



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

"Building an Inclusive Community of Grace"

SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

HAPPENING AT SOUTHSIDE

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 5 11:00 a.m.



for students and teachers of all ages

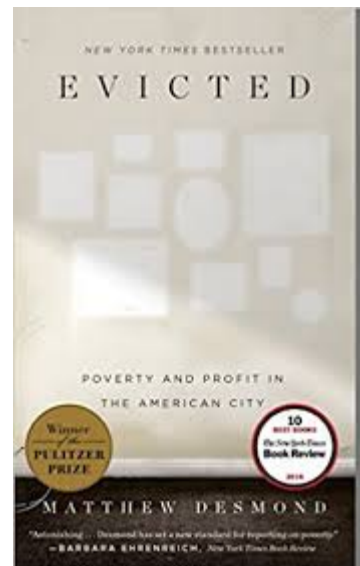
Bring your school bag to worship on Sunday, August 5 for a special blessing before the new academic year begins!

NEW BOOK CLUB

Evicted
by Matthew Desmond

We'll meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday evenings in August at The Filling Station Pizza Cafe & Bar to discuss our thoughts and feelings on Matthew Desmond's book, *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*.

Questions? Contact the church office.



SOUTHSIDE COLUMNS

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A Time for Learning

August arrives and our attention turns to the new school year. There is excitement, anticipation and varying degrees of anxiety as those directly affected by the new school year prepare for the additional time, energy and attention to details the daily routine requires. A new year of educational opportunities also begins as part of the Christian Growth programming here at Southside. August 5th is Promotion Sunday for the Children and Youth Classes and it is also "Blessing of the Backpacks" Sunday. It is wonderful to see the children and youth grow, celebrate milestones with them and pledge our prayers for them in the coming year.

I will be leading a "Discovering Southside" series designed especially for newcomers beginning August 12. The three sessions (with a light luncheon) will be at 12:30 p.m. in Room 140 on August 12, 19 and 26 and will focus on who we are, our mission, and ways for those new to our community to find a place to connect and become involved. Another exciting opportunity for fellowship and growth is the new Tuesday Night Book Club beginning August 7 at 6:30 p.m. at The Filling Station in Crestwood. The first book the group will discuss is *Evicted* by Matthew Desmond.

This time of year is hectic but it is also a wonderful time. I find it very rewarding to learn together with our church family, and I especially enjoy seeing various members volunteer and use their gifts and talents in leading study groups of all ages.

Almost every Sunday, I have the special privilege of inviting the children present in worship to come forward and participate in a brief children's time. I learn a great deal from their quick and sharp minds and I am amused, as I

know you are too, as the twinkle in their eyes gives way to a smile, expression or comment that conveys a thought or insight from a child's perspective. Teaching and working with children certainly helps us better understand the words of Jesus regarding children in Mark 9:13-16:

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Children are precious gifts from God to parents and to us as a church family. It is our responsibility to support and assist their parents in loving and nurturing these young lives in the way of Christ. Whether a new born or a child that we have watched grow up and mature into a young adult, all are precious in His sight and ours as well. My we always remember that a part of us is imparted to them, so may we love and nurture them well.

Oh, what an unbelievable blessing and privilege to be a part of such a wonderful family of faith!

Dr. Timothy L. Kelley
Pastor for Congregational Care



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

9:30 a.m. SundaySchool
11:00 a.m. Worship in
the Sanctuary

The Lord's Prayer

AUGUST 5
"Pathway of Prayer"
Mark 6:1-8

AUGUST 12
"Pathway of Prayer: Confidence"
Mark 6:9a

AUGUST 19
"Pathway of Prayer: Reverence"
Mark 6:9b

AUGUST 26
"Pathway of Prayer: Hope"
Mark 6:10a

Children's Bible Study

Sunday Mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Children's
Education Suite

Memory Verse: "I have given you an
example; just as I have done, you must also
do." - John 13:15

Theme: Following Jesus' example when
meeting new people.

August 5: The Man in the Synagogue
Matthew 12:9-14

August 12: Mary & Martha
Luke 10:38-24

August 19: The Woman at the Well
John 4:1-42

August 26: The Man by the Pool
John 5:1-17

The Power of Prayer

Karl Barth once expressed it this way: “To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world.” Yet, how do we pray? Can we be taught to pray? I think so. After all, the Lord’s Prayer, which we use in worship every Sunday is the response of Jesus to the request of the disciples to ‘teach us to pray.’

The Lord’s Prayer is simple and yet profound. It contains a simplicity and a beauty which has touched the hearts and souls of Christians down through the centuries, partly because, in George Steiner’s marvelous phrase, it has helped nudge people into the neighborhood of the transcendent. Prayer invites us to enter into the presence of God. It is like a bridge between two worlds, of worship and work. It often enables us to determine the purpose of our lives. It gives courage. It often brings healing, sometimes of the body, but often of the mind and the heart.

In the Sundays of August and September, we are going to take time in our Sunday homilies to explore this great prayer. Our hymns and anthems, along with scripture and homilies will hopefully help us to discover afresh the beauty and wonder of prayer.

Dr. Ken Roxburgh
Pastor for Preaching and Teaching

Back to School!

We hope each of you and your children will join us for the month of August. We have an exciting month planned beginning August 5 as we bless the children’s backpacks to prepare them for back to school. And as they prepare to head back to school, we hope that they will also join us every Sunday morning for our Children’s Sunday School beginning at 9:30 a.m.

This month our focus verse will be: "I have given you an example just as I have done you also must do." John 13:15. Our children and teachers will be discussing the people Jesus met to include the man in the Synagogue, the woman at the well, Mary and Martha, and the man by the pool. It’s the perfect back to school topic since your children/grandchildren will be meeting a variety of people as they return to school, and it is important for them to learn and understand how Jesus met, accepted and cared for all persons that He met.

And as we are taking time to meet new people, I want to mention your children’s Sunday School teachers, Nancy Cook, Bonnie Lessman, Cheryl Simonetti, Kay Thompson, Brenda Tidwell as well as the teacher of our youth class, Paul Huie. We have an outstanding group of teachers committed to not only teaching your children but to loving and encouraging them as well.

Please join us this month as we focus on families and education at Southside.

Marilyn Shepard
Deacon Vice-Chair

Martinson Scholars Salute!

We want to salute these three long-serving and dedicated Martinson Scholars as they have recently graduated and are ending their time with us. Siobhan Russell, Beau Boudreaux, and Mallory Bubbett have been an integral part of our choir for several years. We will miss their voices and personalities, wish them Godspeed in their new ventures!



Siobhan Russell



Beau Boudreaux



Mallory Bubbett

Upcoming Events

- 8/5 Blessing of the Backpacks and Sunday School Promotion – 11:00 am in the Sanctuary
Congregational Council Meeting– 12:15 pm
- 8/7 Birmingham Area Sacred Harp Singers – 6 pm
Tuesday Night Book Club – 6:30 pm at The
Filling Station (every Tuesday night)
- 8/12 First session of the "Discovering Southside" class
- 8/14 Deacons Meeting – 6 pm in the Heritage Room

Thank You from the YWCA



Thank you again for the chalkboards for our infant-toddler playground! The students love them and they are so helpful for their fine motor and creativity skills!

- Morgan Hargrove

August Birthdays

Cameron Shepard 08/02
Tracey Nicholson 08/06
Cedric Williams 08/09
Bonnie Lessman 08/09
Dawn Kelley 08/11
Terri Staples 08/24

Vanda Hicks 08/25
Vic Nigri 08/28
Patrick Murphy 08/28
Brenda Tidwell 08/29
Marilyn Shepard 08/31

WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

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

AUGUST 1
Churchwide Business Meeting

Christian Biography Series:

AUGUST 8
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

AUGUST 15
Eric Liddell

AUGUST 22
Jim Elliott

AUGUST 29
John Calvin

DISCOVERING SOUTHSIDE

**New to SSBC or want a refresher
course? Come to Room 140 on
Sundays in August at 12:30 pm
for a light luncheon
series.**

August 12: Our History
August 19: Our Mission
**August 26: Our Ministries &
Outreach**