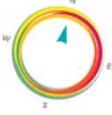


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## Is Membership Your Next Step?

**STARTINGPOINT**

**Sunday, February 21**

10:00am | studio4.3

**Monday, February 22**

7:45pm | McManus Hall

At Starting Point, you'll learn more about Alice Drive's mission, vision, and values and have an opportunity to ask as many questions as you like. We want to help you find the right church for you...even if it's not us!

There is no pressure at all to join, just a chance for us to show you what we're all about. We'll serve brunch on Sunday and dessert on Monday. There's no cost, and childcare is provided.

*Turn On*  
**LOVE, SEX & DATING**

FEBRUARY 21/22:  
"Sex"



# Five Reasons to Talk About S\*x in Church...

**DIRECTIONS**  
by  
*Dr. Clay Smith*  
Lead Pastor

Five reasons to talk about sex in church:

1. Believe it or not, God designed human beings to have sex. From the design of our bodies to the reality of procreation, sex testifies that God intended this to be part of our existence. When Adam first saw Eve, his first response was something like "Yippee!"
2. There is a whole book in the Bible that extols sex - the Song of Solomon. It is passionate, graphic, and a celebration of a couple falling in love. More than just an erotic poem, it reminds us that God understands how powerful sex is. As Frederick Buechner said, "Sex is like nitro-glycerin: It can heal hearts or blow up bridges." The Song of Solomon helps us remember the power of sex is something best handled with the wisdom of God.
3. Sex causes a lot of human pain and a lot of human sin. Like most of God's good gifts, we've taken something good and holy and used it to rebel

against God. Most people carry some sexual wounds from their past. They need to know God's healing grace counts for sex sins. Churches have been guilty of having two categories for sin: sexual sins and every other kind of sin. The consequences of sin are different, but sin is still missing the mark. According to Colossians 3:5, sexual sin and greed are on the same list. So we can't confront the adulterer, or the porn addict, or the person who acts on same sex attraction without confronting the person who acts on the belief that more is better.

4. Jesus didn't talk about sex very much, but he sure showed a lot of grace toward a woman shackled up with someone (the woman at the well) and a woman caught in the act of adultery. To anyone who has ever sinned sexually, Jesus would say, "I came not into the world to condemn you; but to save you (John 3:17)." Jesus is not interested in you beating yourself up for your past failures. He wants to forgive you and break the power of your past. When those old memories come up, let Jesus speak grace to them. Messages of condemnation aren't coming from Jesus, but from the Adversary.

5. In our culture, sex sells. Maybe that's one more reason we need to talk about it in church - we're not selling anything. Whenever a culture sexually objectifies a person, one more step is taken away from recognizing everyone matters to God. We are denying that people are souls. Sex is so much more than a physical act. This is the most important reason for us to talk about sex. We are called to be that different voice in the culture. Our voice needs to say, "We see people as souls, not objects. Sex is not just a physical drive. Sex is about soul intimacy."

We are giving the Good News away - humans are souls and Jesus wants to redeem their souls, so people can live the life He made them to live.

That's why we need to talk about sex in church!

Grace,

## FOOD COLLECTION

for Sumter United Ministries

February 21/22  
This month's item:  
Canned Ham



Place items in the bin near the carport entrance.

Men's and women's teams will consist of adults over 16 who are regular ADBC attenders. The deadline to sign up is March 1.

Men - Call Matt Gristwood: 803.847.9423 (no text)  
Women: Sign up in the lobby

Registration is free, but there is a fee for the t-shirt.

**CHURCH LEAGUE SOFTBALL**

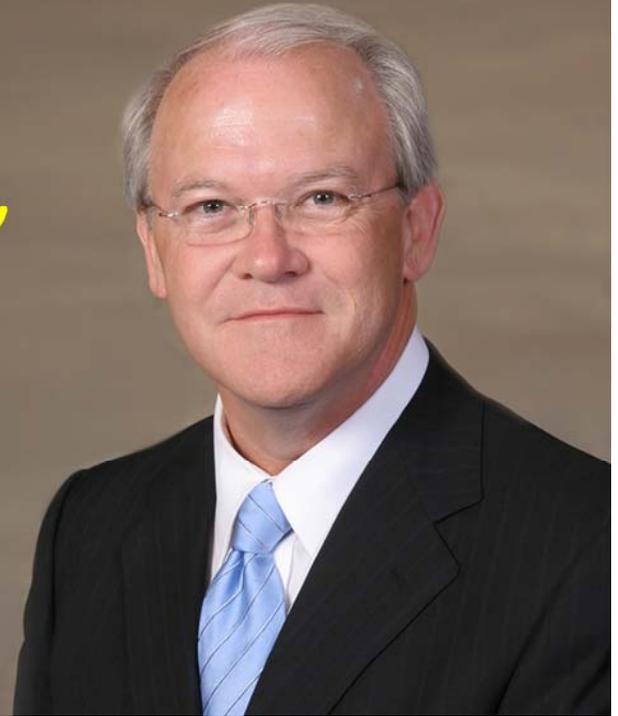
**FEB 28/29**

# Share Light Day

with

## Dr. Frank Page

President and CEO  
Southern Baptist Convention  
Executive Committee



Our ministry fund giving for Sunday, February 14, 2016, totaled **\$32,771.75**.

There are many ways you can financially be a part of the ministry of Alice Drive. You can give through the offering baskets; you may give online by going to [alicedrive.org](http://alicedrive.org); you may set up an automatic draft through an ACH transfer from your bank; you may utilize your bank's bill pay service; drop a check by the office or in the secure drop boxes found around the Main Building anytime of the week; or you may utilize the new text to give service by texting ADBC to 50155. If you have questions about any of these options, please feel free to contact Mark Partin, Administrative Pastor, at [mpartin@adbc.org](mailto:mpartin@adbc.org).

## HELPS Ministry Gathering



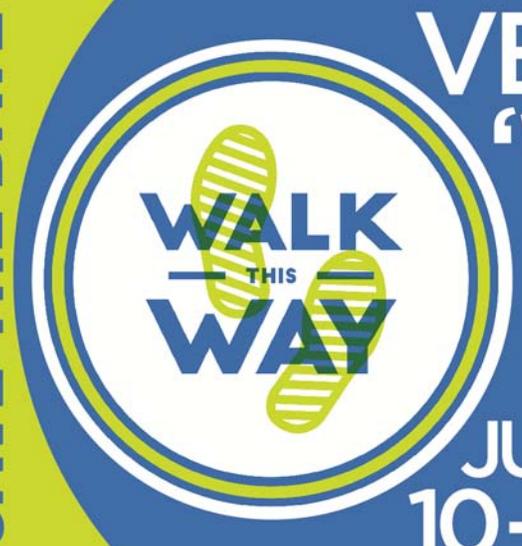
February 21 • 4:00-5:00pm | Room 201

HELPS is the local "share light" ministry of ADBC. We will be discussing ongoing transportation, collection, and light construction projects, which focus on those requiring assistance in our community.

## Looking for your next step?

Everyone has a purpose, so help others take their next step toward Jesus by sharing your God-given gifts. Not sure where you'd fit in? Let us help you! Contact Stacy Wright, Next Steps Director: x243 | [swright@adbc.org](mailto:swright@adbc.org)

**SAVE THE DATE**



**VBS  
'16**

**JULY  
10-14**

# CALENDAR

## Sunday, February 21

Sunday Morning Services & LIFE Groups for all ages  
 10:00a Starting Point, studio4.3  
 4:00p HELPS Team Meeting, 201  
 Outreach, Worship Center

## Monday, February 22

7:00p Monday Night Service  
 LIFE Groups for babies-5th grade & adults  
 7:45p Starting Point, McManus Hall

## Tuesday, February 23

6:55a Men of Impact Bible Study, Worship Center  
 10:00a Bad Girls of the Bible Class, 118  
 6:30p Acts Part 2 Class, 208

## Wednesday, February 24

2:00p The Praying Ladies, 119  
 4:00p In-Depth Bible Study, 202A  
 5:00p Fellowship Meal, Worship Center  
 6:00p FISH Adult Discipleship Classes  
 Awana (kids), Kids' Halls  
 The Mix (Middle School), studio4.3  
 7:15p Stewardship Team Meeting, Admin Building  
 7:30p Worship Choir Rehearsal, 205  
 The Mix (High School), studio4.3

## Thursday, February 25

10:00a Thimble Thursday, 104A/B  
 5:30p Tech Talk, Upstairs Balcony  
 6:00p Vocal Team Rehearsal, 205  
 7:00p Worship Team Rehearsal, Worship Center

## Sunday, February 28

Sunday Morning Services & LIFE Groups for all ages  
 4:00p Outreach, Worship Center  
 5:00p Deacons' Meeting, 104E/F

## Monday, February 29

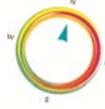
7:00p Monday Night Service  
 LIFE Groups for babies-5th grade & adults

## Tuesday, March 1

6:55a Men of Impact Bible Study, Worship Center  
 10:00a Bad Girls of the Bible Class, 118  
 6:30p Acts Part 2 Class, 208

## QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

MARCH 2 • 7:00pm | McManus Hall



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### ATTENDANCE 2/14 & 2/15

8:30.....224  
 9:45.....633  
 11:00.....659  
 Monday Night.....176  
**Total.....1,692**

### LIFE GROUPS 2/14 & 2/15

Adults.....407  
 Students.....198  
 Children.....167  
 Preschool.....287  
**Total.....1,059**

### SERVANT LEADERS

Joe Allbritton—Honduras  
 Lisa Hellams—Honduras  
 Holly DuBose—Honduras  
 Gee & Lori Rabon—Honduras

Dan & Eliza Tindall—Honduras  
 Diana Lyles—Honduras  
 Matthew & Michelle Kramer—Honduras  
 John Holladay—Honduras

### WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL | February 24

Fried chicken, mac-n-cheese, green beans, drink, and dessert  
 Kids' Menu: Same

**\$5/adults, \$3/kids under 12, \$15 max/family**

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**WORSHIP  
 TIMES**

**SUNDAYS**

**8:30am Traditional**  
 Childcare for 5 & under  
**9:45 & 11:00am Contemporary**  
 LIFE Groups for all ages

**MONDAYS**

**7:00pm Contemporary**  
 LIFE Groups for babies-5th grade  
 and adults