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Happy
New
Year

***To our Sunset Avenue Family,
We would like to thank you for the gifts, delicious food,
continuous prayers and the support that you have sent
our way at this very special time of the year. It is a
blessing to serve you.***

***Happy New Year from the staff of
Sunset Avenue Baptist Church!!
Robin, Steve, Neil, Alberto, Lauren, Kim, Lisa,
Theresa, Teresa, Patrick and Jimmy.***

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:15

Worship - 10:30

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GOAL: \$77,500.00

CHALLENGE GOAL: \$87,500.00

TOTAL GIVEN AS OF 12/17: \$45,328.71

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**WILL RESUME
WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 3**



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



**QUARTERLY CONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17 @ 6:30**
There will be no service or activities.

The Pastor's Pen...

I like the idea of new years' resolutions. That doesn't mean I've perfectly kept all my resolutions down through the years. But I do like the idea of a new year representing a fresh start, particularly in the spiritual aspect of my life. Those resolutions have pushed me to be better and to grow. So as 2024 approaches quickly, let me suggest a few examples of resolutions. I encourage you to pick at least one and then pray, pray, pray that God will give you the strength to pursue it by His grace.

One I started with a long time ago was to read the Bible through in a year. My first attempt at this resolution, about 30 years ago, took me 14 months to complete. But after that, I was off and running. I've read the Bible through in a year now almost 30 times. And I plan to do it again in 2024. That resolution got me started and led to my growth. Try it.

Another great resolution idea is to start a daily quiet time if you don't already have one. Pick a time and place. Pick a method (maybe combining a daily 15-minute prayer time with your Bible reading). If you miss a day, don't give up on yourself. The goal isn't perfection but progress.

Another example is setting a resolution to go the next step in missions this coming year. Maybe it's committing to go on one of our volunteer trips. Maybe it's something even bigger, like pursuing the idea of spending a summer on the mission field somewhere. Pray about it; maybe God's leading you that way.

One last example would be resolving next year to pick one person with whom you can build a relationship in the hopes of sharing the gospel in the coming year. This is kind of like your own 2024 "Who's Your One?" plan we've used in the church a couple of times. How great it would be to get more intentional about sharing the gospel in the coming year!

These are just ideas. Maybe you've got a better one. Go for it. Anything that gets you closer to Jesus in 2024 is a worthy resolution to pursue. Just know that God is pleased with that kind of heart and He'll help you to pursue such a resolution if you'll seek Him and walk with Him. As it says in Isaiah 41:10, *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand* (NIV). Believe that!

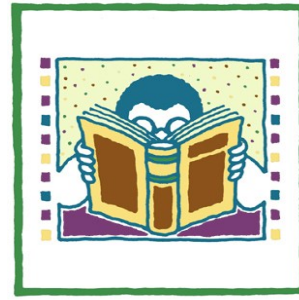
Happy New Year! I love you all in Christ.

Pastor Robin

Thank You!

My family and I are so thankful for all the kind words, cards, meals and prayers after the passing of my mom. It has been a difficult year for our family, a lot of loss. Yet you have continued to be a tangible expression of God's love for us.

Kristina Lucas & Family



Book Discussions are Back!
Your SABC Library is offering two books for discussion this winter:

1. **“Long Way Home” by Lynn Austin**
“In this gripping portrait of war & its aftermath a young woman searches for the truth her childhood friend won’t discuss after returning from World War II, revealing a story of courage, friendship, & faith.”
2. **“What if It’s True” by Charles Martin**
“Charles Martin cracked his Bible & began wrestling with a few fundamental questions: What if every single word of Scripture is absolutely true & can I trust it? How do I respond? Something in me should change, but what? This book is the result of that exploration.”

Everyone is invited to read the book & participate in discussion. Text Teri at 252-813-3779 which book you would like to read & discuss.

**EAST COAST MEN’S BIBLE
CONFERENCE
MARCH 8 - 9, 2024
ENGLEWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH
REGISTER AT
WWW.ECMBC.ORG**



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**

Prayer Concerns

David Blackmon ~ Faye Booth ~ Tonia Carmichael ~ Pam Davis ~ Pat Doughtie ~ Karen Futrell ~ Gwen Dew ~ Curtis Emigh ~ Darryl Gschwind ~ Bradley Hardy ~ Bury & Cathy Hendricks ~ Nona Jones ~ Bill & Judy McDaniel ~ Jerry Mosley ~ Kambree Parker ~ Brenda Respass ~ Anise Rose ~ Alice Shearin ~ Craig Valentine ~ Michael Valentine ~ Mollie Whitley ~ Chris Wright ~ Family of Pat Boone ~ Family of John Joyce ~ 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).

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Any information that you wish to have published in the February newsletter should be emailed to lwebb@sabaptist.org by noon on Friday, January 17.

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is available on the church website: sabaptist.org

November 26, 2023 - December 17, 2023

Attendance Totals

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
26	n/a	216
3	210	268
10	212	251
17	185	196

Membership Additions in 2023

By Baptism	4
By Transfer or Statement of Faith	10

Weekly Budget Need for 2023: \$ 23,967.47

November 26, 2023 - December 17, 2023 Giving Totals

	<u>Offering Received</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Total Received</u>
26	\$ 12,760.00	\$ 2,916.50	\$ 15,676.50
3	\$ 26,124.00	\$ 7,664.00	\$ 33,788.00
10	\$ 20,504.86	\$ 15,344.00	\$ 35,848.86
17	\$ 23,219.16	\$ 13,734.01	\$ 36,953.17

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

	<u>Required</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$	1,222,340.97	\$ 1,044,863.19	\$ 177,477.78