

At Second-Ponce



A biweekly publication celebrating the life of Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church

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OUR ENGAGEMENT ADDS UP

We seek to *take the whole Gospel to the whole person*.
Through this commitment to missions, Second-Ponce...

5
GOES

We are committed to Miami summer mission trips for the 5 years in support of Touching Miami with Love.

14
PARTNERS

We engage 5 partners nationally & internationally and 9 Atlanta & Georgia-based organizations as we seek to share the Good News.

300
SHARES

Since January 2017, we have collected over 300 bags of food in collaboration with the Buckhead Christian Ministry Food Pantry

424K
GIVES

In 2017, we gave \$424,792.00 to missions partners and projects in our commitment to know Christ and make Him known.

EVERY MEMBER, A MINISTER

BY REV. RYAN WILSON

These words were an important part of my childhood and adolescent life. This short phrase was the vision statement of the church where I grew up. As a child, I'm sure I didn't understand the implications of this statement, if I noticed it at all; but as a teenager I remember thinking how bold and encouraging it seemed. Today, this statement continues to be a guide for how I understand the role of local congregations.

While these particular words may not be printed anywhere in our church, I believe it is an idea that permeates life and ministry at Second-Ponce and challenges us to continue our work and ministry. To me, this is what it means for the church to be missional: each person in the life of our congregation, in their own way, in their own setting, being a minister and joining God's good work in the world.

Over the past year as a church we have taken a look into our community in order to find new ways to be ministers in our neighborhood. Many of you participated in the event at Garden Hills Elementary School last fall or at the Shepherd Center last summer. Looking ahead, how might we join together as ministers in new and on-going ways, here and beyond?

Here are some upcoming ways to minister together:

- Join our youth as they participate in a weekend missions retreat, March Mission Madness, in Atlanta, March 16-18 (Contact: rwilson@spdl.org)
- Participate as a congregation in a variety of projects and acts of service in our community during the Great Day of Service on April 21. (Contact: engagedteam@spdl.org)
- Volunteer to help with Vacation Bible School, June 4-8 (Contact: cbanks@spdl.org)
- Take part in our summer mission trip to Touching Miami with Love, serving 100+ kids and adults in Miami, Florida. (Contact: globalteam@spdl.org)
- Engage with our Food Drive in July benefitting our partner Buckhead Christian Ministry, helping fight hunger in Atlanta. (Contact: engagedteam@spdl.org)
- Learn about monthly service opportunities through our own ministry teams and through our partner, Orchard. (Contact: engagedteam@spdl.org)
- Read more about how you can put your own interests and skills to use in our community? Email engagedteam@spdl.org or globalteam@spdl.org to get started.

May God bless us as we minister to one another, to our community, and to our world.

CONTRIBUTIONS

As of February 25

YEAR-TO-DATE GOAL

\$309,519.83

YEAR-TO-DATE RECEIPTS

\$248,210.33

IN LOVING MEMORY

Verlyne "Pat" Wagstaff

February 23

WORSHIP

SUNDAYS at 11 a.m.
SANCTUARY

MARCH 4

A Forgotten Purpose

Dr. Dock Hollingsworth

John 2:13-22

MARCH 11

Belief is an Action Verb

Dr. Dock Hollingsworth

John 3:14-21

MARCH 18

Lavish Love

Dr. David Hull

John 12:1-11

MARCH 25

Driving Out Rulers is

Dangerous Business

Dr. Dock Hollingsworth

John 12:12-33

WE'RE GROWING!

Welcome Bill Templeman

Joined February 11



WE'RE BLOGGING

Posting on non-newsletter
Wednesdays at
www.spdl.org/blog

At Second-Ponce, we've named 2018 "A Year of We," and that means intentionally celebrating the ways our church family is "doing life together." Every other Wednesday, personal narratives written by church members and ministry partners will be posted. These stories highlight how God uses the relationships we build here to grow us as individuals and grow us as a church family. Read our next installment on March 14.

TOUCH-A-TRUCK

Come see Bug Busters, a crane, police car, fire truck, MARTA bus, jeeps and more! Enjoy games, inflatables and train rides. Yummy food from Chick-fil-A and bake sale treats will be available.

MARCH 24
10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

\$10/CHILD
\$30 MAX/FAMILY



EVENING BIBLE STUDY

9-session study, started 2/20
Tuesdays, 6:30–8 p.m.
Fireside Room of the FLC

Join this women's Bible study for a look at Philippians. The book, *Even When Things Go Wrong, You Can Have Joy* by Warren Wiersbe, outlines the path to contentment and unlocks the treasures of the "joy epistle" by showing why we don't need to worry. Books are on Amazon (\$10). Women of all ages welcome. Childcare not provided. Questions, call study leader Carole Johnson at 404.816.3097.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

STARTS AT 11 A.M.

COMMUNITY EGG HUNT

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

SILVER SNEAKERS

Did you know that the Family Life Center is an official SilverSneakers partner? SilverSneakers is the nation's leading fitness program for Medicare-eligibles and is designed for all fitness levels and activities. 1-in-4 Medicare enrollees have SilverSneakers through their medicare plan. This benefit offers access to basic memberships at 14,000+ fitness locations including the FLC. To find out if you're eligible for savings, visit www.silversneakers.com/check

HEY, PARENTS

The Children's Minister Search Committee will hold two informational meetings. Attend one or both opportunities:

- Sunday, March 11 at 10 a.m. in the Relat Class
- Wednesday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Kivette Room

For more information, contact Personnel Committee Chair Duncan Harle at धारले@johnfooy.com

BRAIN & BODY

Ageless Grace

Session 1: March 13 | 8:30 a.m. – Noon | Room B-138

Ageless Grace Brain and Body Fitness uses activities and games played in younger years to stimulate brain function in people with cognitive impairment, Dementia and Alzheimer's. The program provides a light-hearted, but beneficial way for caregivers to engage their loved ones or clients. Please wear comfortable clothes to move freely.

TAKE A TOUR

Phoenix Flies | Sunday, March 11

Meet at 2 p.m. at the North Bridge

Second-Ponce is proud to be a part of the Atlanta Preservation Center's 15th Annual Phoenix Flies tours of historic sites around the city. During the tour of our church, attendees will visit the Heritage Room, Prayer Room, Swilley Chapel and the Sanctuary. This tour is open to the public and the congregation.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER MARCH MENU

Adult: \$7 | Child: \$3.50

LITE:

GRILLED CHICKEN SALAD:

Grilled chicken served over fresh greens with cucumbers, peppers, carrots, pecans and cheddar cheese

CHICKEN FAJITA WRAP: Grilled fajita chicken with lettuce, tomato, grilled onions and

peppers in a wrap with fresh fruit

TUNA PLATE: Tuna salad served with fresh fruit

MARCH 7:

Chicken pot pie, yellow rice, salad, rolls & ice cream

KIDS: Hot dogs, french fries, fresh fruit & dessert

MARCH 14:

Corned beef and cabbage, carrots, potatoes, salad, rolls & cobbler

KIDS: Pizza, fried cheese, fresh fruit & dessert

MARCH 21:

Meatballs with sausage marinara, baked ravioli, salad, garlic bread & brownie parfaits

KIDS: Meatballs with ravioli, fresh fruit & dessert

MARCH 28:

Baked and breaded tilapia, buttered potatoes, zucchini, squash, salad, rolls & ice cream

KIDS: Fish sticks, french fries, fresh fruit & dessert