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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

- July 3 Hotdog social
- July 4 SABC Office Closed
- July 6 2 PM Retirement celebration for Diana Leal (Fellowship Hall)
- July 14 Celebration of Life—Brenda Collum
- July 19 71st anniversary of the beginning our the SABC mission in North Pasadena
- July 27 Men’s Bible Study

**SJBA MISSION OPPORTUNITIES: (Pray about your involvement in missions.)**

- August—December Christmas Stockings Project
- October Honduras
- December 13—15 Valley Mission Trip
- December Baytown Boys Shelter
- TBD SJBA Crossover

*More details to come....*

**Sunday School Report**

*\*includes Worship Service and Nursery*

CLASS	May 26	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23
Adult	23	28	27	25	26
Youth	3	3	4	3	2
Children	3	4	4	5	3
Preschool	3	6	6	4	5
<b>SS Total Attendance</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>36</b>
<i>Worship Attendance*</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>58</i>

**Budget Report**

	May 26	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23
Budget Receipts	\$4,134.00	\$6,919.63	\$2,473.00	\$5,496.25	\$4,659.00
Budget Requirements	\$4,639.00	\$4,639.00	\$4,639.00	\$4,639.00	\$4,639.00
Budget Receipts YTD	\$91,899.45	\$98,819.08	\$101,292.08	\$106,788.33	\$111,447.33
Budget Requirements YTD	\$102,058.00	\$106,697.00	\$111,336.00	\$115,975.00	\$120,614.00
Missions				\$100.00	

*Food Pantry Report for May, 2024*

Money Received	Money Disbursed	Families Served	Volunteer Hours	# Lives Committed to Christ	# of New applicants	# of bags distributed
\$114.00	\$629.19	40	69.5	0	2	62

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**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

Happy Independence Day! Happy fourth of July! I hope and pray that you are well and enjoying your freedom.

I recently read a post that America was born in the year of 1776, but is it time that America be “Born Again”? I love our country and am thankful and feel blessed that I was born in America. But, at the same time, I can see how far our country has strayed away from God. This should upset us. My heart is broken for our country. I believe that we have forgotten to Listen to and Obey God. Instead, we listen to the media and obey our own interests. In the book of Deuteronomy, God told Moses to tell the Israelites to study God’s word daily and pray and meditate on them day and night. Teach God’s word to the children and “Obey” His word. Because we are free to do what we want, we have slowly stopped listening to God, much less obeying Him. Is it coincidence that the end of the Bible says the same thing? James 1:22 says not to be just hearers of the word, but doers. I have a hard time believing that Christians are reading the Bible daily. I want to challenge you and let you know that doing this can change your life. Don’t just read it to say that you read it but do what it says. (OBEY). For the month of July, I challenge you to read one chapter out of the Old Testament and one chapter out of the New Testament every day during the month of July. Then, I would love to hear how God is changing your life. I have given you an example below and think this is a good place to start. It is not coincidence that Proverbs has 31 chapters. (one for each day). If you do this, it will strengthen your allegiance to the Savior! God Bless!

- July 1 – Proverbs chapter 1; Romans chapter 2
- July 2 – Proverbs chapter 2; Romans chapter 2
- July 3 – Proverbs chapter 3; Romans chapter 3
- July 4 – Proverbs chapter 4; Romans chapter 4
- July 5 – etc...

When you finish Romans, pick another New Testament book and continue! May God richly bless you in your journey!  
Pastor Thomas Bridgmon

South Avenue Baptist Church began as a mission, sponsored by First Baptist Church, Pasadena, which was pastored by Dr. L. D. Morgan. The first service of the mission was held on July 19, 1953, in what is now our middle building. Rev. J. R. “Bob” Pearce was the mission pastor. One hundred twenty-four people attended Sunday School that day and thirty-three joined the church. South Avenue Baptist Church was organized as a church from the MISSION on March 24, 1954 with one hundred eighty members.

Years ago, SABC adopted a motto: “A burning lighthouse for a coming Savior.” For almost 3/4 century, this church has brought the light of that Savior, Jesus Christ, to hundreds of people in Pasadena and Deer Park. We remember with gratitude the godly men who have served through the years as our pastors and other ministerial staff. We thank God also for the countless lay leaders who have helped build a true lighthouse for the Kingdom of God right here in North Pasadena.

A lot has changed in seventy-one years. Our city has changed and so has our neighborhood. Like all churches, we continue to seek new ways to reach new generations and different kinds of people but the most important things are as true today as they were in 1953. Our mission hasn’t changed. Thousands still live in spiritual darkness withing walking distance of our church, and we are called to bring them the Light of the World. Our message hasn’t changed. All who call on the name of the Lord are still saved by His wonderful grace.

Best of all, our Messiah hasn’t changed. 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 I and through us in the future.

# July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Jane Wilcox birthday</i>	2	3 6 PM—Hotdog Fellowship celebrating Independence Day <i>Margie Pringle birthday</i>	4  SABC OFFICE CLOSED <i>Judy Johnson, Marisol Valles birthdays</i>	5	6 <i>Reagan Purvis, Frances Shuffield, Carson Pond birthdays</i>
7 8:30 AM—Celebration Singers Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—Worship Service; 5:45 PM—Evening Worship Service	8	9 9—11:45 AM—Food Pantry Distribution <i>Cindi Eubank, Missy Martin birthdays</i>	10 6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study; B.L.A.S.T.	11	12 <i>Peggie Williams birthday</i>	13 <i>Sloan Silva birthday</i>
14 8:30 AM—Celebration Singers Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—Worship Service; 5:45 PM—Evening Worship Service	15 <i>Rebecca Busic birthday</i>	16 <i>Steve Porter, Katrina Garza-Crandall birthdays</i>	17 6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study; B.L.A.S.T. <i>Merle Benton birthday</i>	18	19 <b>(71st anniversary)</b> 	20 <i>Andre Engelke birthday</i>
21 8:30 AM—Celebration Singers Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—Worship Service; 5:45 PM—Evening Worship Service <i>Ralph LeGrande birthday</i>	22 <i>Nadia Freese birthday</i>	23 9—11:45 AM—Food Pantry Distribution <i>Mike Howard birthday</i>	24 6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study; B.L.A.S.T. <i>Mandy Belk, Angela Valles birthdays</i>	25	26 <i>Maricela Medrano, Wanda Pickens birthdays</i>	27 10 AM—Men’s Bible Study <i>Andrew Williams, Lillian Daugherty birthdays</i>
28 8:30 AM—Celebration Singers Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—Worship Service; 5:45 PM—Evening Worship Service <i>Dessie Humphries birthday</i>	29 <i>Zachary Gray birthday</i>	30	31 6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study; B.L.A.S.T.			