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On August 28, 2022 Pastor Thomas Bridgmon began as senior pastor at SABC. In the last year, he and his family have truly become part of our family. Bro. Thomas' leadership skills and many other talents have made him a great asset to our church family. His wife, Rebekah, and children have a desire to serve God in many different capacities throughout the church. Please remember to thank them all for their service to God and to SABC.

Thank You

Your kind and thoughtful expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. Thank you for the beautiful plant in memory of my son, Matt Schaefer.
Mary Powledge-Lion

Dear South Avenue Baptist Church Family,
Thank you so very much for the lovely plant in memory of our brother, Dick Terry. South Avenue will always hold a special place in our hearts as that is where we were raised and come to know Jesus as our personal Savior.

With love,
Ouida Hurston and Anita Detweiler

Sunday School Report

**includes Worship Service and Nursery*

CLASS	June 25	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23
Adult	33	33	27	33	32
Youth	5	3	4	4	5
Children	3	7	3	5	6
Preschool	4	5	4	4	1
SS Total Attendance	45	48	38	46	44
Worship Attendance*	69	63	51	51	71

Budget Report

	June 25	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23
Budget Receipts	\$3,105.00	\$17,334.04	\$2,205.00	\$5,078.00	\$2,705.00
Budget Requirements	\$4,512.00	\$4,512.00	\$4,512.00	\$4,512.00	\$4,512.00
Budget Receipts YTD	\$115,322.78	\$132,656.82	\$134,861.82	\$139,939.82	\$142,644.82
Budget Requirements YTD	\$117,312.00	\$121,824.00	\$126,336.00	\$130,848.00	\$135,360.00
Missions	\$10.00	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$75.00

Food Pantry Report for June, 2023

Money Received	Money Disbursed	Families Served	Volunteer Hours	# Lives Committed to Christ	# of New applicants	# of bags distributed
\$125.00	\$683.44	49	100.5	0	16	82

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

South Avenue,

I once heard a story about a preacher out in west Texas. They had been praying for rain for weeks and months. The preacher wanted to test his faith and wear waders to church on Sunday. The people laughed and asked why he was wearing waders to church. His reply was that he had faith when he prayed to God for rain that day. Sure enough, by the end of the service, it had come a flash flood in the area. He ended up needing the waders to help people get to their cars and get home that day. "The lesson learned"; PRAY for RAIN! But at the same time, have faith that God will answer, and be prepared to receive more than what we pray for. I am encouraging you this month to pray for rain. We need physical wet rain on our land, but also pray that God would rain down His provision to see lives changed in our Church and community. Our spiritual lives have become dry and baren as well as the grass in our yard. PRAY for RAIN! Spiritual rain and physical rain. Remember to bring your waders when God answers! Jesus tells us to come to Him when we thirst and He will give us living water. He also is the one who created the earth and how it produces rain.

God Bless,
Pastor Thomas

MEMORIUM

Anne Ayers	5/25/1940—5/27/2023
Bea Erwin	8/9/1939—5/30/2023
Dick Terry	4/18/1950—7/9/2023
Kurt Porter	3/8/1979—7/16/2023

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

August 6, 4 PM	Deacon's Meeting
August 6, 4 PM	Esther Class Social
August 16, 6 PM	Quarterly Business Meeting
August 26, 10 AM	Men's Bible Study

August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6 PM—BUNCO	2 6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study <i>David McDonald, Jaxson Rasmijn birthdays</i>	3	4	5 <i>Edith Crabtree, Charla Stephens, Jake Stephens birthdays</i>
6 8:30 AM—Celebration Singers Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—Worship Service; 4 PM—Deacon's Meeting; 5:45 PM—Contemporary Worship 4 PM—Esther Class Fellowship	7	8 9—11:45 AM—Food Pantry Distribution <i>Lila Young, Barbara LerGrande birthdays</i>	9 6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study <i>Glenda Law birthday</i>	10 <i>Brenda Nowicke, Norma Reyes birthdays</i>	11 <i>Jack Eubank, ToniBeth Garcia birthdays</i>	12 <i>Tiffany Collins birthday</i>
13 8:30 AM—Celebration Singers Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—Worship Service; 5:45 PM—Contemporary Worship <i>Allison Lebo birthday</i>	14	15	16 6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study <i>Renee' Crandall, Miriam Sliva birthdays</i>	17 11 AM—Bethany Class meeting at the home of Beverly Carroll <i>Pam Nowell birthday</i>	18 <i>McKenzie Purvis, Basilio Zaragoza birthdays</i>	19
20 8:30 AM—Celebration Singers Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—Worship Service; 5:45 PM—Contemporary Worship <i>George Boyd birthday</i>	21	22 9—11:45 AM—Food Pantry Distribution	23 6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study <i>Russell Freese birthday</i>	24 <i>Chloe Crenshaw birthday</i>	25	26 10 AM—Men's Bible Study
27 8:30 AM—Celebration Singers Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—Worship Service; 5:45 PM—Contemporary Worship <i>Bobbie Robinson birthday</i>	28 <i>Thomas Bridgmon, Pastor—1st anniversary</i> 	29 <i>DeBorah Boyd birthday</i>	30 6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study <i>Jessica Gray birthday</i>	31		