



# Sunset Reflector

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*God loves you*

with a love that is  
**INCREASING  
& OVERFLOWING**

1 THESSALONIANS 3:12-13



## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:15

Worship - 10:30

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***We will be Observing  
The Lord's Supper  
Sunday, February 4***

2024 YOUR CHOICE RESOURCE CENTER

**CELEBRATE LIFE**  
*Banquet*



**2024 YCRC Celebrate Life Banquet  
Thursday, February 15 @ 6:30 pm  
Englewood Baptist Church  
\$350 per Table (8 Reservations)  
Limited individual reservations  
available at \$35 each.**

**For more details & reservations, visit  
[friendsofycrc.org/clb](http://friendsofycrc.org/clb) or  
call 252-446-CARE (2273). You can also  
reach out to Virginia Roberson  
at 903-0558.**

### The Pastor's Pen...

As always, we like to keep you informed on important, upcoming items. Sunday mornings in February holds some special opportunities for us in pursuing Christ.

First, on February 4 we will observe the Lord's Supper. Very little that we do is more important than the Lord's Supper. It enables us to go back to the cross and to remember what Christ has done for us in offering Himself there as our substitute and redeemer. It highlights the gospel in such a powerful way. Only through His shed blood on the cross can we approach the Father. Only through faith in Him alone may we be reconciled and adopted into His forever family. Don't miss this special time of worship.

Second, on February 11, Rick Via will be our guest preacher for the day. Rick is Bob Unrue's cousin and the co-founder, along with his wife Janet, of *World Reach Partnerships*. Rick is a gifted evangelist and the father of "Smooth" Via, who has preached here in the past. God has obviously used Rick in a mighty way. The following is an excerpt from the *World Reach Partnerships* website:

He has opened doors for us to preach the Gospel in nearly 50 countries. He has enabled us to work side-by-side with missionaries and churches to advance the Kingdom of God. We have had the privilege of planting new churches, training pastors and seeing thousands of souls saved in third world countries. Hundreds of volunteers have joined World Reach Partnerships in taking the Gospel from Cuba to Cambodia, from Burma to Brazil, and from South Africa (and Uganda!) to South America.

Please plan to be here to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ proclaimed with Holy Spirit power. You will be blessed. And if you have friends who are lost or who have fallen out of fellowship with God, please invite them on February 11. After the service, take them to eat and ask them about their reaction to what they've heard. Perhaps God might save souls that day!

Finally, on February 18, we will observe the ordinance of believer's baptism. It is always such a thrill to see believers following the Lord in obedience through baptism. Baptism is a picture of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ and also a picture of how the grace of Jesus Christ puts to death the old, sinful person and raises the new believer to a new life in Him. Come and let's celebrate God's saving work on this day.

As I said, there are many opportunities in February. Let's join together this month in celebrating our Savior.

Yours and His,

*Pastor Robin*



Thank you to all who helped with the December blood drive & also to the ones who came out & gave blood. We collected a total of 27 pints. ~Elizabeth Lancaster~

I am so thankful for a loving church like you. Thank you all for sending such beautiful & loving Christmas cards. Also, to the special classes for bringing me gifts & sending me the beautiful poinsettia to enjoy for Christmas. Thank you to my deacon and his wife for coming to visit & bringing me a gift & a picture of his family. Thank you for the food given to me when I came home from rehab when I broke my leg.  
~In Christian Love, Anise Rose~

**Rick Via**  
**Guest Preacher**  
**Of World Reach Partnerships**  
**Sunday, February 11**

**Save the Date!**  
**Marriage Enrichment Event**  
**April 26 & 27, 2024**  
**More details and sign up on our website soon.**



**Please join us for SABC's Family Skate Day**  
**Saturday, February 17**  
**10:00—12:00**  
**Sky-Vue Skateland**



**Baptism**  
**Sunday, February 18**



**Next Cycle**  
**Starts Monday, February 19**  
**6:00 - 7:30**



**Operation Joseph**  
**Offering Goal: \$5000.00**  
**February 4 - February 18**  
Make checks payable to SABC & note for Operation Joseph. **Please do not donate food.**

**Prayer Concerns**

David Blackmon ~ Carol Boone ~ Mark Bridges ~ Tonia Carmichael ~ Pam Davis ~ Pat Doughtie ~ Karen Futrell ~ Gwen Dew ~ Curtis Emigh ~ Francis Green, ~ Darryl Gschwind ~ Bury & Cathy Hendricks ~ Bill & Judy McDaniel ~ Anise Rose ~ Lindsay Rose ~ Alice Shearin ~ Michael Valentine ~ Mollie Whitley ~ Family of Jim Bennett ~ 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).*

**MARCH NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

Any information that you wish to have published in the March newsletter should be emailed to [lwebb@sabaptist.org](mailto:lwebb@sabaptist.org) by noon on Friday, February 16.

**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

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

**December 24, 2023 - January 21, 2024**

**Attendance Totals**

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
24	n/a	206
31	200	231
7	208	261
14	195	219
21	n/a	227

**Membership Additions in 2024**

By Baptism	0
By Transfer or Statement of Faith	1

**Weekly Budget Need for 2024: \$ 24,436.43**

**December 24, 2023 - January 21, 2024 Giving Totals**

	<u>Offering Received</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Total Received</u>
24	\$ 28,079.00	\$ 28,171.48	\$ 56,250.48
31	\$ 23,550.38	\$ 14,893.92	\$ 38,444.30
7	\$ 19,901.00	\$ 2,405.30	\$ 22,306.30
14	\$ 20,958.27	\$ 1,075.00	\$ 22,033.27
21	\$ 12,323.00	\$ 1,667.65	\$ 13,990.65

**Year to Date Budget January 1, 2024 - January 21, 2024**

	<u>Required</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$	73,309.29	\$ 53,182.27	\$ 20,127.02

**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.

Also there are free devotion books on the table outside of the library.

**SENIOR ADULTS EVENTS**

We will meet on Tuesday morning February 13 at 9:00 in the fellowship hall for a delicious breakfast of pancakes & sausage! After filling our tummies we will enjoy a program focused on Valentine's Day & President's Day! Please join us for a morning of fun & fellowship.

**We're going to the Rudy!!**

On Thursday, March 21 we will leave church at 10:00 & travel to Selma NC for the Easter Jubilee Show! We will eat lunch at the Robin's Nest & then go to the show. Possibly stop for some ice cream on the way home! Tickets are \$30.00 & that includes lunch! Seats are limited; we have 30 reserved. Be sure to sign up & remember that if you can't go, please know that you are responsible for the ticket.