



From the Pastor

My love of radio began as a child growing up in Houston, Texas. I can't remember what I had for breakfast this morning, but I recall my favorite DJ's introduction from 1967 — "Ya Ta Haw, Ya Ta Hay, What do you know, What do you say...?!" To an 8-year-old this was Shakespeare.

The soundtrack to my childhood was hosted by Alvin Van Black (talk), Jerry Trupiano (sports), Hudson and Harrigan (morning DJ's), and Gene Elston (Astros play by play). I still remember the intro to late 60's Astro games:

It's a beautiful day for a ball game, for a ball game, to-day! The crowd is out to get a ticket or two, from Walla Walla Washington to Kalamazoo...!

Dylan could not pen a better lyric.

Bedtime was around 9 p.m. and West Coast games called for a bit of stealth after my parents offered goodnight wishes. *Step 1:* Grab transistor radio hidden under the bed. *Step 2:* Place under pillow and skillfully turn up the volume so I can listen to Gene Elston broadcast a game from far off places on the coast, San Francisco, and Los Angeles (they seemed so far away and distant, I could have been listening to a game on Mars).

The intimacy of radio has never been lost.

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Notice when a long time play by play “Voice” retires - it’s like they were “part of the family.”

The increased popularity of podcasts seems to scratch this itch for companionship and the passage of time.

Therefore, I’m going to return to this format for a few weeks and see how it goes.

Tommy’s Podcast is the creative title of this endeavor—with the goal of dropping a broadcast once per week.

I invite you to give a listen. And if it receives a decent amount of listeners and feedback, I’ll continue down this road for a bit.

The format is simply something I would like to share personally or through dialogue with guests.

One more rabbit to chase...

Radio mirrors summer’s slower place—listening to music or games as background noise. As you travel into the summer, slow your pace down — create “soundtracks” and memories.

Why?

Well, it all goes by so fast doesn’t it?

I can close my eyes and hear echoes of crowd noise from a distant game, the squeaking of a background swing rocking gently back and forth with grandfather next to me—

and a blessed cool summer breeze bringing relief, while eating Blue Bell Peach ice cream.... voices, places, and times long gone.

So...pull up a chair, lean in, and give a listen.

Blessings all,
Tommy

P.S. And after reviewing the picture above, you’re wondering why I didn’t use earbuds. Look at those things—always too big or little and the comfort of placing a bowling ball in your ear drum.

*Congratulations Mona Harrison— serving
as Assistant Foreperson, Grand Jury—
City of Saint Louis!*



Family Ministries

Rev. Drew Phillips, Minister to Families

Summer Youth activities ahead! Add these to your calendar...

If anyone is interested in volunteering, providing food, or chaperoning, please contact Drew!

Youth group lunch, devotion, and activity after worship on Sundays: June 11, 18, and July 2nd



Graduation Congratulations!!

Graduating from High School:

*Sylvia Barnes
Victoria Carter
Naomi Thiems*

Portia Nartey has been accepted into a Ph.D. program at Wash U. (along with acceptance at other prestigious schools), but will continue her education here!



Camp Sign ups!
Lake Springfield Baptist Camp

Choose your own Adventure Camp

June 14-17 (Grades 6-12)

Directed by Natalie Thiems

<https://hipaa.jotform.com/230447859388169>

Junior High Camp - July 9-15

(Completed 5th-8th Grades)

<https://hipaa.jotform.com/230448001432139>

Senior High Camp - July 16-22

(Completed 8th-12th Grades)

<https://hipaa.jotform.com/230447973666165>

June 24, 2023- Raging Rivers Water Park



**June 25, 2023 –
VBS after worship**

**Cardinals
game –
evening of
June 28, 2023**



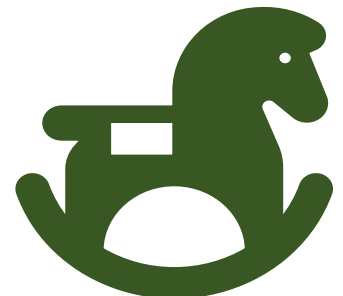
Laser Tag (and bumper car) fun on April 28th!



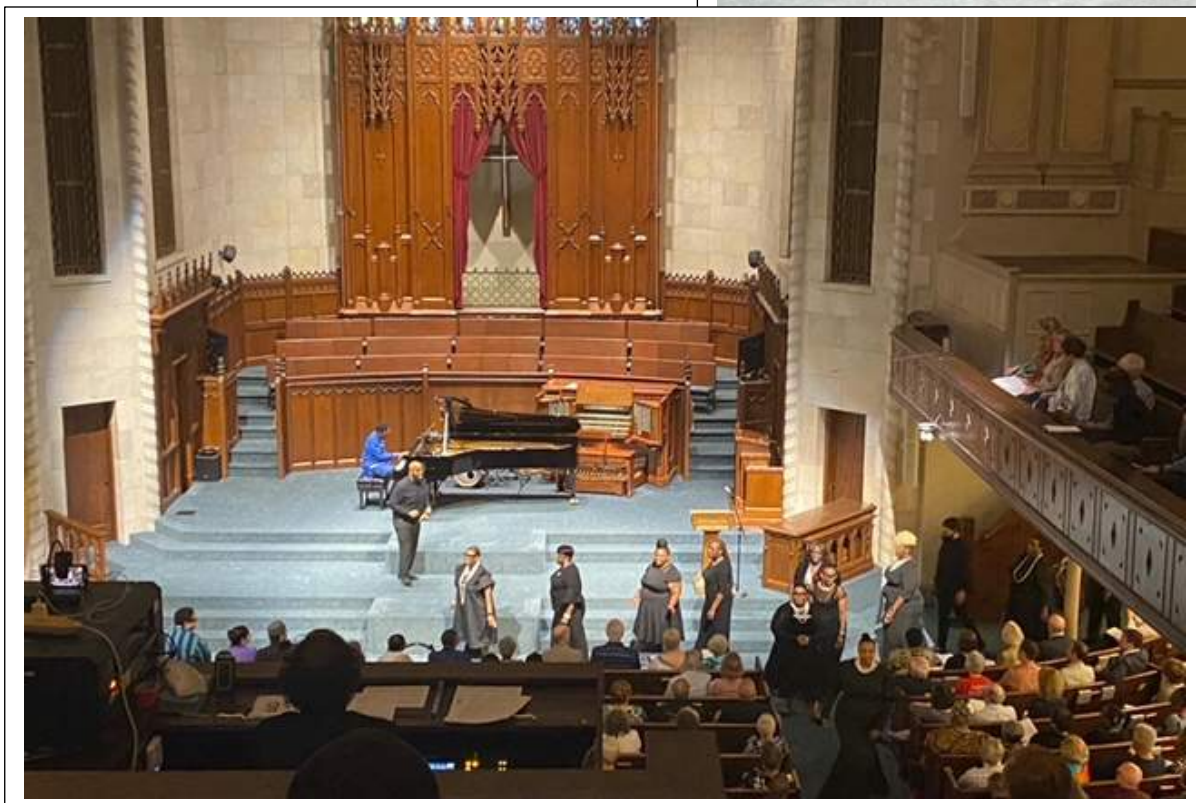
Volunteers Needed!

We have a regular group of preschool assistants who watch our young ones during Sunday morning worship, but if others pitch in, this can bring relief to those regularly watching our infants.

Please check your Summer and Fall calendar and email a date for one Sunday you are able to assist. Send to Ella Banks at ebanks@third-baptist.org.



The St. Louis Opera Theatre performed *The Road to Freedom* on May 12th to a robust audience, celebrating Black excellence, the 61st anniversary of the Freedom Riders, and all that is possible when people from different backgrounds stand together.



Missions Moment

Look for this box outside the sanctuary or in the church office – **for JUNE we'll be collecting wash cloths.** Each month we are promoting and collect a new item.

Sunday, October 15th after worship we'll pack boxes to be sent to Corbin, KY, where CBF Field Personnel, Scarlette Jasper, serves one of the most economically challenged areas in the US. In addition, this region had a once-in-a-generation flood last year.



Scarlette Jasper

OLIVE BRANCH MINISTRIES, MCCREARY COUNTY, KENTUCKY



Sunday
Morning
Worship
Theme in
June:
Building
Community



Adult Discipleship

Wednesday Nights: June 14 and 21 at 5:45 p.m.

All are invited to a fellowship meal and discussion of James Bryan Smith's *The Good and Beautiful Community*

Dinner is served at 5:15 p.m.
Please RSVP to Tommy by the Tuesday before, to reserve your spot.

Our group will explore following the spirit, extending grace and demonstrating love.



An Old Testament Survey
Each Sunday in June
10 a.m.
in the Green Room
Facilitated by
Dr. Tommy Simons

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to...

- 03 🎁 Susan Seewoster
- 06 🎁 Mireille Bradford
- 08 🎁 Christopher Lee
- 09 🎁 Addison Hulett
- 16 🎁 Howard Roos
- 18 🎁 Eunsil Stevenson
- 19 🎁 Drew Phillips
- 21 🎁 Betty James
- 24 🎁 Lydia Thiemes
- 25 🎁 Fran Blake
- 27 🎁 Monica O'Dell
- 28 🎁 Pat Stevens
- 29 🎁 Deanna Davis



In the city for good!

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