



# SECONDPONCE DE LEON BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

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## Stewardship 2017

### What does faithful to God's call mean to you?

"At the very crux of it, we're called to be Christlike in all that we do. We're called to lead others to faith in Christ and to serve others as Jesus served. Our calling may change over time but God calls us to be fully committed to whatever He leads us to and that requires us to give completely of ourselves – physically, emotionally and financially. God is faithful to that level of commitment. We need to search our hearts as we consider our 2017 pledge and obey God's call. It's a step of faith."

- Melody Mulaik

"We are to put God first in everything we do, including our finances. God's call to tithe, which means we give 10%, is a way of being faithful and obedient. If we are faithful and obedient to do that, God is going to provide for us. Don't get me wrong, you may not have everything you want, but God will make sure that your needs are met."

- Tom Lewis



## FAITHFUL TO HIS CALL

STEWARDSHIP 2017

### CAMPAIGN SUNDAY SERMONS:

#### OCTOBER 16:

*The Widow's Mite*  
Mark 12:41-44

#### OCTOBER 23:

*The Rich Young Ruler*  
Luke 18:18-30

#### OCTOBER 30:

#### COMMITMENT SUNDAY

*The Anointing of Jesus' Feet*  
John 12:1-11

## GOAL: \$1.6 MILLION

"...serve Him in truth with all your heart, for consider what great things He has done for you." 1 Samuel 12:24

## Family Life Center

We want to thank our Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist church family for coming out and attending our Open House on **Sunday, October 2**. We had a great time and we hope you did as well. If you have any questions about memberships, programs or activities please feel free to stop by or give us a call at 404.591.4379. We would also like to invite everyone to come out and take part in our upcoming event. We will have FREE fitness seminars, screenings, demos and numerous vendors present on **Monday, October 17** from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. All visitors will be able to be screened for hearing, glucose, blood pressure and more. You will also receive valuable information on health-related topics from both the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Foundation. So come on out and enjoy the food and fun!

Please be reminded that the Family Life Center has an elite group of certified personal trainers here to motivate, encourage and make you feel as comfortable as possible, by answering any questions you may have and helping you learn about nutrition and exercise. Our certified trainers are available to help you set up a customized fitness program to help you get started in your new fitness lifestyle. For more information about personal training and a complimentary orientation, stop by the FLC front desk. Let us help you “fall” into fitness!

Please note that registration for all programs and activities (Bridge, Dynamo, Preschool activities, etc.) is now open. Please scan the QR code for more information and to register.



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## Children's Ministry

• **Children's Bible Wax Museum.** Our 1st–5th graders will join together in creating an interactive “Bible Wax Museum.” They will be working on this exhibit during the Sunday school hour. On **Sunday, October 23**, at 10:15 a.m. our Wax Museum will open, and all parents and siblings, grandparents and the congregation are invited to join us. Children will be stationed at the entrances to the Sanctuary. You will want to be a part of this terrific learning experience, but remember ... you have to press the button to hear your “wax figure” speak!

• **“The 25 Days of Christ”: A Family Advent Breakfast.** Advent season, the four weeks before Christmas, is a time to get ready! During Advent we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas. On **Sunday, November 13**, we will help you start a new tradition that puts Christ at the center of your Christmas celebrations. Breakfast will begin at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, and we will create a special ornament set for your family and have a time of devotion. There will also be resources available to help you reclaim the customs that allow us to celebrate God's gift of love during this season. Children, youth, parents and grandparents are all invited. Plan to be there that Sunday! Nursery for the youngest ones will be available. For more information, contact Kellie Denton at [kdenton@spdl.org](mailto:kdenton@spdl.org).



- candy
- crafts
- face painting
- games
- trick or treating
- kids costume parade
- prizes

## COMMUNITY-WIDE TRUNK OR TREAT! WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

Decorate your car trunks or tailgates and pass out candy in the church parking lot, **Wednesday, October 26**, from 5:30–7 p.m. We'll have candy, crafts, music and face painting! **Our goal is to have 30 trunks**, so come join the fun! There will also be a prize for the best trunk! We also need volunteers for greeting, games and activities. There will not be Fellowship Supper that night, so join us for complimentary dinner and drinks! To host a trunk or to volunteer, contact Kellie Denton at [kdenton@spdl.org](mailto:kdenton@spdl.org).

## SPdL Youth

- **SPdL Youth! Join in on the Penny Wars!** As part of **stewardship season** this month, our students will engage in “Penny Wars”, a guys vs girls competition to raise money for our church budget and missions offering. Please encourage your students/family to bring spare change each Sunday/Wednesday to compete!
- **Sunday FUNday in October.** Pumpkin season is almost upon us, and it’s time to create new memories with fun and fellowship! Join us on **Sunday, October 16**, after church for our annual youth tradition as we head out to the pumpkin patch to buy pumpkins and other fall goods, venture into the corn maze, and more! No cost to attend, but bring a packed lunch and cash to purchase pumpkins and other items! All in grades 6–12 are welcome. Approximate time for event is noon–4:30 p.m. Contact Ryan for questions or to sign-up at [rwilson@spdl.org](mailto:rwilson@spdl.org).
- **High School Trip to TopGolf.** SPdL High Schoolers (9th–12th grade) are invited to join us on **Sunday, October 23**, for a (High School ONLY) trip to TopGolf! We will meet at SPdL at 12:45 p.m. Cost is \$20 and feel free to bring a friend! Cost does not include food or drinks, which are available for purchase separately at TopGolf. To sign up, email Ryan Wilson at [rwilson@spdl.org](mailto:rwilson@spdl.org).
- **Fall Retreat 2016.** Get ready for our annual Fall Youth Retreat, taking place **Friday–Sunday, November 4–6** at Ponderosa Retreat Center in Mentone, AL (just across the state-line)! This amazing facility will host our “Life Together” youth retreat, open to ALL students currently in grades 6–12 (friends and family members welcome). Cost is \$100 per student, and registration is now open. We’ll have worship, games, bonfires, and even glow-in-the-dark dodgeball! You won’t want to miss this! Adult volunteers are needed. Deadline to register is **Monday, October 31**. Contact Ryan Wilson at [rwilson@spdl.org](mailto:rwilson@spdl.org).
- **Registration is open for FAITHin3D at Disney World!** Faith in 3D invites youth from different Christian backgrounds to explore their common faith in Jesus Christ through worship, education, and community building. With three denominational sponsors, Faith in 3D is open to all Christian youth groups. In addition to amazing worship, fun in the theme park, and a chance to meet students from all over the country, students will explore countries at Epcot’s World Showcase through exclusive backstage access before the park is open to the public. This event only happens once every few years, so don’t miss out on this incredible, once-in-a-youth-group event! This event will take place over MLK, Jr. Weekend on **January 13–16, 2017 (Friday\*–Monday)**. \*Students will need to be excused from school on **Friday, January 13** in order to attend. For full information and to register, visit [www.tinyurl.com/spdlfaithin3D](http://www.tinyurl.com/spdlfaithin3D). Deadline to register is **Sunday, October 30**.

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## Tour the Chick-fil-A Headquarters

Come with us for lunch and a deluxe tour of Chick-fil-A headquarters on **Monday, October 31**, in Hapeville, Ga. Truett Cathy’s office, a museum tour and the product development facilities are among the highlights. The SPdL bus will leave at 10:30 a.m. for lunch at the original Chick-fil-A restaurant. Our afternoon tour will last approximately 2 hours, and features a good amount of walking. The group will return about 4 p.m. Cost is \$20 for your deluxe tour ticket; lunch cost is on your own. Space is limited to the first 20 who register. Contact Vicki McCaskey at 404.591.4344 or [vmccaskey@spdl.org](mailto:vmccaskey@spdl.org). Deadline to register is **Monday, October 24**.

## Substitute Teachers Needed at The Early Childhood School

The Early Childhood School is looking for substitute teachers for **Monday – Friday** between 8:45 a.m. – noon. Please email Lisa Borden at [lborden@spdl.org](mailto:lborden@spdl.org) or Whitney Lea at [wlea@spdl.org](mailto:wlea@spdl.org) for more information.

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## Second-Ponce History



This is a new plaque that has been installed in the church foyer. It depicts the church steeple at the top and describes the merger and the consolidation of the three mother churches that came together to form SPdL. At the bottom of the plaque is listed the names of the seven men that have been the pastors of the combined church and the years that they served. Please visit the church foyer and see this beautiful new part of our history which was lovingly given by a member of our Second-Ponce de Leon family. *This article was put together by Church Historian John Roma.*

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday, October 16

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Worship  
 12:15 p.m. Celebration of Education Luncheon  
 12:15 p.m. Master Ringers Rehearsal  
 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Fellowship Group – Away

### Monday, October 17

6:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting

### Wednesday, October 19

5:00 p.m. Fellowship Supper  
 5:30 p.m. Music & Missions  
 6:00 p.m. CHURCH CONFERENCE  
 6:00 p.m. Project 4:12  
 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
 7:30 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal

### Thursday, October 20

8:00 a.m. Senior Adult Washington D.C. Trip – Away  
 10:00 a.m. LIFESPAN

### Friday, October 21

Senior Adult Washington D.C. Trip

### Saturday, October 22

Senior Adult Washington D.C. Trip  
 9:15 a.m. Choir Retreat  
 6:00 p.m. Young Adults Trip to Haunted Corn Maze – Away

### Sunday, October 23

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Worship  
 12:15 p.m. Master Ringers Rehearsal  
 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Fellowship Group – Away  
 Senior Adult Washington D.C. Trip

### Monday, October 24

8:30 a.m. Life Line Screening  
 Senior Adult Washington D.C. Trip

### Wednesday, October 26

5:30 p.m. Trunk Or Treat  
 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
 7:30 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal

### Thursday, October 27

10:00 a.m. LIFESPAN

## Contributions Report

*Giving as of October 2, 2016*

Weekly Goal	\$29,478
Weekly Receipts	\$36,838
Year-To-Date Goal	\$1,480,437
Year-To-Date Receipts	\$1,356,951

Giving – pledged or not – is welcome and encouraged any time.

## AMONG OUR MEMBERS

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ralph and Sarah Murchison  
 1722 Driftwood Place  
 Snellville, GA 30078-2433

### CONGRATULATIONS

Adele Garcia,  
*in the birth of her grandson,*  
 William Thomas Bennett,  
 October 10, 2016.

Frances Harkins,  
*in the birth of her great-grandson,*  
 William Thomas Bennett,  
 October 10, 2016.

## in the know

**CHOIR RETREAT.** The Sanctuary Choir will have their Fall Retreat on **Saturday, October 22**. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 a.m. for breakfast together before moving to the Choir Room at 10 a.m. The purpose of this retreat is to work on our Christmas music. Rehearsal will conclude at 11:30 a.m. Fall is a perfect time to join the choir as we prepare to celebrate the holidays, so plan to join us for the retreat and also on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. in the Choir Room. Need more information? Please contact Steve Rotz at [strotz@spdl.org](mailto:strotz@spdl.org) or any current choir member.

**SPDL YOUNG ADULT NIGHT OUT AT THE HAUNTED CORN MAZE.** Join us at 6 p.m. on **Saturday, October 22**, for a night out at Uncle Shucks Corn Maze! The cost for the haunted corn maze is \$12 per person and we will meet at the corn maze at 6 p.m. Contact Tim Boone at [tboone@spdl.org](mailto:tboone@spdl.org) for more information.

**ACM ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER.** Prayer is the tool God has given us to communicate with him for our personal growth and for clarity concerning our service in the world. It is also one of the values that ACM holds in highest regard. Once a year, we set aside a single day to pay special attention to the very special gift of prayer. This year, join us on **Monday, November 7**, for prayer and lunch from 11:45 a.m.–1p.m. This event consists of a meal, good fellowship, and guided prayer. There is absolutely no charge to attend the event, but we do ask that you register by **Thursday, November 3**, by scanning the QR code or visiting: [www.atlantacommunityministries.org/day-of-prayer-2016/](http://www.atlantacommunityministries.org/day-of-prayer-2016/)



**QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE:**  
**Wednesday, October 19, at 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

## MENUS

### Wednesday, October 19

Meatball & sausage marinara, baked ravioli parmesan, garlic bread, salad, & assorted desserts

### Wednesday, October 26

There will be no Fellowship Supper. Join us in the parking lot for complimentary food and drinks at Trunk or Treat!

### Children's Menu

Baked ziti, meatballs, fruit & dessert

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