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Attendance	08/16/26	August 20 - August 26
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Budget Receipts	60,551.00	
World Missions	3,345.00	
Reach & Renew	28,080.00	August 27- September 2
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Budget Requirements		
YTD Received	1,280,383.00	
YTD Budget Req.	1,343,030.00	Michael Petrella 480-797-4680 ppgpetrella@gmail.com

FAMILY GROUP NIGHT
A Destroyer of Joy and Unity
Philippians 1:27-2:4

READ IT
Read Philippians 1:27-2:4
DISCOVER IT

Every family has disagreements and often times arguments. They usually arise when everyone wants their own way. From choosing a restaurant to deciding what game to play or book to read at night before going to bed. We know that self-centeredness creates tension and division. In this passage, Paul teaches the Philippians that joy and unity grow when we stop focusing on ourselves and start focusing on Christ and the needs of others. This sounds easy but it is not!

- ASK IT
- What are some examples of arguments and tensions which tend to rise in your home school, sports team or workplace?
 - What generally happens when someone is self-centered? Does it create unity or disunity? Do you ever see any good which comes from self-centeredness?

- LIVE IT
- In verse 1, Jesus gives us the strength to love others through his Holy Spirit. How can the Holy Spirit motivate us to love others?
 - In verses 2-3, it speaks about conceit and selfish ambition. Is it hard to look out for the needs of others rather than your own personal needs? How can this be accomplished? Hint, review a portion of the sermon outline again. (We think the same, we love the same, we live for the same purpose). Reviewing the sermon outline again, now ask, "Is it possible through the love of Christ, and Holy Spirit, to live a life that reflects God and not ourselves?"

Family Challenge: This week, choose one practical way to put Philippians 2:3-4 into action:

- Put someone above yourself by helping a parent, sibling, spouse or someone else without being asked.
- Look for an opportunity to serve someone without receiving any recognition.

PRAY IT
Father, thank You that in Christ we can have love, fellowship and compassion toward others. Help us to see when we are selfish and conceited, desiring our own ways. In those times, give us the reminder to love like Jesus and serve like Jesus. Teach us to value others above ourselves and to seek unity especially in our family and church in order to show the world the love of Christ.

Self-Centeredness.... A Destroyer of Joy and Unity
Philippians 1:27--2:4

What motivates us to seek unity? (v.1)

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____ and _____

What does unity look like? (v.2)

- We _____ the same
- We _____ the same
- We are in full _____
- We live for the same _____

Joy in living for _____ and not yourself (vv.3-4)

- Don't be _____
- Don't be _____

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This Week at South Main

23	SUNDAY	24	MONDAY	25	TUESDAY	26	WEDNESDAY
College Sunday 8:30AM - Worship -Preschool Childcare Children's Church 1 st /2 nd Grades 9:45AM - Sunday School Small Group 11:00AM - Worship Preschool Childcare 5:00PM - Choir Rehearsal				6:00PM - Men's Recovery 6:00PM - Prayer Meeting 7:30PM - Worship Team Rehearsal		6:00PM - Preschool- Wee Trackers Elementary- Truth Trackers Students- Midweek 6:00PM - Prayer Meeting 7:30PM - Worship Team Rehearsal	
27	THURSDAY	28	FRIDAY	29	SATURDAY	30	SUNDAY
						Communion Sunday 8:30AM - Worship -Preschool Childcare -Children's Church 1 st /2 nd Grades 9:45AM - Sunday School Small Group 11:00AM - Worship -Preschool Childcare 5:00PM - Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM - Missions Team Meeting	

UPWARD

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BASKETBALL

LEAGUE

GIRLS: K5-3RD GRADE | BOYS: K5-2ND GRADE

FIRST PRACTICE: WEEK OF OCT. 5 | FIRST GAME: NOV. 7

SCAN TO REGISTER

\$65 PER PLAYER

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

JEN WILKIN

VIDEO ACCESS INCLUDED

JOSHUA

EVERY GOOD PROMISE FULFILLED

SEPT. 15 - NOV. 17

LED BY LYNN MATHIS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAY'S AT 9:30AM

CONNECTING PLACE

LEARN MORE AT SOUTHMAIN.CHURCH/EVENTS

8:30 Worship

Welcome	Ben Hjalmer
Found In You	Praise Band and Congregation
Pastoral Prayer	Bradford Russ
Build My Life	Praise Band and Congregation
The Heart Of Worship	Praise Band and Congregation
Morning Message	Dr. Brian Saxon
Good Grace	Praise Band and Congregation
Closing	Dr. Brian Saxon

11:00 Worship

Morning Has Broken	Durrell Benjamin, Saxophone
Welcome	Ben Hjalmer
The Family of God #386	Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
The Bond of Love #384	Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
Pastoral Prayer	Bradford Russ
God, the Father of Your People #382	Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
My King Is Known by Love	Chancel Choir and Orchestra; Harry McCool, tenor
Morning Message	Dr. Brian Saxon
Change My Heart, O God	Congregation
Closing	Dr. Brian Saxon
Postlude	Keith Polatty, Organ

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ADULT D-GROUPS

FALL 2026

STARTS SEPTEMBER 2 AT 6PM

SOUTHMAIN.CHURCH/DGROUPS

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MISSIONS UPDATE

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Thank You for Supporting Our College Ministry!

Once again, our church family has responded generously. As part of our August mission focus, we invited members to help provide College Welcome Gifts to students from Lander University, Erskine College, and Piedmont Technical College who attend or visit our church. We are grateful to report that, through your generosity, we collected enough support to prepare 70 to 80 welcome gifts for students beginning a new academic year. These gifts will be distributed today during a special breakfast hosted by our amazing college leaders and student minister. This annual gathering provides an opportunity to encourage students, build relationships, and remind them that they have a church family cheering them on as they navigate college life.

We are also excited to share about our ongoing partnership with the Lander Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM). Led by Director Scott Smith and Assistant Director Katie Troutman, this ministry serves the nearly 5,000 students who call Lander University home during the 2026-2027 academic year. Their work is made possible through the cooperative support of the South Carolina Baptist Convention, the Lakelands Baptist Association, and local churches such as South Main. Simply put, Scott and Katie serve as missionaries to the Lander campus. Through discipleship, outreach events, mentoring relationships, and spiritual encouragement, they faithfully share the hope of Christ with college students during a pivotal season of life.

Your faithful giving to South Main helps provide salary and program support for this important ministry. In addition, we enjoy partnering with the BCM through special projects and outreach events. This year, South Main provided an additional \$500 gift to support first-week-of-school initiatives, including the popular BBQ Nacho Night and other welcome activities designed to connect students with a Christ-centered community.

Thank you for being a church that values and invests in reaching the next generation.

Andy Roberson

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