

By the Numbers		Deacons on Call/Seating Hosts	
Attendance	04/28/24	May 2 - May 8	
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Giving for the Week of	04/28/24	May 9 - May 15	
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YTD Budget Req.	\$646,219.00		
World Missions	\$1,039.00		
Designated	\$1,963.00		

Family Group Night
THE FOUR FRIENDS
(Mark 2:1-5)

READ IT

1 A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. 2 They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. 3 Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. 4 Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. 5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven." (Mark 2:1-5)

DISCOVER IT

After Jesus had been baptized and tested in the wilderness, his ministry took off in a whirlwind of preaching, teaching, healing, and delivering people from the demon oppression. By the time of the events here in Mark 2, he had called the first of his disciples. Crowds were now following him - some out of devotion, some from curiosity, and others were enemies of Jesus, hoping to find something by which they could use to topple him from his place of popularity. Multitudes from up to 90 miles away surrounded the house where Jesus was teaching and healing. Suddenly from above, the sound of walking and digging. Then light broke through a large hole in the roof. Four men were bringing their paralyzed friend to Jesus, but when they could not get through the crowd, they took him to the roof, dug through the ceiling, and lowered him down right in front of Jesus. They would do anything to get their friends to the Lord. How about you?

ASK IT

1. If Jesus were here, physically near today, how hard would you try to see him, to be in his presence?
2. If Jesus were here physically in our city today, and you had a friend in need of healing, how hard would you try to get him or her into the presence of the Lord?
3. Jesus is just as real now as he was then. And he is with us always through his Holy Spirit. How hard are you trying to get friends and neighbors to experience his presence today?

LIVE IT

1. **Make it a priority to come into the presence of Jesus.** You do this today by reading His word, the Bible, by praying, by yielding your life to his spirit daily, and by obeying him moment by moment.
2. **Make it a priority to bring your friend to Jesus.** You do this today by telling them the Good News about Jesus, by telling them your story of how Christ makes your life full and meaningful, and praying for your friends and neighbors to be saved.
3. **Rejoice when you see Jesus see and heal others.** As we read further in Mark 2, we see that the paralyzed man was forgiven and healed. And today Jesus will "save to the uttermost" anyone who comes before him by faith. Praise the Lord!

PRAY IT

Lord, we come before you with concern for our unsaved friends. We lift them up to you, knowing that you are the God of salvation and healing, and nothing is impossible for you. Please open their hearts to receive your love and grace. Let your Holy Spirit move mightily in their lives, drawing them closer to you and illuminating your path of salvation and healing. Help them to see the truth of your Word and the beauty of your sacrifice for their redemption. We ask that you break down every barrier and stronghold and help them to you and the fullness of your salvation. AMEN.

SERMON NOTES

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
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 **Sunny 103.5 at 11am on Sundays**

THE MESSENGER

To experience and express the love of Christ



Toby Frost

Dr. Toby Frost,

Welcome to South Main! Today is very special because one of my favorite communicators is preaching – our own Andy Roberson. As part of our “Hidden Servants” sermon series, he has a wonderful message that I’ve specifically requested him to preach. It’s about four men in the Bible, we don’t even know their names, who took extraordinary measures to take their friend to Jesus. I hope and pray it impacts you as strongly and positively as it impacted me the first time I heard it. Thank you to Andy for sharing his heart with us!

This Week at South Main

05 SUNDAY 8:30AM- Worship -Preschool Childcare -Children's Church 1 st /2 nd Grades 9:45AM- Sunday School Small Groups 11:00AM- Worship -Preschool Childcare 5:00PM- Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM- Deacon's Meeting- A203	06 MONDAY 11:00AM- Mamsie Russell Group- A205 11:00AM- Martha Franks Group- Irene Murphy's House 5:00PM- Upward Volleyball Practice Gym	07 TUESDAY 5:00PM- Upward Volleyball Practice Gym 6:00PM- Men's Recovery Bible Study & Meal - CP	08 WEDNESDAY 6:00PM -Preschool- Wee Trackers -Elementary- Truth Trackers -Students & Seniors Trivia Night- CP -"Meant for Good" Bible Study- A302 -Financial Peace- A308 7:15PM -Praise Band Rehearsal
09 THURSDAY 5:00PM- Upward Volleyball Practice Gym	10 FRIDAY	11 SATURDAY 9:00AM - 3:00PM Upward Volleyball Games Gym	12 SUNDAY 8:30AM- Worship -Preschool Childcare -Children's Church 1 st /2 nd Grades 9:45AM- Sunday School Small Groups 11:00AM- Worship -Preschool Childcare 5:00PM- Choir Rehearsal HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

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PICKLEBALL
MAY 6-30 8AM-12PM
MON. - THURS. | GYM
1ST COME, 1ST SERVE | 2 COURTS

KIDS CAMP
VOLUNTEER TRAINING
JUNE 5 | 6:00PM
Share God with glory
VOLUNTEER

8:30 Worship

Lion	Praise Band
Welcome	Andy Roberson
Christ Be Magnified	Praise Band
Let It Be Jesus	Praise Band
Message: "The Four Friends" Mark 2	Andy Roberson
Tear Off The Roof	Praise Band
Wrap up	Ben Hjalmer

11:00 Worship

Prelude	Cynthia Adams, Piano
Worthy of Worship #3	Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
For He Alone Is Worthy #427	Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
Welcome to Worship and Morning Prayer	Andy Roberson
Crown Him with Many Crowns #161	Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
verses 1, 2 & 4	
Offertory Prayer	Andy Roberson
Worthy Is the Lamb with All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name	Chancel Choir and Orchestra
Message: "The Four Friends" Mark 2	Andy Roberson
How I Love You #230	Congregation
Benediction	Ben Hjalmer
Postlude	Keith Polatty

STUDENTS & SENIOR ADULTS
TRIVIA NIGHT
MAY 8 | 6:00PM
DINNER PROVIDED

Online giving is available for your convenience. Visit our website at www.southmain.church

SouthMain
MISSION
Offering Update

Utah and Montana Summer Mission Update

This summer we will be sending out over 20 of our members to serve on missions representing the love of Christ in Beaver Creek, Montana and Hurricane, Utah. Our short-term missionaries are able to go due to the faithful giving of our church members.

Due to the weekly and monthly giving to our South Main World Mission Offering, we are able to fund 50% of each participant trip cost. These sacrificial gifts will go far in advancing the Kingdom of God in tough places within the United States. To God be the glory!

If you are not yet giving to our South Main World Mission Offering, you can begin your giving now. Simply visit www.southmain.church and click on the GIVE tab. Look for the "World Mission" in drop down box which reads, "Fund." When you give, here is how your money will be used.

- 50% supports the International Mission Board (Lottie Moon Christmas Offering) for all missionaries who serve abroad.
- 25% supports our South Main mission trips and partnership projects
- 15% supports the North American Mission Board (Annie Armstrong Easter Offering) for all missionaries who serve in the United States.
- 8% supports the South Carolina Baptist Missions Offering (Janie Chapman) and projects to reach people for Christ in South Carolina.
- 2% supports our Unreached People Groups projects

Thanks again for making the eternal difference in the souls of people through your faithful giving.

Andy Roberson

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MEET MY FRIEND
Experiencing and Sharing Friendship with God

Meet My Friend Moment:
Some people are looking for a new perspective. Ask God to empower you to tell them about the "Good news of Jesus".