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***TO OUR SUNSET AVENUE FAMILY,
WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THE GIFTS, DELICIOUS
FOOD, CONTINUOUS PRAYERS AND THE SUPPORT THAT
YOU HAVE SENT OUR WAY AT THIS VERY SPECIAL TIME
OF THE YEAR. IT IS A BLESSING TO SERVE YOU.***

***HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE STAFF OF
SUNSET AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH!!
ROBIN, STEVE, DAVID, NEIL, ALBERTO, KIM, LISA
THERESA, TERESA, PATRICK & JIMMY.***

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:15

Worship - 10:30

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CHRISTMAS
OFFERING®

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CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

GOAL: \$75,000.00

CHALLENGE GOAL: \$85,000.00

AMOUNT GIVEN AS OF 12/18: \$58,782.00

Children's

Choirs



**CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL RESUME
SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 @ 5:45 PM**



**DEEPER GROUPS WILL RESUME
SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 @ 6:00**

The Pastor's Pen...

As 2023 arrives, I challenge you to make this year a time of going deeper in the Bible. There are many benefits to regular Bible reading. I'll mention a few. First, when you read the Scriptures, you get better acquainted with the Lord and His will. So much of what we don't know about our Christian faith could be known if we went deeper in the Word. Second, when we go deeper in Scripture, we give the Holy Spirit more to work with in our lives in our ongoing battle with sin and Satan. When Jesus was tempted by the devil (Matthew 4), He went on the counterattack by saying, "It is written...." The Word was His "sword," His protection. So it is with us. Third, a daily "diet" of Scripture produces spiritual strength and consistency in our Christian walk. Scripture is compared to "milk" for the immature babe in Christ and "meat" for the mature believer. The Bible brings growth! Fourth, we're commanded to go deeper in the Word. Second Timothy 2:15 says, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (KJV). Our Lord expects us to go deeper in the Word so we'll know how to "handle" the Bible responsibly.

There are people all over the world who have little or no access to Scripture. In at least one autocratic nation, simply possessing a Bible is legal grounds for imprisonment or even death. Yet so many in this nation have risked it all for the sake of God and His Word. I once read an account where POW's in Vietnam dared to risk torture by writing Scripture on toilet paper so they could share it with other prisoners. Why are we so often "soft" when it comes to the Bible? Surely it is the work of Satan in our lives.

I will provide a hard copy of a Bible reading plan for all who want it. Just let me know. There are many phone apps that provide plans as well. Resolve to read through the O.T. in a year, the N.T. in a year, the psalms in a year, or all of the above. You determine where to start, but start if you're already not involved in regular, consistent Bible reading. What a great resolution for the new year. I love you much.

Yours and His,

Pastor Robin

**QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18 @ 6:30**

There will be no other service or activities during this time.

**CHRIST C.A.N.
FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29**

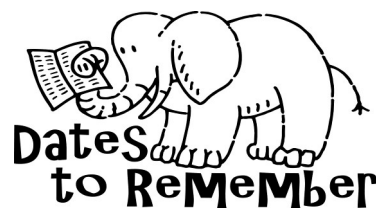
An offering will be received at the conclusion of the 10:30 worship service for Christ C.A.N. Please make checks payable to Sunset Avenue Baptist Church & designate C-C.A.N. on your check & offering envelope.



Thank you to my church family for the cards, calls, texts and food during the passing of my mom. It was very much appreciated.

~Michael Davis

Dear Church Family,
Our hearts are full of joy as we reflect on the many acts of love & kindness expressed to our family during Ed's recent hospitalization. Your cards, calls, visits & food has been such a blessing to each of us. We continue to covet your prayers for God's healing touch.~ In Christian Love, Edith, Ed & Family



January 1 Regular Morning Schedule

January 2 Office Closed

January 4 Meals will resume



2023 PRAYER KICKOFF

On Sunday evening, January 8, we will hold a prayer walk inside our buildings as we pray for divine blessing in 2023 on our ministries. Please meet at 6:00 in the sanctuary.

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
SATURDAY,
JANUARY 21, 2023
4:00 - 6:00 PM**

Come join us in the fellowship hall as we pop some popcorn & enjoy a great family movie together.

Prayer Concerns

Connie Armstrong ~ David Blackmon ~ Pat Boone ~ Tanya Booth ~ Lynn Boyette ~ Libby Bunn ~ Tonia Carmichael ~ Steve Cary ~ Joyce Cline ~ Jayden Coley ~ Pam Davis ~ Gwen Dew ~ Cade Edwards ~ Randolph Edwards ~ Curtis Emigh ~ Barbara Godwin ~ Darryl Gschwind ~ Bury & Cathy Hendricks ~ Heath Henry ~ Carol Hutchinson ~ Needham Johnson ~ Nona Jones ~ Judy King ~ Bill & Judy McDaniel ~ Adam McRae ~ Peggy Melton ~ Janice Meyer ~ Agnes Moore ~ Anise Rose ~ Alice Shearin ~ Hilma Wheeler ~ Michael Valentine ~ Melvin Wolfe ~ Family of Faye Davis ~ His Mansion Ministry ~ King's Way Ministry ~ Stone Gate Ministry ~ Boston Partnership ~ A Place of Grace Ministry ~ Hispanic Church ~ GriefShare Ministry

In order to keep our prayer list current, names will remain on the list for four weeks (unless otherwise requested).

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Any information that you wish to have published in the February newsletter should be emailed to lwebb@sabaptist.org by noon on Wednesday, January 18.

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

is available on the church website: sabaptist.org

November 27, 2022 - December 18, 2022

Attendance Totals

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
27	186	165
4	219	294
11	208	252
18	NA	200

Membership Additions in 2022

By Baptism	1
By Transfer or Statement of Faith	8

Weekly Budget Need for 2022: \$ 22,639.13

November 27, 2022 - December 18, 2022 Giving Totals

<u>Offering Received</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Total Received</u>
27 \$ 23,517.33	\$ 1,950.79	\$ 25,468.12
4 \$ 24,726.63	\$ 10,131.30	\$ 34,857.93
11 \$ 19,028.80	\$ 18,611.00	\$ 37,639.80
18 \$ 32,347.00	\$ 25,581.19	\$ 57,928.19

Year to Date Budget January 1, 2022 - December 18, 2022

<u>Required</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 1,154,595.63	\$ 1,052,737.08	\$ 101,858.55

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**You're invited to a Baby Shower for
Andrew & Kaylee Knight
Sunday, January 8
2:00 - 4:00**

**They are registered at Target and
on Amazon.**



Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 10 at 9:00 AM in the fellowship hall. How does pancakes & sausage sound for a winter morning?! Our program will be "Pack the Truck". The North Roanoke Association is encouraging our churches to utilize the Injoy Thrift Store for our donations & we will have the truck here at Sunset that morning. When packing away your Christmas items & cleaning out your closets, please bring your items to the church to be picked up by the store representatives. If you bring them earlier, please leave them in the fellowship hall. This is an opportunity for the entire church to participate. Looking forward to seeing you!!