



Sunset Reflector

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FALL Festival

OCTOBER 19TH | 4:00-6:30

**Free Food - Inflatables - Music
Games - Prizes
cake Walk - And More!**



**FREE
ADMISSION**

**SUNSET AVENUE
BAPTIST CHURCH
3732 Sunset Ave.
Rocky Mount, NC**

*For more information,
visit sabaptist.org.*

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:15

Worship - 10:30



Sunday, October 6

Children's Building Renovation Fund

Total given as of 9/22: \$56,767.53

Fall Festival

We are in need of several volunteers! Please sign-up in your Sunday School classrooms to serve at the event, make cupcakes, and/or decorate your car for trunk-or-treat!

Operation Joseph

October 6 – October 20

Offering Goal: \$5000.00

Make check payable to SABC & note for Operation Joseph. Please do not send food.



Quarterly Conference

Wednesday, October 16 @ 6:30

There will be no service or other activities.

The Pastor's Pen...

Living Out Our Faith in These Divided Times

As we navigate this latest political/election season, surely we would all agree that we live in divided times. Our country is badly fractured. The ideal of "one nation under God, indivisible" has been largely abandoned. As we try to discern God's will for us as kingdom citizens and American citizens, the temptation is to believe that one politician or another will bring revival to the church and awakening in our country. That is a mistake and that is why we don't officially endorse candidates as a church. Should believers inform themselves on the issues and vote their biblical values? Absolutely. (We will make available a voter registration table on Sept. 29 and Oct. 6 to help you prepare to vote if you're not registered.) But let us always remember that only King Jesus can bring revival in His church and only He can empower us and send us out with His gospel in order to experience awakening in our country.

Remember also that Paul says in Eph. 6 that we don't wrestle against flesh and blood but against the powers of darkness. And remember that our Lord wants all men to be saved—and we should, too. We should pray that way and minister that way to our neighborhoods and the nations, even as we stand in Jesus for His truth.

So let's ask God for wisdom to walk this "tightrope" of faith in divided times. If we "fall off" on one side, we choose truth without love. If we fall off on the other side, we choose love without truth. Either choice is devastating to our faith and our witness in a needy world. The late, great servant of God, Warren Wiersbe, was quoted as saying, *Truth Without Love is Brutality, and Love Without Truth is Hypocrisy*. Well said.

So let's seek the Lord with a renewed fervency in these troubled days. Regardless of the heat of this moment, let us love the Lord our God with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength and love our neighbors as ourselves. May our highest passion be to glorify God in these difficult, complicated times. As always, I count it an honor that God would allow me to serve as your pastor. I love you all.

Yours and His,

Pastor Robin

Thank You

Thank you so much for the outpouring of love, support, prayers, & encouragement you have sent our way over the last few months. We are overwhelmed by all the prayers & love you have shown us. We appreciate every single thing, from verbal prayers, to written prayers, meals, cards, & gifts. We are truly blessed to be a part of a church family who loves & supports families during challenging times. We are forever grateful for each of you. We know the Lord has big plans for our little boy Finnley, & for our whole family, & we just want to say thank you for reminding us of this through scripture & words of encouragement. Thank you for the continued prayers as we continue to navigate the future & the unknown. ~Love, The Williford Family~



Honoring Jason &
Lauren Boone
Sunday, October 6th
2:00-4:00
New Fellowship Hall
Registered at Wal-Mart



Fall in Love Bridal Shower

Honoring Kailee Stasiak & Adam Bridges
Saturday, November 2nd
11:00-1:00 Floating
New Fellowship Hall
Registered at myregistry.com



SABC has agreed to partner with the Backpack Buddies Program at Coopers Elementary School. Please place food in the designated containers in the Sunday school classrooms, fellowship hall, & the church office or designate financial donations to support the ministry.

Items needed in each bag are:

- ***Juice Boxes (heavy carton type works well)**
- ***Breakfast items (easy prep or ready wrapped)**
- ***Meal/meat items (easy pop-top type)**
- ***Snack Items**

Operation Christmas Child

Let's work together to pack 350 boxes! If we all participate, the work is light but the yield is eternal. **Please return the boxes by Sunday, November 17.**

Seniors, Get ready to go!!

Tuesday, October 8

We're going to the "Southern Supreme Fruitcake Factory" in Bear Grass, NC. **The bus will leave the church at 9:00 am.** We will eat lunch in Sanford & then go to the factory. This is a great time to get your Christmas/Autumn goodies! All purchases & lunch are at your expense. Join Us!!!

Prayer Concerns

David Blackmon ~ Robbie Carter ~ Shari Carter ~ Pam Davis ~ Phyllis Edwards ~ Karen Futrell ~ Darryl Gschwind ~ Bury & Cathy Hendricks ~ Heath Henry ~ Jimmy Lawson ~ Bill & Judy McDaniel ~ Anise Rose ~ Tim Sellers ~ Carolyn Shearin ~ Michael Valentine ~ Bennett & Ashley Williford & baby boy Finnley ~ The Family of Mandy Bailey ~ The family of Becky Boykin ~ The family of Ellen Green ~ The family of Hilma Wheeler ~ 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).

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 18.

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

is available on the church website: sabaptist.org

August 25, 2024 – September 22, 2024

Attendance Totals

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
25	173	259
1	200	203
8	219	259
15	209	251
22	203	221

Membership Additions in 2024

By Baptism	0
By Transfer or Statement of Faith	7

Weekly Budget Need for 2024: \$ 24,436.43

August 25, 2024 - September 22, 2024 Giving Totals

	<u>Offering Received</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Total Received</u>
25	\$ 18,800.05	\$ 3,595.00	\$ 22,395.05
1	\$ 24,975.57	\$ 1,876.00	\$ 26,851.57
8	\$ 17,037.05	\$ 5,992.28	\$ 23,029.33
15	\$ 12,532.57	\$ 2,424.00	\$ 14,956.57
22	\$ 18,387.50	\$ 6,665.00	\$ 25,052.50

Year to Date Budget January 1, 2024 - September 22, 2024

	<u>Required</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$	928,584.34	765,922.89	\$ 162,661.45

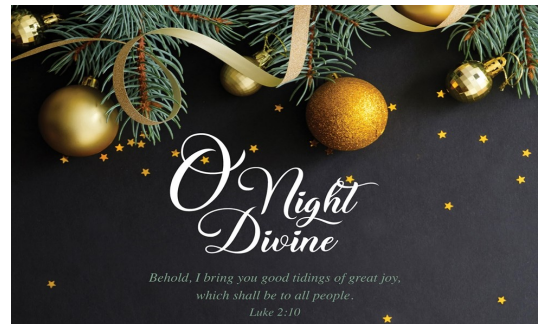


Our Library offers a selection of books on the topic of “suffering”-a great opportunity to supplement the study of “Suffering Isn’t for Nothing”, the Wednesday night book study.

Two Book Discussions being offered this fall
 1. “Heaven” by Randy Alcorn (being led by Jason Boone)- a nonfiction based on scripture that brings us hope & encouragement for these turbulent times and answers many questions we have about what waits us after death.

2. “Christy” by Catherine Marshall (being led March Hoggard)- a historical Christian fiction about the life of a young woman in a Appalachian town in Tennessee. Marshall based the character on her mother’s selfless life.

Go by the Library to sign-up or text Teri Taylor at 252-813-3779.



Ladies Christmas Exchange,

Tuesday night, December 3, 2024, 6:30 – 8:30

New Fellowship Hall , Sunset Avenue

Baptist Church

Please bring three unwrapped gifts to exchange and join us for a night of faith, fun, food and fellowship.