

South Main Today

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Summer Singles' Book Study led by Erin Conaway

A Hidden Wholeness by Parker Palmer

At a time when many seek ways of working and living that are more resonant with our souls, *A Hidden Wholeness* offers insight into our condition and guidance for finding what we seek – within ourselves and with each other.

"The soul is generous: it takes in the needs of the world. The soul is wise: it suffers without shutting down. The soul is hopeful: it engages the world in ways that keep opening our hearts. The soul is creative: it finds its way between realities that might defeat us and fantasies that are mere escapes. All we need to do is to bring down the wall that separates us from our own souls and deprives the world of the soul's regenerative powers."

– From *A Hidden Wholeness*

The book study will meet on Wednesday nights in the Round Table room behind the Sanctuary, SB 203, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. for 9 weeks: June 2-July 28.

Books will be provided for \$10. Please email Amy Grizzle Kane (amy@smbc.org) with questions or to sign up.



Faith Singles' Night at the Astros

Tuesday, July 6 vs. Pirates

First Pitch at 7:05 p.m.

Pre-game Social in Champions Pavilion begins at 6:00 p.m.

Come join us for the Astros' first annual Faith Singles' Night. Champions Pavilion will be available throughout the game for socializing and mingling with other church singles groups.

For only \$27:

- All you can eat extreme hot dogs – build your own Chicago Dog, Coney Island Dog, New York City Dog, Diablo Spiced Dog or your own creation
- "Bottomless" ballpark peanuts
- "Bottomless" We Pop It – You Top It! Popcorn
- Game ticket for the Mezzanine
- Access to Champions Pavilion social

To sign up or for more information, contact Amy Grizzle Kane at amy@smbc.org.

Companions in Christ Bible Study and Spiritual Formation Opportunity

Are you yearning for a deeper experience of God?

Would you like to be part of a small group of people with whom you can share questions of faith?

Come walk with Companions in Christ:

- A seven-week journey in prayer, scripture reading, meditation, sharing and spiritual friendship;
- A spiritual-formation group designed to deepen your spiritual growth.
- Please visit <http://www.companionsinchrist.org> for additional information

The Discipleship Committee invites you to join a special seven-week Companions in Christ study this summer from June 6 – July 18. A group of 8-10 individuals will meet from 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings for an orientation followed by six weekly sessions. Anyone may participate; however, a time of daily prayer and Bible study will be needed to prepare for each session. For more information or to sign up, please contact Amy Grizzle Kane, Minister to Adults, at amy@smbc.org or Hart Brupbacher at hbrupbacher@sbcglobal.net.

Our Weekly Records

Sunday School 5/16/2010	
English	493
Cambodian	38
Hispanic	36
Total	567
Visitors	33
Bible Study 5/12/2010	65
Choirs 5/9/2010	43
5/12/2010	40
Tithes and Offering 5/16/2010	
Budget Receipts	\$ 49,603
Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 60,235
YTD Receipts	\$ 1,121,514
YTD Budget Needs	\$ 1,204,700
Designated Receipts	\$ 12,294
YTD Missions	\$ 5,550
Capital Campaign to Date	\$ 2,559,869

Flowers

May 23, 2010

The Sanctuary flowers are given by the Griffin family in loving memory of Gail Jean Griffin.

“Church Pictorial Directory” on Demand

Now that the church office maintains and prints the information contained in the Church Directory, copies are available in the pastor’s assistant’s office of the church. The data and pictures are updated weekly with changes in our church membership.

Please email lstafford@smbc.org to order an updated copy. The printing and postage for these directories is \$10 each and shipping is \$2. You may pick them up during regular office hours Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. or give your address and one will be mailed to you.

If you would like to mail such a request, please address it to Lynda Stafford, Pastor’s Assistant, South Main Baptist Church, 4100 Main, Houston, Texas 77002.

Become a Member of the GROW TEAM!

You probably know that South Main has a “*Guest Outreach ‘GO’ Team*” that works hard every week to greet our visitors and make them feel welcome, but did you know we also have a **GROW TEAM**?

The *Grow Team* has been working equally hard to help our **new members** feel welcomed into their new church family and find their special place at South Main.

If you would enjoy getting to know our newest members, hearing their stories and sharing your wonderful South Main relationships, consider becoming a part of the **GROW TEAM**!

For further information on becoming a part of this exciting ministry, contact Amy Grizzle Kane at amy@smbc.org or Brandt and Cathy Edwards at caedwards@rocketmail.com.

A Day to Beat All Days



South Main’s participants in this year’s Susan’s Rally include Paul and Karen Falls, Jeanette Stokes, Sharna Shirl, Kirk and Debbie Brassfield, Mike Shirl, Erin Conaway and Lydia Law. South Mainer’s not pictured are Rally Master, Bruce Roberson, Ludeen Sweeney, Billie Bond, Ken and Lyn Hamilton, Franca Ma, Charles and Glo McRae, and Tom Williams

A day to beat all days was how we describe this year’s Sunday afternoon jaunt with Susan’s Rally! Not knowing what to expect, we were delightfully pleased by the scavenger hunt turned fundraiser for our own Sojourn House. We were sent off by the Rally Master, who looked oddly similar to South Main’s own Bruce Roberson, at about 12:30 p.m. We toured an art gallery, visited an old apartment ala Frank Lloyd Wright, drove by the future Dynamo Stadium and the oldest building in Houston, had an up close and personal with the David Addickes busts on I-10 and I-45 and dropped in at the Art Car Museum! To say it was fun was an understatement. To say it was educational is to put it mildly and to say we would do it again, a unanimous YES!

Children in Missions – Learning by Doing

Jar of Clay – it makes us think of many things: molded by a maker, created for practical use, durable. This is the theme that Miss Dolores set for this year of Missions on the Go. We created a small pot from clay and placed slips of paper in it with our thoughts about character traits we have that allow us to be used by God to spread His Good News.

To help us learn how God can use us, we spent time learning from people serving God in foreign countries. Judy Sellangah, a native of Kenya who was visiting friends in Houston, spent time talking about children in her country who are homeless and how God is using her to provide food and shelter to many homeless children. Chris and Jess Rose, our missionaries in Peru, talked to us in a skype call (telephone call over the Internet) about giving mothers blankets for their newborn babies. Bill and Michele Cayard, our missionaries in China, talked to us in a video about having Bible studies with college students. Pastor Steve told us about how God is using teenagers and adults in our church to help people overseas. We also learned from people here at our church who are caring for homeless people, students who come to the church after school, families who need help and our senior citizens. Judy, Chris and Jess, Bill and Michele, and people in our church are all examples of jars of clay.

But we didn't just learn from other people, we learned by doing projects. We built nativity character figures that were used in the "Giggle Filled Journey to the Baby" event at Christmas. It's great to have the figures we made helping children learn about the birth of Jesus. Then we made Manna Bags to give to homeless people here in Houston and snack bags for Miss Chelsea to give to after-school students. After that we started our big project for the year. We made bookshelves and Bibles out of blocks of wood to learn about the Bible. We used bigger blocks for the books of the Bible that have more chapters. We also painted the books different colors to show which section the book belongs to in the Bible. That way we can take the books off the shelves and learn about the Bible by putting the books back in the right order. What's really cool is we made one set of Bibles with the names in Spanish and English that we gave to a church in Eagle Pass during our All Church Mission Trip in March. We'll give the other bookcase and Bibles to the Kindergarten class here in our church.

This year has been a lot of fun learning from people and making projects to help people - we are each a jar of clay.

"Missions on the Go" is for Kindergarten through 5th graders and runs through the school year on Sunday afternoons. The primary tenet of the program is that children are designed to give through doing and serving! A note from Dolores and all of the parents of children who participated in MOTG this year – Huge thanks to Marv Overman who led and coordinated the week to week operations of MOTG, all those who gave their time talking and doing with the kids, Robie Stenoien for preparing lunches, and Bobbye Kolter for always doing whatever needed to be done with a smile!

Share Your Love of South Main!

innerloopchurch.com t-shirts and water bottles on sale now!

T-shirts are 100% super-soft cotton, black, sizes Small to XXL. \$6/each.

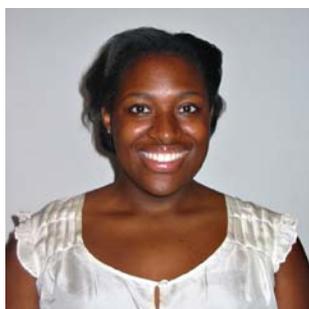


Water Bottles are 25 oz, BPA free, sturdy plastic. Smoke colored bottle with black tethered top. \$4/each.



That's only \$10 for a shirt and water bottle! Limited supplies available so get them while you can.

Available in the church office. Please contact Jennifer Gribble for details at jgribble@smbc.org or 832-368-2910.



Spotlight on Staff

Chelsea Wade is South Main's Buckner Ministries Coordinator. Chelsea directs our After School Program which meets Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. She works at having a personal relationship with each teenager who comes through our door as well as helping the group bond as a whole. Chelsea says of her job, "I consider it a blessing and an honor to work with high school students. With every setback there is a victory and I'm proud to encourage them." Chelsea, thanks for your direction of the After School Program as well as your help planning mission trips, shoe drives, etc.

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Save The Date!

South Main Sanctuary,
Youth, and Children's Choirs
sing the National Anthem
at Minute Maid Park!

Tuesday, June 2
7:05 p.m.

San Francisco Giants
and the Astros

*Come out to support
the South Main Choirs!*

Please Deliver by May 21

Address Service Requested

Our Newest Members

*May 16
2010*



Curtis Hall
By Letter



Sharon Hall
By Letter



CJ Hall
By Letter



David Hall
By Letter



Joy Hall
By Letter

New Time for SMBC TV Broadcast

South Main has a new contract with Houston Media Source and the worship services will be airing at 10:00 a.m. beginning Sunday, May 23.

The program is broadcast in Houston on Comcast Channel 17, TVMax 95, Phonoscope 75, AT&T U-verse 99 and in Kingwood on Sudden Link Channel 99.

Bach to Broadway Returns!

This year the Music Ministry brings to you...

SOUTH PACIFIC

August 12, 13 & 14

Email tcoker@smbc.org or call 713-529-4167, ext. 130, for information.