person a sincere welcome to our patch and church. Together, we model the same kindness, helpfulness, compassion, patience, and acceptance we receive from Jesus. Together, we raise funds that support service opportunities and spiritual growth for youth. Together, we invite and accept the help of others in our community. Together, we sacrifice our time in service to God and our neighbors.

For a successful Pumpkin Patch, we NEED everyone to help! Please put the following dates on your calendar NOW and be a part of the fun. Our Pumpkin Patch is a gift from God and is great because we do it TOGETHER. Let's get ready and excited for what God has planned for us in this year's Pumpkin Patch.

- First Pumpkin Unload: Saturday, September 28
- Second Pumpkin Unload: Saturday, October 12
- Pumpkin Festival: Saturday, October 26
- Volunteer Appreciation Lunch: Sunday, November 3



## *A note from Larry Derman*

In worship on July 28, Second Baptist Church celebrated its 62nd anniversary. In this worship service, much of the music heard carries a great deal of significance in the life of our congregation. From *How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings* by Johannes Brahms, to *A Prayer for Jubilee* with words by our very own Frank Huffman and Linda Serino, music has always been an important part of our life and worship together at Second.

Whether your voice is young or old, trained or untrained, on pitch or not, the act of singing is an important, scripturally-based, act of worship and praise to God. So sing loud, and sing proud Second Baptist!

### 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.

### Pickleball

Every Wednesday 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.



Pickleball is a sport that is played on a court like badminton, over a net like tennis, and using paddles like ping pong. The ball itself is a wiffle-style ball made of plastic. It's easy to learn, making it a great sport for all ages. Grab your paddle, tie up your shoes, and get ready to 'dink' your way into a new favorite pastime!



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- August 1 Sam Howell
- August 1 Ellie Ramey
- August 2 Tanya Mabry
- August 2 Sue Powell
- August 5 Landon Currie
- August 9 Ann Bendall
- August 10 Mary Jane McKay
- August 11 Christine Meador
- August 12 Amy Moffatt
- August 14 Janice Bryant
- August 14 Iva Kate Parker
- August 15 Donavhen Currie
- August 15 Katie Mullenix
- August 16 Mike Wooten
- August 18 Julia Pilgrim
- August 20 Rebecca Buehler
- August 20 Jonathan Cook
- August 25 Tam Krag
- August 26 Pam Harris
- August 26 Christy Sexton
- August 27 Julia Cunningham
- August 27 Karla Graves
- August 28 Charles Smith

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

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## Children's Sunday School Promotion Sunday, August 11 8:45 a.m. -9:00 a.m.

Children will start the new Sunday school year and welcome new members to their classes on Sunday, August 11. Each year a Sunday is designated as "promotion day." This day usually coincides with the school calendar to allow students to advance in Sunday School to the appropriate school grade they attend. Bed Babies- 5th Grade Promotion Sunday "Meet and Greet" Please come by from 8:45-9:00 a.m. and visit your child's classroom, meet their teachers, and enjoy refreshments as you take your child to Sunday School on Promotion Sunday. All classes begin at 9:00 a.m.

### Departments/Classroom Locations

#### Teachers/Directors

Bed Babies-- 1-year-olds room 208:

Pam Harris & Dianna Waring, Directors: Iris Ortez, Leslee Hernandez, and Ady Leyva

Toddlers: 2's & 3's: Teacher- Betty Sexton

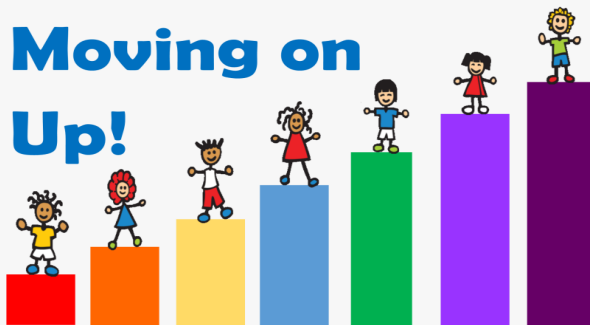
Entering PK4 and K – room 310: Barbara Elliott

Entering grades 1-2 – room 308: Shan Criswell, Sandra Livesay

Entering grades 3-5 – room 302: Rebecca Buehler, Pam Summons, Tanya Mabry

We want to say a special word of thanks and appreciation to Becky Lindsey who has taught our children for many years and is now deciding to share her gifts in other ways.

## Moving on Up!



## Passport Youth Camp

Last month our youth set off on a wonderful trip to Passport Choices. It was a week full of fun, from bowling to sliding down a water slide at the rec party. It was a chance to reconnect with past friends and even make new ones. Each youth got to participate in a choice group throughout the week. They had "game play" where you played games from all around the world, missions where you went out and served in the community of Spartanburg, SC. The Passport staff were wonderful, as usual! They made every part of camp feel special, from worship each night to the Tacky Beach Party. Everyone felt loved and welcome.

Our youth had a wonderful time connecting with each other and other churches.



# FAMILY ministry

PASSPORTKids Camp Theme: Come to the Water! On Saturday, July 13, 6 campers and 2 chaperones left to participate in PassportKids Camp at the Rock Eagle 4 H Center in Eatonton, GA.

We first stopped for a fun afternoon of laser tag, skating, and bowling in Murfreesboro and drove on to Chattanooga. We made new friends while participating in team activities with our Bible Study groups at the very messy Mario Themed Rec Party. The Night Market featured Togo and South Africa where campers learned how to carry water on their heads and make musical instruments. During the week, we learned about the Living Water that only our God can provide. It was a camp time filled with many blessings through Bible verses and songs! PassportKids was truly a blessing for all our campers: Joseph, Davis, Harry, Charli, Adelaide, Iva Kate, and chaperones Aaron and Tanya. We are so appreciative of your prayers and cards you sent for each of us. We felt so loved!



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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*

