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THANK YOU

Thank you to my church family for the food and prayers as well as the beautiful flowers sent to my father's funeral. Your kindness is greatly appreciated by our whole family.
The Rufus Jackson Family

Thank you for the plant the church sent after my step daughters' passing and thank you also for the love and phone calls after my brother-in-law's passing. God bless my church family.
Your Sister in Christ, Diana Leal

Sunday School Report

**includes Worship Service and Nursery*

CLASS	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22
Adult	28	26	33	33
Youth	1	0	0	1
Children	2	2	4	3
Preschool	6	4	6	4
SS Total Attendance	37	32	43	41
Worship Attendance*	53	57	51	63

Budget Report

	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22
Budget Receipts	\$2,042.00	\$4,906.00	\$11,457.00	\$3,974.00
Budget Requirements	\$4,758.00	\$4,758.00	\$4,758.00	\$4,758.00
Budget Receipts YTD	\$67,739.5	\$72,645.50	\$84,102.50	\$88,076.50
Budget Requirements YTD	\$85,644.00	\$90,402.00	\$95,160.00	\$99,918.00
Missions	\$75.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$25.00

Food Pantry Report for April, 2022

Money Received	Money Disbursed	Families Served	Volunteer Hours	# Lives Committed to Christ	# of New applicants	# of bags distributed
\$221.00	\$116.42	29	45.5	0	0	15

South Avenue Baptist Church

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.

OPPORTUNITY! OPPORTUNITY! OPPORTUNITY!

Every member of South Avenue Baptist Church has an opportunity to come, hear, and vote on the Pastoral Candidate being recommended by the Pastor Search Committee. This will all happen the weekend of June 25-26. On June 25th, beginning at 5 PM, church members will have the opportunity to meet with the Bridgmon family and ask questions. Then on Sunday, June 26th, during the worship service, Rev. Thomas Bridgmon will be sharing the Word of God. This will be followed by a called business meeting. Every member of the church has the opportunity to cast a vote to either call or not call Rev. Thomas as our next pastor. This is an extremely important decision the church will be making and deserves the most prayerful consideration.

Between now and then there are a few things the Church family needs to be doing.

1. Spend time in seeking God's direction through prayer.
2. Pray for Rev. Thomas and his family as they seek God's direction for their family's life. This is a total uprooting and moving of household & family members to a new location; along with saying goodbye to friends.
3. Pray about your role in calling a new pastor. Determine and commit to God your support, cooperation, and involvement with him in the ministry of South Avenue Baptist Church.
4. Pray asking God to tender your heart to be open to change. Always thank God for the fellowship of South Avenue Baptist Church, and pray for unity and the working of God's Holy Spirit.

²⁶ "Likewise, the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷ Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God.*"
Romans 8:26-27(NKJV)

Bro. Randy

Meet & Greet for Reverend Thomas Bridgmon and his wife, Rebekah, Saturday, June 25th, 5:00 p.m. upstairs in the Sanctuary Building.

Reverend Thomas was Licensed to the ministry in 2002 by Churchill First Baptist Church, Brazoria, TX and ordained to the ministry in 2017 by Second Baptist Church, Lake Jackson, TX.

Family

Reverend Thomas is 42 years old. He and his wife, Rebekah, have three sons and one daughter.

Ministry Experience

Senior Pastor, 2018 – present, Merlin Community Baptist Church, Merlin, OR
 Senior Pastor, 2014 – 2018, Second Baptist Church, Lake Jackson, TX
 Youth / Music Minister, 2011 – 2014, Live Oak Baptist Church, Jacksboro, TX
 Youth / Music Minister, 2007 – 2011, Calvary Baptist Church, Trinity, TX
 Music Minister, 2006 – 2007, First Baptist Church, Rotan, TX
 Youth Minister, 2005 – 2006, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Colmesneil, TX
 Youth Minister, 2003 – 2005, First Baptist Church, VanVleck, TX
 Music Minister, 2001 – 2003, Churchill First Baptist Church, Brazoria, TX

Education

Master of Arts in Christian Ministry, August 2014, Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary, Lynchburg, Virginia
 Bachelor of Music, May 2004, Houston Baptist University

Make special plans to be in attendance on Sunday, June 26, at 11 AM to hear Reverend Thomas preach in view of a call to serve at our next Pastor.

A special called business meeting will be held Sunday morning, June 26th, at the end of the service, to consider calling Reverend Thomas Bridgmon as Pastor of South Avenue Baptist Church. Those of you who tune in on Facebook live and would like to submit a vote, please text or call (713-294-9208) during the Special called business meeting time with your name and YES or NO vote.

If you would like to preview previous sermons by Reverend Thomas, you may visit the following website:

www.merlinchurch.org

June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study Luis Garcia—birthday	2 Ethan Crandall—birthday	3	4
5 8:30 AM—Celebration Ensemble Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—Worship Service Jim Overton—birthday	6	7 9—11:45 AM—Food Pantry Distribution Paula Cortez, Teresa Hough—birthdays	8 6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study	9 Jesus Sanchez—birthday	10 Don Wiggins—birthday	11
12 8:30 AM—Celebration Ensemble Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—Worship Service	13	14 Junior Miranda—birthday	15 6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study	16 Jesus Sanchez, Jr.—birthday	17	18
19 8:30 AM—Celebration Ensemble Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—Worship Service	20 Jackie Anderson, Valerie Roberts, Tonya Cassidy—birthdays	21 9—11:45 AM—Food Pantry Distribution Michael O'Malley, Victor Guzman—birthdays	22 6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study Kurt Meier, Frieda Shaffer—birthdays	23 Abigail Kessner—birthday	24	25 10 AM—Men's Bible Study 5 PM—Meet & Greet Reverend Thomas Bridgmon and family
26 8:30 AM—Celebration Ensemble Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—Worship Service—Reverend Thomas Bridgmon (in view of a call) Special Called Business Meeting	27	28 Donna Morris—birthday	29 6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study Jacob McSwain—birthday	30		