

SECOND THOUGHTS

A monthly reflection on the ministries of Second Presbyterian Church of Louisville



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SECOND Presbyterian CHURCH

*Sharing the grace of God with
one another and the world
around us.*

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Dear friends,

The Brown Preaching Series, established through the generosity of Prentice Brown, is an opportunity for us as a congregation to hear the Word proclaimed by a leading guest preacher from our Presbyterian tradition. On Sunday, August 21, we will welcome the Rev. Dr. Stephen P. Eason. Steve will preach at our 10:00 service that Sunday. Following worship, there will be a luncheon and presentation in Fellowship Hall entitled “What’s Changed?” a conversation about the vast amount of change in and around the American Church and the nature of hope for us as people of faith.

Steve is a retired Presbyterian (U.S.A.) pastor, author, pastoral counselor, teacher and consultant. He graduated from Duke Divinity School in 1979 and has served churches of all sizes. He was Senior Pastor of Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, from 2002 – 2015. His book, Making Disciples, Making Leaders, is used by many Presbyterian churches for officer training and leadership development. Steve and his wife, Catherine, have three grown children and six grandchildren and live in Brevard, NC.

We look forward to welcoming Steve Eason to the Second Presbyterian Church pulpit on August 21st and I encourage you to put that date on your calendar and plan to attend the lunch and conversation following 10:00 worship. While you’re at it, this is an excellent occasion for you to practice some Presbyterian evangelism and invite family, friends, and colleagues to hear this insightful and engaging preacher.

Grace and peace,
Steve

Worship & Music

Homecoming Sunday



CASUAL WORSHIP:

SANCTUARY - 10 A.M.

**CATERED LUNCH IN THE
CHAPEL CIRCLE**

FOOD TRUCK DESSERTS

OUTDOOR GAMES FOR KIDS

MINISTRY BOOTHS:

GET TO KNOW SECOND

August 28



SECOND PRESBYTERIAN Music Ministries

Our adult musical ensembles gear up for another year of ministry for the 2022-2023 program year!

Find your place in our mission to offer providing the highest quality music for worship, spiritual development and mission that calls out the utmost art and deepest Christian commitment from our children, youth and adults.

Call Jim Rittenhouse, Director of Worship and Music at 895-3483 x212 for more information.

SANCTUARY CHOIR - BEGINS WED., AUGUST 17, 7 P.M.

The Sanctuary Choir is the musical heart of Second Church, at the forefront of our worship, performance, and ministry. In addition to leading 11:00am worship service every Sunday, they are an essential part of our major celebrations of the church year, such as Christmas, Easter, and other special holidays. This year's repertoire includes new arrangements of favorite hymns, Haydn's CREATION, works of Bruckner and Vaughan Williams, and world music. *Rehearses weekly from 7-8:30 p.m. No audition required. Jim Rittenhouse, director; Sam Libra accompanist.*

AUSTIN MEMORIAL HANDBELLS - BEGINS TUES., August 30, 7 P.M.

The Austin Bells has established themselves as regular additions to our worship leadership throughout the year, including at special celebrations of the Church. In recent years, the ensemble has participated at regional conventions and workshops. Reading music is a strong plus to be a part of this ensemble. We do have open spaces, so join us! *Meets Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Jim Rittenhouse is director.*

GOLDEN BELLS - BEGINS TUES., SEPTEMBER 6, 1 P.M.

After more than a year not gathering, our Golden Bells resumes this September! The Golden Bells is a group of folks who love to learn about handbells and music, and who love being with other members of Second's community. Though not preparing music for worship, they work on music reading and their skills in ringing. Come join this wonderful family at Second. *Meets Tuesdays, 12:45 - 2:00 p.m. Bonnie Boram is director.*

Thank you, Erin Shina, for 9 wonderful years!

We said goodbye to our Soprano 2

Section Leader and soloist, Erin Shina, after her remarkable tenure in Second's Octet and music program. Erin has served as a children's choir leader as well. She is a music therapist with Norton, and is simplifying her life a bit, but still singing in the area. We wish her, and her partner, Jamie



2ND ACT IS UP & SINGING

We have performed our show of Crooners, Elvis, and Broadway in twelve health care facilities and are now getting ready for our fall performances now scheduling for October and November. We will be performing at 10:30 each Wednesday morning in September in the following locations if you would like to come and be a part of the Second Presbyterian contingency that brings smiles to those who are in these



SUMMER MUSIC BLAST 2022!

MONDAY, AUGUST 8

6-8 P.M.

AGES 3 - 5TH GRADE

FOOD * MUSIC/DRUMS * FIREHOSE

FAMILIES WELCOME

EMAIL SLIBRA@2NDPRESLOU.ORG

VESPERS

at Second



Sunday, August 14 @ 6:30 p.m.
Chapel Circle

Bring your lawn chair!

Worship * Music * Fellowship *
Refreshments
featuring music from

*Nick Recktenwald & Jazz Quartet
plus Isabella and Christina Recktenwald!*

Children

Our week-long Vacation Bible School was an absolute success this year! We had 101 children attend both the preschool and elementary VBS programs; 45 volunteers from our church and surrounding community made the week possible. Our theme was peacemaking, so children spent the week learning about what it means to work as God's peacemakers in the world. Our final art project was a banner of peace doves which will be donated to our mission partner ,The Healing Place, as an extension of our children's peace to our brothers and sisters in Christ. We rounded out the week with a fantastic water day with the help of the St. Matthews Fire Department and a Kona Ice truck. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who made this week possible.



August 20
5 - 8:30 p.m.

Parent's Night Out

\$15 per child
\$25 Family Cap

Need a break??

Pack a dinner and have the kiddos join us for a fun filled night of crafts, gym time, story telling and more!

Birth - 5th grade. Spaces are limited, reservations are a must.

Contact Amy Heckmann—aheckmann@2ndpreslou.org—by Monday, August 8 with questions and to reserve your spot!



We had nine 4th & 5th graders participate in Project Serve this year. They had a busy week volunteering and spent their time gardening at The Food Literacy Project and Bellewood, working in the food pantry at Peace Presbyterian, doing projects for the Weekday School, and making sack lunches for Loaves and Fishes to distribute to the houseless community. They even had a lock-in Thursday night that included pizza, a scavenger hunt, games in the gym, and, of course, ice cream!



Smiley Camp '22 was a great time had by all! The children had so many fun opportunities to explore, create, investigate, and play On the Farm and Under the Sea. During week 1 we had farm animals visit our campus for the children to pet, feed, and ride. We went on a hayride around the campus and had a farm-themed carnival with a bounce house. Week 2 was spent "diving into the sea" with water play, an ocean-themed bounce house, a dance party, and a visit from the local fire truck!



In June, 17 high school youth and 4 adult chaperones spent a week at the Montreat youth conference. The theme of the week was 'more than enough' and they learned about how God always provides what we need to not only survive but to thrive.



Montreat Party!
Sunday, August 7
6:00pm
in the Youth Suite

Inviting **ALL** high school youth to an evening filled with food and fun!

This is also a chance to hear first hand about Montreat summer camp from youth who have previously attended.

West End School Clean-up

On Sunday July 24th a group from Second Pres. volunteered at the West End School to help them get their building ready to start school. Thank you to all of those who volunteered, your hard work is greatly appreciated!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 FROM 4:30 - 6:00

WE ARE RESUMING OUR MONTHLY VOLUNTEER PARTNERSHIP WITH BELLEWOOD!

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE HEAD TO BELLEWOOD AND JOIN WITH THEIR YOUTH FOR AN EVENING FILLED WITH FUN & FELLOWSHIP.

PLEASE CONTACT TAMMY KISSLING AT TKISSLING@2NDPRESLOU.ORG OR PASTOR JORDAN AT JAKIN@2NDPRESLOU.ORG TO SIGN UP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION.


 Bellewood & Brooklawn

CONFIRMATION INFO

Attention Rising 7th & 8th Graders

This year Confirmation will include both 7th and 8th graders. Information letters were mailed out to families, if you did not receive one and would like more information regarding the Confirmation process please contact Tammy Kissling at kissling@2ndpreslou.org.

Adult Formation

Zoom links to adult education programs can be found in *Seconds to Go*.

You may also contact the church office: tkissling@2ndpreslou.org or 502-895-3483.

Morning Joy

The fall edition, "So Great a Cloud of Witnesses" will begin on Thursday September 8.

Classes meet in the Fellowship Hall and are led by Pastor Steve Jester, with the women and men who attend – both church members and guest like providing lots of discussion and questions.

Classes begin at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and the sharing of church joys and concerns. At the conclusion of each class by 11 a.m., small discussion groups convene for those who choose to participate. A syllabus of the class study will be provided in advance of Morning Joy sessions. Participants can attend in-person in the Fellowship Hall or they can attend virtually via Zoom. All are welcome!

Biblical Studies

The class is led by Dr. Acton Ostling, Jr. and meets in-person on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in Room 252. If interested in receiving the announcements or emails, whether or not you are a regular member, please email Dr. Ostling at lingjr@twc.com.

Pathways

Led by Elizabeth Clay, the Pathways class meets on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall A and via Zoom. Pathways is a group of folks who enjoy thinking and talking about life, faith, the Bible, and the intersection of the three. Please come join us! Classes will resume on September 11.

Reading the Bible

Dr. Marty Soards, Retired Professor of New Testament Studies at Louisville Seminary, leads this class on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Parlor and on Zoom. We are now studying the book of Acts, and we would be glad to have anyone join us who is interested in such Bible study.

Film Fellowship

This group gathers on the first Monday of each month to discuss the intersections of film and faith. Each session, we discuss a different film, some familiar to many, others new to most. Join us as we explore deep questions around art, ethics, belief, and media. Contact Karen Hadley (hadley@louisville.edu) for questions or concerns.

2nd Sunday

2nd Sunday is for parents of children from birth through teenage years. The class meets on the second Sunday of each month and deals with issues facing young parents trying to raise faithful children in this tumultuous and ever-changing world. Class members share experiences and ideas, to help each other find ways to make God the center of our families, led by moderators Lee and Vic Baltzell. 2nd Sunday will resume classes on September 11.

Sisters in Spirit

A warm, supportive group of ladies that enjoy a special time of fellowship and book discussion around topics that help us grow in our everyday faith. We generally meet the second Tuesday of the month 7–9 p.m. in the home of a group member. Open to adult women of all ages and stages of life. Join us when you are able (it's ok if you have to miss a month or two, you are always welcome to come as you are able). Contact Selina Costley (sjc@iglou.com) for info.

Our next gathering is August 2, at 7:00 p.m. at Sallye Pence's. Please RSVP to Sallye.

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study meets in Room 251 and via Zoom at 7 a.m. on Friday mornings. Dr. Marty Soards, Retired Professor of New Testament Studies at Louisville Seminary leads the session.

Mission

AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH
Bellewood & Brooklawn most needed items

- *Body Wash
- *Shampoo
- *Deodorant
- *Toothpaste
- *Towels
- *Washcloths
- *Socks (children & adult)
- *Underwear (all sizes)

Bellewood & Brooklawn

WES West End School
Louisville, KY

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

THE WES PICNIC
SATURDAY, AUGUST 13
4:00-8:00 P.M.

WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUTH TO HELP RUN GAMES AND ACTIVITIES



In July, Larry Sloan, Stan deVoogd, and Pastor Jordan got together with one of our mission partners in El Salvador, Santiago. He was here for General Assembly. It was so good to join together in fellowship with him to continue to build our relationship and partnerships and to hear about how our friends in Rosaria de Mora are doing. Santiago also gave us an update on how he and the denominational church, IRCES, is doing in the midst of some hard times in the country. He explained the gang problem in El Salvador to us. And, in his words, the current government has blown this problem way out of proportion by letting the public believe any group of young adults who are together in a public space are assumed gang members. Someone can report this group of young adults and they can be detained for 15 days. Because of this, the church has stopped meeting with their young adults in fear they could get reported and detained while worshipping. Santiago, in telling this to us, asked for prayers for him, for IRCES, for the young adults of El Salvador and for El Salvador as a whole. The stark difference in realities between Louisville and El Salvador is striking. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our June and July Missions of the Month, Portland Avenue Community Trust and School Supplies for UCHM and Cabbage Patch. Your ongoing support of our mission partners is greatly appreciated.

Dr. Dustin and Sherri Ellington

Dustin and Sherri have served overseas since 2005, when they moved to Cairo, Egypt, with their two young sons, for Dustin to teach New Testament at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo (ETSC). They loved ministering in the Arabic-speaking world, yet had to leave much too quickly.

They and their sons, Clayton and Christopher, spent 2009-2010 in Louisville living at the Furlough Home while attending 2nd Pres and discerning where God might be calling them next. (Later in 2013-2014 they were again part of 2nd Pres during a furlough year while Clay attended Manual High School and Chris attended Meyzeek Middle School.)



In 2010 they sensed God's call to Lusaka, Zambia, where, for 12 years, Dustin trained pastors for many southern African countries at Justo Mwale University and Sherri ministered in a variety of ways including coordinating the Zambia site of the PC(USA)'s Young Adult Volunteer program. Marty Soards from Louisville Seminary and Second Presbyterian also came on multiple occasions to teach intensive courses at Justo Mwale alongside Dustin and Sherri during these 12 years.

In 2015 While continuing to teach full-time in Zambia, Dustin began to travel annually to Beirut, Lebanon, using the Arabic he had learned in Egypt to teach intensive New Testament classes at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary (ABTS), a close partner of the Presbyterian seminary in Cairo where Dustin previously taught.

Over time, the Ellingtons started to sense the Holy Spirit stirring their hearts to reverse the geographic balance and be mainly based in the Arabic-speaking world once again (at ABTS in Lebanon), with visits to stay connected to Zambia and the African church.

Dustin and Sherri hope to move to Lebanon in September 2022 and are currently raising financial support through The Antioch Partners (theantiochpartners.org). They are excited to encourage and form people for Christian life and ministry in the Middle East and North Africa.

If you would like to be added to the Ellingtons' email update list, or be in touch for any other reason, they can be reached by email at: ellingtondustin@gmail.com (Dustin) or so.ellington@gmail.com (Sherri).

Refugee updates

Preparations for a New Family

Your refugee committee is gearing up for a new family co-sponsorship with Kentucky Refugee Ministries. If you worked with us in the past, you know how much we appreciate your household donations and your help setting up the apartment or house. Thank you! You know also that there may not be much lead time between apartment set up and the arrival. We can use all hands on deck, when that time comes.

Furniture for the living room, dining room, and bedrooms will be needed, household goods to equip a kitchen, bedding, and bath items, too. Our committee will send a list of specific needs by email very soon. All items must be clean and in good working order. We already have some large items in storage at KRM.

Please let us know if you have questions. We can help or direct you to someone on our committee who can help. There are jobs for everyone—working with donations, setting up the apartment, transporting boxes of small items, and helping the new folks adjust to Louisville in many ways. Second always comes through. More information will be on the way. Join us!

Refugee Committee, Mission Committee
Martha Nichols Pecceu (mnpecceu@yahoo.com)
Kathy Oyler (Kathy@oyler.net)

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD

RAISE THE ROOF AND GROUND BLESSING

Saturday, September 10

CONTACT JOHN DAVIS AT JOHNLOUKY.COM
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP.



SPOT

Second Presbyterian Options Together

A small group ministry of Second Presbyterian Church
SPOT serves to unite people who share a common interest and deepen their faith in Christ through building relationships and reaching out to others.



Book Notes

We need books for the rest of the year, so offer up your suggestions! See Seconds to Go for Zoom links.

For information or to be added to our mailing list, please contact: Larry Sloan at larry.sloan@yahoo.com or Susanne Wright at sjwright@iglou.com.



2nd Act

Studies show that singing with other people helps create a sense of belonging, and it triggers new neurotransmitter responses in your frontal lobe. This biological response releases chemicals that make us smarter, healthier, happier and more creative.

Who would like to be smarter, healthier, and happier? Consider joining 2nd Act. We are a group of ladies who love to get together to sing and entertain in this ministry to those in nursing and health facilities. No experience necessary. Anyone welcome. We meet each Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the choir room. For more information, contact Susan Langford, toursplus@aol.com or (502) 897-3789.



Pilates

Susan Schmidt—a Pilates instructor for 25 years—leads classes every Monday, 5:30-6:30 p.m., in the Narthex. Email puremovementvl@gmail.com or call 502-523-5934 to get on our email list.



Walkers

To learn about the program, please contact Valerie Dreher at (502) 618-3732 or edreher3@yahoo.com. We walk on the first and third Wednesday of each month.



Busy Needles

To learn more about Busy Needles, please contact Mary Ayers, (502) 429-3415 or marywayers@aol.com; or Bev Wahl at (502) 423-9271 or bevwahl41@gmail.com.



Paint SPOT

The group is back painting on Thursdays at Second. Contact Linda Wood for more information, (502) 893-3330 el.wood@twc.com.



Dinner Groups

Let's Socialize! A dinner group is an opportunity to make new friends and/or get to know one another better. If you're interested in joining a dinner group or starting one, please call, text or email Cheryl Cooper at 502-417-3999, cheryltcooper@gmail.com

Care for the Caregiver

Are you helping a loved one with impairments related to aging, disability, or a mental disorder? Are you taking care of someone who has a chronic illness, managing medications, or taking care of household chores, meals, healthcare for someone who cannot perform these tasks alone? If you answered yes to any of these, then you are a caregiver.

Caregivers hold it all together or have the overwhelming feeling that they must hold it together because no one else can. Caring for your loved one can lead to isolation, depression, chronic health issues, and poor quality of life. The Deacons here at Second see how important it is to support its members who hold the role of caregiver.

The caregiver support group meets the second Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. These remote monthly Zoom meetings provide resources, education, guest speakers, and a safe space for support and assistance in finding solutions to the challenges of caregiving. If you are interested in joining or learning more, please contact the office or reach out to Elizabeth Clay, eclay@2ndpreslou.org, or Deacon Cathy Hollander.

Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women of Second will meet at the Church on the second Tuesdays of the month, beginning September 13th at 10:00 a.m. for Bible study and fellowship. We look forward to being together, again, and welcome all women at Second to join us. A Zoom option will be available.

The 22-23 Horizons Bible study is “Celebrating the Sabbath” by Carol M. Bechtel. Each lesson will focus on a particular passage of scripture. We will be encouraged to practice Sabbath in “real and practical ways” making the Sabbath an important part of our lives in Christ. Study books will be available at our September meeting.

All are invited to attend the Annual Prayer Service led by Presbyterian Women of Mid-KY Presbytery at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 10th at Westwood PC, 4432 Greenwood Avenue, 40211.

presbyterianwomen.org website has opportunities to subscribe to the Horizons Magazine, as well as, find information about Presbyterian Women in God’s world.

As we pray for peace and comfort in our world, may the love of Christ and the joy of our friendships be with you, now, as always, In Christ,

Amy Parker, *Moderator* Amparker158@hotmail.com (502) 897-5076

Hope & Healing While Grieving

Our culture puts a lot of emphasis on happiness but loss is a very real part of everyone’s life. Hope and Healing While Grieving is a safe place for anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one. We will meet at 11:30 am on June 22, July 20, and August 10. All meetings will be at church with a zoom option. Please contact Elizabeth Clay, eclay@2ndpreslou.org if you have questions or are interested in joining the group.

passages

We remember in prayer...

Carol McCarty, Kathryn Spencer and their family on the death of her husband, Art (Mac), 7/22/22

Ken Fleming and his family on the death of his mother, Jo Ann Love Fleming, 7/4/22

Isabella Bianconcini and her family on the death of her grandfather, Giampaolo, 7/3/22

Ricky Case and his family on the death of his uncle, Bill Barnes, 7/2/22

Robin Seiler and her family on the death of her father, Jim Hornback, 6/21/22

Diana & Steve Jester and family on the death of her cousin, Kirk Avant

Eunice and Rob Shishmanian on the death of husband and father, Charlie Shishmanian, 6/4/22.

Vicki, Rob, and Betsy Reuther and their family on the death of husband and father, James Reuther, 5/27/22.

Christina Recktenwald and her family on the death of her brother-in-law, Ron Hunting, 5/16/22.

Bill McDowell and his family on the death of his sister, Judy Stanton, 5/12/22.

Melinda Mast and her family on the death of her husband, Dr. Bob Hilgers, 5/1/22.

Meet our New Staff

Elliott Nichols

Technology Coordinator

I am very excited to be a part of the 2nd Presbyterian family!
I love God . I enjoy recording music, and spending time with my family!
A Seafood Dinner is my favorite type!
Let's grow together and have fun doing it!



Amy Kiefner

Church Administrator

Hi my name is Amy Kiefner, and I'm a Louisville native.
I graduated from Seneca high school, and stayed local for college, graduating from Indiana University Southeast. I have one sister who is a professor in Ohio, and I have two fur babies.
I love art and photography and do both in my spare time.

I love helping people and have worked primarily for non-profits throughout my career. During college I started working for the Community Ministries and ran an after school tutoring program and worked in the Assistance Center. From there I went on to Passport Health Plan (which at the time was nonprofit and centered around Medicaid), and I worked as a call center representative before moving on to the role of trainer.
I'm very excited for the opportunity to work for 2nd Presbyterian Church and look forward to getting to know everyone here!

Michelle Hormann

Ministry Coordinator for Care & Stewardship

Michelle was born and raised here in Louisville. She grew up in the church, baptized as a Lutheran and later joining and attending another local Presbyterian church with her family. She remains close with her mother and two older brothers who live in the area with their families.

Michelle obtained her bachelor's degree from the University of Louisville and enjoys cheering on the Cards, especially during basketball season. She has a big soft spot for animals, and actually spent ten years working for a veterinarian in various roles. Some of those years while she was in school working toward her college degree. She has one cat that she rescued after she was abandoned at the veterinary hospital where Michelle worked. These days Michelle enjoys spending time with her thirteen year old niece and three year old nephew, spoiling her cat, attending concerts, exercising, exploring nature and cooking and trying new recipes. She is excited to join the Second Presbyterian team and flourish in her new role!



Diane Jackson

Bookkeeper

Hello to everyone!

My name is Diane Burghardt Jackson and I am a native of Cleveland, Ohio. I moved to Louisville from Houston, Texas 5 years ago to be close to my daughter and her family. I have two children, seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren (with the seventh on the way), two sisters and one brother. Family is spread over many states so I love family reunions.

My interests include Greyhound, Galgo and Ponderosa adoption and events, crocheting, and genealogy.

Dear Friends and Fellow Church Members:

As most of you are aware, Second Presbyterian Church and Second Presbyterian Weekday School, together, are planning a "2nd Party" for this fall. The date of the party is Saturday, October 1 (save the date on your calendar!). This will be an evening of fun and celebration, and also an opportunity to raise money for both the church and its weekday school. The party will be informal and outside, with food trucks, a bluegrass band, wine and bourbon "pulls," live and silent auctions, and raffles. The emphasis for this evening will be to have fun together and to celebrate our many collective blessings; accordingly, we are calling the party "October Blest."

October Blest is also a fundraiser, and this is where you can help. To be successful, we need to raise money in the form of sponsorships. In that regard, we will be calling upon many of you in the coming days to consider stepping up and becoming party sponsors. When you are contacted, we hope you will give prayerful consideration to our request, and will decide you can help us with this effort. The net proceeds of the party will be divided between the church and the weekday school, and will be used in service of the mission of both.

In the event you are not contacted, you can still become a sponsor by mailing a check to, or dropping a check by the church office for one of the sponsorship amounts: \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,000 or \$500, at your earliest convenience. You can also make a sponsorship pledge and payment on the church website, which is www.2ndpreslou.org, and clicking on the "Giving" page.





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