

Worship

March 2, 2014

8:30 and 11:00 AM Worship

Youth Auction

Our 2014 Youth Auction is TODAY after the 11:00 a.m. service. Join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall followed by the auction in the Activities Building. Please come support our youth.

Shrove Tuesday

How can you go wrong with pancakes and singing the old hymns we love with a jazzy twist! Did you know the secular celebration we know as "Fat Tuesday" actually has a sacred origin? Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the ritual of shriving, a time of confession of sins. This observance traditionally precedes Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent during which certain indulgent foods were omitted. Pancakes became associated with Shrove Tuesday as an ideal means to use up all the eggs, fats, and milk. On Tuesday, March 4, a pancake dinner will be served (\$8 per person, free for kids 10 & under) in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. and worship will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Come take part in this joyous event!

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Christian season of Lent, roughly the six weeks preceding Easter Sunday. Lent offers us the opportunity to consider our own lives and remember why Jesus needed to die for our sins, that we might celebrate his love and resurrection all the more. We will observe a Baptist Ash Wednesday service together in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. on March 5.

Marriage Enrichment:

Fantasy to Reality: Re-romanticizing Your Marriage

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on March 7 for an evening of marriage enrichment as Dr. Tim P. VanDuivendyk addresses spiritual characteristics in intimacy and marriage which can revitalize and re-romanticize your relationship. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served from 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. and childcare will be provided from 6:00 to 10:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per couple. Sign up no later than March 5 by contacting Aurora Gutierrez at 713-529-4167 or aurora@smbc.org.

SMBC Family Camping

Songs around a campfire, worship in God's beautiful creation, relaxed time to connect with friends, nature, and family... if this sounds like the perfect weekend to you, join young and old, tall and short, single and married South Mainers Friday, March 14 through Sunday, March 16 at Stephen F. Austin State Park. We have a large site reserved for tent camping with electrical outlets and a large commercial kitchen and dining area. Your Minister of Music/Worship and your Minister to Children/Fellowship have planned a fun weekend led by our camp pastor, Reverend Jack Mann. Cost is \$30 per person with a \$125 maximum per immediate family. Cost includes 5 meals and facility fees. Get more details and sign up at www.smbc.org no later than Sunday, March 9.

Flowers

The sanctuary flowers are given in celebration of the life of Leonor Jarrin by her husband Ruben, Sr. and children Ileana, Ruben, and Raul.

The rose on the organ celebrates the birth of Simon Carlson, son of Amy and Steve Carlson and baby brother to Ben and Chloe. Welcome to the South Main family!

Questions?

If you have questions about South Main or need more information, please call Aurora at 713-529-4167.

For more information about the ministries of South Main Baptist Church, visit www.smbc.org

- AB Activities Building
- CB Chafin Building
- FH Fellowship Hall
- GC General Campus
- LB Loessner Building
- MS Music Suite
- S Sanctuary Building
- OC Off Campus
- WC Welcome Center
- YC Youth Center

Sunday, March 2

- 8:00 AM Manna Ministry, Trinity Pines Chapel
- 8:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 9:40 AM Sunday School, General Campus
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
- Noon Youth Auction, AB120
- 12:05 PM Bible to Broadway Jr., LB225
- 1:45 PM Legacy Journey, CB210

Tuesday, March 4

- 9:30 AM SMILE, General Campus
- Preschool Play Days, LB130
- 5:00 PM Manna Chess Club, AB100
- 5:30 PM Shrove Tuesday, Fellowship Hall, S

Wednesday, March 5

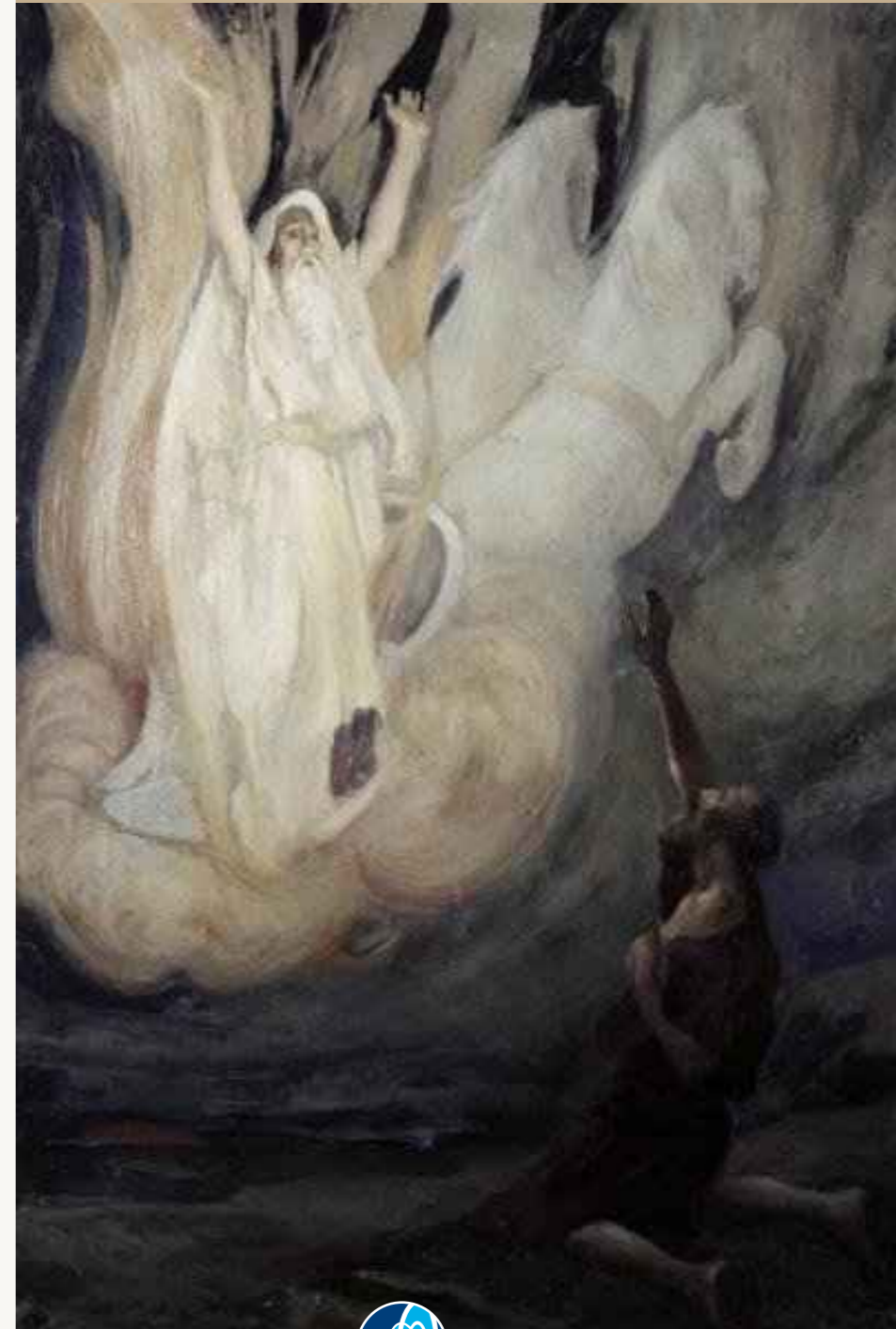
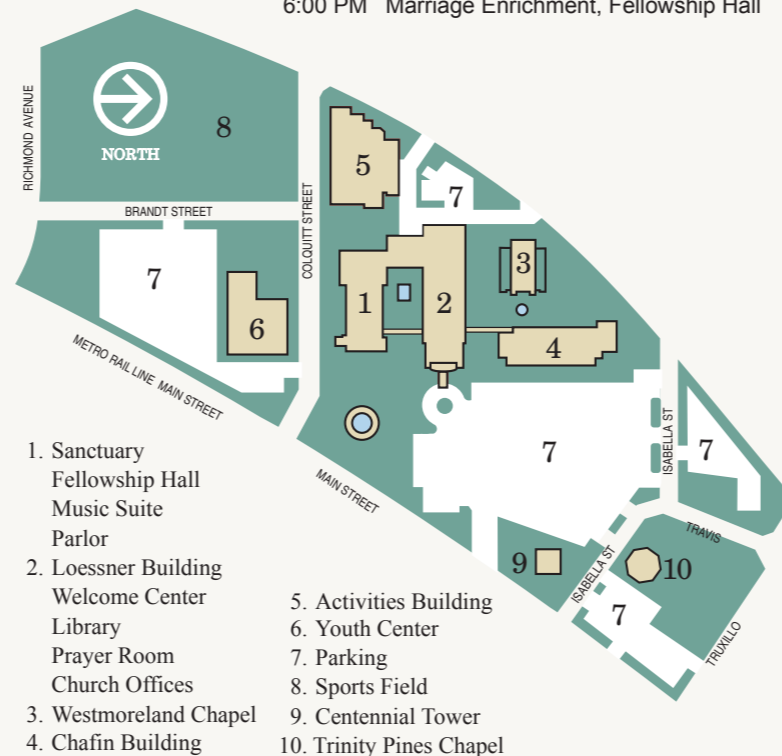
- 4:00 PM Adult III Council Meeting, LB302
- 5:15 PM Youth Handbells, LB339
- 5:30 PM Fellowship Meal, Fellowship Hall
- 5:45 PM Agape Rehearsal, Music Suite
- 6:00 PM Children's Handbells/Chimes, LB222, 229
- PS Choirs, LB101, 224
- One Accord, MSReh1
- 6:30 PM Children K-5 Choirs, LB225, 228
- PS Missions, LB103
- Ash Wednesday, Sanctuary
- VOX, Youth Center
- 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite

Thursday, March 6

- 9:30 AM Preschool Play Days, LB130
- 7:00 PM Young Adult Basketball, AB100

Friday, March 7

- 6:00 PM Marriage Enrichment, Fellowship Hall





Worship

Please silence cell phones.



Worship

Worship is the most important act we do as Christians. It connects us to God and to each other.



Discover

Growing in our faith means growing in our knowledge of God's word and in our understanding of God's plan for our lives.



Share

God calls us to share our faith and financial resources and to serve others through missions and ministry.

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Gathering

Tolling the Hour

Prelude

Sarabande on 'Land of Rest'
(Gerald Near)
Tom Jaber, Guest Organist

Welcome and Litany

Kevin Sinclair, Minister to Youth/Missions

Praise

Hymn 556

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

(Children are invited to come forward during the final stanza at 11:00)

Message through Art (8:30)

Greg Funderburk, Minister to Adults/Pastoral Care

Children's Message (11:00)

Dolores Rader, Minister to Children/Fellowship
(Children, 2nd grade and younger, are invited to sit together before leaving for Little Church in the Great Hall later in service.)

Reflection

Hymn 68

He Leadeth Me! Oh Blessed Thought

Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Abigail Rader (8:30)

Ally Day (11:00)

Morning Prayer, concluding with

the Lord's Prayer

Dolores Rader

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,

and lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil,

for Thine is the Kingdom and the power

and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Anthem

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal

(arr. Alice Parker)

Sanctuary Choir

As Elijah and Elisha were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind.

– 2 Kings 2:11



James Joseph Jacques Tissot
(1836–1902)
Elijah Ascends In A Chariot Of Fire

Good News

2 Kings 2:1-12

Steve Wells, Pastor

Responding

Hymn of Invitation

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Congregation sing as directed

Swing low, sweet chariot,

Coming for to carry me home.

Swing low, sweet chariot,

Coming for to carry me home.

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

(arr. Douglas Smith)

South Main Brass

Doxology (Old Hundredth)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him all creatures here below,

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Morgan Smith (8:30)

Will Johnson (11:00)

Sending Out

Welcoming and Covenant with New Members

In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place.

We offer you our love, our care, our kinship,

and our hopes. We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you by God's grace.

Benediction

Steve Wells

Postlude

The Emperor's Fanfare

(Antonio Soler)

Tom Jaber

Church members are praying for each of you during this worship service: that your hearts and minds may know the Spirit of God to be at work in your life this hour and as you go from this place.

Participants

Ally Day is a ninth grader at St. Agnes Academy where plays soccer. She is the daughter of Tim and Elaine, and the sister of Jack and Emme.

Ally was a part of the Youth Rural Poverty Immersion and Mission trip to the Mississippi Delta last summer.

Abigail Rader and **Morgan Smith** are cousins and seventh graders at Nolan Ryan Junior High School. Morgan and Abby experienced rural poverty first hand when they served on a recent mission trip to Mississippi with the Youth group.

Will Johnson is a Junior at Memorial High School where he plays water polo. He is the son of Randy and Kathryn, and the brother of Becca and Megan. Will has been to Peru and is returning this next summer for our Global Poverty Immersion and Mission trip to Collique.

A Litany for Passing the Torch

Leader: The saints of each successive generation seem to pale in comparison to those who have gone before us. We stand on the shoulders of giants. Here we have Elisha, cloaked in Elijah's mantle, empowered by the very same God who appeared in fire on Mount Carmel before the prophets of Baal. Could he ever be half the prophet Elijah was?

People: *He will be twice the prophet, for the power in Elijah is the very same power in Elisha, and the power in Elisha is alive in Christ's Body today.*

Leader: Who of us does not feel the weight of responsibility when we think of our heroes? There is a burden of stewardship laid across the shoulders of those who have been disciplined well. We look at a grandmother and are perplexed by her patience. We think of our grandfather and are dwarfed by his diligence. Nonetheless, we carry in our bodies and hearts the compassion and courage of the ancients.

People: *We stand on Jordan's stormy banks, weeping as we watch the Chariots of Fire take away our loved ones. Yet, God is not finished.*

Leader: Grieve. Mourn. Remember. Treasure. The memory of our beloved saints is sweet in our mouths, but may we be granted the grace to wrap the mantle of their wisdom and courage around our shoulders for the living of these days.

All: *In flaming chariot, we see Elijah vanish into the whirlwind. "Elisha, your time has come. Prepare your heart to see what your God can do."*

Gift for Our Guests

If you are a guest with us, we have a gift bag for you in the Welcome Center or the foyer of the Sanctuary. Please stop by and pick one up as you leave today.

You are invited to join South Main

- By declaring your faith in Jesus Christ as your personal Savior.
- By transfer of membership from another Baptist church. We will gladly request the letter.
- By statement of your prior Baptist membership.
- Under watch-care as you participate in our church's life, but without transfer of membership.
- By affirming your membership and prior believer's baptism in another denomination.