



CHURCH OF CHRIST

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!

WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN DECEMBER 22, 2013

GOOD MORNING!



JOY TO THE WORLD!

WELCOME – Bob Payne

REPORT FROM ELDERS

SONGS – Paul Zimmerman

READINGS & MESSAGE – Bob Payne

LORD'S SUPPER/OFFERING – Ben Bradshaw

CHILDREN'S TIME – David Chenault

“Depart in Peace” (Luke 2:29)

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

BOB'S THOUGHTS...

EMMANUEL, GOD WITH US

"And she shall bring forth a son, and you shall call His name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 'Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel,' which being interpreted is God with us."

Matthew 1:21-23

Emmanuel, God is now with us! We, as sinful humans, couldn't go to God, so He came to us. He became one of us by being born of a woman. But Mary was no ordinary woman; she was a virgin, having never known a man. So, who was the father of Jesus? God Himself was the father of Jesus by a miraculous work of the Holy Spirit. And that makes Jesus the Son of God!

Jesus was called Emmanuel - God with us. But the meaning of this name goes far beyond His physical presence during the 33 years that He walked this earth. His name, Emmanuel, God with us, is indicative of His purpose. Jesus Christ did not come just to be with a few people for a limited period of time; He came in order that He might be with all people, throughout the eons of time.

Jesus means savior and what He saves us from is our sins. How can He do this? Through His sacrificial death upon the cross! Jesus Christ removed the barrier that separated us from God and paved the way for Him to become one with us. God intends to be with us not merely as an external presence, but, rather, as an internal presence, resident in us to abide with us forever!

God is Spirit, and as such, He desires to reside within you. Therefore, when you put on Christ through baptism, He becomes your very own Emmanuel. Christ is no longer outside of you far removed from you. He has become one with you, and resides within you by His Spirit! God is now with you! You have become a recipient of His indwelling presence and that means you, too, can call Him Emmanuel.

Have a Great Week!

Bob



ASSIGNMENTS, ETC..

GREETERS

Sunday, December 22nd: Roy & Peggy Hunt, Betty Tinney, Bobby & Neva Davis, Rex & Pat Berry

Sunday, December 29th: All available greeters

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Sunday AM, December 22nd: Diann Hopkins, Becky Whiteside, Elisabeth Sabella

Sunday AM, December 29th: Mona Craig, Cherie Weaver, Kathy Buckner

VISITOR CENTER

December: Carol Sory

January: Betty Tinney

COMMUNION PREPARATION

December: Jo Harris, Sharon Brown

January: Neva Davis, Fern Bench

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP

December: Jo Harris, Sharon Brown

January: Neva Davis, Fern Bench

SOUTH MAIN SHARES...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Toby Howard, Timothy Sanders, Jody Sory, Rachel Sanders, Bonnie Fredenburg, Hailey Enriquez!!!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jody & Carol Sory, Ken & Elisabeth Sabella!!!

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Due to our status of being incorporated in the State of Texas, we are to have periodic annual meetings. We will have a brief Annual Meeting immediately after the AM service on December 29.

THANK YOU

We want to thank Elisabeth Sabella and the adorable little girls who brought mother a beautiful blanket and also one for me. They are so nice and warm and we have enjoyed them every single night. The kids did a great job and we sincerely thank you. Also, we want to thank the Ladies Bible Class for coming to visit and also their enjoyable treat bags. We really enjoy their visits.

In Christian Love,
Mary Millard & Billie Ballenger

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

BAPTISMS

Last week 6 men and 11 women were baptized at MTC jail facility, and 12 men were baptized at Bradshaw State jail.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

December 24th & 25th - Office Closed

No services on the 25th

December 31st - New Year's Eve party (more details will follow)

January 1st - Office Closed

No classes-Devotional in auditorium

FOCUS Group Schedules		
Group	Where	When/Time
Bradshaw	Jim Smith	Sun, Jan 12 @ noon
Cummings	April Linthicum	Sun, Jan 5 @ 12:30

FAMILY FINANCIAL NEWS

The church family needs to be aware that we have fallen behind in our 2013 weekly giving. As of today we are about \$9,747 short of what we had planned to give this year. We will have to cut back on some of the works planned if additional funds don't come in soon. Our ministry leaders have planned some good works for next year.

If everyone would make up for any week they were out of town, our shortfall could be eliminated. Many of our members have made pledges to give additional funds to the Fellowship Hall building fund. Giving toward these pledges has also dwindled. We have incurred some unexpected costs in our Air Conditioning units. This includes a \$9,994 purchase of a new unit of which \$3,997 remains. Making a financial offering to the church qualifies as a deduction on your Federal Income Tax return. The treasurer is glad to furnish a letter of confirmation for contributions larger than \$250 at one time. Please think about what you can do to help keep the South Main church strong and vibrant financially. Everything we do is for the Glory of God. Many are helped by the benevolence work we do. Thank you for your love of the Lord and your selfless giving to His cause here in Henderson.

The Elders

THE FAMILY LIFE...



RED HOUSE ITEM – This week's item is: **FRUIT SNACKS** - any brand, any flavor. Thanks for all the snacks you have provided! Keep it coming!

FATHER AND SON LED SERVICE

We will have a "Father and Son" led service next Sunday, December 29th. If you would like to participate, please let David know as soon as possible.

RED HOUSE

The Red House will be CLOSED during the next few weeks due to the Christmas holidays. The Red House will re-open on Monday, January 13th.

ULTIMATE ESCAPE

If you missed last week's presentations by Steve Holladay, you missed something special. Steve had great information about why we do the things and how we can be trapped by our own behavior. This was the second time Steve had been to Henderson and each time it has been a blessing for our parents and students. Unfortunately, the topics Steve discusses and the information he shares is just not being talked about enough in our congregations.

In 2014, Steve will begin a new phase of the Ultimate Escape ministry. He will be focusing on equipping youth ministers and church leaders to help teenagers and their parents with the sexual culture that bombards them every single day. But the ministry needs your support to be successful.

Steven mentioned this while here was here and I would like to remind you of the opportunity to support Steve and the Ultimate Escape ministry. Contact me if you would like more information or visit www.ultimatescape.org/parents/donate to contribute as little as \$10 per month. Every bit helps!

--- David

MISSION STATEMENT

The South Main Church of Christ is a loving and caring group of believers who accept the joy and responsibility of carrying out the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ.

With the help of God we will:

- Seek and Save the Lost
- Teach the Kingdom of God
- Help those who are in need

SOUTH MAIN PRAYS...

Brock Jacob Morrow, infant cousin of the Goode family, is hospitalized with bacterial meningitis.

Karen Pritchard spent a day in the hospital, but is now at home.

Please continue to pray for: **Jacquetta Arbuckle, Roy & Fern Bench, Rex & Pat Berry, Stephanie Crum, H.D. & Bonnie Davis, Patsy Ferguson, Charles M. Garrett, Debra Goode, Aleece Green, Jeff & Kenia Green, Oleta Hahn, Eddy Hall, Rebekah Hanes, Cathy Haney, Bruce Hobbs, Billie Hooper, Minh Johnson, Lane King, Steve Marshall, Dean & Teresa Myers, Judy Narramore, Joanie Nations, Laura Parker, Denise Perkins, Bessie Richey, Darla Riley, Jim Rushing, Bobbie Russell, Don Sample, Jim Smith, Juanita Smith, Becky Thompson, Patsy Thompson, Toni Whitehead, Clay Willis**

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,
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, Scottie Tillison,
John H. Tucker

RECORDS AS OF 12-15-2013

Sunday Bible Classes.....	81
Sunday A.M. Worship	149
Sunday P.M.	48
Wednesday P.M. Classes	75
Offering..	\$5,596
Weekly Budget	\$6,830
YTD Offering	\$332,003
YTD Budget.	\$341,750
Above (Below) YTD	(\$9,747)



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Dan Cummings, Dicky Harris

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

