



Sunset Reflector

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*"The man called his wife's
name Eve, because she was
the mother of all living."
- Genesis 3:20*

***HAPPY MOTHER'S
DAY
May 14***

**MAY 29
MEMORIAL
DAY**



**REMEMBERING
THEIR SACRIFICE**

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:15

Worship - 10:30

THE ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

Goal: \$40,000.00

Challenge Goal: \$45,000.00

Total Amount Given as of 4/16: \$42,479.68



SCRIPTURE READING AT SABC 9 - 5 ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 3RD

Call the church office to sign up for a 30 minute time slot.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER MAY 4, 2023 at 12:00 PM

City-wide Prayer service at
Rocky Mount City Hall (outside).



GRADUATE SUNDAY JUNE 4TH

If you are graduating from high school or college & would like to participate, please contact Pastor Neil or the church office by **May 14**.

The Pastor's Pen...

There are two items I want to share with you this month for your prayer support and participation. First, I would like to ask you to be prayer warriors for our upcoming **Bulgaria mission trip**. I will lead a team of five members (including James Collins, Julia Barth, Jessie Smith, and Ben Lewis) as we travel to the capital city of the country (Sofia) for a week of mission work with our International Mission Board missionaries there. We will depart on Friday, May 5 and are scheduled to return on Saturday, May 13.

Here are some prayer requests for this trip: 1) pray for divine appointments as our team meets people in parks and schools for conversations as we try to discern who is willing to hear the gospel; 2) pray that we might see souls come to Christ; 3) pray that we will be an encouragement to the missionaries there as we go to work beside them; 4) pray that God will watch over our team and keep us safe and healthy while we travel and minister; 5) pray that we'll be very clear and bold as we share the gospel with the people there. Thank you for your support!

The second item is our medical supplies ministry, **A Place of Grace**. After an extended absence, our ministry leader, Melvin Wolfe, is back and in charge of this ministry. He has shared with me a particular need for wheelchairs, shower chairs and bedside potty chairs. If you have either of these items, there are always people asking for them. If you don't have them but know of others that do, please help us spread the word. Over the last years, sharing these medical supplies has provided numerous opportunities to have spiritual conversations with those experiencing this need. Pray that this ministry will continue to be an expression of Christ's love and that many gospel opportunities will continue to flow from it.

I'm thankful to be your pastor. I love you all.

Pastor Robin

**Deeper Groups & Children's Choirs
will conclude May 21st until September.**

THANK YOU!

God's love for me and my family has never been more evident than through our recent trial. I feel so humbled and truly grateful by the prayers and support received from God through this amazing church family. I am honored every day to serve Him alongside beautiful Christians like you folks here at SABC.

Thank you,
Sincerely from The Henry Family

Thank you for what you have done during my stay at the Brian Center in Wilson. Thank you for your visits, your prayers, your cards, phone calls, and for looking after my wife for the four months I was away.

My deacon supplied me with the service bulletin enabling me to read some of the same scriptures you were hearing & studying & I greatly appreciate that. While at the Brian Center I met numerous people that enabled me to share to them my Christian beliefs & found most were willing to share their experiences. This was so encouraging to me. I felt God had placed them there for encouragement.

Please pray for the sick, needy, and especially the home bound that are unable to attend service.

Your brother in Christ,
Mel Wolfe



**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!

Prayer Concerns

David Blackmon ~ Pat Boone ~ Annette Buchan ~ Tonia Carmichael ~ Pam Davis ~ Gwen Dew ~ Curtis Emigh ~ Cliff Futrell ~ Karen Futrell ~ Ellen Green ~ Darryl Gschwind ~ Bury & Cathy Hendricks ~ Heath Henry ~ Mattieleene Johnson ~ Needham Johnson ~ Nona Jones ~ Rufus Joyner ~ Gary Kirkwood ~ Bill & Judy McDaniel ~ Robert Morris ~ Anise Rose ~ Eugene Rose ~ Lindsey Rose ~ Alice Shearin ~ Hilma Wheeler ~ Craig Valentine ~ Michael Valentine ~ Melvin Wolfe ~ The Family of Steve Cary ~ The Family of Florence McKeel ~ The Family of Suzanne Murray ~ 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).

JUNE NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

*Any information that you wish to have published
in the June newsletter should be emailed to
lwebb@sabaptist.org by noon on
Friday, May 19.*

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

is available on the church website: sabaptist.org

March 26, 2023 - April 23, 2023

Attendance Totals

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
26	196	166
2	241	220
9	235	288
16	210	214
23	227	238

Membership Additions in 2023

By Baptism	0
By Transfer or Statement of Faith	0

Weekly Budget Need for 2023: \$ 23,967.47

March 26, 2023 - April 23, 2023 Giving Totals

	<u>Offering Received</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Total Received</u>
26	\$ 16,200.00	\$ 9,553.00	\$ 25,753.00
2	\$ 23,852.54	\$ 13,955.81	\$ 37,808.35
9	\$ 22,649.05	\$ 9,203.26	\$ 31,852.31
16	\$ 22,993.82	\$ 8,241.30	\$ 31,235.12
23	\$ 10,451.52	\$ 1,981.96	\$ 12,403.48

Year to Date Budget January 1, 2023 - April 23, 2023

	<u>Required</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$	407,446.99	\$ 332,655.50	\$ (74,791.49)

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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**