

WOW WEEK

August 3-6

6:00 - 9:00 PM EACH NIGHT

FREE WEEK OF WORSHIP & FUN! INVITE A FRIEND!

CHOOSE JULY

South Main YOUTH

ENTERING 6TH - 12TH GRADE

FAMILY SKATE NIGHT

\$10 PER SKATER
\$30 MAX PER FAMILY

AUGUST 12 * 5:30-7:30 PM

ALL AGES WELCOME

SKATE WORLD

410 W PASADENA BLVD
DEER PARK

South Main BAPTIST CHURCH

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

RUTH

loss, love & legacy

KELLY MINTER

Monday Evenings w/ Jean & Vicky
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Start Date: August 24

Tuesday Mornings w/ Barbara
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Start Date: August 25

Both meeting in South Suite 169

Scan Code to Register for either Bible Study

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

UNANSWERED

QUESTIONS

LASTING TRUTH FOR TRENDING QUESTIONS

Monday Evenings
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM | Great Hall
Start Date: August 24

Facilitated by Lonnie Cox

South Main

BAPTIST CHURCH

MAIN EVENTS

PRAYERFULLY PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION OF DEACONS

Church Family,

One of the great blessings of South Main is the faithful service of our deacons. Through the years they have prayed with us, cared for families, visited those who were sick or grieving, helped meet practical needs, welcomed new members, and served in many ways that most people never see. Knowing that I could not do what I do without them, I am deeply grateful for them.

At present, South Main has 70 deacons, and 40 of them are over the age of 70. That number reminds us of two important truths. First, we are blessed with a great deal of wisdom and experience. Second, we need to be intentional about identifying, encouraging, and equipping others who can serve alongside these faithful leaders and help carry this ministry into the future. This is not about replacing anyone. It is about building on a strong foundation and making room for one generation of servants to encourage and mentor the next.

On Wednesday, August 26, I will teach about the role, calling, and biblical qualifications of a deacon. We will look together at Acts 6:1-7 and 1 Timothy 3:8-13 and consider the kind of character and servant heart the church should recognize in those who serve as deacons.

Following that teaching, every church member will have the opportunity to submit one written nomination form and recommend up to five potential deacons. Anyone nominated must have been a member of South Main for at least one year. Forms will be available at church on Wednesdays and Sundays, and completed forms must be returned by Sunday, September 13.

I am asking you to take this responsibility seriously and prayerfully. Please do not think first about popularity, position, personality, or professional success. Instead, think about the people you already see serving Christ and caring for others. Who is dependable? Who serves without needing recognition? Who helps bring peace and unity? Who can be trusted with sensitive needs? Who is teachable, humble, compassionate, and faithful?

A nomination is simply the beginning of a discernment process. It is not an election, appointment, or guarantee that someone will become a deacon. After the forms are received, eligibility will be confirmed and nominees will be contacted privately. Each person will be free to decline without embarrassment or public explanation. Those who are willing to continue will take part in conversations, preparation, and prayerful evaluation before any names are brought to the congregation for election.

Between now and September 13, I encourage you to read Acts 6:1-7 and 1 Timothy 3:8-13, pray for wisdom, and pay attention to the servants God has already placed among us. Let us thank God for those who have served so faithfully and let us also ask Him to show us whom He may be preparing to serve South Main in the years ahead.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Daniel

ENGAGING and EQUIPPING others to EXPERIENCE and SHARE
God's Transforming Love

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WILL NOT MEET

TWICE FED MEAL @ NOON

8 WORSHIP TOGETHER

WE WILL BRING THE FOOD

YOU BRING A CHAIR

AT THE QUIET PLACE

STARTS AT 6 PM

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

In the park

CHURCH

SUMMER



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HONORING BILL BY CARRYING THE MISSION FORWARD

On May 25, 2026, our church family said goodbye to one of South Main's most faithful servants, Bill McMillin. Bill was 86 years old, and for more than four decades he served our congregation as Minister of Missions.

Our staff remembers his smile, his humor, and his faithful presence at Monday morning prayer. When someone shared a need, Bill listened carefully, wrote down names, and continued praying long after the meeting ended.

Bill also loved gathering around a table, but what he valued most were the people across from him. He built personal relationships with pastors, missionaries, church planters, and ministry leaders serving communities throughout Houston (many of which South Main could never reach by itself). He encouraged them, prayed for them, celebrated what God was doing through them, and reminded them that their work mattered.

As much as Bill loved South Main, he was deeply Kingdom-minded. He wanted people to know Jesus, struggling pastors to be encouraged, churches to be strengthened, and the gospel to cross every boundary.

That legacy is worth remembering and continuing.

Since Bill's passing, I (Daniel) have spent considerable time praying about the future of South Main's missions ministry. No one can replace Bill's unique personality, relationships, experience, and way of serving. Nor should we simply try to duplicate everything he did. Instead, we want to build upon the foundation he helped lay and carry that mission forward in a new season.

After prayer and discussion, and with the support of our Finance Team,
we are preparing to search for a full-time Minister of Missions and Evangelism.

Why expand this position?

Because the mission field around us is expanding. Greater Houston continues to grow and change. People from many nations, cultures, languages, and backgrounds now live within a short drive of our church. At the same time, people in our workplaces, schools, neighborhoods, and families need to experience the transforming love of God.

We also have children, students, adults, and retirees who want to serve, share their faith, and make a difference. They need meaningful opportunities, practical training, encouragement, and leadership that will help them take their next steps.

A Minister of Missions and Evangelism would help our church respond to these opportunities in several important ways.

- **Strengthen our partnerships:** This minister would help us develop meaningful, active relationships with the missionaries, churches, and local ministries we support. Our goal is not simply to send financial support from a distance, but to know our partners, pray for them, learn from them, and serve alongside them.
- **Lead us in mission opportunities:** This minister would help identify, organize, and lead local and global mission experiences in which South Main members can serve together, build relationships, and share the love of Christ.
- **Equip our congregation:** This minister would help members of every generation learn to share their faith naturally and faithfully in the places where God has already planted them.

Ephesians 4:11-12 says, *"And he himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ."*

This passage reminds us that evangelists and other church leaders are gifts Christ gives to his church. Their calling includes proclaiming the gospel, leading God's people, and equipping the whole body for ministry.

Building on Bill's legacy, this minister would lead South Main into mission opportunities, strengthen our shared witness, and equip each of us to participate in Christ's commission in everyday life.

We want to be a church that continues to give generously while also sending people, building relationships, crossing cultural boundaries, and raising up missionaries from within our own congregation. We want our children and young adults to see missions not simply as something done by a few exceptional Christians in distant places, but as part of the normal life of every follower of Jesus.

One of the most meaningful ways we can honor Bill is to keep making room at the table and extending the invitation of Jesus.

We remember Bill with gratitude and continue to pray for Lydia, Suzanne, Andy, and the entire McMillin family. We thank God for Bill's decades of faithful service, for the relationships he built, and for the foundation he helped lay.

How You Can Help

- Please pray for wisdom as we begin this search. Pray that God will bring the right leader who has a heart for people, a passion for the gospel, practical missions experience, and a desire to equip others.
- And pray for South Main. Pray that God will make us more courageous, compassionate, and willing to go wherever he sends us.

Bill served faithfully in his generation.
May God help us to be faithful in ours.



South Main
BAPTIST CHURCH

Wednesday, August 26
Twice Fed @ Noon - Great Hall
6:30 PM - Worship Center

Pastor Daniel teaching on the
*Role, Calling, and Biblical
Qualifications of a Deacon*

*Looking together at
Acts 6:1-7 & 1 Timothy 3:8-13*

✦ Character ✦ Servant Heart

**JOIN
OUR
GREETER
TEAM**



**HELP WELCOME PEOPLE TO SOUTH MAIN.
MANY POSITIONS OPEN BUT WE
ESPECIALLY NEED OUTSIDE GREETERS
AND GOLF CART DRIVERS.**

GRIEF SHARE

*Free Weekly Support Group
Designed to Help
Rebuild Your Life*

Thursdays
6:30 - 8:15 PM
South Suite 167
Begins August 13

Contact Esther Janis
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 DOORS OPEN @ 5:30 PM
DINNER @ 6:30 PM - SOUTH MAIN BC
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