

New Outlook

June 2026

Second Baptist Church

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S.W.A.P

Many of you have asked for some activity for all ages on a weekend, so I have planned a SWAP evening for all of us.

S — Saturday, June 13, at 5:30 p.m.

W —with

A — a

P — purpose: sharing time together

The evening will begin with a chili cook-off and then the swapping of your old CD's, tapes, DVD movies, record albums, books, and, for kids, toys and children's books.

If you would like to bring your favorite chili for the chili cookoff, please let me know. We'll vote for our favorite chili, and there will be a prize for the winner.

Looking forward to a fun evening!

Linda Marks

Meeting with ArtSpeak Creative

The church council and the Next Steps group met with a team from ArtSpeak Creative to assess what our church offers and what needs our community might have that we could meet. We participated in some interesting exercises. One involved each of us being paired with another SBC person to play a role, such as a single adult, a family with children, empty nesters, a person over 65 who lives alone, etc. and describe to the group what we thought their needs might be. ArtSpeak Creative will provide us with notes from the day as well as their assessment of what our church needs to do to bring others in who are looking for the kind of church we are. Stay tuned.

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.

The Sanctuary Choir and the **Second Sunday Choir** are on summer break.

The Grief Group will meet after church in the Community Room on Sundays, **May 31** and **June 14**. It will not meet June 28 because of the Annual Meeting.

Chair Yoga will be offered in Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, **June 2**. Bring a sack lunch if you'd like to stay and eat with others.

The Next Steps Group will meet Thursdays, **June 11 and 25** at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room.

The Book Group will meet in the Community Room Tuesday, **June 9**, at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *Address Unknown*, by Katherine Kressmann Taylor. Kara Windler will lead the discussion. The Book Group will take the rest of the summer off.

S.W.A.P night and chili cookoff at 5:30 Saturday, **June 13**. See p. 1 for details.

The **council** will meet Monday, **June 15**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room.

The **Treat Yourself Tuesday Group** will meet for lunch at 11:30 on Tuesday, **June 16**, location to be determined. 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 July issue of the *New Outlook* is Saturday, **June 20**.

Game Day is Tuesday, **June 23**. Bring a sack lunch and join us at 11:00 in the Community Room for table games.

The **annual congregational meeting** and election of officers is Sunday, **June 28**, after the worship service. See p. 6 for details.

Since there is a 5th Tuesday in June, the **Treat Yourself Tuesday Group** will have a special outing on Tuesday, **June 30**, at the Missouri Botanical Garden. All are welcome.



**We're Updating
Our Church Directory**

We have just begun collecting current information for a new directory. You can send your current information directly to the church office. Sarah will update the directory as she receives any new information. Hopefully a new directory can be printed and made available by late summer.

Thank you, choirs!



Second Baptist Sanctuary Choir, directed by Brad Short



Music director/organist Marilyn Short thanking the choirs for their dedication



Second Sunday Choir, directed by Brad Short



Joy Neal made a pretzel in the shape of a treble clef

Thank you, teachers!



Teacher Appreciation Sunday was held on May 17th. We were so pleased to recognize the teachers for their dedication to providing thoughtful, inspiring, and challenging ways for us to discover God and Jesus in our lives each Sunday. The adult classes' teachers were Pastor Steve, Pastor Jerry, and Pastor Carey. The children and youth teachers were Shari Nelson, Melissa Bancks, Melanie Keeney, and Kathryn Nall. Our Nursery teacher is Mar Tha.

The teachers are holding a vine to represent passing on Jesus's teachings to the adults and children as a vine grows and continues to spread knowledge of God to others.

Each teacher received a gift, and we had a special Coffee Fellowship to honor both our choirs and our teachers.

Linda Marks, Spiritual Growth Chair



A special Coffee Fellowship to honor our choir members and our Sunday School teachers

From our pastor. . .

Hey Everybody,

Steve, why did you stay seated while you spoke this past Sunday? Why were you wearing a bigger boot than you have been wearing? Why are you wearing a boot at all? What's up with the knee scooter?

Let me explain, but first I will ask you a question, "have you ever heard of "Charcot Foot?" Me neither, at least not until recently.

"Charcot Foot," or "Charcot Arthropathy" is described as a disease that affects a small percentage of people with neuropathy. Basically, the foot of a person with Charcot Foot breaks down and changes shape and that creates pressure points leading to injury and ulcers which are difficult to heal.

Well, I have been diagnosed with Charcot Foot, and I have a place on my foot that is not healing.

So, the sitting, the big boot, and the knee scooter are all attempts to get weight off the foot so the foot can heal (it's way more complicated than that, but that basically covers it).

So, going forward, you may see me in a cast, on crutches, in several types of boots, or in regular shoes as we continue to address what has become an ongoing issue for me.

Good news for me! I have little pain, I have a good doc, I have an incredible support system starting with Judi and including all of you.

Thank you for your prayers and your support,

Let's take care of each other,
Steve

Summer schedule

Off for the summer:

Men's breakfast
Book group (will meet in June only)
Faith Support
Sunday School
Sanctuary and Second Sunday Choirs

Continuing to meet through the summer:

Council	Third Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Chair yoga	First Tuesday at 11 a.m.
Luncheon group	Third Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.
Game Day	4th Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.
Next Steps	Every other Thursday at 6 p.m.
Grief Group	Every other Sunday after church

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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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Gun Violence Awareness Weekend

The first weekend in June is National Gun Violence Awareness weekend. There will be a number of local activities to commemorate the event, including a march and speakers at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Webster Groves. If you are interested in participating in the event, please see the flyer on the bulletin board at the top of the steps from the lower parking lot for more information.

To show support for this national movement, you can wear orange on Sunday, June 7.

Larry Marks, Community Mission Chair

Good news from the World Mission Team

Gifts given to the America For Christ offering totaled \$1000. That is definitely a figure to be proud of.

Later in the summer I'll be talking about the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, which focuses on disaster recovery. Thanks for your support.

Rick Rardin, World Missions Chair

