



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

## HAPPENING AT SOUTHSIDE

**Crestwood**  
**Crawl**  
**October 5, 2019**  
 Registration 12:00 PM @ Urban Suburban  
 Stops Open 1-4 PM  
 After Party 4-7 PM  
 Tickets: [BAOBHM.org](http://BAOBHM.org)

**2019 Crestwood Crawl**  
 benefiting

**Birmingham AIDS Outreach**



Saturday, October 5, 1-4 pm  
 Tickets and more info at  
[bit.ly/2m1OKIa](http://bit.ly/2m1OKIa)



Join us as we  
 celebrate  
 communion  
 with our  
 Christian  
 brothers and  
 sisters  
 around the  
 world on  
**Sunday,**  
**October 6 at**  
**11 am.**



**Fall Gathering**  
 Alabama CBF

**AL CBF Fall Gathering: October 20 & 21**  
**at Sixteenth Street Baptist Church and**  
**Southside Baptist Church**  
 (see inside for more details)

Deacons Meeting  
 Monday, October 21  
 6:00 p.m. in the  
 Heritage Room



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# SOUTHSIDE COLUMNS

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## God's Presence and Activity

The colorful exhibit of prints on display in the first floor corridor and in Drennen Hall provides a brief glimpse into a variety of mission efforts of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Many of these images are particularly poignant, especially those of children whose eyes are fixed on the person behind the camera. Occasionally, I stop and study one of these prints as something in it catches my eye. Sometimes what catches your eye can be a moving experience as questions come to mind regarding the individuals in the print. Whether an effort to provide education to the Romany children in Slovakia, sewing classes for girls in Uganda, food and friendship to Syrian refugees in Lebanon, clean water project in Kenya, housing and medical assistance for immigrants in Virginia and Rio Grande Valley, Texas, or tutoring in Florida, we all participate in this efforts through our support of CBF Missions and our giving to the annual Global Missions Offering. It is wonderful to know that these efforts are ongoing in places all over the world, and we can also be involved personally right here in our own neighborhood, community or city.

Missions and ministry efforts, in our community and beyond, are always at the forefront of our minds because we believe that God has called us to be the presence of Christ that ministers to the whole person: spirit, soul, mind and body. There are times, though, when Christ's Spirit calls us to be more intentional about missions engagement.

Jesus commanded his disciples to go unto all the world and make new disciples, teaching them all that he had imparted. Jesus taught by word and example lessons of God's love, mercy and grace opening his followers eyes to a world view of God's love for all people created to be in relationship with God. Jesus calls us just as he did his twelve disciples, inviting each of us to follow Him and to use our God-given gifts to bless others as we have been blessed. The world is at our doorsteps and God has invited us to participate in sharing the hope that we have as followers of Christ.

When I consider the people I see in our neighborhood and city, or see in images of refugees, survivors of natural disasters, people in war-torn countries, regions where famine and disease have decimated villages, victims of violence and of human trafficking and those who are all alone in the world, I know that God has heard their cries and invites us to join in his response to those both near and far away.

Take notice of the many ways you can be involved in missions. Each day, pray that you would be sensitive to the Spirit of Christ touching you and guiding you to be involved and engaged in bringing hope, healing, and comfort for today, tomorrow and for eternity.

**Dr. Timothy L. Kelley**  
 Pastor for Congregational Care



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. The Gathering in  
Drennen Hall

9:30 a.m. SundaySchool

11:00 a.m. Worship in  
the Sanctuary

## Luke's Gospel - Encountering Jesus

### OCTOBER 6 World Communion Sunday

Disappointments in  
Following Jesus  
Luke 7:18-23

### OCTOBER 13 Grace and Gratitude Luke 17:11-19

### OCTOBER 20 You gave me no kiss... Luke 7:26-50

### OCTOBER 27 Breaking the Bonds Luke 7:26-39

## Love is Costly

The parable of the Good Samaritan is so familiar that the impact of its message is cliché. We fail to understand how radical Jesus's teach was because we have never known a Jewish attitude towards the Samaritans. Samaritans were those Jews who didn't go into exile because of the Assyrian and Babylonian invasions but rather intermarried non-Jews. They became self-sufficient, building their own temple, having their own form of the Pentateuch. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans in the first century was fierce. Two of Jesus' own disciples wanted to call down the fire of God's judgment on some Samaritans. The word 'good' and the word 'Samaritan' did not go together in Jesus' day. So, when Jesus talks about a Samaritan being a better illustration of the love of God than any Jewish leader, it was a bit like speaking about a member of Isis or Al-Queda, instead of planting improvised bombs where people walked, deciding to save someone by the roadside. Shocking! Scandalous!

Jesus uses this dramatic parable to remind us that loving God does not only have vertical dimensions but also reaching out horizontally to others around us. And this love is demonstrated in having an equal concern for the spiritual, as well as physical and emotional needs of people in need. In 1975, the Lausanne Covenant, a motion promoted by the Billy Graham Association was agreed on by over 2,000 leaders from the evangelical world. It affirmed: 'We should share his concern for justice and reconciliation throughout human society and for the liberation of men and women from every kind of oppression...we express penitence both for our neglect and for having sometimes regarded evangelism and social concern as mutually exclusive...[and] we affirm that evangelism and socio-political involvement are both part of our Christian duty.' True love reaches out to the whole of human need.

This love is not merely sentimental. Neither should it be locked in committees. It should be practiced. Jesus himself practiced what he preached in his care for Samaritans. The land of Samaria was situated between the regions of Galilee in the north of Israel, and Judea in the south. Jews traveling between Galilee and Judea would take the longer, six-day journey along the Jordan River valley rather than taking a shorter, more direct route through Samaria. But Jesus went out of his way on one occasion to go and meet a woman who lived in Samaria, who had been ostracized by her community, to meet her moral and spiritual need and let her know that she was loved.

Love is costly. Costly love always reaches out and pays the price. It pays the price of being misunderstood by people who think we are wasting our time caring for people's material need when it is obvious that their spiritual needs are more important. It is costly in terms of our own physical and emotional energy as we take time to meet people, to get to know them, to stoop by the side of the road and take time to care for them just where they are. True love reaches out to our neighbors within the church, but the church is called to reach out to those on the outside.

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

## AL CBF Fall Gathering 2019: Sowing Hope



**Sunday, October 20 and Monday, October 21**

Sunday

5 pm - Celebrate with us as we greet the participants of Civil Rides as they cross the finish line at Kelly Ingram Park in downtown Birmingham.

5:30-6:30 pm - Enjoy hors d'oeuvres in the fellowship hall at **Sixteenth Street Baptist Church**.

6:30 pm - Worship and celebration featuring CBF Executive Coordinator, Paul Baxley, and Civil Rides leaders in the sanctuary.

Monday - We will gather at **Southside Baptist Church**.

8:30 am - Coffee and donuts

9:00 am - Thoughts from the Fellowship with Paul Baxley

10:15 am - Breakout Sessions

Following the completion of the Fall Gathering, you are invited to walk to several lunch locations with members of the Alabama CBF family.

Dress for both Sunday and Monday is casual! Register online: [www.alabamacbf.org/fallgathering](http://www.alabamacbf.org/fallgathering), or for more information, please contact Terri Byrd at [Terri@alabamacbf.org](mailto:Terri@alabamacbf.org). We are asking for a \$10 per person donation that will help defer the cost off the catering and venue rental. You can pay online or by mailing a check to "Alabama CBF, PO Box 361864, Hoover, AL 35236. Be sure sure to put "Fall Gathering" in the memo line.

## Upcoming Events

10/1 Birmingham Area Sacred Harp Singers

10/6 World Communion Sunday

10/6 Congregational Council Meeting - 12:30 p.m. in Room 140

10/20-26 Family Promise of Birmingham hosting week

10/20-21 AL CBF Fall Gathering

10/21 Deacons Meeting - 6:00 p.m.  
in the Heritage Room

10/25 Family Promise Giving Day



>> Watch our  
Facebook page for  
ways to participate!

## October Birthdays

Brian Wilson 10/1

Kay Thompson 10/2

Ken Roxburgh 10/9

Chris McClendon 10/14

Melissa Robillard 10/17

Steve Hill 10/22

Laurie Baker 10/24

Rocky Shepard 10/25

## WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

5:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper

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

## OCTOBER 2

Holy Habits:  
Spirituality for the  
21st Century

## OCTOBER 9

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21st Century

## OCTOBER 16

Holy Habits:  
Spirituality for the  
21st Century

## OCTOBER 23

Holy Habits:  
Spirituality for the  
21st Century

## OCTOBER 30

Holy Habits:  
Spirituality for the  
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