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The GRASS withers
and the FLOWERS fall,
but the WORD OF OUR
GOD endures forever.
Isaiah 40:8

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:15

Worship - 10:30

**Renovation Fund for
The Old Fellowship Hall
Amount Given as of 9/21: \$55,484.98**



It's time of the year again! Time to pack boxes for Operation Christmas Child! What an opportunity to send the Gospel around the world!! Boxes will be available in the foyer by the covered drive & across from the library on Sunday, October 12. Instructions are included in the boxes. Please return them by Sunday, November 16. Make this a fun project for your Sunday School class, Deeper Group, prayer or Bible study group or your own family & let's work together to pack 350 boxes! If we all participate, the work is light but the yield is eternal!

Wednesday, October 15

@ 6:30

**There will not be a service
or activities.**

**CHURCH
CONFERENCE**



The Pastor's Pen...

The recent assassination of Charlie Kirk is the latest reminder of how badly our country needs prayer and a fresh touch from God. We especially cry out for God's touch on Mr. Kirk's widow and little children who have been left behind due to this evil act. What a heartbreaking tragedy it is when there are extremists in our country who seek to settle our political differences with lethal violence. And this evil violence comes from both sides of the political aisle. This past June, it was a former Speaker of the House in Minnesota, Melissa Hortman, and her husband Mark who were shot to death in their own home because of their political orientation. That family needs our prayers as well; two adult children of the Hortmans were orphaned by that tragedy. And the examples go on and on. We all remember the two near miss attempts on President Trump's life. It's lunacy that reminds us of a dark era like the 1960's.

Let's be clear: using violence to deal with our political differences is never right. Full stop. It doesn't matter which side of the political divide we're talking about; violence is never in order. Pray for our country. Pray that God will draw us back to Himself. We are desperate for His help. And pray that our church and all Bible-believing churches will declare truth and seek to live by it. May we be found faithful particularly in sharing the hope of Christ in the gospel. May God again bless the United States of America.

Pastor Robin

Sermon Series

***The Story: Finding Your Place
in God's Story***

Sept. 28: Part 1: God's Story

(Pastor Robin Fisher)

Oct. 5: Part 2: Our Story

(Pastor Robin Fisher)

Oct. 12: Part 3: My Story

(Pastor Neil Woodcock)

Oct 19: Part 4: Their Story

(Pastor Neil Woodcock)



**We will be Observing
The Lord's Supper
Sunday, October 26**



**Fall Family Day
Saturday, October 18th**

**Parent Conference
9:00-12:00
SABC Fellowship Hall**

**Family Night - Food, Bonfire, Pumpkin
Carving and Decorating, and Games
5:30-8:00
Randy and Melissa Bridges' Home
All families of children and youth are
invited to join us.**

WMU Opportunities for the SABC Women

As Women on a mission, we desire to inform & inspire Christians to influence their world for Christ. 1 Thessalonians 2:8 tells us "Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well."

We have four mission groups at SABC:

***Circle of Sisters**-We have a program each month that includes those who come & share about their mission trips. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11:00 in the fellowship hall. Contact Janet Wells 904-4195 or Laura Joyner 469-9511 for more details.

***Joyful Bible Study**-If you want to become more involved in missions, be a more informed Christian, discover your spiritual gifts, pray, support missionaries, & influence the world in Christ, join us every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10:00 Room 303. Contact Eddy Myers 904-6362 or Cathleen Melvin 544-4451 for more details.

***Knitting Ministry**-This ministry knits & crochets hats & scarves for various places that may be in need of these items. We meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 10-12 in the Library, Contact Phyllis Campbell 314-7358 for more details.

***Salt & Light**-We desire to shine the light of Jesus to Jerusalem, Judea & Samaria, & to the ends of the earth. We do this through Backpack Buddies, meals for our church family, & supporting local & international mission projects and more. We meet periodically. Contact Melinda Rackley 567-7578 or Melissa Bridges 985-0852 for more details.

Prayer Concerns

Bill Armstrong ~ Ed & Edith Baker ~ David Blackmon ~ Billy Colbert ~ Darryl Gschwind ~ Pam Davis ~ Bury & Cathy Hendricks ~ Heath Henry ~ Nona Jones ~ Ronnie Koen ~ Bill McDaniel ~ Edward Meyer ~ Johnson Moore ~ Anise Rose ~ Carolyn Shearin ~ Ted Ward ~ Joyce Valentine ~ Carolyn Whitehead ~ Bennett & Ashley Williford & baby boy Finnley ~ Family of Jean Still ~ 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).

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

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

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

is available on the church website: sabaptist.org

August 31, 2025 – September 21, 2025

Attendance Totals

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
31	206	207
7	208	244
14	225	263
21	223	215

Membership Additions in 2025

By Baptism	2
By Transfer or Statement of Faith	9

Weekly Budget Need for 2025: \$ 25,948.63

August 31, 2025 - September 21, 2025 Giving Totals

<u>Offering Received</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Total Received</u>
31 \$ 18,313.15	\$ 3,208.00	\$ 21,521.15
7 \$ 33,004.00	\$ 5,734.60	\$ 38,738.60
14 \$ 13,458.36	\$ 1,970.00	\$ 15,428.36
21 \$ 17,756.23	\$ 3,232.00	\$ 20,988.23

Year to Date Budget January 1, 2025 - September 21, 2025

<u>Required</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 986,047.94	\$ 808,201.56	\$ (177,846.38)



Tuesday, October 14th senior adults will leave at 10:00 headed to Scotland Neck to visit the world famous Sylvan Bird Park. The price for seniors' admission is \$12. We will not collect money before so you will pay them when you arrive. After watching & learning about the many beautiful birds they have, we will have lunch at a local restaurant that you are responsible for. Please sign up or notify Brenda Stephenson if you plan to go!

Tuesday, November 11
Senior Adult Breakfast
Fellowship Hall @ 9:00

Join us as we celebrate veterans and/or their spouses on the Veteran's Day! Anna Morris will be our guest speaker following a delicious homecooked meal!



It's time to start back collecting for Backpack Buddies. There will be a designated box in the fellowship hall.

Items needed are listed below:

- ♦ Juice Boxes (heavy carton type)
- ♦ Breakfast Items (easy prepped or ready Wrapped)
- ♦ Meal/Meat Items (easy pop-top type)
- ♦ Snack Items