

DON'T MISS OUR FALL FESTIVAL

TRUCKTOWN TAKEOVER

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17 10 AM - 1 PM

FREE FAMILY EVENT

*SENSORY HOUR 10 - 11 AM

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- BRINGING YOUR CLASSIC CAR OR UNIQUE VEHICLE.
- VOLUNTEER FOR GAMES, PAINTING FACES, FOOD PREP, GREETERS & MORE

BE A HOST HOME

Light the Night

On October 31

- Sign up to hand out goodies for Trick or Treaters in your neighborhood.
- We will supply cups, info about our church, & Yard sign.

SCAN

Spirit of Christmas CRAFT NIGHT

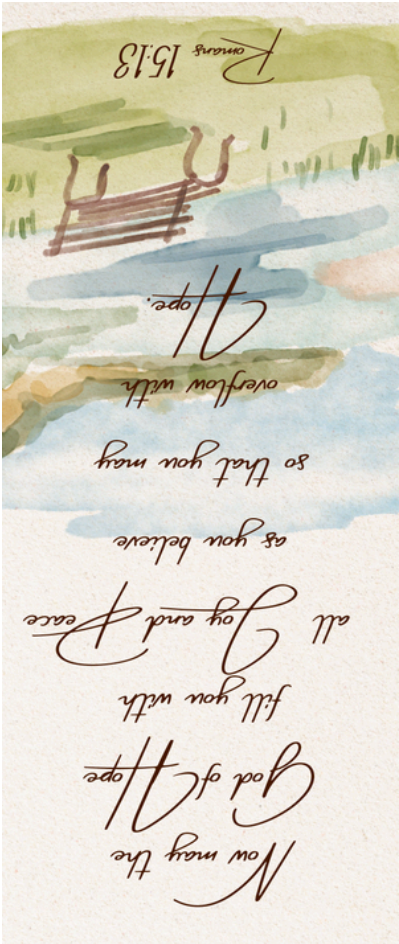
THURSDAY NOV. 5TH @6PM

Use the QR code to View options or see samples in the Martin Lobby

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WHY DO I NEED TO GO TO CHURCH?

"If I know and love God, and I know God knows and loves me— then why do I need to go to church to have some man tell me that?"

This was a question recently posed to me by a friend. As you might guess, church is not a regular part of their weekly routine.

Nonetheless, my friend makes an appealing argument. In an age that champions radical individualism, a privatized faith can feel far less complicated than setting an alarm on what, for many people, is their day off and spending the morning in noisy rooms with imperfect people. In fact, people who share this sentiment are no longer the exception in our culture. They are the norm.

Since my friend claimed to love God and to understand God's love for them, I responded to the question with another question:

"If there were a gathering being held for the sole purpose of honoring someone you loved, and whom you knew loved you more than anyone else, would you attend?"

On this we could agree. There are plenty of times when we would rather not go through the hassle of getting ready, leaving the house, and mingling with a crowd. But when the gathering is for someone we deeply love, we go anyway. In fact, love can make us want to be there.

I suspect that helps explain why Luke 4:16 tells us that it was Jesus' custom to go to the synagogue on the Sabbath. If anyone enjoyed perfect fellowship with God apart from a weekly gathering, surely it was the Son of God. And yet Jesus regularly gathered with God's people for worship.

Why?

I don't believe Jesus merely felt obligated to be there. I believe he wanted to be there. The Father whom Jesus loved was being honored. The Scriptures Jesus loved were being read. The people among whom God had placed him were gathering together.

Jesus did not treat love for the Father as a merely private affair. And if we are called to love God with all that we are, and to love our neighbor as ourselves, then neither should we.

Pastor Daniel

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



WOMEN ON MISSION MEETING

- ★ Decoratin' for Mission Centers of Houston Swingo Bingo
- ★ New Ministry Presentation

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Thursday, October 1 @ 10:00 AM
Great Hall CF

LUNCH FOLLOWS FOR \$5



MISSION CENTERS OF HOUSTON

BINGO, BARBECUE, MUSIC, SILENT AUCTION & GREAT PRIZES

WESTERN Swing-O BINGO

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM
DINNER AT 6:30 PM

SOUTH MAIN BAPTIST CHURCH

FOR TICKETS AND SPONSORSHIPS
missioncenters.org/wsb

Isaiah 117 Harris County, TX

you're invited to a new expansion kickoff!

Sunday, October 4, 2026
3:30 PM

South Main Baptist Church - Houston
4100 Main St.

Provides a safe, comforting home for children awaiting foster care.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL
HARRISTX@ISAIAH117HOUSE.COM

JOY Club for Seniors

Tuesday, October 6
9:00 AM | Great Hall

Play Games, Fellowship & eat Lunch for \$5

Invite your friends to join you!

SOUTH MAIN'S FALL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Stonebridge @ Newport
16401 Country Club Dr
Crosby, Texas

COST: \$40

Register

Saturday, October 10
SCRAMBLE TEE OFF @ 8:00 AM

Quarterly Ministry Celebration

Sunday, October 11
5:30 PM
Worship Center

APPLY FOR A SMBC SCHOLARSHIP

Qualifications:

- Active member of SMBC, attending at least twice a month. Away students – provide name of minister and church you're attending to verify attendance.
- For students enrolled in full-time or part-time undergraduate, postgraduate, or graduate studies.
- If reapplying, provide a copy of most recent transcript. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA or higher.

Scan the code or go to southmain.org/forms
Fill out the application & submit –

Deadline: October 15

More information – bwells@southmain.org or 281-487-8200

TOP 5 RESPONSES REGARDING MY JANUARY RETIREMENT

5. IT'S ABOUT TIME!
4. WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG!
3. WERE YOU WAITING ON THE RETURN OF JESUS?
2. SHORT TIMER!

And the #1 response was ... (drum roll please)

QUITTER!

I've given folks way too much grief during my tenure here to expect anything less. I should mention that all of those were offered with smiles and encouragement.

It has been a lovely start to the Fall with all of our choirs kicking off and wonderful times of worship. If you have an interest in sharing in some of our music ministry opportunities, I hope you will come join us, I'm always glad to talk with you or email me with your inquiries.

I read today that T.S. Eliot said, "To make an end is to make a beginning." I'm looking forward to some new beginnings with you this fall.

Ministry Opportunity

Saturday, December 5
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

CHRISTMAS EVENT FOR ROOFTOP AND FOSTER HOPE FAMILIES

Join a Team! Food, Childcare, Crafts/Activities, Gift Wrapping, Helping Parents Shop, Helping Kids Shop for Parents, Greeters, or Hosts

For more information or to volunteer, call the church office

There's something everyone can do.
Help make Christmas special for these families!

YOUTH NEWS

The school year is well underway, and we are cruising along in Youth Ministry! We will continue with our Wednesday night schedule of Worship, message and small groups! Our leadership meetings will be on Sunday nights October 11 & 18, and November 8 & 15.

We have talked a lot this semester about following Christ at all times and through all circumstances. Let me encourage you to continue to keep that in mind as the semester continues!

****Be on the lookout for sign-ups for Disciple Now coming the weekend of January 15-17!****

FIELDS OF FAITH

DEER PARK HIGH SCHOOL ABSHIER STADIUM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2026
MEET AT STADIUM AT 6 PM

Students invite, pray for, share with, and challenge their peers to read the Bible and follow Jesus Christ.

PASSION27
DEC 29-31, 2026
GLOBE LIFE FIELD

FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS - AGE 25

RESERVE YOUR SPOT WITH SOUTH MAIN

Total Trip Cost: \$300
Includes: Passion Ticket, Transportation, 2 Night Hotel Stay, Breakfast and One Dinner
(Discounted to \$200 if total paid before November 1.)

Gathering for the Collegiate Generation
Open to High School Seniors and Up

Limited Tickets Available
Reserve Your Ticket with a \$25 Deposit

Call 281-487-8200 or
email Erin@southmain.org with questions

WHERE IS GOD LEADING YOU TO SERVE?

Is God leading you toward discipleship, teaching, mentoring, or leadership? If so, we would love to talk to you about how you can serve.

We are currently seeking Teachers and Group Leaders for several ministries ranging from College Students through Senior Adults.

Contact Jeff Fuqua at jeff@southmain.org for more information.

MAIN MEN

Something for every man looking to grow in Christ, connect, and serve.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Monthly Men's Lunch Gathering - Did you know that every 3rd Thursday men gather for lunch, prayer, devotional discussion, and fellowship? It's a great way to build friendships and encourage one another in Christ. Lunch cost: \$5. Let us know you're coming!

Men's 42 - Meets on the 1st Thursday of each month. If you enjoy fellowship, conversation, and a little friendly competition, makes plans to join us.

Looking to November - a special "Breakfast with Jeff" Event. More details coming soon!

MAIN Women

WOMEN'S MINISTRY
Providing opportunities for spiritual growth, friendship, and encouragement

MomCo Meetup - This is a gathering designed for moms seeking connection, encouragement, and support. Childcare is available when reserved in advance. Meets Tuesdays from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM in South Suite 167.

Ladies Game Night - Ladies of all ages are invited to come on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Main Connection for fun, fellowship, and games.

Spirit of Christmas - Thursday, November 5
A fun evening of making seasonal crafts while enjoying fellowship and holiday snacks!

AUXANO

WEDNESDAYS @ NOON & 6:30 PM

Current Studies:

- Dr. Crowther leading *When God Gets Personal* at Noon & 6:30 PM
- Jenny Bright & Jeff Fuqua leading *Practicing the Way* groups

Beginning October 28, we will launch a new Spiritual Disciplines Study on Service, helping believers develop a Christ-centered lifestyle of serving others.

These groups provide a wonderful opportunity to connect with others while growing deeper in your walk with Christ.