



WEEKLY DIGITAL BULLETIN

SECOND MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

WEEK OF: AUGUST 2, 2026



SECOND MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Dr. Ernest L. Reid Jr., Pastor

160th Church Anniversary

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do,
do all to the glory of God. **1 Corinthians 10:31**

August 9, 2026

FELLOWSHIP MEAL AFTER SERVICE

Rev. Kenny Craig

PASTOR, UNION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, LANSING, MI

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

With Great Sadness

Sis. Jocelyn Bush passed away on July 21st. Memorial service will be held on Friday, August 14th at 11:30 a.m. at SMBC. Services have been entrusted to John P. Franklin Funeral Home. Please keep Sis. Bush's family in prayer.

- Join us this month as Pastor Reid leads a new sermon and Bible study series on doctrine entitled *A Firm Foundation*. See page 3 for details. If you missed the first sermon, click the link to catch up: [Saved by Grace Alone](#). We hope to see you on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Sundays at 10:45 a.m.!

GET OUT AND VOTE

STATE & FEDERAL PRIMARY & HAMILTON COUNTY GENERAL ELECTION

**ELECTION DAY
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6**

[CLICK HERE TO CHECK YOUR POLLING PLACE](#)

New Registration, Address & Name Changes
govotetn.gov

Hamilton County Election Commission
423-209-8683

REV. KENNY CRAIG / CHURCH ANNIVERSARY GUEST PREACHER

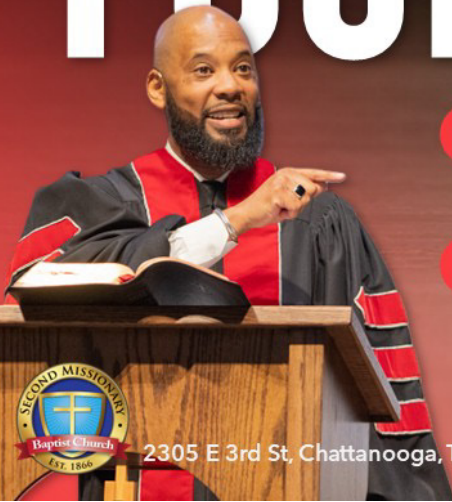
Native to Ripley, Tennessee, Rev. Kenny Craig has dedicated his life to the gospel since January 1999. For over 18 years, he faithfully led the Fairview Missionary Baptist Church in Dyer, Tennessee. Following this extensive tenure, he accepted a call to Union Missionary Baptist Church in Lansing, Michigan, in February 2023, officially beginning his leadership there that May. Beyond his ministry, Pastor Craig and his wife, Corrie, are the proud parents of seven children and the grandparents of three.

He earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of Tennessee at Martin and completed training at the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy. Later, in 2013, he furthered his theological expertise by earning a Master's Degree in Christian Studies from Union University in Jackson, Tennessee.

Pastor Craig's influence extends well beyond the local pulpit. He has held several prominent roles within the Obion River District Association, serving as Congress Dean, Congress President, and Vice-Moderator. Furthermore, his leadership reached the state level through the Tennessee Baptist Missionary & Educational Convention, where he served as State Director and Vice President of the Department of Christian Education. Nationally, he is recognized as a Certified Dean for the National Baptist Convention's accreditation division.

His diverse professional career spans 20 years in law enforcement, where he rose through the ranks from Deputy Sheriff and Criminal Investigator to Administrative Lieutenant. He eventually retired as an Administrative Captain at the historic Meharry Medical College in Nashville, where he managed campus operations for the Department of Safety and Security.

A FIRM FOUNDATION



THE DOCTRINE OF SALVATION

Saved by Grace Alone

THE DOCTRINE OF SANCTIFICATION

Growing Into Christ

THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

Declared Righteous

THE DOCTRINE OF GLORIFICATION

The Best is Yet to Come

JOIN US! SUNDAYS AT 10:45 A.M.

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Bible Study

THE DOCTRINE OF GOD

Knowing the God We Worship

THE DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH

What is the Church?

THE DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Living in the Power of the Spirit

THE DOCTRINE OF LAST THINGS

Living in the Light of Eternity

JOIN US! WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30 P.M.

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You may not have any symptoms or eye problems. But visiting your eye care professional for a comprehensive dilated eye exam is the only way to be sure. A dilated eye exam is the only way to detect some common eye diseases in their early stages. These includes conditions like glaucoma, diabetic eye disease, and age-related macular degeneration.

During a comprehensive dilated eye exam, your eye care professional places drops in your eyes to dilate them. Some eye care providers might use a machine called an Optomap instead of dilating the eyes. Both options allow more light to enter the eye so your doctor can examine for any signs of damage or disease.

Maintain your blood sugar levels.

90% of blindness caused by diabetes *is preventable*. If you have diabetes, it is especially important to manage your A1c level, blood pressure, and cholesterol.

AUGUST

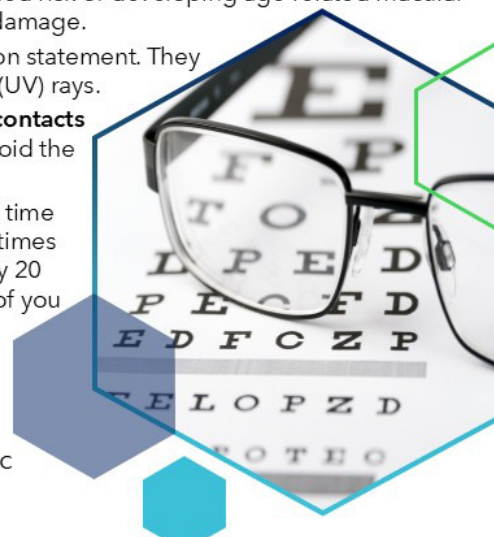
VISION & EYE HEALTH

SECOND MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH | Monthly Health Topic

SOURCES: <https://www.cdc.gov/vision-health/index.html>

VISION HEALTH TIPS

1. **Get regular comprehensive dilated eye exams.**
2. **Know your family's eye health history.** Some eye diseases or conditions are hereditary. This information can help determine if you're at higher risk for developing eye problems.
3. **Eating a diet rich in fruits and vegetables helps keep your eyes healthy.** Eat plenty of dark leafy greens (spinach, kale, collards) and fish that is high in omega-3 fatty acids (salmon, tuna, trout, halibut).
4. **Wear protective eyewear when playing sports or doing activities that can cause an eye injury.** These can include safety glasses or goggles, safety shields, or eye guards.
5. **Quit smoking.** Smoking is as bad for your eyes as it is for the rest of your body. Research has linked smoking to an increased risk of developing age-related macular degeneration, cataracts, and optic nerve damage.
6. **Wear sunglasses.** They are not just a fashion statement. They protect the eyes from the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays.
7. **Wash your hands before taking out your contacts and clean contacts properly.** This helps avoid the risk of infection.
8. **Give your eyes a rest.** If you spend a lot of time on the computer or on devices, you sometimes forget to blink. Try the 20-20-20 rule: Every 20 minutes, look away about 20 feet in front of you for 20 seconds.



Grief Share®

AT SECOND MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH



What is Grief Share®?

Grief Share is a Christ-centered, emotional, and practical support group that provides hope and healing after the loss of a loved one.

Grief Share® Group Meeting Dates

August 17 – November 9

Mondays 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

SMBC Fellowship Hall

During the 13-week grief recovery support group you will:

- Hear insights from trained grief recovery facilitators
- Meet others who have experienced loss and understand what you are going through
- Learn practical tips for navigating your grief
- Discover the 6 signs of healing

Register Online

CLICK HERE or Scan

Questions?

Email support@mysmbchurch.org
or Call the Church Office



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PRAYER LINE

*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God **Philippians 4:6***

Tuesdays at 11:00 A.M. | Rev. Frank Jones

Dial-in number: (717) 275-8940

Access Code: 3343256

Thursdays at 7:00 P.M. | Women of Faith

Dial-in number: (716) 427-1082

Access Code: 574185

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MISSION

The mission of SMBC is to make disciples of Christ from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

VISION

We are a vibrant faith community that is committed to Equipping People, Building Families, and Empowering Community in Christ!

CORE VALUES

Mutual Respect and the Fruit of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control.



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SMBC MEMBERS



In the event of **sickness, hospitalization, or bereavement**, please notify the Church Office at your earliest convenience.

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(423) 624-9097 | Mon-Thu 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Fri 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

SICK AND SHUT-IN LIST

SICK

Sis. Sonja Chalmers

SHUT-IN

Sis. Marie Bailey
Sis. Yolaundia Banks
Sis. Martha Coleman
Sis. Corine Dunson
Bro. Bruce Fleming
Sis. Joyce Fletcher

Sis. Lillie Glenn
Sis. Cora Godbee
Sis. Dorothy Hughley
Sis. Clarrisa Jones
Bro. James Millsaps
Sis. Juanita Mitchell

Sis. Annie B. Moon
Sis. Gwendolyn Moore
Bro. Larry Rowe
Sis. Lila Salmon
Sis. Alice Smith

Health Center at Standifer Place

Bro. Paul McDaniel Jr.

LifeCare Center of East Ridge

Sis. Bertha Elder

LifeCare Center of Collegedale

Sis. Daphne Moore

Rockbridge Oaks Assisted Living

Sis. Theresa Malone

All announcements must be sent to officeadmin@mysmbchurch.org by Wednesdays at 12:00 noon in order to run the next week. Announcements for the week of August 9, 2026 are due by Wednesday, August 5, 2026.

PLEASE KEEP SUBMISSIONS BRIEF. ALL SUBMISSIONS ARE SUBJECT TO BE EDITED AS APPROPRIATE.