



Looking for a meaningful way to serve in our community? There are many opportunities right now to make a real difference—no special skills required, just a willing heart and a little time.

**Handyman Ministry**

Help senior adults and individuals with disabilities with small household tasks—fixing a leaky faucet, changing light bulbs, minor repairs. Most needs only require a few days a month, but the impact lasts much longer.

**Jane Around the World**

This home for women in need is looking for someone to assist with occasional minor repairs and upkeep. Your time can help create a safe, welcoming environment for those rebuilding their lives.

**Pasadena Community Ministries**

There's a hands-on project ready to go: removing a wall and installing a door. If you've got some construction skills (or are willing to help!), this is a great way to serve in a tangible way.

**Transportation Support**

Several of our senior members need rides to doctor's appointments when county services aren't available. A simple drive can be a lifeline.

**Homebound Ministry**

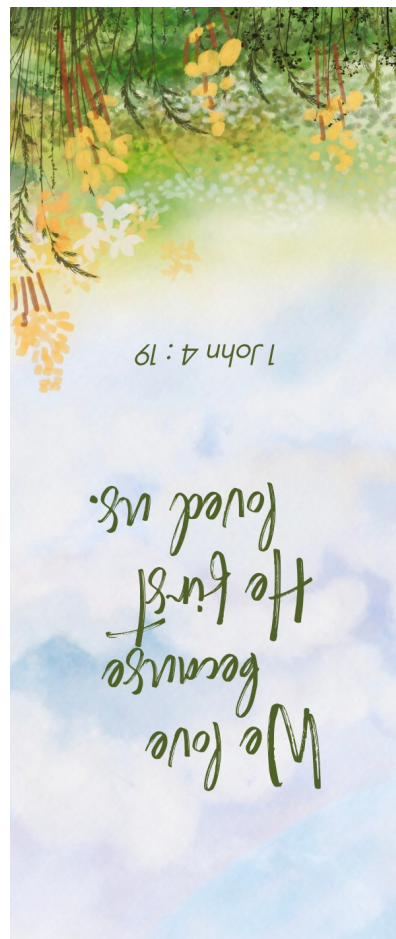
Spend time visiting those who can't get out. A conversation, a prayer, a friendly face—these moments matter more than you know.

No matter what your schedule or skillset, there's a place for you to help. If you're interested in volunteering or want to learn more, reach out—we'd love to connect you with a ministry that fits your heart.

Let's serve together.  
Jeff Fuqua, Discipleship Pastor



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**When Life Feels Challenging,  
the Spirit Remains Faithful**

May has a way of filling up quickly.

We begin by honoring mothers, giving thanks for those who have nurtured and shaped our lives in ways we are still discovering. Soon after, we celebrate our graduates, marking both accomplishment and the beginning of something new, even if we are not always sure what that will look like. And as the month draws toward its close, we pause to remember those who gave their lives in service, and those within our own church family whose absence we still feel. And somewhere along the way, we begin to realize that what we are carrying is not just celebration. It is something more.

Gratitude, certainly, but also change. Joy, but also uncertainty. Remembrance, but also grief. May, it turns out, holds more than we can easily manage.

This year, however, Pentecost begins right in the middle of all these things.

On Pentecost Sunday, we remember what happened in Acts 2, when God poured out His Spirit on the Church. As Baptists, we believe this same Spirit is given to every believer, not momentarily, but as God's ongoing presence with us. The Holy Spirit meets us in every season, convicting, guiding, comforting, strengthening, and carrying us through whatever we face. This is not just something the early church experienced. It is the reality we are living in now.

Scripture reminds us, "Now to Him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us— to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21).

That "power that works in us" is not something we have to create or sustain on our own. It is the Spirit of God at work within us.

It is the same Spirit who has sustained years of faithful service in people like Jane Logan. The same Spirit who has worked through mothers and mentors to shape faith over time. The same Spirit who goes with our graduates into an unknown future. And it is the same Spirit who brings comfort and assurance as we remember those we have loved and lost, and as we honor lives marked by sacrifice and devotion.

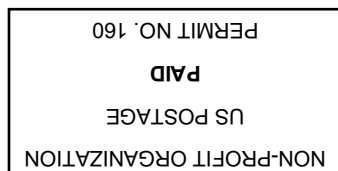
Pentecost does not come to us at the edges of life, it meets us right in the middle of it. So as this month unfolds, with all its movement, meaning, and mixed emotions; we are reminded of something steady and sure: the Spirit of God is with us and at work within us.

And because of that, we can trust that even in challenging seasons— when life is changing, stretching, or uncertain— God is doing more than we can see, more than we can ask or imagine. To Him be glory in the church, to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

*Pastor Daniel*

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

**May 2026**



Happy *Mother's Day!*  
**Muffins & Photo with Mom**  
 Sunday, May 10  
 Great Hall

*Mother's Day*

The National Restaurant Association reports that Mother's Day is the single busiest day of the year for restaurants, with revenues on average 62% higher than a typical day. It seems that, for many of us, taking Mom out to eat feels like a way of saying thank you for all the ways she has put us before herself.

For those of you who knew my mom, you know she didn't love spending time in the kitchen and was always happy to enjoy a meal out on Mother's Day. I did not have much time with her as an adult, but the time I had with her was shaped largely by her illness. Much of our relationship during those years centered around caring for her, along with a deep desire for her to share what mattered most to her.

In the last years of her life, she began writing down some of her thoughts—something I am incredibly grateful to have today. What mattered most to her in that season was making sure I knew three things: that she loved me, that God loved me, and that the people around me—who would still be here after she was gone—loved me too.

She found great comfort in knowing there were so many people at South Main who would continue to remind me of those truths. Even on days when it would have been easier to stay home because of her illness, she chose to come to church. She wanted us to understand that hiding pain—whether emotional or physical—doesn't make it disappear, especially not at church. For her, that was the very place where joy could still be found.

She believed church should be a place where people don't have to hide their hurt but can instead feel safe bringing it into the light. In Ephesians it says, "to Him be glory in the church." It is through His strength that we are given what we need, and I hope the church is a place where you can find that today.

I know my mom would want that for you—to experience comfort and joy, all while giving Him the glory.

Erin

*Honoring Faithful Service*

Ephesians 3:20–21 is a powerful reminder not to rely too heavily on our own gifts or understanding. I was always taught that a calling to ministry includes a calling to preparation, yet it doesn't take long to realize that even with preparation, gifting, and effort, we still need far more help than we can provide on our own.

These verses are especially encouraging in moments like that, reminding us that God is able to do far more than we could ever imagine. I have often seen this truth lived out in my own life through the people God has placed beside me.

One such person is my dear friend and soon-to- retire ministry assistant, Jane Logan. As the daughter of a pastor, a gifted musician and teacher, and someone with an untiring work ethic, Jane has been a tremendous blessing. God has clearly used her to fill in my inadequacies and strengthen my weaknesses—all while being a faithful friend and constant encourager.

Please join me in giving God the glory for those He places alongside us to help fulfill His calling in our lives, and take a moment to share a word of encouragement with Jane for the many ways God has worked through her.

Bobie

Join us in thanking *Jane Logan*  
 For 24 years of service at  
 South Main as a Ministry Assistant  
 We celebrate her service during our  
 Team Kid Celebration  
 May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 p.m.  
 in the Great Hall

**DOUBLE YOUR JOY!**

**Joy Club**  
 For Senior Adults

HAPPY *Mother's Day* & HAPPY *Father's Day*  
 9:00 AM  
 Great Hall  
 Lunch - \$5  
 May 26

**CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!**

Maggie Post  
 Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry with Minor in Music -  
 Houston Christian University

Elysa Ripley  
 Bachelor of Business Marketing with Minor in Sports Business -  
 Stephen F. Austin University

**GRADUATION**

Graduation is such a big part of life. Whether its Kindergarten, High School, or College graduation, they all come with significant life change!

Finishing up my bachelor's degree in accounting, I realized I did not want that as my career. I began the process of applying to be a Houston Fireman. I took the written test, had the interviews, took the physical tests and was ready to start training.

During that same time, the college minister began to talk to me about the possibility of Seminary. It wasn't on my radar. I had given it no thought. Both avenues came to a head in the same week. Final evaluations were done for HFD, and my application was submitted to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. I spent a ton of time that next week praying, asking God for clarity, which one was right for me, which path would lead to my career. On Friday of that week God answered that prayer in the form of an admissions officer from Southwestern. They called to inform me I was accepted and talked me through the next steps.

I had two paths I was interested in and no way to figure out which one was correct on my own, so I gave it to God and He made it abundantly clear for me! It is not always obvious what choice God has for us, but if we can take the time to sit, ask in prayer, and listen for a response He will answer. This decision that would ultimately affect every aspect of my life moving forward was way too big for me to attack on my own, yet it was so small for God that he could answer it with one simple phone call!

The following Monday I got the email from HFD saying "Congratulations! You are invited to join the Fire Academy." I had spent the whole weekend getting increasingly excited about the path God laid out for me. After that weekend it was not hard to politely turn down the offer from HFD.

•Three years later I graduated with my master's degree in May and in June was asked to serve as the Interim Youth Minister. God's incredible timing showed up again!

For anyone coming up on graduation, or any major life decision; if it feels big, too big to comprehend even, give it to God who is "able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think."

Kevin

**DISCOVER South Main**  
 Sunday, May 3, 9:30 AM  
 Meet Daniel & Erin in the Main Lobby

- To answer your questions
- For those new to South Main
- For those interested in how they can become a part
- To help us know you & for you to know us

★ MEMORIAL DAY ★

Memorial Day is a time set aside to remember and honor those who gave their lives in service to our country. It reminds us that the freedoms we enjoy have come at a great cost to men and women willing to lay down their lives for others.

Looking back at my time as a Marine, I realize now more than in my younger more naive years, just what service, sacrifice, gratitude and unfailing love for one another means.

In 2003 during Operation Iraqi Freedom, my Battalion deployed to Fallujah, Iraq. It was then we experienced what time in a war zone could do to a person, and at the time we didn't realize how that would shape & change our lives in the future.

The strong feelings of stress, fatigue, fear, and being homesick were experiences we all felt and dealt with as service members. What bound us together was the camaraderie instilled & embedded in us as Marines during those most difficult times, along with the respect, gratitude and love for one another knowing we had each other's backs and that we weren't alone.

As Christians, we know this to be true as well. I knew then and I know now who has "my back" and of His service, love and sacrifice for me.

As I reflect on this day, I am reminded of Christ's words in John 15:13: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." Those who have served and sacrificed embody a form of this self-giving love, offering themselves for the sake of others.

At the same time, Memorial Day also invites us to look more deeply at the ultimate example of sacrifice we find in Jesus. He freely sacrificed for us so that we might know forgiveness, peace, and new life. While no human sacrifice can fully compare, moments of courage and selflessness can point us toward the greater love we see in Him.

This Memorial Day, I encourage you to take time to reflect. Remember those who have given their lives and give thanks for their service. Consider how their example of selflessness might shape your own life of faith. And above all, reflect on Christ's love—a love that meets us where we are and calls us to follow Him in lives marked by service, gratitude, and grace.

Christine

**CHANGE FOR LIFE**  
 Benefits Beltway & South Crisis Pregnancy Center

- Take a baby bottle home beginning May 10
- Fill with change, cash, or a check
- Return to the church office by June 21

Designate "Baby Bottles" on your check or envelope

**TEAMKID CELEBRATION**  
 MAY 17 @ 5:30  
 WORSHIP LED BY KIDS PRESCHOOL - 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

**TEAMKID PARTY**  
 WEDNESDAY, MAY 20  
 5:30 - 7:30 PM  
 PIZZA & WATER INFLATABLES