

By the Numbers		Deacons on Call/Seating Hosts	
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>1/26/25</b>	<b>Jan 30 - Feb 5</b>	
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<b>Giving for the Week of</b>	<b>1/26/25</b>	<b>Feb 6 - Feb 12</b>	
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YTD Received	\$116,308.00	Austin Goldman 864-377-3878 austinigold7@gmail.com	
YTD Budget Req.	\$115,728.00		
World Missions	\$622.00		
Designated	\$1,160.00	Grayson Sumner 864-980-0952 gtsumner66@gmail.com	

Family Group Night  
"Better Together"  
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

**READ IT**  
"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

**DISCOVER IT**  
God designed us to live in relationships, both with Him and others. From the very beginning, the Lord said it was not good for man to be alone (Genesis 2:18). Throughout the Bible, we see the power of teamwork, friendship, and community. And our scripture for today teaches us that we are better together as we support one another, strengthen one another, and share life together. And... being united as believers in Jesus Christ makes us stronger and more effective for God's purposes.

**ASK IT**  
1. In what ways does a healthy family demonstrate the principle that "two are better than one"? What are some challenges or struggles you've faced as an individual or as a family, and how have you helped each other get back up? (SUGGESTION: Share an example where working together achieved something greater than working alone.)  
2. In our scripture for today, what do you think the "three strands" in the strong cord refer to? How can we invite God to be the "third strand" in our family, making us even stronger?

**LIVE IT**  
1. Discuss with your family or Christian friends practical ways to grow spiritually together, such as prayer, worship, and serving others.  
2. Meet the challenge to stay united. Don't ever give up in your quest for love and unity. Overcome by praying and identifying areas where misunderstanding, conflict, or busyness might weaken bonds.  
3. Don't forget your church. God calls us to lift each other up in times of need. As a family of faith your church can be a source of encouragement and help.  
4. Keep God at the Center: A cord of three strands—God, you, and others—is not quickly broken. As we grow closer to God, we grow closer to one another.

**PRAY IT**  
Thank You for the gift of family and friends and the reminder that we are better together. Help us to love, support, and encourage one another as we journey through life. Teach us to be patient and forgiving, and to always seek unity in our relationships. Most of all, may You be the center of our lives, binding us together with Your love and grace. Strengthen us to face life's challenges together and use us to bring glory to Your name. Amen.

**"Better Together"**  
(Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)

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Better Together by \_\_\_\_\_ – "Two are better than one..." (vs. 9a).

Better Together in \_\_\_\_\_ – "They have a good return for their labor." (vs. 9b).



Better Together in \_\_\_\_\_ – "If either of them falls down, one can help the other up." (vs. 10a).



Better Together in \_\_\_\_\_ – "Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone?" (vs. 11).


Better Together when \_\_\_\_\_ – "Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves." (vs. 12a)."

We are \_\_\_\_\_ – "A cord of three strands is not quickly broken." (vs. 12b).

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# THE MESSENGER

*To experience and express the love of Christ*

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

## BETTER TOGETHER

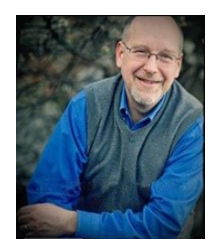
ECCLESIASTES 4:9-12

**SUNDAY SCHOOL / SMALL GROUPS**

# TAILGATE SUNDAY

**FEBRUARY 9      9:45-10AM**

**SHARE YOUR FOOD & FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER GROUPS**



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

Welcome to South Main, and I have a quick question for you – "Are you ready to rock?" I am asking that question because, if you can rock a baby, we need you! We have had 19 babies born into our South Main church family last year, 3 already this year, and 5 more to come! We need loving volunteers to pour into these adorable and precious children. But you don't have to "rock around the clock." You can serve occasionally, from once a week to once every eight weeks. And... we provide free background checks and training! So... are you ready to rock? To volunteer, just fill out a pew card and put in the giving kiosk or just call the church office. We need you and our babies need you. Thanks, and "Rock on!"



# This Week at South Main

02 SUNDAY	03 MONDAY	04 TUESDAY	05 WEDNESDAY
<p><b>8:30AM</b>- Worship -Preschool Childcare -Children's Church 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grades</p> <p><b>9:45AM</b>- Sunday School Small Groups</p> <p><b>11:00AM</b>- Worship -Preschool Childcare</p> <p><b>3:00PM</b>- Financial Peace University- A302</p> <p><b>5:00PM</b>- Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b>6:00PM</b>- Deacon's Meeting- A203</p>	<p><b>11:00AM</b>- Mamsie Russell Meeting- A203</p> <p><b>11:00AM</b>- Martha Franks Meeting- Irene Murphy's House</p> <p><b>5:00PM</b>- Upward Basketball Practice Gym</p>	<p><b>9:30AM</b>- Ladies Bible Study- Lynn Mathis- CP</p> <p><b>5:00PM</b>- Upward Basketball Practice Gym</p> <p><b>6:00PM</b> Men's Recovery Bible Study &amp; Meal</p>	<p><b>6:00PM</b> -Preschool: Wee Trackers -Elementary: Truth Trackers -Students: Midweek -Prayer Meeting- Worship Center D-GROUPS: The Gospel of John: E201A Islam &amp; Christianity: A302 Jesus Over Everything: A306</p> <p><b>7:15PM</b> Praise Band Rehearsal</p>
06 THURSDAY	07 FRIDAY	08 SATURDAY	09 SUNDAY
<p><b>2:00PM</b>- Senior Adult Council Meeting- A307</p> <p><b>5:00PM</b>- Upward Basketball Practice Gym</p>		<p><b>8:00AM - 3:00PM</b> Upward Basketball Games - Gym</p>	<p><b>8:30AM</b>- Worship -Preschool Childcare -Children's Church 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grades</p> <p><b>9:45AM</b>- Sunday School Small Groups</p> <p><b>11:00AM</b>- Worship -Preschool Childcare</p> <p><b>3:00PM</b>- Financial Peace University- A302</p> <p><b>5:00PM</b>- Choir Rehearsal</p>

FUGE CAMPS 2025

into the **light** **JUNE 24-28**  
owning your faith **6-12 GRADE**

REGISTER AT [SOUTHMAIN.CHURCH/STUDENTS](https://southmain.church/students)

**UPWARD** southmain sports

**VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE**

**3RD - 8TH GRADE GIRLS**

[SOUTHMAIN.CHURCH/SPORTS](https://southmain.church/sports)

### 8:30 Worship

*House Of The Lord* Praise Band  
Welcome Andy Roberson  
*I See The Lord* Praise Band  
*Jesus Messiah* Praise Band  
Message: "Better Together" Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 Dr. Toby Frost  
Worthy Of It All Praise Band  
Wrap Up Bradford Russ & Ben Hjalmer

### 11:00 Worship

Prelude Cynthia Adams, Piano  
*We've a Story to Tell* #586 - verses 1 & 3 Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation  
*Shine, Jesus Shine* #579 - verse 1 Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation  
Welcome Andy Roberson  
*Footsteps of Jesus* #483 - verses 1 & 3 Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation  
*Be Thou My Vision* #60 - verses 1 & 2 Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation  
Offertory Prayer Kevin Garrison  
*Order My Steps* Chancel Choir and Orchestra  
Message: "Better Together" Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 Dr. Toby Frost  
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us #61 Congregation  
Benediction Bradford Russ & Ben Hjalmer  
Postlude Keith Polatty

## discover southmain

DISCOVER MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH.

**FEB. 16 & 19 | 6PM**

REGISTER AT [SOUTHMAIN.CHURCH/DISCOVER](https://southmain.church/discover)

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

## Tailgate Sunday, February 9

Just a quick note to thank you all for the great support last Sunday toward our 2025 Missions Launch. It was an incredible time to learn more about our upcoming mission opportunities and partnerships for the coming year.

Don't forget that our Tailgate Fellowship is planned for Sunday, February 9th. All children, students, college and adult groups are encouraged to take part in our annual Sunday School Tailgate Fellowship. If you are new please know that Tailgate Sunday is an opportunity for you to bring your favorite breakfast food, enjoy fellowship with other group members and invite someone new to your group. Over the past few years, this day has been the largest attendance of the year. How can you and your group members get involved?

- Bring a favorite breakfast or snack food. We will be sharing our food with fellow group members, and others who will attend different classes and groups. Place your food on the table located outside your classroom. Please know we will set up tables for each class and provide the paper products. Coffee and water will be provided as well.
- Enjoy the food but begin your lesson by 10:10 AM. We want everyone to fellowship but teaching God's Word is also our main goal.
- Invite friends and guests to your group who may not ordinarily attend.
- Have fun!

Groups Matter!  
Andy Roberson

**GIVE ONLINE**

TEXT GIVE TO 864.392.9815

**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:**  
Share your story of how you came to know Jesus Ask them if they have had an experience like this; it may open a door to help them to know Jesus, too!