

By the Numbers		Deacons on Call/Seating Hosts
Attendance	10/11/26	October 15– October 21
Sunday School Attendance	559	Hays Hudson 478-319-7755 chudson92@yahoo.com
Giving for the Week of	10/11/26	
Budget Receipts	34,386.00	Brett Abernathy 864-980-4195 Baa_29649@yahoo.com
World Missions	1,490.00	
Reach & Renew	10,776.00	October 22– October 28
Designated	390.00	Reid Bolton 864-554-4620 Ar.bolton@hotmail.com
Budget Requirements		
YTD Received	1,554,637.00	Travis Arthur 864-426-0908 arthurtl@scdot.org
YTD Budget Req.	1,668,613.00	

FAMILY GROUP DEVOTION
Jesus Walked on Water

READ IT: Matthew 14

SAY IT: The Texas Giant is a roller coaster that slowly sends riders up 153 feet before dropping them back down at high speeds. At the top of that incline, a sign states, “Wait! Let’s discuss this!” A similar thought might have been on the minds of the other disciples when Peter asked to join Jesus walking on the water!

When the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water, they were terrified. But as soon as Jesus spoke to them in the boat and identified Himself, Peter saw an opportunity. He asked for Jesus to command him to come, stepped out of the boat, and started walking toward Jesus.

Peter wanted to be where Jesus was even if it meant leaving his comfort zone. Peter left the security of the boat and took a risk. God calls us to do the same. He calls us to step into the challenges He sets before us, even when the task seems difficult or even impossible.

This story also shows us that when we step out in faith, challenges are to be expected. The wind was fierce, and the waves were intimidating. And when Peter shifted his focus to the situation around him, he began to sink. The writer of Hebrews tells us to keep our eyes on Jesus as we run the race of life.

Even in Peter’s failing, he discovered the goodness of God. When Peter cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out His hand and lifted him up. God’s grace meets us in the middle of our weaknesses. Even when our faith falters, He is faithful, ready to rescue and restore.

Peter shows us that following Christ with boldness will draw us closer to Him. We will experience a deeper relationship with our Savior as we take risks for Him. Each act of obedience, every step taken in faith, brings us closer to Him and gives us courage to face the next challenge.

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, Thank You for sending Jesus, who is greater than every storm we face. Give us the courage to step out in faith like Peter and trust You even when the path seems impossible. When we become distracted by our fears and doubts, remind us that Your hand is always reaching out to help us. Thank You for Your grace that rescues, restores, and strengthens us when our faith is weak. We praise You that Jesus is the resurrection and the life, and that everyone who believes in Him has the hope of eternal life. In Jesus' name, Amen

That I May Know Him
Philippians 3:7–11

A Relationship with Christ Is More Important Than _____ (vv. 7–8)

A Relationship with Christ Begins with a Desire to _____ (vv. 8–9)

A Relationship with Christ Requires Righteousness by _____, Not _____ (v. 9)

A Relationship with Christ Longs for a _____ Experience (v. 10)

A Relationship with Christ Longs for a _____ Experience (v. 10)

A Relationship with Christ Leads to _____ (vv. 10–11)

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SUNDAY

WELCOME

This Week at South Main

18	SUNDAY	19	MONDAY	20	TUESDAY	21	WEDNESDAY
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 – Properties Committee 5:00PM - Choir Rehearsal				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	
22	THURSDAY	23	FRIDAY	24	SATURDAY	25	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 4:00PM - Handbell Practice 4:30PM - Personnel Committee 5:00PM - Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM– Mission Mobilization Meeting	

UPWARD

southmain sports

BASKETBALL

LEAGUE

GIRLS: 4TH-6TH GRADE | BOYS: 3RD-6TH GRADE

FIRST PRACTICE: WEEK OF DEC. 7 | FIRST GAME: JAN. 9

SCAN TO REGISTER

\$65 PER PLAYER

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Advent Handbell Opportunity for the Christmas Season

Rehearsals Every Sunday at 4PM Starting October 25

• Students & Adults Welcome

• Ability to Read Music Needed

• Sign Up by October 20 by Contacting Keith Polatty

8:30 Worship	
Welcome	Bradford Russ
Enter The Gates	Praise Band and Congregation
Pastoral Prayer	Andy Roberson
Lamb of God	Praise Band and Congregation
What A Beautiful Name	Praise Band and Congregation
Morning Message	Dr. Brian Saxon
Crowns	Praise Band and Congregation
Closing	Dr. Brian Saxon

11:00 Worship	
Prelude	Cynthia Adams, Piano
Welcome	Bradford Russ
Holy! Holy! Holy! #2	Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
Holy Ground #224	Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
Family Dedication	
Lord, I Want to Be a Christian #489	Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
Holy Is the Lord	Chance Choir and Orchestra
Morning Message	Dr. Brian Saxon
I Surrender All #275	Congregation
Closing	Dr. Brian Saxon
Postlude	Keith Polatty, Organ

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.

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MISSIONS UPDATE

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Local & Global Hunger Relief

We have a couple more weeks in October to meet real physical needs while demonstrating the love of Christ to our neighbors in Greenwood and to families around the world. In partnership with the Southern Baptist Convention's Global Hunger Relief Fund and Greater Greenwood United Ministries, there are **three simple ways you can make a difference in this month's mission focus:**

1. GIVE FOOD: Support Local Hunger Relief

Help stock the emergency food pantry at Greater Greenwood United Ministries by bringing your food donations to our mission center during the month. Consider purchasing one item for each week of the month:

- Peanut butter
- Dried beans
- Canned chicken

2. GIVE FINANCIALLY: Support Global Hunger Relief

Jesus said in John 6:35, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger..." Your financial gift helps Southern Baptist missionaries around the world respond to hunger needs while sharing the hope of the gospel. A gift of \$20 or more can provide food and medicine for one week for a struggling family. You can give online or pick up a Hunger Relief giving envelope at the Mission Center.

3. PRAY: Make Hunger Relief a Matter of Prayer

Pick up a 7-Day Hunger Relief Prayer Guide at the Mission Center and choose any seven days during October to pray for gospel-centered solutions to hunger around the world. The prayer guide also provides impact stories as to how your financial gifts will be used.

Give Food! Give Financially. Pray Faithfully.

Whether across the street or across the globe, each of us can play a part in meeting needs and sharing the hope of Jesus. Join us as we work together to combat hunger in Greenwood and around the world.

Serving together,

Andy Roberson & the SMBC Mission Mobilization Team

GIVE ONLINE

TEXT GIVE TO 864.392.9815

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text us your name and "guest"

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