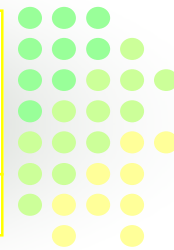




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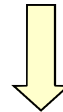


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**Upcoming
events**



Second Baptist Church Clarifying Convictions

As a part of the transitional task of clarifying our identity, Second Baptist Church must clarify its core convictions. Core convictions are those beliefs that are foundational to the Christian faith and church membership. Church leadership, membership, and teaching are held accountable to these convictions. Core convictions must be differentiated from non-essential beliefs. Non-essential beliefs are those that Christians can disagree on without compromising the "faith once for all handed down" (Jude 1:3).

What is the process for clarifying our convictions?

1. Pastor Joe will lead open discussions during the Sunday School time beginning August 26 at 10:15 am in the large classroom across from the welcome desk (with an opportunity for review on Wednesday nights starting August 29 at 7:00 pm) and cover the basic beliefs that have defined the historic Christian faith. These discussions will examine SBC's statement of faith along with examples from other like-minded churches/ministries. How do we answer the foundational questions such as: Who is God? What is humanity? What is salvation and how does one attain it?
2. After discussing each conviction if 90% or greater of those present agree that the belief constitutes a core conviction, it will be referred to the single board for consideration.
3. The single board will consider each core conviction for inclusion into a "Statement of Faith," which will be used as a guide for calling a settled pastor. The Single Board eventually will decide whether to include this statement in the Church Constitution (through regular amendment procedures) or to continue using it only in an advisory capacity.

8/20	7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery
8/21	5:30 pm Beginner line dancing
8/22	6:00 pm Worship team practice
8/22	6:15 pm Prayer and processing
8/22	6:30 pm 180 Youth
8/22	7:00 pm Bible Study
8/24	10:00 am MRM at Loomis
8/24	1:30 & 2:30 MRM at Linda Manor
8/24	6:30 pm Teen sleepover
8/26	10:15 am Clarifying convictions
8/26	6:30 pm Prayer gathering
8/27	6:30 pm Baptism Class
8/27	7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery
8/28	5:30 pm Beginner line dancing
8/28	6:15 pm MRM at Willimansett East
8/29	5:30 pm Choir practice
8/29	6:15 pm Prayer and processing
8/29	6:30 pm Worship team practice
8/29	6:30 pm 180 Youth
8/29	7:00 pm Bible Study

For more info on any of the programs listed in this newsletter, please pick up a copy of our calendar at the welcome desk or visit our website: sbcsouthhadley.com



Join us for a prayer gathering on Sunday, August 26 at 6:30 pm. Prayer gatherings will continue to be held the last Sunday of the month at 6:30 pm.

If you are new to our church - WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

We invite you to stop by our Welcome desk or Connection table to learn more about us and talk with us at the 10:15 am and 12:15 pm coffee hours located in the gym.

BAPTISM

Do you feel called to be baptized? or do you simply have questions about baptism? If so please attend the class on Monday, August 27 at 6:30 pm.



Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." - 1 Thessalonians 5:16

Dean Loughman	Kris Swedberg & family	Luke Bradley & family	Alliette McSpadden
Harry Hill	Mac & Carole Macdonald	Caleb Mollins	Denney Hotte
Ken Kreuzer	Brenda Brown	our church	Sera Higgins
Leslie Blossom-Hatfield	Cathy Croteau's mother	Gendron's son in law Chris	Tory Gordon & family
David Tetreault's sister Judy	Adrienne DeSantis' son Jake	Darlene Goulet's mother Dottie	
Terry Chapdelaine's son Paul	Kathleen O'Goley's son Paul	Connie Deauseault's granddaughter Arielle	
Pauline Arnett's daughter in law	Jennifer Jones' mother Nancy	Tammy Welcome, her father in law and cousin	
Gil & Giselle Corriveau's granddaughter Megan			

Prayer is a powerful way to connect with God, so we invite you to join us for a short time of prayer Sunday mornings before the start of each service at 8:35 am or 10:35 am (or both) in the room at the back of the Sanctuary that is next to the administrator's office.

Thank you Second Baptist Church for all your prayers, cards and concerns for both Mac and I during our trying times while in Maine. We are recovering from our auto accident and hospitalization for Mac. I have been released from physical therapy and Mac was just cleared from the cardiologist so let's pray that all is back on track finally. The healing of his back and ribs is going to take time. We feel blessed and sincerely want to thank our church family.

Fondly, Mac and Carole Macdonald

Dean Loughman Stroke Treatment:

It has been approved to now take donations for the medical treatment to give Dean Loughman a chance at a better quality of life. The treatment to help alleviate certain restrictions caused by the stroke he suffered from several years ago will cost approximately \$16,000. He is scheduled for this treatment on November 21st in Florida. There will be several fundraising campaigns conducted between now and then to raise the funds. To donate directly to this cause, make checks payable to Second Baptist Church of South Hadley and place Deans name in the Memo block. As always, we pray for God's blessing on the success of this campaign and the treatment he will receive. If you have further questions, Jim Brown is coordinating this effort.

TEEN SLEEPOVER!

Friday, August 24 at 6:30 pm the teens (grades 7-12) will gather at the church so please bring a sleeping bag and pillow. Pick up time will be 9:00 am on Saturday, August 25.

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY TO...

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| 19 Luke Bradley | 26 Priscilla Holcomb |
| 20 Monique Plourde | 27 Pastor Don Bradley |
| 21 Adam Quenneville | 28 Alice Casey |
| 22 Ian Maslanka | 29 Cameron Neveu |
| 23 Ted Brown | 30 Tom Holesovsky |
| 23 Ron Gendron | 31 Ron Capers |
| | 31 Chris Richard |

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY TO...

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| 1 Helena Lee | 1 Mickey Wegiel |
| 1 Lori Rondeau | |
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Please contact the church office if we have missed you on the birthday list. (Please note we post two weeks at a time.)

Join Tom Laughner on the annual Children's Hopechest mission trip to Kombolcha, Ethiopia. The people on this trip will work with 200 impoverished children, running a Vacation Bible School at two care points. Come play, sing, dance, do arts and crafts, and most importantly worship and share stories from the Bible from May 8-15, 2019. Final costs have not been determined, but is usually around \$2200 including air fare, hotel, most meals, translators, and guides. There may be fundraising opportunities through Second Baptist to help offset some of the costs.

If you're interested, contact Tom (laughner@gmail.com) or Lori (lorilaughner@gmail.com) for information. Although the trip isn't until May, preparations have already begun!

Operation Christmas Child

August items:
pencils, pens, markers, pads



A bin is located outside the nursery for your donations.