



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

"Building an Inclusive Community of Grace"



## HAPPENING AT SOUTHSIDE

Join us August 14,  
2016 at 5:30pm in the  
Gymnasium for a  
great time of music  
and fellowship.



# SOUTHSIDE COLUMNS

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## *The Beauty and Benefit of Diversity*

One of the many fascinating aspects of ministering in our community is the diversity of the individuals living, working, attending school, or just passing through. Truthfully, there are many times that the diversity pushes the limits of my comfort zone because of the varied needs or requests that come our way. I would be hard pressed to find two days in succession, or perhaps two days in a week, that are the same. However, I consider the opportunities experienced here on weekends and weekdays to be a blessing. The opportunity to see and hear what people are facing and how they see the world, understand life and process their faith helps all of us better understand humankind. We can see the benefit of praying and making application of St Francis' Instrument of Peace prayer.

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in

giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

Scripture tells us that all are created and loved by the same Creator, the One True and Living God. This truth we hold is reinforced by our belief in the incarnation of God in Jesus the Christ. Jesus made it clear in his teachings that we are to love and respect all people, even those we consider our enemies. It is encouraging and inspiring to see the congregational efforts to be the presence of Christ through the gracious and hospitable way that guests are greeted and welcomed in worship and in all of the weekday activities at SSBC; however, we are also told to go and to be salt and light in the world in which we live. I am troubled by all of the divisive hate speech, absence of civility and decency we see and hear in the public forum. Change and improvement begins with each of us to help us move toward a more loving people who seek justice and love mercy.



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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

### AUGUST 7

No Condemnation  
Romans 8:1-4  
Psalms 119:105-112

### AUGUST 14

Life in the Spirit  
Romans 8:5-11  
Psalms 65:9-13

### AUGUST 21

Assured of God's Love  
Romans 8:12-17  
Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24

### AUGUST 28

Facing Suffering  
Romans 8:18-25  
Psalms 86:11-17

## Music Notes

by Sarah Heaslett

The Southside Choir has taken Wednesday nights off during the months of June and July. We have rehearsed earlier on Sunday mornings for the upcoming week. Wednesday rehearsals will resume on August 3rd at 7:00 p.m. If anyone is interested in singing with us, please contact Tim Banks or myself by calling the church office at 205.933.8381. We would love to talk to you! Music is a wonderful ministry and Southside continues a great tradition in that ministry.

As always, thank you for your support of music at Southside.

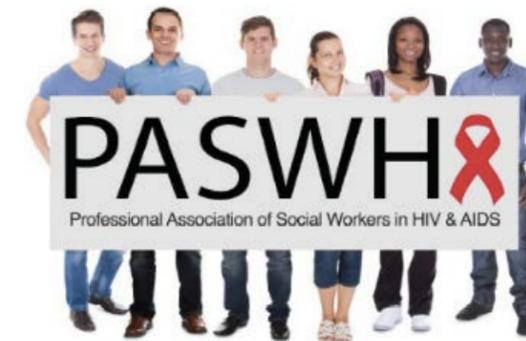
Sarah Heaslett  
Organist/Director of Music



## 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 Professional Association of Social Workers in HIV & AIDS (PASWHA)!

PASWHA (<http://www.paswha.org/>) was incorporated as a nonprofit on October 15, 2010, with a mission to energize and support social workers and other professionals providing social work services to impact Hepatitis C, HIV, and AIDS infections through education, research, policy/advocacy, networking, and professional development.



Since its formation, the organization has sought to establish itself as an integral component in the professional lives of social workers in the HIV/AIDS field. Organizationally, it has formed an active board, with the resource of an Advisory Committee focused on professional development and education, research, policy and advocacy. The foundation of the organization is its membership both national and international. For its members, PASWHA has created a website that includes a Members' Only area with job information, news, and resources. PASWHA hosts networking events at the annual National Conference on HIV and AIDS, and offers continuing education opportunities through a series of Webinars. Hundreds of individuals have participated in past PASWHA Webinars. Topics for the Webinars have included healthcare reform and trauma in the context of HIV.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

5:30 p.m. Fellowship  
Supper

6:00 p.m. Prayer and Bible  
Study in Drennen Hall

### AUGUST 3

Missional Church –  
Studies in Acts

### AUGUST 10

Missional Church –  
Studies in Acts

### AUGUST 17

Missional Church –  
Studies in Acts

### AUGUST 24

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