



# Sunset Reflector

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## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:15

Worship - 10:30



When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. "GriefShare-Surviving the Holidays" seminar helps participants prepare for the holidays and even discover hope for the future.

Please join us.

**Tuesday, November 7th**

**6 - 7:30 pm**

**Upstairs Room #405 & 407**

Please call the church office or register online

<https://www.griefshare.org/holidays/events/46208>.



Please return the boxes by Sunday, November 12. Let's work together to pack 350 boxes! If we all participate, the work is light but the yield is eternal!

## The Pastor's Pen...

<sup>92</sup> It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
And to sing praises to Your name, Most High;

<sup>2</sup> To declare Your goodness in the morning  
And Your faithfulness by night,

<sup>3</sup> With the ten-stringed lute and with the harp,  
With resounding music on the lyre.

<sup>4</sup> For You, Lord, have made me joyful by what You have  
done,

I will sing for joy over the works of Your hands.

<sup>5</sup> How great are Your works, Lord!  
Your thoughts are very deep.

This passage encourages us to meditate on the works of the Lord and to respond to Him in thanksgiving and praise. We should never limit our response to God's goodness in our lives to a special season or holiday. Having said that, we should be so *thankful* that this season of Thanksgiving provides us with an opportunity to *focus* on the goodness of God in a wonderful way.

Meditate on the above passage this month as you consider God's works in your life. Meditate on how He has worked in your family this year. Meditate on how He has blessed you physically this year. Meditate on how He has grown you in your faith this year—perhaps through storms and trials. Meditate on how He has blessed you with the blessings of freedom in our country.

This obviously is not an exhaustive list. I simply encourage all of us to spend some time this Thanksgiving season truly focusing on our Lord who has been so generous to us. Let's give thanks particularly for the gospel of Christ. God knew us from eternity past. He set us apart. He sent His Son to die on a cross for us. He raised Him from the dead to confirm His saving power. He called us through the proclamation of the gospel. He saved us as we turned to Him in repentance and faith. He indwells us and sanctifies us by His Holy Spirit. He includes us in His saving work around the world through missions. He forgives us of all our sins. He promises us the hope of heaven where we will praise and serve Him through the eternal ages to come. What a Savior! What a gospel!

We have so much for which to be thankful for this year. I am especially thankful for all of you. What a joy and privilege to be a part of this wonderful body of believers. What a joy to be your pastor. I love you all.

Happy Thanksgiving!

*Pastor Robin*

## THANK YOU!

Dear Church Family,  
Words can't express how thankful I am for the prayers, calls, cards, visits & food that were given on my behalf during my recent illness. How thankful I am that I belong to such a loving church family.

Brenda Stephenson

On behalf of the Joyner family, I want to thank you all for your cards, calls, visits & food that we received during Rufus' illness & recent passing. Most especially, thank you for your prayers for the peace, comfort & strength. This journey would have been so much more difficult without our precious church family. May God bless you all; & as Rufus always said, "When we all get to Heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!"

Martha Joyner



**Thanksgiving Meal & Service**  
**Wednesday, November 15**  
**Meal @ 5:30/Service @ 6:30**  
Meal sign-up will be in the

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**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR  
INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS  
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**KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY  
AND  
PARENTS NIGHT OUT  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST  
5:00 - 8:00**

**THE  
KING IS HERE**

A CHRISTMAS WORSHIP MUSICAL

**Sunday, December 10  
@ 6:00 PM  
Presented by Adult Choir  
and Praise Band**

## Prayer Concerns

David Blackmon ~ Ginger Boone ~ Pat Boone ~ Faye Booth ~ Tonia Carmichael ~ Shari Carter ~ Pam Davis ~ Pat Doughtie ~ Karen Futrell ~ Gwen Dew ~ Curtis Emigh ~ Darryl Gschwind ~ Bury & Cathy Hendricks ~ Nona Jones ~ Bill & Judy McDaniel ~ Brian Morris ~ David Morris ~ Anise Rose ~ Alice Shearin ~ Derek Stallings ~ Craig Valentine ~ Michael Valentine ~ The Family of Donna Meyer ~ 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).*

**DECEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

Any information that you wish to have published in the December newsletter should be emailed to [lwebb@sabaptist.org](mailto:lwebb@sabaptist.org) by noon on Friday, November 17.

**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

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

**September 24, 2023 - October 22, 2023**

**Attendance Totals**

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
24	217	191
1	184	198
8	199	208
15	195	209
22	193	222

**Membership Additions in 2023**

By Baptism	4
By Transfer or Statement of Faith	8

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

**September 24, 2023 - October 22, 2023 Giving Totals**

	<u>Offering Received</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Total Received</u>
24	\$ 21,640.11	\$ 5,905.00	\$ 27,545.11
1	\$ 21,770.61	\$ 2,087.00	\$ 23,857.61
8	\$ 22,228.13	\$ 8,343.89	\$ 30,572.02
15	\$ 17,579.78	\$ 3,055.55	\$ 20,635.33
22	\$ 21,110.00	\$ 482.00	\$ 21,592.00

**Year to Date Budget January 1, 2023 - October 22, 2023**

	<u>Required</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$	1,030,601.21	\$ 878,207.31	\$ 152,393.90

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**URGENT NEED  
RUNNING LOW ON FOOD SUPPLIES**

**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**



*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.*