

By the Numbers		Deacons on Call/Seating Hosts	
Attendance	12/29/24	Jan 9 - Jan 15	
No Sunday School on 12/29/24		Bubba Culbertson 864-554-0662 gfculbertson@gmail.com	
Giving for the Week of	12/29/24	Jan 16 - Jan 22	
Budget Receipts	\$49,535.00	Walt Peterson 843-339-1286 Walt.peterson54@gmail.com	
Budget Requirements	\$38,013.00		
YTD Received	\$2,000,215.00	Randy Culbertson 864-993-9097 50randyculbertson@gmail.com	
YTD Budget Req.	\$1,976,670.00		
World Missions	\$1,880.00	Michael Petrella 480-797-4680 ppgpetrella@gmail.com	
Designated	\$9,543.00		

Family Group Night
"Embarking on an Impossible Quest"
 (Galatians 6:14, Romans 5:8, Hebrews 12:14)

READ IT
 "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world," (Galatians 6:14). "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us," (Romans 5:8). "Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord," (Hebrews 12:14).

DISCOVER IT
 Every believer's journey of faith is like embarking on an impossible quest. The call to holiness and peace, as seen in Hebrews 12:14, can feel overwhelming. On our own, the quest is impossible—we are flawed and sinful. However, God's grace makes the impossible possible. Romans 5:8 reminds us that while we were still sinners, Christ's sacrifice on the cross bridged the gap between us and God. Galatians 6:14 calls us to boast only in the cross of Christ, acknowledging that victory over sin and the ability to live a holy life come solely through His work.

ASK IT

1. Why do you think Paul emphasizes boasting only in the cross of Christ in Galatians 6:14? How does this change how we see ourselves?
2. What does Romans 5:8 teach us about God's love? How does this truth empower us in our spiritual journey?
3. How can we "make every effort to live in peace" in the spirit of Hebrews 12:14 in today's world? What practical steps can you take to pursue holiness and peace?

LIVE IT

1. Rely on Christ. Holiness and peace are essential goals for a Christian, but they can only be achieved through reliance on Christ.
2. Express God's Love. Christ's love and sacrifice empower us to undertake what seems impossible. Pray to love the world as Jesus loves the world.
3. Surrender Daily to the Lord. We are called to daily surrender and dependence upon Christ and His Cross, remembering that our strength comes from Him.

PRAY IT
 Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of Your Son and the cross that bridges the impossible gap between us. We confess our need for Your strength to live in holiness and peace. Help us to boast only in the cross and rely on Your grace each day. Guide us in this journey of faith and transform us into Your likeness. In Jesus' name, Amen.

"Embarking on an Impossible Quest."
Galatians 6:14, Romans 5:8, and Hebrews 12:14.

Our South Main mission – "To Experience and _____ the Love of Jesus Christ."

It is a _____ that anyone is a follower of Jesus Christ.

- The unbelievable _____ Story.
- The offense of the _____.
- The _____ of God's love.
- The _____ of God's holiness.

A bigger tragedy than people asleep in the _____ is the tragedy of people asleep in the _____.

The situation is _____, but Christians aren't – what a tragedy.

_____ in the Offense of the Cross. "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." (Galatians 6:14)

_____ in the Scandal of God's Love. "But God demonstrates his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

_____ the Holiness of God. "Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord." (Hebrews 12:14)

Decide to go on the _____ quest of serving Jesus fully. But with God all things are _____.

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THE MESSENGER

To experience and express the love of Christ

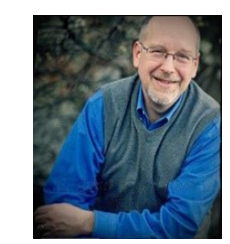


STARTS JANUARY 19

FINANCIAL PEACE

University

TEXT FREEDOM TO 864-392-9815



Toby Frost
Dr. Toby Frost,

Join us next week for a transformative Sunday as we kick off the new year with "Witness Commitment Day" on Sunday, January 12. We are thrilled to welcome Dr. John Avant as our special speaker, whose powerful message will inspire and challenge us to embrace the Great Commission in our daily lives. This day is crucial for our church, our community, and the lives of those we will pray for and commit to reaching with the love of Christ. Members and guests are warmly invited to be part of this important service. Don't miss this opportunity to renew your commitment to sharing the hope of Jesus—together, we can make an eternal difference!

This Week at South Main

05 SUNDAY 8:30AM- Worship -Preschool Childcare -Children's Church 1 st /2 nd Grades 9:45AM- Sunday School Small Groups 11:00AM- Worship -Preschool Childcare 5:00PM- Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM- Deacon's Meeting- A203	06 MONDAY 11:00AM- Mamsie Russell Group- A205 11:00AM- Martha Franks Group- Irene Murphy's House 5:00PM- Upward Basketball Practice Gym	07 TUESDAY 5:00PM- Upward Basketball Practice Gym 6:00PM Men's Recovery Bible Study & Meal	08 WEDNESDAY 6:00PM -Preschool: Wee Trackers -Elementary: Truth Trackers -Students: Midweek -Prayer Meeting D-GROUPS: The Gospel of John: E201A 7:15PM Praise Band Rehearsal
09 THURSDAY 2:00PM- Senior Adult Council Meeting - A307 5:00PM- Upward Basketball Practice Gym	10 FRIDAY 6:00AM- Men's Accountability- E201C	11 SATURDAY 8:00AM - 3:00PM Upward Basketball Games - Gym	12 SUNDAY 8:30AM- Worship -Preschool Childcare -Children's Church 1 st /2 nd Grades 9:45AM- Sunday School Small Groups 11:00AM- Worship -Preschool Childcare 5:00PM- Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM- Missions Team Meeting -

JANUARY 12 | BOTH SERVICES

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER
DR. JOHN AVANT



WITNESS COMMITMENT DAY

THERE IS A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS.

MISSION SUNDAY

JANUARY 26

2025

8:30 Worship

Doxology Praise Band
Baptism
Welcome Kevin Garrison
Family Dedication Kevin Garrison
Psalm 90 Praise Band
You've Already Won Praise Band
Message: "Vision: Embarking on, an Impossible Quest" Dr. Toby Frost
It Is Well Praise Band
Wrap UP Andy Roberson

11:00 Worship

To God Be the Glory Cynthia Adams, Piano
Keith Polatty, Organ
Welcome Kevin Garrison
The Solid Rock #406 - verses 1, 2 & 4 Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
Trust and Obey #447 - verses 1, 2 & 3 Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
Give Me Jesus Chancel Choir
Be Thou My Vision #60 - verses 1, 2 & 4 Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
Offertory Prayer Bradford Russ
Bethlehem Morning Becky Sumerel, soprano
Message: "Vision: Embarking on, an Impossible Quest" Dr. Toby Frost
'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus #411 Congregation
Benediction Andy Roberson
Postlude Keith Polatty

REGULAR WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS, STUDENTS, AND ADULTS RESUME JANUARY 8



Online giving is available for your convenience. Visit our website at www.southmain.church



Our SMBC Mission Team is excited about our ongoing partnership with the Pathway House of Greenwood. This faith based ministry is focused on helping homeless men, women and children in the Greenwood area. They are an ongoing ministry partner of South Main and the entire Greenwood community who is able to resource and guide the individual and/or family to move toward self-sufficiency.

Our partnership with Pathway House is critically important throughout the entire year, however it is especially important during the winter months when the temperature falls below 40 degrees. The month of January is projected to be a cold season, therefore the need for South Main involvement is imperative. Here are ways you can participate.

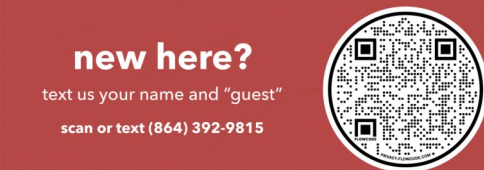
- Option 1 – Purchase one package of paper towels or one toilet paper (preferably Charmin or Angel Soft). Paper towels can be single, double or more. The toilet paper can be 6 mega rolls or more. Drop off your gift at the mission display.
- Option 2 – Purchase one laundry detergent PODS (Tide or Gain) and one dryer sheets for families in resident care. No liquids or laundry powders please. Drop off your gift at the mission display.
- Option 3 – Provide a gift of \$15 and we will do the shopping for you! Visit www.southmain.church and click on the GIVE NOW tab. Look for "January Missions – Pathway House."

On Mission for Him!

Andy Roberson



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need prayer?
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ready for baptism?
text the word "baptism" to sign-up!
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Meet My Friend Moment:
"I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. (1 Cor 9:23)