



Summer is winding down and we had a good one in youth ministry!

Bounce was a great mission opportunity as some of our students worked here in our area. We went to a new camp this summer and had a great time! Our students got to hang out by the lake, play fun games, hear great worship music and listen to the word of God!

Thank you to all who prayed for us this summer and for all who gave to South Main monetarily. Because of the tithes of the church, the students were able to go at a discounted rate making the summer a little more affordable. Thank you again for your support! The youth group is greatly appreciative!

Kevin

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Revelation 7:12

"Amen."

forever and ever!

be to our God

and might

and power

and honor

and thanksgiving

and wisdom

and glory

"Amen! Blessing

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BAPTIST CHURCH

MAIN EVENTS

August 2025

The Times They Are A-Changin'

Have you ever thought about how much culture and tradition dictates our schedules?

Christians have been worshipping together as a church on Sunday or "the first day of the week" for 2000 years (see Acts 20:7 and 1 Corinthians 16:2). Evidently early Christians who were raised Jewish still wanted to go to synagogue on Saturday with their families. But in hopes of gathering with a group of people who shared in their belief that Jesus was the Messiah, they had to pick another time for worship and studying the scriptures with one another.

Sunday was the obvious choice. After all, it was the day the Lord had risen and devoting their worship to him on "the first day of the week" seemed fitting. The only problem was that in that culture Sunday was a workday (like our Mondays today). That meant early church gatherings would not begin until evening, allowing for people to get off from work.

Imagine going to work all day, then to church where you would eat a meal together, followed by listening to someone like Paul teach the scriptures for hours. You might fall asleep too like that young man named Eutychus in Acts 20.

In 1 Corinthians 11, we can reason that meeting on Sunday evenings came with other challenges that Paul had to correct. The meal or "Lord's Supper" mentioned earlier became something that not everyone got to enjoy. For example, church members with more money and better hours could arrive to the meal at church sooner than those who had to work longer. But instead of waiting on them to arrive or practicing portion control, the haves dug in leaving the have-nots with empty plates. This is why Paul chides them exclaiming, "One person is hungry while another gets drunk!" (1 Corinthians 11:21)

Times have changed, but the need to accommodate others so they can experience church and God's grace has not. This is ultimately why you will see some slight changes in Wednesday scheduling starting in September.

When I began to ask younger adults within our church why they were not attending Auxano classes like I'd hoped for, the most common answer was, "We have to work until 5 pm." Of course, South Main's Wednesday dinner has traditionally begun at that time. Therefore, we are pushing Wednesday night meals to 5:30 pm as a slight accommodation, with multiple Auxano opportunities to follow at 6:30 on that evening or on other nights of the week.

The deeper we get into the fall, the sooner the sun will set. Knowing this later adjustment may discourage some who have trouble driving at night from attending, we will also offer a Wednesday lunch option. Those with longer lunch breaks, or who may prefer a midday Bible study can come to what we're calling Twice Fed on Wednesdays starting in September from 12-1 pm. Trish Gibb and I will be teaching through Paul's letter to the Galatians as you enjoy lunch. If you happen to miss it, we will repeat this teaching once again following dinner at 6:30.

Be on the lookout for plenty of other Auxano opportunities offered at a variety of times throughout the week. These will be featured in our September-December booklet for 2025. I know the impossibilities of accommodating everyone's schedule. But if we are going to continue engaging and equipping others to experience and share God's transforming love, we want to extend occasions and opportunities where that's accessible.

Pastor Daniel

ENGAGING and EQUIPPING others to EXPERIENCE and SHARE
God's Transforming Love

BAPTISM CLASS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3
9:30 AM - MAIN LOBBY

- For those getting baptized
- For parents of children getting baptized
- For anyone who has questions regarding baptism

BAPTISM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10
10:45 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE

Contact Kim @
281-487-8200 to
schedule your Baptism

WOW Week 2025
August 4-7
6-9 PM

Living Water

South Main
YOUTH
Entering 6th-12th
Grade

FOOD PROVIDED NIGHTLY WITH FUN GAMES & A BIBLE LESSON

MONDAY NIGHT ACTIVITY - LA PORTE WAVE POOL
following Food, & Bible Lesson
Parents pick-up at the Wave Pool at 9:30 PM

JOY CLUB MEETING
Featuring **THE MARSHALLS**

Presenting the Gospel in a Heart-Warming and Personal Way

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5 | 9 AM | GREAT HALL
Games & Fellowship All Senior Adults Invited!
Lunch follows for \$4

LOOKING TO
serve!

volunteers needed
in the bridge college ministry

CONTACT JEFF FUQUA FOR MORE
INFORMATION AT JEFF@SOUTHMAIN.ORG

AUGUST 10

PROMOTION SUNDAY

KIDS & YOUTH WILL PROMOTE TO THE NEXT GRADE

1st Grade Bible Presentation @10:45 Service

PRETEEN Summer CAMP REFLECTION VIDEO



IMPACT

Did you know in the past two months nearly 400 children had the opportunity to hear the Gospel? Between camp and VBS our church family faithfully stepped in to serve, lead, pray, and give in ways that have impacted our children, families, and the Kingdom.

The children who attended camp this summer learned that we are called to be *Different*. They were issued a challenge to find ways to allow God's voice to speak louder than the noise of the world so that they can walk along the narrow road that is worthy of God's calling. One of the ways they committed to do that was to come to church as often as possible. It's not that our building has some great technology that can protect them from the enemy. Rather, when they come to our church, they are surrounded by people who love them enough to point them to Jesus.

So, on behalf of our children, allow me to thank you. Thank you for being part of their church family. Thank you for teaching them, loving them, and providing for them.

To God be the glory!

Carrie




THE BEST VERSION

Many of you have inquired about Kathy's knee replacement. It has gone quite well. We are at 3 weeks following her surgery and she has begun therapy. We've learned a bit about this surgery; it was actually listed as a revision not a replacement. We were in hopes of a possible repair to existing hardware, but it turns out the best fix was a new knee.

I've seen that same principle in some of the sermons from Revelation we've been enjoying. Sometimes getting to the best version can involve some challenges and hard work, but the end result is always worth it.

I'm looking forward to the things God is making new here at South Main and at home with Kathy's knee. We're trusting our doctor, and we can certainly trust our God to lead us toward the best path.

Bobie

SCHOLARSHIPS

We are thrilled to announce the recipients of this year's South Main Scholarship Awards! These outstanding students have demonstrated academic excellence, strong character, and a heart for service. Through their hard work and commitment, they have earned the support of our church family as they pursue higher education. Each year South Main receives applications from active church members attending full-time colleges or trade schools for small scholarships funded by a generous member. Two of the scholarships at Houston Christian University are endowed awards named after our two previous pastors. Please join us in congratulating the 2025 scholarship recipients:

Mark Anton – Southern New Hampshire University
Ezekiel Arriaga – San Jacinto College
Emma Coppedge – University of Houston Clear Lake
J. C. Coppedge – Tarleton State University
Amber Field - University of Houston Clear Lake
Jordan Lewis – B. J. Martin Scholarship – Houston Christian University
Maggie Post – Ron Lyles Scholarship – Houston Christian University
Elysa Ripley – Stephen F. Austin University
Emily Ripley – Stephen F. Austin University
Nicholas Walentoski – Baylor University

We are excited to see all that God has in store for them in the years ahead. Let us continue to pray for these students. God bless you all!

AUXANO

This Fall you will see a few additions to our discipleship strategy. I am looking forward to the Twice Fed Bible study that will be offered at noon on Wednesdays. The development of a prayer group, young family groups, and an emphasis on missions are just part of the new opportunities to grow.

AUGUST AUXANO

The last four sessions of our Denominations study will cover Baptists, Methodists, Churches of Christ, Pentecostal, Assemblies, and Non-Denominations.

Jeff

CPR Class

Cost: \$50

Free for all serving in The Learning Center, Preschool/Children, Youth, Medical Team, or Foster Hope Ministries.

Where?
Main Connection

When?
August 12, 6-9PM

CPR



FAMILY SKATE NIGHT

ALL AGES WELCOME

\$10 per Skater
\$30 max per Family

Pizza & drinks included

AUGUST 13, 2025
5:30-7:30 PM

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