

WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN  
MARCH 17, 2013



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.



SOUTH MAIN CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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!

***GOOD MORNING!***

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS - David Chenault

MESSAGE - *"Toxic Assembly"*

I Corinthians 11:17-34

SCRIPTURE READING - Wayne Hampton

I Corinthians 11:23-26

THE LORD'S SUPPER - Bob Payne

KIDS PRAISE - Elisabeth Sabella

PRAISE LEADER - Tommy Goode

Thank You, Lord - # 474

His Grace Reaches Me - # 113

Take the Name of Jesus with You - # 738

PRAYER - Tom Jones

Step by Step - # 15

Servant Song - # 694

OFFERING

INVITATION

When We All Get to Heaven - # 853

SOUTH MAIN PRAYS - David Chenault

The Lord Bless You & Keep You - # 710

CLOSING PRAYER - Jeremy Cartwright

*"Depart in Peace" (Luke 2:29)*

*Please silence all cell phones and pagers.*

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## DAVID'S THOUGHTS...

"Hold still," shouted my mother above the roar of the crowd and the bells on the Midway. "That's good!" Snap! My father, tucked behind the eastern portion of the state, held me firm with a single hand as I sat, somewhat slumped, where New Mexico would have been, braced in the corner between the Panhandle and the long stretch to El Paso.

My parents had stopped to pose for a picture in front of the Tower Building at Fair Park, the home of the Great State Fair of Texas. My dad had placed me on a Texas-shaped monument crafted from concrete and sandstone. About six feet tall and four feet wide, it had "Texas" chiseled across the front. I looked like I was sitting on it all alone as my dad hid behind. While people passed by with Belgian waffles and Fletcher corny dogs, my parents had paused to begin a tradition. I was three months old.

Every year, for the next 18 years, we made a faithful pilgrimage to the State Fair of Texas. Sure, we enjoyed the corny dogs and the new cars exhibits. We ate saltwater taffy and listened to Big Tex bellow across the park. We admired the military bands and sat on the curb as the evening parade rolled by. But all we really HAD to do was take a picture—THE picture.

Even after my father died, we continued making the trek, taking the photo and marking another year. If you took all those photos in a stack and quickly flipped through them with your thumb, you would see me magically grow, from an infant to a toddler to a young man. I'd go from sitting to standing, as tall as Austin, then Waco, then Dallas, then somewhere up north of the Red River. Eventually I was big enough to casually lean on East Texas with one arm, like I owned the place.

For 18 years the tradition continued, unbroken. Then I went off to college to start a life on my own and took those

memories with me. When my first son was born, we were living in Germany. We scheduled a trip home that October and drove to the fair. When we got the Tower Building, the Texas monument was gone. A visit to the information booth prompted a call to the Fair Park Administration Office which eventually determined the monument had been moved to a basement somewhere for storage. So, we stood there anyway. We stood in the empty space where the stone Texas had been, the same spot where, 28 years earlier, my father had stood with his first-born son.

"Hold still," my wife said. "That's good." And we took the picture.

I don't have many memories of my father. I look somewhat like him. Probably act like him too, sometimes. But because of a series of moments each year when my parents paused to say, "This is important," I have a special bond with him.

The Lord's Supper is much like this. It's a moment each week, when we pause and say, "THIS is important." I believe it is what Jesus had in mind when, as recounted in 1 Corinthians 11:25-26, he told his apostles to eat, drink and remember him. But unfortunately, remembering Him once per week is not enough. The reason I loved those trips to the fair so much was because it reminded me of all the other ways my parents had expressed their love to me. Had it been the only thing we did as a family, that picture would have been meaningless.

What we do each day, at "home", with our families and friends, builds the foundation for our times together as church family.

I challenge you to pause at least once per day this week, and right there, in the presence of your children, your wife, a friend or even a co-worker, do something...say something...read something of God to say, "this--our faith in God--is IMPORTANT." It's guaranteed to change more lives than yours.

## ASSIGNMENTS, ETC...

### GREETERS

**Sunday, March 17:** Tommy & Sandra Goode, Jim & Donna Smith, June Craig, Janelle Roberts

**Sunday, March 24:** Roy & Peggy Hunt, Betty Tinney, Bobby & Neva Davis, Rex & Pat Berry

### NURSERY ATTENDANTS

**Sunday AM, March 17:** Barbie Glasgow, Christie Fergerson

**Sunday AM, March 24:** Neva Davis, Kathy Davis, Mevane Dorsey

### VISITOR CENTER

**March:** Sylvia Jones

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

**March:** Sandra Goode, Karen Pritchard

### COMMUNION CLEAN-UP

**March:** Sandra Goode, Karen Pritchard

**If you can help take communion to the shut-ins,  
please contact the church office.**

### FOOD COMMITTEE

**March:** Sandra Goode, Jo Harris

## SOUTH MAIN SHARES...

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Barbara Brown, Barbie Glasgow, Sydney Goode, Cade Hunt, Teresa Myers, Brenda Orr, Matt Stephens, Becky Sprayberry, Callie Hunt!!!

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

David & Paula Gravley!!!

### EEM BANQUET

You have blessed us with your thoughts, prayers and gifts, allowing the ministry to continue in ways only God can imagine. We look forward to sharing the incredible things that are happening in Eastern Europe. We invite you and your church members to join us for Eastern European Mission's benefit dinner at **7 PM, April 4**, at K.E. Bushman's Center in Bullard, TX.

Please sign the list in the foyer as your RSVP if you are planning to attend.

### SYMPATHY

Our sympathies go to **Merion Fountain, Kelly, Nathan, and Meredith Gunz** at the passing of their father and grandfather, **Bob Goeth**. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 23rd at 2 PM in the chapel at Autumn Leaves.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS...

FOCUS Group Schedules		
Group	Where	When/Time
Bradshaw/Hampton	TBA	
Sabella	TBA	
Cummings	TBA	Mar. 24, 12:30
Davis/Smith	TBA	
Payne	Fellowship Hall	5 PM Sundays

### MIDWEEK MANNA

The menu for Wednesday, **March 20**, is *Straw hats, rice, chips & salsa, salad, & sopapilla cheesecake*. Please sign the list in the foyer if you plan to eat. **We need volunteers** to help prepare, serve and clean-up.

### GROCERY RUN

Thank you for participating in our Arms of Hope Grocery Run! Items currently needed are: **Clorox Wipes, Canned Chicken & Tuna, Vegetable Oil, Ketchup, and Trash Bags - 13 or 33 gal.** The truck will be by to collect our items during the week of **March 25**. And, as always, monetary donations are also accepted at [ArmsOfHope.org](http://ArmsOfHope.org).



### CLOTHING DRIVE

Our donations will benefit the Arms of Hope Thrift Store with proceeds going to help support Medina & Boles Homes. Donations can include clothing, shoes, toys, small household & kitchen appliances, and kitchen utensils. Donations can be dropped off in room 26 or in the foyer.

### RED CROSS TRAINING

South Main Church of Christ is listed with the local Red Cross as a shelter to be used in times of crisis. Everyone wishing to volunteer at these times is welcome. However, anyone interested in working in a shelter *management* position is required to complete the Red Cross Shelter Management training. The Red Cross also offers training as an Emergency Response Volunteer. These training classes are offered locally. If you are interested or would like more information, contact David Chenault.

### PRISON FAMILY MINISTRY

There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for anyone interested in helping with the new Family Prison Ministry. If interested, contact Mark or Susan Roskos, or Bob Brown.

## THE FAMILY LIFE...



### RED HOUSE ITEM:

#### PRETZELS

Any size/any flavor

### ACAPPELLA CONCERT

**Acappella** will be in concert at Pine Tree Church of Christ **tonight at 6PM. Admission is free.** If you'd like to go and would like to travel as a group, sign the list in the foyer.

### CAN YOU HOST A

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL DEVO?

If you'd like to host a devotional at your home during 2013, please sign up on the list in the foyer.

### LTC PRACTICES

**Sign Language** - Wednesdays, 5:45 PM, Red House

**Bible Bowl/Quiz** - Thursdays, 6 PM, Red House

### 4TH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

It's time for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! We will be celebrating at the Multi-Purpose Building on **March 30th from 11am-1pm**. All families with children ages 0-8 years, please bring 6 plastic eggs filled with candy or small treats for each child who will be hunting for eggs. We will also be having brunch so bring your favorite dish and come fellowship with us!



We will begin hunting eggs at 11:30 and continue to play, do crafts, enjoy our brunch and take pictures until 12pm.

You do not have to have children to enjoy the fellowship and fun – everyone is invited! Those with children over 8 are also invited – we would love for our older kids to “help” our younger ones hunt eggs.

### DUCK DYNASTY

Part of the Duck Dynasty cast is coming to Henderson **April 27th** for a "Family Day" with activities for families. South Main is organizing a booth for the event and if you would like to help plan or man the booth, please sign up on the list in the foyer.



# SOUTH MAIN PRAYS..

**Maxine Adams** remains in Trinity Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler.

**Johnnie Harris** is awaiting test results.

**Lynn Jackson** will be going to Dallas for eye surgery on April 3rd.

**Hugh Phillips** is in room 478 at ETMC-Henderson.

**Steve Sanders** had surgery last Tuesday.

**Liz Thrasher**, friend of Rosemary Payne, had surgery last Wednesday.

## Our Nation

Please continue to pray for: **Christy Allison, Rex Berry, Michael Copeland, H D & Bonnie Davis, Charles Garrett, Crissie Garrett, Eddy Hall Gyp Hampton, Donnie Harris, Howard Hartman, Bruce Hobbs, Virgie Hopson, Wayne Hornsby, Corine Lincecum, Johnnie Lynch, Pat Lynch, Tommy McCaffiety, Dean & Teresa Myers, Judy Narramore, Ryan Reamy, Norma Resneder, Leroy Romines, Don Sample, Steve Siler, Slaydon Smith, Keith Sunday, Charlotte Ware, Mary Elizabeth Weatherford, Toni Whitehead, Melody Whiteside, Joann Wright**

*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,  
Tina Commins, Kyle Davis,  
Ryan Harris, Brandi Herring, J C Hodges,  
Steven Hodges, Dan MacKay, Joshua McKay,  
Kim McDuffie, Chad McMurray, Jonathan Sanders,  
Cleve Sexton, Todd Sunday, Tony Sunday,  
Shaun Tillison, John H. Tucker

## RECORDS AS OF 03/10/2013

Sunday Bible Classes.....	83
Sunday A.M. Worship .....	136
Sunday P.M.....	73
Wednesday P.M. Classes .....	68
Offering.....	\$6,196
Weekly Budget.....	\$6,835
YTD Offering.....	\$64,732
YTD Budget.....	\$68,350
Above (Below) YTD.....	(\$3,618)



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Dan Cummings, Dicky Harris, Glenda Harris

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Chuck Ashmore	Wayne Hampton
Ben Bradshaw	Doug Hopkins
Don Brooks	Roy Hunt
Jeremy Cartwright	Hugh Phillips
Joe Davis	James Rowell
Richey Glasgow	Jody Sory
David Gravley	Jamie Sugg



Week of: March 17, 2013

# Our Faithful God



**Scripture: Deuteronomy 7:9**

**Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, [keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.]**

*Bracketed portion for older students and adults*

Extended Texts: Deuteronomy 6; 7:7-11; Hebrews 6:13-20; I Thessalonians 5:12-28

## **Memory Verse Discussion:**

- Explain “your God is God.”
- Why was it important in Israel's time that God was “faithful”?
- What is the “covenant of love”?
- What is our part of the covenant?

## **Extended Text Discussion:**

- Who should we share this with? (Deut 6)
- Why was Israel important to God? (Deut 7)
- How does God's promise to Israel affect us today? (Hebrews 6)
- How does Jesus figure into God's covenant of love? (Hebrews 6)
- How can we apply this to our lives today? (1 Thes 5)

**Additional Study:** We often make many promises that we may or may not keep. Is a “covenant” different? If so, how? Make a time capsule for your family. Write down “promises” that you can make to each other and put them inside. You may want to make more than one time capsule. You could make a short-term one (to be opened in a month or a year) and a long-term one (opened in 10 years or 50 years).