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WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

WHEN GOD GETS PERSONAL

Theophanies and Divine Encounters that Transform

DANIEL CROWTHER

PRACTICING THE WAY

Eight week session

JEFF FUQUA

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Part A: The Solitude Discipline

Part B: The Prayer Discipline

JENNY BRIGHT

Part C: The Service Discipline

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4 weeks each

Explores 12 biblical theophanies (visible manifestations or appearances of God) and divine encounters which meet people in their pain, fear, calling, exhaustion, and uncertainty. Each week invites us to see how God exposes what is hidden, speaks into our deepest struggles, and transforms the way we understand ourselves, our faith, and His presence. 12-week session. Twide Fed at noon & Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

Over eight sessions, you'll form a foundational understanding of intentional spiritual formation. We'll explore how to follow Jesus in our busy, distracted, and increasingly secular culture.

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

A. You will find that the solitude of Jesus, John the Baptist, Elijah, and other great ones in scripture, wasn't a day spa for the soul. The goal is not to run away from the world but to run to God in order to come back to the world to love and serve.

B. You might be a new Christian learning to pray or you might have a desire to not only learn about God but experience Him. You will find prayer is not boring or tedious, but that there is much more to discover and experience.

C. Loving others like Jesus, means offering hidden acts of service to those right in front of us, allowing ourselves to be interrupted by unexpected needs, and overlapping our lives with those on the margins.

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



FOCUS ON MISSIONS SUNDAY

Special Guest: Wissam Al Saliby

Sunday, September 13

Join us as we welcome Wissam Al Saliby, originally from Lebanon and President of 21Wilberforce Global Freedom Center.



For more than a decade, Wissam has served Christians facing persecution and advocated for religious freedom around the world. Before joining 21Wilberforce, he represented the World Evangelical Alliance at the United Nations in Geneva, speaking on behalf of believers facing discrimination and persecution in many nations.

Come hear a powerful firsthand perspective on the persecuted Church and the importance of standing faithfully with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning! GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS.

Lamentations 3:22-23



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A TIME TO GIVE THANKS: MY RETIREMENT IN JANUARY

by Bobie Miller

I've always liked the game show Name That Tune. Let's modify the game a bit and let me give you a few lyrics to see if you can come up with the hymn title, kind of like 8:15 worship. How about this lyric: "Can I doubt His tender mercy, who through life has been my guide?" If you chose *All the Way My Savior Leads Me*, you can move to the genius bar. I'm just messing with you!

I want to use that hymn to help frame what I want to share with you. It is a wonderful thing to sense that God is guiding you, and it is even better to have the peace that comes from believing you are following where He leads.

I sensed that guidance on January 3, 1982, when this church called me to serve here. I sensed it again in July 2022, when I was encouraged to remain and continue serving alongside Dr. Crowther. I have been grateful for these past four years of ministry together and for the friendship and partnership we have shared.

And now, after much prayer and consideration, I believe God is leading me into another transition. **I have made the decision to retire from my role as Associate Pastor of Music and Worship, with January 24 as my final Sunday on staff.** God willing and the creeks don't rise, that will bring me to 45 years of ministry with this church.

I will confess that the calling "to" has always seemed easier than the calling "from." I felt God leading when He moved me from West Texas to seminary and then back to West Texas following seminary. Now I sense His leading again. To borrow the final words from the hymn where we began, I can look back over these years and say, "Jesus led me all the way."

And I believe the time is right for someone else to have the opportunity I was given 45 years ago—to love this church, serve alongside you, and lead the music ministry into its next season. Before then, however, we still have some good months ahead of us! I plan to enjoy the fall with you, make cotton candy in October, share a season of gratitude in November, and celebrate Advent and Christmas Eve together. After 45 years, time seems to have passed remarkably quickly. I don't always realize how quickly until I look in the mirror and wonder who that fellow is looking back at me.

There is certainly some sadness in stepping away from a role that has been such a large part of my life. But that sadness is tempered by excitement about what God has in store for both this church and for me.

So, let's choose one more hymn lyric to guide us: "Ponder anew what the Almighty can do." Let's do exactly that.

Regarding this church and its future, I fully expect God to do what He has always done—faithfully lead His people. How many times have we worried over a change, only to look back afterward and realize there was no need to worry? Change can open doors we never imagined.

I still remember the joy and excitement of coming to SMBC, and I am excited that someone else will one day have that same opportunity. You are a wonderful group of people with whom to share ministry, and that has been one of the great joys of my life here. I am already praying for the person God will bring, with gifts, strengths, and abilities that will serve this church well in its next season.

As for my own path, I don't know exactly what lies ahead, and that is all right. I didn't know what was ahead when I joined you in 1982 either. God provided the path that brought me here, and I have no doubt He will provide the path for the days ahead. My task, as it has always been, is simply to follow.

For now, I am grateful that we still have several months together. We will worship. We will rejoice in our God. We will remember what He has done, celebrate what He is doing, and look forward to what He will do.

Someone recently asked me whether, if I had it to do all over again, would I change anything. I can truthfully tell you that I would not trade the journey God has given us together these past 45 years. So, here's to the future, and to giving God the glory for the great things He has done and the great things He will do.

I read this week that the vocabulary of a person over 70 only needs three two-word phrases: **Thank you. Thank you. Thank you!**

September 2026



JOY Club for Seniors

Tuesday, September 1
9:00 AM | Great Hall

**Play Games, Fellowship
& eat Lunch for \$5**

Invite your friends to join you!

LABOR DAY SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 6

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES
9:30 AM

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE
10:45 AM

Church Office & FLC Closed Monday, September 7

WOMEN ON MISSION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
10:00 AM | GREAT HALL CF

GUEST SPEAKERS: Dr. Manuel Urbina II and Mrs. Mary Valerio

Sharing Lessons from a Life on Mission

Lunch follows for \$5

Main Moms MomCo MeetUp

FOR MOMS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE
CALL CHURCH OFFICE

Encouraging & Equipping Moms

THE MOMCO

KICK OFF - SEPTEMBER 8
9 - 11 AM | South Suite 167

MAIN Women

NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.
Psalm 150:6

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SOUTH MAIN BAPTIST

6:00-7:30 PM

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM

GriefShare LOSS OF A SPOUSE

At this seminar you'll discover:

- Other people understand and have found ways to make it through
- Why it won't always hurt so much
- Reasons for hope
- Practical tips for coping with the death of a spouse

★ Sunday, September 13 ★
3:30 pm - 5:30 pm
South Suite 167

Baptism Class

Sunday, September 13
9:30 AM
Main Lobby

- For those getting baptized
- For parents of children getting baptized
- For anyone who has questions regarding baptism

Baptism Sunday

September 20
10:45 AM Worship Service

Contact Kim @ 281-487-8200 to schedule your Baptism

TEXAS MISSIONS OFFERING
2026 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR TEXAS MISSIONS

State Missions Goal: \$3.5 Million
SOUTH MAIN'S GOAL: \$10,000

I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
- John 14:6 ESV

SPEAK JESUS

SEPTEMBER 13 - 20

DEACON NOMINATIONS

Cards available at the Welcome Desk

Read Acts 6:1-7 & 1 Timothy 3:8-13 and prayerfully consider who God is leading you to nominate.

- Look for a servant life already visible.
- Ask whether this person can be trusted with sensitive needs.
- Look for maturity, dependability, sound faith, wise stewardship, and a commitment to unity.
- Remember: South Main's bylaws require at least one year of membership and the scriptural qualifications.

PLEASE RETURN BY SEPTEMBER 13 TO THE DROPBOX AT THE WELCOME DESK

SCAN TO LISTEN TO DANIEL'S MESSAGE ON DEACONS

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

TIPS FOR TEXAS
Wednesday, September 16

Our children will collect tips by:

- Refilling drinks
- Returning trays
- Throwing away trash

All tips will go to the Mary Hill Davis Offering.

DISCOVER South Main

Sunday, September 20, 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

you're invited to a new expansion kickoff!

Isaiah 117
Harris County, TX

10.4.2026 @ 3:30 PM

South Main Baptist Church - Houston
4100 Main St.
Houston, TX 77002

For more information, contact
HarrisTX@isaiah117house.com

Isaiah 117 provides a safe, comforting home where foster children can be brought to wait before transitioning to a good placement home.

SAVE THE DATE

Ministry Opportunity

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5
9 AM - 1 PM

SNEAK PEAK:

Rooftop Foster Hope Project Joy & Hope

Colliding to bring the gift of Jesus to families in need.

WE WILL HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU TO SERVE

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON...