

**GRIEF SHARE**

Thursdays, January 15 - April 23, 2026  
6:30 - 8:15 PM      South Suite 167

A free weekly support group designed to help rebuild your life

CONTACT ESTHER JANIS - 281-732-9314 OR ESTHERJANIS@GMAIL.COM

**New Year JOY Club Meeting**  
All Senior Adults are Invited!

Tuesday, January 6, 2026  
9:00 a.m. in the Great Hall

Lunch follows for \$7.00

Invite someone to come with you!

**WOMEN ON MISSION**  
MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, January 8  
10:00 AM  
Great Hall CF

Lunch follows for \$5.00

**ADULTS ON MISSION**  
MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, January 8  
6:00 PM  
Main Connection

**NEW YEAR TO 2026 STUDY MISSIONS**

**AUXANO 26.1 - BEGINS JANUARY 14, 2026**

**David's Prayer Book** - led by Pastor Daniel Crowther, Noon and 6:30 PM  
Explore the depths of David's prayers in the book of Psalms. (Expressing frustration, fears, sins, and celebrations.) Confident the Creator of all things listens and cares.

**Dwell on these Things** by Natalie Abbott and Vera Schmitz - led by Jenny Bright  
How would your life change if you could call Scripture to mind at a moment's notice? We will study Philippians 4:4-9 in a video/discussion format.

**God Owns it All** - by Ron Blue - led by Jeff Fuqua  
Gain a sense of fulfillment and contentment in your finances by discovering financial principles affirmed by Scripture. It will equip you to approach money management and financial planning with freedom, generosity, contentment, and confidence.

**Biblical Apologetics** - led by Kirk Lewis  
The Christianity and secular culture is filled with disagreement, tension, and complicated issues, leading many Christians to avoid talking about their faith entirely. This course will engage us with visuals to make it easy to understand the existence of God, faith vs. reason, evolution and science, moral relativism vs. absolute truth, etc.

**Prayer Group** - This group will spend time each week praying for our leaders, immediate needs, unchurched and more.



[Register here](#)

**SOUTH TEXAS MISSION TRIP FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 3, 2026**

Mark Your Calendars and Plan to Join Us!

VOLUNTEER TO WORK WITH MISSIONS, CONSTRUCTION, FOOD SERVICE, OR PHOTO VIDEO TEAM



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**MAIN EVENTS**

**BEGINNING THE YEAR WITH JESUS:  
A Journey through the Gospel of Mark**

As we turn the page into a new year at South Main, I'm excited to share that beginning in January we will start a fifteen-month journey on Sunday mornings through the Gospel of Mark (with a few natural breaks along the way).

Mark is widely believed to be the first of the Gospel accounts written, with Matthew, Luke, and John later offering additional detail. Early Christian tradition connects this Gospel to John Mark, a coworker of the apostle Paul and a close companion of Peter. An ancient church historian named Papias tells us that Mark carefully gathered Peter's eyewitness memories and shaped them into this account of Jesus' life and ministry.

Though it is the shortest Gospel, Mark is anything but bare bones. He is an expert, action-packed storyteller who keeps the ministry of Jesus constantly moving and interesting. I've often chuckled at how frequently Mark uses the word "immediately"—24 times in just 16 chapters, more than any other author in Scripture.

This fast-paced style likely reflects the way Mark's Gospel first circulated in the early church—told and retold as one continuous story that can still be read in under two hours. In fact, Mark writes almost like a filmmaker, presenting the drama of Jesus' life in three clear acts:

- I. His ministry in Galilee,
- II. His journey toward Jerusalem, and finally,
- III. His suffering, death, and resurrection in Jerusalem.

So why take fifteen months as a church to study it together? Because Mark is not only telling us what Jesus did but revealing who Jesus is and what it means to follow Him. The Gospel of Mark presses us toward two central themes: Christology and discipleship. These focus points allow us to see Jesus clearly and to learn, alongside the disciples, what it truly means to follow Him.

As we move through this Gospel together, my hope is that we will find ourselves drawn into the story and transformed by the One at its center.

*Pastor Daniel*

**January 2026**



#### What's in a Name?

Whenever we talk with people about **South Main Baptist Church**, the conversation often begins with our history—how the Baptist work in Pasadena started at the corner of South Main Street. Naturally, the next question is why we kept the name even after moving from that location. The answer is simple: **a church is not defined by its building or its address – it is defined by its people.**

When we relocated, the name South Main had already become known in our community as a place where people felt welcome and where God's transforming love was experienced. We believe that is still true today.

#### A Season of Rebranding

Toward the end of 2024, we began discussing what it would look like to “rebrand” our church. Over the past year, we have worked carefully and prayerfully to create an updated look—one that honors our heritage while also inviting people of all ages and backgrounds to connect with us today.

At first, we hoped to find a symbol or icon that clearly represented South Main. Finding something both meaningful and recognizable proved more challenging than expected.

#### Inspiration from Our Windows

Eventually, our attention returned to one of the most distinctive features of our building: **the stained glass windows.** More important than their beauty is their message. These windows depict the “I AM” statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John—powerful reminders that God has revealed Himself and seeks a personal relationship with all people through Christ. In many ways, these windows visually express the heart of our mission: to share **God's transforming love.**

#### Our New Logo

Our new logo incorporates the imagery of these stained glass windows along with the cross that was central to our previous design. Beginning this month, you'll start seeing it on publications and other church materials.

#### More Than a Logo

No matter what our logo looks like, our hope is that when people see “South Main,” they recognize a place where they can **engage, be equipped, and experience God's transforming love.**

Erin

Honoring Faithful Stewardship:  
A Celebration for  
Johnny Walbrick



Following our Ministry Celebration at 5:30 PM on Sunday, January 11, the South Main family is invited to gather in the Great Hall for a special time of gratitude and celebration as we honor Johnny Walbrick, who is stepping down as Chair of our Finance Team.

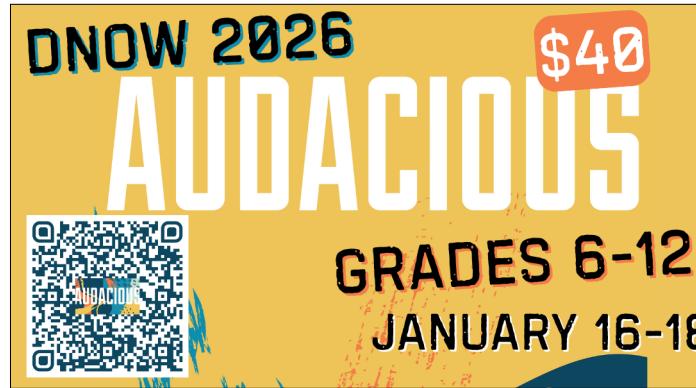
Johnny's faithful service to South Main spans an incredible 48 years on the Finance Team, including 30 years as chairman. Over nearly five decades, Johnny has helped guide our church with wisdom, integrity, and a deep commitment to stewarding well the resources God has entrusted to us.

On a personal note, I am profoundly grateful for Johnny's steady counsel and institutional knowledge, which have been a tremendous gift to me during my first three years pastoring South Main. His encouragement, clarity, and faithfulness have strengthened not only our financial leadership, but our church as a whole.

Our Finance Team joins me in expressing heartfelt thanks to Johnny for his remarkable service. We will also take this opportunity to share our recommendation that Trey Kendrick serve as the next Chair of the Finance Team.

Please plan to join us as we say thank you to a servant leader whose quiet faithfulness has shaped South Main for generations.

--Pastor Daniel



HAPPY  
New Year!

We are excited to kick off 2026 with our **Disciple Now Weekend** **January 16-18**. It will be a weekend focused on growing closer to God and becoming the disciple for God that He wants us to be! Please pray with us for the weekend. Pray specifically for all involved to encounter God in a mighty way and for God to work through each leader throughout the weekend!

**Saturday, January 17** our students will be doing a mission project with the **Orphan Grain Train (OGT)**. From 10am-1pm OGT will have a trailer in our parking lot where any South Mainer can come by and drop off gently used clothes, shoes, and coats. Then at 1:30 our students will head to the OGT warehouse and help sort all the clothes for a couple hours! Please think about cleaning out your closets and getting bags of clothes ready to donate so we can help out this wonderful mission organization!

Kevin

**NEW YEAR IN MUSIC MINISTRY**

Here are a few things for you to be mindful of as we begin a new year:

- We are back to 8:15 and 10:45 Worship starting Sunday, January 4.
- Student choir resumes Sunday, January 4, with a preview of the year and the Music/Ministry trip this summer. All participants are encouraged to attend.
- Children's Wednesday evening activities resume January 7 at 6:30 p.m.
- Adult choir resumes Wednesday, January 7, at 7:30.
- The Singing Men and Women of Texas will be with us Sunday evening, January 25, for a concert with our own intergenerational choir. I hope you are able to enjoy this wonderful evening of music that begins at 6:00 p.m.
- Student choir will attend the Youth Cue Winter Celebration in Austin February 21-22.

The key to finishing well is a good beginning. I think we are off to a great start. Come join us!

Bobie

**DNOW CLOTHING DRIVE**

Gently used clothing, shoes, & coats

Saturday, January 17  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Items need to be in bags and dropped off at the Orphan Grain Train Trailer near the FLC

**Baptism Class**  
January 4 - 9:30am - Main Lobby

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

**Baptism Sunday**  
Sunday, January 11  
10:45 AM Worship Service

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

#### Introducing Terri Everett Children's Ministry Interim

God placed in Terri a heart for children's ministry from very early. She taught a children's choir while in high school and began teaching GA's when in college.

After she and Chuck married they taught in the children's area. In fact, she really cannot remember a time when they were not teaching children. Terri has a deep desire to see every child grow in their confidence in Christ. She is passionate about creating a vibrant and exciting ministry that kids love to be a part of – and that families feel connected to.

Terri and Chuck have been married for 45 years. They have two children: a daughter, Shatana, who moved to heaven in 2017, and a son, Don, and his family: Catherine, Benjamin & James who live in La Porte and attend South Main.

They came to South Main from Odessa, Texas where they were members of Immanuel Baptist Church. Terri was the administrative assistant to their Senior Pastor and Worship Pastor for over twenty-years. After Dr. Landon Coleman was called to be Senior Pastor, he asked Terri if she would serve as the children's minister. She served in that position for 7 years. It was during the COVID shut-down that she and Chuck sensed God leading them to leave Odessa and relocate to “Houston.” Chuck retired from Odessa College after 40+ years and Terri resigned from her position at Immanuel and they moved to Deer Park. They joined South Main in September 2020 and have loved being a part of our church family.

Terri wants to partner together with the children's ministry team and parents to give kids the best place to build a biblical foundation for their life. She wants to give them the opportunity to start a life-changing relationship with Jesus and develop into the leaders that God created them to be.

Let's pray for God's continued guidance and wisdom for Terri during this interim time as she serves with us. To contact her, email [tdeverett22@gmail.com](mailto:tdeverett22@gmail.com).

**PARENTS NIGHT OUT** **FRIDAY, JANUARY 9**  
**6:00-9:00 PM**

**KIDS BIRTH-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

**\$15/CHILD**  
**\$30 MAX PER FAMILY**  
**PIZZA & SNACKS INCLUDED**

REGISTRATION OPEN UNTIL 1/4

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