

# WELCOME TO SLBC

## New Members

- Milton & Nabi Chia
- Greg & Melissa Sommerville
- Ann Crane
- Tim & Jessica Thomas
- Cris Franzese
- Courtney Walsh
- Guy & Debra Jones

Flowers in the Sanctuary are given in celebration of **Peggy Blackmon's** 89<sup>th</sup> birthday today.

**Wednesday Fellowship Dinner** is at **5pm** in the Main Street Hallway. Cost is \$8 for adults; \$4 for children age 5 & under. **January 21** meal is Chick-Fil-A. Visit [sugarlandbaptist.org/events](http://sugarlandbaptist.org/events) to RSVP.



[sugarlandbaptist.org/building-tomorrow-together](http://sugarlandbaptist.org/building-tomorrow-together) for information.

**Not receiving email from SLBC?** You must sign up to receive email, or to manage your preferences. Scan the QR code to the right for the sign up link. New members of SLBC will begin receiving our E-Newsletter sent every other week.



**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 12/31/25

YTD Budget Expenses	\$3,327,757
YTD Actual Expenses:	\$3,025,074
YTD Receipts:	\$3,201,348
Building Debt	\$822,214

As of 12/31/25, giving to the regular Ministries Budget is currently \$126,409 under planned expenses and \$176,274 over actual expenses.

### MISSIONS SUPPORT as of 12/31/25

Budgeted Missions:	\$376,500
YTD Designated Missions Giving:	\$34,589
Total Missions:	\$411,089
Receipts for week ending 01/16/26	\$90,398
Weekly Needs:	\$84,564
Total Building Tomorrow Together Pledges:	\$6,039,791
Total BTT donations to date:	\$2,656,081

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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## Sermon Notes

*The Narrow Way:  
Fixed Eyes, Straight Paths*  
Hebrews 12:1-3



Connecting with God, Each Other & the World

**Prelude** Travis Worsham  
*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

**Call to Worship**  
*Great Things*  
*I Will Sing the Wondrous Story*

**Invocation & Welcome** Matt Picazo  
*What He's Done*

**Scripture Reading** Psalm 119:9-16  
Katelyn Croft, Savannah Garner,  
McKinley Helms

**Message** Pastor Taylor

*The Narrow Way:  
Fixed Eyes, Straight Paths*  
Hebrews 12:1-3

**Time of Response** Congregation  
*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

**Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings**  
At the Name of Jesus  
Sanctuary Choir

**Sending** Pastor Taylor  
*Great Things*

**Postlude** Travis Worsham  
*Jesus Is All the World to Me*



## Disciple Now

Thanks to everyone who participated in Disciple Now 2026! We are thankful for all of our volunteers who helped make this weekend possible.

Lilly Edwards, Dena Batarseh, Sarah Batarseh, Gabe Cole, Luke Keasler, Courtney Walsh, Connor Schultz, Trinity White, Blake Templeton, Justin Seyler, Simeon Aragon, Faith Gardoni, Adrian Ramirez, Alexa Azzopardi, John & Corrie Portier, Dan Farrell, Robert Cocheu, Vic Keasler, Paul & Cindy Seyler, Ben & Amanda Gardoni, Dale & Kay Dee Calloway, Nathan & Kristen Mahand, Mike & Holly Rose, Brian & Jamie Parker, Julie Zimmerman, Melinda Robinett, our Deacon cooks, Melody Slaton, Rebecca Keasler, and Matt Picazo

## 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.

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Special Called Business Meeting

Wednesday, January 21

5:30pm in the Sanctuary

- Hear a brief presentation that includes transitioning to an Executive Director position rather than refilling the traditional Executive Pastor role
- Hear a recommendation to expand and change Davey Gibson's position to Pastor of Discipleship and Pastoral Care
- Discuss any questions
- Affirm spring ministry students
- Vote together as a congregation

# midweek MATTERS

- Fellowship Dinner, 5pm, Main Street Hallway
- Pastor's Bible Study, 6pm, Sanctuary
- Women's Oasis, 6pm, room 223
- ASL Class, 6pm, room 221
- GriefShare, 6pm, room 220
- Preschool Worship Arts, 6pm, room 140
- Children's Worship Arts, 6pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
- SURGE for Grades 7-12, 6pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm, Gym
- Preschool & Children's Rotation Stations, 6:45pm

## MISSION

**Diaspora** visit to Iglesia Bautista Vida en Cristo is Sunday, **February 1, 1pm**. Meet in the east parking lot at SLBC at **12pm** to ride together. Bring your own sack lunch to eat on the way.

**SLBC Mission Fair** is Sunday, **February 8!** With a focus on local ministry this year, come to find your place to serve with one of our local partners.

**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.



This interpretation uses AI and there may be mistakes. If you have questions about anything you hear, please reach out to a minister.

## PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN

**Children's Bible Drill** for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 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. Children meet to practice from **6-7:30pm**. For information, email Mindi Maya (mmaya@sugarlandbaptist.org).

**Club 56 Game Night** for students in grades 5 & 6 is Friday, **January 23, 5:30pm**, at the Mahand's home. Come for an evening of fun with friends!

**Faith Conversations Class** meets Sundays, **February 1-23, 11:05am** in the Groom's Room. For four weeks, 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students will dive into what it means to follow Christ. Email Mindi Maya (mmaya@sugarlandbaptist.org) to register. Class is designed for children who have recently made a personal decision to follow Christ or are curious about doing so.

Our **Connection Card Ministry Partner** for January is **Prestige Learning Center**. This organization exists to glorify God by education, equipping, and ministering to immigrant and refugee families, empowering them to thrive in the U.S. For each Connection Card completed today, a \$5 gift will be made to this Ministry Partner.

## ADULTS

**Pastor's Bible Study** with Pastor Taylor meets **Wednesdays, 6pm**, Sanctuary. The Book of Exodus is a sweeping narrative of redemption, moving from the groans of slavery in Egypt to the glory of God's presence in the Tabernacle. Study is designed to cover the major movements of the book: Deliverance, Covenant, and Dwelling.

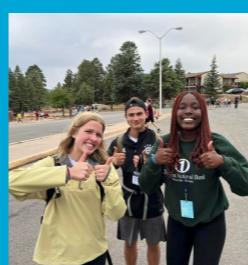
**Women in The Word** Bible studies meet **Wednesdays, 10am**, rooms 201 and 202. FREE childcare is available for the Wednesday morning studies. Monday evening Bible study begins Monday, **January 19, 6:30pm**, room 222. Register at [sugarlandbaptist.org/women](http://sugarlandbaptist.org/women).

**Women's Oasis** - Each **Wednesday at 6pm**, this women's group gathers in room 223 for prayer, fellowship, and a study on **From Garden to Glory: How Understanding God's Story Changes Yours** by Courtney Doctor. All ladies are welcome.

**GriefShare** - Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Group meets **Wednesdays, 6pm**, room 220, and is led by people who understand the grief you are going through and want to help. Cost is \$10; children's activities and childcare available. For information, see Pastor Davey. Register at [sugarlandbaptist.org/events](http://sugarlandbaptist.org/events).

**Upward Basketball/Cheer League Volunteers** - we need additional referees to call games on Saturday and Sunday! A record number of teams means a record number of referees. If you will consider serving for a few **Saturdays** (anytime 8am-8pm) or **Sundays** (anytime 1-8pm), see Pastor Davey or John Mark Zimmerman (johnmz95@gmail.com). We also need individuals to share a halftime devotion (less than 5 minutes) with the families who are watching the games. Sample devotions and topic are provided. To volunteer or if you have questions, contact Pastor Davey (dgibson@sugarlandbaptist.org).

**Stephen Ministry Day** - Calling all former, current, and potential Stephen ministers! On Saturday, **January 24**, we will join others from all over Houston to celebrate 50 years of caring at the Church of St. John the Divine in Houston. Depart from SLBC at **7:30am**; return by **5pm**. RSVP to Heather Munoz (hmunoz@sugarlandbaptist.org).



## THIS WEEK AT SLBC

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

- 8:15am Grace Chinese Sunday School (302)
- 8:30am Bible Study\*
- 9:00am Grace Chinese Worship (302)
- 9:30am Deaf Heart Worship Service\* (208)
- 9:45am Worship Service\* (Sanctuary)
- 11:05am Bible Study\*
- Deaf Heart Sunday School\* (104)
- 12:30pm Grace Chinese Mandarin Choir (208)
- 1:00pm Youth Worship Band (302)
- Grace Chinese Opera Fellowship (202)
- 6:00pm Children's Bible Drill (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

### MONDAY, JANUARY 19

- Martin Luther King Day - Church offices closed
- 6:30pm Women in The Word (222)

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

- 10:00am Women in The Word\*\* (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)
- Grace Chinese Canaan Fellowship (208)
- 5:00pm Fellowship Dinner (Main St)
- 5:30pm Special Called Business Meeting\* (Sanctuary)
- 6:00pm Preschool Worship Arts (140)
- Children's Worship Arts (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)
- Students Surge (302)
- Pastor's Bible Study\* (Sanctuary)
- GriefShare\* (220)
- Women's Oasis\* (223)
- 6:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Gym)
- 6:45pm Preschool & Children's Rotation Stations

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

- 7:00am Men's Bible Study Group (107)

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

- 9:30am MomCo Meeting\*\* (202)
- 5:30pm Club 56 Game Night at the Mahand's

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

- 7:30am Stephen Ministry Celebration Day departs

\*Childcare available; \*\*Childcare by reservation only  
Visit [sugarlandbaptist.org](http://sugarlandbaptist.org) for more information