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Relief for Today

HOPE FOR TOMORROW

NCMISSIONSOFFERING.ORG

The first half of August, through Tuesday, August 15, we will focus on the NC Missions Offering. Your gifts to the NCMO help support the ministries of Baptist on missions, church planting, mission camps, associational projects & mobilization ministry projects. Please designate "NCMO" on your offering envelope.

During the second half of August (the 16th - 31st), we will collect our Acts 1:8 offering that goes to supplement our scholarship fund for members of SABC who are called to be a part of our volunteer mission trips. Please designate "ACTS 1:8" on your offering envelope.



SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:15

Worship - 10:30

SPECIAL CALLED CONFERENCE AUGUST 2, 2023 @ 6:30

A motion will be brought from the Stewardship Committee & the current body of deacons to increase the employment package for our Pastor of Families, Rev. Neil Woodcock.

STONEGATE MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

- * **July 30: 4:00** Door-to-Door Evangelism & Flyer Distribution (for the Back-to-School Bash on Aug. 6) at Stonegate.
- * **Aug. 6: 4:30 - 7:00** Back-to-School Bash at Stonegate (at our Ministry Center); **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**



AUGUST, 13
6:00 - 7:00

You are encouraged to attend a Community Prayer Walk. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 & then break up in groups. Each group will travel to pray at a specific, strategic place in our city. Join us in prayer.

The Pastor's Pen...

SABC family, we have a lot of important things happening in August. Take a look at the list below and prioritize being a part of what God is doing in our midst this coming month.

AUGUST OPPORTUNITIES

Aug. 1-15: This is the season we receive the *North Carolina Missions Offering*. Among other things, this offering goes to assist in planting new churches in our state and to Disaster Relief ministry in our state. Please give!

Aug. 1: Neil Woodcock officially takes on the new title and responsibilities of *Pastor of Families*. Pray for Pastor Neil that God will continue to bless his ministry here to our children, youth, and their parents.

Aug. 2: On this Wed. evening at 6:30 in the sanctuary, we will have a **special called conference** where a motion will be brought from the Stewardship Committee and the current body of deacons to increase the employment package for our *Pastor of Families*, Rev. Neil Woodcock. (All other activities will go on as normal that night.)

Aug. 6: Stonegate Back-to-School Bash: From 4:30 - 7:00, we will engage in community missions as we love on the kids and their families in the Stonegate neighborhood. Volunteers are needed! Please help if you can.

Aug. 13: You are encouraged to attend a *Community Prayer Walk* from 6:00 - 7:00. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 and then break up in groups. Each group will travel to pray at a specific, strategic place in our city. Join us in prayer.

Aug. 16-31: This is the time we receive our annual *Acts 1:8 Offering*. This fund is utilized to provide partial scholarships so that our members can afford to go on volunteer mission trips. This fund has been such a blessing to so many people this year as we have sent more and more missionaries out. Please help us replenish this fund with your gift.

Aug. 20: On this day we will worship our great Savior through *baptism*. We have several candidates to be baptized. Come on this morning and let's celebrate the goodness of our Christ in so many lives!

Aug. 27: On this day we have the privilege of being a part of a *deacon ordination* service. Chris Page and Ben Lewis will be set apart this day to serve as deacons in our fellowship. Praise God for raising up more leaders!

August has the potential to be a great month. I hope and pray you will join me in praying that God will work in us, through us, and among us as we serve Him in August. I'm so thankful for this wonderful church family.

Yours and His,

Pastor Robin



A big thank you to those who helped me the day of the blood drive & those who were able to give blood. Our goal was 31 & we collected 26. I look forward to our next blood drive.

Elizabeth Lancaster



**Baptism
Sunday, August 20**



Join Our Choir Ministry Team!

We rehearse almost every Wednesday at 7:45
Need more info?
Contact Steve Roberson at 443-2531

FROM PASTOR NEIL:

**PARENT MEETING REGARDING
CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES**

- * **Mandatory Child Abuse Prevention & Volunteer Training Meeting**
We will offer two identical meetings for every person serving in any capacity with our children & youth. This includes nursery workers, teachers, & our security team members. **We will meet in the fellowship hall at 4:30 on August 13th & 20th. Please choose one of the two meetings to attend. Please contact pastor Neil if you have any questions or cannot attend.**
- * **August 27** during Sunday School from 9:15 - 10:15 in the Fellowship Hall. We will cover new policies, calendar, child check in, release forms & communication for the coming year.



A new session of GriefShare starts
Sunday, August 20th from 5:30 - 7:00.
Register online at www.GriefShare.org or
contact the church office.

Prayer Concerns

David Blackmon ~ Pat Boone ~ Tonia Carmichael ~ Pam Davis ~ Karen Futrell ~ Gwen Dew ~ Curtis Emigh ~ Darryl Gschwind ~ Bury & Cathy Hendricks ~ Heath Henry ~ Needham Johnson ~ Nona Jones ~ Rufus Joyner ~ Judy King ~ T.W. King ~ Bill & Judy McDaniel ~ Johnson Moore ~ Becky Parker ~ Aaron & Lauren Pike & new baby Ella Ruby ~ Joe Price ~ Patrick Richardson ~ Anise Rose ~ Alice Shearin ~ Derek Stallings ~ Craig Valentine ~ Michael Valentine ~ Grace Waters ~ A.B. Whitley ~ Jimmy Winters ~ Melvin Wolfe ~ The Family of Barbara Godwin ~ The Family of Janice Meyer ~ The Family of Roscoe Speight ~ The Family of Pete Whitley ~ The Family of Mutt Wilson ~ His Mansion Ministry ~ King's Way Ministry ~ Stone Gate Ministry ~ Boston Partnership ~ A Place of Grace Ministry ~ Hispanic Church ~ GriefShare Ministry

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

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

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is available on the church website: sabaptist.org

June 25, 2023 - July 16, 2023

Attendance Totals

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
25	200	205
2	202	163
9	208	187
16	185	200

Membership Additions in 2023

By Baptism	1
By Transfer or Statement of Faith	8

Weekly Budget Need for 2023: \$ 23,967.47

June 25, 2023 - July 16, 2023 Giving Totals

	<u>Offering Received</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Total Received</u>
25	\$ 17,089.50	\$ 448.00	\$ 17,537.50
2	\$ 27,860.12	\$ 557.00	\$ 28,417.12
9	\$ 21,496.90	\$ 239.00	\$ 21,735.90
16	\$ 17,568.81	\$ 7,142.30	\$ 24,711.11

Year to Date Budget January 1, 2023 - July 16, 2023

	<u>Required</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$	695,056.63	\$ 594,782.28	\$ 100,274.35

**DEACON ORDINATION
SUNDAY, AUGUST 27**

On this day we have the privilege of being a part of a deacon ordination service. Chris Page & Ben Lewis will be set apart this day to serve as deacons in our fellowship. Praise God for raising up more leaders!

“WOMEN OF MISSION” EVENTS

Circle of Sisters

Every 3rd Tuesday night
Fellowship Hall @ 7:00 PM

Joyful Bible Study Group

2nd Wednesday each month
Faithful Servants Sunday School Classroom
@ 10:00 AM

**“HIS MANSION” MISSION TRIP
SEPTEMBER 10 - 16**

If anyone is interested, men or women, please contact Ed Koen at 904-7412.