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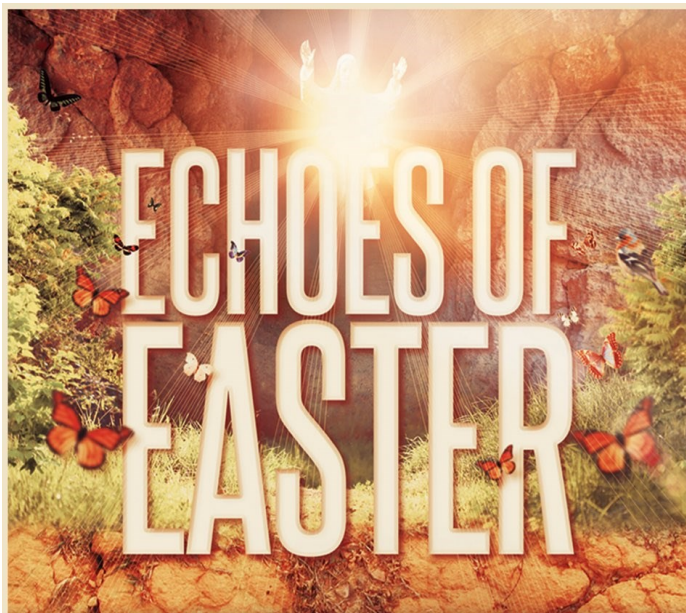
EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023

**7:00 AM Sunrise Service at Calvary Baptist Church,
Pastor Robin will be Preaching
(There will be no breakfast served)**

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Morning Worship

No Deeper Groups or Children's Choirs



***ADULT CHOIR AND
PRAISE BAND
EASTER MUSICAL***

***APRIL 9, 2023 @ 10:30 AM
(As part of our morning worship)***

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:15

Worship - 10:30

THE ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

MARCH 19 - APRIL 16

Goal: \$40,000.00

Challenge Goal: \$45,000.00

Amount Given as of 3/19: \$11,195.00



SABC has agreed to partner with the Backpack Buddies Program at Coopers Elementary! Food bags for 16 students will be packaged at Coopers monthly. Please place food items in the designated containers in the Sunday School Classrooms, fellowship hall and the church office or designate financial donations to support this ministry.

The items needed in each bag are:

- 3 - Juice boxes**
(heavy carton type works well)
- 1 - Breakfast item**
(easy prep or ready wrapped)
- 2 - Meal/meat items**
(easy pop-top type)
- 2 - Snack items**



**WE WILL BE OBSERVING
THE LORD'S SUPPER
SUNDAY, APRIL 2**

The Pastor's Pen...

As we approach Easter this year, I want to share some words with you from a Christian author by the name of Joe LoMusio. These words are from his book, "If I Should Die Before I Live."

If I were to ask you to describe Easter without using any words, you could only use punctuation marks, which punctuation mark would you choose to describe this Easter for yourself? Maybe this Easter is a comma for you. It makes you stop, pause, think, and listen, but that's about it. Perhaps today is a downer—a big bold period. You thought you'd feel excited, but instead it seems to be more like empty ritual. You feel like you're not on the inside, but on the outside...an onlooker.

It was a day when life felt like a period for Jesus' disciples. He was dead. He was buried. An end to expectations. But wait—news of an empty tomb...the period is no longer a period, it's a question mark. That's worse than a period. Now they're beginning to doubt. Where is He? They're perplexed. The guards are gone, the stone is rolled away. He is not there. And if not there, where?

An angel speaks, "Why do you seek the living One among the dead? He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was in Galilee, saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and how He must be crucified, and the third day He must rise again." Of course they remembered! The periods are gone. The question marks are removed. There is one massive exclamation point!

That's what Easter is all about...an exclamation of gratitude and of praise for the resurrection of Jesus Christ and for the salvation His victory over death brought to us.

May your Easter be marked by an exclamation point during this holy season. I love you all.

Pastor Robin



**SATURDAY, APRIL 8
FELLOWSHIP HALL
10:00 - 11:30
CHILDREN AGES 2 - 6TH GRADE**



**GARDNER WEBB UNIVERSITY
JULY 17 - 21
COST: \$160.00**

Register today through the children's ministry page on the church's website at sabaptist.org by **April 23rd**.



**SENIOR ADULT EVENT
TUESDAY, APRIL 11**

We will go to the State Farmer's Market in Raleigh. We will leave church at 9:30 and travel to Raleigh for this trip. After checking out the fresh spring veggies & the spring plantings we will eat lunch at the Farmer's Market Restaurant or the Seafood Restaurant, your choice. Both offer great food at good prices! After we leave the market we will make a stop at Hamrick's. Now you men can find good things, too! If you don't want to shop you can sit & watch people go by. You can also volunteer to carry the shopping bags!! We should return home by 3:30. Sign-up for this; I know you will enjoy this!! If you sign-up & decide not to go, please let us know. We will wait for you if you will be late!



**QUARTERLY
CHURCH CONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19 @ 6:30**
There will be no other service or activities.

Prayer Concerns

Julia Baker ~ David Blackmon ~ Pat Boone ~ Tonia Carmichael ~ Steve Cary ~ Pam Davis ~ Gwen Dew ~ Cade Edwards ~ Curtis Emigh ~ Darryl Gschwind ~ Bury & Cathy Hendricks ~ Heath Henry ~ Angela Hight ~ Mattieleene Johnson ~ Needham Johnson ~ Nona Jones ~ Rufus Joyner ~ Gary Kirkwood ~ Diana Langston ~ Bill & Judy McDaniel ~ Adam McRae ~ Charlie Meyer ~ Janice Meyer ~ Kim Meyer ~ Anise Rose ~ Alice Shearin ~ W.C. Taylor ~ Hilma Wheeler ~ Craig Valentine ~ Joyce Valentine ~ Michael Valentine ~ Melvin Wolfe ~ Andrew & Kaylee Knight & new baby Winslet Scott ~ Family of Brenda Barwick ~ Family of Don Joyner ~ Family of Walter Perry ~ Family of Mitzi Tulloss ~ 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).

MAY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

*Any information that you wish to have published
in the May newsletter should be emailed to
lwebb@sabaptist.org by noon on
Friday, April 21.*

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

is available on the church website: sabaptist.org

February 26, 2023 - March 19, 2023

Attendance Totals

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
26	217	220
5	238	234
12	180	205
19		213

Membership Additions in 2023

By Baptism	0
By Transfer or Statement of Faith	0

Weekly Budget Need for 2023: \$ 23,967.47

February 26, 2023 - March 19, 2023 Giving Totals

	<u>Offering Received</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Total Received</u>
26	\$ 22,026.00	\$ 2,651.96	\$ 24,677.96
5	\$ 29,073.50	\$ 3,495.31	\$ 32,568.81
12	\$ 13,092.77	\$ 2,903.00	\$ 15,995.77
19	\$ 19,643.00	\$ 8,460.00	\$ 28,103.00

Year to Date Budget January 1, 2023 - March 19, 2023

	<u>Required</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$	287,609.64	\$ 236,538.57	\$ (51,071.07)

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SYLVAN HEIGHTS BIRD PARK SATURDAY, MAY 6

**MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 9:00 OR MEET
AT SYLVAN HEIGHTS AT 10:00**

Please reply to Talena Lee at 336-254-0031 by
Sunday, April 30, to let her know how many
from your family plan to attend so that we can
plan accordingly!



SAVE THE DATE

For kids who have completed kindergarten thru
6th grade. Register at sabaptist.org. Parents
are invited to join us on Thursday evening for
closing activities & a meal at our VBS Fiesta!

CHURCH LIBRARY NEW, NEW, NEW

Over 50 new Christian fiction books in our
library. Just a few are Robert Whitlow, Lisa
Wingate, Susan Meissner & Karen Whitmeyer
and so much more. Stop in anytime to check
one out. Our shelves are labeled now so you
can easily find the fiction section. New titles
have a 'New' sticker on the spine of the book &
the fiction section is organized alphabetically by
authors last name.