

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

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Children's Sunday School Promotion

Babies- 5th Grade Promotion Sunday "Meet & Greet"

Please come by August 10 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 4JK-5th grade classes begin at 9:00 a.m. in room 310 where we gather together to begin our weekly lessons as a group before moving to classrooms for our lessons.

Directors: Pam and Dianna

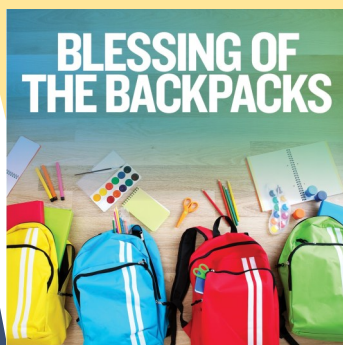
Babies to 1-year-olds – room 208 Childcare: Cathy, Ady, and Iris

Toddlers: 2's & 3's – room 209 Teachers: Betty and Kirsten

Entering PK4-K – room 310 Teachers: Barbara, Katie, and Becky

Entering grades 1& 2 – room 308 Teachers: Shan and Sandra

Entering grades 3-5 – room 305 Teachers: Rebecca, Pam, and Tanya



Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, August 10

Teachers & Students of all ages - bring your backpacks to worship for our annual time of blessing before your school year begins. Please place them around the cross before church begins.

BHUA School Supply Wishlist

We are grateful for the opportunity to help bless students and teachers as they prepare for the school year. Feel free to use this list or you can order from the Amazon Wishlist can be accessed [HERE](#).

Please note: BHUA has implemented a clear backpack policy to help ensure the safety and well-being of all students, staff, and faculty.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!



2025-2026 School Supply Donation List
Help us get students ready for a successful school year. Please drop off supplies by August 6, 2025.

Requested Supplies:

- Tissues / Kleenex
- Clorox Wipes
- Crayons
- Markers
- #2 Pencils
- Highlighters
- Glue Sticks
- Rulers
- Plastic 3-Prong Folders
- Notebook Paper
- Kid-Size Scissors
- Index Cards / Note Cards
- 3-Hole Punch
- Basic Calculators
- TI-84 Graphing Calculators
- Expo Markers
- Markerboard Erasers

THANK YOU!

Note: BHUA now has a clear backpack policy for the safety of all students, staff, and faculty.

Thank you for supporting our school community!



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from the pastor

SERMON & WORSHIP THEMES

August 3:

Title: Will He Find Faith on Earth?

Text: Luke 18:1-8

OT Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

August 10:

Title: Why Are You Afraid?

Text: Mark 4:35-41

OT Lesson: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

August 17:

Daniel Johnson preaching

August 24:

Title: What Shall I Cry?

Text: Isaiah 40:1-11

NT Lesson: 1 Peter 5:6-11

August 31:

Title: Where is the Lord?

Text: Jeremiah 2:1-13

NT Lesson: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Choosing Again and Again and Again

Do you remember the moment at the end of Joshua where he, as God's servant-leader, asks the people to choose whom they will serve? (Joshua 24:14-16)

At its best, the local church is a place where, each of us individually and we together collectively, make decisions over and over again that reflect who and what we are serving. The community of faith is constantly being called to consider how much we will give and how far we will go with the God who wants nothing less or other than to have our whole selves.

This month we have some special opportunities to consider our mission and ministry values together. In the middle of the month, along with our Second Sunday lunch, we get to see and hear some of what the South Africa mission team experienced during our recent travels. I can attest that, after 10 visits to South Africa and 13 years of ministry partnerships there, our continuing commitment to show up and walk alongside our neighbors on the other side of the globe matters. It matters immensely.

Later in the month, on August 24, our Dawnings Leadership Team will be guiding us in an important conversation (the first of several this fall) to help us discern together: "Lord, who are you calling us to *be* now?" and "Lord, what are you calling us to *do* now?"

Both of these opportunities bear important implications for who we are and what we are about as a church. I sincerely believe that God is inviting us to choose faithfulness at all costs; to listen closely to what God is calling us to do, all the while remembering who God is calling us to be as Second Baptist Church in this time and this place we are privileged to call our faith home.

Make these days – and every occasion we have to gather – a priority in order that we can become together what God is calling us to now!

Grace and peace,
Stephen

 *A note from Larry Denman*

The choir is back on the scene,
With harmonies rich and serene.

We're ready to start,
So sing from the heart—

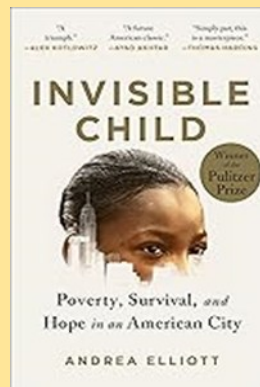
And join in this joyful routine!

Choir rehearsals begin again Wednesday, August 6 at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary. We hope you will join us for this time of fellowship, music, and merrymaking! All are welcome!

Our City, Our Story

Looking for some impactful summer reading? Pick up a copy of Pulitzer-Prize winning author Andrea Elliott's book, *Invisible Child: Poverty, Survival, and Hope in an American City*. This will be the focus of our ministry partner MIFA's annual "Our City, Our Story" event in September.

Invisible Child follows eight dramatic years in the life of Dasani Coates, a child with an imagination as soaring as the skyscrapers near her Brooklyn homeless shelter. Born at the turn of a new century, Dasani is named for the bottled water that comes to symbolize Brooklyn's gentrification and the shared aspirations of a divided city. As Dasani grows up, moving with her tight-knit family from shelter to shelter, this story goes back to trace the passage of Dasani's ancestors from slavery to the Great Migration north. By the time Dasani comes of age, New York City's homeless crisis is exploding as the chasm deepens between rich and poor.



Important

A New Bible Study Offering is Coming!

Beginning in September, a new Sunday morning Bible study will be offered for adults of all ages and stages of life. Jacqueline Martin will lead this group with an opportunity to foster connections between individuals and with the biblical text. Watch for more details in the days to come!

TAG! You're It!

Friday and Saturday, October 3-4

Join Cooperative Baptists from Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia at First Baptist Church in Chattanooga for a groundbreaking assembly that unites CBF organizations across three states. The theme, 'TAG! You're It!', invites you to engage in

dynamic discussions and workshops with congregations from around our region. The featured speaker is Meredith Miller, author of *Woven: Nurturing a Faith Your Kid Doesn't Have to Heal From*.



For registration information and other event details, visit www.tn.cbf.net/tag. Don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn, and grow with fellow faith leaders.

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Update
Contact Info



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

gathered to worship

Partnerships and Thanksgiving

Dearest Second Baptist Family,
We Morrisses and the Afghan Church are extremely grateful for your open hearts toward all of us. You first opened your doors to house an ESL class in 2022. For over two years now you have allowed our church to meet at 2BC alongside you. Worshiping atop our "toshak" pillows lining the walls of the upstairs space has felt so comfortable. God has used you as loving instruments for Afghans to find peace in Jesus in the community of faith. We will never forget your kindness. We look forward to an ongoing partnership, especially as the boys love to play soccer at 2BC.



Together with you for the gospel,
Mark and Cindy, Pastor Latif and the Afghan Brothers and Sisters



\$12 per adult

\$ 8 per child

\$32 family max

Second Sunday Lunches Return!

Our monthly Second Sunday lunches are returning on August 10! That day we will hear a report from our South Africa mission team about their recent experiences. Mark your calendar and make your reservation [HERE](#) or call the church office.

Year-to-date through 7/25/25

Receipts	\$553,122
Expenses	<u>542,836</u>
Net	\$ 10,286

STEWARDSHIP

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

- Cash and Checks
- 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.

The Pumpkins Are Coming... The Pumpkins Are Coming!

Soon one of the most joyful and meaningful times of the year begins: Pumpkin Season! This special tradition brings our church family together in a powerful way as we serve and welcome our community with open arms. Together, we create a safe and welcoming space for children to play and families to connect. We offer genuine hospitality to everyone who visits the patch, reflecting the love, patience, kindness, and compassion we receive from Christ. Through this ministry, we also raise important funds that support our youth in service and spiritual growth.

This is a community-wide effort, and **we need your help** to make it a success! Please mark your calendars now with the important upcoming dates. The Pumpkin Patch is truly a gift — one that thrives because we do it **together**. Let's get ready with excitement and anticipation for all that God will do through this year's patch!

First Pumpkin Unload: Saturday, September 27
Second Pumpkin Unload: Saturday, October 11
Volunteer Appreciation Lunch: Sunday, November 3



Deacon Nominations are Underway

Now through Sunday, August 17, members of Second Baptist Church are invited to submit names of qualified persons willing to serve as deacon on a three-year term beginning in January of 2026. 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. Prayerfully consider those persons qualified to serve and return the form in the box in the church office or via email by Sunday, August 17.



Come One, Come All to the Best PDO of All!
Step right up, and see if there could be a place for you under our big top. PDO still has limited openings in some of our fall classrooms and we would love to have your friends and family join us! Contact PDO@2ndmemphis.org for more information.

OneChurch Online Giving

Thanks so much to all of you who use our OneChurch Online Giving for your tithes and offerings! Gifts may be given once, or on a recurring basis.

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 (If you need help logging in please contact 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 "Donation". 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!



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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 Demi Blaylock
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 26 Pam Harris
August 26 Christy Sexton
August 27 Julia Cunningham
August 27 Karla Graves
August 28 Kerry Smith

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

gathered to worship

YOUTH GROUP SCAVENGER HUNT



SECOND
BAPTIST
CHURCH

★ 5 PM-8:30 PM
YOUTH GRADES 6-12

AUGUST 1, 2025



MEET IN THE
GYM



BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY WATER DAY

KIDS-YOUTH

August 17

11:30-2:00p.m.

R.S.V.P.

Bring your
swimsuit, a towel,
and some lawn
chairs. Lunch and
treats will be
provided.



All family members are welcome!

PASSPORTKids Camp Theme: Wide Open Spaces

On Saturday, July 13, Amos, Carter, Davis, Joseph, Addie, Ava, Charli & Iva Kate and chaperones Aaron and Tanya 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 to spend the night at FBC, Chattanooga. We arrived Sunday to begin our "WIDE OPEN SPACES" PassportKids Camp where we learned that we need spaces to feel welcomed, to act with Christ's love, to dance - to experience real joy. During the week, we participated in worship with interpretive dancing, singing and memorizing Bible verses that show God is always present in Wide Open Spaces. PassportKids was truly a blessing for all, and we are so appreciative of your prayers and cards you sent for each of us. We felt so loved and our campers are already making plans for another hilarious skit to present next year!



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South Africa Mission 2025

For years we have used the book *A Mile in My Shoes* by Trevor Hudson as the framework for our South Mission experiences. In the book, Hudson provides a paradigm for what he calls a "Pilgrimage of Pain and Hope" in which individuals encounter "the pain of our shattered and fragmented societies" while also encountering hope found in people who "resiliently refuse to become prisoners of helplessness and despair." On July 21, 28 people, 11 from Second Baptist Memphis, returned from just such a pilgrimage to South Africa, having encountered both the pain and the hope so prevalent in our South African neighbors. During the experience, our team encountered:

The pain in learning that a child was not taking their evening HIV medications because the family could only afford to provide one midday meal and the medicine needed to be taken with food, along with the hope of how our ministry partner could help support this family.

The pain of a gentleman suffering with multiple myeloma and the hope he found in receiving visitors and prayers from new friends from the other side of the world. The pain of a family assuming incorrectly a child's inability to use their arm was due to a stroke, and the hope of learning it was simply an injury from the birthing process and could be addressed with specific exercises.

The pain in knowing that many of the people we met would be losing their positions in a few months because of USAID cuts, and the hope found in the unshakable faith of our ministry partners who know that God will always provide.

The pain in learning that a group of girls had to walk for hours over a mountain just for the chance to play netball with a group of local church leaders and American volunteers, and the hope found when, after waiting hours, they finally had their chance to play.

The pain seen and felt in the leaders of the organizations with whom we serve as they tirelessly work to create safe places, empower communities, save lives, and care for so many who would otherwise be lost and forgotten. And the hope found when our presence and friendship lifts their spirits, validates their work, and celebrates how God is using their giftedness to help their neighbors know and feel God's loving touch.

You can hear more stories and learn more about this year's South Africa Mission Experience on Sunday, August 10 at our Second Sunday Lunch.



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