



Southside Baptist Church  
11th Ave. & 19th St. South  
Birmingham, AL 35205

"Building an Inclusive Community of Grace"



## HAPPENING AT SOUTHSIDE



### Cabaret Night with Monique Gannon & Ray Reach

SOUTHSIDE  
CENTRE

Featuring the  
songs of Duke  
Ellington, Harold  
Arlen, Rodgers &  
Hammerstein,  
Don McLean, Jule  
Styne, and more!

Drennen Hall, Southside Baptist Church  
Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm  
19th St. Birmingham, AL 35205

Tickets: \$20 for adults; \$10 for students\*  
20% of proceeds go to benefit the animal  
rescue *Kristina's Road to Rescue*.

Homemade goodies and drinks available for  
cash purchase.

Free parking in the church parking lot.

\* Purchase tickets in advance on [etix.com](http://etix.com) to  
receive a 10% discount.

### Bible Reading Marathon Front Steps of the Church Saturday, April 30 at 6:00 pm



# SOUTHSIDE COLUMNS

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## Beauty, Opportunity and Service Displayed in Nature

I hope you are able to get outdoors and experience this wonderful time of year when nature comes alive in dramatic fashion. Even a small wildflower displays evidence of God's creative touch in its intricacies, wonder and beauty; a small plant struggling to live in a rugged place, yet doing what it was created to do and to be. There is a lesson for all in that little wildflower because whether or not it is noticed and singled out, it continues to make the landscape a more beautiful place and magnifies the wonder and power of its creator. So it is with us. We honor and bring glory to God best when we use our gifts and abilities as our creator intended by serving others to make the world a more beautiful place. We all have opportunities to serve others and at times there are special opportunities that come our way. Such is the case with those recently elected to positions of church leadership.

A complete list of church leadership for 2016-17 is included on the following page. All of those in new leadership positions were elected at a Called Business Meeting on April 6, 2016.

A special Deacon Ordination service of worship will take place on Sunday, April 17, 2016. Deacon

ordination, described in Acts 6:1-7, is the process, or act, whereby the local church gathered affirms those called out, or elected, to serve the congregation. The Greek word *diakonos*, from which the word deacon is derived, literally means servant. Ideally, a servant guided by the Spirit of Christ that serves, ministers and helps guide the church to fulfill its mission. The names of our Active Deacons are printed in the order of worship each week so that the congregation will be aware of the individuals who have accepted this call by their church family to serve. This year, Jeff Prince will be ordained and join five other individuals, previously ordained, as they are all installed to begin serving a three-year term. We look forward to this special worship service and for the opportunity to hear from Jeff as he shares some of his spiritual journey.



Thanks be to God.

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. The Gathering  
in Drennen Hall  
9:30 a.m. Sunday  
School  
11:00 a.m. Worship in  
the Sanctuary

### APRIL 3

I am the Resurrection  
and the Life  
John 11 vv. 21-27  
Communion

### APRIL 10

I am the Good Shepherd  
John 10 vv. 11-18

### APRIL 17

I am the Vine  
John 15 vv. 1-9  
Deacon Ordination

### APRIL 24

I am the Light of the  
World  
John 8.12-19

## Church Officers

### Board of Trustees

*The Board of Trustees is empowered by the by-laws to manage the assets of the church. (See Article II, Section 1)*

Richard Warren Kinney, Jr. - Class of 2016 (expires 3/2017)  
Vic Nigri - Class of 2016 (expires 3/2017)  
Carl Lessman - Class of 2017 (expires 3/2018)  
Blanche Logan - Class of 2017 (expires 3/2018)  
Bill Mills - Class of 2018 (expires 3/2019)  
Phil Watts - Class of 2019 (expires 3/2020)  
W.D. Peeples, Jr. - Class of 2020 (expires 3/2021)

### Board of Deacons

*The role of the Board of Deacons is to serve as the spiritual leaders of the church and to perform the other duties as specified in the by-laws. (See Article II, Section II)*

Rusty Bennett, Chairperson  
Warren Kinney, Vice Chairperson  
Jeff Prince, Secretary

2016 Class (expires 3/2017)  
Jesse Bates, Carol Brock, Paul Huie, Warren Kinney, Cedric Williams

2017 Class (expires 3/2018)  
Rusty Bennett, Cathy Coker, Rufus Dalton, Darlene Green, Beth Nigri, Merrie Ramp, Brent Thompson

2018 Class (expires 3/2019)  
Valerie Abbott, Charles Auton, Carl Lessman, \*Jeff Prince, Vince Vosteen, Phil Watts  
\*To be ordained

### Life Deacons

Stan Biggs, Florinne Campbell, Richard Cook, Marie Goodman, Bill Mills, W. D. Peeples, Lee Thomas

### Other Church Officers

*Other church officers are elected to fill their duties as specified in the by-laws. (See Article II, Sections 3-7)*

Church Clerk – Bonnie Lessman  
Parliamentarian - Bill Mills  
Treasurer – Brenda Tidwell

## Board Appointments

Family Promise of Birmingham –Brenda Tidwell  
Bridge Ministries – Mary Lynn Bates, Kay Thompson as back-up

## Committees of the Church

### Standing Committees

Missions	Christian Growth	Worship
Chris Fisher (C) (D)	Marilyn Shepard (C) (D)	Paul Huie (C) (D)
Henry Penick (D)	Mary Lynn Bates	Valerie Abbott (D)
Cedric Williams (D)	Warren Kinney (D) (T)	Gail Hendrix
Brent Thompson (D)	Bonnie Lessman	Ian Phillips
	Kay Thompson	Tom Somers

Finance	Personnel	Facilities
Carl Lessman (C)(D) (T)	Michael Parker (C)	Vic Nigri (T) (D)
Brenda Tidwell (D)	Bonnie Lessman	Charles Auton (D)
Vic Nigri (D) (T)	Jeff Prince (D)	Jerry Huie (D) v v
Tracy Nicholson		Kevin Pruitt

### Meet Your Neighbors!

Each month, we feature one of the nonprofits housed in Southside's building to help you better get to know those who share our space. Meet the Southern AIDS Coalition (SAC)!



SAC (<http://southernaidscoalition.org>), formed in 2001, is a regional non-profit serving the 16 Southern states and D.C. as defined by the U.S. Census and CDC: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia. The Coalition is comprised of a unique partnership of government representatives, community-based organizations, people living with HIV disease, and business entities.

SAC's mission is to end the HIV and STD epidemics in the South by promoting accessible and high quality systems of HIV and STD prevention, treatment, care, housing and essential support services throughout the South.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

5:30 p.m. Fellowship  
Supper  
6:00 p.m. Prayer and Bible  
Study in Drennen Hall

### APRIL 6

For all the Saints: John Calvin  
and Presbyterians

### APRIL 13

For all the Saints: Martin  
Luther and Lutherans

### APRIL 20

For all the Saints: Who are the  
Evangelicals?

### APRIL 27

Church Conference