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Giving for the Week of Budget Receipts Budget Requirements	<b>8/3/25</b> \$40,159.00 \$38,576.00	August 14 - August 20 Brett Abernathy 864-980-4195 baa_29649@yahoo.com
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FAMILY GROUP NIGHT "Playing Favorites" (James 2:1-9)

### **READ IT**

If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. (James 2:8-9)

### **DISCOVER IT**

Have you ever seen someone get special treatment just because they were rich, popular, or dressed nicely? Or maybe you've noticed someone being ignored because they didn't look important or have much to offer. In James 2:1–9, the Bible warns us not to show favoritism. God values every person equally, not based on their money, clothes, or position, but because He made them and loves them. As followers of Jesus, we're called to treat everyone with the same love, kindness, and respect. When we play favorites, we are not acting like Jesus, and we actually break God's command to love our neighbor as ourselves.

- 1. Can you think of a time when you saw someone being treated unfairly because of how they looked or what they had (or didn't have)?
- 2. Why do you think God cares so much about how we treat other people? What does it mean to "love your neighbor as yourself"?
- 3. How do you think Jesus would treat the rich and the popular? How do you think He would treat the poor and the overlooked?

## LIVE IT

- 1. Realize that God doesn't play favorites, and we shouldn't either. Every person matters to God, so every person should matter to us.
- 2. Realize that loving our neighbor means treating everyone with kindness, whether they can do something for us or not.
- 3. Realize that true faith shows up in how we treat people, and especially those who are different or overlooked.

### **PRAY IT**

Dear Jesus, thank You for loving us all the same. Help us to see people the way You do. Forgive us for the times we've judged others or treated someone unfairly. Give us kind hearts, open eyes, and the courage to love our neighbors - every one of them - as ourselves. In Your name we pray, AMEN.

# "Playing Favorites"

(James 2:1-9)

In the light of the "glorious Lord Jesus Christ," the Bible condemns
Favoritism is when we accept someone solely based on their
God does not show favoritism. He shows no
The Lord doesn't look on the outside; He looks at the
Loving your neighbor is the heart of King Jesus; it is the
When we show favoritism, we break God's law and before Him
Let your faith work and you'll see the of loving your neighbor

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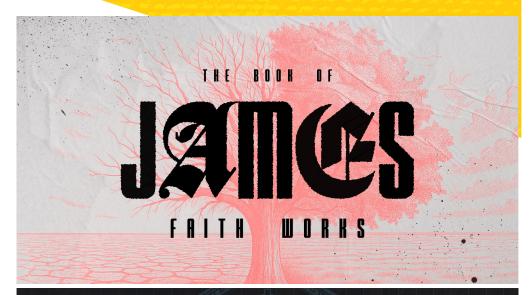
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# THE MESSENGER

To experience and express the love of Christ







Dr. Toby Frost,

Andy Roberson has always reminded us, "South Main is not a church WITH small groups; we are a church OF small groups!" And... every person needs to be part of one of our small groups for Bible learning, prayers, support, accountability, ministry, and reaching others. And... with this in mind, I want to urge our teachers and leaders not to forget our Leader's Meeting tonight. Join us for great food, and super strategy as we reach out to our community and world for Jesus through groups! "See you tonight at 6:00 PM!"



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# This Week at South Main

#### SUNDAY 10

8:30AM- Worship Preschool Childcare -Children's Church

9:45AM- Sunday School Small Groups

.st/2<sup>nd</sup>Grades

11:00AM- Worship Preschool Childcare

1:00PM- Adult Flag Football

5:00PM- Choir Practice

6:00PM- Sunday School Leader Dinner

#### 11 MONDAY

# 6:00PM-

-Jean Glaze Meeting room E201 C

## TUESDAY

**6:00PM**- Men's Recovery Bible Study &

Meal

# 6:00PM-

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-Preschool: Wee Trackers -Elementary: Truth

WEDNESDAY

Trackers -Students: Midweek -Prayer Meeting D-GROUPS:

-Marriage Series: A305 -Acts: 304 -Daring Joy: A307 -Mormonism: A308 -Revelation: A207

7:15PM- Band Practice

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

16 SATURDAY

### 17 SUNDAY

8:30AM- Worship -Preschool Childcare -Children's Church 1st/2ndGrades

9:45AM- Sunday School Small Groups

11:00AM- Worship

1:00PM- Adult Flag Football

3:00PM - Grief Support A202

4:30PM- 20 Year Plan Meeting and Meal

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AUGUST 19 | 11:00AM **CONNECTING PLACE** 

**SAFETY AWARENESS** FEAT. SHERIFF KELLY

**SIGN UP IN SUNDAY SCHOOL OR CHURCH OFFICE** 





# **AUGUST 24**

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

COME TO COLLEGE GROUP FOR A FREE BREAKFAST & GIFT

# 8:30 Worship

The Lords Prayer (It's Yours) Praise Band

Welcome **Bradford Russ** 

Oh But God Praise Band

Abide Praise Band

Message: "Playing Favorites" James 2:1-9 Dr. Toby Frost

> O Come To The Altar Praise Band

> > Wrap Up Andy Roberson

# 11:00 Worship

Prelude

Cynthia Adams, Piano

We're Marching To Zion #524

When We All Get To Heaven #514 Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation

> Bradford Russ Welcome

The Last Days Medley Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation

Offertory Prayer

Chancel Choir and Orchestra No More Night

Message: "Playing Favorites" James 2:1-9

Share His Love #567

Benediction

Postlude

Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation

Susan Frost

Dr. Toby Frost

Congregation

Andy Roberson

Keith Polatty, Organ



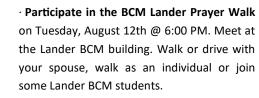
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### College Welcome Bag & Good News Club

We only have a couple of weeks before our college students begin classes at Piedmont Tech, Erskine and Lander University. Join us as we welcome back college students during the month of August! We are also excited to promote the launch of our Good News Club bible program at Pinecrest Elementary School. Here are few ways you can participate:



- · Give \$15.00 to purchase a "College Welcome Bag" and we will do the shopping for you. You can give your gift at click www.southmain.church and "GIVING." Click on the "FUND" for a drop down which reads, "College Welcome Bag." Each bag will contain ink pens, highlighters, snacks and a gift card from Chick fila.
- · Or you may give \$15.00 to purchase a bible and devotional for a child who attends our Good News Club at Pinecrest Elementary. Follow the same giving instructions as above. Look for the drop down box which reads, "Good News Club."
- · Volunteer to serve at our Good News Club Our afterschool club takes place each Tuesday afternoon at Pinecrest Elementary. Contact Brenda Culbertson to learn more volunteer. about how you can Brenda.culbertson@gmail.com

For more information visit our mission display during the month of August.

**Andy Roberson** 







ready for baptism?

MEET and Sharing with God **FRIEND** 

# **Meet My Friend Moment:**

Text a new friend and ask them how you can pray for them today.