



Southside Baptist Church
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"Building an Inclusive Community of Grace"



SUMMER AT SOUTHSIDE

DON'T DO SUMMER
ALONE
— MARK 16:15 —

As you travel this summer, remember your church family and those to whom we minister.



SOUTHSIDE COLUMNS

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Living in the Moment

Summer is a time when many of us travel by taking to the air or hitting the road on long road trips.

I remember well traveling with our children when they were small. They were old enough to be excited anticipating all the fun to be experienced at our destination, and they were certainly old enough to express their impatience and frustration over the travel time. Dawn and I tried everything to make the time as pleasant and enjoyable for everyone as possible, but games, songs and treats did not always work. Encouraging two siblings to enjoy the ride and that we would stop soon took on a sterner tone as the patience of those in the front seats eroded with each passing mile. I think about those trips now and remember the joy of seeing the sites and playing together at the destination creating some great memories. I find it troubling though that what I remember most about the actual traveling from home to the destination are moments of great frustration. Through the years, I have learned, though not always practiced with success, to be intentional about living in the moment.

getting there rather than living in the moment cannot be relived, I can learn from them about experiencing more completely each moment.

This quote by Dag Hammarskjöld speaks to living life in such a manner.

The present moment is significant, not as the bridge between past and future, but by reason of its contents, contents which can fill our emptiness and become ours, if we are capable of receiving them.

Take a few minutes to reflect on this statement. I think it speaks volumes to understanding and being the true self God created us to be. Living with desire and effort to give attention to the wonder of life in every moment gives way to seeing less of our selves and more of God and others.



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Although, those particular times spent focused on

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

JUNE 5

Jesus' Compassion
Luke 7:11-17
Psalms

JUNE 12

My Faith Looks Up to Thee
Galatians 2: 15-20
Psalms

JUNE 19

Love Divine
John 4: 17-21
Psalms

JUNE 26

My Hope is Built on
Nothing Less
Romans 5: 1-11
Psalms

Then Sings My Soul...

This Sunday, Dr. Roxburgh begins a sermon series entitled "Then Sings My Soul." The three remaining Sundays in June will each feature a homily crafted around this theme and some of the truly great hymns inspired by faith, love and hope. The titles and texts for each Sunday are as follows:

12 June: Hymn of Faith - My Faith looks up to Thee:
Scripture – Galatians 2:15-20

19 June: Hymn of Love - Love Divine: Scripture - 1
John 4:7-21

26 June: Hymn of Hope - My hope is built on nothing
less.... – Romans 5:1-11

Each Wednesday evening, Dr. Roxburgh will lead a Bible study and discussion on the "missional church." The text for the study is passages from the book of Acts. Studying Luke's historical account of the acts of the apostles is important to better understand the formation and growth of the church as Christianity spread. We will discuss what the apostles understood the mission of this early movement to be and what we understand it to be 2000 years later. These are wonderful opportunities to worship, study and grow as a community of faith.



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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 Family Promise!

Family Promise of Birmingham (<http://www.familypromisebham.org>), founded in 1998 as the Birmingham Hospitality Network, is a network of diverse faith and civic organizations working together to provide safe, home-like lodging where homeless families can stay together while working to regain their independence.

On any given day, more than half the guests served by them are children.

Family Promise's goal is to help in maintaining a stable life for homeless families:

- To bring shelter, meals and support services to families without homes.
- To make a difference in homelessness in our own community.
- To inform, energize and motivate congregations about homeless families.
- To provide opportunities for host families to volunteer their time.



WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

5:30 p.m. Fellowship
Supper

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

JUNE 8

The Church in Community

JUNE 16

Missional Church –
Studies in Acts, Part I

JUNE 22

Missional Church –
Studies in Acts, Part II

JUNE 29

Missional Church –
Studies in Acts, Part III