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There are many ways you can be involved in serving the Lord and the people of South Church.

» MISSIONS

Missionary Christmas There are two ways you can remember our missionaries this Christmas. The first way is to **send a Christmas card**. They are available today at the table in the concourse. The cards are already addressed and stamped; all you have to do is write a note and mail. The second way is to **contribute to our special Christmas offering**. Please use the Missionary envelopes available at the table or mark a pew envelope with "Missionary Christmas." You can also give online at www.southlife.org/giving. All proceeds collected will be divided among our missionary families around the world.

CFPM Sponsorships We are in need of sponsors for the kids at the Child and Family Prison Ministry (CFPM) in northern Thailand. Sponsorship information is available on the missionary wall or contact Nancy in the church office.

Thailand Missions Trip A team is forming to go to northern Thailand in May 2018 to assist in the development of the new CLAY Center property. Pick up a brochure at the missionary information board or contact Rick Peterson for more information at rickenp8128@gmail.com or (517) 204-3774.

Missionary Work Circle meets Thursday, December 14 at 9:00 AM. After our work session we'll have a potluck lunch and business meeting. Call Rosemarie Carlson at (517) 862-9878 for more information.

» CONNECTION TREATS

Due to the holidays, on Sunday, December 24 and 31 there will be no connection treats or coffee between services.

» CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Christmas Eve by candlelight on Sunday, December 24 at 5:00 PM* and 7:00 PM.

*Child care for infants through three-year-olds provided at the 5:00 PM service only.

» SENIOR ADULTS EXERCISE

Beginning Monday, December 18, the Senior Adult Exercise Class will meet on Mondays (rather than Thursdays). Get your sneakers on and come work out with us! 8-9 AM Mondays in the South Life Center.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

5:10 PM: Dinner, South Life Center

5:30 PM: International Ministries Prayer Team, Room 228 - Join the **legacy of prayer**.

6:30 PM: Bible Study & Prayer, Room 111 • Awana, 2nd Floor
Men's Bible Study, Room 228 • Women's Bible Studies, Room 201 & Fireside Room
Jr. High Awaken, Student Ministry Center • Sr. High Arise, Chapel

Wednesday meals will resume in January 2018.

For more information on other Wednesday night activities, visit www.southlife.org/events/wednesday-nights.

PRAYER

If you have a prayer request that you would like the deaconesses to pray for, please call Connie Norman at (517) 323-3838 or Judy Search at (517) 882-5867.

EMERGENCY NEEDS

A team is on hand Sunday mornings to respond to emergencies. If you have a need, please go to the Welcome Desk.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

2017-2018 Budget	\$2,999,312
2017-2018 Budget through November	\$2,018,768
Offerings through November	\$1,997,840

OUR MINISTRY STAFF

Don Denyes	Senior Pastor
Doug Phillips	Executive Pastor for Ministries
Corb Felgenhour	Pastor of Worship Ministries
Neil Odgers	Pastor of College Ministries
Shannon DeLap	Director of College Women's Ministries
Keith Sova	Pastor of Small Groups
Nick Nagy	Pastor of Student Ministries—Sr. High
Joel Wayner	Lead Pastor of Student Ministries—Jr. High
Heidi Cheney	Director of Elementary Ministries
Kathy Risch	Director of Early Childhood Ministries
Kelly Sites	Connections Director
David Seal	Business Coordinator

WANT TO HEAR THE SERMON AGAIN?

Sunday morning sermons can be found online at www.southlife.org/media-home, on CDs at the Welcome Desk, on the iTunes Podcast store (South Church Sermons), and on SoundCloud at www.soundcloud.com/southchurchlansing.

WIFI ACCESS

Wifi is available at South-Public on Sundays during service times.



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9:35 AM & 11:05 AM Balanced Service • 10:55 AM Creative Service

6:00 PM Evening Service

Office Hours: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Monday - Friday

CONNECTION CARD

Thank you for joining us today!

Please place this card in the offering plate or hand it to a greeter at any exit.

Service: Balanced 9:35 Creative
 Balanced 11:05 Evening

First-time guest Returning guest

Regular attendee Member

Mr. Mrs. Ms.

Name(s)

Address

City/State/Zip Code

Phone

Email

AGE GROUP:

13-18 19-25 26-35 36-45

46-55 56-65 66-75 76+

TELL ME MORE ABOUT:

Being a Christian

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Student Ministry (Jr. High/Sr. High)

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Women's Ministries

Adult Communities/Growth Groups

Senior Adult Ministry

Worship Ministries

Chosen Ministry

PRAYER REQUEST:



CONNECT

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If you are visiting with us for the first time, please stop by the Welcome Desk at the main entrance to receive a guest packet.

» COMMUNITIES



Adult Bible Communities (ABCs) are a great place to connect and study the Word on Sunday mornings. Groups of varied stages of life focus on learning God's Word together in a growing relationship of mutual care and encouragement. For more information, visit our website at www.southlife.org/ministries/adult-communities or contact Pastor Doug at dphillips@southlife.org.

9:35 AM

Berean, Room 206

Journey, Room 201

Kainos, Room 205

Kaleo, Room 204

New Horizons, Room 202

9:40 AM

Christian Families, Room 111

11:00 AM

Friendly Bible, Fireside Room

God's Potpourri, Room 204

Homebuilders, Room 111

Prayer Group, Board Room

» EQUIPPERS



Equippers courses help "prepare God's people for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up" (Ephesians 4:12). Equippers begins January 14 and runs through March 25, meeting Sunday evenings at 6:00 PM. You won't want to miss this great opportunity! For details on specific courses please stop by the table in the Gathering today! We encourage you to register online at www.southlife.org/equippers.

- Biblical Geography - BT 110
- How to Study the Bible - BT 201
- Christianity Explored - SF 101
- Decision Making and the Will of God - SF 102 (NEW)
- Spiritual Warfare- SF 210
- RARE Leadership - SF 250 (NEW)
- Core - MT 101
- Personal Follow-up - MT 201
- Welcoming the Stranger in Lansing - MT 230 (NEW)
- Getting to the Heart of Parenting - MT 260 (NEW)
- Growth Groups: Small Group Leadership - MT 301

NEXT STEPS



Are you new to South? Join us for a luncheon on January 14 from 12:25-1:30 PM in the

Student Ministry Center.

Yes, I'll be there! or RSVP at: www.southlife.org/simply-south



Who is Jesus? Why did He come? What does it mean to follow Him? This course begins on January 14 at 5:45 PM in the Fireside Room for those interested in the basics of Christianity.

Yes, I'll be there! or RSVP at: www.southlife.org/christianity-explored



The course to church membership begins with breakfast on Saturday, January 20 with 3 sessions to follow on January 28, February 4, and 11 at 9:35 AM.

Yes, I'll be there! or RSVP at: www.southlife.org/faq/membership



Interested in learning more about baptism?

Join us for classes on January 28 and February 4.

Yes, I'll be there! or RSVP at: www.southlife.org/faq/baptism

» CHILDREN



For more information about our Children's programs, stop by the Children's Ministry Information Center, located near the east entrance.

» STUDENTS

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Hour meets today at 9:35 AM in the Student Ministry Center.



Jr. High Awaken Wednesday, December 13 from 6:30-8:15 PM in the Student Ministry Center. Please bring a white elephant gift!



Sr. High Arise Wednesday, December 13 from 6:30-8:30 PM in the Chapel. Please bring a white elephant gift!

Home for the Holiday Invitation Join us for a College & Sr. High combined fellowship time at South for food, volleyball, basketball, card/board games, ping-pong, snacks, & catching up on Sunday, December 17 at 7:30 PM

» COLLEGE



College Hour today at 10:00 AM in the South Life Center.

Home for the Holiday Invitation Join us for to a Christmas College & Sr. High combined fellowship time at South for food, volleyball, basketball, card/board games, ping-pong, snacks, & catching up on Sunday, December 17 at 7:30 PM

» ALMOST THERE; CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The South Choir and orchestra present *Almost There*, a Christmas Cantata celebrating the Advent season, tonight at 6:00 PM in the Worship Center. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and coworkers. No tickets necessary.

» COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICES

On December 17, 24, and 31 we will have two combined worship services at 9:35 AM and 11:05 AM. Only nursery through Pre-K will be offered on December 24. Student ministry will not meet on December 24 and 31. All services will be held in the Worship Center.

» GROWTH GROUPS



Growth Groups are small group Bible studies committed to growing together and in relationship with Jesus Christ as they are transformed through Bible study and prayer. If you would like to join a growth group, please contact Pastor Keith at keithsova@southlife.org.

» MEN



Monday Evening Bible Study at 7:00 PM every other week at Gary Rinkenberger's home. They will be discussing the book "What on Earth is God Doing" by Renald Showers. For more information, contact Gary at (517) 515-9433.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study meets at 6:30 PM at Flapjack's in DeWitt. All men are invited. For more information contact Dan Loomis at (517) 643-3289.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study meets at 6:30 PM in Room 205. Men of all ages are welcome. We're discussing the Sunday morning sermons from Ephesians in depth. Contact Fred Nose at frederick2n@gmail.com for more information.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study meets at 6:30 PM in Room 228 studying Ephesians. Contact Dan Sutter danielsutter@gmail.com or Dick Ranshaw rranshaw@att.net for more information. Men of all ages are welcome.

Thursday Morning Bible Study meets 8:30-9:30 AM in Room 228. Men of all ages are welcome. For information contact Bill Post at (517) 267-9639.

This month **SPUR** will meeting on Friday, December 15. SPUR is devoted to prompting spiritual growth and leadership among men. We meet the first and third Fridays of each month, from 6:30-7:30 AM at Panera in Frandor. For more information contact Brian Chapman at (616) 745-6275.

» WOMEN



Didn't get a ticket to **Visions of Christmas**? We encourage you to grab dinner with friends, then join us back at South in the Worship Center at 7:35 PM for singing carols & our speaker, Kelly Sites.

Women's Winter Studies begin in January, pre-register to reserve your book. **Highlight:** Tuesdays, January 16–February 27 at 1:00 PM. Entrusted by Beth Moore. In this study, you will be encouraged to guard what God has entrusted to you, further His kingdom by sharing Christ with others, and pour into future generations just as Paul once mentored Timothy. Because in this journey of joy and hardship, we need each other to stay the course and live a life of faithfulness. Facilitated by Darla Daugherty.

Tuesdays at 9:00 AM - Refresh for mothers (or moms-to-be) of infant and preschool age children

Tuesdays at 12:00 PM - Genesis, A Precepts Study by Kay Arthur

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM - God of Creation: Genesis 1-11 by Jen Wilkin

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM - Behold, Jesus Is Coming!: Revelation by Kay Arthur

Thursdays at 6:30 PM - Steadfast Love by Lauren Chandler

Sundays at 11:00 AM - Discussion & reading through the Chronological Bible

Never Alone (widows) group meets Thursday, December 21 at 1:00 PM at Bravo's (Eastwood Towne Center). Please call Carol Senard at (517) 256-1122 or Lois Freeman at (517) 449-3279 to reserve a spot.



WORSHIP

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Listen to Sunday morning sermons online. CDs of today's message are available at the Welcome Desk following the services. CDs of the full morning service may be ordered.

» BALANCED SERVICE

9:35 AM & 11:05 AM

A Light

Special Music

Angels We Have Heard On High

Scripture Reading

O Come All Ye Faithful

Welcome

The First Noel

Special Music

Ministry Highlights

Prayer

Worship through Giving

Joy Has Dawned

He Shall Reign Forevermore

Message

Don Denyes

» CREATIVE SERVICE

10:55 AM

Open The Eyes Of My Heart

Welcome

Jesus At The Center Of It All

Message

Don Denyes

O Holy Night

Scripture Reading

Prayer

Worship through Giving

Ministry Highlights

Noel

Here's My Heart

O Praise The Name (Anastasis)

» EVENING SERVICE

6:00 PM

"Almost There" Christmas Cantata

- Nursery is available
- There will be no Sondown Station tonight.

» CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements will be mailed out at the end of January. If you would like your statement emailed this year, we must receive the request electronically. Please send a confirmation email to pcannon@southlife.org from the email address that you would like it sent to and include "request to email statement" in the subject line.

Offering envelopes will be available in the west concourse on Sunday mornings during the month of December, or in the church office during the week. In an effort to provide the highest level of convenience and accuracy for all of our givers, pre-numbered giving envelopes are encouraged and are available upon request for anyone currently using pew envelopes for giving. These are also available in the west concourse on Sunday mornings during December.

In order for you to claim a deduction for contributions you make to the church this year, we must receive your contribution by the end of the year. Contributions you make in the new year cannot be deducted on this year's tax return, even if the check is dated this year. There is one exception: a check that is written, mailed, and postmarked this year can be deducted this year if it is not received by the church until the new year.

If you have questions, please contact David Seal in the church office. To ensure the deductibility of your contributions, please do not file your 2017 income tax returns before receiving a written or emailed acknowledgement of your contributions. Statements will only be issued to those who use the pre-numbered title envelopes or if contributions are over the IRS limit of \$250.00.

» COFFEE MINISTRY HELPERS

Calling all coffee drinkers at South–We need your help! If you are looking for an area to serve within the church, the Sunday morning coffee ministry is a great opportunity. You can sign up as a team or an individual. It takes less than 1 hour each Sunday morning from 8:30-9:30 AM. The more hands we have in this ministry, the less often we each have to commit to the task. All interested individuals please contact Robin at rossrobin20@gmail.com or (517) 214-3327.

» CHURCH DIRECTORY

If you were photographed and haven't picked up your new church directory, please call or come in to the church office during the week.