



Sunset Reflector

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THE KING IS HERE

A CHRISTMAS WORSHIP MUSICAL

**Presented by the
Adult Choir & Praise Band
of Sunset Avenue
Baptist Church
December 10 @ 6:00**

Church-wide social in fellowship hall.

**Candlelight Communion
Service
Sunday, December 17 @ 6:00**



SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:15

Worship - 10:30

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LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS
OFFERING®

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS
NOVEMBER 26 - DECEMBER 3

AND

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

GOAL: \$77,500.00

CHALLENGE GOAL: \$87,500.00

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KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY
AND

PARENTS NIGHT OUT
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST
5:00 - 8:00

2023 RECEIPTS AND
CHECK REQUESTS ARE DUE

Please turn all 2023 purchase receipts & check requests with corresponding signed receipts by **Sunday, December 17**, so that bookkeeping can close out the year. Contact Kim Stallings at kstallings@sabaptist.org.

The Pastor's Pen...

As December rolls around again, I want to highlight two items for your attention.

Oscar Benites Ordination How grateful we are that God has called Oscar Benites and his wife Catalina out of our Hispanic congregation to be a part of Englewood Baptist's staff as they plant a Hispanic Church in Roanoke Rapids. This is a fine couple and God has blessed our church greatly in allowing us to send them out as church planters. We will have the privilege of ordaining Oscar into the gospel ministry on Sunday night, December 3, at 6:00 in our Hispanic Chapel. I'm inviting all our English-speaking folks to be a part of this ordination service as well. Please come if you're able and let's pray over Oscar and Catalina as God sends them out. Translation will be provided.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering I've just returned from the annual meeting of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. While there, I was privileged to hear again from Paul Chitwood, the President of our International Mission Board (IMB). Dr. Chitwood always, always says, "The world's biggest problem is lostness." He's right. Every single day, over 160,000 people die apart from Christ. And these departed ones enter into an eternity in hell where they will be forever separated from God. Surely our hearts should break over such a statistic. That's why our IMB sends over 3500 career missionaries and their 2000+ kids into many of the darkest and most difficult mission fields in the world. We have the privilege of supporting these missionaries through our prayers and through our financial giving. Throughout December, we will receive this offering. Our goals this year are \$77,500 for our primary goal and \$87,500 for our challenge goal. Only heaven will reveal how many have heard the gospel and have been saved through the faithful LMCO giving of Southern Baptists like you. Please, please consider what your gift will be this Christmas. Consider it your Christmas gift to Jesus.

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas this year. May we all be overwhelmed at the fact that God sent His perfect gift—His Son—to be our means of eternal salvation. What a Savior we serve! And what a gospel we have to share! I pray we never get over these eternal truths.

I love you in Christ.

Pastor Robin

THANK YOU!

I wish to thank everyone for all the prayers, calls, cards, visits, & food during the 6 months of several tests and finally surgery. All this made recovery & final test results being good so much sweeter. I am so thankful God had placed me in such a caring church family.

Thank you,
Eddy Myers



Thanks to everyone who helped in so many ways with Operation Christmas Child. We collected 303 boxes.



BUDGET CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 @ 6:30

There will be no service or activities.



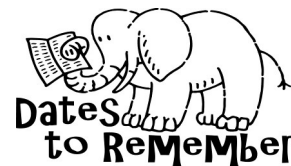
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our next blood drive, in memory of Albert Boone, will be Wednesday, December 20, 2023 from 1:30 to 6:00 PM in the old Fellowship Hall. Please contact Elizabeth Lancaster at 443-5287 or Carol Boone at 903-6173 for more information or you can schedule an appointment at redcrossblood.org & use Sponsor code:

Sunset Ave Baptist



DEEPER GROUPS & CHILDREN'S CHOIRS WILL RESUME SUNDAY, JANUARY 14



December 24

10:30 AM

Worship Service Only
No Sunday School

December 31

Regular Sunday Morning Activities

Prayer Concerns

David Blackmon ~ Pat Boone ~ Tonia Carmichael ~ Robbie Carter ~ Pam Davis ~ Pat Doughtie ~ Karen Futrell ~ Gwen Dew ~ Curtis Emigh ~ Darryl Gschwind ~ Bury & Cathy Hendricks ~ Hope Johnson ~ Nona Jones ~ Doug Langston ~ Bill & Judy McDaniel ~ Anise Rose ~ Alice Shearin ~ Rusty Tyson ~ Bob Unrue ~ Craig Valentine ~ Michael Valentine ~ Susan Williamson ~ 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).

JANUARY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Any information that you wish to have published in the January newsletter should be emailed to lwebb@sabaptist.org by noon on Friday, December 15.

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

is available on the church website: sabaptist.org

October 29, 2023 - November 19, 2023

Attendance Totals

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
29	206	220
5	228	255
12	198	209
19	207	238

Membership Additions in 2023

By Baptism	4
By Transfer or Statement of Faith	9

Weekly Budget Need for 2023: \$ 23,967.47

October 29, 2023 - November 19, 2023 Giving Totals

	<u>Offering Received</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Total Received</u>
29	\$ 19,756.70	\$ 2,277.00	\$ 22,033.70
5	\$ 21,072.47	\$ 2,834.30	\$ 23,906.77
12	\$ 20,746.58	\$ 3,087.00	\$ 23,833.58
19	\$ 22,472.11	\$ 2,101.00	\$ 24,573.11

Year to Date Budget January 1, 2023 - November 19, 2023

	<u>Required</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$	1,126,471.09	\$ 962,255.17	\$ 164,215.92

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Christmas Caroling

Wednesday, December 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Please plan to meet in the Old Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m.

We will then split into groups to go Christmas Caroling!

We will return to the Old Fellowship Hall after caroling for hot chocolate, apple cider, and cookies! Please sign up below so that we have an accurate count. All are welcome to join!



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**