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Advent begins November 27th with the lighting of the candle of HOPE. December 4th, will be the lighting of the candle of PEACE and then on December 11th, the candle of JOY, and December 18th, the candle of LOVE. On Saturday, December 24th, a candlelight service will begin at 6 PM. Sunday morning, December 25th, worship service will begin at 11 AM to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior.

Sunday School Report

**includes Worship Service and Nursery*

CLASS	Oct 30	Nov 6	Nov 13	Nov 20
Adult	33	31	29	34
Youth	5	5	4	2
Children	6	3	8	7
Preschool	6	4	5	6
SS Total Attendance	50	43	46	49
Worship Attendance*	66	57	60	85

Budget Report

	Oct 30	Nov 6	Nov 13	Nov 20
Budget Receipts	\$5,115.00	\$2,563.00	\$3,442.00	\$13,865.00
Budget Requirements	\$4,758.00	\$4,758.00	\$4,758.00	\$4,758.00
Budget Receipts YTD	\$172,556.49	\$175,119.49	\$178,561.49	\$192,426.49
Budget Requirements YTD	\$209,352.00	\$214,110.00	\$218,868.00	\$223,626.00
Missions	\$80.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$35.00

Food Pantry Report for October, 2022

Money Received	Money Disbursed	Families Served	Volunteer Hours	# Lives Committed to Christ	# of New applicants	# of bags distributed
\$203.00	\$706.67	60	56	0	201	99

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.

Pastor's Note

Merry Christmas Ya'll,

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas! Wait, we are in Texas. That probably won't happen but has one time in my life when we were living in North Texas. My youngest son was born on December 19th, 2013 and that Christmas Eve, we got a big snowstorm. The next morning, we drove through the snow and headed to Houston to visit family for Christmas. I didn't get to truly experience the white Christmas, but I did get to do something even more important that I would not change for anything. We spent time worshipping our Savior Jesus Christ with all our family. Why do you celebrate Christmas and who do you celebrate with? Isaiah 9:6 says, "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." I encourage you to celebrate Christmas this year like you have never celebrated before but keep Jesus at the center of your celebration. Jesus gave his life for us. What are we giving back in return to praise and worship His name? One last suggestion – Celebrate with family around, because you don't know if this will be your last Christmas to celebrate. Three years ago, we drove from Oregon to Texas to celebrate Christmas with all our family. I am so thankful we did, because the next Christmas, my mom wouldn't be there. She had heart surgery in October of that year and went to be with Jesus and celebrate with him on December 10th that same year. Celebrate the Savior with all of your might, all of your soul, all of your mind, all of your strength and all of your family. If you no longer have personal family, remember you always have Church family. We love you and you are always welcome to celebrate with us at church, and/or with us at home.

Merry Christmas!
Pastor Thomas Bridgmon

Thank You

To South Avenue:

Thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement that you sent in memory of our mother, Shirley Martin. Words cannot express how much we thank each of you for the support, love, and prayers during this difficult time. We are truly grateful. Our parents loved SABC especially the people inside the church. Thank you Pastor Thomas and Bro. Jim for a beautiful service and Bro Bill, Ms. Jeanette, Debbie and Ms. Barbara for helping with the music. Momma loved you all.

Beverly Martin and Becky Martin Moon

Dear SABC Church Family,

Thank you so much for your many expressions of encouragement and concern when my sister, Martha, passed away. Linda and I appreciate all that you said and did. We will enjoy the beautiful Croton plant which will be a reminder of her to us.

Jim Overton

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and week of Prayer is December 4—11, 2022

WHY THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING IS NAMED FOR LOTTIE:



While living in China, Lottie wrote letters to the Foreign Mission Board (now the International Mission Board) and to Baptist women. She asked for more missionaries and for money to grow her work among the Chinese.

Because of Lottie's determination, WMU collected a Christmas Offering to give to the Foreign Mission Board. In 1918, at Annie Armstrong's suggestion, WMU named the offering for Lottie Moon.

Today, we still give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in honor of her work and sacrifice to keep our missionaries on the field.

One hundred percent of the offering goes to the missionaries, none to administration.

December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Kassidy Miranda—birthday</i>	2 <i>Helen McElroy, Wendell Stanley—birthdays</i>	3 11:30 AM—Women's Ministry Christmas Fellowship
4 8:30 AM—Celebration Singers Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—Worship Service ADVENT	5 <i>Alfredo Valles—birthday</i>	6 9—11:45 AM—Food Pantry Distribution <i>Bobby Johnson, Olivia Purvis, Jeremiah Bridgmon—birthdays</i>	7 6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study	8 <i>David White, Jr.—birthday</i>	9	10 <i>Elizabeth Torres—birthday</i>
LOTTIE MOON WEEK OF PRAYER						
11 8:30 AM—Celebration Singers Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—Worship Service 3—5:30 PM <i>Come and Go Christmas Fellowship at the home of the Bridgmans</i> ADVENT	12	13	14 6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study <i>Oscar Lopez—birthday</i>	15	16 <i>Ashley Purvis—birthday</i>	17 9:30 AM—Celebration Singers Dress Rehearsal 10 AM—Men's Bible Study <i>Diana Leal—birthday</i>
18 8:30 AM—Celebration Singers Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—Worship Service & Christmas Cantata <i>Londa Munoz, Michelle Tipton, Alan Oliver—birthdays</i> ADVENT	19 <i>Daniel Bridgmon—birthday</i>	20 9—11:45 AM—Food Pantry Distribution (Christmas Basket distribution)	21 NO EVENING ACTIVITIES	22	23 SABC Office Closed in observance of Christmas Eve <i>Sherri Porter—birthday</i>	24 6 PM—Candlelight Service 
25 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 11 AM—Worship Service 	26 SABC Office Closed in observance of Christmas	27	28 NO EVENING ACTIVITIES	29 <i>Kathleen Crenshaw—birthday</i>	30 <i>Morgan Fleming, Ray Westmoreland, Betty Dawley—birthdays</i>	31