

# The SkyLight

The Church of Christ at



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*Senior Pastor*

**O**ur figures for the first two months have been good. We still have record numbers of visitors, and it appears that more members are being more consistent in their attendance. (If it ain't true, don't tell me anything different.) It is always encouraging to have your participation in the fundraisings that we have. Currently, we have two going on. One is The Purpose Project (which is helping us to currently do some remodeling around the main building. We are hoping that you will continue to give in this effort and liberally at that. Our goal is to have phase I completed by the end of June 2016.

Then there is the BIRTHDAY CHALLENGE, our annual financial drive that runs throughout the year. (We have a checkup point on April 15th) With this fundraiser, we ask the entire church to give back to the Lord in dollars what you are in years. (It's almost a way of thanking God for another year of life!) Since

we don't have anyone 100 years old, this is not a burden on anyone to participate in. If we could possibly get 100 % cooperation in this effort alone, you would be surprised at what God will do with our cooperative effort. Through the help of the BIRTHDAY CHALLENGE throughout the years we have carpeted the entire main building, bought pews, a roof, an attractive sign and the beautiful doors in the main entrance. This year's challenge monies are dedicated to the Re-Purpose Project as well. I don't know about you but I am glad to have the opportunity to give to God and to my church home. I want God's House to be a reflection of HIM, don't you?

We now own all of our property free and clear. However, we are still putting our old monthly note (about \$1800) aside. Why? Because in the not too distant future we plan to erect another building to replace the Annex. The Annex will be demolished to make room for a new parking area that will replace the South Parking lot which has been sold to the city to make room for a street extension. (Towne Park) This new proposed facility will need to house not only the fellowship and kitchen, but class and open space areas where our caregroups and ministries can meet. I also envision it being a place where large community gatherings can be held; a place with the latest in technology to accommodate those businesses, individuals or entities that might consider renting it for special occasions. And while we're at it, it could also be a place that could house any number of things that fill needs in our church and the community.

In the coming months we will be doing a lot of talking and sharing about what kind of church SouthCentral will be in the future. A portion of that conversation will center around the type of facilities the church and the community will need in years to come. I hope more of you will volunteer to be a part of this discussion. I want to get a broad injection of ideas, opinions and DREAMS! Then we need to create a more detailed plan of action, prioritizing our objectives and putting them on a timeline for completion.

2016 marks my 41st year in the ministry, my 34th year in Tyler, Texas and my 18th year pastoring SouthCentral. I am thankful for those numbers, but more thankful to be with a church that will dream and grow with me! I am thankful for a wife and family who have always supported my ministry and my community involvement. I'm thankful for people (and a few left who have been with me for 34 years as of March 1) and those who have become a part of this incredible life journey along the way. I thank God for deacons who love Him and His church and His preacher; for an able and loyal Assistant Minister who serves me and preaches from the depths of his heart; for an Executive Staff that keeps me organized and for Bible Class teachers who keep SouthCentral spiritually energized; for Praise Leaders who direct singing second to none in the universe and for Ministry Leaders, Trustees and everyday members who make SouthCentral what it is!

*Pastor Bowdre*

## Schedule of Services

### Sundays

**Worship**  
10:00 a.m.

**Sunday School**  
9:00 a.m.

### Wednesdays

**Mid-Week Bible Classes**  
6:30 p.m.

## Ministry Meetings

### 2nd Sunday

**Care Groups**  
North, Central & South

### 3rd Sunday

**Youth C.O.R.E.**  
(Centered On Rejoicing  
Eternally)

### 4th Sunday

**MENistry**  
8:00 a.m.

### 1st Tuesday

**The G.A.M.E.**  
(Girlfriends Anointed  
Motivated and Excelling)

### 1st Thursday

**Technology Meeting**  
6:30 p.m.

**1st & 3rd Thursdays**  
**Women's Circle Meeting**  
6:30 p.m.

## Rehearsals

**1st & 3rd Sundays**  
**SouthCentralites**  
8:00 a.m.

**2nd & 3rd Sundays**  
**Total Praise**

## Deacons

Prentice Butler  
Rufus Thompson

*Pastoral Illumination*

*March 2016*



*At SouthCentral Church of Christ...PRAISE is what we do!*

**Derren Smith, Minister of Involvement/Development**

February 7, 2016	
Sunday School	36
10:00 Worship	108
Mid Week	32
Visitors	37
Placed Membership	1

February 14, 2016	
Sunday School	33
10:00 Worship	98
Mid Week	38
Visitors	22
Placed Membership	1

February 21, 2016	
Sunday School	35
10:00 Worship	106
Mid Week	35
Visitors	32
Placed Membership	1

February 28, 2016	
Sunday School	42
10:00 Worship	111
Mid Week	35
Visitors	32
Placed Membership	1

**COMMENDATION TO THE USHERS OF SOUTHCENTRAL!!**  
 The Usher Ministry has taken on a new challenge with the addition of several of our young ladies who are serving in the Junior Ushers. We commend not only the young ladies, but the Senior Ushers and the parents of the youth who support them in this endeavor. Any others who are interested in serving in this vital ministry, please contact Sis. DeUndra Conner Miller.

**PLACED MEMBERSHIP**

Let's welcome Danny Bryant to the SouthCentral family. Danny will be in the North Caregroup. Let's welcome and encourage Danny's faithfulness in the Lord.


APRIL IS. . .


# SouthCentral

## GET YOUR BLUE ON

Wear Blue to Support Autism Awareness

### April 3rd



- Autism now affects 1 in 88 children and 1 in 54 boys.
- Autism prevalence figures are growing
- Autism is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the US
- Autism costs a family \$60,000 a year on average.
- Autism receives less than 5% of the funding of many less prevalent childhood diseases.
- Boys are nearly five times more likely than girls to have autism.
- There is no medical detection or cure for autism.

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## "Dorothy McGowan Hat Sunday"

### April 24, 2016










Wear Your

Favorite

Community Health Fair

Saturday March 19th  
 9:00 am—2:00 pm

Free! Free!! FREE!!!

**FREE Valuable Information to Enhance your lifestyle including:**

- Fitness Exhibitions
- On-site health information
- Nutrition
- Mammograms

Plus a **Blood Drive** : "Give the **Gift of Life**"

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