By the Numbers

	11/08/26
Attendance	
Sunday School Attendance	566
Giving for the Week of	**11/08/26**
Budget Receipts	54,610.00
World Missions	956.00
Reach & Renew	8,330.00
Designated	1,312.00
Budget Requirements	
YTD Received	1,715,504.00
YTD Budget Req.	1,831,404.00

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FAMILY GROUP DEVOTION
Jesus Taught about the End of the Age

FIND/READ IT: Matthew 24

SAY IT: Our world—filled with same-day delivery and streaming on demand—has discipled us into being impatient people. We get annoyed when our computer slows down and frustrated when a drive-thru takes longer than expected. We immediately reach for our phones whenever a moment of stillness appears.

Most of our waiting is superficial—just seconds long—and filled with distractions we use to avoid the discomfort of longing. In a culture that dislikes slowness, spiritual waiting seems almost foreign.

Jesus, however, spoke to His disciples about the importance of waiting—waiting for His return, waiting through trouble, waiting through a world that feels increasingly unsteady. His disciples admired the temple because they thought it would stand the test of time. But Jesus knew the temple would one day fall and be in ruins. While telling the disciples what would happen, Jesus gave us a guide to waiting well: remembering what will last.

The disciples were stunned to hear the temple would one day fall, but Jesus wasn't trying to terrify them. He was trying to loosen their grip on things that don't last. The world, Jesus says, will be full of wars, earthquakes, famines, betrayals, false teachers, and fear. Jesus' goal was not to send the disciples into a panic. He wanted to prepare them to be alert amid the chaos that will ensue before He returns.

Waiting well also means trusting God in the unknown. Jesus tells us that no one except the Father knows the hour or the day when Christ will return. Because only the Father knows, we wait as an act of surrender to His control. We don't wait with anxiety; we wait with expectation.

LEARN IT: "He made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." 2 Corinthians 5:21

PRAY IT: Father, thank You for sending Jesus to save us from our sin and make us righteous through His sacrifice. When the world feels uncertain or scary, help our family remember that You are in control and that Your promises never fail. Teach us to wait for Jesus with faith, hope, and obedience instead of fear or worry. Help us keep our eyes on what lasts forever and live each day ready to follow You. We look forward to the day when Jesus returns and makes all things new. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Sermon Notes
Dr. Brian Saxon

THE MESSENGER
To experience and express the love of Christ

11/15





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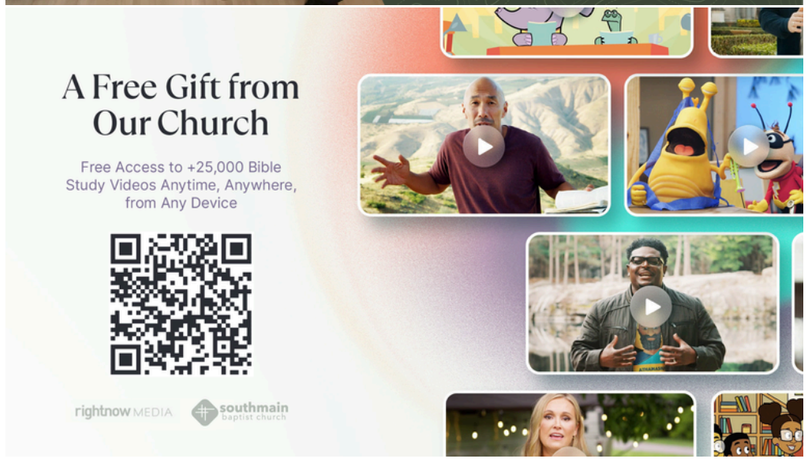
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This Week at South Main

15 SUNDAY	16 MONDAY	17 TUESDAY	18 WEDNESDAY
8:30AM- Worship -Preschool Childcare Children's Church 1st/2nd Grades **9:45AM**-Sunday School Small Group **11:00AM**-Worship -Preschool Childcare **12:00PM**- Membership Class **4:00PM**- Handbell Practice **4:30PM**- Personnel Committee **5:00PM**- Choir Rehersal	**6:00PM**- Jean Glaze Circle	**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 **7:00PM**- R&R Planning Team **7:30PM**- Worship Team Rehearsal

19 THURSDAY	20 FRIDAY	21 SATURDAY	22 SUNDAY
		Younger Upward Basketball League	**Communion Sunday** **8:30AM**- Worship -Preschool Childcare Children's Church 1st/2nd Grades **9:45AM**-Sunday School Small Group **11:00AM**-Worship -Preschool Childcare **4:00PM**- Handbell Practice **5:00PM**- Choir Rehersal **5:00PM**- Properties Committee **6:00PM**- Missions Mobilization Meeting



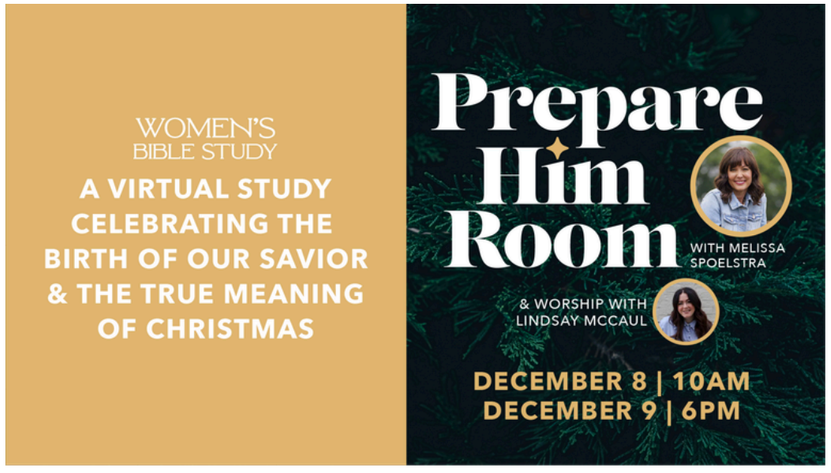


8:30 Worship

Welcome	Andy Roberson
Honey In The Rock	Praise Band and Congregation
Baptism	
Good Plans	Praise Band and Congregation
Tremble	Praise Band and Congregation
Morning Message	Dr. Brian Saxon
You've Already Won	Praise Band and Congregation
Business Meeting	

11:00 Worship

As the Deer	Kadin Ivey, Saxophone; Keith Polatty, Piano
Welcome	Andy Roberson
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms #333	Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
Baptism Video	
Standing on the Promises #333	Chanel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine	Chanel Choir and Orchestra
Morning Message	Dr. Brian Saxon
Invitation to Respond	Congregation
Business Meeting	
Postlude	Keith Polatty, Organ





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

Meet Our NEWEST MEMBERS!



Jake Berry



Jane Burgdorf



Shelby-Anne Scruggs