

WELCOME TO SLBC

New Members

- Edward & Holly Odeh, Sydney and Samantha

Let's commit together to a building and renovation project that will allow us to consolidate all our children in a secure environment, and provide room for growth. If you haven't already, scan the QR code to the right to complete an online pledge card. Visit sugarlandbaptist.org/building-tomorrow-together.



**BUILDING
TOMORROW
TOGETHER**



Welcome Team Volunteers Needed! We have a variety of positions on our team including door greeters, Welcome Center hosts, building guides, medical team members, and parking lot greeters. For information about how you can participate, contact Davey Gibson (dgibson@sugarlandbaptist.org).

Interprefy Multilingual Interpretation of our **9:45am Sunday** Worship service is available online in several languages. Scan the QR code to the right to connect.



How to Join SLBC - To join our church family you may talk to our pastor during the invitation time at the end of the sermon, visit the New Member Table located in the Trinity Café, or email, call, or come by the church office at your convenience.

There are several ways to join:

- By Profession of Faith and Request for Baptism:** Professing faith in Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord. After making your profession, you will be baptized by immersion as a symbol of your commitment.
- By Statement of Faith and Request for Baptism:** If you've already trusted Christ as your Savior but have not yet been baptized, you can join by requesting baptism by immersion.
- By Statement of Faith:** If you are already a Christian and have been baptized by immersion, you can join SLBC.
- By Transfer of Membership:** You can transfer your membership from another Baptist church.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Fiscal Year April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026
Annual Budget: \$4,397,314

MINISTRIES SUPPORT as of 11/30/25

YTD Budget Expenses	\$2,931,542
YTD Actual Expenses:	\$2,621,119
YTD Receipts:	\$2,312,508
Building Debt	\$846,182

As of 11/30/25, giving to the regular Ministries Budget is currently \$619,034 under planned expenses and \$308,611 under actual expenses.

MISSIONS SUPPORT as of 11/30/25

Budgeted Missions:	\$376,500
YTD Designated Missions Giving:	\$30,863
Total Missions:	\$407,363

Receipts for week ending 12/19/25 \$180,545
Weekly Needs: \$84,564

Total Building Tomorrow Together Pledges: \$6,039,791
Total BTT donations to date: \$2,482,443

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Sermon Notes

Celebration: Praise the Lord!
Luke 2:25-35

SUGAR LAND

BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Taylor Sandlin, Senior Pastor

Connecting with God, Each Other & the World

Prelude Sanctuary Brass
Angels We Have Heard on High

Celebration of Baptism
Sydney Odeh, Emerson Parker,
Peyton Patterson, Lai Ming Yeung
Chan, Dongyang Zhang Chan

Call to Worship
Angels from the Realms of Glory

Invocation & Welcome Clint Kimmel

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Love
The Perez Family

What Child Is This?
Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Message Pastor Taylor
Celebration: Praise the Lord!
Luke 2:25-35

Time of Response Congregation
I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings
Sing Noel, Sing Hallelujah
Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra

Sending Pastor Taylor
Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Postlude Travis Worsham
Postlude on "Gloria"



December 24, 5pm

Join us as we celebrate together with a special candlelight service. Bring your whole family. Invite your neighbors.

Welcome!

If you are a guest in our service, please fill out an online connection card using your smart phone to scan this QR code.



Assisted listening devices are available in the North Foyer at the chandelier.

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December 21, 2025

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HIGHLIGHTS

Worship Service

December 28, 9:45am

Adult Bible Fellowship and Sunday School classes will not meet that day, but will resume on Sunday, **January 4, 8:30 and 11:05am.**

Disciple Now 2026

January 16-18

Be real. Be authentic. Be a **follower**. Jesus taught that an authentic relationship with God came from becoming a **follower** of His Way. Learn to be a better **follower** as we discover what Jesus meant when He said, “Deny yourself. Take up your cross. Follow Me.” **D-Now 2026** is a weekend for authentic worship, Bible study and discussion, and more fun than you can imagine. Registration is open for all students in grades 7-12. Early registration is \$120 through Christmas. Sign up at sugarlandbaptist.org/events.

Midweek Matters

will resume on Wednesday, **January 14**, with a **Chili Cook-Off Fellowship Dinner** at **5pm** in the Main Street hallway, and activities and Bible studies for Preschool, Children, Students, and Adult at **6pm**. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal will be at **6:30pm**. Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN

Faith Conversations Class meets Sundays, **February 1-22, 11:05am** in the Groom’s Room. For four weeks, 3rd-6th grade students will dive into what it means to follow Christ. Email Mindi Maya (mmaya@sugarlandbaptist.org) to register your child. Class is designed for children who have recently made a personal decision to follow Christ or are curious about doing so.

Bible Drill for 3rd-6th Graders meets Sunday nights from **January-April**. Participants will learn the books of the Bible, memorize scripture, and learn where to find key passages in God’s Word. A parent meeting is **January 11, 5:30-6pm** in room 107; our first practice will follow from **6-7:30pm**. Email Mindi Maya (mmaya@sugarlandbaptist.org) for more information.

Preschool Play Day is Monday, **January 12, 10am** for all preschoolers and a parent. Join us in the Gym for a morning filled with fun!

MISSION

Called? Join Melody Slaton on Sunday, **January 11, 12:15pm** in room 107 to talk about what it means to be a sending church! More details to come.

The Church Offices are moving to the 3rd floor! From **January 5-9**, please make an appointment to come into the building or to meet with a minister. Beginning Monday, **January 12**, the entrance to the building during the week will be through **Door 9** (accessed from the back parking lot under the porte-cochere).

Our **Connection Card Ministry Partner** for **December** is **Kahawa Sukari Baptist Church**. This church was started by one of our own congregational members over 30 years ago in his hometown of Nairobi, Kenya. For each Connection Card completed today, a \$5 gift will be made to this Ministry Partner.

ADULTS

Upward Referee Training - We need more referees each week helping with games. Referee training is for all interested students or adults on Sunday, **January 4, 4pm**, or Tuesday, **January 6, 6pm**, in room 107. See John Mark Zimmerman for information. Games are all day Saturdays, and Sunday afternoons from January 10-March 1.

Women in The Word Bible studies begin Wednesday, **January 14, 10am**, rooms 201 and 202. FREE childcare is available for the Wednesday morning studies. Monday evening Bible study begins Monday, **January 19, 6:30pm**, room 222. Details and registration information will be available soon!

End of Year Giving - Remaining 2025 tithes, offerings, and gifts may be given online, in person, or mailed and postmarked by midnight on Wednesday, **December 31**. The Finance Office will be open until **5pm** Monday-Wednesday, **December 29 - 31**, and is available to answer questions by calling 281.980.4431.

Special Charitable Contributions for Certain IRA Owners offers owners of IRAs a different way to give to charity. An IRA owner, age 70½ or over, can directly transfer funds tax-free to an eligible charity. To qualify, the funds must be contributed directly by the IRA trustee to the eligible charity by **December 31, 2025**. Check with your tax advisor for your plans eligibility.

End of Year Giving Statements are available through your account in Church Community Builder (CCB). If you haven’t already set up your CCB account, visit our church webpage at sugarlandbaptist.org and choose the CONNECT link at the top of the page. From the drop down menu, choose EMAIL, NEWS & FACILITIES, and then click on the link that says “Click here to sign in or to create an account in Church Community Builder (CCB).”

Benevolence Offering - An offering will be received for the Deacon Benevolence Fund during the Christmas Eve service on Wednesday, **December 24, 5pm**. This fund is used for church and community members in need.



THIS WEEK AT SLBC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love

8:30am Bible Study*
9:30am Deaf Heart Worship Service* (208)
9:45am Worship Service* (Sanctuary)
11:05am Bible Study*
Deaf Heart Sunday School* (104)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

12:00pm Church offices close
5:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

Merry Christmas!

Church offices closed

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

Church offices closed

*Childcare available; **Childcare by reservation only
Visit sugarlandbaptist.org for more information

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the LORD appeared to them, and the glory of the LORD shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the LORD. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”
Luke 2:8-14

In the event of an emergency this coming week, December 21-27, in which you need to speak to a minister, please email Pastor Taylor at tsandlin@sugarlandbaptist.org.