



  
**SOUTHSIDE**  
 BAPTIST CHURCH  
 "Building an Inclusive Community of Grace"  
 Southside Baptist Church  
 11th Ave. & 19th St. South  
 Birmingham, AL 35205

## HAPPENING AT SOUTHSIDE



Join us for a special  
Mardi Gras-style Jazz  
Vespers featuring  
Cheryl Simonetti &  
the JV Band



February 14  
6:00 pm in  
the  
Sanctuary



BRUNCH ON THE  
GROUNDS...  
WITH BINGO!  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25  
DRENNEN HALL | 12:15 PM  
- BRING YOUR FAVORITE  
BRUNCH ITEM -



# SOUTHSIDE COLUMNS

February 2018 Vol. 4 No. 2

## Putting Aside and Taking Up

Ash Wednesday is February 14th this year which begins the season of Lent. In its earliest usage, the word Lent meant Spring; although, over time it has come to be synonymous with and used for the forty days, excluding Sundays, preceding Palm Sunday and Holy week. The season is a time of preparation for all believers. It is a time for looking within, fine tuning our focus, seeing what is hidden in the dark recesses of our hearts and minds and for discarding those activities or habits that clutter our minds and hinder us from engaging in that which brings us closer to God. You might liken this period and its activity to that of spring cleaning your house; locating, discarding and cleaning out the clutter and the superfluous. It is removing all that which is a hindrance, or a barrier to living our lives. The season of Lent is a time to evaluate and possibly even let go of some good things in order to be a healthier person in all ways. To be in tune with God's guidance and on the path that leads us to the best possible version of ourselves God intended for us. During our forty-day journey together, I encourage you to free up enough time to prayerfully read a daily Lenten devotional and to listen as God nudges you to "discard and/or to take up" in order to better prepare for and engage in God's activity around us.

Blessings, *Tim*

**Dr. Tim Kelley**  
Pastor for Congregational Ministries



## What is Lent?

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. The forty days represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. It is an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of discipleship in the light of the events of the life and death of Jesus.

This year, our homilies during Lent will focus on the seven last words of our Savior uttered from the cross. They encapsulate, in terse sayings, the heart of what it meant for him to die for us, and the cost of discipleship for each Christian.

I hope that you will take time during Lent to allow the words of Jesus to impact your life.

**Dr. Ken Roxburgh**  
Pastor for Preaching and Teaching



<https://facebook.com/SouthsideBaptistChurch/>

#inclusivecommunity

Southside Baptist Church • 11th Ave. & 19th St. South • Birmingham, Alabama • 205.933.8381 • [www.southsidebirmingham.org](http://www.southsidebirmingham.org)



## 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

### FEBRUARY 4

"Covenant of God"

Jeremiah 31

### FEBRUARY 11

Transfiguration Sunday

Mark 9:2-9

### FEBRUARY 18

"Remember  
me...Today you will  
be in paradise."

### FEBRUARY 25

"Woman Behold  
Your Son"

## Choirmaster Notes...

We welcome two new members of the Southside Choristers as Martinson Scholars.

**Anna Jones** is a UAB student majoring in neuroscience, and has sung in UAB choirs and music theatre productions. **Austin Hilbert** is music major at UAB, and currently a member of the UAB Concert Choir. They are very talented singers, and we are honored to have them join our stellar choir!



**Dr. Timothy Paul Banks**  
Choirmaster

## Lenten Journey: Your Daily Call to Action

What would happen if everyday we took time to write a card to someone we know? To remember a birthday, to say a kind word, or lend a helping hand? Would the world be changed by simple acts of kindness whose basis was none other than sharing the deep, inner love that comes from God?

This Lenten season, we invite you on such a journey. It's a journey to the cross, yet in remembering the walk of Christ to the cross, this year our focus is not on what we give up, rather what we take up. Every moment the Spirit is moving around us, what if we were open to respond to the nudge? Through daily actions of faith, the Spirit can begin to transform lives, heal broken hearts, turn cynicism to hope, and dread into joy.

As we journey together, I pray through action we each will be transformed. I hope we will experience the Divine in new ways, our hearts will be opened and transformed, and we will awaken renewed at the foot of the cross.

"Lenten Journey to the Cross: Your Daily Call to Action" will begin Thursday, February 15th via email following our Ash Wednesday service. Each day you will receive a reminder to perform a simple act with the hope of sharing the love of God. If you are not signed up to receive our emails, join today at <http://eepurl.com/lenjenjourney>.

**Rusty Bennett**  
Deacon Chair

## The Organ: A General Description

The organ is a wind instrument played from a keyboard, or keyboards. It is a series of pipes placed on a wind chest with valves under the pipes. These valves are opened by the keys using electro-pneumatic action (Southside organ), mechanical action (trackers), or direct electric action.

A constant supply of air at steady pressure is delivered to the wind chest. Today, this is done by an electric blower and a reservoir. The air is blown into the reservoir. The top of the reservoir is weighted to keep the wind at a steady pressure. The air is then delivered from the reservoir to the wind chest through a wind pipe.

Next time....How does all of this wind become music?

**Sarah Heaslett**  
Director of Music/Organist

## Upcoming Events

- 2/1 Men's Lunch and Bible Study - noon in Room 140
- 2/8 Men's Lunch and Bible Study - noon in Room 140
- 2/11 Jazz Vespers - 6:00 pm in Drennen Hall
- 2/14 Ash Wednesday Service - 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary
- 2/15 Men's Lunch and Bible Study - noon in Room 140
- 2/18-2/24 Family Promise hosting
- 2/22 Men's Lunch and Bible Study - noon in Room 140
- 2/25 Brunch on the Grounds with Bingo - 12:15 pm in Drennen Hall
- 2/26 Deacons Meeting - 6:00 pm in the Heritage Room

## Wednesday Night Menus

- 2/7 Spaghetti
- 2/14 Ash Wednesday Service - No Dinner
- 2/21 Tacos
- 2/28 Hamburgers

## February Birthdays

|                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Wayne Green 2/2        | Blanche Logan 2/23     |
| Ruth Grimmett 2/2      | Michael Parker 2/23    |
| Merrill Kinnaird 2/2   | Beryl Thompson 2/24    |
| Avery Aaron-Brush 2/12 | Robert Lee Rosser 2/24 |
| Larry Thompson 2/9     | Audrey Slay 2/27       |
| Paul Huie 2/18         |                        |

## WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

5:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper

6:00 p.m. Prayer and Bible

Study in Drennen Hall

### FEBRUARY 7

Christian Biography:  
'What About Jesus?'

### FEBRUARY 14

Ash Wednesday Service  
in the Sanctuary

### FEBRUARY 21

Christian Biography:  
Dr. David Chapman -  
C.S. Lewis

### FEBRUARY 28

Christian Biography:  
Dietrich Bonhoeffer