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It's that time of 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 11th. Instructions are included in the boxes. Please return them by Sunday, November 15. 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 300 boxes! If we all participate the work is light but the yield is eternal!

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:15

Worship - 10:30



There are sign up sheets in the
Sunday School classrooms.

We will be observing
The Lord's Supper
Sunday, October 11



QUARTERLY *Meeting*

Quarterly Church Conference
Wednesday, October 21
At 6:30

There will be no other activities.

The Pastor's Pen...

A Season of Blessing

The last few months in our church have truly been a season of blessing. We can point to so many things that confirm this. We've seen increasing numbers of people in worship. We've seen regular movement in our worship services. We've seen increasing numbers in Sunday School. We've seen a number of baptisms. We've seen a steady stream of new people going through our membership class and becoming members of our fellowship. We've seen dozens of our people being disciplined in small groups. We've seen our Deeper Groups get underway again with many new faces involved. We've seen church members getting more deeply involved in missions, from our local ministries here (like Kings Way and Stonegate) to international trips to Uganda and Bulgaria. And we could go on and on.

God is moving! Now the question comes, "How do we do our part to further cooperate with our Lord in this move of His mighty hand?" Here are a few things on my heart in answer to that question. First, we need to stay close and clean when it comes to our walk with the Lord. Spend time in personal and corporate worship, Bible study, and prayer. Seek to live Spirit-filled lives that God can use for His purposes. Second, when we sin, may we quickly find ourselves being convicted and coming back to the Lord through confession and repentance. Third, we need to stay humble. It is God doing these good works, not us. May we always be looking up, desiring to make much of our great Lord. Fourth, we need to stay desperate. God has His hand on us at present, but if we stray away, He can withdraw His hand of favor in an instant of time. Only through Him can we see these blessings continue to roll down upon us.

May we continue to look forward to what God has next for us as we walk in His ways! *Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever! Amen.* (Ephesians 3:20-21, NIV)

Pastor Robin



WMU Opportunities for the SABC Women

As Women on a mission, we desire and inspire Christians to influence their world for Christ. John 15:16-17 tells us "You did not choose me, but I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce fruit and that your fruit should remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. This is what I command you; Love one another.

We have three mission groups at SABC:

***Circle of Sisters-**We have a program each month that includes those who come and share about their mission trips. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11:00 in the large fellowship hall. Contact Janet Wells 904-4195 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, and 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 and crochets hats and 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



Ladies Christmas Exchange

LADIES! Mark you calendars! It's time once again for our Annual Ladies Christmas Exchange. This year's theme is "All Hearts Come Home for Christmas" Many of you will remember Melissa Roberson Felton and she is coming back "HOME" to share her "HEART" with us this year. Our event will be held in the Large Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, December 1st at 6:00 p.m. Remember to bring three (3) unwrapped "like" gifts to exchange. (Sign Up Sheets will be available in the Sunday School Classes in November.) Feel free to contact Vickie Lawson at 252-904-4992 if you have any questions. Come with a joyful HEART, invite a friend, and celebrate the season as

"All Hearts Come Home for Christmas"



Operation Joseph
October 4-October 18
Offering Goal: \$5000.00
Make check payable to SABC & note
Operation Joseph.

Prayer Concerns

Bill Armstrong ~ Ed Baker ~ David Blackmon ~ Phil & Carol Boone ~ Libby Carter ~ Pam Davis ~ Darryl Gschwind ~ Bury & Cathy Hendricks ~ Heath Henry ~ Rodney Hodges ~ Mattielee Johnson ~ Nona Jones ~ Doug & Betsy Langston ~ Bill McDaniel ~ Johnson Moore ~ Eddy Myers ~ Ed Pittman ~ Anise Rose ~ David Waltz ~ Martha Ward ~ Tammie Webb ~ Bennett, Ashley, Cullen & Finnley Williford ~ Jimmy Winters ~ Family of David Bryan ~ His Mansion Ministry ~ Kings 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 16.

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

is available on the church website: sabaptist.org

August 30, 2026-September 20, 2026

Attendance Totals

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
30	206	268
6	208	286
13	234	326
20		265

Membership Additions in 2026

By Baptism (Watchcare = 3)	3
By Transfer or Statement of Faith	16

Weekly Budget Need for 2026: \$ 25,015.95

August 30, 2026-September 20, 2026 Giving Totals

<u>Offering Received</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Total Received</u>
30 \$ 19,390.71	\$ 3,730.00	\$ 23,120.71
6 \$ 27,285.05	\$ 3,028.00	\$ 30,313.05
13 \$ 23,933.85	\$ 12,632.00	\$ 36,565.85
20 \$ 16,168.23	\$ 5,628.00	\$ 21,796.23

Year to Date Budget January 1, 2026 - September 20, 2026

<u>Required</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 950,606.10	\$ 876,656.39	\$ (73,949.71)

Thank You!

We want to express our sincere gratitude for your phone calls, cards, visits, food, the beautiful peace lily, & especially your love, prayers, & support during this time. It has been a long season for our family since Edith's health started declining. Edith wanted so much to be with her church family but was unable to do so.

We thank Pastor Robin for the worship service for Edith as well as those who blessed us with beautiful music & delicious food.

The family has seen God at work in many ways, & we continue to lean on Him. We are blessed to have a church family that loves & cares.

In Christ,
The family of Edith Baker
Ed, Eddie, Hope & Allison



Reading Fellowship

This fall, we will begin our Reading fellowship year with "Life Support" by Robert Whitlow. Come join us as we seek to magnify Christ through reading, laughing, & sharing our journeys through Christian novels. Are interested? Contact Teri Taylor @ 813-3779 or Karen Morris @ 903-4413, please leave a message if no answer.