

South Main BETHLEHEM
Friday, November 28, 8:00 AM
• Take Bethlehem walls out of garage

Work days



Saturday, November 29, 8:00 AM

- Outside wall building
- Inside sit down work - Great Hall
- Jobs for every skill level
- Lunch provided



DECEMBER 12-14
5:00-8:30 PM

READY TO VOLUNTEER?
SCAN THE QR CODE





BAPTISM CLASS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2
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, NOVEMBER 23
10:45 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE
Contact Kim @ 281-487-8200 to schedule your Baptism

Holiday Food Baskets
Benefiting Pasadena Community Ministries

- \$15 pays for a large turkey
- \$50 pays for a food basket

Make checks payable to "Pasadena Community Ministries" and place in an offering envelope



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FALL BACK ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

READY TO TURN BACK TIME?

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
US POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 160
PASADENA, TX

4300 E Sam Houston Pkwy S
Pasadena, TX 77505-3910



MAIN EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2025

DON'T EAT ALONE
What Montreal taught me about the Gospel at the Table

“If you are eating alone, just take an open seat at the bar.”

That’s what the manager of Schwartz’s Deli told me shortly after I landed in Montreal for a mission’s exposure trip. Schwartz’s Deli is a longstanding and beloved spot in the city, known for its kosher-style smoked meat.

When the manager discovered there were no seats available at the bar, he kindly sat me by myself at an open table for eight before walking off. Within a minute, six guys walked in and two seats at the bar cleared out. Wanting to be polite, I offered them my table and said I’d move to the bar instead.

They gave me an awkward “thank you.” The short-order cook behind the bar looked at me with mild frustration, and the manager came back over and said, “You’re not from around here, are you?” After nicknaming me “Texas,” he patiently explained that Schwartz’s Deli follows an open-seating policy—guests share tables with strangers.

The next morning, I told my new friend Raphael, a French church planter in Montreal, about the experience. He laughed and then helped me understand that sharing tables with strangers isn’t just a Schwartz’s Deli thing—it’s a Montreal thing.

My independent American way of eating might afford me and my group a private table in public, but the French-Canadian culture has given Raphael many chances to make new friends around a shared table—and even to share the Gospel with them.

There’s something deeply biblical about sharing a meal with a stranger. Common tables create uncommon friendships.

On Wednesday, November 19, South Main will host two Friendsgiving meals before Thanksgiving. Lunch will be served at noon (following the Twice-Fed schedule), and dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. Both will feature the same menu—ham as the main entrée, since turkey tends to get all the attention the following week.

The dinner time has been adjusted to 6:30 p.m. because I’ve invited friends from two other churches to join us. Pastor Robert Thomas of Olivet Missionary Baptist Church in Houston’s Fifth Ward will be coming with members of his congregation. Robert and I became friends shortly after Hurricane Harvey. Also joining us will be Pastor Leo Mendoza and members of Iglesia Cristiana Los Hechos, the Spanish-speaking congregation that meets in South Main’s Family Life Center on Sundays.

If you’ll be joining us for the evening meal, let me encourage you to sit at a table with friends you don’t know yet. Get to know them as we eat and worship together in a unified, Christ-glorifying way.

If lunch works better for you, invite friends from outside South Main and show them how good it is not to eat alone—but to share time and a table with those who love Jesus.

Pastor Daniel

ENGAGING and EQUIPPING others to EXPERIENCE and SHARE

God’s Transforming Love



SMBC YOUTH

SERVE SATURDAY

November 1, 2025
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

We will partner with
4B Disaster Relief to
help families with
storm damage



GRIEF SHARE

Surviving the Holidays

Saturday, November 1, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
or
Sunday, November 9, 3:30 - 5:30 pm

Both meet in South Suite 167

*Offering help and hope as you
navigate the holiday season*

GIVE A GIFT THIS SEASON TO OUR Mission Site Children

- Pick up a name tag in the Main Lobby
- Purchase a gift (\$15-\$20)
- Return it wrapped with name tag attached to the office by November 30th.



Joy Club Meeting For Senior Adults

Tuesday, November 4, 9 AM, Great Hall

Games & Fellowship
Lunch follows for \$7

SPECIAL GUESTS

Missionaries
Kenneth &
Sandra Bowyers

They will share
about the
Totonac Indians
in Mexico.

WOMEN ON MISSION

Thursday,
November 6
10:00 AM
Great Hall

Church van leaves
at 11:45 to go to the
Urbina home for
lunch and a tour of
their museum.

VIEW THE LIST OF DONATIONS NEEDED BY SCANNING THE CODE



Scan me!

Chocolate Pie

Passing down cherished recipes through generations can connect family members who may never have had the chance to know one another. Several years ago my husband Eric's Memaw shared her secret Chocolate Pie recipe as a Christmas gift to all her children and grandchildren. I accepted the challenge and began making that pie for family holiday gatherings. It took some trial and error, but I eventually mastered it and have since taught my girls the art of chocolate pie making.

In 2024, I spent the days leading up to Thanksgiving preparing dishes one at a time—meals that would be easy to warm up on Thanksgiving Day—while caring for my dad during what we knew might be his final days. I was grateful to spend that time with him, cooking while he rested. On Thanksgiving morning, he took his last breath and went to be with his Lord.

The only dish that hadn't been prepared ahead of time was the chocolate pie. I had decided not to bother with it—it seemed trivial at such a time—but my family overruled me, insisting that we had to have chocolate pie. So, with the help of my girls, we made it. And right then, the healing began.

It's amazing to see the ways God can work in our lives, even through something as simple as chocolate pie.

Erin

Gratitude

Gratitude noun: the state of being grateful; thankfulness.

This Thanksgiving season take time to give and show gratitude as you gather with family and friends around the table. Be still and see the blessings God has given you. Be grateful and thankful to him for what he's done in your life, and...

1. For the health of you and your family.
2. For the food prepared by those you love.
3. For the home where you are gathering with family and friends.
4. Most of all for the ultimate gift of God's son, Jesus Christ, who gave His life for us.

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
1 Thessalonians 5:18

Christine



FAMILY

I look forward to the times spent with my entire family. It is worth the preparation and exhaustion that goes into every holiday, birthday, etc. The irony is that my family really doesn't care about the complexity of menus, decorations, or even the outings planned while here. They just want to be together. To be honest, that is my desire as well. Barbara Bush put it this way, "I think togetherness is an important ingredient of family life." And Reba McEntire said, "I don't think quantity time is as special as quality time with your family."

I also love being with my church family. Galatian 3:26 reads, "We are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus." Bill and Gloria Gaither penned these words, "I'm so glad I'm part of the family of God, I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood! Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod; for I'm part of the family, the family of God." The love I have for you, my church family, and the times spent together this Thanksgiving with other children of God will be a cherished time.

So this year as I prepare to spend time with all my family, I will remember the moments shared together will be powerful and not take them for granted. God gave me a beautiful family, and I would do anything for you. As the great philosopher Olaf from Frozen said, "Some people are worth melting for."

Jeff

November Friendship Playlist

You've Got a Friend in Me
Friends are Friends Forever (quit laughing)
You've Got a Friend
Friendship
That's What Friends are For
Thank You for Being a Friend
With a Little Help From My Friends
What a Friend We Have in Jesus

No doubt Jesus set the example for friendship, and my closest friends are folks who follow His example. Don't miss the opportunity in this season to say thank you to friends for allowing the love of Christ to be seen in their lives. One thank you may be all a friend needs to continue their journey. Don't miss that opportunity this Thanksgiving season.

Your friend,
Bobbie

FRIENDSGIVING DINNER & WORSHIP

Wednesday, November 19
Noon or 6:30 PM meal
Cost: Free! (Invite a friend!)

We will be joined by two other churches for the 6:30 PM Friendsgiving meal.

Make your reservation by calling the church office, adding your name to the list in Sunday School, or by using the QR code.



TeamKID Day Camp

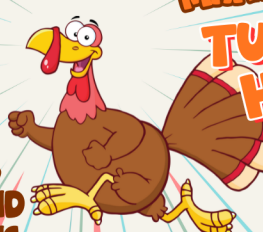
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

1st-5th Grade

BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROVIDED

FUN ACTIVITIES
CENTERED AROUND
MUSIC & MISSIONS

THE GREAT SOUTH MAIN KIDS
TURKEY HUNT



KIDZONE

For Kinder - 5th Grade During the 10:45 Service

November 9 & 16



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GRADES 6-12
JANUARY 16-18

\$40

