



# Sunset Reflector

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## **“Living Sent”**

### **Because You Give Others Can Go**

**NCMISSIONSOFFERING.ORG**

The first half of August, through Sunday, August 17, we will focus on NC Missions offering. Your gifts to the NCMO help support the ministries of Baptist on Missions, church planting, missions camps, associational projects & mobilization ministry projects. Please designate “NCMO” on your offering envelope.



During the second half of August (the 18th-31st), we will collect our Acts 1:8 offering that goes to supplement our scholarships fund for members of SABC who are called to be a part of our volunteer mission trips. Please designate “ACTS 1:8” on your offering envelope.

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:15

Worship - 10:30

### **Renovation Fund for The Old Fellowship Hall**

**Amount Given as of 7/20: \$40,889.98**

In order for the work to begin on the old Fellowship Hall we must raise \$135,000.00 to fully fund the project. No monies from the general fund are available. Please give generously so that we can start soon. Designate "Renovation Fund" on your check or envelope. Thank you, in advance, for your contribution.



**Saturday, August 2  
4:30-7:00**

**Stone Gate Community**

Donations for school supplies can be placed in the designated boxes located in the New Fellowship Hall.

### **The Pastor's Pen...**

The month of August provides for us an opportunity to celebrate the work of God in believers' lives. As Baptists, we believe that there are two biblical "ordinances" for the church: baptism and the Lord's Supper. Baptism, in a sense, is a symbolic representation of salvation for the believer. In being immersed in the baptismal waters, the believer is publicly professing, through this symbol, that he/she has believed in the Savior whose death, burial, and resurrection makes salvation possible. Baptism is for any believer who has accepted Christ and is therefore ready to follow Jesus not only as Savior but as Lord.

Whereas believer's baptism would only occur once in the true believer's life, the second ordinance, the Lord's Supper, is something the believer is to observe repeatedly until either death or the second coming of Christ takes him/her into His eternal presence. Like baptism, it is a symbolic event. The bread symbolizes the body of Christ, which He sacrificed for us on the cross. The cup symbolizes His blood, which has been poured out on the cross to wash our sins away.

**We will observe the Lord's Supper on August 10 and baptism on August 17.** What a privilege to participate in these two sacred ordinances whereby we see Christ's saving work in new believers and in all of His children. Join us for these two Sundays.

Also in August, let's be in prayer for our Uganda mission team: Bob Unrue, Randy Bridges, Angela Hight, Chris Page, Virginia Roberson, Peyton Currin, Miranda Currin, and Lisa Williams. Their trip dates are August 4 - 17. Pray that the gospel might go forth from them in the power of the Holy Spirit so that souls will be saved by the same gospel that has changed our lives. Cover them in prayer. Start now! And cover the new believers that will be brought into the kingdom and the churches in Uganda that will do follow up. We will hear the team's report upon their return on Sunday morning, August 24.

Thank God that in our church we are continually seeing Christ change lives both locally and globally through His saving work in and through us. I love you all.

*Pastor Robin*

## FROM PASTOR NEIL & LAUREN

### Parent meeting regarding Children & Youth Ministries

#### \* **Mandatory Child Abuse Prevention & Volunteer Training Meeting**

We will offer two identical meetings for every person serving in any capacity with our children & youth. This includes nursery workers, teachers, & our security team members. **We will meet in the Sanctuary at 2:00 on August 17 & 24. Please choose one of the two meetings to attend. Please contact Pastor Neil or Lauren if you have questions or cannot attend.**

- \* **August 24-Parent Meeting** during Sunday School from 9:15-10:15 in the fellowship hall. We will cover policies, calendar, child check in, release forms & communication for the coming year.



### **Loving Our Community in Jesus' Name July 26– Aug 2**

There will be several mission projects throughout the week. **There will be no service or activities on Wednesday, July 30.**

We will be observing  
The Lord's Supper  
Sunday, August 10



## BAPTISM CELEBRATION

Sunday, August 17

### City Softball Champs!



Earlier this summer these men endured some of the hottest weather and came through the loser's bracket to claim the city softball championship. Thanks to all the SABCS faithful fans and for these men who represented our Lord well through sportsmanship and kindness on the field.

### Prayer Concerns

Bill Armstrong ~ Ed & Edith Baker ~ David Blackmon ~ Libby Bunn ~ Robbie Carter ~ Darryl Gschwind ~ Bury & Cathy Hendricks ~ Heath Henry ~ Nona Jones ~ Mattieleeene Johnson ~ Ronnie Koen ~ Bill & Judy McDaniel ~ Edward Meyer ~ Johnson Moore ~ Anise Rose ~ Carolyn Shearin ~ Joe Waters ~ Bennett & Ashley Williford & baby boy Finnley ~ Family of Bill Beddingfield ~ Family of Wally Bostic ~ Family of Billy Meyer ~ His Mansion Ministry ~ King's Way Ministry ~ Stone Gate Ministry ~ Boston Partnership ~ A Place of Grace Ministry ~ Hispanic Church

*In order to keep our prayer list current, names will remain on the list for four weeks (unless otherwise requested).*



### SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Any information that you wish to have published  
in the August newsletter should be emailed to  
[lwebb@sabaptist.org](mailto:lwebb@sabaptist.org) by noon on  
Friday, August 15

### THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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

#### June 29, 2025 – July 20, 2025

##### Attendance Totals

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
29	217	254
6	172	214
13	195	221
20	219	220

#### Membership Additions in 2025

By Baptism	2
By Transfer or Statement of Faith	6

#### Weekly Budget Need for 2025: \$ 25,948.63

#### June 29, 2025 - July 20, 2025 Giving Totals

<u>Offering Received</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Total Received</u>
29 \$ 18,743.00	\$ 4,279.00	\$ 23,022.00
6 \$ 23,363.26	\$ 5,118.44	\$ 28,481.70
13 \$ 19,904.78	\$ 15,744.30	\$ 35,649.08
20 \$ 25,870.05	\$ 5,820.00	\$ 31,690.05

#### Year to Date Budget January 1, 2025 - July 20, 2025

<u>Required</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 752,510.27	\$ 618,396.97	\$ 134,113.30

## THANK you

To our Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Thank you so much for the lovely pink & white floral spray, the delicious barbeque meal, & other expressions of support & prayers during the passing of our mother.

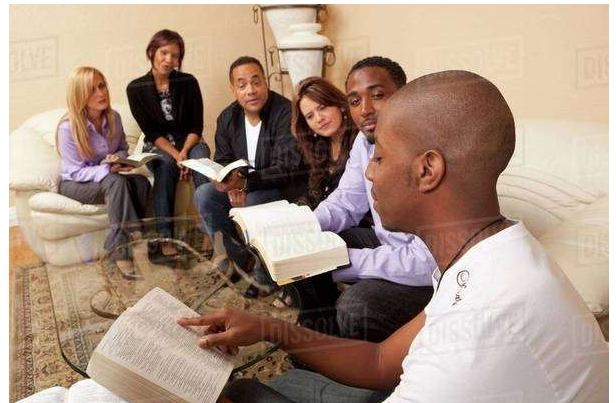
With sincere thanks!

The Alice Shearin Family

Our July blood drive goal was 32 pints, but we only collected 22 pints. It was still a successful blood drive; 22 pints can still help many people. A big thank you to Patrick Richardson for setting up the fellowship hall, those who helped me the day of the drive, & those who were able to give blood & for those who tried to give. I look forward to our next drive, so mark your calendars for our December 2025 blood drive.

Thankfully,

Elizabeth Lancaster



**Deeper Groups will resume**

**Sunday, September 21**