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You're Invited to



**FREE FOOD INFLATABLES MUSIC GAMES
PRIZES AND MORE!**

SATURDAY • OCTOBER 14TH • 3:30-6

Sunset Avenue Baptist Church
3732 Sunset Ave.
Rocky Mount, NC



Free Admission!



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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:15

Worship - 10:30



THE LORD'S
SUPPER

WE WILL OBSERVING
THE LORD'S SUPPER
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1



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.

Salt & Light WMU Ladies Group-October Meeting:

What: "Bibles & Breakfast"

When: Saturday, October 7th, 9:00am

Where: Melinda Rackley's home

Address: 3138 Wollett Mill Rd., Battleboro, NC

Please join us as we have a Missions Moment with Ashlyn Wynne, prepare Bibles to be distributed at YCRC, prayer time over the Bible's, and Breakfast!

CHRIST C.A.N. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

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

The Pastor's Pen...

As I write this, I'm breathing a sigh of relief. The news has just broken that we have survived the secret scheme by many of our local and state government officials to thrust casino gambling and other forms of gambling upon our community and state. To say that I've been disappointed by the way this was handled by our elected officials would be a huge understatement. It seems clear that a plan was hatched to get this done before those opposed to it could get educated and organized to stop it. Thankfully, enough brave souls in the state legislature refused to go along with the plan so that it could be stopped. And thankfully it has been stopped—for now at least.

I cannot give you chapter and verse in the Bible that says, "You shall not gamble." But there are passages that talk about the peril of seeking to get rich quick. For example, 1 Tim. 6:9-10 says, "But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap, and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs" (NASB). You would never convince me that organized, state-sanctioned gambling is good public policy.

Sooner or later, I fear this push for more gambling will return. As a result, the churches of our North Roanoke Baptist Association need to stay vigilant and will hold a prayer meeting on Sun. afternoon, Oct. 8. The following is an invitation from our NRBA Prayer Team for you to come and participate.

There will be a prayer walk on October 8th at 4pm. We will meet at Nash Community College in front of the Science and Technology building and may split into two groups to go pray. We will not be entering any private property but will position ourselves in areas to safely and peacefully pray over what has been the proposed casino site. What we do want is for Christians from all over to come together in prayer, united in purpose, doing what we can in pursuit of God's best for our community. This is not a debate or political rally. It is a gathering of like-minded people in prayer. Let us remember not just in terms of what we are against but what we are FOR, God's best for our community. We are for people being liberated from addictions not chained to them. We are for good business not bad business. Transactions where everyone wins and someone doesn't have to lose for another to succeed.

I hope I'll see many of you there at this prayer meeting.

Yours and His,

Pastor Robin

**QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18 @ 6:30**

There will be no service or activities.



It's that time of the year again!! Time to pack boxes for Operation Christmas Child! What an opportunity to send the Gospel around the world!! Boxes will be available in the foyer by the covered drive & across from the library on Sunday, October 8. Instructions are included in the boxes. Please return them by Sunday, November 12. Make this a fun project for your Sunday school class, Deeper Group, prayer or Bible study group or your own family & let's work together to pack 350 boxes! If we all participate, the work is light but the yield is eternal!



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



OFFERING GOAL: \$5000.00

OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 15

Make checks payable to SABC & note for Operation Joseph. Please do not donate food.

Prayer Concerns

Layton Atkins ~ David Blackmon ~ Carol Boone ~ Pat Boone ~ Tonia Carmichael ~ Pam Davis ~ Pat Doughtie ~ Karen Futrell ~ Gwen Dew ~ Curtis Emigh ~ Darryl Gschwind ~ Bury & Cathy Hendricks ~ Pam Jenkins ~ Nona Jones ~ Bill & Judy McDaniel ~ Johnson Moore ~ Eddy Myers ~ Becky Parker ~ Anise Rose ~ Lyndsay Rose ~ Alice Shearin ~ Derek Stallings ~ Brenda Stephenson ~ W.C. Taylor ~ Michael Valentine ~ Joe Waters ~ Janie Weaver ~ Melvin Wolfe ~ The Family of Christine Edwards ~ The Family of Alyssa Eulenfeld ~ The Family of Rufus Joyner ~ 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).

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

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

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

is available on the church website: sabaptist.org

August 27, 2023 - September 17, 2023

Attendance Totals

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
27	228	215
3	178	179
10	213	220
17	187	187

Membership Additions in 2023

By Baptism	4
By Transfer or Statement of Faith	8

Weekly Budget Need for 2023: \$ 23,967.47

August 27, 2023 - September 17, 2023 Giving Totals

	<u>Offering Received</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Total Received</u>
27	\$ 16,632.14	\$ 10,135.00	\$ 26,767.14
3	\$ 27,196.11	\$ 6,608.30	\$ 33,804.41
10	\$ 16,120.11	\$ 1,140.00	\$ 17,260.11
17	\$ 22,454.30	\$ 1,083.00	\$ 23,537.30

Year to Date Budget January 1, 2023 - September 17, 2023

	<u>Required</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$	910,763.86	\$ 773,878.68	\$ 136,885.18

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It's a Boy!

**You're invited to a Baby Shower
for Mary Katherine Smith
Daughter of Scott & Diana Langston
Sunday, November 5th 2:00 - 4:00
SABC's Fellowship Hall
Registered on Babylist**



*Ladies Christmas Exchange
Tuesday, November 28, 2023
Sunset Avenue Baptist Church
6:30 until 8:30*

Please bring three unwrapped gifts to exchange and come enjoy an evening of faith, fun and fellowship.