

## ***Discover South Main***

### SESSION 4 – “Getting Connected”

#### THE CHURCH’S NINE FUNCTIONAL AREAS

**Worship.** Our worship ministers are Keith Polatty, Minister of Music/Worship, and Matthew Gilstrap, Contemporary Worship Pastor. To get involved in our music worship program as a choir member, orchestra member, or praise band member, email us at [info@southmain.church](mailto:info@southmain.church) or call and leave us a message at 864-223-4377.

**Prayer.** We want everything we do at South Main to prayer-birthered and prayer-fueled every step of the way. We have a weekly meeting just for prayer at 6:00 PM almost every Wednesday. We know that if we plan, we get what planning can do. If we promote, we get what promotion can do. But if we PRAY, we get what GOD can do!

**Outreach.** Our evangelism process at South Main is called “Meet My Friend” and was developed by Susan Frost. The goal of MMF is to experience friendship with Jesus Christ and to share Him with others. The four big “asks” of MMF are 1\_ Get to know God. 2\_ Get to know friends. 3\_ Introduce your friends to God. 4\_ Introduce your friends to South Main. Find out more by participating in outreach training provided several times per year.

**Missions.** We have a five-level mission strategy at South Main. 1\_ Local community transformation. 2\_ Church planting partnerships in Atlanta, GA. 3\_ National mission partnerships around the United States, particularly with Native American tribes. 4\_ Supporting mission partnerships through mission trips taken by our members around the world, particularly in the nation of Ukraine. 5\_ Working with unreached people groups and Bible translation in Sub-Saharan Africa.

**Education.** Receiving the Lord Jesus Christ is just the beginning of a wonderful adventure and the term “Discipleship” describes the process of learning to become more like Jesus in your day-to-day life. To do this we have a variety of opportunities and courses for members and guests to learn and grow. The foundation of our education/discipleship process is our Sunday School Small Groups. Our congregation is not a church “with” small groups, but is a church “of” small groups. Every member and guest should be part of a Sunday School small group so they can learn and grow in fellowship and accountability with other believers. PS - Contact us to take the discipleship assessment test!

**Ministry.** You may remember the vision statement of our church from Session #3, which is to, “...give ourselves away for the spiritual, economic, and social transformation of our community....” To do this we have dozens of ministries and ministry partnerships to meet

local needs in the name of Jesus Christ. These include ESL (English as a Second Language), Good News Club (after school character and spiritual development), Upward Sports, Grief Share, Divorce Care, and a variety of other ministries in the areas of benevolence, bereavement, homelessness, food distribution, addiction and recovery, jail ministry, and re-entry programs, all done in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Care.** This functional area is sometimes known as “pastoral” care but involves many more people than just the pastor and deacons. This area covers an array of caring activities such as rest home and shut-in visitation, bereavement, funerals, weddings, hospital visitation, wellness calls, and end-of-life care. There are many ways volunteers can serve in this essential area of our church so let us know if you are interested in any of these avenues of ministry!

**Fellowship.** The word used for “fellowship” in the New Testament is the Greek word, “koinania” that literally means “in-common-ness.” Christians are such a diverse group around the world. We worship in different ways, some in quietness and others who are loud and boisterous. We come in every race and are called out of every nation. What can we have in common that would cause us to have fellowship with one another? The answer of course is Jesus Christ. And the “fellowship” functional area at South Main uses events, get-togethers, meals, entertainment, and fun to emphasize our Christian love and commonality as believers. Throughout the year we announce a variety of fellowship opportunities, so make sure and participate to get to know better your brothers and sisters in Christ here at South Main!

**Support Services.** This functional area at South Main provides practical and administrative support for all the other ministry areas of our church. This is the area that tracks our finances, keeps our buildings in repair, maintains our grounds, provides upkeep on our fleet of vehicle, runs our kitchen, administrates our computer and information services, and performs a whole host of other duties, giving support and aid to our church. There are numerous and varied ways to volunteer here at South Main to make a difference in the support area, so please let us know the areas you are interested in.

#### THE “SERVE” PROCESS

Serving the Lord here at South Main is not only to help our church family with various duties. Serving is also a vital part of the discipleship process of growing as a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ. And our process to do this is called “SERVE.” We have a consultant who has helped us develop and administrate our volunteer process. His name is Mr. Mark Fields, and he is here to help you to get connected through a variety of ways including a spiritual gifts test, helping you to sign up, and providing training. Just contact our church office at [info@southmain.church](mailto:info@southmain.church) or 864-223-4377 to get in touch with Mark!