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Dear South Avenue Baptist Church Family,  
 Thank you so much for the beautiful plant you sent in honor and in memory of our mom, Emma Jean Bridwell, I know it broke her heart to leave South Avenue but she was warmly welcomed at Crosby Church and she became part of our church family. She was a wonderful witness of the love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.  
 Love, Rick and Rhonda

Dear SABC Family,  
 It is hard to express my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for the Christmas gifts but even more for your friendship, prayers, and words of encouragement. I love you all and thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you do for me.  
 Love, Debbie Brooks



**Sunday School Report**

*\*includes Worship Service and Nursery*

| CLASS                      | Nov 26    | Dec 3     | Dec 10    | Dec 17    | Dec 24    |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Adult                      | 28        | 27        | 30        | 29        | 26        |
| Youth                      | 2         | 2         | 2         | 0         | 4         |
| Children                   | 2         | 2         | 5         | 1         | 4         |
| Preschool                  | 6         | 3         | 6         | 1         | 3         |
| <b>SS Total Attendance</b> | <b>38</b> | <b>34</b> | <b>43</b> | <b>31</b> | <b>37</b> |
| <b>Worship Attendance*</b> | <b>55</b> | <b>54</b> | <b>82</b> | <b>50</b> | <b>63</b> |

**Budget Report**

|                                | Nov 26       | Dec 3        | Dec 10       | Dec 17       | Dec 24       |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Budget Receipts</b>         | \$3,390.00   | \$5,076.00   | \$12,947.00  | \$7,823.00   | \$3,372.10   |
| <b>Budget Requirements</b>     | \$4,512.00   | \$4,512.00   | \$4,512.00   | \$4,512.00   | \$4,512.00   |
| <b>Budget Receipts YTD</b>     | \$211,163.04 | \$216,239.04 | \$229,186.04 | \$237,009.04 | \$240,381.14 |
| <b>Budget Requirements YTD</b> | \$217,152.00 | \$221,664.00 | \$226,176.00 | \$230,688.00 | \$235,200.00 |
| <b>Missions</b>                | \$135.00     | 0            | \$10.00      |              |              |
| <b>Lottie Moon</b>             |              | \$100.00     | \$50.00      | \$20.00      |              |

*Food Pantry Report for November, 2023*

| Money Received | Money Disbursed | Families Served | Volunteer Hours | # Lives Committed to Christ | # of New applicants | # of bags distributed |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| \$40.00        | \$678.22        | 79              | 120             | 0                           | 8                   | 104                   |

**South Avenue Baptist Church**

**GOD'S LIGHTHOUSE FOR OUR COMMUNITY**



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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

## Start-Over; Re-Do

January always starts a new year, while we celebrate the past year, but I wonder if there is anyone that would like a re-do, or a start over? I have played the game of golf a few times, and this subject comes up every time I play. I will tee off and hit a horrible shot. If I am by myself, it is easy to re-do. I just put another ball down and try again. Have you ever been going through your day and wish you could have a re-do? Life is not as easy to get a re-do or start -over as the game of golf, but God always makes a way. This reminds me of a song by "Flame – NF". The chorus goes, "Everybody's got a blank page. A story they're writing... today. A wall that they're climbing. You can carry the past on your shoulders. Or you can start over. Regrets, no matter what you goin' through. Jesus, He gave it all to save you. He carried the cross on His shoulders. So you can start over." John 3:7 says that you must be born again. This is your way to "Start-Over" or "Re-Do". You can find forgiveness any time at the foot of the Cross. God always gives us a re-do when we mess up. If you need to start-over in this new year, take it to Jesus and be born again, forgiven, and receive a "re-do". Let's start this New Year seeking after Jesus. Jesus is the answer for the world today. Above Him there's no other. Jesus is the way.

God Bless,  
Pastor Thomas



### Memoriam

Avis English (9/9/2023)

Emma Bridwell (11/20/2023)

# January 2024

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri  | Sat   |
|--|--|--|--|---|--|---|
| <b>6 PM—New Year's Eve Fellowship</b>  | <b>1</b><br>SABC Office Closed in observance of New Year's Day<br><br><i>Alex Rasmijn birthday</i> | <b>2</b>   | <b>3</b><br><b>6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study; B.L.A.S.T.</b><br><br><i>Michael Crandall, Delia Alexander birthdays</i> | <b>4</b><br><i>Sam Robinson, Jonathan Abner birthdays</i>   | <b>5</b><br><i>Billie Mills, Lily Garcia birthdays</i> | <b>6</b>  |
| <b>7</b><br><b>8:30 AM—Celebration Singers Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—Worship Service; 5:45 PM—Contemporary Service</b>   | <b>8</b>   | <b>9</b><br><b>9—11:45 AM—Food Pantry Distribution</b><br><br><i>Judy Cabrero birthday</i> | <b>10</b><br><b>6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study; B.L.A.S.T.</b><br><br><i>Zachery Rasmijn, Flo Ornelas birthdays</i>     | <b>11</b><br><i>Ricky Holland, Randy Harrison birthdays</i> | <b>12</b><br><i>Meagan Clotfelter birthday</i>         | <b>13</b><br><i>Jesse Araujo, Audri Rasmijn birthdays</i>                         |
| <b>14</b><br><b>8:30 AM—Celebration Singers Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—Worship Service; 5:45 PM—Contemporary Service</b><br><br><i>Sue Hough birthday</i>                       | <b>15</b><br><i>Cindy Sirls birthday</i>   | <b>16</b><br><i>Cathy Jones birthday</i>   | <b>17</b><br><b>6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study; B.L.A.S.T.</b>  | <b>18</b><br><i>Nikki McElroy birthday</i>                  | <b>19</b>  | <b>20</b><br><i>Raegan Higgins, Rosalyn Albanese birthdays</i>                    |
| <b>21</b><br><b>8:30 AM—Celebration Singers Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—Worship Service; 5:45 PM—Contemporary Service</b>  | <b>22</b><br><i>Jimmy Anderson birthday</i>  | <b>23</b><br><b>9—11:45 AM—Food Pantry Distribution</b>                                    | <b>24</b><br><b>6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study; B.L.A.S.T.</b><br><br><i>Elvia Tellez birthday</i>                      | <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b><br><b>10 AM—Men's Bible Study</b><br><br><i>Emily Wilbanks birthday</i> |
| <b>28</b><br><b>8:30 AM—Celebration Singers Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—Worship Service; 5:45 PM—Contemporary Service</b><br><br><i>Elizabeth Arriaga, Beth Wilson birthdays</i> | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b>  | <b>31</b><br><b>6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study; B.L.A.S.T.</b>  |   |  |   |