

New Outlook

January 2012

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In Memoriam

Meg Gilmore

February 25, 1921 - January 3, 2012



Mentor. Friend. Nurturer. Listener. Model. Life-long learner. Volunteer. Woman of courage. Leader. There are so many ways to describe Meg Gilmore and what she meant to each of us.

Meg and her family joined Second Baptist in 1965. Since that time she has held just about every office there is at the church: President twice, secretary of the council, and at different times she was chair of Pastoral Care, Spiritual Growth, Volunteer Services, Stewardship and Finance, and World Mission Liaison. She co-founded Second's book group. She helped with anything that needed doing, from choosing new hymnbooks to cleaning up after Coffee Fellowship. She proofread the newsletters for the past 15 years and many times folded, stapled, labeled, and stamped them, too. She volunteered in other places as well, including BJC Hospice, Edgewood Children's Home, and Hope Center.

Meg loved Second Baptist and the people in it. Those who attend Koinonia chose to go to her home rather than meet at church because of the peaceful oasis she created there. So many of us, young and old, benefited from her interest in us, her ability to listen, and her unfailing encouragement.

On December 21, Meg fell at her home. Complications resulted, and she died on January 3, less than two weeks later. How much we will miss her. A service of remembrance will be held at Second Baptist on Saturday, January 14, at 2:00 with a visitation at 1:00.

Meg is survived by her daughter, Susan (Larry) Kaseman of Wisconsin, sons Jon and Paul (Patricia) Gilmore, of outstate Missouri, four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and her brother, Bill, of Ohio. Her husband of 60 years, Bob Gilmore, also an active member of Second Baptist, died in October 2001.

On February 20, 2011, we had a 90th birthday party for Meg, and we wrote about her life and family in the *Outlook* of that month. Copies of the article are available in the narthex.



January 15, 2012 Epiphany 2

Who's Calling?

John 1:43-51

Early in Christ's ministry, he called a group of ordinary people to be his closest followers, so that they might learn from him about God's new reign, and be agents to help bring God's love into the world. By our baptism, we have also accepted Christ's call to follow him. What are ways that we can live out our Vocation to be Christ's disciples today?

Upcoming Sermons

January 22, 2012 Epiphany 3

More Than a Fish Story

Jonah 3:1-10

If you don't laugh or at least smile when you read the story of Jonah, you don't get the point. We also don't get the point when we get hung up about whether a man can actually live inside a fish. So what is the point? What can Jonah's experiences teach us today? Come and find out.

January 29, 2012 Epiphany 4

A Teaching Moment

Mark 1:21-28

If our faith is to be a living faith, it has to be a learning faith. Jesus Christ came to teach us a whole new way of being a part of God's people. He taught in many different ways. In today's story, Jesus uses a healing to spark a debate about authority. Come and learn from the Master Teacher.

Growing Together



Koinonia, a group for people who want to deepen their walk with God in community with other seekers, meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every second and fourth Monday. At least for now, we will meet in the pastor's office at church. Our next meeting is January 23. At each meeting a participant brings a reading to reflect upon and then leads the group in whatever form of prayer he or she chooses. Participants have the opportunity to share personal concerns if they wish. Everyone is welcome.



Carolbeth True and Two Times True will perform on January 15 at 6 p.m. in Second Baptist's Sanctuary of the Beatitudes. The group features Carolbeth True on keyboards, her son David True on drums, and stellar musicians Glen Smith on bass and Larry Johnson on saxophone. The exciting vocal styles of Christi John Bye add intensity and fun to the music. Their music features contemporary jazz styles, some funk, some Latin, and of course, some ever-popular classic rock and American songbook arrangements.

Check out our website, www.stlouisjazzandbluesvespers.com for upcoming performers.

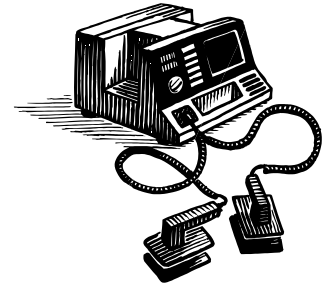
“The Count’s Christmas Banquet,” performed by our children



“Santa Claus Is Comin’ To Town,” performed by our youth

Defibrillator Training Offered January 21

Anyone interested is invited to attend the Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED) training session coming up on Saturday, January 21, from noon to 2:00 p.m. Jay Jensen has graciously agreed to serve the church in the state-mandated position of "Supervising Physician." As the owner of an AED, the church is required to offer training to leaders of groups or organizations that regularly use the church's facility; those who are most likely to use the device.



The church is paying the cost of the training. For more information, contact Tim Keeney.



SUPER BOWL PARTY

Annual Super Bowl Party February 5

Everyone is invited to Mike and Bev Apple's home on Sunday, February 5, at 4:30 to watch the Super Bowl game, which begins at 5:30. Please bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert to share. Meat and beverages will be provided. Join us for an evening of game watching, conversation, fun, and great food. The Apples' address is 912 Kylemore Drive in Ballwin. See you there!

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sun	8:45 a.m.	Choir practice
	9:15 a.m.	Church school
	10:30 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
Tue	6:30 p.m.	Adult Children of Alcoholics
Thurs	6:30 p.m.	Choir practice

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Jan 9	6:30 p.m.	Koinonia, Community Room
Jan 10	1:00 p.m.	Book group, Community Room
Jan 11	6:30 p.m.	Search Committee meeting
Jan 15	6:00 p.m.	Jazz and Blues Vespers
Jan 16	6:30 p.m.	Council meeting, Community Room
Jan 21	7:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, Second Baptist, Cooks arrive at 6:30
Jan 21	Noon	Defibrillator Training, Community Room
Jan 23	6:30 p.m.	Koinonia, Pastor's study
Jan 23	7:00 p.m.	Prostate Cancer Support Group
Jan 28	Noon	Search Committee meeting
Feb 5	4:30 p.m.	Super Bowl Party, Apples'
Feb 25	6:30 p.m.	Talent Show



Mark your calendar for the annual talent show to be held Saturday, February 25. The talent show is always one of the highlights of the year. Let Linda Marks know what talent you will share with everyone.

The office will be closed on Monday, January 16, in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday.

The New Outlook is a monthly publication of Second Baptist Church of Greater St. Louis. Please turn in articles and photos to the editor by January 29 for the next issue.

From Our Senior Pastor

During the Christmas season, we've enjoyed hearing the seasonal music, the great hymns and carols, and even the secular, silly music about Santas, reindeer, and snowmen. But sometimes it's important to turn off the music and listen to the silence. And in the silence, we can hear the angels sing.

Kirk Byron Jones says that "Silence is a mysterious gate to dimensions of God we may not be able to access otherwise. . . In silence I am more likely to experience God on God's terms and not my own. In silence I am less likely to sidestep mystery" (*The Jazz of Preaching*, p. 54).



The bareness of silence can make us feel uncomfortable and awkward. It's easier to be surrounded by sound, from our TVs and CD players, MP3s and cell phones, satellite radios, and all the other wonders of our technological age. Yet, what do we miss by not opening ourselves to sheer silence once in awhile? What do we miss by not listening to the silence, not allowing our hearts and minds to tune in on something that's not preprogrammed from outside us?

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That crusty old prophet Elijah, on the run from a pagan queen's army intent to kill him, hid in a cave and wanted to give up. He needed some word of encouragement. A mighty wind howled. No voice of God. Then fire crackled through the valley below. No voice of God. There came a mighty earthquake, rumbling and shaking through the valley. No voice of God. Finally, in the silence, came the still small voice; the sound of sheer silence. In the quiet, God gave the prophet the challenge and the promise that Elijah needed to hear (1 Kings 19:11-18).

It's good to pray to God every day, but let's not make the conversations one-sided. Listening is at least as important as speaking. Sometimes we might hear God's word of blessing and challenge in the words of people around us, or in the voices of the media, but we should also learn to listen to the silence. "Be still and know that I am God," the Psalmist said. Be still and listen. Maybe begin by reading a few verses from your Bible or a passage from a devotional book, lift up to God your own needs and the needs of those around you in prayer, but take a few minutes for listening, too. In the silence, you may come to experience the presence of a gracious and loving God.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Mike

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Church school 9:15 a.m.

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

A nursery is provided.

Coffee Fellowship follows the service.

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Celebrating the Karen New Year

