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Attendance	08/09/26	August 13 - August 19
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World Missions	695.00	
Reach & Renew	15,769.00	August 20 - August 26
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Budget Requirements		
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FAMILY GROUP NIGHT
Joy in Living or Dying
Philippians 1:19-26

READ IT
Read Philippians 1:19-26; Hebrews 9:27

DISCOVER IT
Most people think joy depends on good circumstances. But the Apostle Paul wrote Philippians while he was in prison. Even though he faced uncertainty and the possibility of death, he spoke about joy. How could he do that? Because his joy was rooted in Christ and not in his circumstances. Today, as believers, we can have joy both in living and dying because Jesus is with us in both.

- ASK IT
- What does it mean to honor Christ? How can we honor Him at school, work and with friends?
 - As a follower of Christ, do you see your goal to be successful, comfortable or popular in this world or is your purpose to glorify and lift up Jesus?

- LIVE IT
- Verse 20 is a very famous verse in the bible but talking about this verse may feel uncomfortable. Paul teaches us that Christians do not have to fear death because of Jesus. Paul knew that in his life or in his death, that Jesus was with him. Why? Because Jesus is Lord over both life and death. How can reading this verse bring you confidence and hope knowing that one day everyone will face death?
 - In verse 22, Paul understood that as long as God have him life, he still had work to do for the Lord. He wanted his life to produce spiritual fruit (or fruitful work). What are some examples of our spiritual fruit (fruitful work) as we live our lives?
 - In verses 24-26, Paul believed that God was keeping him on earth because he could help and encourage other believers. His life was not just about himself. God calls us to bring joy, encouragement and hope to others. One of the greatest ways we can serve Christ is by helping others grow in their faith. How can we live our life this week to help and/or encourage someone else?

PRAY IT
Father, thank You for the hope we have in Jesus Christ. Help us live each day in a way that honors You. Fill us with Your Spirit so that we can serve others and bring them joy. When we face difficulties, remind us that our future is secure in Christ. Thank You that whether we live or die, we belong to You. Help our family trust You, love You and follow you faithfully, in the name Jesus, Amen.

Joy of Living and Dying
Philippians 1:19-26, Hebrews 9:27

The Joy of _____ (vv. 19-26)

We should _____ Christ (v. 20)

We should live _____ and _____ lives (v. 22)

We should _____ to others (vv. 24-26)

The Joy of _____ (vv. 21b, 23)

Death means _____ from the curse

Death means _____ with Christ

Death brings _____ and _____

Death happens according to _____ (Hebrews 9:27)

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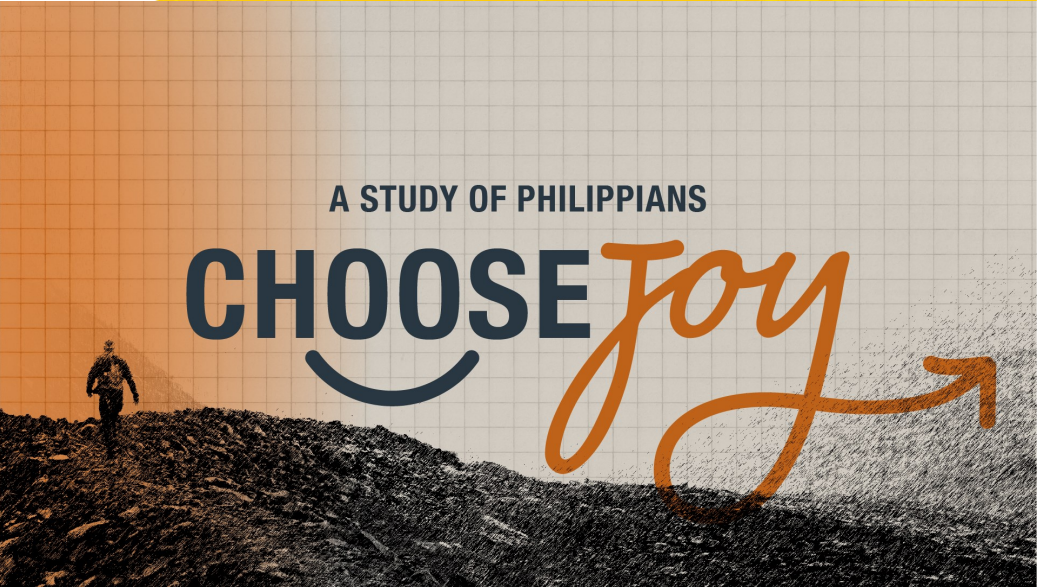
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THE MESSENGER

To experience and express the love of Christ



“Yes, and I will rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.”

Philippians 1:19-26 ESV





AUGUST 23

WORSHIP: 8:30AM
COLLEGE GROUP: 9:45AM

COME TO COLLEGE GROUP FOR A FREE BREAKFAST & GIFT

16	SUNDAY	17	MONDAY	18	TUESDAY	19	WEDNESDAY
8:30AM - Worship -Preschool Childcare Children's Church 1 st /2 nd Grades 9:45AM - Sunday School Small Group 11:00AM - Worship Preschool Childcare 5:00PM - Choir Rehearsal				6:00PM - Men's Recovery		6:00PM - Preschool- Wee Trackers Elementary- Truth Trackers Students- Midweek 6:00PM - Prayer Meeting 7:30PM - Worship Team Rehearsal	

20	THURSDAY	21	FRIDAY	22	SATURDAY	23	SUNDAY
Senior Adult Fellowship: Blue Ocean Seafood Restaurant						College Sunday 8:30AM - Worship -Preschool Childcare -Children's Church 1 st /2 nd Grades 9:45AM - Sunday School Small Group 11:00AM - Worship -Preschool Childcare 5:00PM - Choir Rehearsal	

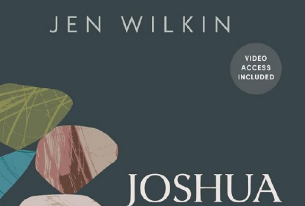
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SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP

**AUGUST 20
LEAVING AT 3:45PM**

**BLUE OCEAN SEAFOOD
CLINTON, SC**

SIGN UP IN SUNDAY SCHOOL AUGUST 9 & 16



16-SESSION BIBLE STUDY

JEN WILKIN

VIDEO ACCESS INCLUDED

JOSHUA

EVERY GOOD PROMISE FULFILLED

SEPT. 15 - NOV. 17

LED BY LYNN MATHIS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAY'S AT 9:30AM

CONNECTING PLACE

LEARN MORE AT [SOUTHMAIN.CHURCH/EVENTS](https://southmain.church/events)

8:30 Worship	
Welcome	Bradford Russ
Back to Life	Praise Band and Congregation
Pastoral Prayer	Kevin Garrison
<i>Christ Be Magnified</i>	Praise Band and Congregation
<i>Let It Be Jesus</i>	Praise Band and Congregation
Morning Message	Dr. Brian Saxon
Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me	Praise Band and Congregation
Closing	Dr. Brian Saxon

11:00 Worship	
<i>Because He Lives #407</i>	Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
<i>Welcome</i>	Bradford Russ
<i>The Solid Rock #406</i>	Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
<i>Trust and Obey #477</i>	Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
<i>It Is Well with My Soul</i>	Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation William Holladay, tenor
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Kevin Garrison
<i>Great Is His Faithfulness</i>	Becky Sumerel, soprano
<i>Morning Message</i>	Dr. Brian Saxon
<i>Tell It to Jesus #451</i>	Congregation
<i>Closing</i>	Dr. Brian Saxon
<i>Postlude</i>	Keith Polatty, Organ

A blue poster with white and orange text. The top left corner features the South Main Church logo, which is a yellow diamond with a black cross inside, followed by the word "groups" in white. The main title "ADULT D-GROUPS" is in large, bold, white capital letters. Below it, "FALL 2026" is in a smaller, light blue font. At the bottom, "STARTS SEPTEMBER 2 AT 6PM" is in white, and "SOUTHMAIN.CHURCH/DGROUPS" is in white with "DGROUPS" in orange. The background has abstract dark blue geometric shapes on the right and bottom left.

 groups

ADULT D-GROUPS

FALL 2026

STARTS SEPTEMBER 2 AT 6PM
SOUTHMAIN.CHURCH/**DGROUPS**

A graphic with a dark green background featuring a subtle, light green topographic map pattern. At the top center is a yellow logo consisting of a circle with a cross inside, and a yellow diamond with a cross inside. Below the logo, the words "MISSIONS" and "UPDATE" are written in large, bold, white, sans-serif capital letters. At the bottom, the text "southmain.church/missions" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, underlined with a thin yellow line.

**MISSIONS
UPDATE**

southmain.church/missions

New Mission Center Almost Complete!

After several months of planning and preparation, the new Mission Center on the second-floor landing is nearly complete. Our new Mission Center is designed to serve the same purpose as our previous center while providing new opportunities to keep our church informed and engaged. Here is what you can expect:

- **Monthly Mission Focus** - The screen on the right of the Mission Center will highlight our current monthly focus. Each month, we will feature one of our mission projects and provide a specific opportunity for our church family to support. For example, during August, members are encouraged to give \$15 to provide a college welcome gift through our partnership with the Lander Baptist Collegiate Ministry. Each monthly focus is designed to encourage our church to **PRAY, GIVE, or GO** in support of the featured ministry partner/project.
- **Mission Partner Updates** - One of the greatest strengths of our mission's strategy is the network of partners God has given us around the world. Many of these individuals and families you are already familiar with through the monthly prayer posters displayed in our classrooms. The screen on the left of the Mission Center will share ministry updates, impact stories, prayer requests, and testimonies from these partners. These reports will help us better **KNOW** and **CARE** for those serving on the front lines of gospel ministry by celebrating their victories and sharing in their challenges.
- The Mission Center will also feature **video updates** from SMBC mission teams, allowing us to see firsthand how God is working through your prayers, generosity, and participation. Together, we will celebrate the ongoing advance of the gospel in our neighborhood, city, state, nation, and around the world.

Thank you for being a church that invests deeply in fulfilling the Great Commission.

Andy Roberson, & SMBC Mission Mobilization Team



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