



# Sunset Reflector

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***SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023***

***GUEST SPEAKER: REV. TIM GRIFFIN***

Our Homecoming meal will be provided by the church. Please bring your favorite dessert. If you know a former member, please offer them an invitation to be our special guest.

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:15

Worship - 10:30



**MEALS WILL BEGIN  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6  
AT 5:30 PM**



**DEEPER GROUPS  
WILL BEGIN  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17  
AT 6:00 PM**

**Children's**

**Choirs**



**CHILDREN'S CHOIRS  
WILL BEGIN  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17  
5:45 - 7:00 PM  
AGES 4 YEARS THROUGH  
6TH GRADE**

## The Pastor's Pen...

When we read the headlines today, it's clear that Christian truth is under assault on many fronts. To name only two examples, there is the "transgender" revolution (as if anyone could scientifically change their gender) and the continuing *assault on marriage* (God's revealed will of one man and one woman together in holy matrimony until only death separates them). If you keep up with the news, you know I could name several other examples. It seems as if what was not long ago considered to be truth has now been labeled a lie and that which was considered a lie has now been labeled the truth. Things are "upside down."

So how do we keep our orientation to the truth? Obviously, the first and most important thing is to dig deeper into the Bible. We must know what God says and we must stand on what God says in these days. As it says in 2 Tim. 2:15, "Study to show yourselves approved to God, a worker that doesn't need to be ashamed; one who rightly handles the Word of truth." The Bible is our most important source of information in every age. I challenge us to be men and women of the Word.

But as a companion to the Scriptures, it helps to have trustworthy sources of information which will bring light into the darkness we often find in modern media. Let me suggest a few sources of Christian news that have helped me through the years. First, I recommend Dr. Albert Mohler's "Daily Briefing." Dr. Mohler keeps up with the news from a biblical perspective. You can sign up at [AlbertMohler.com](http://AlbertMohler.com). Next, I recommend *World Magazine*, another fine source of news from a biblical worldview. You can subscribe at [wng.org](http://wng.org). And then there are two Baptist sources of news I recommend. First is [baptistpress.com](http://baptistpress.com) (our national Southern Baptist news service) and second is the *Biblical Recorder* (our North Carolina Baptist news publication that can be accessed at [brnow.org](http://brnow.org)).

If we know the Word and we know how to supplement our biblical knowledge with trustworthy Christian news sources, we'll be much better equipped to live by the truth and stand for the truth. So let it be in our lives. I love my church family.

Yours and His,

*Pastor Robin*

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all the SABC members that donated & helped to distribute school supplies for the Stonegate and King's Way ministries. Your continued support & prayers for these two local communities is such a blessing and example of GOD'S LOVE to all.

Following Him,  
Stonegate & King's Way Ministry Teams

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Thank you so much for supporting me through my seminary journey! Your financial assistance took a burden off of me and my family so that I could focus on my studies & earn a degree! I would not be where I am today without your help spiritually, financially and mentally. Thank you!

Ridge Miller

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Words are really inadequate in expressing our gratitude for all the prayers and love shown to us in Janice's passing. God has blessed us with a wonderful and loving church family. Thank you for every expression of love shown.

Charlie Meyer and family



SABC has agreed again to partner with the Backpack Buddies Program at Coopers Elementary! Please place food items in the designated containers in the Sunday school classrooms, fellowship hall & 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 items (easy prep or ready wrapped)
- 2 - Meal/meat items (easy pop-top type)
- 2 - Snack items



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14**  
**3:30 - 6:00**

### Prayer Concerns

David Blackmon ~ Pat Boone ~ Annette Buchan ~ Daniel Coggin ~ Tonia Carmichael ~ Pam Davis ~ Karen Futrell ~ Gwen Dew ~ Curtis Emigh ~ Darryl Gschwind ~ Bury & Cathy Hendricks ~ James Jones ~ Nona Jones ~ Rufus Joyner ~ Judy King ~ T.W. King ~ Bill & Judy McDaniel ~ Johnson Moore ~ Becky Parker ~ Howard Phykitt ~ Anise Rose ~ Alice Shearin ~ Derek Stallings ~ Michael Valentine ~ Melvin Wolfe ~ The Family of Joe Price ~ The Family of Joe Wages ~ 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).*

### **OCTOBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

*Any information that you wish to have published in the October newsletter should be emailed to [lwebb@sabaptist.org](mailto:lwebb@sabaptist.org) by noon on Monday, September 11.*

### **THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

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

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#### **July 23, 2023 - August 20, 2023**

##### **Attendance Totals**

	<b><u>Sunday School</u></b>	<b><u>Worship</u></b>
23	210	239
30	212	224
6	206	230
13	215	241
20	227	266

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

By Baptism	4
By Transfer or Statement of Faith	8

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

#### **July 23, 2023 - August 20, 2023 Giving Totals**

	<b><u>Offering Received</u></b>	<b><u>Designated</u></b>	<b><u>Total Received</u></b>
23	\$ 16,497.50	\$ 2,770.00	\$ 19,267.50
30	\$ 20,130.00	\$ 1,402.00	\$ 21,532.00
6	\$ 26,458.20	\$ 30,342.78	\$ 56,800.98
13	\$ 16,875.04	\$ 1,130.00	\$ 18,005.04
20	\$ 16,733.00	\$ 3,760.00	\$ 20,493.00

#### **Year to Date Budget January 1, 2023 - August 20, 2023**

	<b><u>Required</u></b>	<b><u>Received</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>
\$	814,893.98	\$ 691,476.02	\$ 123,417.96

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### **SENIOR ADULT SEPTEMBER INFORMATION**

Welcome back to a new year of fun! The committee has planned what we hope will be a time of fun & fellowship for this year's activities & hope you will join us! We will begin our year on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**, as we gather at **9:00** at church to travel to the Brake Farm in Edgecombe county to learn about their farming operation. After that we will go to Pinetops to enjoy a meal of country cooking! Your lunch is on YOU!!

#### **"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

#### **"SALT & LIGHT" WMU GROUP** **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 @ 6:00 PM** **KINGDOM BUILDERS CLASSROOM**

Come to plan/praise/prayer for upcoming year & missions moment with Virginia (Uganda)



#### **2024 BUDGET REQUEST**

The budget request have been sent out to the committees & the deadline to return them back to Kim at the office is Monday, October 2.