

At Second-Ponce



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SPdL youth spending the afternoon tubing

WHAT A GIFT TO BE TOGETHER



FALL FORWARD PICNIC

Sunday, September 9

12 p.m., Second-Ponce Plaza

SPdL women enjoying a monthly social

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EACH ONE REACH ONE

By Dr. Dock Hollingsworth
Senior Pastor

“And then a friend of mine invited me to go to church with him...”

When I ask someone in the church to tell me his or her faith story, the tale usually begins in one of two ways. Some stories start with, “and my family was there every time the church doors were opened...”. That’s a common narrative for adults still involved at Second-Ponce. But the other shared story includes the line, “and then a friend of mine asked me to go to church...” Lives changed and transformed by the compelling love of God in Christ, because somebody simply asked a friend to join them at church.

This year, I am challenging all of us to simply do that – invite one family member or one friend and help nurture him/her/them into involvement in this church we love. “Each One Reach One.” According to research by Dr. Thom Rainer, 63% of Americans say that a personal invitation from a friend or neighbor would be *very or somewhat effective* in getting them to visit a church. What new vitality might we experience and what great blessing they might experience if each church member took this challenge?

The Women’s Ministry monthly social is an easy entry point. The Tuesday night Young Adult Fellowship is already growing because these young adults love it and keep inviting new friends. We have an all-music Sunday coming September 23. Wouldn’t that be a great occasion to invite friends? And afterward, maybe go to lunch with them and some of your church friends and see what relationships develop?

There is much discussion among church leaders about effective communication and outreach. “How do we use social media more effectively?” “How much do billboards cost?” “Could we do an ad in the football program at Lovett?” But the most effective form of church outreach is one person saying to another, “I love my church and I think you would love it too. Would you be interested in coming Sunday and meeting some of my friends there?” It really is that simple and potentially life changing.

I love being your pastor,
Dock



WORSHIP WITH US
Sundays | 11 a.m. | Sanctuary

SEPTEMBER 2

The Zoo Within
Dr. Dock Hollingsworth
Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

SEPTEMBER 9

Fall Forward Picnic
How Hungry Are You?
Dr. David Hull
Luke 14:16–24

SEPTEMBER 16

Sticks and Stones
Dr. Dock Hollingsworth
James 3:1–12

SEPTEMBER 23

Music Ministry Sunday

SEPTEMBER 30

*The Difference Between Nostalgia
and Remembering*
Dr. Dock Hollingsworth
Psalm 124



Miss a service or sermon?

Watch full worship services at
www.spdl.org/sermons

OPPORTUNITIES TO REACH ONE

Consider inviting friends and family to a September SPdL event!

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EVERYONE: FALL FORWARD PICNIC

9

Sunday, September 9 at noon following worship on the SPdL plaza

Everyone is invited to our second annual Fall Forward Picnic! Our theme is "What a Gift to Be Together." We'll share a delicious meal of fried chicken and other goodies! There is no cost for this event, but Sunday School classes will be asked to provide sides and desserts. We'll eat, fellowship and look forward to all the wonderful events and opportunities happening this fall at Second-Ponce. There will be special activities for kids and plenty of food and fun. In the event of rain or extreme heat, the picnic location will be moved indoors. RSVP online at www.spdl.org/events.

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YOUTH: FOOTBALL COOKOUT

15

Saturday, September 15 at 6:15 p.m.

It's football season and the SPdL youth are getting together for a cookout. This event will have something for all SPdL youth, whether you're a tried and true team supporter, fair weather fan or just like to hang out and eat good food.

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WOMEN: WOMEN'S MINISTRY MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP

27

Thursday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Terri Bunch

The Women's Ministry at Second-Ponce invites you to our September Italian feast. Please bring your favorite Italian hors d'oeuvres or dessert to share! To RSVP or get directions email womensministry@spdl.org.

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CHILDREN & FAMILIES: CHILDREN'S LOCK-IN RETREAT

28

Friday, September 28 (6 p.m.)-Saturday, September 29 (4 p.m.) for Grades 3-5

The theme for the retreat will be *Narnia Adventure*! Come enjoy fellowship, food, fun and games as we explore how a relationship with Jesus is an adventure that changes our hearts! We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for dinner at 6 p.m. on Friday then spend the night in the church and make use of some of the fantastic facilities at Second-Ponce. There will be Narnia-themed sleeping rooms for boys and girls. Children only need to bring a sleeping bag, pillow, change of clothes, toothbrush and hairbrush/comb. Stuffed animals and parent chaperones are also welcome to join us for this special retreat! Sign up to participate or chaperone by emailing Heather Webb at hwebb@spdl.org by September 24.

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YOUNG ADULTS: TRIP TO CORN MAZE

29

Saturday, September 29; Meet at 4:30 p.m.

Our young adults are celebrating fall with a trip to a haunted corn maze. There will be pumpkins and plenty of other autumn activities. SPdL young adults, come help solve the maze! And invite your friends, too!

A Weekly Ministry Vision Update

**ON SECOND
THOUGHT**OFFERED BY THE MINISTERS OF
SECOND-PONCE DE LEON BAPTIST CHURCH**ON SECOND THOUGHT**

The ministers of Second-Ponce are beginning a new e-mail message to the church family called *On Second Thought*. This will be a weekly ministry vision update, sent on Wednesdays, with information, explanations and reflections about an aspect of our church ministry. The *Signal* and the biweekly newsletter, *At Second-Ponce*, will continue to describe WHAT we are doing as a church. *On Second Thought* will focus on WHY we are doing this ministry. Please take a moment and read this article each week.

MAKE YOUR MARK ON SECOND-PONCE

The Church Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for lay leadership positions such as officers and deacons. Qualifications for these roles (and a listing of current deacons and Nominating Committee members) are included on the nomination form. These are available at the specially designated box in the Welcome Center as well as online at www.spdl.org/nominations. Please complete the form and submit it by Monday, September 24.

NEW PRAYER GROUPS FORMING: INFORMATION SESSION

Sunday, September 16 at 12:15 p.m. in the Kivette Room

Are you interested in gathering with others in small groups to pray for our church, for your families and for other global concerns? Are you intrigued to learn about and practice new types of prayer? Join us for a brief informational meeting to learn more about new possibilities. Contact Karen Harwell with questions at kharwell@spdl.org.

CONGRATULATIONS

Alex & Susan McDonald on the birth of their daughter, Erin Elizabeth McDonald, born July 17.

Aaron & Amanda Payne on the birth of their daughter, Emily Edith Payne, born August 17.

WELCOME

William H. Stuart
Joined August 12

**FELLOWSHIP SUPPER
SEPTEMBER MENU**

Adults: \$7 | Children: \$3.50

LITE

Chicken Caesar Salad: Grilled chicken, parmesan cheese, lettuce, croutons and caesar dressing

Philly Steak Wrap: Grilled steak, onions, peppers, cheese & lettuce in a wrap, served with fresh fruit

Tuna Plate: Tuna salad with sliced tomatoes and fresh fruit

SEPTEMBER 5

Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls & assorted cakes

Kids: Beef tacos, chips, fresh fruit & dessert

SEPTEMBER 12

Breaded and baked tilapia, buttered potatoes, zucchini, squash, salad, rolls & chocolate tarts

Kids: Pizza, fried cheese, fresh fruit & dessert

SEPTEMBER 19

Meatloaf, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, salad, rolls & cobbler

Kids: Burgers, french fries, fresh fruit & dessert

SEPTEMBER 26

Baked potato bar, soup, chili, salad, & ice cream

Kids: Grilled cheese sandwiches, chips, salad & fresh fruit

The monthly supper menu is also online
at www.spdl.org/supper

SEPTEMBER 2018 at SPdL

02 SUNDAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP

9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.

03 MONDAY

LABOR DAY

SPdL office closed

04 TUESDAY

BAPTIST WOMEN WMU

11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP

7 p.m.

05 WEDNESDAY

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

CHILDREN'S MUSIC & MISSIONS

5:45 p.m. in the Children's Building

YOUTH GAME NIGHT

6 p.m. in the Youth Area

SPdLU WITH DR. DAVID HULL

6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

SOUNDS OF FAITH REHEARSAL

6:30 p.m. in the Music Area

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:15 p.m. in the Music Area

ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL

7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

09 SUNDAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP

9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.

FALL FORWARD PICNIC

Noon on the SPdL Plaza

11 TUESDAY

"PATHWAYS" LUNCH FOR SENIOR ADULTS

Noon in the Fellowship Hall

YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP

7 p.m.

12 WEDNESDAY

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6 p.m. in the Youth Area

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13 THURSDAY

LIFESPAN ACADEMY BEGINS

10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Runs through 11/1

15 SATURDAY

YOUTH FOOTBALL COOKOUT

6:15 p.m.; Meet at SPdL

16 SUNDAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP

9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.

PRAYER GROUP INFO SESSION

12:15 p.m. in the Kivette Room

17 MONDAY

DEACONS' MEETING

6:30 p.m. in the Dr. Ryland Knight Room

18 TUESDAY

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7-9 p.m.

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23 SUNDAY

MUSIC MINISTRY SUNDAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP

9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.

25 TUESDAY

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7-9 p.m.

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7:15 p.m. in the Music Area

ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL

7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

27 THURSDAY

WOMEN'S MONTHLY SOCIAL

6:30 p.m. at the home of Terri Bunch

28 FRIDAY

CHILDREN'S LOCK-IN RETREAT

6 p.m. (Fri)- 4 p.m. (Sat) in the Fellowship Hall

29 SATURDAY

YOUTH DAY TRIP TO

COLUMBUS, GA

9 a.m.; Meet at SPdL

YOUNG ADULT TRIP TO HAUNTED

CORN MAZE

4:30 p.m.

30 SUNDAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP

9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.

LOOKING FORWARD TO OCTOBER

OCTOBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH

- 3 YOUTH GAME NIGHT
- 7 YOUTH SUNDAY MORNING AT STONE MOUNTAIN
- 10 SPdLU SERIES "JOINING GOD IN ATLANTA" WITH DR. DOCK HOLLINGSWORTH BEGINS
- 11 SENIOR ADULT TRIP TO JAEMOR FARMS
- 20 GARDEN HILLS ELEMENTARY FAMILY FUN DAY
- 20 YOUTH TRIP TO CORN MAZE
- 20 YOUNG ADULT HIKE & COOKOUT AT STONE MOUNTAIN
- 21 CHURCH IN CONFERENCE
- 25 WOMENS MINISTRY MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP
- 28 TRUNK-OR-TREAT
- 31 NO WEDNESDAY PM ACTIVITIES