



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

SOUTHSIDE
BAPTIST CHURCH

"Building an Inclusive Community of Grace"

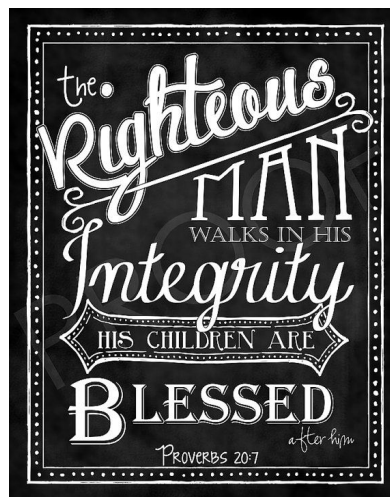
HAPPENING AT SOUTHSIDE

DEACON ORDINATION

For those who serve well as
deacons gain a good standing for
themselves and also great
confidence in the faith that is in
Christ Jesus. – 1 Tim. 3:13

Join us for the Deacon Ordination of
Annah Lauren Kelley and Cleve Kinney.
- Sunday, June 4 at 11am -

Happy Father's Day!
June 18, 2017



SSBC is proud to be a part of the
Birmingham LGBT community.
We wish our members, family and
friends a Happy Pride Month!



SOUTHSIDE COLUMNS

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The Power of Word and Action

Sunday, June 4, 2017, fifty days after Easter, is the Day of Pentecost. It was on Pentecost that the Church was born. Many miraculous events took place on the Day of Pentecost when an unlikely group of average people became world changers gifted to fulfill their calling. The acts of the Apostles chronicled in the book of Acts were accomplished by the power of the Holy Spirit that was heard and seen that day when it was manifested as the sound of a mighty rushing wind and as tongues of fire. It was a dramatic and spectacular entry of this promised gift; a gift that remains and will remain until the end of this age. It is this powerful presence that dwells in the hearts and lives of each and every believer to be our companion, teacher, guide and comforter.

Thinking about this wonderful day in the life of the Church, I was reminded of a passage by George Fox, 17th century founder and leader of the Quakers. This brief passage, which Richard Foster included in his book, "Devotional Classics" comes from one of over 3,000 letters Fox wrote to individuals and groups encouraging them to listen to, rely upon, and be guided by the Holy Spirit in all things.

"My little children in the Lord God Almighty, this is my joy that you all be ordered and guided by the mighty power of God. Know that Voice that speaks, the sound of the words, and the power of them. Therefore, walk in the power of the Truth that the name of the Lord God may be glorified among you, his renown may be seen in you and among you, and all the world may be astonished, and the Lord admired in ordering of his peo-

ple who are guided by his Wisdom."
- George Fox [Letter 79]

Almost 1,700 years after the Day of Pentecost, Fox urged fellow Christians to yield to the Spirit's guidance and become the instrument that God created them to be. And now, almost 2,000 years after God gave the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are reminded and we celebrate that the very same spirit is within us today granting us the privilege and responsibility to be the presence of Christ wherever we may be.

If we are guided by the Spirit of Christ and interact with those we encounter as our neighbors, valuing them as God's children and seeing each of them as worthy of God's love, mercy and grace, then the words of Fox will surely be borne out,

"Therefore, walk in the power of the Truth that the name of the Lord God may be glorified among you."

May it be so.

I enjoy our journey together,

Tim

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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

JUNE 4

**Pentecost Sunday
Deacon Ordination**
Acts 6

JUNE 11

Trinity Sunday
"Blessings of a Triune God"
2 Corinthians 13:14

JUNE 18

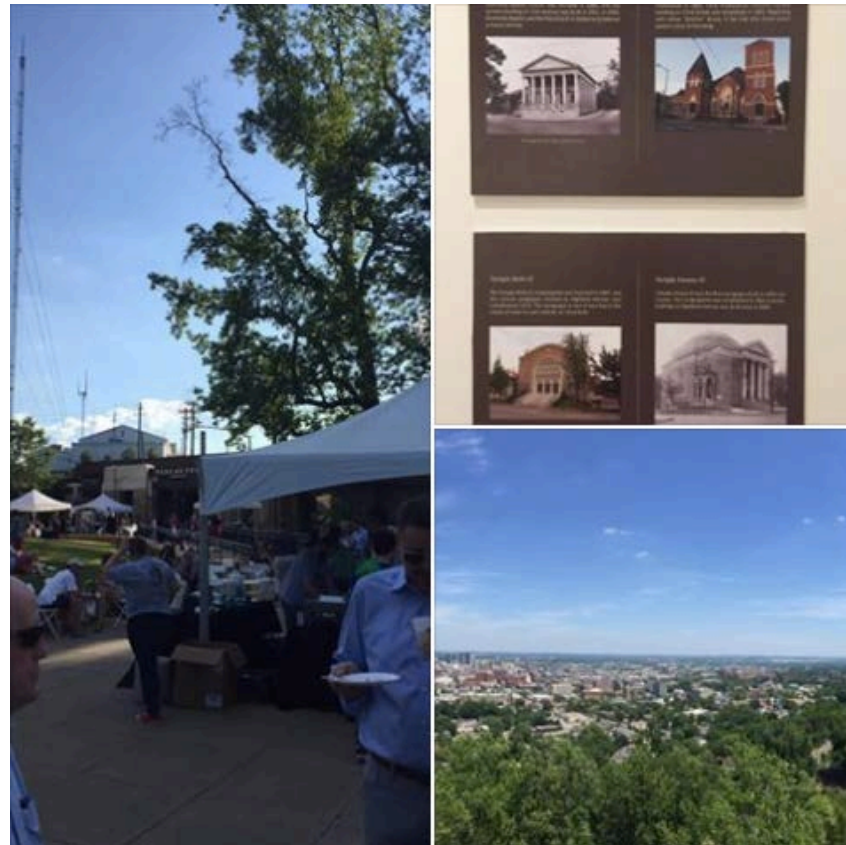
The Reconciling God

JUNE 25

Paul's Prayer for the
Ephesians

Community Engagement

On a Tuesday evening, May 16th, several of our church members participated in a community event at Vulcan Park. "A Taste of Five Points," celebrating the 130th anniversary of Five Points South, featured booths by local retail businesses, delicious samples provided by the world-renowned restaurants located in the neighborhood and a display by Southside Baptist Church where we spoke to many of the event guests as gave them informational materials about our inclusive community of grace. Those attending had a great time, and it was a wonderful opportunity to interact with our neighbors and to communicate the desire of our church to be a more active participant in our community.



The following Saturday, we participated in "Clean and Clear Five Points." This quarterly service opportunity, organized by the Five Points Alliance, brings together local businesses, student organizations from UAB, residents and local churches and synagogues to make our community cleaner and safer.



In the coming weeks, there will be more opportunities for you to be involved in community service and outreach efforts. We look forward to sharing in this time of service and fellowship together. Get involved!

Meet Your New Deacons!

Welcome our two newest members to the Board of Deacons. Annah Kelley and Cleve Kinney will be ordained on Sunday, June 4, 2017 and will be part of the 2019 Deacon class. For a complete list of our current Deacons, it is printed on the back of your weekly bulletin.

Annah Lauren Kelley has been a member of Southside Baptist Church for thirty of her thirty-five years. She was born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama, where she attended The Altamont School before continuing on to Sewanee: the University of the South (BA in Spanish with Anthropology and Religion minors) and the University of Miami (MA in Int'l Administration focusing on nonprofits) to complete her studies. A few years ago, she returned home from career stints in Montgomery and Atlanta and now runs a digital outreach agency working with nonprofits and other small businesses.

Cleve Kinney has been a member of Southside Baptist his entire life. He was baptized in this Sanctuary at the age of 12 by Dr. Buchanan. Cleve holds a Ph.D. degree in Anatomy, with an emphasis in Neuroanatomy, and an M.D. degree as well; he has been practicing Geriatric Psychiatry at UAB for the past twenty-seven years. Currently he is Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurobiology at the University of Alabama School of Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Upcoming Events

6/1 Men's Lunch and Bible Study - 12pm
6/4 Pentecost Sunday and Deacon Ordination - 11am
6/6 Birmingham Area Sacred Harp Singers - 6pm
6/15 Men's Lunch and Bible Study - 12pm
6/18 Father's Day
6/19 Deacon's Meeting - 6pm

June Birthdays

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| Kendrick McMillan 6/9 | Jerry Huie 6/20 |
| Kevin Pruitt 6/11 | Mark Richards 6/21 |
| Tim Blanton 6/15 | Kellie Vosteen 6/26 |
| Donna Wilson 6/16 | Robert Blackshear 6/27 |
| Chris Fisher 6/16 | Tom Neil 6/28 |
| Rufie Lewis 6/16 | Joe Fuller 6/29 |
| Rusty Bennett 6/19 | Brent Thompson 6/29 |
| Clara Taylor 6/19 | |

WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

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

JUNE 7

Buddhist Spirituality
Lisa Battaglia

JUNE 14

Spirituality of Suffering

JUNE 21

Hymn Sing

JUNE 28

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