

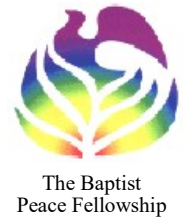


THE CRIER

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

The Second Baptist Church

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In lieu of a message from the pastor this week, we're pleased to bring you this note from Caroline Blake, to kick-off our season of stewardship for this year.

"Each of you shall bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you."

-Deuteronomy 16:17

This time of the year provides us with many wonderful reasons to be thankful. The season of Autumn is upon us, and the beauty of the changing foliage is at our doorstep. For many, a season of change may offer many ways to start anew.

This month Second Baptist welcomes the Season of Stewardship. During October and November, we will highlight the importance of giving back to our Church community. This year during Stewardship Season we will be asking members of our Congregation to share their stories of giving, and ways that SBC gave them something back.

We will gather testimonials from Church members that tell of the profound impact that Second Baptist has had on their lives and spiritual journey. God gives us much to be thankful for and sharing our financial gifts is one of many ways we can show our appreciation for the work He has done. All are invited and encouraged to share their thoughts, experiences, and stories on how they've been impacted by the Word of God and the Second Baptist community.

As we kick-off Stewardship Season, let us reflect on all the ways we have been blessed. Please take a little time to think back on what first turned your heart to the Lord, and what is moving you to pay it forward. We are excited to learn the ways in which our members have been graced by Christ's presence in their lives!

-The Stewardship Committee



This week, we invite you to hold the following people and families in prayer:

- Carol Meyers, for healing from back pain.
- Shirley Knox, that she may have a healthy appetite, and for her daughter, Carol, who is dealing with digestive tract issues.
- Connie, Fran Rumore's sister, as she recovers from cataract surgery.
- The Rev. Patti Lawrence, as she recovers from cataract surgery.
- Andy Furr, Pastor Rachael's brother-in-law, married to her sister Sarah, as he continues to recover from emergency aorta repair/heart surgery last week.
- Additional prayers for Sarah Lawrence Furr, as she lost her beloved pug, Buster, this morning.
- Ginny, Gail Davis' sister, as she continues to recover from a painful fall.
- Dick and Mary Begin. Dick is in Suffield House with continuing health challenges. Prayers for all their family as they navigate the decisions ahead.
- Shirley Edmonds-Van Allen, for healing and health.
- Heidi Huhn Partain, as she continues her battle with serious cancer.
- The Davis' extended family member, Brian, who continue to face health challenges.
- For parents, teachers, guardians, and others who work with children, navigating these difficult times.
- For those with mental health concerns, including depression, anxiety, and other challenges.
- For those who are in various stages of mourning, so they may feel God's presence on the journey.
- For God's peace to prevail on Earth, and that we, indeed, may become instruments of that peace.

Please join our Book Club For
**Vanishing Grace: Whatever Happened
to the Good News,**
by Phillip Yancey

Join us November 14th at 6:30 p.m.
at the home of Laurie Gokey
You will need to get a copy of the book on your own,
and read up through Chapter 8.

Please contact the church office if you plan to
attend,
have questions or require other details.

All are welcome!

*Please wear a mask if not vaccinated.

In person and/or Location is subject to change.

Thursday Lectio Divina Group

We will meet this week, at 11:00 AM. For the next few weeks, we're continuing our study of "Biblical Burnout." We'll be looking at passages in which the main figure is experiencing a crisis and doesn't feel like doing it anymore and looking at the Lord's response. The group will meet either in the Prayer Garden or the Library, depending on comfort level.



We're still working to grow a Technology & Videography Team!

Dave Jones, so far, has 1 volunteer who is looking at learning how to use the equipment. Would you like to be a part of this exciting team? Please reach out!



Membership

Are you interested in
MEMBERSHIP at
Second Baptist Church?

Please reach out to Pastor Rachael,
at copastor@secondbaptistsuffield.org.

Common Ground Bible Study Tuesdays at 11, in the Library. Space is limited to 7.

Whether it is in politics, the professional world, a party, or a pew, we face conflict every day. As discussions get more heated and social media is deluged with opinion-spewing, hurt feelings, and broken relationships, we need hope and practical tools to navigate the tumultuous waters and live at peace with everyone. Fortunately, the Scriptures hold the key to living at peace despite our differences. The [selected] stories point us to peace and reconciliation in all our relationships, reassuring us that it is possible to find common ground with everyone—despite our differences. Women will find biblical and practical help for:

- Facing conflict
- Navigating broken relationships
- Handling heated discussions (in person and on social media)
- Living at peace despite differences

Please call or email Pastor Rachael to sign up.

FYI

- Due to increased COVID levels in our area, mask use is required while in the church building (unless in a personal office) until further notice.
- Have Prayer Requests and/or Announcements for your Minister? Please email both office@secondbaptistsuffield.org & copastor@secondbaptistsuffield.org so we can be sure to get it into the Weekly CRIER.
- The Church Office is open on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9am to 1pm. If you need something from the church office in those times, please call for an appointment.
- Got Pull-Tabs for Shriner's Hospital? Jean Aldrich-Jones is collecting them once again. Please bring them in to the welcome center, and we'll make sure they get passed on to the right person.