



Sunset Reflector

*A Monthly Publication of
Sunset Avenue Baptist Church
www.sabaptist.org*

VOLUME 96 ISSUE 11

NOVEMBER 2024

Give thanks to the Lord. For He is good.

**HIS LOVE
ENDURES FOREVER.**

Psalm 136:1-6, 26



SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:15

Worship - 10:30

imb

LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS
OFFERING®

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS
DECEMBER 1—DECEMBER 8
AND

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING
GOAL: \$77,500.00
CHALLENGE GOAL: \$87,500.00



Wednesday, November 20

Meal @ 5:30/Service @ 6:30

**This will be a evening of sharing
our testimonies.**

**Meal sign-up will be in the November 17
bulletin.**

The Pastor's Pen...

As Thanksgiving approaches this year, it is a difficult season. So many are reeling under the punishing load of storm damage. Lives and livelihoods have been lost on a massive scale. We hurt when we consider how heavy the load of these victims is this Thanksgiving season. On top of that, we are so divided when it comes to government and the direction of our country. Some might even wonder if there's anything for which to be truly thankful this year. Of course there is! If we have been spared from disasters this year and are prosperous enough to help in any way those who are suffering, how thankful we should be that God is allowing us to help. What a great blessing that is this year.

But as believers, let us always remember that the ultimate blessing for which we should be thankful this year is our great salvation. I offer six items which have been called "the accomplishments of the cross." First, there is **justification**. Romans 5:1 says, "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." To be justified means to be declared "not guilty" by God even though we still sin. How could this be? Simply put, Christ took our guilt by taking our sin upon Himself. Second, there is **sanctification**. Romans 6:22 says, "But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life." This is the present tense of salvation where, through Christ's sacrifice for us, we are constantly being made more like Christ as God sets us apart on an ongoing basis. His blood shed on the cross has not only bore the penalty of our sin but has also broken the power of our sin! Third, there is **glorification**. Romans 8:30 says, "These whom He justified, He also glorified." Glorification is the future tense of salvation, where we are promised a glorified body one day and a home in heaven. Fourth, there is **redemption**. Galatians 3:13a says, "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law." Redemption means we were enslaved to the world, the flesh, and the devil. But Christ "purchased us" by His blood shed on the cross. He has set us free! Fifth, there is **propitiation**. 1 John 2:2a says, "And He (Jesus) is the propitiation for our sins." The word means that Christ bore the wrath of our sins when He died on the cross. Sixth, there is **reconciliation**. Colossians 1:22a says, "Yet He has now reconciled you in His body of flesh through death." This word means that once we were far from God because of sin, but Jesus saved us and brought us back to the Father. Here's an idea, take each one of these six blessings the week before Thanksgiving and meditate on them, one per day, as Thanksgiving approaches.

Isn't our salvation great? And it isn't our Savior great? Happy Thanksgiving, fellow believers!

Pastor Robin



**Eastern NC Baptist on Mission
November 2 and November 9**

This is a church wide mission opportunity to go to New Bern and help with hurricane damage to a home. You can sign up to go either day or both. We will take the buses and leave the church at 7:00 am and return approximately around 6 or 7 pm.

Song of Joy

**Celebrate God's Gift of
Salvation this Christmas!
Sunday, December 15
@ 6:00 pm
Presented by Adult Choir
And Praise Band**



**TOTAL AMOUNT GIVEN AS OF 10/20:
\$4,954.00**



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.**



**SAVE THE DATE
Kids Christmas Party &
Parents Night Out
Sunday, December 8th
4:00—7:00
More information
to come!**

Prayer Concerns

David Blackmon ~ Makenna Carter ~ Pam Davis ~ Darryl Gschwind ~ Vernon Guthrie ~ Bury & Cathy Hendricks ~ Heath Henry ~ Jimmy Lawson ~ Bill & Judy McDaniel ~ Bruce Mills ~ Johnson Moore ~ Anise Rose ~ Carolyn Shearin ~ Jordan Terrell ~ Michael Valentine ~ Bennett & Ashley Williford & baby boy Finnley ~ Hurricane Helene victims & First Responders ~ The Family of Lynn Boyette ~ 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).

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Any information that you wish to have published in the December newsletter should be emailed to lwebb@sabaptist.org by noon on Friday, November 15.

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

is available on the church website: sabaptist.org

September 29, 2024 – October 20, 2024

Attendance Totals

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
29	222	261
6	200	213
13	199	221
20	N/A	261

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>
29	\$ 26,958.57	\$ 1,323.00	\$ 28,281.57
6	\$ 26,768.06	\$ 7,170.83	\$ 33,938.89
13	\$ 10,961.00	\$ 3,326.00	\$ 14,287.00
20	\$ 21,876.19	\$ 1,311.00	\$ 23,187.19

Year to Date Budget January 1, 2024 - October 20, 2024

	<u>Required</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
	\$ 1,026,330.06	\$ 852,486.71	\$ 173,843.35



*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.



Calling All Children and Parents!
SABC Library offers a variety of children's Christian literature including board books, chapter books, Bible stories, biographies, and DVDs. Check It Out!

Help4Kids Backpack Buddies

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