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August 13, 1978 Brother Jim Overton began his ministry at SABC. As the Minister of Education and Associate Pastor, he shows great compassion for teaching and ministering to others. He and his wife, Linda, have humbly given of themselves for the honor and glory of God for 44 years at SABC. Please remember to thank both of them for their service to SABC and to our Lord and Savior.

**Thank You**

Dear Church Family,  
My sincere thanks for the lovely plant you sent in memory of my brother. Thank you for honoring him in this way.  
Kathy Pond

*Please join us on Sunday, August 21st, for a luncheon honoring Dr. Randy Gilchrist to thank him for his service as our interim pastor for the last two years.*

**Sunday School Report**

*\*includes Worship Service and Nursery*

CLASS	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24
Adult	32	34	29	30
Youth	2	1	3	3
Children	3	4	5	4
Preschool	4	5	5	3
<b>SS Total Attendance</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Worship Attendance*</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>59</b>

**Budget Report**

	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24
Budget Receipts	\$3,948.00	\$4,195.00	\$3,270.00	\$4,106.40
Budget Requirements	\$4,758.00	\$4,758.00	\$4,758.00	\$4,758.00
Budget Receipts YTD	\$109,256.90	\$113,451.90	\$116,721.90	\$120,828.30
Budget Requirements YTD	\$128,466.00	\$133,224.00	\$137,982.00	\$142,740.00
<b>Missions</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>\$65.00</b>

*Food Pantry Report for June, 2022*

Money Received	Money Disbursed	Families Served	Volunteer Hours	# Lives Committed to Christ	# of New applicants	# of bags distributed
\$532.00	\$301.45	47	56	0	21	77

**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.

## Trust in The Lord

Moving day is near and excitement is in the air!! We are excited to be there with y'all on the 28<sup>th</sup> of this month. God has many exciting things in store for South Avenue Baptist Church, and we look forward to sharing in these with you as we serve Him together. As excited as we are, I have to be honest with you, the sermon I preached this last week is playing out right before my eyes: "Trust in The Lord", taken from Proverbs 3:5-6.

I am asking that you pray with us through this journey. We are trusting that God will allow us to sell our house quickly, but we have no offers as of today (July 25<sup>th</sup>). We are trusting that God allows us to get packed and on the road August 15<sup>th</sup>. We are trusting that God will provide grace as we travel across the country back to Texas. We are trusting that God will provide housing for us upon arrival. (We have none yet). We are trusting that God will provide a smooth transition for both churches as we begin service in Pasadena. We are trusting that God will stir in the hearts of His church and many more people will come to know Him.

Now the faith part of the sermon comes into play with our trust. How much do I really trust that God will provide and direct our path? "Trust in the Lord with ALL your HEART, lean not on your own understanding, in ALL your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path." Proverbs 3:5-6. We are moving on the 15<sup>th</sup> whether or not our house has sold. We have already purchased a trailer to move our stuff and have begun packing and selling so that we can load up and leave. We must get in the car and start driving if we trust that God will protect us on our journey. We are looking and praying about all our options for housing. (Houses for sale, or rent, apartments, hotels, family, travel trailers, tents, everything is open for discussion.) God has already provided an Interim Pastor for our current church in Merlin, so this transition is ready. God has already provided wonderful staff, servants, and members at South Avenue, so I have no doubt the transition will be amazing. Has God been stirring in your heart yet? Are you going to Trust in Him, while you take the step of Faith to follow Him? John 6:46 says, "you call me Lord, Lord, but you do not do what I say." Are you ready to do what He says? WE ARE!

God has already filled us with hope, joy, and peace, as we trust in Him. (Romans 15:13) He has always provided for us. He has always protected us. He has already paved the path for us to follow. We must simply trust in Him, walk the path in faith, continue to be filled with hope, and share His love with others. As we begin this amazing and exciting journey together, will you pray with us? Know that we are praying for you and we love you! We will see you in a few weeks!

Pastor Thomas Bridgmon, Rebekah, Zachariah, Daniel

### NEW MEMBER

Baptism 7/24/2022

Olivia Steyer  
1620 Bay Area Blvd #805  
Houston, TX 77058

### MEMORIAM

Betty Ray 7/17/1935—7/18/2022

**You are God's Masterpiece**  
**(Ephesians 2:10)**  
**One Day VBS for all ages**  
**Middle Building—Lunch Provided**  
**August 6, 9 AM to 3 PM**  
**(donuts, coffee, and juice served at 8:30 AM)**

# August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>David McDonald, Jaxson Rasmijn—birthdays</i>	3 <b>6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study</b>	4	5 <i>Edith Crabtree, Charla Stephens, Jake Stephens—birthdays</i>	6
7 <b>8:30 AM—Celebration Ensemble Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—Worship Service</b>	8 <i>Lila Young, Barbara LeGrande—birthdays</i>	9 <b>9—11:45 AM—Food Pantry Distribution</b> <i>Bea Erwin, Lia McSwain, Glenda Law—birthdays</i>	10 <b>6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study</b> <i>Brenda Nowicke, Norma Reyes—birthdays</i>	11 <i>ToniBeth Garcia, Jack Eubank—birthdays</i>	12 <i>Tiffany Collins—birthday</i>	13 <i>Allison Lebo, Bryanna Wilson—birthdays</i>  <b>(44th anniversary)</b>
14 <b>8:30 AM—Celebration Ensemble Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—Worship Service</b>	15	16 <i>Renee' Crandall, Miriam Sliva—birthdays</i>	17 <b>6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study</b> <i>Pam Nowell—birthday</i>	18 <i>McKenzie Purvis, Basilio Zaragoza—birthdays</i>	19	20
21 <b>8:30 AM—Celebration Ensemble Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—Worship Service</b>  <b>Noon—Luncheon honoring Dr. Randy Gilchrist</b>	22	23	24 <b>6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study</b> <i>Chloe Crenshaw—birthday</i>	25 <i>Meaghan Fontenot—birthday</i>	26	27 <b>10 AM—Men's Bible Study</b> <i>Bobbie Robinson—birthday</i>
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