

By the Numbers		Deacons on Call/Seating Hosts	
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>04/05/26</b>	<b>April 9 - April 15</b>	
Sunday School Attendance	693	Bubba Culbertson 864-554-0662 gfculbertson@gmail.com	
<b>Giving for the Week of</b>	<b>04/05/26</b>	<b>April 16 - April 22</b>	
Budget Receipts	\$53,801.00	Dan Grubbs 864-910-2555 dan.grubbs@wctel.net	
Budget Requirements	\$40,698.00		
YTD Received	\$543,159.00		
YTD Budget Req.	\$569,770.00	William Holladay 864-993-7550 wholladay1221@gmail.com	
World Missions	\$1,975.00		
Designated	\$12,230.00	Bill King 864-337-9552 scrufytam@gmail.com	

**Family Group Night**  
"Faithfulness in the Fields"  
(Ruth 2)

**READ IT**  
Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eyes I find favor." Naomi said to her, "Go ahead, my daughter." So she went out, entered a field, and began to glean behind the harvesters. As it turned out, she was working in a field belonging to Boaz, who was from the clan of Elimelek. (Ruth 2:2-3)

**DISCOVER IT**  
In our scripture for today, Ruth's story unfolds in a dusty, difficult place – the fields of Bethlehem. As a widow from Moab, she had every reason to feel defeated, overlooked, and uncertain about her future. Yet instead of despairing, Ruth chose faithfulness. She humbly took on the hard, dirty job of gleaning – picking up leftover grain behind the harvesters. This was work meant for the poor and the outsider, and Ruth was both. But her willingness to labor faithfully, combined with her trust in the God of Israel, positioned her for unexpected blessing. God led Ruth to the field of Boaz, a man of integrity and kindness. Boaz noticed her diligence and character (Ruth 2:12) and provided for her needs. What began as survival turned into abundance, and what seemed like coincidence was actually God's providence at work. Ruth's faithfulness in the fields became the pathway to God's blessing, provision, and ultimately restoration and marriage to her kinsman redeemer.

**ASK IT**  
1\_ Why do you think Ruth was willing to take on such a humble and difficult job? What does Ruth's attitude toward work teach us about character and faith?  
2\_ Can you think of a time when doing something small or unnoticed led to a greater blessing? How do we sometimes overlook God's hand in the "ordinary" parts of life?  
3\_ What does Boaz's kindness teach us about how we should treat others, especially outsiders or those in need?

**LIVE IT**  
1\_ Faithfulness in small, unseen tasks often leads to God's greater purposes. No job is beneath us when we are serving God with a willing heart.  
2\_ God is always at work behind the scenes, orchestrating His plans for our good.  
3\_ Our attitude in difficult seasons reveals the depth of our faith. When we step out in obedience, God provides in ways we could never imagine.

**PRAY IT**  
Heavenly Father, Thank You for the example of Ruth, who shows us what it means to be faithful even in the hardest and most humble circumstances. Help us to trust You in the ordinary and difficult moments of life. Give us willing hearts to serve, even when the task seems small or unnoticed. Open our eyes to see Your hand at work in every situation. Teach us to rest under Your wings of protection and provision. May our faithfulness bring glory to You and lead to blessing in ways that only You can provide. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## SERMON NOTES

"Faithfulness in the Fields" - Ruth 2  
(5th installment in the "Dirty Jobs" sermon series)

\_\_\_\_\_ . A dusty, dirty life, scavenging what others left behind.

Ruth was a \_\_\_\_\_. A foreigner. An outsider. A widow.

Though \_\_\_\_\_, Ruth was excited about the \_\_\_\_\_ of following God. "Let me go to the fields to glean (Ruth 2:2).

But God was \_\_\_\_\_ her future. The owner of the field, Boaz, enters the scene.

- He \_\_\_\_\_ Ruth (Ruth 2:5).
- He \_\_\_\_\_ Ruth (Ruth 2:9)
- He \_\_\_\_\_ for Ruth (Ruth 2:16).
- He \_\_\_\_\_ Ruth (Ruth 4:13).

And this is what \_\_\_\_\_ can do for you.  
Sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ turn out pretty good.

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# THE MESSENGER

To experience and express the love of Christ



Current Series

**Dirty Jobs**



Dr. Toby Frost,

REACH+RENEW Commitment Sunday has finally arrived! For years now, we've prayed, dreamed, and planned together for this moment where we RENEW our church campus to REACH our community and world for Jesus. But this is not just about buildings – it's about people and reaching future generations with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. So, as we gather as a church family, boldly make that three-year commitment, over and above regular giving. I encourage you to step out in faith. Go as far up on the Giving Estimator as you can. Trust God to do what only He can do. And believe God for big things. Let's "expect great things from God and attempt great things for God!"

# This Week at South Main

12 <b>SUNDAY</b> 8:30AM- Worship -Preschool Childcare --Children's Church 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Grades 9:45AM- Sunday School Small Group 11:00AM- Worship --Preschool Childcare 1:00PM- Bible Basketball 6:30PM- Deacon Meeting 6:30PM- Ladies Book Club	13 <b>MONDAY</b>	14 <b>TUESDAY</b> 6:00PM- Men's Recovery	15 <b>WEDNESDAY</b> 6:00PM- Preschool: Wee Tracker Elementary: Truth Tracker Students: Midweek 6:00PM- Prayer Meeting 6:00PM- Adult D'Groups 7:30PM- Worship Team Rehearsal
16 <b>THURSDAY</b> 11:00AM- Prinetimer's Luncheon	17 <b>FRIDAY</b>	18 <b>SATURDAY</b> Upward Volleyball	19 <b>SUNDAY</b> 8:30AM- Worship -Preschool Childcare -Children's Church 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Grades 9:45AM- Sunday School Small Group 11:00AM- Worship -Preschool Childcare 1:00PM- Bible Basketball 3:00PM- Grief Support Group 4:00PM- Utah Missions Meeting 5:00PM- Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM- Mission Mobilization Team

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**MAY 3 | 4PM**

REGISTER AT [SOUTHMAIN.CHURCH/DISCOVER](http://SOUTHMAIN.CHURCH/DISCOVER)

**KIDS CAMP**

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**JUNE 15-18**  
**3 YEARS - 5TH GRADE**

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### 8:30 Worship

<i>Forever</i>	Praise Band and Congregation
Welcome and Morning Prayer	Andy Roberson
<i>Promises</i>	Praise Band and Congregation
Impact Story: R+R Commitment	Brad and Sallie Russ
<i>In Christ Alone</i>	Praise Band and Congregation
<i>Doxology</i>	Praise Band and Congregation
Morning Message	Dr. Toby Frost
<i>I Surrender All</i>	Praise Band and Congregation
Closing	Matthew Gilstrap

### 11:00 Worship

<i>Prelude</i>	Cynthia Adams
Welcome and Morning Prayer	Andy Roberson
<i>Stir Your Church, Oh God, Our Father #392</i>	Chancel Choir, Orchestra, and Congregation
Baptism	Dr. Toby Frost
Impact Story: R+R Commitment	Brad & Sallie Russ
Offertory - <i>All Heaven Declares with Alleluias</i>	Chancel Choir and Orchestra
<i>Doxology #253</i>	Chancel Choir, Orchestra, and Congregation
Offertory Prayer	Michael Petrella
Morning Message	Dr. Toby Frost
<i>Just As I Am #307</i>	Congregation
Closing	Kevin Garrison
<i>Postlude</i>	Cynthia Adams

**Pastor Update & Transition Plans**

**business meeting**

**APRIL 22 | 6PM**  
**WORSHIP CENTER**

**GO+**

**MISSIONS UPDATE**

[southmain.church/missions](http://southmain.church/missions)

#### April Mission Focus: Reaching Our Migrant and Refugee Neighbors

Our April mission theme is "Reaching Our Migrant and Refugee Neighbors." We invite you to participate by helping collect Ministry Health Kits for migrant workers we will serve in Edgefield County, South Carolina, and by supporting our ongoing mission partnership with Clarkston International Bible Church in Clarkston, Georgia. You will remember that Clarkston is the home for 92 different unreached people groups from around the world.

#### How You Can Participate?

Visit the temporary Mission Display to pick up a 2-gallon bag and instructions or assemble your own kit using the list below. All Ministry Health Kits are due by April 30. Choose one of the projects below.

#### Ministry Health Kit (2-Gallon Bag):

Please include the following items in your bag. If you would like to volunteer as part of the team that will deliver the health kits, meet migrant workers, and pray with them, please email [andy.roberson@southmain.church](mailto:andy.roberson@southmain.church). Distribution will take place in May.

- One colorful bath towel
- One washcloth
- One factory-sealed toothbrush
- One 3.8 oz toothpaste
- One bar of soap
- One comb

#### Support Refugee Families in Clarkston:

We are also collecting diapers and baby wipes to support the growing number of refugee families relocating to Clarkston. Bring one package of diapers (any size or brand) or baby wipes. Each package of diapers and wipes will be distributed by a member of Clarkston International Bible Church with a smile, a gospel witness, and an invitation to Bible study.

Reaching the Nations Here!

Andy Roberson

**R+R**

**IMPACT STORY SPOTLIGHT**

I remember walking down the hall, quietly singing to myself, when Milton Fisher (former Minister of Music) heard me. He stopped and said, "We're going to work on that." In that simple moment, a door opened that would shape my life-journey in ways I never expected.

*Becky Sumerel,  
Chancel Choir Member*

**MORE IMPACT STORIES**