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**Ladies Ministry is sponsoring a
SPA DAY
September 30, 10 AM
Fellowship Hall
Mani, Pedi, Facial, Massage and Fellowship**

September 1st marks the 16th year that Cathy Jones has served as Financial Secretary. Her financial knowledge and her humble willingness to serve is truly a gift from God. Let us remember to thank her for her dedicated service here at SABC.

Thank You

Your sympathy and thoughtfulness will always be gratefully remembered and deeply appreciated. Thank you to the South Avenue Family for the flowers, prayers, and thoughts.
The Porter Family

Sunday School Report

**includes Worship Service and Nursery*

| CLASS | July 30 | Aug 6 | Aug 13 | Aug 20 |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Adult | 25 | 30 | 26 | 35 |
| Youth | 6 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Children | 4 | 6 | 4 | 4 |
| Preschool | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| SS Total Attendance | 37 | 44 | 38 | 48 |
| Worship Attendance* | 51 | 64 | 53 | 61 |

Budget Report

| | July 30 | Aug 6 | Aug 13 | Aug 20 |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Budget Receipts | \$3,117.00 | \$3,146.50 | \$6,256.00 | \$3,530.00 |
| Budget Requirements | \$4,512.00 | \$4,512.00 | \$4,512.00 | \$4,512.00 |
| Budget Receipts YTD | \$145,761.82 | \$148,908.32 | \$155,164.32 | \$158,694.32 |
| Budget Requirements YTD | \$139,872.00 | \$144,384.00 | \$148,896.00 | \$153,408.00 |
| Missions | \$30.00 | \$20.00 | \$10.00 | \$5.00 |

Food Pantry Report for July, 2023

| Money Received | Money Disbursed | Families Served | Volunteer Hours | # Lives Committed to Christ | # of New applicants | # of bags distributed |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| \$50.00 | \$883.20 | 42 | 87.5 | 0 | 13 | 67 |

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

“Come and See”



I would like to start out this month reflecting on a well-known scripture verse, that I think we all take too lightly. Matthew 28:19-20 says to “go and make disciples.” Do you remember the days when the people from the church would “go” into the community and tell others about Jesus or meet needs in the community? Maybe this looked like “door to door” witnessing, maybe it looked like neighborhood block parties, maybe it looked like neighbors helping neighbors. When did this kind of outreach stop? We went door to door a few months ago passing out fliers for VBS, to try and get people to “come and see”. But the last time I remember actually going door to door was when I was about 9 years old and my parents were helping to start a new church plant in Liverpool, TX. (Even then, it wasn’t sharing the gospel, it was inviting people to “come and see”.) Churches have been trying to get people to “come and see” for way too long. We have been trying to provide entertainment to invite people to “come and see”. The scripture clearly says to “go and tell”. I believe that our community does NOT need to be entertained. I believe our community needs to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. People are struggling in every way imaginable, except for entertainment, and we are not even trying to help those in need. Even worse, I think we have even stopped asking people to “come and see”. Just hoping more people will show up in church will not help fill the pews. People need to hear and see the Gospel being presented to them in their own neighborhoods. At least ask them to “come and see” but remember that the scripture commands us to “go and tell”. How can you be a part of this commission from the Lord this month?

Pastor Thomas Bridgmon

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Sept 10-17 Mary Hill Davis Week of Prayer
Sept 28 1st anniversary for Pastor Thomas Bridgmon at SABC
Sept 30, 10 AM Men’s Bible Study (Library)
10 AM Ladies Ministry Spa Day (Fellowship Hall)
Oct 3, 10—3 Lake Tomahawk Barbecue
Oct 10 SJBA Association Annual Meeting
The Fellowship of Northside Baptist Church

September 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| | | | | | 1 (16th anniversary)  | 2 <i>Richard Crandall, Weldon Williams birthdays</i> |
| 3 (communion) 8:30 AM—Celebration Singers Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—Worship Service; 5:45 PM—Contemporary Worship | 4  SABC Office Closed <i>Stephen Fitch birthday</i> | 5 | 6 6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study \ Youth Game Night <i>David Avila, Lucille Wiggins birthdays</i> | 7 <i>Butch Tuck, Patricia Valladares birthdays</i> | 8 | 9 |
| 10 8:30 AM—Celebration Singers Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—Worship Service; 5:45 PM—Contemporary Worship <i>Bobbie Bussell, Carl Mitchell, Patsy Jones birthdays</i> | 11 | 12 9—11:45 AM—Food Pantry Distribution | 13 6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study \ Youth Game Night | 14 <i>Michael Valentine, Dolores Sanchez, Kim Johnson birthdays</i> | 15 | 16 |
| Mary Hill Davis Week of Prayer, September 10—17 | | | | | | |
| 17 8:30 AM—Celebration Singers Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—Worship Service; 5:45 PM—Contemporary Worship <i>Donald Hurston birthday</i> | 18 | 19 | 20 6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study \ Youth Game Night <i>Nancy Freese birthday</i> | 21 <i>Rayleigh & Ray-Lynn Holland birthdays</i> | 22 | 23 |
| 24 8:30 AM—Celebration Singers Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—Worship Service; 5:45 PM—Contemporary Worship <i>Marcuis Taylor birthday</i> | 25 <i>Marcuis Taylor birthday</i> | 26 9—11:45 AM—Food Pantry Distribution <i>Wayne Clotfelter birthday</i> | 27 6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study \ Youth Game Night <i>Debra Jensen, Ellen Klassen, Bobby McElroy birthdays</i> | 28 <i>Tamyra Dye birthday</i> | 29 | 30 10 AM—Men’s Bible Study 10 AM—Ladies Ministry Spa Day <i>Van Jones birthday</i> |