



Sunset Reflector

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*Happy Mother's
Day
May 10*



**Memorial Day
May 25**

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:15

Worship - 10:30



**The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
Total Amount Given as of 4/12: \$51,722.86**

CELEBRATING
100 YEARS
MAY 3
2026
SUNSET AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
LOVING THE LORD... LOVING THE CHURCH... LOVING THE WORLD

**Fellowship Meal to follow.
Please invite former members &
family members.**

We are looking for 2-3 volunteers to assist with photographing the events commemorating the 100th anniversary of our church. Responsibilities will include photographing during the celebration and providing the photographs to the History committee on USB drive. Any type of digital camera, including phones, may be used. If you are interested in helping, please contact Pam Spivey at 252-904-6558.

The Pastor's Pen...

Sabbatical

As May rolls around again, I wanted to let everyone know that I will be away on a Sabbatical from Monday, May 4 through Sunday, May 31. Tricia and I will be attending a Pastor's and Pastor's Wife Retreat at The Cove in Asheville. We will also be traveling to spend some time with our two sons and their families and also with our extended families in the western part of the state.

While I am away, Pastor Neil will be preaching May 10, 17, 24, and 31. All of us at SABC know what a phenomenally gifted preacher he is. I'm sure he will feed you well from God's Word. Neil and the rest of our staff will be ready to serve you in my absence should the need arise.

I want to thank you, church family, for providing this break for me. Please pray that it will be a time of rest and refreshment. I hope to come back June 1 renewed in my spirit and ready to hit the ground running for the next chapters of ministry here.

Thanks to our History Committee

Our 100th church anniversary has been a real blessing for all of us. It has been a joy and encouragement to look back on how God has blessed this congregation for a century of worship, ministry, and mission. Things have gone so well because our History Committee (and those who have assisted them) has worked tirelessly behind the scenes. I want to recognize the members of this committee: Brenda Stephenson (chair), Teresa Baker, A.B. Whitley, Theresa English, and Phyllis Campbell. Please join me in letting these folks know how grateful we all are for what they've done to make this special anniversary a wonderful event.

I'm thankful to have the privilege of serving as your pastor. I love you all.

Pastor Robin

Senior Adult Ministry

A reminder for those that have signed up, the Spring luncheon sponsored by the North Roake Association is on Tuesday, May 5th in Roanoke Rapids. The buses will leave at 10:00.



Wednesday Night Meals
will conclude on
May 20 until September.



Graduate Sunday
May 31

If you are graduating from high or college & would like to participate, please contact Pastor Neil or the church office by **May 14.**

National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 7 @ Noon
Rocky Mount City Hall Courtyard



City Prayer Walk
Sunday, May 17
Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00.

VBS Volunteer Meeting
Sunday, May 17
After the worship service in
the fellowship hall.

Summer Family Nights
On Wednesday nights this summer (June 17—August 19), we will move to a temporary summer schedule for kids, students, & their parents. Each Wednesday night beginning at 6:00, families are invited to bring their own dinner (if they would like) & eat together. After dinner, we will have different games & activities for families to enjoy together. Parents will be responsible for their kids & students during this time. This will give extended time for our families to grow in relationships & unity this summer as well as provide our Wednesday night volunteers a break for the summer.

Prayer Concerns

Bill Armstrong ~ Ed & Edith Baker ~ David Blackmon ~ Phil & Carol Boone ~ David Bryan ~ Annette Buchan ~ Pam Davis ~ Laura Earp ~ Patty Fletcher ~ Sherry Goza ~ Darryl Gschwind ~ Bury & Cathy Hendricks ~ Heath Henry ~ Judy Hobbs ~ Mattieeene Johnson ~ Nona Jones ~ Elizabeth Lancaster ~ Bill McDaniel ~ Johnson Moore ~ Anise Rose ~ Angela Terrell ~ David Waltz ~ Ted Ward ~ Bennett, Ashley, Cullen & Finnley Williford ~ Angela Wood ~ Family of Nathan Davis ~ 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).

JUNE NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Any information that you wish to have published in the June newsletter should be emailed to lwebb@sabaptist.org by noon on Friday, May 22.

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

is available on the church website: sabaptist.org

March 29, 2026 - April 19, 2026

Attendance Totals

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
29	233	250
5	255	355
12	220	240
19	223	231

Membership Additions in 2026

By Baptism (Watchcare = 2)	1
By Transfer or Statement of Faith	7

Weekly Budget Need for 2026: \$ 25,015.95

March 29, 2026 - April 19, 2026 Giving Totals

	<u>Offering Received</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Total Received</u>
29	\$ 23,053.26	\$ 9,855.06	\$ 32,908.32
5	\$ 23,441.25	\$ 18,295.00	\$ 41,736.25
12	\$ 24,244.63	\$ 10,883.86	\$ 35,128.49
19	\$ 14,364.46	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 15,414.46

Year to Date Budget January 1, 2026 - April 19, 2026

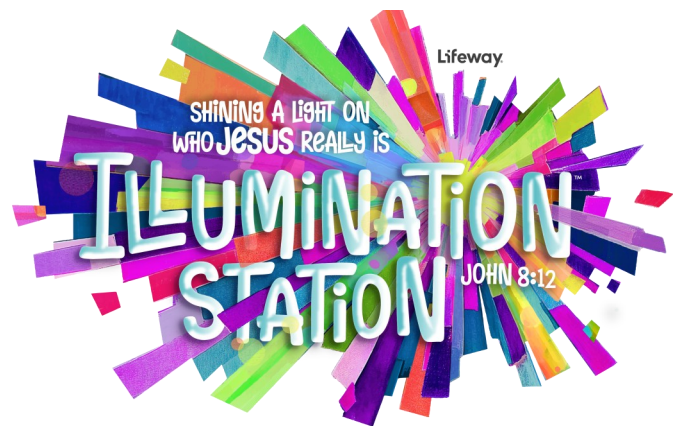
	<u>Required</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
	\$ 400,255.20	\$ 366,620.83	\$ (33,634.37)



I miss and love you all. Thank you for still remembering & thinking of me with the cards that are sent to me. Please keep me in your prayers. ~Anise Rose~



SAVE THE DATE!
Christmas in June & July
Back to School for
Stone Gate & King's
Way.



Vacation Bible School
June 7-11
5:30-8:00
4 years old—12th grade
Register online at sabaptist.org/vbs26