

SOUTH MAIN
CHURCH OF CHRIST

WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN
DECEMBER 20, 2015

WELCOME TO SOUTH MAIN!

You're invited to be a part of our family as we worship God, encourage one another, and grow spiritually together.

When we meet together, we sing, pray, study the Bible, partake together in the communion of the Lord's supper, and enjoy great family fellowship.

A fully staffed nursery is available. Ask an usher for assistance.

During AM services, we offer signing for those who are hearing impaired.

GOOD MORNING!



JOY TO THE WORLD!

WELCOME - David Chenault
CALL TO WORSHIP - Tom Jones
SONGS - Paul Zimmerman
OPENING PRAYER - Foy Brown
READINGS & MESSAGES - Bob Payne
LORD'S SUPPER / OFFERING - Rodger Poe
KIDS PRAISE - Elisabeth Sabella
SHEPHERD'S CLOSING THOUGHT
Bobby Davis
CLOSING PRAYER - Peyton Chenault

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

"Depart in Peace" (Luke 2:29)
Please silence all cell phones and pagers.
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Bible Classes for all ages: Sundays 9:30 am
Worship Assembly: Sundays 10:30 am and 5 pm
Wednesday Evening Classes: 6:30 pm

WHERE FAMILY MATTERS!

Bob's Thoughts...

WISE MEN STILL SEEK HIM!

When Jesus was born...there came wise men... to Worship Him... And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way. And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy Him." When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt. Matthew 2:1-2, 13-14

It has been said that "Wise men still seek Him," and rightly so! But those who are truly wise, don't just *seek Him*; they *find Him*, *worship Him*, and *follow Him* in faithful obedience all the days of their lives. True worship is not just in word, but in deed. Thus, one who is a true worshipper of the Lord will live a life wholly yielded unto Him. God will *protect and provide!* God takes care of His own. Divine intervention. That is exactly what happened on behalf of the Christ Child. King Herod planned to kill the newborn King, but God's plans and purposes always prevail. So, in response to God's instructions to the wise men, as true worshipers, they chose to follow the Higher Power by obeying God's word instead of King Herod. Likewise, Joseph (Mary's husband) obeyed instantly, when God spoke to him. He immediately arose and took his family to Egypt for safekeeping until God showed him it was safe to return. So, we see that Divine intervention requires human co-operation. And that means you and me!

Just as God chose to Divinely intervene in the lives of the Christ Child, the wise men, and Joseph; so He desires to work in your life too! God wants to be involved in the lives of His people. But remember, it involves your co-operation. Therefore, you must trust Him with your life and follow His word. You must respond in faithful obedience to His promptings or teachings. Then you will be a true worshipper and among the wise that still seek Him.

Have a Great Week!
Bob



Assignments, Etc...

GREETERS

Sunday, December 20th: Tommy & Sandra Goode, Jim & Donna Smith, June Craig, Janelle Roberts

Sunday, December 27th: Roy & Peggy Hunt, Bobby & Neva Davis

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Sunday AM, December 20th: Diann Hopkins, Becky Whiteside, Elisabeth Sabella

Sunday AM, December 27th: Regina & Ashleigh Sugg

FOOD COMMITTEE

December: Janet Thompson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

December: Neitra Gutierrez, Sylvia Jones

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP

December: Neitra Gutierrez, Sylvia Jones

South Main Shares...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Decklan Harris, Timothy Sanders, Jody Sory, Rachel Sanders, Bonnie Fredenburg!!!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jody & Carol Sory!!!

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for January 28, 29 & 30 for our new South Main directory portraits. More details coming soon!

SURVEY

If you did not receive a "Time, Talent & Giftedness Survey" last Sunday, see David Chenault for a copy or for information on how you can fill one out online.

ANNUAL MEETING

There will be a **very brief** annual congregational business meeting this morning immediately following the AM assembly

Announcements...

MIDWEEK MANNA

Wednesday Night Meals begin at 5:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The menu for Wednesday, **December 23rd** is: *steak fingers, mac & cheese, asparagus, & ice cream sandwich dessert.*

Please sign the list if you plan to eat.

Adults: \$4, Children (ages 5-12): \$2, (4 & under): Free

South Main's First Annual
Christmas Sing-Along
TONIGHT @ 6 PM
Everyone is invited!

South Main Singers -
Please be here at 5:15 PM.
Be sure to bring your music.

For more information, contact David Chenault.

There will be NO 5PM service tonight due to the Sing-Along at 6PM.

THANK YOU

We wish we could look into heaven and see what Heaven's response is to the gifts you gave for souls. We know how much rejoicing occurs when one soul is saved, but what is the response when gifts are given for a multitude of souls to be saved? We can tell you how we on the Mission Committee responded to your gifts for souls: We were elated by the possibility of helping others teach the Gospel. We can say, as one of our elders would, "Wow, Wow, Wow!"

The committee not only thanks you for the gifts on Mission Sunday, but for the gifts you have given throughout the year. Mission gifts that honor loved ones, some given as a memorial, other gifts given whenever you had a little extra, all go towards sharing the Gospel. Thank you, again, for you have made a dream a reality.

The Mission Committee,
Foy Brown, Steve Sanders, Jim Smith

I can't say enough, Thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving to families!!! I don't have pictures but I was able to see several faces of single mothers who were extremely thankful, families that just could not make ends meet for Christmas and a family who lost her husband and Father to cancer two weeks ago cry when she saw the gifts and the HUGE basket of food and necessities to support her kids!!! THANK YOU SOUTH MAIN for making a difference and shining God's light in this world!!!!

Kim Gunz

The Family Life...

SOUTH MAIN **RED HOUSE**

RED HOUSE HOURS
MONDAY - WEDNESDAY
3:30 - 5:00 PM

VOLUNTEERS – Adults:
If you can help out with manning the Red House an hour or two each week, please let David know!

THIS MONTH'S ITEM: 
GUMMIES

MTC COAT DRIVE

Every month, over 700 female inmates are released from Henderson's MTC prison facility. Many of these women do not have a coat when they are released to keep them warm during these cold months.

Here is how you can help:

- Bring new or gently used coats to the church office
- and/or make a donation towards the purchase of coats (*Make checks out to South Main & notate "MTC Coats" on the memo line.*)
- AND, spread the word to your friends and family that we need lots and lots of women's coats!

Optional: Feel free to tuck a note or scripture of encouragement into the pocket.

For more information, contact Bob Brown or Stephanie Goode.

TEACHERS

The new Ellison Machine is now here and ready to use. It is a bit different from the previous model, so, if you have any questions, please see Elisabeth Sabella or Renee Hampton.



OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed December 24 - 25 for the Christmas Holiday.

Merry Christmas!!

From the Staff,

*Ben Bradshaw, David Chenault,
Renee Hampton, Dicky Harris, Bob Payne,
Elisabeth Sabella, & Ken Sabella*

South Main Prays...

June Craig is now home following knee surgery and is doing well.

Leonard Gunz, father of Roger Gunz, is having some complications following a stroke last week.

Tara Haney had gallbladder surgery on Thursday.

Doug Hopkins had a surgical procedure on Friday to help increase the blood flow in his legs.

Terry Wall, mother of Regina Sugg, had a heart attack Wednesday morning. She suffered no permanent heart damage and her doctors were able to repair the blockage that caused the attack.

Our Nation

Please continue to pray for: **Lowetta Baade, Rex Berry, Ada Cowart, Dan Cummings, Bonnie Davis, David Dorsey, Patsy Ferguson, Lawrence Ferrell, Bob Ferrier, Oleta Hahn, Ray Hall, Larry Hunt, Roy Hunt, Louise Jones, Punk Jones, David LaFever, Ron Largent, Les Lewis, Carolina Maxwell, Dean & Teresa Myers, Joanie Nations, Mike Nations, Miriam Nations, Denise Perkins, Jeanette Quinn, Katie Ramon, Maddie Ramon, David Roberts, Margie Rushing, Ken Sabella, Don Sample, Tom Taylor, Roy Vinson, Lauren Williams, Wayne Womack**

Each prayer request will be posted for two weeks unless the church office receives an update.



PRAY FOR OUR ARMED FORCES

Justin Blue, Sloan Brown,
Logan Commins, Brandi Davis,
Steven Hodges, Joshua McKay,
Chad McMurray, Jonathan Sanders,
Cleve Sexton, Scottie Tillison, John H. Tucker



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RECORDS AS OF 12-13-2015

Sunday Bible Classes	91
Sunday A.M. Worship.....	160
Sunday P.M.....	51
Wednesday P.M. Classes	67
Offering	\$5,757
Weekly Budget.....	\$7,075
YTD Offering.....	\$344,566
YTD Budget.....	\$353,736
Above (Below) YTD.....	(\$9,170)



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Dicky Harris

DEACONS:

Chuck Ashmore	Roy Hunt
Ben Bradshaw	James Rowell
Don Brooks	Jody Sory
Richey Glasgow	Jamie Sugg
David Gravley	

