

New Outlook

March 2026

Second Baptist Church

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Joining our neighbors for Lenten worship and fellowship



The Unity in the Community Lenten worship/luncheons will be happening again this year. On these Wednesdays, the congregations of Richmond Heights will meet together for worship and lunch. The services will begin at noon and last 20-25 minutes. Afterward, a simple lunch will be provided by the host church.

The remaining schedule is:

Wednesday, March 11	12:00 noon	First Church of God 7770 Dale Avenue
Wednesday, March 18	12:00 noon	Church of the Living God Community Church 8016 Dale Avenue
Wednesday, March 25	12:00 noon	St. Mary's Hospital Chapel (off the lobby) 6420 Clayton Road

See the back page for a report on the first Unity in the Community service, at Second Baptist on February 25.



Easter is coming soon! It's on April 5. If you would like to provide a lily or other spring flower for the Easter service in memory, in appreciation, or in celebration of someone, please fill out the form in the Sunday bulletin and put it in the offering plate or call/email the church office by Sunday, March 29. Flowers are \$15 each. Please make your check payable to Second Baptist Church and write "Easter flowers" on the memo line.

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](https://www.2ndbc.org/services).



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

The Sanctuary Choir will rehearse on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and on Sundays from 8:45—9:15 a.m., except Sunday, March 8, when they are off.

The Second Sunday Choir will rehearse right after church each Sunday, except March 8, when they will rehearse at 10:10 a.m. and then sing in worship.

Chair Yoga will be offered in Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, **March 3**. Bring a sack lunch if you'd like to stay and eat with others.

The Next Steps Group will meet Thursdays, **March 5 and March 26** at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room.

The Kingsbury Ensemble will present a concert at Second Baptist entitled "The Bach Family: Chamber Music Through the Generations" on Wednesday, **March 4**, at 7:30 p.m. See p. 3 for details. Tickets are \$25; \$10 for students, available at the door.

The Grief Group will meet after church in the Community Room on Sundays, **March 8 and 22**.

The Faith Support Group will meet via Zoom Monday, **March 9**, 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, **March 10**, at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *My Friends*, by Fredrik Backman. Lori Watrous will lead the discussion.

Men's breakfast will be Saturday, **March 14**, at 8:00 a.m. Women are invited too. See p. 5 for details.

The **Treat Yourself Tuesday Group** will meet for lunch at 11:30 on Tuesday, **March 17**, St. Patrick's Day, at **Llywelyn's Pub**, 17 West Moody Avenue, Webster Groves, for the luck of the Irish. All are welcome. Please sign up at the Welcome Center in the narthex or let Linda Marks know you will be coming.



The **deadline** for contributions to the April issue of the *New Outlook* is Friday, **March 20**.

Game Day is Tuesday, **March 24**. Bring a sack lunch and join us at 11:00 in the Community Room for table games.

Palm Sunday is March 29.

Looking ahead to April

Easter is April 5. There will be no Sunday school that day. The sanctuary choir will rehearse from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. There will be an Easter egg hunt after the worship service.

The Kingsbury Ensemble

presents

The Bach Family: Chamber Music through the Generations

Wednesday March 4th

7:30 pm

2nd Baptist Church

9030 Clayton Road, St. Louis, MO 63117

Featuring

Cléa Galhano, recorders

Margaret Humphreys, violin

Hannah Frey, violin

Amy Greenhalgh, viola

Ken Kulosa, cello

Maryse Carlin, harpischord



Tickets are \$25; \$10 for students, available at the door.

From their website:

Founded in 1999 and based in St. Louis, The Kingsbury Ensemble is one of the Midwest's premier early music ensembles. Our mission is to stage authentic performances from the Renaissance to the early Romantic period, so that listeners may experience this timeless music as its original audiences did.

Lots to like about the February Men's Breakfast

It was probably an all-time record with at least 26 men and women attending the Men's Breakfast on Valentine's Day. Thanks to Mike Apple for the red carnations and wonderful entrees, with Joy, Jay, and Gloria supplying extra scrumptious treats and Rick and Jeff Hoyt as early bird cooks. Best of all, Joan and her daughter, Jessica, gave an informative, heart-warming program about the life and times of Joan's father, the Rev. Edwin Tuller, Secretary of the American Baptist, U.S.A. from 1959 to 1970. Loved the graphics, stories and details, Joan.



Whenever you don't have a guest speaker for the next Men's Breakfast, you have to improvise.

So, to my wife's delight, I was cleaning out my room at home and decided to pitch all my copies of *The Christian Century*. But before throwing them away, I cut out a few of the cartoons. So come NOT ONLY for great food, but for some funny discussions.

The date: Saturday, March 14th The time 8:00 a.m. Suggested donation: \$10.00

Ron Barbre

More about Ed Tuller

Joan has put together 3 pages of highlights from her father's time as an American Baptist pastor, eventually becoming General Secretary of the American Baptist Convention. Copies will be available at the Welcome Center, and it will be sent as a separate attachment to those who get the Outlook by email.

A couple of highlights: When Ed Tuller was General Secretary of the ABC, Martin Luther King approached him, hoping to gain support for the fledging civil rights movement. He got it, with the understanding that the role of the white American Baptists would be to support the black leadership of the civil rights movement and not try to control it.

Ed Tuller participated in several of the marches, including the one at Selma. He was invited to sit on the platform behind Dr. King during King's "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial.



Ed Tuller (center) sitting behind Dr. King during his "I Have a Dream" speech

From our pastor. . .

Hey Everybody,

“Steve, I have a question. All of your reflections (sermons) have titles that are also the names of songs. Why is that? And your reflections, to varying degrees, revolve around the lyrics to those songs. What’s up with that? I know you explained it a while back but I have forgotten.”

Answer:

Well it all started when Rick Rardin was making a missions announcement and referred to the chorus “This Little Light of Mine.” He said that Jesus would probably really like that song.

That got me to thinking about songs Jesus might have on his “Favorites” playlist if Jesus had a smart phone. As I pondered about it, I asked the congregation for their input. Out of that exercise, a long list of songs emerged that Jesus just might have on his personal playlist.

It then occurred to me that it might be fun to build a reflection series around Jesus’s Playlist, where each message would use one of Jesus’s Playlist songs as the springboard into the reflection. I made one rule for myself: the songs could not be churchy songs or CCM (Contemporary Christian Music). I have no doubt that Jesus’s playlist would include Carrie Newcomer, DC Talk, and some of our favorites hymns, but I wanted to focus on songs that would be categorized as “secular.” I thought it would be more interesting for you and more challenging for me.

At this point in my life, I really don’t distinguish between spiritual and sacred when it comes to music. I believe that it is God who puts the songs in our hearts. And if those songs don’t specifically mention Jesus, it doesn’t mean that they should be ignored. I am amazed at the incredible spiritual messages that I am finding in what some would call “secular” music. I hope that is evidenced in the reflection series, “Jesus’s Playlist.”

I believe that God can teach us all sorts of lessons through all sorts of music, even music that we may have been admonished to reject when we were younger.

So, all my messages in 2025 revolved around Jesus’s Playlist.

As I was working on my Reflection list for 2026, I realized that I wanted to do “Jesus’s Playlist” a bit longer as I was having so much fun with it and there is so much great music to tap into.



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In March, the Jesus's Playlist Reflections include:

March 1	Don't Stop Believin'	John 3:16-17
March 8	Born This Way	Galatians 3:28
March 15	The Sound of Silence	Luke 5:14-16
March 22	The Hanging Tree	John 19:24-27
March 29 (Palm Sunday)	Only Love Can Break Your Heart	Luke 19:37- 44
April 5 (Easter)	It Ain't Me Babe	John 20:1-15

Let's take care of each other,
Steve (he, him, his)



Kelly Gilbert, Cindy Collins, and Judi Mechem sang the descant on "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" as the congregation sang the melody.



Ash Wednesday

A Bible Quiz

Who came to Jesus by night to ask him questions, and what famous Bible verse was part of Jesus's answer?

- A. Martha; "I am the resurrection and the life ..."
- B. Peter; "Do to others what you would have them do ..."
- C. Thomas; "I am the way and the truth and the life ..."
- D. Nicodemus; "For God so loved the world ..."

The answer is the first letter of the street First Church of God is on (see p.1)

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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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Lenten Unity in the Community at Second Baptist

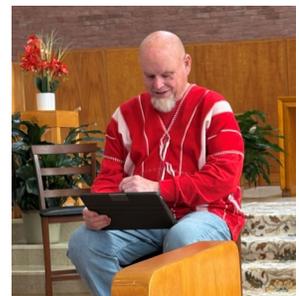


It wasn't exactly standing room only, but we did have about as many as we usually have for Men's Breakfast for the first of a series of the Unity in the Community Lenten services.

Second Baptist showed the community how to start off a well presented Lenten service. Steve gave a meaningful message, using the familiar "eye of the needle" scripture but giving it a new twist about "going the extra mile," and Marilyn played that wonderful organ of ours.

A big, big thanks to those who donated to the Lenten luncheon.

What a supportive congregation we have! 😊



Rob Barbre