

By the Numbers		Deacons on Call/Seating Hosts	
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>09/01/24</b>	<b>Sept 5 - Sept 11</b>	
Sunday School Attendance	586	David Bumpus 864-993-4614 rdbumpus@gmail.com	
<b>Giving for the Week of</b>	<b>09/01/24</b>	<b>Sept 12 - Sept 18</b>	
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YTD Budget Req.	\$1,330,451.00		
World Missions	\$1,564.00		
Designated	\$3,270.00		

Family Group Night  
**THE SCHOOL OF SANCTIFICATION**  
(Colossians 3:1-17)

**READ IT**  
1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. 5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires, and greed, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. 7 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. 8 But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. 9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. 11 Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. 12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. 15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**DISCOVER IT**  
As Christians, we are called to a lifelong journey of sanctification—becoming more like Christ in our thoughts, actions, and character. In many ways, it's like attending a school where Jesus is our teacher, and the Bible is our textbook. Colossians 3:1-17 gives us a powerful lesson plan on how to live a life that reflects our new identity in Christ.

**ASK IT**  
1. In verses 1-4, what does it mean to "set your minds on things above"? How can we do this in our daily lives?  
2. In verses 5-9, Paul tells us to put to death certain behaviors. Which of these do you find most challenging to let go of, and why?  
3. In verses 10-14, what qualities does Paul encourage us to "put on"? How can we practice these qualities at home, school, or work?  
4. In verses 15-17, how does peace rule in our hearts when we let the word of Christ dwell in us richly? How can our family grow in letting Christ's peace guide our relationships?

**LIVE IT**  
The "School of Sanctification" is a daily process. Just like students learn step by step, we grow in our faith by continually renewing our minds and hearts. This week, choose one specific area from Colossians 3 that you want to focus on as a family. Maybe it's being more forgiving, patient, or kind. Make a plan to encourage each other in this area throughout the week. Write it down, pray about it, and check in with one another at the end of the week to see how you've grown.

**PRAY IT**  
Heavenly Father, thank You for teaching us how to live as Your chosen people. Help us to set our minds on things above and to grow in our sanctification day by day. Give us the strength to put off our old selves and to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. May Your peace rule in our hearts, and may Your word dwell richly within us. Guide us as we strive to become more like Jesus in everything we do. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

## School of Sanctification

*Colossians 3:1-17*

**Prerequisite:** You must be \_\_\_\_\_ again (verse 1a)

- Set your mind on \_\_\_\_\_ things, not \_\_\_\_\_ things (verses 1b-4)  
*Romans 12:1-2 and Philippians 4:8*
- \_\_\_\_\_ kill sins that consistently trip you up (verses 5-11) - *Romans 8:29*
- Prayerfully and \_\_\_\_\_ put on a Christlike characteristic that you struggle with (verses 12-15) - *Romans 2:4, Ephesians 4:32, 1 Corinthians 13:13 and Romans 5:1*
- Read the Bible and let the Bible \_\_\_\_\_ you (verse 16a) - *Psalms 119:11, Psalm 119:5 and Psalm 119:105*
- \_\_\_\_\_ others in their walk with Christ (verse 16b)  
*Matthew 28:19-20*
- Let His Word impact what you \_\_\_\_\_ to and sing about (verse 16c)
- Seek the Spirit's \_\_\_\_\_ as He seeks to transform every part of your life (verse 17)

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# THE MESSENGER

*To experience and express the love of Christ*

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

## SCHOOL OF SANCTIFICATION

BEN HJALMER

**FALL RETREAT**  
**OCT. 11-13**  
**6TH-12TH GRADE**

 **students**

# GOD

**our helper**

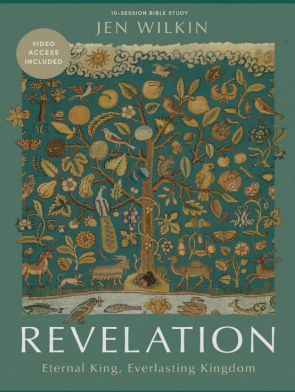



*Toby Frost*  
**Dr. Toby Frost,**

Today we welcome our own Rev. Ben Hjalmer to our pulpit. Ben is the Community Transformation Pastor here at South Main. As such, he's over all the Upward sports programs that emanate from our Family Life Center. And... he is a GREAT preacher as well. So, please PRAY for Ben as he preaches, and make sure to PARTICPATE in Upward Sports. Currently we are beginning our Upward Flag Football season, and tryouts have begun in anticipation of our Upward Basketball season for ages five through eight. We need YOUR KID to participate and we need YOU to volunteer in some way to help. Just contact Ben and he will put you to work!

# This Week at South Main

08 <b>SUNDAY</b> 8:30AM- Worship -Preschool Childcare -Children's Church 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Grades 9:45AM- Sunday School Small Groups 11:00AM- Worship -Preschool Childcare 5:00PM- Choir Rehearsal 5:00PM- Properties Committee Meeting- A308 6:00PM- Deacon's Meeting- A203	09 <b>MONDAY</b> 11:00AM- Mamsie Russell Meeting- A203 11:00AM- Martha Franks Meeting- Irene Murphy's House 6:00PM- Jean Glaze Circle Group- CP E201C	10 <b>TUESDAY</b> 9:30AM- Ladies Bible Study- Lynn Mathis- CP 6:00PM- Men's Recovery Bible Study & Meal- CP	11 <b>WEDNESDAY</b> 6:00PM -Preschool: Wee Trackers -Elementary: Truth Trackers -Students: Midweek -Prayer Meeting -D-GROUPS: Are You Ready for End Times?: A308 The Gospel of John: E201A Lies Women Believe: A302 Men's 33 Series: A304 7:15PM -Praise Band Rehearsal
12 <b>THURSDAY</b> 1:00PM- Homeschool fellowship- Elementary Area 5:30PM - 7:30PM Upward Flag Football Practice- Athletic Field	13 <b>FRIDAY</b>	14 <b>SATURDAY</b>	15 <b>SUNDAY</b> 8:30AM- Worship -Preschool Childcare -Children's Church 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Grades 9:45AM- Sunday School Small Groups 11:00AM- Worship -Preschool Childcare 3:00PM- Grief Support Group- A202 5:00PM- Choir Rehearsal



SEPT 10 - NOV 12

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAY'S AT 9:30AM  
CONNECTING PLACE

CONTACT LYNN MATHIS LYNNMATHIS@GMAIL.COM



**VITAL**

# NIGHT OF WORSHIP

COLLEGE AND YOUNG ADULTS

**09.29.24 6:30PM**  
SOUTH MAIN BAPTIST CHURCH

### 8:30 Worship

Honey In The Rock	Praise Band
Welcome	Bradford Russ
In Christ Alone	Praise Band
Bless God	Praise Band
Message: "School of Sanctification" Colossians 3:1-17	Ben Hjalmer
Great Are You Lord	Praise Band
Wrap up	Dr. Toby Frost

### 11:00 Worship

Prelude	Cynthia Adams, Piano
Trust and Obey #447 - verses 1, 3 & 4	Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
Just a Closer Walk with Thee #448	Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
Baptism	Dr. Toby Frost
Welcome to Worship and Morning Prayer	Bradford Russ
O Master Let Me Walk with Thee #279 - verses 1, 3 & 4	Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
Living for Jesus #282 - verses 1 & 2	Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
Offertory Prayer	Andy Roberson
He Never Failed Me Yet	Chancel Choir and Orchestra Toby Frost, baritone
Message: "School of Sanctification" Colossians 3:1-17	Ben Hjalmer
Footsteps of Jesus #483	Congregation
Benediction	Dr. Toby Frost
Postlude	Keith Polatty

# hanging of the greens

**CHOIR REHEARSALS TONIGHT 5PM**  
AGES HIGH SCHOOL AND UP ARE INVITED

Online giving is available for your convenience.  
Visit our website at [www.southmain.church](http://www.southmain.church)



**Connie Maxwell**  
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

September Mission Theme

**CONNIE MAXWELL CORN MAZE**  
South Main is pleased to again partner with Connie Maxwell Children's Ministry. In recent years we have been recognized as one of the top 25 giving churches over a period of 125 years. Thank you South Main for believing in the mission partnership with Connie Maxwell Children's Ministries.

We also partner beyond our financial giving...people resources matter as well. During the upcoming month there are several ways you can volunteer with our church to communicate the message of hope. Take a look at the volunteer opportunities below.

**Volunteer @ Corn Maze** – Friday, October 11 and Saturday, October 12. - Volunteer opportunities include parking, tractor rides, working at the kids zone and more. Shifts range from 3 – 4 hours. Currently we need approximately 50 volunteers from our church.

**Event Parking (6 Volunteers Per Shift)** - Friday, October 11 (4:00 – 8:00 PM) and Saturday, October 12 (Shift #1. 11 AM – 2 PM) (Shift #2. 2:00 PM – 5:30 PM)

**Kids Zone (8 Volunteers Per Shift)** - Friday, October 11 (4:00 – 8:00 PM) and Saturday, October 12 (Shift #1. 11 AM – 2 PM) (Shift #2. 2:00 PM – 5:30 PM)

**Tractor Ride (4 Volunteers Per Shift)** - Friday, October 11 (4:00 – 8:00 PM) and Saturday, October 12 (Shift #1. 11 AM – 2 PM) (Shift #2. 2:00 PM – 5:30 PM)


To volunteer, text keyword **MAZE** to 864-392-9815 or sign-up at the mission display. We will email you the necessary registration link to volunteer at Connie Maxwell.

Local missions with a purpose!  
Andy Roberson




**PLAN YOUR WILL FOR FREE TODAY!**  
MAKE SURE YOUR LOVED ONES ARE CARED FOR

**new here?**  
text us your name and "guest"  
scan or text (864) 392-9815



**need prayer?**  
text us your name and how we can pray for you!  
scan or text (864) 392-9815



**ready for baptism?**  
text the word "baptism" to sign-up!  
scan or text (864) 392-9815



**MEET MY FRIEND**  
Experiencing and Sharing Friendship with God

**Meet My Friend Moment:**  
Reach out to a friend who is hurting and pray for them in Jesus' name...