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SUNDAY, SEPTMEBER 8, 2024
GUEST SPEAKER: ZACH ROBERSON

Our Homecoming meal will be provided by the church. Please bring your favorite dessert. If you know a former member, Please offer them an invitation to be our special guest.

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:15

Worship - 10:30



Children's Building Renovation Fund

Total given as of 8/18: \$52,387.00

Your financial gift for the children's ministry building is very much appreciated. You may continue to give throughout the summer.



Sunday, September 1 @ 6:00 pm
Meet in the Sanctuary
See Pastor Robin's column for more details.



Deeper Groups
Will resume
Sunday, Sept. 15
@ 6:00 pm

The Pastor's Pen...

Things I'm Excited About in September

I am excited about our campus prayer walk on Sunday evening, September 1 at 6:00. As we've done in the past, we'll meet in the sanctuary and then break up into separate prayer groups. As we rotate around to different prayer stations, we'll seek to literally bathe our campus and our ministries as we begin a new church year. Prayer is foundational to our success. Join us.

I am excited about our Homecoming celebration on Sunday morning, September 8. This local fellowship of believers has raised up and sent our kingdom workers for a long time. Certainly that's true of our preacher this year, Zach Roberson. Zach grew up in this church and he faithfully serves on staff at Fairview Baptist in Apex. He loves his Lord, his family, and his church. I'm excited to hear the message he will bring to us from the Lord. Make plans to attend and stay for lunch.

*I am excited about a new book study for adults we'll be going through this fall every Wednesday night. The book I've chosen this year is *Suffering is Never for Nothing* by the late Elisabeth Elliot. Her husband Jim was killed by an unreached tribe in Ecuador as he and other missionaries sought to reach them with the gospel. Her second husband died from cancer. This late, great woman of God knew much about suffering and I'm sure God will teach us through this book. Sign up now to receive your copy. We'll distribute the books on September 4 and start the study on September 11.*

I am excited about the resumption of Deeper Groups on Sunday evening, September 15. Of course, that means we're excited about children's ministries resuming on campus that same Sunday evening. Deeper Groups take us deeper in the application of God's Word. I'm praying God will bless in our groups in an unusually rich way this year. By the way, it's not too late sign up for a group if you haven't done so yet.

I am excited about this year's Bulgaria Mission Trip. Randy and Melissa Bridges and myself will travel to two different locations in Bulgaria to share the gospel, encourage church members, and challenge pastors to identify and raise up new workers in their churches. We'll be departing September 27 and returning October 5. Please start praying now; pray that the kingdom will be advanced as we share with our Eastern European brothers and sisters in Christ.

What a wonderful month to look forward to. Jump in and join us as we seek to make disciples who are loving the Lord, loving the church, and loving the world. I love you all and am so thankful to be your pastor.

Pastor Robin

THANK YOU

I want to thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, food, flowers & loving thoughts that I received during my recent hospital stay. By the grace of God & your fervent prayers, I survived very difficult surgeries for blood clots & other complications. I held on tight to God's hand as He promised never to leave me or forsake me... & He did not.

We serve a loving God who cares for us & is the great Physician & Healer. Praise God from all blessings flow! It is wonderful to be part of a loving church family who is always there for us in times of need. Thank you again for being there for me.

Love in Christ, Martha Ward

Thank you so much, Sunset Avenue Baptist Church, for allowing God to work thru you to provide encouragement and support to both me and Derek this past year. Words cannot express how grateful I am for the outpouring of love, prayer, support and encouragement that you have unconditionally given to us. And a big thank you to the Sunday School classes for your gifts to us. You will never know how much your support means to me. God is so faithful, and I am thankful to Him every day for bringing me to work at SABC.

Much love and thankfulness, Kim Stallings

BUDGET REQUESTS DEADLINE



2025 BUDGET REQUEST

The budget request have been sent out to the committees & the deadline to return them back to Kim at the office is Tuesday, October 1.



Media Operators Needed

If you have interest in sound, computers or running our livestream on Sunday mornings please contact Steve Roberson at 443-2531 or 382-2411. We've had a couple of our operators to go off to college & would love to find two or three people to fill the gap.

Prayer Concerns

David Blackmon ~ Shari Carter ~ Pam Davis ~ Ellen Green ~ Darryl Gschwind ~ Bury & Cathy Hendricks ~ Clint Henry ~ Heath Henry ~ Bill & Judy McDaniel ~ Anise Rose ~ Carolyn Shearin ~ Craig Valentine ~ Michael Valentine ~ Bennett & Ashley Williford & unborn baby boy ~ His Mansion Ministry ~ King's Way Ministry ~ Stone Gate Ministry ~ Boston Partnership ~ A Place of Grace Ministry ~ Hispanic Church ~ GriefShare Ministry

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

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Any information that you wish to have published in the October newsletter should be emailed to lwebb@sabaptist.org by noon on Friday, September 20.

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

is available on the church website: sabaptist.org

July 28, 2024 – August 18, 2024

Attendance Totals

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
28	181	215
4	191	225
11	200	229
18	N/A	215

Membership Additions in 2024

By Baptism	0
By Transfer or Statement of Faith	1

Weekly Budget Need for 2024: \$ 24,436.43

July 28, 2024 - August 18, 2024 Giving Totals

<u>Offering Received</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Total Received</u>
28 \$ 21,191.00	\$ 1,995.00	\$ 23,186.00
4 \$ 27,287.14	\$ 5,770.00	\$ 33,057.14
11 \$ 18,885.00	\$ 11,653.30	\$ 30,538.30
18 \$ 13,705.57	\$ 3,638.00	\$ 17,343.57

Year to Date Budget January 1, 2024 - August 18, 2024

<u>Required</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 806,402.19	\$ 674,190.15	\$ (132,212.04)

WMU Meeting

The Nash County/Area Wide WMU meeting will be held on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 10:30 AM at West Mount Baptist Church located at 8487 West Mount Drive, Rocky Mount, NC 27803. Lunch will be served following the meeting at a cost of \$7.00 per person. Please contact Carol Boone (252-903-6173) no later than Sunday, September 1st if you plan to stay for lunch so that adequate food can be prepared. You are encouraged to attend as there will be a guest missionary to speak.

Benevolence Ministry

Our benevolence ministry partner Chris C.A.N., as you know, has ceased operations. Our church has received requests for needs in recent days. You will notice our monthly envelope packets an envelope for benevolence offering. We will continue to designate the 5th Sunday for giving to this ministry, but offerings will welcomed at any time.

And do not forget to do good & to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

~Hebrews 13:16~

Voter Registration

September 29 and October 6

Politically speaking, SABC does not believe that any political party or politician will bring revival and spiritual awakening to America. Only Christ and His gospel can accomplish that. That is why we as a church don't endorse candidates. But we do believe that Christians should vote and vote their values. In line with these convictions, we are glad to make it as convenient as possible for you to vote in the upcoming election if you aren't currently registered to vote. A voter registration table will be set up in the Fellowship Hall after Sunday worship services on the dates listed above. Please register and vote!