

Notes From Jeff



2020 is here! This year we will emphasize outreach. Our verse is Romans 10:15, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

Each month we will have: big events, ideas for you to use throughout the weeks, handouts, and, of course, weekly scheduled programs which will be part of this outreach emphasis.

Each Sunday during January we will have a phone bank set up to reach out to those who have visited with us the last year. Those phone banks will open on Sundays from 5:00-5:30 p.m.. Join me in the office suite beginning January 5.

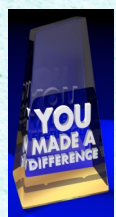


Personal Note

Patti and I have really been blessed by your friendship and your love for us. The last four and one-half years have flown by. Thank you so much! We pray that your Christmas season was filled with joy and hope. We look forward to 2020 and to seeing what God has planned for all of us.

FLC NEWS

Welcome 2020! Another year has passed and another outstanding group of volunteers helped us keep the FLC running. Thank you to all who volunteered in the FLC in any capacity in 2019! We look forward to seeing you in 2020. If you are interested in volunteering, please email myself or Loyd Wells and we can find a good fit for you!



If your new year's resolution involves fitness, either at a high level or a beginner level, the FLC has what you need. Come by and check us out. We would

love to partner with you to help achieve your health goals for the year.

January also marks the start of our Upward Basketball games. Beginning January 11 and running through February 22, we will have kids from Kindergarten through 6th grade playing basketball in our gym.



Music Notes

We resume our regular schedule on Sunday, January 5, with student choir. Children and adults resume on Wednesday, January 8.

Children begin a new music program on Wednesdays offering some instrumental activities and choral speech along with singing. **Jr. and Sr. High Students** will be busy preparing music for a February 21-23 weekend at Baylor University and Washington DC, June 23-29.

Adults will work on a composer weekend with Mary McDonald and a wonderful Maundy Thursday service set for April 9. I suspect the winter and spring will pass as quickly as summer and fall. Come join us for some of these music and ministry opportunities this new year.



It has been a part of the winter spring season for almost 10 years to work alongside Buckner's Benevolences in South Texas and assist a deserving family with a new home.

Plans are in place to do the first half of the home build February 21-27. This allows you to depart Friday afternoon and join us on Saturday for the first full day of work. You are welcome to come and give whatever time you have. We appreciate all who are willing to give a hand to this South Texas endeavor. Cost is \$50 per night which covers lodging at La Quinta and meals through the day.

Our first organizational meeting is Sunday, January 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room. Early registration is appreciated, so please let us know of your interest through email to jalogan@southmain.org and we will take it from there. See you January 19th.



Led by Lauren Allen & members of our Praise Band
Snacks & Fellowship in the Narthex: 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Student Ministry Intel

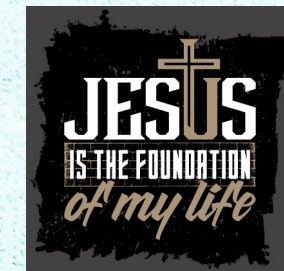
Our SMBC Student Ministry will be returning to Forest Glen Camp and Retreat Center January 17-19, 2020. Forest Glen is gorgeous and perfect for a Youth Retreat! It is far enough away so you're out of the "big city" and able to enjoy and experience a little bit of God's creation.



Our group will reflect on 2019 and the blessings God provided, as well as looking ahead to 2020 recharged, being ready, willing, and wanting to serve and follow God's plan for both our church and student ministry! Sign-up is still open. Feel free to contact me via email should you have any questions regarding this Youth retreat to Forest Glen!



I am excited for this upcoming year, and the various activities and programs our SMBC students will be involved and participating in. In addition to our continued cutting edge Bible studies, our students will be continuing their work on some really cool Biblical truth skits that are "works in process," but are almost ready to show to the church!



It's truly a blast working with students, helping them to learn more about God and grow closer to Christ through unique, effective means which are relevant for today, and for which our students "totally" get!

God is so good! Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated as we carefully navigate through crucial stages and elements of our students' lives with the truth of God, and the salvation of Christ as our strong foundation!

KIDZ CORNER



Starting on January 5
Sunday evenings @ 5:30pm
for children 1st-6th Grade



THE CONNEXION

LIVING WELL



Happy New Year! If you are a senior looking to start the new year off right, then come join us for Living Well. Living Well is an exercise class for seniors that meets on Monday and

Wednesday mornings from 8:30-9:15 or Monday and Thursday afternoons from 1:30-2:15.

It is low impact exercises with light weights and some good ole music! Join us starting January 6. We look forward to another great year of Living Well!



South Texas Mission Trip

February 21-27, 2020

Foundation
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Flooring
Walls
Roof
Plumbing
Electrical

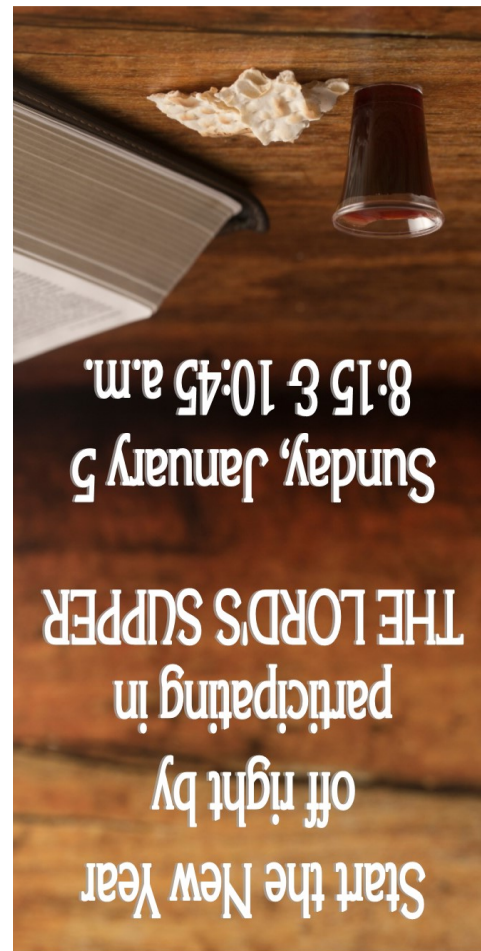
\$50 per day
(Includes housing & meals)

Project: Building first 1/2
of a new home

Sign up by calling Jane, 281-487-8200,
or email jalogan@southmain.org

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RON'S REJOICINGS

I CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW

"I Can See Clearly Now," recorded by Johnny Nash (less famous than Johnny Cash) in 1972, was Billboard's No. 1 for four weeks. The lyrics declare that the writer can see more clearly now that the rain has gone, the clouds and all the bad feelings have disappeared, and the pain has gone away. As a result, it is going to be a "bright, bright, sunshiny day."

We have arrived at the year 2020, and I do hope that in this new year, you will see more clearly, with perfect vision. I cannot promise you that it will be a completely "bright, bright, sunshiny year," a year with no rain, no clouds or bad feelings, and no pain. I can, however, promise you that God will be with you. Our Immanuel "God with us" God will walk with us through every day. In this new year, I hope that you can see clearly enough.....

TO SERVE MORE

What a joy it is to serve sacrificially the kind of Savior and Lord who set the consummate example of service for us. He washed the feet of the disciples and then served them bread and wine to declare his willingness to lay down his life for them and for us. Such humility. Such service. We will remember the time Jesus did that as we celebrate **Communion on Sunday, January 5.**

TO GIVE MORE

The 2020 Mission and Ministry Action Budget Team, under the leadership of Dan Hinton, Chair, has been at work and will present our year of ministry and the anticipated cost at our **Winter Ministry Celebration on Sunday evening, January 12.** The carrying out of ministries through South Main depends upon the stewardship of our members as they respond to the superlative giving grace of our God. So many of our members need to grow in this area of obedience and discipleship, sharing generously out of what God has shared with them.

TO LOVE MORE

The greatest commandment, identified by Jesus, is love. He encourages us to love God with all of our hearts, minds, and strength and then to love others in his name. Since we suffer no adverse consequence in our cultural context of loving God and others, we may not realize how dangerous it is to love Jesus in some parts of God's world. Dr. Randel Everett is the President of 21Wilberforce, an organization that seeks to keep the non-persecuted believers aware of the circumstances of persecuted believers. I have asked my friend, Randel, to preach to us on **Sunday morning, January 26.** He will challenge us to love our brothers and sisters who live under constant threat danger.

Praying that you will see more clearly in 2020, I am,
Your Pastor

HAPPY NEW YEAR