

# Vision Night



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**Second**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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BRASS PRELUDE: "The Power of the Cross" . . . . . Keith Getty, arr. Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Michael Davis

✦ "Holy, Holy, Holy!" . . . . . NICAEA

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

## A Look Back

A WORD ON THE LORD'S FAITHFULNESS . . . . . Todd Erickson

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" . . . . . arr. Eugene Butler

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

## Community Life

TESTIMONY . . . . . Daniel and Virginia Wynn, Shayla Johnson

CALL TO COMMUNITY . . . . . Barton Kimbro

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

✦ "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" . . . . . FAITHFULNESS

## Second on Mission

TESTIMONY . . . . . Michael and Jill Stockburger

CALL TO MISSION . . . . . Dan Burns

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION

HOMILY . . . . . Sandy Willson

✦ "O Church Arise" . . . . . Keith Getty

BENEDICTION

The Lord has been faithful to Second Presbyterian Church over the last year! We welcomed 112 adults and 40 youth as new members. Sixty percent of the adult new members are under the age of 30, which we feel is an encouraging projection of the Lord's plan for many more years of ministry at Second.

In addition to that good news, we recently celebrated the end of a fruitful giving year, closing the church books on June 30 with a surplus of just over \$103,000. Also, support of our *Deeply Rooted* capital campaign has enabled us to improve and repair our existing facilities and begin construction on our West Entrance lobby and a College Sunday School room. Over 40% of the pledged \$9.5 million has been collected to date, and we are trusting your continued support.

A large part of Second's mission is expanding ministry efforts beyond our church walls. To that end, for the first time this year we hosted an outreach luncheon featuring Ravi Zacharias as a kick-off to our Christian Life Conference. And, for the third year, we collaborated with the Levitt Shell to present the Patriotic Pops concert and fireworks show – a free, community event attended by more than 6,000 people.

Additionally, we began supporting five new world missionaries, three of whom are members of our church. All are engaging in strategic ministries in unreached and under-evangelized parts of the world. More than 170 adults went on 18 short-term international mission trips sponsored by Second, while another 25 members went on short-term international trips via other agencies.

Our Campus Outreach ministry recently hired new staff to pioneer two new college campuses

in Memphis and in the last year expanded three new regions out of CO Memphis in Knoxville, Denver, and Baton Rouge. In the past year, 185 students made professions of faith across six campuses in the region, and more than 260 students participated in summer missions projects, both here and abroad.

At Second, we believe that worship is our primary purpose as God's people. Approximately 1,300 people attend morning worship each Sunday, and an average of 350 come to the evening service.

On Sundays, more than 700 adults also attend Congregational Communities. In our nursery we have an average of 125 children and more than 300 in children's Sunday School. It takes a minimum of 145 volunteers to serve these children.

On Sunday mornings an average of 150 junior and senior high students attend Sunday School. This year, we were able to send 150 junior high students to The Edge Conference at Covenant College, where 38 students professed faith in Christ for the first time. And this past summer at Vacation Bible School we hosted 650 children, assisted by more than 300 teen and adult volunteers.

While we consider it a privilege to teach our children and youth, we know parents are the primary disciplers. To help parents facilitate spiritual conversations, we distributed our newest family curriculum books last Sunday, which include weekly devotions and discussion questions for children in JK through 12th grade.

We are so thankful for the many ways in which the Lord is working through Second and are excited to begin a new ministry year together.



## The Allison and Sandy Willson Church Planting Fund

Earlier this spring, the Allison and Sandy Willson Church Planting Fund was established out of gratitude to our Lord for the faithful ministry of the Willsons to Second Presbyterian Church since 1995, in expectation of Sandy's retirement early next year. The purpose of the fund is to provide financial support to church planting efforts at home and around the world that are strategic, missional, and Reformed in character. The Foundation welcomes funds from members of Second and the community at large. Visit [2pcfoundation.org](http://2pcfoundation.org) for more information.

## OUR MISSION

To glorify God through joyful worship,  
to show God's love to all people,  
to lead them to faith in Jesus Christ,  
to make them His disciples,  
and to call them to His service.



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