

When the Thorn Remains—Rejoice!

2 Cor. 12:7-10

Dr. Robin D. Fisher—January 4, 2026

Theme: From God's perspective, pain is not a divine curse for the Christian, but a divine opportunity to go deeper with Him.

1. There is a _____ attached to a thorn. (v. 7b)

2. There is a _____ attached to a thorn. (v. 7a, c)

3. There is a _____ attached to a thorn. (v. 8)

4. There is a _____ attached to a thorn. (v. 9a)

5. There is a _____ attached to a thorn. (v. 9b)

6. There is a _____ attached to a thorn. (v. 10)

Application: Perhaps 2025 has been a very painful year for you and the thorn you've endured has been excruciating. Don't give up. Don't doubt God. He's up to something in your life. As 2026 begins, bring that thorn to the altar and ask God to use it if He won't remove it.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

November 30-January 4

Goal: \$75,000.00

Challenge Goal: \$85,000.00

Amount Given as of 12/28:

\$87,201.80

Wednesday Night Meals

Will Resume

Sunday, January 7

Deeper Groups and Children's Choirs

Will Resume

Sunday, January 11

Next Steps Class

Our next four-session class for prospective members will run four Sunday mornings:

January 11, 18, 25 & February 1 at 9:15 in room 225 on the second floor of the children's building. This is a required class for anyone seeking membership. If interested, sign-up on the designated sheet in the Sanctuary foyer or call the church office. **The deadline to sign-up is January 7.**

Red Cross Blood Drive

Our December 2025 Blood Drive was a success! Our goal was 27 pints & we collected 29 pints. I want to thank Patrick Richardson for having the blood drive area set up & ready. I want to thank those who were able to give blood. Thank you all so much, ~Elizabeth Lancaster~

Wednesday Night

Supper Reservation

January 7, 2026

5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

To ensure an accurate count for ordering food on Monday morning and enough food for everyone on Wednesday nights, **we ask that everyone sign up for the meal no later than 9:00 a.m. on Monday morning.**

Michael Davis' Team

Menu:

Grilled Chicken, Baked Potatoes, Assorted Vegetables, Salad & Soup Bar, Desserts

Kid's Menu:

Chicken Tenders, French Fries

Name _____

Please Indicate number of people attending below:

Children (Ages 3 & under)

Free _____

Children (Ages 4-11)

\$4.00 _____

Adults

\$7.00 _____

Note: For take-outs add \$.50

Family Skate Day
Saturday, February 7
Sky-Vue Skateland
13734 US Hwy 64 Alt W
Rocky Mount
\$4 Skate Rental
\$6 Skate Mate Rental

Concessions are available for purchase from Sky-Vue!
All ages are welcome! Invite a friend to come!

This Week at Sunset

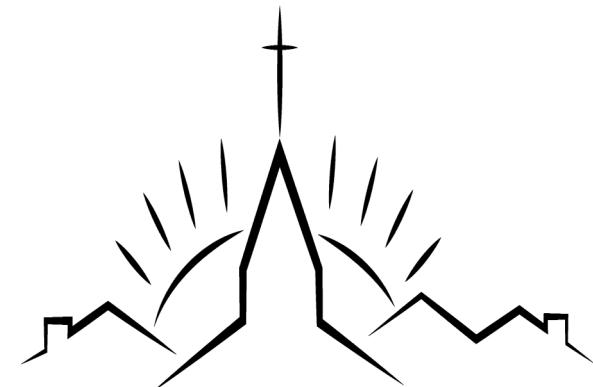
(Jan. 4 - Jan. 10)

Sun	Sunday School	9:15 AM
	Morning Worship	10:30 AM
	Children's Church	10:30 AM
	Spanish Morning Worship	10:30 AM
	Stone Gate Ministry	4:00 PM
Tues	BSF Leaders	9:00 AM
	NA	7:00 PM
Wed	Evening Meal	5:30 PM
	Adult Prayer/Bible Study	6:30 PM
	Youth Bible Study	6:30 PM
	Kid's Worship	6:30 PM
	Adult Choir Practice	7:45 PM
Thur	BSF	9:00 AM
	King's Way Bible Study	4:00 PM
Fri	NA	7:00 PM

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Sunset Avenue Baptist Church is to worship God, share the gospel of Jesus Christ, disciple believers, and minister to all people, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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