One of the primary skills needed for the warehouse I once managed was the ability to operate a forklift. When asked if I possessed such a skillset in my initial interview, I simply responded, “I’m committed to learning.” Surprisingly, I was hired and remained hired, even after dropping a small refrigerator off the forks from fifteen feet in the air.

When people muster the courage to connect with a church, they may feel like I did those first few months in the warehouse. They come in search of what they need to survive, all while being asked to contribute in ways where they feel ill-equipped. Like a good teacher or coach, pastors and ministers have a God-given obligation to patiently equip those in the church on how to pray, share their faith, and serve others (Ephesians 4:11-13). Doing so not only helps church members grow stronger in Christ and his transforming love; the member will also be better fitted to help those they know outside the church experience the same.

Some of the discipleship and service initiatives launched through Auxano this past year have provided additional pathways towards these ends. As I come upon one year of serving as your pastor, allow me to offer a word of gratitude to all those who have served in equipping others to experience and share God’s transforming love. I have witnessed this among staff members, Sunday School teachers, Auxano leaders, mentors, and servants within this congregation. I am also thankful for all those who have demonstrated a hunger to grow in Christ and in essence said, “I’m committed to learning.” Furthermore, I am grateful to those of you who have been both faithful and flexible as we seek to engage and equip others in various ways.

As we embark on another year of ministry together, I covet your feedback and prayers as we seek to better fulfill our mission. Here are some specific ways of what that could look like...

1. **Email your feedback to** [daniel@southmain.org](mailto:daniel@southmain.org) **as it relates to Auxano.**
   This could include:
   - **What parts of Auxano were most helpful to your walk with Christ this past year?**
     - This will provide us insight on what to keep and what to highlight for others in the future.
   - **What areas would you like more equipping in as a disciple and disciple-maker?**
     - This will help us as we plan and design future sessions.

2. **Pray for opportunities for others to be engaged and equipped with the Gospel.**
   **Beginning in the fall, we hope to launch a class that would invite unbelievers and unchurched people to explore what Christianity teaches. Knowing that some are apprehensive to walk into a Wednesday night class in an established church, I am in search of a restaurant or place of business open to host a place where this could happen.**
   - **Pray that God might provide the right place that would be most inviting to outsiders of the faith.**
   - **Pray that God would begin to work in the hearts of the right leaders and learners for this endeavor.**

Dr. Daniel Crowther
Music Notes
Summer is flying by. I hope you have had a few days to refresh and catch a few new views of our good God.

Join us Sunday evening, July 9, at 5:30 pm to hear about some of the great things that happened in June. Thank you for your prayers for those events. Please continue to pray for us in July.

I read today that, "Faith is easy to mistake for all the doctrine we believe to be true, but the essence of faith is what we do about what we believe." This reminded me of Gary Humphrey who immediately responded to my request to repair a bicycle for a young man who had no means of transportation. Then after repairing the bicycle, he delivered it to the young man in Clear Lake. South Main has so many of you, like Gary, who put your faith into constantly living out hope and love. It’s one of the many things that endears this congregation to me and encourages me in my daily walk. Thanks for not growing weary in well doing.

July is going to be awesome, I look forward to being a part of what God is doing here this summer with you.

Bobbie Miller

Missions Ministry

Thank you, Southmainer(s), FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN PROVIDING

93 pairs of shoes
93 pairs of socks
93 pairs of shoe clips
and postage

School Supply Collection

JULY 2-30, 2023

Clear Backpacks
Wide-Ruled Spiral Notebook
Wide-Ruled Notebook Paper

Pencils, Pens, Rulers
Construction Paper
Hand Sanitizer, Glue, Crayons
Tissue Box, Folders with Pockets, Map Pencils

BRING SUPPLIES TO THE MAIN CONNECTION

I HAVE DECIDED

BAPTISM CLASS
Sunday, July 23, 9:30 AM, Pastor's Office
For those getting baptized or for anyone who has questions.

BAPTISM SUNDAY
July 30, Morning Worship Service
Contact Kim at 281-487-8200

NIGHT OF WORSHIP
June 6 | 6:30 PM in the Worship Center
Intergenerational, Blended Worship

WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS, THERE IS FREEDOM
1 Corinthians 3:17b

STAFF ANNIVERSARY
KELLEY TRIMBLE
7-01-08

Senior Care Team Volunteer Meeting
Thursday, July 13
5:30 - 6:15 PM, PARLOUR
• Learn what being a SCT Volunteer means
• Q & A time
• Aided Living & Homebound Ministry Info.
• Meet & fellowship with others on the team

For current openings & anyone interested, please register.

FOR CURRENT OPENINGS & ANYONE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING

CONTACT
TRISH
281-419-7388

Bacam! FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 7-12
JULY 10-15
COST: $200

Be the hands & feet of Christ serving with Bounce
For more information or to sign up, contact Kevin (krickhard@southmain.org) or Chantal (chantal@southmain.org)

FLC NEWS

UPWARD SOCCER
GAMES BEGIN AUGUST 28

STUDENT MINISTRY

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Ladies Game Night
BUNCO for women of all ages in the Main Connection
Potluck Dinner
Monday, July 11 | 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Contact Pot Debbie: 713-908-2314 $5 fee

Women's Ministry
Pathway of Hope
SMBC Women's Group
LUNCHPLACE TBD
FRIDAY, JULY 28 | 11:30 AM
Contact Sharon Hardwick: 281-797-4275, shardwick401@comcast.net

MOPS Summer Meet Ups
Men’s only dinner & Spunky’s Pizza Monday, July 10 | 5:30 PM
Games with Littles (birth-K) / SMBC FLC Tuesday, July 11 | 9:30-11:30 AM
Games with Bigs (1st-4th grade) / SMBC Main Connection Thursday, July 27 | 9:30-11:30 AM
Contact Stacey Davis: smcdavis1989@yahoo.com

For Boys & Girls Attending VBS in Completions 1st - 6th Grade

PRE-K PLAY DAY
JULY 6 | 10 AM - NOON | FLC
Just for Kids (Birth to 6 years) to attend with an adult
Lots of fun things to do from ride-on toys to a bounce house

 sis: 885 905-9200

INTERGENERATIONAL, BLENDED WORSHIP
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3
WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS, THERE IS FREEDOM
1 Corinthians 3:17b

Discover South Main
For those interested in how they can become a part of South Main
Sunday, July 16, 9:30 AM
Dr. Crowther’s Office
For more information, please contact our Church Office 281-487-8200