

By the Numbers		Deacons on Call/Seating Hosts
Attendance	10/25/26	October 29 - November 4 Grayson Sumner 864-941- 6528 gtsumner66@gmail.com
Sunday School Attendance	556	
Giving for the Week of	10/25/26	
Budget Receipts	41,425.00	Ben Davis 864-980-5294 benhd1968@gmail.com
World Missions	815.00	
Reach & Renew	44,286.00	
Designated	1,635.00	November 5 - November 11
Budget Requirements		Bubba Culbertson 864-554-0662 gfculbertson@gmail.com
YTD Received	1,621,473.00	Jonathan Meredith 864-389-0209 meredithjonathan26@gmail.com
YTD Budget Req.	1,750,008.00	

FAMILY GROUP DEVOTION
Jesus Healed a Blind Man

FIND/READ IT: John 9

SAY IT: This week’s story shows the power of a testimony. The Christian phrase to “give one’s testimony” means that a believer shares how God led them to respond to the gospel in faith and repentance. Jesus heals a man who had been born blind. Because he was born blind, most of his community was convinced that his blindness was a result of sins committed by his parents or sins committed by himself. Jesus argued against that claim and explained that his blindness was an opportunity to see God glorified. Not everyone in the community was excited for or convinced by the healing. The Pharisees in particular were suspicious of Jesus and looked for ways to trap Him. They began to ask hard questions of both the man and his parents. And amid that questioning, the healed man gave one of the best answers one can give when people question a believer’s faith: “I once was blind, but now I see.”

Isn’t that the story of all believers—we once were blind, but now we see? We once were lost, but now we are found. We once were far from God, but now we have been brought close. We once were God’s enemies, but now we are God’s family. We once were condemned, but now we are forgiven. We once were dead in our sins, but now we are alive in Christ.

PRAY IT: Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Jesus to open blind eyes and reveal Your glory. Thank You that, through Your grace, we who were once blind to Your truth can now see through faith in Christ. Help our family never be ashamed to share our testimony and tell others what You have done in our lives. Remind us that every story of salvation is a powerful display of Your mercy and love. Give us courage to say, like the man Jesus healed, “I once was blind, but now I see.” May our lives point others to Jesus, who forgives our sins, brings us into Your family, and gives us new life. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Sermon Notes

Dr. Brian Saxon
Following the Right People
Philippians 3:17-21

Follow those who _____ Christ and are
_____ minded (v. 17)

Avoid the _____ and _____ minded
(vv. 18-19)

Know where you _____ (vv. 20-21)

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Travis Blizzard

Tommy Holland

Melvin Calliham

Randy Culbertson

Harry McCool

Avery Wood

Joel Feltman

Davis Reed

Jose’ Beltran

Kadin Ivey

Mark Fields

This Week at South Main

1	SUNDAY	2		3		4	WEDNESDAY
8:30AM - Worship -Preschool Childcare Children's Church 1st/2 nd Grades 9:45AM -Sunday School Small Group 11:00AM -Worship -Preschool Childcare 3:00PM - Handbell Practice 4:00PM - Leadership Council 5:00PM - Choir Rehersal 6:00PM - Deacon Meeting		11:00AM - Mamsie Russel Circle 11:00AM - Martha Frank's Circle (Off-Campus)		9:30AM - Women's Bible Study: Joshua 6:00PM - Men's Recovery		6:00PM - Adult Discipleship Groups 6:00PM - Preschool- Wee Trackers Elementary- Truth Trackers Students- Midweek 6:00PM - Prayer Meeting 7:30PM - Worship Team Rehearsal	
5	THURSDAY	6	FRIDAY	7	SATURDAY	8	SUNDAY
		Guy's Retreat @ Windsor Farm		Guy's Retreat @ Windsor Farm		8:30AM - Worship -Preschool Childcare Children's Church 1st/2 nd Grades 9:45AM -Sunday School Small Group 11:00AM -Worship -Preschool Childcare 3:00PM - Grief Support Group 4:00PM- Handbell Practice 5:00PM - Choir Rehersal	

Guy's Retreat
at Windsor Farm

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JESUS CHANGES
EVERYTHING

SOUTH MAIN
STUDENTS

Navigating
Grief — *A Holiday Support Group*

November 8 | 3PM
southmain.church/support



8:30 Worship

Welcome	Bradford Russ
Glorious Day	Praise Band and Congregation
Pastoral Prayer	Kevin Garrison
Good and Gracious King	Praise Band and Congregation
Holy Forever	Praise Band and Congregation
Morning Message	Dr. Brian Saxon
Reign Above It All	Praise Band and Congregation
Closing	Dr. Brian Saxon

11:00 Worship

Prelude	Cynthia Adams, Piano
Welcome	Bradford Russ
Rejoice, the Lord Is King #197	Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart #39	Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
Pastoral Prayer	Kevin Garrison
Living for Jesus #282	Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
Change My Heart, O God	Chance Choir and Orchestra
Morning Message	Dr. Brian Saxon
Invitation to Respond	Congregation
Closing	Dr. Brian Saxon
Postlude	Keith Polatty, Organ

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SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP

NOVEMBER 10
LEAVING AT 12:15PM

DEMPSEY'S PIZZA
CLINTON, SC

SIGN UP IN SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

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MISSIONS UPDATE

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You demonstrated tremendous generosity during October by supporting our hunger initiative through financial gifts to the World Hunger Fund and by donating food to our local ministry partner, Greater Greenwood United Ministries. Thank you for your faithful response and compassion for those in need. While this emphasis is coming to a close, our mission continues as we enter a new month with a different opportunity to share the love of Christ.

Each Thursday morning, men from South Main Baptist Church visit our local jail to share the Gospel, pray with those who are incarcerated, and listen to their stories. Although many of us may never have the opportunity to serve inside the jail, we can still participate in this ministry through our November mission focus: Christmas Prisoner Packets. These packets are collected by the South Carolina Baptist Convention and distributed to every incarcerated man, woman, and youth across our state. Through this simple act of kindness, recipients experience a tangible expression of hope, love, and encouragement during the Christmas season. More importantly, many will also hear the message of the greatest gift ever given, Jesus Christ.

How Can You Help?

Purchase the following items and place them in a gallon-size zippered plastic bag. You may also pick up a bag and complete content list at the Mission Center. Please return all completed packets by Sunday, November 22.

Each packet should include:

- One black non-retractable pen (no wire clip and no other ink color)
- One adult toothbrush (individually factory sealed)
- One adult toothpaste, 4–6 oz. (no travel size)
- One bar of soap, 3.2–6 oz. (no travel size)
- One writing tablet, 5" x 8" junior legal pad, white or yellow only (no wire-bound or composition books)
- Two first-class #10 stamp-embossed envelopes purchased from the U.S. Post Office
- Two rolls of hard candy (Life Savers, Breath Savers, or Mentos only)

Please ensure that all items fit inside the gallon-size bag and that it closes securely.

Of all the gifts you give this Christmas season, perhaps this one has the greatest potential to change a life.

Andy Roberson

R+R

6 MONTH UPDATE

As you may recall, **REACH+RENEW** is our church's initiative to fund the renewal of our Worship Center, Family Life Center, parking areas, and athletic field. Thanks to the generosity and commitment of our congregation, members have pledged **\$3.6 million** over three years, and we have already collected more than **\$1.3 million!** We are grateful for God's faithfulness and for the continued generosity of our church family.

We are also pleased to announce the formation of the **R+R Planning Team**. This team will help guide the planning, prioritization, and implementation of our 20-year vision, ensuring that R+R funds are used wisely and faithfully to support the ongoing renewal of our church facilities.

Whether you are new to South Main and are just learning about REACH+RENEW, or you are a longtime member who would like to learn more or become involved in our building renewal efforts, we would love to connect with you! To learn more, visit southmain.church/rr. Better yet, reach out to one of the directors to learn more about how you can be part of this exciting effort as we continue to serve God and our community together.

*R+R Co-Directors,
Dr. Bud & Angela Darby
Brad & Sally Russ*

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