



# Sunset Reflector

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*Happy 4th of July*

...and wherever  
the Spirit of  
the Lord is,  
there is freedom.

—2 Corinthians 3:17 NLT

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:15

Worship - 10:30



**PATRIOTIC PICNIC  
SATURDAY, JULY 8  
4:00 - 6:30**

**Bring your favorite  
dessert. Also, if you  
would like to sit  
outside, please bring a  
chair.**

**Deacon elections will be held on  
Sunday, July 16.**



**QUARTERLY CONFERENCE  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19 @ 6:30**

The 2023-2024 Nominating Committee  
Report will be presented for church approval.  
There will be no service or activities.



## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our next blood drive, in memory of Albert Boone, will be Wednesday, July 19 from 1:30-6:00 PM in the old fellowship hall. Please contact Elizabeth Lancaster @443-5287 or Carol Boone @903-6173 for more information or go online to schedule an appointment at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) & use **Sponsor Code: Sunset Ave Baptist.**

## The Pastor's Pen...

### Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting Overview

Tricia and I had the privilege of representing you as your messengers to our annual meeting last week in New Orleans. If I had to choose one moment that was most encouraging, it would be **an appointment service for 79 new international missionaries!** Most of these choice servants couldn't even show their faces or share their full names because of the hard places they are going to to share the gospel. But what a great reminder that fulfilling the Great Commission for the glory of God is the primary thing that unites and motivates Southern Baptists.

As for other happenings, let me share a few items. 1) The most-reported item was the vote to confirm that Saddleback Church is no longer a cooperating Southern Baptist Church. Our statement of faith as Southern Baptists (the Baptist Faith and Message of 2000) has made it clear for 23 years that, biblically, the pastorate is reserved for men. This doesn't mean that godly women aren't gifted to serve (they certainly are!), but it does mean that there are different roles for men and women in the local church. Just in the last couple of years, Saddleback chose to start ordaining women pastors. Southern Baptists did not leave Saddleback; Saddleback left Southern Baptists. Two other churches were also confirmed as no longer being cooperating Southern Baptist churches, one for having a female pastor and one for not taking sex abuse seriously by knowingly hiring a pastor who had a record of sex abuse in the churches he had previously served. 2) A special task force appointed two years ago to respond to Southern Baptists' sex abuse crisis reported that great progress has been made. A website has been set up to assist churches in protecting our congregations from being targets of sex abusers. That website is [sbcabuseprevention.com](http://sbcabuseprevention.com). As the task force members said, this website will help "every pastor and church...learn how to (improve) in training, screening, protecting, reporting, and caring." The task force must be renewed each year or it goes away. In light of their statement that they were still working on certain items and tools, they were granted another year to continue their work. 3) Our current President, Rev. Bart Barber of First Baptist Church of Farmersville, TX was re-elected to a second term. It is very unusual for anyone to run against a sitting President seeking a second term, but Rev. Mike Stone did run against Barber. Barber received over sixty percent of the vote and will serve a second term. Southern Baptists are never in complete agreement on all issues and that is certainly true now. But there is a solid majority who feel as if we're making good progress in advancing the kingdom. It was a good annual meeting.

Finally, join me in congratulating Pastor Neil Woodcock. As of Aug. 1, he will become our *Pastor of Families*. He will keep leading the Youth Ministry and also assume leadership of the Children's Ministry. To assist him on the Children's Ministry side, we will be searching for a part-time, non-ministerial *Children's Ministry Coordinator* who will assist Pastor Neil in formulating and executing policies and procedures for our kids. I'm excited about this new structure. Pray that God will send us the right person for this Children's Ministry Coordinator position. God is good!

Yours and His,  
*Pastor Robin*

## THANK YOU!

To my Church family,  
My heartfelt thanks goes out to all of you for your cards, well wishes and especially your prayers during & after my several heart procedures. I'm thankful also for Steve's recent visit. I praise God for all the blessings He pours out for me everyday.  
In Christian love,  
Mattieleene Johnson

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Dear Church Family,  
Thank you to all of you who faithfully and joyfully served during VBS! Without the many hands that helped leading and serving, this week would not have been possible. We had a great week learning about our Awesome God. Again, many thanks and praise to God!  
Yours and His,  
VBS leadership team

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Johnson & I appreciate the expressions concern & prayers during Johnson's recent Nash General hospitalization. God poured out His grace when the procedure to withdraw fluid from around the heart was cancelled at the last moment because God had already reduced the fluid significantly! There is still a little fluid there but the new medication God provided should take care of that. We appreciate each expression of love.  
Johnson & Agnes Moore



**OPERATION JOSEPH**  
**JUNE 4 - 18**  
**OFFERING GOAL: \$5000.00**  
**TOTAL AMOUNT GIVEN AS OF 6/18:**  
**\$6,156.00**

**“REACHING OUR JERUSALEM”**  
**SAVE THE DATES**

**Christmas in July**  
**school supplies donations**  
**Sunday, July 30**

We will pass out flyers for Back to School Bash at Stonegate from 4 to 5 p. m.

**Stonegate Back to School Bash**  
**Sunday, August 6**

This is a whole family event for our church family to reach out to the Stonegate community with games, food, fellowship and distributing school supplies. Set up will begin immediately after church, with the festivities from 4:30 til 7:00 and breakdown following the event. More details will follow.

## Prayer Concerns

David Blackmon ~ Pat Boone ~ Tonia Carmichael ~ Pam Davis ~ Karen Futrell ~ Gwen Dew ~ Curtis Emigh ~ Darryl Gschwind ~ Bury & Cathy Hendricks ~ Heath Henry ~ Mattieleene Johnson ~ Needham Johnson ~ Nona Jones ~ Rufus Joyner ~ Judy King ~ T.W. King ~ Al Larkins ~ Bill & Judy McDaniel ~ Johnson Moore ~ Jerry O'Carroll ~ Anise Rose ~ Eugene Rose ~ Lindsey Rose ~ Alice Shearin ~ Edith Skinner ~ Hilma Wheeler ~ Craig Valentine ~ Michael Valentine ~ Martha Ward ~ Melvin Wolfe ~ Ken Murray ~ The Family of Julia Baker ~ The Family of Philip Ethridge ~ The Family of Laura Servellon ~ 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).*

### **AUGUST NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

Any information that you wish to have published in the August newsletter should be emailed to [lwebb@sabaptist.org](mailto:lwebb@sabaptist.org) by noon on Friday, July 21.

### **THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

is available on the church website: [sabaptist.org](http://sabaptist.org)

#### **May 28, 2023 - June 18, 2023**

#### **Attendance Totals**

	<b><u>Sunday School</u></b>	<b><u>Worship</u></b>
28	195	176
4	208	233
11	194	220
18	198	188

#### **Membership Additions in 2023**

By Baptism	0
By Transfer or Statement of Faith	3

#### **Weekly Budget Need for 2023: \$ 23,967.47**

#### **May 28, 2023 - June 18, 2023 Giving Totals**

	<b><u>Offering Received</u></b>	<b><u>Designated</u></b>	<b><u>Total Received</u></b>
28	\$ 20,790.50	\$ 2,334.23	\$ 23,124.73
4	\$ 29,659.00	\$ 7,393.19	\$ 37,052.19
11	\$ 12,132.59	\$ 66,002.83	\$ 78,135.42
18	\$ 18,234.26	\$ 5,138.79	\$ 23,373.05

#### **Year to Date Budget January 1, 2023 - June 18, 2023**

	<b><u>Required</u></b>	<b><u>Received</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>
\$	599,186.75	\$ 510,766.95	\$ 88,419.80

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### **CHRIST C.A.N. SUNDAY, JULY 30**

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



### **KING'S WAY MINISTRY SUMMER MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

Fun & fellowship activities on Mondays from 4-5 pm. Bible study activities on Thursdays from 4-5 pm. If you would like to help out, please contact Theresa English at 443-4543 or Linda Johnson at 382-3755.

### **"HIS MANSION" MISSION TRIP SEPTEMBER 10 - 16**

If anyone is interested, men or women, in going on this trip please contact Ed Koen at 904-7412.