

join us for dessert, coffee & a fun evening of love and laughter as we celebrate marriage

Guest speakers Jeff & Debby McElroy

It is 2019. As you read this, many Southmainers are in the Holy Land, including Patti and myself. We are starting the year off with two great events which are, Love and Laughter Date Night and Priority One Family Ministry Kick-off. Please see Kevin Richard's article for more information on P1, January 27.

On Friday, February 1, Jeff and Debby McElroy will be with us for *Love and Laughter Date Night*. Register online at southmain.org for the Date Night. Active Military and First Responders will be able to attend at no cost, but you will still need to register online. Free childcare will be provided in your home if you are a Southmainer.

Jeff Fuqua

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for this is God's
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RON'S REJOICINGS



JANUARY—THE HINGE MONTH

JANUARY 2019

Dr. Ron Lyles, Pastor

The year just concluded always has impact on the new year that begins in January. I share with you several things that we did in 2018 that will be implemented in 2019.

SAFE AND SECURE—Sunday Morning

In our Fall Ministry Celebration on October 21, 2018, our congregation discussed and adopted a document designated as "Safe and Secure." This was a comprehensive statement including various policies and procedures designed to protect persons on our campus and the property itself from any threat to safety and security. It articulated some things that we were already doing and included new measures to be implemented.

One of those new measures regarded a heightened security approach on Sunday morning as a preventive step for any threat to the safety of worshipers. This preventive step includes volunteers who will greet members and guests in the parking lot and at the exterior doors plus the presence of two uniformed peace officers in the building. The latter component will be coordinated by Kenneth King and Casey Phelan, Southmainers who are officers in the Pasadena Police Department. This new measure will be implemented on **Sunday morning**, **January 13**, **2019**.

STORAGE EXPANSION BUILDING

In a special Business Meeting on October 28, 2018, our congregation received, discussed, and adopted a recommendation from the Storage Expansion Team. This group had studied our need for additional garage space to house our vehicles plus space to store items related to A South Main Bethlehem and the Giant Youth Garage Sale. The recommendation was to contract with Follis Construction of La Porte to build this building at a cost of about \$400,000.

The construction work will begin soon. I encourage you to consider making an "over and above budget gift" to support financially this effort. To this date, some \$55,000 has been received for this purpose. These specifically designated gifts will help to minimize the amount from our Capital Needs fund that will need to be used for this project. We are currently debt free, and, of course, there is no intent to secure a loan to complete this project.

A SOUTH MAIN BETHLEHEM

As you know our third year of this interactive experience was scheduled for December 7-9, 2018, but we were only able to present it on Saturday and Sunday nights due to the heavy rain on Friday. In those two nights we welcomed almost 4000 guests (compared to 4300 on three nights in 2016, our first year). In order for all of us to learn what happened inside and outside the village walls and to celebrate what God did, we will have a Reflection Time on **Sunday evening, January 13, 2019**, in the Worship Center.

Your Pastor





2019 will be the year of the Family for the Family Life Center. The FLC is partnering with the rest of the SMBC Education team to bring you our "Priority 1" Focus on Family. Our goal is to provide opportunities for our members to gather together and have fun and fellowship while worshipping God and doing so with the entire family.

January 27 will be our big launch event. We will set up a big "Amazing Race" style game that is fit for all ages. We want families to sign up together, however big or small, singles and grandparents included. We will have a Family worship time before the game and conclude the night with some food in the Great Hall. Afterward, each family will receive a guided devotional book written by our staff to be done as a family each night.

The event should be a great time and a great introduction to 2019 where we will focus on families worshipping God together. Look for more details to come, and we hope to see you all there!!

Kevin Richard

Y.A. CONNEXION

Happy New Year!

Happy New Year from SMBC YA Ministry! We hope and pray that you are off to a wonderful start this year.

We are excited about this year and what lays ahead for Young Adults. Some of the scheduled events are: Marriage Conference, Date Nights, weekly Small Groups, Young Adult gatherings (i.e. parties), Sunday Night After Church events, and a Young Adult Mission project to serve our church members. This year the theme will be COMMUNITY, and we would love for you to join us on this amazing journey.

Also, it is never too late to join a Sunday School Class in the New Year. If you would like more information, don't be afraid to ask. Email me at ticom@southmain.org. 2019 is going to be an awesome year!

Tico Montoya

SOUTH TEXAS MISSION TRIP - 4TH NEW HOME BUILD

Of the 22 poorest counties in the United States, 7 of those are in South Texas. We will partner with Buckner to build a new home for a deserving family doing the first half of the build in the time frame of one week. We will take whatever time you have available February 7-14.

Being a part of this trip will be one of the most fulfilling things you will ever experience, and the fellowship with fellow Southmainers and South Texans is awesome.

Please sign up, as soon as possible, so we can complete the registration with Buckner and get things in order for our building team. Don't worry about your skill level for this ministry trip. Hey . . . they let me go! Come join us and prepare to bless and be blessed.

Trip orientation meeting is Sunday, January 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Bobie Miller





Patti Fuqua joined South Main in May of 2015 with her husband, Jeff, our Minister of Education. She plays piano and keyboard for our 10:45 morning worship service and for the evening service. Before coming to South Main, Patti was a public school teacher. She taught music to K-6 and all subjects to

4th and 5th graders.

Patti decided to follow Christ after a revival meeting in July of 1966, and that relationship remains strong today. Her favorite verse is 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18: "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Patti describes herself as organized, cautious, and outspoken. In High School, Patti says she was the music nerd and scholar. For her birthday cake, she would choose a yellow cake with chocolate icing, however, one food you will never catch her eating is broccoli. Her inspirations are gardening, her grandkids, and their fixer-upper home.

Braden Cain





FEBRUARY 15-17 First Baptist, Tyler

Lodging at Timberline Baptist Encampment This is a wonderful weekend for student singers. We will join other student choirs at FBC Tyler on Saturday for rehearsals and sing for worship on Sunday morning.

Cost for the weekend is \$100 per student and early sign-up is encouraged.

Upcoming dates:

March 30 - Youth Choir Work Day May 5 - Spring Concert & Meal

