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#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

February 11 Deacon's Meeting

February 14 Valentine Pot Luck Dinner

February 21 Quarterly Business Meeting

February 24 Men's Bible Study

**March 3-10** Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

and week of prayer

March 10 Move Clocks forward one hour

#### Valentine Potluck Dinner

FAX 713-472-8224

Wednesday, February 14, 5:30 PM

**Fellowship Hall** 

Bring a dish large enough to feed your family with a little extra to share. Desserts will be provided.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to my church family. This month is my 13th year as secretary of SABC. We have had many highs and lows in these 13 years but God has seen us through. I am grateful for my church family and pray that God has plans for me to remain here for many more years to come. Thank you all for your kindness and encouragement, Debbie Brooks

## **Sunday School Report**

\*includes Worship Service and Nursery

CLASS	Dec 31	Jan 7	Jan 14	Jan 21
Adult	20	29	28	32
Youth	2	2	2	2
Children	4	5	4	4
Preschool	4	7	2	6
SS Total Attendance	30	43	36	44
Worship Attendance*	56	71	66	61

## **Budget Report**

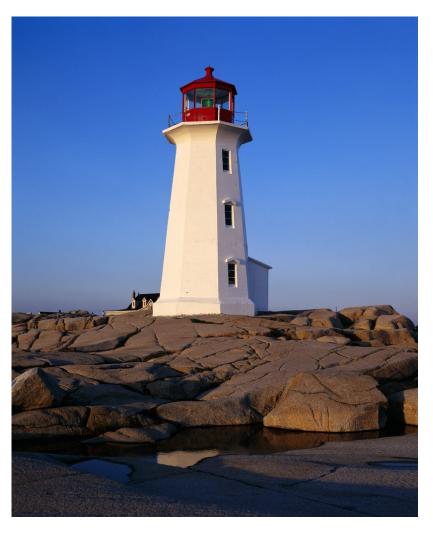
	Dec 31	Jan 7	Jan 14	Jan 21
<b>Budget Receipts</b>	\$5,449.00	\$1,792.00	\$3,819.92	\$4,784.00
<b>Budget Requirements</b>	\$4,639.00	\$4,639.00	\$4,639.00	\$4,639.00
<b>Budget Receipts YTD</b>	\$5,449.00	\$7,241.00	\$11,070.92	\$15,854.92
<b>Budget Requirements YTD</b>	\$4,639.00	\$9,278.00	\$13,917.00	\$18,556.00
Missions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00

## Food Pantry Report for December, 2023

Money	Money	Families	Volunteer	# Lives	# of New	# of bags
Received	Disbursed	Served	Hours	Committed to Christ	applicants	distributed
\$115.00	\$2,342.37	68	109	0	7	85

# South Avenue Baptist Church

### **GOD'S LIGHTHOUSE FOR OUR COMMUNITY**





February, 2024 Volume XLV Issue # 2 "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.



Since it is February (aka the month of love), I guess I will write our monthly article about love. What is love? Where does it come from? What does it look/feel like? What do I do with it?

What is Love? – Google says, it is "a great interest and pleasure in something." "Like or enjoy". I can't help but tell you that this is not what love really means. The Biblical definition of love is much greater than this. "Having so much care and compassion for something other than yourself, that you would be willing to give or do anything for them. "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." "God gave His only begotten son."

Where does love come from? - The only source of true love is God himself. God instilled His love in His creation. But, according to scripture if you do not know God, you do not know love. (1 John 4:8) Do you want to know where love comes from, then get to know the originator of love – God!

What does it look/feel like? – John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." This is what love looks like. I only know the way this feels because I have come to know the only one that has laid their life down for me, Jesus Christ. There is no greater feeling in the world when you believe and trust in how much Jesus loves you! Do you know this love?

What do I do with it? – Share! Matthew 7:12 "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets." **LOVE ONE ANOTHER** 1 Corinthians 13. There are no laws against showing love to one another. Share His love that you receive from the creator of Love.

Have a blessed February 2024,

Pastor Thomas Bridgmon

## Thank You

South Avenue Baptist Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers that you sent for Myron's (Sydney Mitchell) service. We appreciate your thoughtfulness, generosity and prayers during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Carl Mitchell & Nancy Mollard

# February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 James Tipton, Christine Zaragoza birthdays	2 Brenda Bates, Emily Eubank birthdays	3 Noemi Holland birthday
4 8:30 AM—Celebration Singers Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School;11 AM—Worship Service; 5:45 PM— Contemporary Service Kenny Robinson birthday	5 Eliza Avila, Cody Williams birthdays	6 Jayden Munoz, Tyler Clotfelter birthdays	7 6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study; B.L.A.S.T.	8	9 Kassandra Chavez birth- day	10
8:30 AM—Celebration Singers Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School;11 AM—Worship Service; 4 PM Deacon's Meeting; 5:45 PM— Contemporary Service Frank Sliva birthday	12 Jett Norman birthday	9—11:45 AM—Food Pantry Distribution	Valentine Potluck Dinner (5:30 PM) Fellowship Hall 6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study; B.L.A.S.T. Valerie Conerly, Ashley Higgins birthdays	15	16	17
18 8:30 AM—Celebration Singers Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School;11 AM—Worship Service; 5:45 PM— Contemporary Service	19 Zoe Hernandez birthday	20 Esteban Mejia birthday	21 6 PM—Quarterly Business Meeting; Prayer Service and Bible Study; B.L.A.S.T. (13th anniversary)	22 Wayne Matthews birthday	23 Judy B. Johnson birthday	24  10 AM—Men's Bible Study  Carolyn West birthday
8:30 AM—Celebration Singers Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School;11 AM—Worship Service; 5:45 PM— Contemporary Service	26 Jackson Moore birthday	27 9—11:45 AM—Food Pantry Distribution	28 6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study; B.L.A.S.T. Lori Kay birthday	29		