

# At Second-Ponce



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## Use Me, God

A Church Looks at the Intersection of Race + Faith

A Four-Part Series Featuring



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*Use me, God. Show me how to take who I am, who I want to be, and what I can do, and use it for a purpose greater than myself.*

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## THE INTERSECTION OF RACE + FAITH

We were sitting around in staff meeting when I mentioned, “April 4, 2018 marks the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and maybe since it lands on a Wednesday, we should give attention to the Civil Rights Movement during SPdLU that evening.” Staff meetings are where we do our idea swapping and it is usually fun, but it doesn’t always get this out of hand. As we explored our resources and our collective interest in the topic, our one-night program grew to a four-part, two-week emphasis. I’m ecstatic about the outcome and the lineup.

Dr. King and the other early leaders were shaped and motivated by the liberating good news of Jesus Christ. The civil rights campaign is a faith story. “Use me God” was a prayer that changed the world. During April, Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church is giving attention to the essential role of faith that animated Dr. King and others.

Wednesday, April 4: Our own David Hull will lead a Bible study on the biblical and theological underpinnings that informed the movement.

Sunday, April 8: Pulitzer Prize winning historian, Taylor Branch will be our guest in worship. Mr. Branch wrote the celebrated King trilogy (*Parting the Waters, At Canaan’s Edge & Pillar of Fire*) that is the most complete biography of Dr. King’s life. Taylor Branch also grew up at Second-Ponce and his mother Jane, and his siblings, Lucie and Gary, are still here.

Wednesday, April 11: We will be back in the sanctuary because Ambassador Andrew Young will be our guest. He and I will talk together about how the Christian faith informed the early days of the campaign for equality and about the role of the Church going forward.

Wednesday, April 18: Natosha Reid Rice will be our guest. Rev. Reid Rice is a highly gifted communicator and friend. In addition to serving as an attorney with Habitat for Humanity, she is Associate Pastor of the Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta where Dr. King served as pastor. You will love her!

These events are perfect occasions for inviting friends and a great way to introduce others to what we love and enjoy about being part of Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church. I hope you will mark your calendar and think about someone to include in this exciting two-week offering.

I love being your pastor,  
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### SPECIAL INVITATION

We invite you to join us for dinner at Second-Ponce on Wednesday, April 11, at 5 p.m., prior to our conversation with Ambassador Andrew Young. We’ll enjoy an Italian feast in the Fellowship Hall and then move to the Sanctuary at 6 p.m. Dinner is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Childcare for the evening is free. Space is limited.

**Please make your reservations by Friday, April 6 at [www.spdl.org/usemegod](http://www.spdl.org/usemegod) or call the church office.**

Find speaker bios, series schedule, resources & more  
at [www.spdl.org/usemegod](http://www.spdl.org/usemegod)



## SUMMER MISSION TRIP

During this week-long trip, our team will assist with Touching Miami with Love's (TML) accredited, year-round, grade-school-age enrichment childcare program. Volunteers will help in planning for enrichment, visual arts, fitness, devotional time and TML's Community Cookout. You'll have a great time serving the Miami area and enjoy the wonders of south Florida.

**JULY 14-21**  
**MIAMI, FLORIDA**  
**\$675/PERSON**

+ airfare

**SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

Sign up NOW at

<https://tinyurl.com/spdlmiami18>



## TOUCH-A-TRUCK

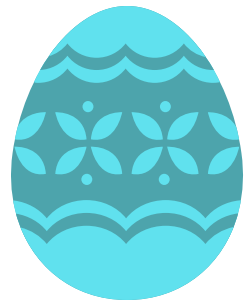
**MARCH 24 | 10 A.M.-1 P.M. | \$10/CHILD, \$30/FAMILY MAX**

Come see construction vehicles, Bug Busters, tree cranes, police cars, fire trucks, a MARTA bus, jeeps and more! Enjoy games, inflatables and train rides. Yummy food from Chick-fil-A and bake sale treats will be available.

## COMMUNITY EGG HUNT

**MARCH 31 | 11 A.M. | FREE EVENT**

Bring your baskets & your buddies! The hunt will be staggered by age groups. There will be free food, drinks and photos with the Easter Bunny! In preparation, candy and empty eggs are being collected in the Welcome Center. Questions? E-mail Chelsea at [cbanks@spdl.org](mailto:cbanks@spdl.org)



## LENTEN PRAYER EXPERIENCE

Room B-204  
(Behind Kivette Room)

**Final Week: March 21-28**

Join us for a hands-on, experiential time of prayer as we pause to create holy space during Lent. New themes will be introduced beginning Wednesday afternoon and running through the following Tuesday.

## EXPERIENCE OPEN DURING THESE TIMES

**Weekdays:**

**8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

**Wednesdays:**

**4-8 p.m.**

**Sundays:**

**9 a.m.-2 p.m.**







# POTTERY CLASS, FOOD TRUCKS & GOD'S LOVE FOR US ALL

LOOKING BACK AT THE YOUTH WINTER SUMMIT  
A BLOG BY CHARLIE DUERR WITH AN INTRODUCTION BY REV. RYAN WILSON

In January, a group of youth and adults from Second-Ponce attended the Winter Youth Summit in Huntsville, Alabama joining over 400 students from around the southeast. More than 15 churches from three states attended the Summit at First Baptist Church in Huntsville. For two days our students engaged in worship, breakout sessions, special activities and time together as a group. Josh Griffin, from Saddleback Church in California and Download Youth Ministry was the keynote speaker leading the weekend around the theme "Beyond: Immeasurably More," focusing on Ephesians 3:20. This is the second time our students have attended this one-of-a-kind event where they could learn more about themselves, each other and God through this special youth experience.

One of our middle school students, Charlie Duerr, attended this event and wrote about his experience. Here's what he had to say:

The Winter Youth Summit retreat was great in many ways. First, I strengthened many relationships through the fun activities with the counselors. My favorite activity was the sculpture making with the clay. It was a great way to express ourselves through the work of pottery. Second, Mr. Griffin was super funny with his jokes, stories, and all of his sermons. He created an engaging story, that also taught us about the work of God and how he loves each and every one of us. Third, the ending party was SO MUCH FUN! I loved watching the carpool karaoke, and I was even a part of the cookie on the face challenge. It was so cool how one person from every church was included to be a part of something on stage. Lastly, all of the people there were so nice, and you could tell that they cared about you even though they barely knew you. Overall, I had an amazing time at the Winter Youth Summit, and I will totally come next year if it happens again.

P.S. I also loved the food trucks, even though we had to wait in the freezing weather. But I think it was worth it.

This story and others can be found on our blog at [www.spdl.org/blog](http://www.spdl.org/blog). Look for our next post on Wednesday, March 28

# March 2018 at SPdL

## 04 SUNDAY

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY  
SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP**  
9:45 a.m. & 11 a.m.

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## 06 TUESDAY

**WOMEN'S LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**  
9:30 a.m. in Room B-207

**BAPTIST WOMEN WMU**  
11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

**WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY**  
6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room of the FLC

**YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP**  
7 p.m.

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## 07 WEDNESDAY

**FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**  
5-6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**CHILDREN'S MUSIC AND MISSIONS**  
5:45-7 p.m. in the Children's Building

**SPdLU**  
6-7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**YOUTH: PROJECT 4:12**  
6-7 p.m. in the Youth Area.

**SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL**  
7:15-8:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

**ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL**  
7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

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## 10 SATURDAY

**YOUNG ADULT OUTREACH**  
10 a.m. at Buckhead Christian Ministries

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## 11 SUNDAY

**SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP**  
9:45 a.m. & 11 a.m.

**PHOENIX FLIES TOUR OF SPdL**  
2 p.m. at the North Bridge

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## 13 TUESDAY

**AGELESS GRACE SESSION**  
8:30 a.m.

**WOMEN'S LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**  
9:30 a.m. in Room B-207

**WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY**  
6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room of the FLC

**YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP**  
7 p.m.

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## 14 WEDNESDAY

**Regularly scheduled Wednesday PM activities are taking place. See the March 7 listing for details.**

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## 16 FRIDAY

**D'NOW/MARCH MISSION  
MADNESS WEEKEND**  
Runs March 16-18

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## 18 SUNDAY

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP**  
9:45-10:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.

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## 19 MONDAY

**DEACONS' MEETING**  
6:30 p.m.

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## 20 TUESDAY

**Regularly scheduled Tuesday activities are taking place. See the March 13 listing for details.**

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## 21 WEDNESDAY

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## 22 THURSDAY

**WOMEN'S MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP**  
6:30 p.m. at the home of Maggie Roberts

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## 24 SATURDAY

**TOUCH-A-TRUCK**  
10 a.m. in the SPdL parking lot

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## 25 SUNDAY

**PALM SUNDAY  
SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP**  
9:45 a.m. & 11 a.m.

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## 27 TUESDAY

**Regularly scheduled Tuesday activities are taking place. See the March 13 listing for details.**

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## 28 WEDNESDAY

**Regularly scheduled Wednesday PM activities are taking place except SPdLU. See the March 7 listing for details.**

**HOLY WEEK SERVICE**  
6:15 p.m. in the Chapel

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## 30 FRIDAY

**COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**  
Noon at the Cathedral of Christ the King

**YOUTH OUTING TO THE BRAVES GAME**  
Meet at 6:15 p.m. in the SPdL parking lot

**SPDL OFFICE CLOSED**

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## 31 SATURDAY

**COMMUNITY EGG HUNT**  
11 a.m. in the SPdL parking lot

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## COMING IN APRIL

- 1 Easter Sunday
- 4 Use Me God Part I with Dr. David Hull
- 6-7 CBFGA Spring Assembly
- 8 Use me God Part 2 with Taylor Branch
- 11 Use me God Part 3 with Ambassador Andrew Young
- 12 Senior Adult trip to Watkinsville
- 18 Use me God Part 4 with Natoshia Reid Rice
- 21 Great Day of Service
- 22 Church in Conference
- 27-29 Young Adult Spring Retreat