

We're glad you've chosen to worship with us! If you're here for the first time, you are our special guest. Fill out the information on the other side of this card and visit The Landing (located just outside the sanctuary in the main hall) where we have a gift for you!

Welcome to Southside Baptist Church!

DISCOVERING SOUTHSIDE

Looking for a new church can be difficult. We have created an environment for people wanting to know more about Southside — who we are, what we believe, and how we work. This no-pressure introduction to Southside is intended to help you in your process of finding a church that is right for you.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 17, at 9:00 a.m., and join us on the third floor for breakfast!

JANUARY REGIONAL GATHERINGS AND NEW GROUPS LAUNCH

Our small groups focus on the neighborhoods in which we live. We have groups that meet on campus, online, and in homes across our city. Visit ssbc.org/SmallGroups to find your group.

Starting Point, beginning January 24, is for people who are curious about God, have a new relationship with Jesus, are returning to church after being away for a while, or are simply new to Southside. This is a great place to begin and grow your faith.



search **SSBCJax** to connect with us on social media!

Above and Beyond

The 2021 State of the Church Message
Gary Lee Webber
January 10, 2021

Who we are:

We _____ !

What we do:

We make _____ and _____ those who do.

How we do it:

_____, _____, _____ !

What's next?

Above and Beyond: Ephesians 20-21

*Use the provided card
to let us know
what you can do in 2021.*

- **Gathering above and beyond**

We will increase the reach of on-campus and online ministries by 25% in 2021.

- **Growing above and beyond**

We will connect every member to a small group and every small group to a ministry and mission in 2021.

- **Going above and beyond**

We will formalize a network of churches in order to expand the reach of the Gospel in Jacksonville and to the ends of the earth.

- **Giving above and beyond**

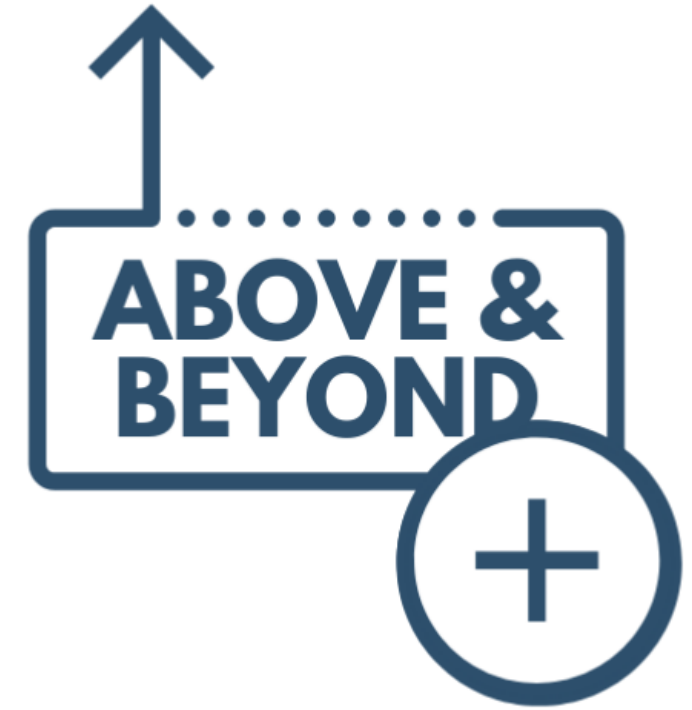
We will be more generous in 2021, increasing our missions and ministry investments by 10% and increasing our number of volunteers by 50% over last year.

- **Loving above and beyond**

We will launch the San Marco Community Center where we will use the arts, recreation, and a weekday preschool ministry to share the Gospel with our neighbors.



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tear here to use as a bookmark in your daily reading.

Small Group Questions

Use this outline for personal reflection, as a couples or family devotion, or with a small group.

HANGOUT (warming up to the topic):

1. Why do you/don't you go to church? What did you learn about the church in 2020 and how is that impacting your involvement with it?

2. Paul's letter to the Ephesians contains several heartfelt prayers for the believers there. In fact, most of the letters Paul wrote were to different congregations and contained prayers for the church. Paul understood the importance of praying for the church. How often do you/we pray for the church today? Given the challenges we face today, is that enough? Why or why not?

HEAR (listening to God through Scripture):

3. Read Ephesians 1:15-23.

- Why does Paul give thanks for the believers at Ephesus? (*verse 15*)
- What are some of the specific prayers Paul has for the Ephesian church?
- What are the implications of Jesus' authority for His church? (*verses 20-23*)
- How would you paraphrase this prayer for our church?

4. Read Ephesians 3:14-19.

- Paul says he bows his knee before the Father (*verse 1*). What effect does your posture have on your prayers? Have you ever tried to pray in different physical positions? What effect did that have on you?
- What does Paul pray so that Christ may dwell in the Ephesians' hearts? (*verse 16*)
- Paul mentions power (or strength) and love multiple times in this prayer. What is the connection between power and love? How does this contradict our culture's ideas of love and power?
- How would you paraphrase this prayer for our church?

5. Read Ephesians 3:20-21.

- What are the implications of the idea that God is able to "do more abundantly than all that we ask or think"? How should this affect our prayers?
- What is "His power that is at work within us"? (see verses 16-19)
- How is glory brought to God in the church throughout all generations?

HUDDLE (making it personal and praying together - in huddles):

6. How are you praying to move "above and beyond" in 2021? What disciplines do you need to develop in order to be more like Christ in 2021? What hurts, habits, and hangups are holding you back and how are you addressing them? Invite accountability and pray together.

NOTES:

Daily Readings:

This week's daily scripture readings focus on prayers for the church. As you read each chapter ask yourself what this passage has to teach you about your personal involvement with and prayers for Christ's church. How might each passage be applied to Southside and inspire you to pray for your church in 2021?

- Day 1: Romans 15
- Day 2: Ephesians 1
- Day 3: Ephesians 3
- Day 4: Philippians 1
- Day 5: Colossians 1
- Day 6: 2 Corinthians 9
- Day 7: 2 Corinthians 1

Suggested Resources:

Books:

Center Church, by Tim Keller
Deep and Wide, by Andy Stanley
Breakout Churches, by Thom Rainer

Other sermons at ssbc.org:

Tightrope (2020)
Because (2017)
U R the Church (2014)
Built to Last (2015)

Let's Connect!

Sunday, January 10, 2021

Fill out the information below and place it in the offering bucket or take it to "The Landing" (located just outside the sanctuary in the main hall) as you leave. We'd love to meet you.

MEMBERS: Text CONNECT to 904-441-8650 to let us know you're with us today.

Name:

Phone:

Email:

I will go ABOVE & BEYOND in 2021.

I would like more information about:
