

New Outlook

November
2025

Second Baptist Church

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The Hanging of the Greens Service returns!



This year, we will have a Hanging of the Greens service on Sunday morning, November 30, at 9:30 a.m. This will take place during the regular Sunday School time. Sunday School will be cancelled for this morning. **Our normal Sunday morning worship service will still take place at 10:30 a.m. that morning, November 30, as usual.**

During this 9:30 a.m. Hanging of the Greens service, we hope to:

1. Review the meaning behind our Christmas decorations.
2. Get the sanctuary decorated for Christmas in one hour's time - so it will be all ready for our first regular morning service in Advent - which will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m.!
3. Sing Christmas carols and enjoy fellowship together as we experience joy and excitement in getting ourselves and our church ready for the season.

We will need all hands on deck to make this work! Please plan to come join us at 9:30 a.m. on November 30.

Marilyn Short

Late-breaking choir news

The Second Baptist choir will join the Antioch and Dayspring choirs in singing for the joint service at Antioch on November 2. Rehearsals will be at Antioch at 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays, October 25 and November 1. They advise that we use their Entrance Door A and Parking Lot 2.

Marilyn Short



Worship service Sundays at 10:30 a.m. In person or live on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/155120191289/live/> or later at 2ndbc.org/services.

A service in the Karen language is held in Fellowship Hall after the Sunday worship service.



On **November 2**, Second Baptist, Antioch Baptist, and Dayspring Baptist will have a joint worship service at Antioch Baptist. Steve Mechem will preach, and a joint choir from all three churches will sing. See p. 1 for the rehearsal schedule. Lunch will be served after the service.

The **Second Sunday Choir** will not meet November 2 since we will be at Antioch. The group will meet **November 9** at 10:10 a.m. to rehearse and then will sing in worship that day. On **November 16, 23, and 30**, they will rehearse right after church.

The **Sanctuary Choir** will rehearse from 7—8 p.m. on Thursday, **November 6**. They will rehearse from 6:30—8:00 p.m. on **November 13 and 20**, and on Tuesday, **November 25**.

The **Next Steps Group** will meet Thursday, **November 13** in the Community Room at 6:00 p.m.

The **Grief Group** will meet in the Community Room after church on **November 9 and 23**.

Chair yoga meets at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, **November 4**, in Fellowship Hall. Bring a lunch if you'd like to stay and eat with others.

Men's breakfast will meet on Saturday, **November 8**, at 8:00 in Fellowship Hall. Dave Menninger will talk about his work on the tornado devastation in St. Louis. Women are invited too!

The **Faith Support Group** will meet via Zoom Monday, **November 10**, at 6:00 p.m. The link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81521781156>. Passcode: faith.

The **Book Group** will meet in the Community Room Tuesday, **November 11**, at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *What You Are Looking For Is in the Library*, by Michiko Aoyama. Led by Marilyn Short.

Church council meets Monday, **November 17**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room.

On **November 18**, at 11:30, the **Treat Yourself Tuesday** group will meet for lunch at Oh London, 11411 Olive Boulevard, in Creve Coeur. All are welcome. Let Steve know if you plan to attend.

The **deadline** for contributions to the December issue of the *New Outlook* is Thursday, **November 20**.

Game Day is November 25. Bring a sack lunch and join us for table games in the Community Room.

Thanksgiving is Thursday, **November 27**.

Hanging of the Greens during the Sunday School hour on **November 30**. See p. 1

Treat yourself Tuesdays

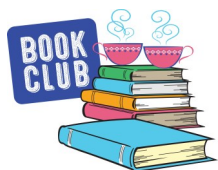
Chair yoga



Out to lunch



Take some time off and join us for Treat Yourself Tuesday!



1st Tuesday: Chair yoga 11:00—11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

2nd Tuesday: Book club 1:00—2:00 in the Community Room

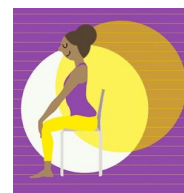
3rd Tuesday: Cooking with Joy or eating out

11:00 at Joy's or 11:30 at a restaurant

4th Tuesday: Games 11:00 in the Community Room

Bring a sack lunch.

5th Tuesday: Out to eat 11:00 at a special restaurant



Bowling with the youth



Is anything new and exciting going on in your life? If so, we want to hear about it! Please pass on your news to Mary Shepardson so we can put it in the Outlook.

If you know something about someone else and they're too modest pass it on, let us know, and we'll get permission from the subject before we print anything.

From our pastor. . .

It was so nice of the church to have a Pastor Appreciation Day this last month. Thank you so much.

The thing that meant the most to me about the recognition was that it wasn't only me who was recognized. You intentionally recognized all the clergy/pastors who are actively involved in Second Baptist Church. And that made me so happy.



The five pastors, beside myself, that you recognized are Jerry Keeney, Hari Smith, Kara Windler, Carey San, and Mirian San. It would be almost impossible for me to put into words the depth of feeling that I have for each and every one of these people. They have done, and are doing, incredible pastoral work. I am so very proud to call each of them a colleague, a mentor, a collaborator, and a friend.

I look to Jerry Keeney for counsel on a regular basis. I hope I don't wear him out, but he has such great insights into ministry and the messiness of it. I appreciate Jerry's candor and his willingness to be my confidant and my friend.



My spirit soars every Sunday I see Hari Smith sitting in his chair at the back of the sanctuary. I find his ministry, and his work in the civil rights movement, to be fascinating, and I so appreciate his friendship. I will never forget the Sunday he orated MLK's "I have a Dream" speech.

Kara Windler was the associate pastor when I came to Second. We instantly clicked. I love that she is not willing to diminish who she is to play the role of pastor. With Kara, what you see is what you get, and I love her for that. We share similar senses of humor, so it is fun to hang out with her.

Carey and Mirian San introduced me to the Karen community. They are such great pastors and leaders of our Karen congregation, and they have been invaluable to me as they have introduced me to Karen culture and Karen spirituality. From the early days when Mirian used to serve as translator when I spoke at Karen gatherings to these days when no translators are needed, I have needed and appreciated the friendship and the pastoral relationship that I

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School for all ages at 9:15 a.m.

Worship service 10:30 a.m.

Worship in the Karen language 11:30 a.m.

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About time



Fifteen people were mesmerized by Jeff Hoyt's presentation on "Time" at the October Men's Breakfast, including three from Dayspring and three women from Second. Though there were no Einsteins amongst us, it was truly amazing how much the group knew about the subject.

Next month, Dave Menninger will share his experiences and work regarding the recent tornado devastation here in St. Louis. Richard Truex from Dayspring has a program in progress regarding his family's history. (His mother was on the committee that published Delmar's fascinating history.) Come join us. First-timers are our guests.

Ron Barbre