SECOND MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Digital Bulletin

Week of September 14, 2025



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Women's Choir will have rehearsal on Tuesday, September 16th for Women's Day. Thursday, September 18th will be a regular choir rehearsal day.
- We are now in a new Sermon Series and Bible Study Series for September. You don't want to either one! See next page for details!
- We will celebrate our 80th Annual Women's Day on the 4th Sunday this month. See pages 3 and 4 for more details.
- **Upcoming Ministry Meetings**:
 - ⇒ Family Ministry #1: Saturday, September 20th, 11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m., at SMBC
 - ⇒ Women of Faith Book Club: Saturday, September 20th, 1:00 p.m. via Zoom CHURCH OFFICE
 - ⇒ Men's Book Club: Saturday, September 20th, November 1st, & November 8th at 10:00 a.m., SMBC Fellowship Hall
 - ⇒ Hospitality Ministry: Saturday, September 27th, 10:00 a.m., SMBC Fellowship Hall





SECOND MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH • Monthly Health Topic • September

ATRIAL FIBRILLATION (AFib)

Atrial fibrillation (AFib) is an irregular heartbeat, or arrythmia. It is the **most common heart rhythm disorder**, affecting around 10 million people in the United States. With AFib, the heart may beat too fast, switch back and forth from fast to slow, or skip beats. Because of this, the heart can't pump blood out to the body normally. If not treated, AFib can become worse.

CAUSE OF AFIB

AFib is caused by chaotic electrical signals, which make the upper chambers of the heart, the atria, quiver instead of fully beating. This in turn causes the heart to beat up to four times faster than normal.

RISK FACTORS FOR AFIB

- High Blood Pressure
- Sleep Apnea
- Diabetes

While these conditions are common risk factors, healthy people without these conditions can still develop AFib.

SYMPTOMS OF AFIB

Some patients will show no symptoms of AFib, but common symptoms include:

- Feeling Tired
- Fast and Irregular Pulse
- · Heart Palpitations
- Shortness of Breath
- Dizziness
- Fainting
- Pain or Pressure in Chest (THIS IS A MEDICAL EMERGENCY, CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY IF HAVING EITHER OF THESE SYMPTOMS)

TREATMENT OF AFIB

- · Antirethmic medications
- Blood thinners
- Cardioversion
- Catheter ablation

COMPLICATIONS OF ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

Because the heart isn't beating properly, blood can pool in the upper chambers of the heart, and a clot can form that can lead to a stroke. AFib can also lead to heart failure or fluid build-up which can weaken the muscles of the heart.

DIAGNOSING ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

The most common way AFib is diagnosed is with an electrocardiogram or EKG. An EKG is a non-invasive test that measures the electrical activity of the heart. Some people wear a heart rhythm monitor to assist with diagnosis.

AFib may also be found during a routine exam by a healthcare provider.

Having regular appointments with your primary care doctor is a great practice! Report any symptoms to your doctor and follow your treatment plan.

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SOURCES: American Heart Association®, Heart Rhythm Societysм

ATRIAL FIBRILLATION AWARENESS MONTI



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REV. DR. CHARLOTTE MCSWINE-HARRIS | WOMEN'S DAY GUEST PREACHER

Charlotte McSwine was born and raised in Greenwood, Mississippi, where she spent her formative years on an operational plantation, gaining essential life skills. Embracing her call to preach the gospel as a young adult, she attended St. Stephen Baptist Church in Kansas City, MO, under the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. Mac Charles Jones where she was licensed to preach the Gospel.

Understanding the importance of thorough preparation for her calling, she pursued her education at Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, KS; the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union in Richmond, VA; Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, MN; and McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, IL. This journey culminated in earning her Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees.

Charlotte sees her primary calling as the edification of the body of Christ. In addition to preaching, she significantly contributes to the church by teaching at the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology (STVU). Her joy comes from guiding students through structured learning processes, witnessing their epiphanies, and observing their impactful sermons. Dr. McSwine also serves as the Co-Director of the Compelling Preaching Initiative at Virginia Union University and as Co-Mentor for the Doctor of Ministry in Preaching at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH.

She founded Preaching Jewels: "Makers of Premier Preachers," a venture aimed at helping preachers focus on their strengths and overcome weaknesses, freeing them from the burdens of comparison.

Extending her service to the community, Dr. McSwine is the founding pastor of Charles City Community Church in Charles City County, VA, where she has guided the congregation's spiritual journey for 23 years, demonstrating her devotion to God.

Charlotte is married to Mr. Glenn Harris, and they take pride in cherishing their daughter.

Women's Day Information		
<u>Core Committee</u>		
Sis. Natasha Character, Chair		
Sis. Beverly Rowe, Vice Chair		
Sis. Lynette Bradley, Finance Chair		
<u>Colors</u>		
Black, Purple, White		
<u>Financial Goal</u>		
\$25,000		
Our financial goal will be used to grow our capital and continue planned facility upgrades.		

5 people will give \$1,000	10 people will give \$500	20 people will give \$250
20 people will give \$200	20 people will give \$100	50 people will give \$80

ITEMS NEEDED INCLUDE:

- ✓ Personal Hygiene Items
- √ Socks
- √ Shoes
- √ Furniture Clothing
- √ Household Items

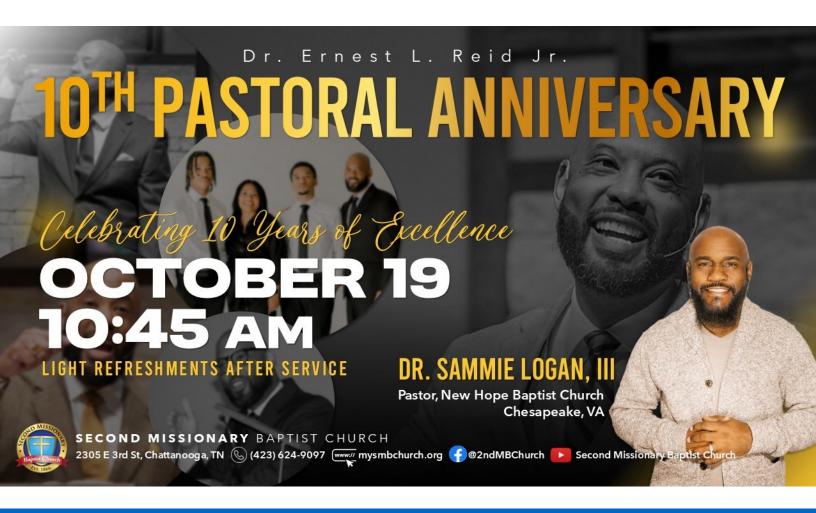
October 4th at SMBC

8:00 AM Drop-Off Begins | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Giveaway

ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO THE COMMUNITY KITCHEN
GIVEAWAY IS ALSO OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

Bring something, leave it for others...

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SICK AND SHUT-IN LIST

SICK

Bro. Leroy Miller Sis. Theresa Malone Sis. Vicki Payne Bro. Carlous McConnell Sis. Juanita Mitchell Sis. Wilda Walton

SHUT-IN

Sis. Marie Bailey Sis. Lillie Glenn Sis. Daphne Moore Sis. Yolaundia Banks Sis. Cora Godbee Sis. Gwendolyn Moore Sis. Martha Coleman Sis. Erica Henderson Bro. Eric Payne Sis. Saundra Payne Sis. Dorothy Hughley Sis. Angela Denis Sis. Krystal Rodrigues Sis. Linda Dennis Bro. William Hurt Sis. Clarrisa Jones Sis. Lila Salmon Bro. John Dowell Sis. Alice Smith Sis. Corine Dunson **Bro. Bernard Jones** Sis. Bertha Elder Sis. Ellen Lee Sis. Doris Smith Bro. Bruce Fleming **Bro. James Millsaps** Sis. Joyce Fletcher Sis. Annie B. Moon

Health Center at Standifer Place

Bro. Paul McDaniel Jr.

NHC Parkwood

Sis. Virginia Robinson

All announcements must be sent to officeadmin@mysmbchurch.org by Wednesdays 12:00 noon in order to run the next week.

Announcements for the week of Sept. 21st are due by Wednesday, Sept.17th PLEASE KEEP SUBMISSIONS BRIEF. ALL SUBMISSIONS ARE SUBJECT TO BE EDITED AS APPROPRIATE.