

By the Numbers		Deacons on Call/Seating Hosts
Attendance	10/25/26	October 22 – October 28
Sunday School Attendance	605	Reid Bolton 864-554-4620 Ar.Bolton@hotmail.com
Giving for the Week of	10/25/26	
Budget Receipts	25,411.00	Travis Arthur 864-426-0908 Arthurl@scdot.org
World Missions	1,155.00	
Reach & Renew	6,689.00	
Designated	3,013.28	October 29 - November 4
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Budget Requirements		
YTD Received	1,580,048.00	Ben Davis 864-980-5294
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FAMILY GROUP DEVOTION

Jesus Raised Lazarus

FIND/READ IT: John 11

SAY IT: We were created to be in a right relationship with God and to glorify His name. Even our most difficult circumstances and life events can be conduits for glorifying God. And yet, in the story of Lazarus’ resurrection, we see the tension that often comes in the life of people who trust Jesus but are also struggling with their present circumstances.

John 11 begins with Jesus hearing that Lazarus is dying. Yet, Jesus stays where He is two more days (John 11:6). The text uses the verb menō—“to remain, to stay, to abide.” It is not the stillness of indifference but the stillness of intention. Jesus is not delayed; He is deliberate. This is the same Greek word that Jesus would use in John 15 to describe what should mark our relationship with Him: “Remain in me” (John 15:5). In both places, the Bible is describing deliberate action.

Some of the deepest struggles in our spiritual lives form around the question, “What do I do when Jesus doesn’t move at the speed of my pain?” Mary and Martha cried out for help. They knew Jesus loved them. They also had witnessed Him heal numerous people, and they knew that if He would get there in time, everything would be okay. But the clock kept ticking, and Lazarus kept slipping away. What they interpreted as Jesus’ absence was preparation for a greater revelation.

Jesus eventually told His disciples exactly why He waited. He said: “It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it” (John 11:4). Jesus knew that a greater story was being written, a resurrection story.

When Jesus finally arrived, Martha ran to Him saying, “Lord, if You had been here...” This statement is similar to the words the disciples would later share on the road to Emmaus when they reflected on Jesus’ crucifixion and said, “We had hoped... “. In both instances, Jesus knew that God would be glorified in a mighty way through resurrection.

LEARN IT: “Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live.” John 11:25

PRAY IT: Heavenly Father, help us trust You when Your timing seems slow and our burdens feel heavy. Remind us that You are working for Your glory and our good, and that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Strengthen our faith to abide in You through every trial. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Sermon Notes

Dr. Brian Saxon

Run with Joy

Philippians 3:12-16

Run with _____ (v. 12)

Run without your _____ (v. 13)

Run to _____ (v. 14)

Run with _____ (vv. 15-16)

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CURRENT SERIES

A STUDY OF PHILIPPIANS

CHOOSE Joy



2027 Budget
Presentation

business meeting

NOVEMBER 4 | 6PM
WORSHIP CENTER

This Week at South Main

25	SUNDAY	26	MONDAY	27	TUESDAY	28	WEDNESDAY
8:30AM - Worship -Preschool Childcare Children's Church 1st/2 nd Grades 9:45AM -Sunday School Small Group 11:00AM -Worship -Preschool Childcare 4:00PM - Handbell Practice 5:00PM - Choir Rehersal 6:00PM - Mission Mobilization				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	
29	THURSDAY	30	FRIDAY	31	SATURDAY	1	SUNDAY
				9:00AM - Mens Breakfast & Golf		8:30AM - Worship -Preschool Childcare Children's Church 1st/2 nd Grades 9:45AM -Sunday School Small Group 11:00AM -Worship -Preschool Childcare 4:00PM - Handbell Practice 5:00PM - Choir Rehersal	



October 2026

BRADEN & ANIAH DOWDY

This month's Small Groups & People Groups focus is the Dowdys, who are currently serving as missionaries in Brazil. See how you can be praying for them by viewing the poster in your Small Group classroom.



Navigating Grief

—A Holiday Support Group

November 8 | 3PM

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8:30 Worship

Welcome

Baptism

Joy Comes In The Morning

Pastoral Prayer

Monday Morning Faith

Here I Am To Worship

Morning Message

Goodness Of God

Closing

Ben Hjalmer

Praise Band and Congregation

Bradford Russ

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11:00 Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Baptism Recap Video

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name #202

How Majestic Is Your Name #29

Pastoral Prayer

His Name Is Wonderful #203

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

Morning Message

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus #305

Closing

Postlude

Leigh Gambrell, Piano; Al Gambrell, Organ

Ben Hjlamer

Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation

Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation

Bradford Russ

Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation

Chance Choir and Orchestra

Dr. Brian Saxon

Congregation

Dr. Brian Saxon

Keith Polatty, Organ

Guy's Retreat

at Windsor Farm

NOV 6-7

6-12 GRADE



SCAN TO REGISTER



JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING





MISSIONS UPDATE

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MEDICAL MISSIONS LUNCH

God has richly blessed our church with a remarkable number of physicians, dentists, healthcare professionals, resident doctors, nurses, nursing students, and others serving in the medical field. This unique gift should not go unnoticed. As followers of Christ, we are all called to use our skills, careers, and passions to advance God's Kingdom both locally and around the world.

We invite you to join us for a complimentary lunch with Dr. Laura Sherwood, IMB missionary serving in Togo, West Africa. Our partnership with Dr. Sherwood began in 2022 through prayer and support and expanded in 2025 when our church sent its first medical mission team, led by Dr. Grayson Sumner.

During this special luncheon, Dr. Sherwood will share firsthand stories of practicing medicine alongside African healthcare professionals in a rural context. You will also learn about future opportunities for involvement, including plans for 2027 mission engagement. Discover how healthcare can serve as a powerful platform for sharing the Gospel as we partner with Dr. Sherwood and the ministry of Hôpital Baptiste Biblique (HBB).

Event Details

- Date: Sunday, December 6, at 12:00 PM
- Presenter: Dr. Laura Sherwood
- Registration: **Text TOGO to 864-392-9815**

Lunch is provided free of charge. Registration is appreciated to help us prepare adequately for meals and childcare needs.

Come explore how God can use your medical training, experience, or interest in healthcare to bring help, hope, and the message of Christ to people who have never heard the Gospel.

Andy Roberson



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