

WELCOME TO SLBC

Flowers in the Sanctuary are given in celebration of the 43rd wedding anniversary of **Charles & Zorina Burns**.

Congratulations to SLBC staff member **John Portier**, celebrating his 4th anniversary on September 19 as Children’s Ministry Associate.

Wednesday Fellowship Dinner is at **5pm** in the Main Street Hallway. Cost is \$8 for adults; \$4 for children age 5 & under. Visit sugarlandbaptist.org/events to RSVP!

- **September 16** - Taco Bar
- **September 23** - Chicken Spectacular

Recurring Giving - Thank you for helping our church continue to serve, grow, and reach people throughout the year by setting up a recurring gift! Recurring gifts may be established by scanning the QR code to the right.



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



Texas Baptists Annual Meeting - SLBC members who are interested in attending the **November 15-17** Texas Baptists Annual Meeting at the Waco Convention Center, Waco, TX, as messengers of SLBC can be registered by emailing Beth Runnels (brunnels@sugarlandbaptist.org).

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, 2026 - March 31, 2027
Annual Budget: \$4,422,314

As of 8/31/26, existing building debt has been retired.

Receipts for week ending 09/11/26 \$100,602
Weekly Needs: \$85,045

MINISTRIES SUPPORT as of 07/31/26
YTD Budget Expenses \$1,537,221
YTD Actual Expenses: \$1,457,297
YTD Receipts: \$1,339,466

As of 07/31/26, giving to the regular Ministries Budget is currently \$197,755 under planned expenses and \$117,831 under actual expenses.

MISSIONS SUPPORT as of 07/31/26
Budgeted Missions: \$354,500
YTD Designated Missions Giving: \$18,153
Total Missions: \$372,653

Total BTT Pledges: \$6,599,239
Total BTT donations to date: \$4,530,089

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Sermon Notes

When the Work Gets Hard
Nehemiah 4

SUGAR LAND

BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Taylor Sandlin, Senior Pastor

Connecting with God, Each Other & the World

Prelude Sanctuary Orchestra
Agnus Dei

Call to Worship
Then Will the Very Rocks Cry Out
Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Invocation & Welcome Pastor Taylor

First Grade Bible Presentation
Standing on the Promises

Scripture Reading Ephesians 6:10-13
Battle Belongs

Message Pastor Taylor
When the Work Gets Hard
Nehemiah 4

Time of Response Congregation
Made Me Glad

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings
The Lord Almighty Reigns

Sending Pastor Taylor
Battle Belongs

Postlude Travis Worsham
Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Faithful Followers Hymn Sing

led by *Clint Kimmel* and *Louis Claussen*
Monday, September 14, 10am
Join us in room 202.
Bring a favorite snack to share.
Be prepared to share your favorite hymn and come ready to sing together!

Bingo Bash

Sunday, September 20, 2-3pm
Faithful Followers and *Sugar Land Kids* are invited to join us in the Gym for Ice Cream and Bingo!
New friends and fun ahead!

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

Middle School Fellowship Field Day

Calling all seventh and eighth graders!
TODAY from 4-6pm
Join us on the Third Floor for games, snacks, and fun with your middle school friends!

Gazelle's Gifts Clothing & Shoes Drive

Our ministry partner, *Gazelle's Gifts*, is accepting new and gently used clothing, shoes, new socks & underwear, accessories, and backpacks for toddler thru grade school boys and girls. Donations may be dropped off **Sundays in September**, near Door 9 inside the church.

Quarterly Church Business Meeting September 16, 6pm

The Quarterly Church Business meeting will be in the Sanctuary prior to the Pastor's Bible Study. On the agenda are a church update including our Building Tomorrow Together renovation, and the Licensing to Ministry of our Student pastors Matt Picazo and Kassidy Turner. Make plans to attend!

ADULTS

Widows . . . Living a New Story meets Tuesday, **September 15, 9:30am**, room 202. Join this time of fellowship with friends.

September is Deacon Nomination Month! Know of someone at SLBC who would be a good candidate for deacon? Pick up a Deacon Nomination Form at any Welcome Center, complete it, and place it in the offering plate, or bring it to the church office. Nominations will be accepted through Sunday, **September 27**. Ask those you nominate if they are willing to serve.

Faith, Mind & Cosmos meets **Mondays, 6:30pm**, room 222. Join Rob Hawkins to explore big questions at the crossroads of science, philosophy, and faith; loving God with all our heart, soul, and mind (Matthew 22:37). All are welcome.

GriefShare meets **Wednesdays, 6pm**, room 220, offering help and encouragement following the death of a loved one.

Anchored in an Anxious World, meets **Wednesdays, 6:45pm**, room 221, for those struggling with anxiety. Register at sugarlandbaptist.org/events.

Women in The Word Bible Studies meet **Wednesdays, 10am**, and include *Angels* and *The Joy of Living - Hebrews*. The Monday Bible study starts Monday, **September 14, 6:30pm** on *He's Where the Joy Is*. Register at sugarlandbaptist.org/women.

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN

Parents Night Out is Friday, **September 18, 6-9pm**. Cost is \$12 for one child; \$8 for all additional children in the same family. Limited space for preschool still available. Sign up at sugarlandbaptist.org/events.

Childcare Workers needed for our Childcare Ministry Team! We provide care for Infants-Kindergarteners on Sundays and during the week. Applicants must love working with children. Email Amy Sims (asims@sugarlandbaptist.org) to apply!

Our **Connection Card Ministry Partner** for **September** is **Deaf Heart Church**.

This Church is comprised of Deaf, HH, and hearing believers who use ASL (American Sign Language) as their heart language. They welcome people who want to learn the Word of God and follow Jesus.

For each Connection Card completed today, a \$5 gift will be made to this Ministry Partner.

STUDENTS

Lockapalooza is October 9, 8pm-8am! This is the ultimate overnight lock-in experience packed with games, competitions, late-night laughs, great food, great worship, and unforgettable moments with friends. Cost is \$10 per student. Register online now!

RECREATION

Upward Basketball & Cheer League - Registration for boys and girls in grades 1-6 is open at sugarlandbaptist.org/upward-sports. Cost is \$125 for early registration through October 18. Contact Upward Sports Director, David Paul (upward@sugarlandbaptist.org) for information.

Upward Volleyball has begun it's 4th season! We need referees and line judges for volleyball games, and volunteers to share a pre-game devotion on Saturday mornings in October and November. For information and to volunteer, email Gabe Cole (gcole@sugarlandbaptist.org).

MISSION

2027 Field Trip Information Meeting is Sunday, **September 27, 12:15-12:45pm** in room 107. Stop in to find out more about our trips to Rwanda (May 27- June 6; registration opens soon!) or Philadelphia (date TBD; handy people wanted!)

East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry 5K Walk/Run is Saturday, **October 3, 8am!** Runners, walkers, and families of all ages and abilities are invited to Harvest Green where every step helps support families in Fort Bend County. 5K cost is \$40 through September 27; Kids Run cost is \$20 through October 2. Visit humanneeds.org/outrun-hunger-5k to sign up.

Volunteer opportunity with Prestige Learning Institute's Fall Fun Fest on **October 17, 10am-2pm**. Email Melody Slaton (mslaton@sugarlandbaptist.org) for information or to volunteer. PLI works with refugee families from Afghanistan and Eritrea. Carpool available.

Dust off your spurs and support **The Riverside Project** by volunteering at **Bingo at the Rodeo!** This local partner needs volunteers to make this fundraising event run well on Sunday, **October 18**. For more information or to volunteer, email Melody Slaton (mslaton@sugarlandbaptist.org).



THIS WEEK AT SLBC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:15am Grace Chinese Church Sunday School (301)
8:30am Bible Study*
9:00am First Grade Bible Celebration (201)
Grace Chinese Church Worship (302)
9:30am Deaf Heart Church Worship* (208)
9:45am Worship Service* (Sanctuary)
11:05am Bible Study*
Deaf Heart Church Sunday School* (104)
12:15pm Mission Task Force Meeting (304)
1:00pm Deaf Heart Church Drama Practice (104)
Grace Chinese Opera Fellowship (201)
1:30pm Youth Worship Band Practice (302)
4:00pm Middle School Fellowship Field Day (302)
5:00pm Deacon's Meeting (107)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

10:00am Faithful Followers Hymn Sing (202)
6:30pm Women in The Word (221)
Faith, Mind & Cosmos (222)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:30am Widows . . . Living a New Story (202)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

10:00am Grace Chinese Canaan Fellowship (208)
Women in The Word Bible Studies** (2nd Floor)
5:00pm Fellowship Dinner (Main St)
5:45pm ASL Class* (221)
6:00pm Preschool Worship Arts (114)
Children's Worship Arts Grades 1-3 (208)
Children's Worship Arts Grade 4-6 (202)
Club 56 Serve Squad (201)
Student Surge (302)
Quarterly Business Meeting* (Sanctuary)
Pastor's Bible Study* (Sanctuary)
Exploring Christian Theology* (219)
GriefShare* (220)
English Class* (222)
Women's Oasis* (223)
6:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal* (Gym)
6:45pm Preschool & Children's Rotation Stations
Anchored in an Anxious World* (221)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:00am Men's Bible Study Group (208)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:30am Momco Meeting** (202)
6:00pm Club 56 Game Night at the Mayes' home
Parents Night Out**

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