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New in Southern Indiana – July 2017

Jeffersonville, Ind. (July 20, 2017) – What’s old is new and what’s new is new. The city of New Albany, just north of the Ohio River is bustling with new and historic energy. **Mesa Collaborative Kitchen**, a restaurant that doubles as a demonstration kitchen opened in July. In addition, the National Park Service announced that the **Second Baptist Church** is one of the newest sites in the Network to Freedom.

Mesa Collaborative Kitchen opens in New Albany

Southern Indiana’s newest culinary venue, Mesa Collaborative Kitchen, showcases chefs as the rock stars they’ve become. The state-of-the-art show kitchen features demonstrations by Southern Indiana’s and Louisville established and aspiring chefs. Chefs prepare and demonstrate 3-5 courses in front of the guests while explaining the process, answering questions and talking with guests. Guests purchase seats to the class online. At class, beverage pairings are provided by Mesa to complement the chef’s menu.

With the emerging and dynamic restaurant scene, Mesa will be the culinary hub. Kentuckiana’s highly-talented chefs will share their love for food with the public and each other. In addition to the collaborative space, Mesa and Pantre also houses a bookstore, a kitchen essentials boutique, and offers to go cooking dinners.

Owners Bobby and Ysha Bass have stocked the store’s pantry, “Pantre,” with kitchen essentials like cookbooks, aprons, knife sets, rubs and spices, and other nonperishables. They will feature high quality foods like salts, chocolates, olive oils, and sugars.

Mesa Collaborative Kitchen

216 Pearl Street
New Albany, Ind.
MesaChefs.com

New Albany’s Second Baptist Church added to National Park Service’s ‘Network to Freedom’

New Albany’s Second Baptist Church, also known locally as the “Town Clock Church,” has been designated an official Network to Freedom site by the National Park Service (NPS). The Second Baptist Church was included for making a significant contribution to the understanding of the Underground Railroad in American history.

The NPS is implementing the Network to Freedom to coordinate and preserve historical places, museums, and interpretive programs associated with the Underground Railroad. The project builds upon and is supported by community initiatives around the country as well as legislation. In 1990, Congress directed the NPS to study how to best interpret and commemorate the Underground Railroad and passed the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act of 1998. The result will be a mosaic of community, regional, and national stories. Historic places and educational or interpretive programs associated with the Underground Railroad will become part of a network, eligible to use or display a uniform network logo, receive technical assistance and participate in program workshops.



Instrumental in the church's designation are the Friends of the Town Clock Church, an organization established as a charitable partnership to assist with ongoing maintenance, beautification, fundraising, and long-term planning for the historical building. Local historian and author, Pam Peters, is a member of the Friends of the Town Clock Church and was active in the application process.

In the future, the church will host tours. Currently, tours are available by appointment only. More information about the Friends group or the history of the Town Clock Church and its role in the Underground Railroad, please visit TownClockChurch.org. For questions about the Second Baptist Church, volunteer opportunities, or to schedule a tour, please call (812) 945-3814.

Second Baptist Church

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TownClockChurch.org

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