

By the Numbers		Deacons on Call/Seating Hosts	
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>04/26/26</b>	<b>April 30 - May 6</b>	
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Budget Receipts	N/A		
World Missions	N/A		
Reach & Renew	N/A	<b>May 7 - May 13</b>	
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<b>Budget Requirements</b>			
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YTD Budget Req.	N/A		
<b>R+R Commitments</b>	N/A		

**Family Group Night**  
"Brick By Brick"  
(Nehemiah 6:3)

**READ IT**  
"I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down. Why should the work cease while I leave it and go down to you?" (Nehemiah 6:3)

**DISCOVER IT**  
Nehemiah was leading the rebuilding of Jerusalem's wall – an enormous, dirty, exhausting job. Brick by brick, section by section, the people worked together to restore what had been broken. But as the work progressed, opposition arose. Enemies tried to distract Nehemiah, calling him away from the task. His response was clear and focused: "I am doing a great work... I cannot come down." Nehemiah understood that even small distractions could derail a significant mission. The wall wasn't built in a day – it was built brick by brick, through perseverance, unity, and unwavering focus on God's calling. In our families and our church, we are also building something – faith, character, love, and legacy. These things don't appear overnight. They form one decision, one conversation, one act of obedience at a time. Like Nehemiah, we must stay committed to the "great work" God has given us and not allow distractions to pull us away.

**ASK IT**  
1\_ What was the "great work" Nehemiah was committed to, and why was it so important?  
2\_ What are some "bricks" we are laying in our lives right now (spiritual habits, attitudes, priorities)? What kinds of distractions tried to pull Nehemiah away from his work? What distractions do we face today?  
3\_ Why is it sometimes hard to stay focused on what really matters? How can we encourage each other to stay faithful in the "great work" God has given our family?

**LIVE IT**  
1\_ Great things for God are built slowly, brick by brick, through daily faithfulness. Not every opportunity is from God – some are distractions meant to pull us away from His purpose.

2\_ Staying focused on God's work requires saying "no" to things that may not be wrong but are not right for us.

3\_ Every prayer, every act of kindness, every moment spent in God's Word is another brick in building a strong spiritual foundation. We must remind each other: "We are doing a great work – we cannot come down."

**PRAY IT**  
Heavenly Father, thank You for the work You have given our family to do. Help us to see the importance of building our lives according to Your will, one brick at a time. Give us wisdom to recognize distractions and courage to stay focused on what truly matters. Strengthen our commitment to You and to one another. May our home be a place where faith is built, love is practiced, and Your name is honored daily. In Jesus' name, Amen.

# SERMON NOTES

"BRICK BY BRICK"  
(Nehemiah 1-6)

The last message in our "Dirty Jobs" sermon series.

In the book of Nehemiah, we find ordinary people doing the dirty but vital job of \_\_\_\_\_.

The wall of Jerusalem was broken down, and its gates are burned with fire  
Nehemiah asked for the favor to \_\_\_\_\_ in God's name.

God moved the heart of the king to provide Nehemiah with \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

God's power is accomplished as everyday people \_\_\_\_\_ themselves... working, sweating, and building.

No wall gets built by \_\_\_\_\_ but by \_\_\_\_\_.

You may not build the whole wall, but you are responsible for your \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ we are building something for the glory of God. Our church. South Main.

What's your part?

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# THE MESSENGER

To experience and express the love of Christ



Current Series

## Dirty Jobs

## MISSIONARY COMMISSIONING



**Lusaka, Zambia**

**Amaiya Nichols  
Danielle Brooks  
Anna Smith**



**Western NC**

**Bradford Russ  
Reid Bolton  
Bud Darby  
Travis Blizzard  
Gabriel Blizzard  
Bob Dean**

**David Hicks  
Tyler Patrick  
Jeremy Pileggi  
Glen McLean  
Aubrey Berry  
Jake Berry**



*Toby Frost*  
**Dr. Toby Frost,**

There is something encouraging about watching a building take shape. One brick may not seem like much on its own, but when placed beside others, over time it becomes something strong, beautiful, and lasting. That simple truth reminds me of the work God is doing our church. God is building something special here at South Main. He is shaping lives, restoring families and advancing His kingdom. But He does not do it all at once. He does it incrementally through every faithful member and friend. Remember – vibrant churches, and enduring faith are not built overnight. They are built brick by brick. Let us continue the work together!

# This Week at South Main

3 <b>SUNDAY</b> 8:30AM- Worship -Preschool Childcare Children's Church 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Grades 9:45AM- Sunday School Small Group 11:00AM- Worship Preschool Childcare 4:00PM- Discover South Main 5:00PM- Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM- Deacon Meeting	4 <b>MONDAY</b> 11:00AM- Mamsie Russel Circle	5 <b>TUESDAY</b> 6:00PM- Men's Recovery	6 <b>WEDNESDAY</b> 6:00PM- Wee Tracker Preschool: Wee Tracker Elementary: Truth Tracker Students: Midweek 6:00PM- Prayer Meeting 7:30PM- Worship Team Rehearsal
7 <b>THURSDAY</b>	8 <b>FRIDAY</b>	9 <b>SATURDAY</b> Upward Volleyball	10 <b>SUNDAY</b> 8:30AM- Worship -Preschool Childcare -Children's Church 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Grades 9:45AM- Sunday School Small Group 11:00AM- Worship -Preschool Childcare 5:00PM- Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM- Ladies Book Club

**discover southmain** DISCOVER MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH.

**TODAY | 4PM**  
REGISTER AT [SOUTHMAIN.CHURCH/DISCOVER](http://SOUTHMAIN.CHURCH/DISCOVER)

**students**

**GRAD SUNDAY**  
MAY 17 8:30 & 11AM

## 8:30 Worship

<i>Power</i>	Praise Band and Congregation
Welcome and Mission Team Commissioning	Andy Roberson
<i>Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	Praise Band and Congregation
<i>It Is Well With My Soul</i>	Praise Band and Congregation
Morning Message	Dr. Toby Frost
<i>God You Are</i>	Praise Band and Congregation
Closing	Keith Polatty

## 11:00 Worship

<i>O Worship The King</i>	Chris Knox, Piano
<i>Praise Him! Praise Him! #227</i>	Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
<i>Alleluia #223</i>	Chancel Choir, Orchestra, and Congregation
Welcome and Mission Team Commissioning	Andy Roberson
<i>Worship At the Throne Medley</i>	Chancel Choir, Orchestra, and Congregation
Offertory Prayer	Ben Hjalmer
<i>O Praise the Name</i>	Chancel Choir and Orchestra
Morning Message	Dr. Toby Frost
<i>Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus #411</i>	Congregation
Closing and Benediction	Keith Polatty
<i>Postlude</i>	Cynthia Adams

**students**

**SUMMER ONE DAY**

**May 16 9AM-12PM**

**Connie Maxwell Serve Day**

**GO MISSIONS UPDATE**

[southmain.church/missions](http://southmain.church/missions)

### On the Go with Summer Missions

In the coming weeks, you will have the opportunity to witness and participate in several missionary commissionings as we send out numerous South Main individuals and mission teams. This year we are excited to announce that over 60 individuals will serve in our Westside Community, 3 states and one country. How can you get involved?

### Join our Commissioning Services:

- Sunday, May 3 – Anna Smith, Danielle Brooks Amaiya Nichols (Zambia)
- Sunday, May 3 – North Carolina Hurricane Helene Rebuild Team
- Sunday, May 10 – David & Lisa Payne (Clarkston, GA. June 1-July 17)
- Sunday, May 10 – Mary Grace Morrow (Clarkston, GA. June 1-July 17)
- Sunday, May 10 – Scout Morrow, Owen Sargent (Zambia, May 13-28)
- Sunday, May 31 – MS/HS Summer One Day (Westside Community, June 6)
- Sunday, June 7 – One Day Family Mission Trip (Clarkston, GA. June 11)
- Sunday, June 14 – Hurricane/Panguitch Utah team (June 20-28)
- Sunday, July 5 – One Day Family Mission Trip (Clarkston, GA. July 11)
- Sunday, July 5 – MS/HS Summer Mission Trip (Clarkston, GA. July 10)

### Request a prayer calendar:

Text "pray4missions" to 864-392-9815. We will send you a PDF (email) showing all of our individual and team mission assignments, dates, and locations so you can pray for them.

### Let us know:

If you are going on a mission trip and we have not scheduled a date to commission you.

Andy Roberson

**GIVE ONLINE**

TEXT GIVE TO 864.392.9815

**new here?**  
text us your name and "guest"  
scan or text (864) 392-9815

**need prayer?**  
text us your name and how we can pray for you!  
scan or text (864) 392-9815

**ready for baptism?**  
text the word "baptism" to sign-up!  
scan or text (864) 392-9815

**MEET MY FRIEND**

Experiencing and Sharing Friendship with God

### Meet My Friend Moment:

Look for ways to reach out to hurting people with the love of Jesus and His message of salvation.