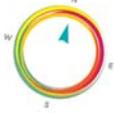


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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER **September 15, 2016**

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A new message series starts this week:

September 18/19:
Moving Day

Is Church Membership
Your Next Step?

STARTINGPOINT

September 18 @ 5:00pm | McManus Hall

At Starting Point, you'll learn more about Alice Drive's mission, vision, and values, and have an opportunity to ask as many questions as you like. This is a required class for church membership. We will serve supper, and childcare is provided.



September 25 @ 9:45am | Room 221

To sign up, contact Mandy Easton:
x250 | measton@adbc.org

This one hour class will help parents and kids (grades K-5) learn together what every child needs to know about Jesus, faith, Heaven, baptism, and spiritual growth. Starting Line is our process for child baptism and meets monthly so you can attend at a date convenient for you!



Home Hunters...

DIRECTIONS

*by
Dr. Clay Smith
Lead Pastor*

For five years I served as pastor of Southside Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky. The church was located in the middle of a neighborhood that had seen better days. Eleven hundred square foot houses were lined up on lots that were 50 feet wide and 120 feet deep. Most of the people in the neighborhood and in the church had moved up from rural Kentucky during the Great Depression or moved in when they came home from World War II. They found work in the L&N Railroad shops, or at the Naval Ordinance Station, or at International Harvester. As soon as they could scratch together a down payment, they bought a house and raised a family. Often, four or five children were jammed into two tiny bedrooms, with everyone in the house sharing one bathroom. When I asked the parents about it years later, they said with enthusiasm, "Having indoor plumbing was a real upgrade from the outhouse back on the farm."

By the time I came to the church, most of the people had put in their thirty or forty

years. They received their gold watch and retired. They had sent their children off to college and were a little surprised their children didn't move back into the old neighborhood.

When a pastor is new to a church, people want to know about you. I was asked, over and over, "Now where are you from?" I told them about being from Florida and growing up on a ranch. Before I could ask them a question back, they were quick to pick up the thread of "Where are you from?" by telling me "I'm from Campbell County," or "I'm from Barren County," or "McCracken County." They never referenced the name of a town or a city, always a county. When one man told me he was from "Bourbon County" I thought that must have been an interesting place to grow up. No one ever said they were from Louisville.

After they had established which county was their place of origin, I would ask them how long they had lived in Louisville. The most common answer: "Oh, about 45 years." Many had lived in the same house, in the same neighborhood, going to the same church for 45 years,

but they all wanted me to know that they were not Louisvillians; they were from the country.

In another sense, they were telling me that Louisville was not home. Whatever it meant for them to be from Campbell County, or Barren County, or even Bourbon County, they had not found it in Louisville. For those folks, home was a memory. Forty or fifty years after they left, they were still longing for home.

Everyone is hunting for a sense of home. We try to make a house a home, filling it with pictures and furniture. We hunt for a church that feels like family, where we can feel at home. But finding a home ends up not being so much about a place, but about something our heart seeks.

The deepest longing of your heart is to find a place of rest, a place of grace, a place of love. You will never find that in a building. You will, however, find it in the presence of an amazing Savior, Jesus.

Grace,



On September 28, 2016 at 7:00 pm, we will have a quarterly church conference in McManus Hall. The Vision Council is making a proposal to amend the Church Constitution to change the church year from July 1 - June 30 to a calendar year. In addition, there is a proposal to change the church meeting structure from a quarterly meeting to an annual meeting to be held in November.

In addition to these items, there will be quarterly reports given on attendance, membership, and finances.

Please contact Mark Partin at mpartin@adbc.org with any questions.

FOOD COLLECTION

for Sumter United Ministries

September 18/19: **Cereal**

(individual & regular boxes, grits, & oatmeal)

Place items into the bin inside the carport entrance.



Find Your Purpose. Make a Difference.

Want to volunteer,
but not sure where to start?
Let us help!

Contact Stacy Wright,
Next Steps Director:
swright@adbc.org | x243

September 30 • 6:00-9:00pm

\$10/child (6 weeks-5th grade)

Register online or on a kid's hall through the 28th

Take advantage of this great opportunity!

Whether it's a restaurant you've been wanting to try,
a romantic evening out, or a quiet night in, plan a few hours just for yourselves!

Parent's Night Out



ADBCsnapshots
AWANA Wednesday night
programming for kids



*Who needs
to hear
your story?*

Invite
someone
to church:
Listen
for these
3 NOTs:

“
I'm not in church...
It's not going well...
I'm not prepared for this...
”

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 18

- Worship Services (8:30, 9:45 & 11:00am)
- LIFE Groups (9:45 & 11:00am)
- Parent/Child Dedication
- Food Collection for Sumter United Ministries
- 5:00p Starting Point, McManus Hall
Deacon Outreach, Worship Center
- 5:30p Worship Arts Department Bar-B-Que,
Camp Legacy

Monday, September 19

- Food Collection for Sumter United Ministries
- 6:00p Study of James, 118
Prayer Group, 119
- 7:00p Worship Service, Worship Center
LIFE Groups for babies-5th grade
- 8:00p Sermon Discussion Group, 118

Tuesday, September 20

- 6:55a Men of Impact Bible Study, Worship Center
- 10:00a Grief Share Class, 119
James Class, 118
- 6:30p Precepts: Romans Pt. 1 Class, 208
- 7:00p Celebrate Recovery Worship, studio4.3
- 8:00p Celebrate Recovery Shared Groups, studio4.3

Wednesday, September 21

- 2:00p Praying Ladies, 119
- 4:00p In-Depth Bible Study, 202A
- 5:00p Fellowship Meal, Worship Center
- 6:00p Adult Discipleship Classes
Awana (newborn-5th grade)
The Mix (Middle School), studio4.3
- 7:15p Vision Council Meeting, Admin Building
- 7:30p the Mix (High School), studio4.3

Thursday, September 22

- 9:00a MOPS, 2nd floor Mezzanine
- 10:00a Thimble Thursday, 104A/B
- 5:30p Tech Talk, Balcony
- 6:00p Vocal Team Rehearsal, Green Room
- 7:00p Worship Team Rehearsal, Worship Center

Sunday, September 25

- Worship Services (8:30, 9:45 & 11:00am)
- LIFE Groups (9:45 & 11:00am)
- 9:45a Starting Line Class, 221
- 4:00p Deacon Outreach, Worship Center
- 5:00p Deacons' Meeting, McManus Hall



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CELEBRATE THE SERVANT LEADERS OF THE WEEK Jail Ministry Volunteers

Ready to find your purpose in serving others, but not sure where?
We can help! Contact Stacy Wright: swright@adbc.org

ATTENDANCE 9/11 & 9/12

8:30am.....	264
9:45am.....	544
11:00am.....	584
Monday Night.....	168
Total.....	1,560

LIFE GROUPS 9/11 & 9/12

Adults.....	453
Students.....	160
Children.....	194
Preschool.....	191
Total.....	998

Wednesday Fellowship Meal | September 21

Country fried steak & gravy, potatoes, garden peas, & dessert

Kids' Menu: Hot dog, chips, & cookie

\$5/adults, \$3/kids under 12, \$15/family max

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WORSHIP
TIMES

SUNDAYS

8:30am Classic
Childcare for 5 & under
9:45 & 11:00am Contemporary
LIFE Groups for all ages

MONDAYS

7:00pm Contemporary
LIFE Groups for babies-5th grade
8:00pm Adult LIFE Groups