

Pastor's Corner

I heard a story of a little girl who asked the pastor if he knew why Thanksgiving came before Christmas? The pastor stated that He didn't know the answer. So, the little girl reminded him that we have to thank God for the birth of Jesus. Isn't it great that we celebrate Christmas with gratitude for what God has done through Jesus? After all, Jesus is the Real Reason for the Season.

This Christmas we will gather each Sunday to celebrate Jesus, "The Reason for the Season". The following is our schedule:

- November 28:** The Candle of **Hope**.
Sermon: Jesus, the Christ of the Prophets. Isaiah 11:1-2.
- December 5:** The Candle of **Peace**.
Sermon by Dr. E. Richard Steel.
- December 12:** The Candle of **Love**.
Sermon: Jesus, the Demonstration of Love. 1 John 4:19 and Romans 5:8
- December 19:** The Candle of **Joy**.
Worship God through Music.
Sermon: Jesus the Cause of Joy Luke 2:8-13
- December 24:** Christmas Eve Service: Celebrating Together, the Birth of Jesus.
- December 26:** The Candles of Adoration.
Sermon: Jesus, the Object of Worship- Matthew 2:1-11

Let us join together in celebrating "*Jesus, The Reason for the Season*".

Bro. Randy

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the beautiful plant you sent to our home for the loss of my sister, Norma Rodriguez. It was greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Sofia Dela Garza & family

Dear Church family,
Thank you! God has truly blessed me with a wonderful church family! Thank you for the beautiful plant, phone calls, and most of all, the prayers in the loss of my son, Troy. I could not have made it through this without your love and concern. I have been blessed to be a part of this church family for more than 60 years. God bless each of you!
Dessie Humphries

Thanks to all my South Avenue Baptist family for the beautiful pot plant. That meant so much to me. I miss my husband so much. Love and God bless you all.
Margaret Cannon

DECEMBER 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			01 6 PM Prayer Service and Bible Study <i>Kassidy Miranda - birthday</i>	02 <i>Helen McElroy, Wendell Stanley - birthdays</i>	03	04
Lottie Moon Week of Prayer 11/28 – 12/5						
05 8:45 AM Celebration Ensemble Rehearsal; 10 AM Sunday School; 11 AM Worship Service <i>Alfredo Valles - birthday</i>	06 <i>Olivia Purvis - birthday</i>	07	08 6 PM Prayer Service and Bible Study	09	10 <i>Elizabeth Torres - birthday</i>	11
12 8:45 AM Celebration Ensemble Rehearsal; 10 AM Sunday School; 11 AM Worship Service <i>Shirley Martin - birthday</i>	13	14 9 to 11:45 AM – Food Pantry	15 6 PM Prayer Service and Bible Study	16 <i>Ashley Purvis - birthday</i>	17 <i>Diana Leal - birthday</i>	18 <i>Londa Munoz, Michelle Tipton, Alan Oliver - birthdays</i>
19 8:45 AM Celebration Ensemble Rehearsal; 10 AM Sunday School; 11 AM Celebration Ensemble Christmas Program; noon Lunch with Santa	20	21	22 NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES	23 <i>Sherri Porter - birthday</i>	24 6 PM Christmas Eve Service SABC OFFICE CLOSED	25
26 8:45 AM Celebration Ensemble Rehearsal; 10 AM Sunday School; 11 AM Worship Service	27 IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS – SABC OFFICE CLOSED	28 9 to 11:45 AM – Food Pantry	29 6 PM Prayer Service and Bible Study <i>Kathleen Crenshaw - birthday</i>	30 <i>Morgan Fleming, Ray Westmoreland, Betty Dawley - birthdays</i>	31 SABC OFFICE CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY	

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SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

(*includes Worship Service and Nursery)

CLASS	Oct 31	Nov 7	Nov 14	Nov 21
Adult	31	36	35	36
Youth	2	2	0	2
Children	2	3	4	3
Preschool	6	7	7	7
SS Total Attendance	41	48	46	48
Worship Attendance*	56	54	57	64

BUDGET REPORT

	Oct 31	Nov 7	Nov 14	Nov 21
Budget Receipts	\$4,719.95	\$4,177.00	\$2,896.00	\$8,138.83
Budget Requirements	\$4,682.00	\$4,682.00	\$4,682.00	\$4,682.00
Budget Receipts YTD	\$173,789.09	\$177,966.09	\$180,962.09	\$189,000.92
Budget Requirements YTD	\$206,008.00	\$210,690.00	\$215,372.00	\$220,054.00
Missions	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$65.00	\$15.00

Food Pantry Report for October, 2021

Money Received	Money Disbursed	Families Served	Volunteer Hours	# of Lives committed to Christ	# New applicants	# of bags distributed
\$593.00	\$187.87	17	49	0	7	23

Christmas Nativities 2021

As part of our church Christmas celebration this year, we would like to have a beautiful display of nativities in our foyer during the month of December. The nativities will be displayed beginning Sunday, December 5th. The Christmas season is a great time to invite someone to join you at church. Thank you for your participation. If you brought a nativity, please pick it up after the service on December 26th. Items not picked up that day will be carefully wrapped and placed in the church library.

MEMORIAM

(remembering the families of our SABC members)

Troy Humphries – 9/21/1951 – 11/07/2021

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GOD'S LIGHTHOUSE FOR OUR COMMUNITY



The Herald

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“A burning lighthouse for a coming Savior” is the SABC motto. Since 1953 this church has brought the light of that Savior, Jesus Christ, to hundreds of people in Pasadena and Deer Park. Jesus Christ is still the Way, the Truth and the Life. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is still the head of the Church, and we are supremely honored to be His people, His army, His servants. We thank Him for His faithfulness in the past and look forward to His mighty works in and through us in the future.