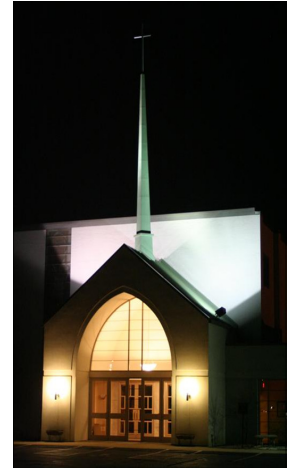


New Outlook

February 1, 2011
Web version

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Annual Super Bowl Party February 6



Everyone is invited to Mike and Bev Apple's home on Sunday, February 6, at 4:30 to watch the Green Bay Packers and the Pittsburgh Steelers vie for the Super Bowl championship. The game begins at 5:00. Please bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert to share. Meat and beverages will be provided. Join us for an evening of game watching, conversation, fun, and great food.

The Apples' address is 912 Kylemore Drive in Ballwin. See you there!

Koinonia Group Begins February 7

Koinonia, a group to support one another in our walk with God, will have its first meeting on Monday, February 7, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Meg Gilmore's home, 849 University Place in University City. Everyone is welcome.

Normally the group will meet every second and fourth Monday at Meg's at 6:30. At each meeting a participant will bring a reading to reflect on and discuss and will also lead the group in whatever form of prayer he or she chooses. Participants will have the opportunity to share personal concerns if they wish to.

We are looking forward to this opportunity to "encourage one another and build each other up" as Paul tells us to do. Come join us!

Living Faith Class Begins Series on Christian History

On January 30 the Living Faith Class is beginning a series on Christian history, refracted through little known as well as famous men and women who sought to live the Christian life faithfully, including some who rebelled against the church when they felt it necessary.

This series is based on the book *A People's History of Christianity: The Other Side of the Story*, by Diana Butler Bass. Copies of the book are available for \$10.19, but it is not necessary to read the book to participate in the class. The class will be led by Mary Shepardson. It meets in the north end of the Community Room at 9:15 on Sunday mornings.



Upcoming Sermons

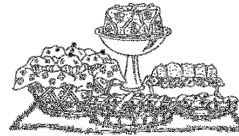
On January 30 Rev. June Pearse will preach on “A Lesson from the Parables to the Church,” based on Matthew 13:31—33. She is the chaplain at St. Clare Health Center in Fenton and a member of Second Baptist.

Rev. Cynthia Bumb will preach at Second the four Sundays in February. Cindy is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ and has served as the pastor of Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ in St. Louis, as interim minister at First Congregational Church of St. Louis, and as the Director of Fellowship Center of the United Church Neighborhood Houses. Prior to going to seminary, she worked as a social worker in early childhood education programs. She holds a Master of Divinity degree from Eden Theological Seminary and a Master of Social Work degree from Washington University. She currently is working on her Doctor of Ministry degree at Eden. Cindy says she is looking forward to meeting and working with the Second Baptist congregation in February. We welcome her to our pulpit.



Book Group

Come join the book group Tuesday, February 8, to discuss *Little Bee*, by Chris Cleave. Diana Pryer will lead the discussion.



YOUTH BAKE SALE

Sunday,
February 13,
after church



Hurrah for Judy Comfort, who retired in December after a long career in marketing communication and public relations. Right now she is branching out by taking some photography courses at Meramec. And she is looking forward to spending more time with her family, including her 88-year-old mother in Keokuk, Iowa.

Congratulations to Linda Novak, who was promoted to Marketing Director at Cancer Support Community (formerly The Wellness Community). Linda continues to find it very meaningful to help people affected by cancer find out about the free professionally-led support groups and programs they offer.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sun	8:45 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary
	9:15 a.m.	Classes for children, youth and adults
	10:30 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
Tue	1st and 3rd	American Baptist Women's Ministries, 10 a.m.
Tue	6:30 p.m.	Adult Children of Alcoholics in Community Rm
Thurs	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES IN FEBRUARY

Feb 6	4:30 p.m.	Super Bowl Party at the Apples'
Feb 6	8:00 p.m.	Deadline for newsletter articles and photos Send to mary@shepardson.us
Feb 7	6:30 p.m.	Koinonia, at Meg Gilmore's, see p.1
Feb 8	1:00 p.m.	Book group to discuss <i>Little Bee</i>
Feb 12	TBA	Youth get-together to prepare for bake sale
Feb 13	11:30 a.m.	Youth bake sale
Feb 13	11:45 a.m.	Search Committee meeting, Community Room
Feb 19	7:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, Second Baptist
Feb 20	11:30 a.m.	Meg Gilmore's 90th birthday party, after church
Feb 20	6:00 p.m.	St. Louis Jazz and Blues Vespers
Feb 21	6:30 p.m.	Council meeting, Community Room
Feb 28	7:00 p.m.	Prostate Cancer Support Group, Comm Rm

From Kara. . .

It has been a year since you called me to serve as one of your pastors. I am honored and grateful to be able to continue in that role as we move into and through this time of transition. This community of faith has been and continues to be a great blessing in my life. Your care and encouragement saw me through my years of seminary and continue to uplift me as I grow as a pastor.



One thing I have always appreciated about Second Baptist Church is the strong leadership of its members. It is one of our greatest strengths as a community. Our pastoral leadership may be in transition, but the life and missions of this church are as vibrant as ever.

Every day, I am thankful for this church and for the opportunity to serve it as one of your pastors.

Our music ministries are going strong, thanks to the wonderful work of Marilyn and Brad Short. On January 16th, Jazz & Blues Vespers resumed with a great crowd to hear the Eric Slaughter Trio. The choir continues to deliver wonderful anthems each Sunday, and they are gearing up for what will be a beautiful Good Friday service.

Our Karen and Karini ministries continue to grow, thanks to the tireless efforts of pastors Mirian and Carey San. Their leadership is invaluable as is the support of so many others who teach, drive, plan, organize, and help support this area of ministry.

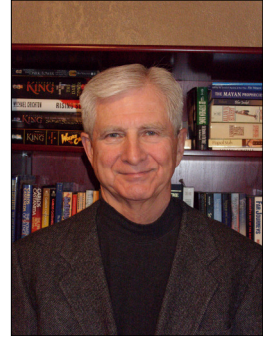
Our youth group is thriving under the leadership of Melanie Keeney and Melissa Bancks. Outside of Sunday school, we meet twice a month, and on a given day we will have between 18-25 youth in attendance. This summer we are blessed with the chance to return to Green Lake, and we are also looking into a mission trip to Arizona in partnership with our brothers and sisters from Peoria. We are grateful to the congregation for your support of the youth. Our first fundraiser, a bake sale, will be coming to you just in time for Valentine's Day—so don't forget to bring your sweet tooth to church with you on Sunday, February 13th!

It is good to see all of these ministries continue, and it is exciting to see new ones begin. I was delighted to sit in the planning meeting for the new Koinonia group, to see members of this congregation take initiative to form a prayer and sharing group to support one another and this community. It is my hope that this will be but the first new ministry to be taken on by the people of Second.

Every day, I am thankful for this church and for the opportunity to serve it as one of your pastors. If there is any way I can further serve you, please do not hesitate to contact me. The ministries enumerated above are but a fraction of what is going on here at Second, and they are all made possible because this congregation heeds the call to be ministers to one another. Some minister in official capacities, but all are called to some form of ministry—ushers, greeters, communion servers, welcome center staffers, drivers, teachers, choir members, card writers, friends. Whenever you offer your service to others in love, you minister to them in that moment.

More about Tom Clifton

Tom Clifton will become Second's interim minister on March 1, 2011. We asked him to tell us something about his early years in Missouri, his life as a pastor and later a seminary president, and his theological beliefs. Here he describes his early background.



I was born in St. Louis and grew up in Crystal City. Some of my earliest memories connect to our family doing Christmas shopping in downtown St. Louis at Famous-Barr and attending baseball games. My first game, as I recall, was with our local YMCA as we watched the Browns battle the Washington Senators. But it was the Cardinals that captured my heart, and I wish I had kept some of my autographs-- Peanuts Lowrey, Enos Slaughter, Rip Repulski, and many more. The Redbirds were world champs the year I was born and the year I graduated from college. I start each day during the season with a check of the score and stay depressed until noon if the Cardinals have lost the day before.

I also remember many high school basketball games in St. Louis. I played football and ran track in high school, but in basketball we had a player by the name of Bill Bradley. His name does not ring bells with the younger folks today, but old timers will easily recall how he set the game ablaze in the St. Louis area some years ago among high school teams.

A Baptist church was located a block from our house in Crystal City, and I grew up in that congregation along with a host of other Clifton family members. Sunday School, church worship, VBS, church camp-- these were very much a part of my formative years. It was church camp in particular that sparked my thinking about ministry, and during my senior year I made a commitment to pursue a life in the ministry. I was headed for Baylor the spring of my senior year, but once I decided to be a minister, a change of mind led me to William Jewell College instead. It was at WJC that I heard a dynamic minister from the First Baptist Church of Kansas City. Dr. Robert Middleton led vespers each evening for one week during my junior year. Middleton was an American Baptist, and I began attending his church each Sunday and continued that practice for the last two years of college. I also met an American Baptist woman from New Jersey who would become my wife.

I chose Duke Divinity School after college, and half way through, Audrey and I decided to marry. Teaching jobs were hard to find in North Carolina, and so I transferred to Crozer Seminary (now Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School in Rochester), then in the Philadelphia area, and Audrey kept teaching in New Jersey.

See the next issue of New Outlook for the story of Tom's years in the pastorate, as a seminary professor, and then as an interim minister.

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Church School 9:15 a.m.

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

A nursery is provided.

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Kara Reagan, Associate Pastor

Good Friday Service Friday, April 22nd, 8:00 p.m.

with a performance of César Franck's *Messe solennelle*, op. 12

César Franck (1822-1890) is primarily remembered today as a composer of instrumental music. However, the vast majority of his choral music and sacred music have fallen inexplicably into oblivion. Franck worked as choirmaster and organist throughout his life, and it was while he was at Sainte-Clotilde in Paris that he wrote his *Messe solennelle*, op. 12 in 1860.

We are once again inviting members of the Eliot Chapel Choir to join the Second Baptist Church Choir, along with soloists and friends, to present our Good Friday Service.

Here is the rehearsal schedule for those singers who might like to join us:

Saturday, March 19th, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. / choir and soloists

Saturday, March 26th, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. / choir and soloists

Saturday, April 2nd, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. / choir and soloists

Saturday, April 9th, SKIP - NO REHEARSAL

Saturday, April 16th, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. / choir and soloists with instruments

Friday, April 22, 6:30 p.m. call time / everyone - service begins at 8 p.m.

See upcoming newsletters for more information about *Messe solennelle*, op. 12.

Brad Short