



# Sunset Reflector

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**LOVE**

**PATIENT KIND**

KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS

**does not delight in evil**  
but rejoices with the truth

**ALWAYS** PROTECTS

HOPES **TRUSTS**

PERSEVERES

does  
**not** ENVY  
BOAST

IT IS NOT PROUD

does not dishonor others

NOT SELF SEEKING

not easily angered

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:15

Worship - 10:30

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LOTTIE MOON  
CHRISTMAS  
OFFERING®

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**GOAL: \$77,500.00**

**CHALLENGE GOAL: \$87,500.00**

**Final Amount Given as of 1/5: \$79,744.80**



**We will be Observing  
The Lord's Supper  
Sunday, February 2**



**Family Skate Day  
Saturday, February 15**

**10:00-12:00**

**Sky-View Skateland  
Invite a Friend!**

## The Pastor's Pen...

During the month of February, we will observe the two "ordinances" of the church: the Lord's Supper and baptism. By ordinance, we mean these are two things that Christ commanded us to do as a church until He comes again. The Lord's Supper is designed to help us remember that Christ gave Himself for us on the cross. Jesus told His disciples to regularly partake of the bread and cup and remember His body and blood offered for us. Nothing else we do could do a better job of focusing our hearts on the work of Christ on the cross in our behalf. We will observe the Lord's Supper on Feb. 2. Every believer should eagerly look forward to participating in the Lord's Supper. And every church member should be thankful that we get to observe it corporately.

The second ordinance is baptism. As Baptists, we believe that baptism is for new believers, an external picture of what happens to us internally when we get saved. When a new believer is baptized, he or she is proclaiming through the act that Jesus died for them on the cross and that He was raised from the dead. Also symbolized in baptism is the wonderful truths that the new believer has "died" to his/her old life and has been given a new start through Christ. That's the symbolism of baptism as the candidate is lowered into the baptismal waters and then raised back up. It is a picture of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ in our behalf. Several candidates will be baptized on Feb. 16. What a joy it is to observe new believers being baptized. It is our chance to celebrate with them and also to remember our own conversion and baptism.

These two ordinances should be cherished in a local church. I challenge you to come and participate on these two days of Sunday worship. If you are providentially hindered from coming, please consider joining us via our YouTube channel. How wonderful it is to see God at work in our midst. I'm thankful for you all.

*Pastor Robin*

**Senior Adult Ministry  
Movie & Lunch  
Soup & Sandwiches  
Tuesday, February 11  
10:00 am  
Fellowship Hall**



**Baptism  
Sunday, February 16**



**Operation Joseph  
Offering Goal: \$5000.00  
February 2—February 16**  
Make check payable to SABC & note for  
Operation Joseph. **Please do not  
donate food.**

## THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,  
We would like to thank you all for the love shown to us as we celebrated Nathan's birth. The gifts, meals, calls, texts, prayers, & visits (both short & extended) are greatly appreciated. We are blessed to be a part of this loving & generous church.

Jason, Lauren, Samantha, & Nathan Boone

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Thank you to all who helped with the blood drive & also the ones who came out & gave blood. We collected 24 pints.

Elizabeth Lancaster

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Dear Church Family,  
I love being apart of a loving & concerning church family. I really appreciate the Christmas cards, food, and poinsettia that were given to me. Also, thank you for coming and singing Christmas carols. It really meant a lot to me.

Anise Rose



**Gavin Harrell & Abigail Adcock  
Sunday, February 23  
2:00—4:00  
New Fellowship Hall  
Registered on The Knot**

## Prayer Concerns

Ed & Edith Baker ~ David Blackmon ~ Pam Davis ~ Darryl Gschwind ~ Bury & Cathy Hendricks ~ Heath Henry ~ Dean Jackson ~ Jimmy Lawson ~ Bill & Judy McDaniel ~ Johnson Moore ~ Anise Rose ~ Carolyn Shearin ~ Brenda Stephenson ~ Michael Valentine ~ Jenny Whitley ~ Taylor & Emily Whitley & baby girl Erin ~ Bennett & Ashley Williford & baby boy Finnley ~ 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).*

### MARCH NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Any information that you wish to have published in the March newsletter should be emailed to [lwebb@sabaptist.org](mailto:lwebb@sabaptist.org) by noon on Friday, February 14.

### THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

is available on the church website: [sabaptist.org](http://sabaptist.org)

#### December 22, 2024 – January 19, 2025

##### Attendance Totals

|    | <u>Sunday School</u> | <u>Worship</u> |
|----|----------------------|----------------|
| 22 | 189                  | 220            |
| 29 | 197                  | 229            |
| 5  | 195                  | 240            |
| 12 | 176                  | 230            |
| 19 | 199                  | 220            |

##### Membership Additions in 2025

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| By Baptism                        | 0 |
| By Transfer or Statement of Faith | 0 |

#### Weekly Budget Need for 2025: \$ 25,948.63

#### December 22, 2024 - January 19, 2025 Giving Totals

|    | <u>Offering Received</u> | <u>Designated</u> | <u>Total Received</u> |
|----|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 22 | \$ 23,623.48             | \$ 30,540.80      | \$ 54,164.28          |
| 31 | \$ 25,192.14             | \$ 17,407.00      | \$ 42,599.14          |
| 5  | \$ 17,931.68             | \$ 8,266.00       | \$ 26,197.68          |
| 12 | \$ 19,359.18             | \$ 5,366.30       | \$ 24,725.48          |
| 19 | \$ 14,712.22             | 295.00            | \$ 15,007.22          |

#### Year to Date Budget January 1, 2025 - January 19, 2025

|    | <u>Required</u> | <u>Received</u> | <u>Difference</u> |
|----|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| \$ | 77,845.85       | \$ 52,003.08    | \$(25,842.77)     |



**July 26 – 30, 2025**

**Ridgecrest Conference Center  
Ridgecrest, NC**

Sign up on line at [sabaptist.org](http://sabaptist.org) by  
January 26, 2025

### Volunteers needed!

The King's Way Ministry Team is excited about the mission opportunities that God has provided for 2025. As the community continues to grow, the need for more volunteers & leaders continues to be an urgent need. Monday mentoring is from 3:00 –5:00 pm, but you don't need to commit to the whole time (3:15-4:15 is the busiest time when more mentors are needed). Thursday bible study is from 4:00-5:00 pm & volunteers & leaders are also needed. If you are interested in joining the King's Way ministry team by volunteering or becoming a King's Way prayer warrior or you would just like more information, call or text Linda Johnson (252-382-3755) or Theresa English (252-908-1840).

### Disaster Relief Training

If you would like to be trained to be a part of North Carolina Baptist Disaster Relief ministries, the Baptists on Mission are holding a training in Edenton on Saturday, Feb. 22 from 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM at Rocky Hock Baptist Church. The cost is \$40 per person. Sign up using the link below. If you sign up, please contact our church office. If there is enough interest, we will take the church bus. Please check it out and consider signing up. It is a highly important, effective ministry.

<https://baptistsonmission.org/bom/disaster-relief-training/2025-dr-training-edenton-nc/6932>