

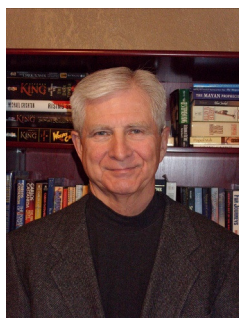
New Outlook

Early March
2011

Second Baptist Church
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We Welcome Dr. Thomas E. Clifton As Minister in Residence



A warm welcome to Tom Clifton as he becomes Second Baptist's minister in residence on March 1. We will have a welcome reception for him after worship on March 6, his first Sunday with us.

Tom comes to us with broad experience in American Baptist life. He was president of Central Baptist Seminary in Kansas City from 1993 – 2003. He has led conferences at Green Lake, the American Baptist conference grounds in Wisconsin. For 26 years, from 1967—1993, Tom served as pastor of American Baptist churches in New York, Indiana, North Carolina, and Ohio. See p. 7 for more about him.

Note that Tom's title is being changed from "interim minister" to "minister in residence" to emphasize that the ministry of the church will move forward during this period—we are not in a holding pattern, as the word "interim" may suggest.

Tell Us What You Think!

The next phase of the Search Committee's work is to hear from the members of our congregation. We are asking that everyone fill out the two surveys mailed out last week, one about our congregation's style, and the other about your priorities for the skills our new pastor needs. Please put your completed survey in the designated box at the Welcome Center. Extra copies are available there, too.

Also, we are asking everyone to attend a small group at which we will talk about what you see as the strengths of our church, what you think God is calling us to do and become now, and more about what kind of pastor you think we need.

On Sunday morning, February 27, except for the Karen Bible Study, all adult classes will meet at 9:00 in their assigned rooms and discuss these questions instead of their regular material. You are welcome to meet with any of the classes that day. The Karen Bible Study will do the same thing on Sunday, March 6. In addition to these times, groups will be available at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1. See p. 2 for all the options. We hope you will make every effort to attend one of these meetings. Your input is very important to our finding the right person to be our new pastor.



Upcoming Sermons

February 27: *History for All of Us* Isaiah 40:21-31

Rev. Cynthia Bumb

March 6: *The Time Between* Psalm 31: 1-5, 19-24, Romans 7:21-29

Dr. Thomas E. Clifton

On March 13 Dr. Clifton will begin a Lenten sermon series based on the Psalms of Lament.

Many thanks to Cindy Bumb for preaching at Second Baptist during the month of February.



Come join us on March 9 for an Ash Wednesday supper and service. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a 40 day period of prayer and reflection on the final days of Christ's life, culminating in Easter.

A light supper will be served at 6:00 in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on the green sheet to bring soup, salad, bread, or dessert. The service will begin at 7:00 in the Community Room.

Pastoral Search Focus Groups Schedule

Please plan to come to one of the groups below. If you are attending either of the Tuesday groups, please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Sunday, February 27 9:00 a.m.*	Community Room—South End Led by Bill Gurley	Replaces the Bible Study Class
Sunday, February 27 9:00 a.m.*	Community Room—North End Led by Paula Rardin	Replaces the Living Faith Class
Sunday, February 27 9:00 a.m.*	Young Adult Room Led by Kennedy San & Linda Novak	Replaces the Young Adult Class
Tuesday, March 1 10:00 a.m.	Community Room Led by Randy Sumner	
Tuesday, March 1 7:00 p.m.	Jim and Mary Shepardson's home Led by Mary Shepardson	12169 Fox Point Drive Maryland Heights (Maps available)
Sunday, March 6 9:00 a.m.*	Library Led by Kennedy San	Replaces the Karen Bible Study Class

* Note that these meetings start earlier than the regular church school hour.



A Meeting for Children's Workers

If you work with children at Second Baptist now or would like to, please come to a meeting after church on February 27 to reassess our children's program. Contact Brooke Justis for more details.

Sunday Evening Lenten Series Begins March 20

Mark your calendar for March 20 and the following three Sundays for a Sunday Evening Lenten Series. See the next *New Outlook* for more details.



The Second Baptist Book Group will meet March 8 at 1:00 p.m. in the Community Room to discuss *Tinkers*, by Paul Harding. Jane Mahan will lead the discussion.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sun	8:45 a.m.	Adult choir rehearsal in Sanctuary
	9:15 a.m.	Classes for children, youth and adults
	10:30 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
Tue	1st and 3rd	American Baptist Women's Ministries, 10 a.m.
Tue	6:30 p.m.	Adult Children of Alcoholics in Community Rm
Thurs	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Feb 27	9:00 a.m.	Focus groups for Search Committee input
Feb 27	11:45 a.m.	Youth go bowling after church
Feb 27	11:45 a.m.	Children's Worship Committee meets
Feb 28	6:30 p.m.	Koinonia meets at Meg Gilmore's
Feb 28	7:00 p.m.	Prostate Cancer Support Group, Comm Rm
Mar 1	10:00 a.m.	Focus group, Community Room
Mar 1	7:00 p.m.	Focus group at Shepardsons' home
Mar 6	9:00 a.m.	Focus group in Karen language, Library
Mar 6	11:30 a.m.	Welcome reception for Tom Clifton
Mar 8	1:00 p.m.	Book group, Community Room
Mar 9	6:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday supper; service at 7:00
Mar 14	6:30 p.m.	Koinonia meets at Meg Gilmore's
Mar 19	7:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, Delmar Baptist
Mar 19	1 - 4 p.m.	Choir rehearsal for <i>Messe solennelle, op. 12</i>
Mar 20	TBA	Lenten series

Housing for Tom Clifton



Tom Clifton is looking for a room or a small apartment near the church to stay in while he is with us.

If you know of any place like this, please contact Randy Sumner or Mary Shepardson. Thanks.

The *New Outlook* is published twice a month. Deadlines are the second and last Sundays of the month. Please send articles and photos to mary@shepardson.us by Sunday, March 13, for the next issue.

Rehearsals Begin for César Franck's *Messe solennelle*, op. 12

To be performed at the Good Friday Service April 22

César Franck (1822-1890) is primarily remembered today as a composer of instrumental music. His *Symphony in D minor*, *Symphonic Variations* for piano and orchestra and his *Violin Sonata in A* and *Piano Quintet* are all staples of the concert repertoire. However, the vast majority of his choral music and sacred music have fallen inexplicably into oblivion. Franck worked as choirmaster and organist throughout his life, and it was while he was at Sainte-Clotilde in Paris that he wrote his *Messe solennelle*, op. 12 in 1860.

The *Messe solennelle* was first performed in an instrumental reduction prepared by the composer for three-part choir (without altos) and only a tenor solo. The work was later revised and even rewritten in part in 1872, this time including the famous *Panis angelicus* movement. Alternate versions of the *Messe solennelle* soon appeared with soprano, tenor, bass soloists, four-part chorus and expanded for full orchestra, undoubtedly to make it more readily available for normal orchestral and choral forces.

Our performance of the Franck *Messe solennelle* will be for soprano, tenor, and bass soloists, four-part chorus, organ, harp, cello and double-bass.

We are once again inviting members of the Eliot Chapel Choir to join the Second Baptist Church Choir, along with soloists and friends, to present our Good Friday Service.

Here is the rehearsal schedule for those singers who might like to join us:

Saturday, March 19th, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. / choir and soloists

Saturday, March 26th, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. / choir and soloists

Saturday, April 2nd, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. / choir and soloists

Saturday, April 9th, SKIP - NO REHEARSAL

Saturday, April 16th, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. / choir and soloists with instruments

Friday, April 22, 6:30 p.m. call time / everyone - service begins at 8 p.m.

- Brad Short



Koinonia Group Meets February 28

Koinonia will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every second and fourth Monday at Meg Gilmore's (849 University Place in University City). Our next meeting is February 28. At each meeting a participant will bring a reading to reflect on and discuss and will also lead the group in whatever form of prayer he or she chooses. Participants will have the opportunity to share personal concerns if they wish to. Everyone is welcome.

Getting to Know Tom Clifton, Part III

Dr. Thomas E. Clifton will become Second Baptist's minister in residence on March 1, 2011. This is the third article in a series to help us get to know him. In the Early February issue we read about Tom's early years in Missouri and his life as a seminary student. The Mid February issue was about his years as a pastor, a seminary president, and an interim minister. These earlier issues are available on a table to the left of the Welcome Center. In this issue he tells us about his family, his interests, and his theological beliefs.

Family and Interests

My wife, Audrey, was an English teacher for many years and worked at nearly every level of education--from Middle School English to graduate programs at Purdue University. She still hears from many of her students. Our two adult daughters are also in education. Sandra Clifton is a self-employed tutor and consultant in Brooklyn, New York. Jill Millard, the mother of our three grandchildren, is a librarian at a middle school in Pittsburgh.

My special loves are simple ones. I enjoy reading, golf and travel. I still have family in Crystal City, Missouri, and at the moment both my sister and my mother are in hospice care in Crystal City. I still keep in touch with a few high school friends in the St. Louis area.

Theological Beliefs

One of the things that I know is that I cannot be a Christian alone. I desperately need a church to keep me praying, giving, loving and serving the Risen Christ. Without the church I am adrift and I am lost. I am also acutely aware how difficult it is for the church to maintain its life and extend its witness at this time and in this culture. It is a difficult time and a painful time as we watch much of what was built over the years crumble around us.

Even though old forms are dying, new ways of serving and loving are being born. I am far from despair, for I know that God is working a mighty purpose in this world and desires us to be a part of that event. It is always a good time to expect great things from God and attempt great things for God. I long to be a church leader for Second Baptist as the Spirit moves God's people to new joy and renewed purpose.

Finally, I know this: "For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain" (Philippians 1:21). I cannot conceive of my life apart from Christ. It is Christ who gives me reason to live. Everything else is secondary and temporary. I think about these words from Paul almost daily, and I claim them as my own.

I look forward to offering my life and witness to Second Baptist Church in the season ahead and pray that it will be a rich and rewarding time for all of us.

Tom Clifton

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Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

A nursery is provided.

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3rd Sunday of each month

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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March 20, 2011

Funky Butt Blues Band

Formed in 2008 by six musicians with a New Orleans brass band tradition, they take New Orleans brass tunes and give them a funky flavor.

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

