

# SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

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where He is first

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Live internet streaming of Sunday morning worship service  
Sunday School-10:00 A.M. Sunday Morning Worship-11:00 A.M.  
Sunday Evening Worship—6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—7:00 P.M.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Letter

Baptism

Alex Canales

10:00 AM

Sunday

## FOCUS: Relation- ship with God

Do you have a good relationship with the church? What about God, do you have daily communication (prayer) with him? All this is just a part of being a child of God. If we don't have a daily talk with God, then we may not be in good standing with our church family either. Just think about that and what God would have us be. God is my best friend, we talk a lot, it took me years to learn this, and a lot of sin and mistakes along the way. Yes, I still have problems, but God and my church family is there through good and tough times. Growing a good relationship with God and his children can start in Sunday School, just as it did for me. Join us for study and fellowship each Sunday, if you aren't already doing so. November 4-7th is our Fall Revival, and Sunday School will be the focus. All teachers, assistants and officers will meet on Saturday, November 3rd with our evangelist, Bro. Mike Knowles. Mark your calendar now for this important meeting. We just had another successful blood drive with 21 donors. A date for the next Red Cross blood drive will be scheduled soon. We will have it on the screens and in the newsletter. God bless you and your family; see you in S.S.

*Gaylen Baugh, SBC Sunday School Director*



## With Sympathy

Second Baptist Church would like to extend its deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. May God give peace and comfort to you and your family.

To the family in the loss of their loved one, Jo Nell Barrow.

## KIDS KORNER

It's Fall, a time of harvest and festivals. This year Halloween is on Wednesday and yes, we will have Trunk or Treat! Get prepared; we may have a lot more trick or treaters visit. This could be another great opportunity for neighborhood outreach. GAs, it's time to register for GA JAM, which will be held November 10th in Louisville. Any girl in grades 1-6 is invited to attend. You'll meet missionaries, participate in a Live Action Project and just have a lot of fun! For RAs, your event is March 16, 2013. For boys in grades 1-6, you will have the opportunity to meet missionaries, participate in a missions project and Missions Fitness Challenge, as well as RA Racers. For both events, lunch will be provided. Many thanks to all who have participated in Operation Christmas Child. The collection for this month is toothpaste/toothbrushes. In November the boxes will be packed. We have 100 OCC shoeboxes-can we fill them? It takes an estimated \$7 to ship each box. We have envelopes available. If you want to track a box, donations can be made online. (instructions provided)

In Christ,  
Konnie



## Will We Be An Average Church?

I used some numbers and a quote from Dr. Frank Page (former president of the SBC) in a sermon a couple of weeks ago. This is the jest of it.

Average is defined as *typical; common; ordinary*. One pastor defined it this way: “*a step above the worst and a step below the best*”. The average SBC church (62%) has 1-99 in Sunday School and another 21% 100-199. It takes 49 Southern Baptists to reach and baptize 1 person each year. The average age of the worshippers is 49 and 23% of Southern Baptists are retired. Frank Page states that if these trends continue by 2030 50% of our churches will have closed their doors.

That begs the question, “How do we avoid this”? I don’t want us to look at it from a defensive posture, guarding against this outcome, but from an offensive mindset. Can I tell you that if we do what the Lord has called us to do that will not occur (**Matthew 16:18**). So we ask not what we need to do to guard against this prediction, but what we need to focus on to continue to grow and be relevant.

One, we need to love the Lord with all our hearts and being (**Matthew 22:37**). If we love Him we need to be faithful to Him in our church attendance. Not just from the standpoint of our personal walk with God, but the community is watching to see if we are faithful. Obedience is another sure sign of our love for God. If we don’t love Him enough to obey Him and keep His word, then do we really love Him at all (**John 14:21, 1 John 5:2-3**)? Are we willing to tell others that we love Him and that He loves us?

Secondly we need to love others. I don’t think a church that loves others will ever find itself irrelevant in today’s world. How can SBC love others in our world today? I think it’s more than having community outreaches, giving to needy causes, and mission efforts; even though those are important. I think the grassroots of it is, “are we willing to sacrifice and serve others in our church and community”? It’s being willing to serve in the nursery one week a month so that young mom and dad can worship the Lord unhindered by a little one clinging and crying throughout the whole service. We need a Nursery Coordinator to schedule folks so that we have every Sunday covered. We need some able bodied souls who will work (**yes, I said work**) in Children’s church to not only accommodate young parents, but to teach those little ones God’s love and design for them. Do we love others enough to do that (**Mark 10:13-14**)? Can we sacrifice that others can come to know Him? What will Second Baptist be in twenty years if the Lord carries? What we do today will determine what we are then. Let’s love our Lord with all our heart and others as ourselves and watch what He does.

It’s a joy to be your Pastor!

Bro. Steve



## Mike’s Minutes

I can spend hours watching TV shows that deal in restoring cars, homes, and furniture. I love them! So when I start a job it doesn’t take long to realize I can’t do anything like they do in thirty minutes. My wife wants to

banish me from watching them because of that statement. There comes a time in the life of most all of us when we feel like we are in exile and need to be restored. When, maybe, people don’t understand you. We’ve all felt sometime or other like you’re in the wrong place at the wrong time. The exile soul longs for divine restoration and worships to get it. The book of Ezra reminds us that God is all about restoration, too. EZRA 3:11 “*They sang with praise and thanksgiving to the Lord: ‘For He is good; His faithful love to Israel endures forever.’ Then all the people gave a great shout of praise to the Lord because the foundation of the Lord’s house had been laid.*”

**We desire to restore the church to true worship, triumphing over senseless controversies regarding instruments, style, and context that often bring bondage to a church. Restoration not only can be for a car or a piece of furniture but can be for a church. And, you know, it can be for an individual like me, also. It’s personal, but just maybe you can relate to these declarations of restoration:**

*Restoration today is me owning up to the fact I am getting older, and I’m not the same guy I was when I became a youth minister. And I’m ok with that.*

*Restoration today is admitting that I am unsure of the future of my ministry. God knows it, and that’s all that matters. And I’m ok with that.*

*Restoration today is all about an unseen hand that knows every inch of me and has seen the depth of my darkness and the burning light within.*

*Restoration today is realizing that worship far outshines man-made happiness. And I may not ever really see happiness in ways that I thought. But in the end, I get God! And I’m ok with that.*

*Restoration today is arriving at the conclusion that my greatest works will not be documented and my deepest wounds may be seen at all. And although I shudder to think about how hard it is to stand in truth, I’m ok with that.*

*Restoration has nothing to do with savings accounts, diploma, attendance records, or success. Restoration is a daring passion that gives glory to God. It’s saying, “I may end up penniless and alone with few possessions when I die. And I’m ok with that.”*

*Restoration is found in the truth that God is slowly growing me to be a worshipper who is comfortable in his story as part of a much larger story of restoration.*

**It’s leaving my personal Babylon for unrivaled devotion to God. Restoration is simply saying, “Whatever You’ve got for me Lord, I want it!” It may cost me everything. But you guessed it, I’m OK with that too.**

Bro. Mike



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**Annual Neighborhood  
Chili Supper**

**Thurs., Oct. 18th, 6:00 P.M.**  
**Family Life Center**



**FALL REVIVAL**

Second Baptist Church  
November 4-7, 2012  
Sun. night at 6pm; Mon.-Wed. nights at 7pm  
Bro. Mike Knowles, Evangelist