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<b>Dates to Remember:</b>	
<b>December 1-8</b>	<b>Lottie Moon Christmas Offering</b>
<b>December 8</b>	<b>no evening activities</b>
<b>December 10 &amp; 17</b>	<b>Food Pantry Distribution</b>
<b>December 15</b>	<b>Celebration Singers Christmas Cantata and lunch with Santa (no evening activities)</b>
<b>December 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service</b>
<b>Dec 24-25</b>	<b>SABC Office Closed</b>
<b>Jan 1</b>	<b>SABC Office Closed—no Wednesday evening activities</b>

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

<b>December 8</b>	<b>Baytown Boys Shelter</b>
<b>December 12</b>	<b>10AM to 3PM—Randy Gilchrist retirement reception</b>
<b>December 13—15</b>	<b>Valley Mission Trip</b>

**Sunday School Report**

*\*includes Worship Service and Nursery*

CLASS	Oct 27	Nov 3	Nov 10	Nov 17	Nov 24
Adult	21	25	20	23	27
Youth	3	4	2	3	3
Children	9	13	8	7	9
Preschool	1	1	1	1	1
<b>SS Total Attendance</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>40</b>
<i>Worship Attendance*</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>77</i>

**Budget Report**

	Oct 27	Nov 3	Nov 10	Nov 17	Nov 24
<b>Budget Receipts</b>	\$3,466.00	\$3,946.22	\$3,151.00	\$2,224.12	\$4,703.00
<b>Budget Requirements</b>	\$4,639.00	\$4,639.00	\$4,639.00	\$4,639.00	\$4,639.00
<b>Budget Receipts YTD</b>	\$182,040.53	\$185,986.75	\$189,137.75	\$191,361.87	\$196,064.87
<b>Budget Requirements YTD</b>	\$204,116.00	\$208,755.00	\$213,394.00	\$218,003.00	\$222,672.00
<b>Missions</b>			\$20.00		\$60.00

*Food Pantry Report for October, 2024*

Money Received	Money Disbursed	Families Served	Volunteer Hours	# Lives Committed to Christ	# of New applicants	# of bags distributed
\$5,140.00	\$1,633.58	84	80.5	0	20	135

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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

Never Forget,  
I know that this time of year is always busy and hectic, but I just want to remind you of a few things that we should never forget during the Christmas Holiday.

- #1: Never forget the reason for the Season. JESUS CHRIST!  
Luke 2:11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.
  - #2: Never forget the Gifts. GOLD, FRANKINCENSE and MYRRH  
Gold represents Jesus' royalty as Lord and King.  
Frankincense represents his birth and life as a fragrant offering to the Lord  
Myrrh represents his death and burial for remission of our sins.
  - #3: Never forget others. Family, Friends, Loved Ones, Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Orphans, Widows, poor, and everyone else in between.  
James 1:27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.  
John 13:34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.
  - #4: Never Forget Time: This may or may not be your last Christmas. Spend your time wisely as though it was your last.  
Proverbs 27:1 Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.
- May God richly bless you and your family this Christmas Season. I pray that you will enjoy and share with other the love of Christ. Never forget the reason for the Season.

Pastor Thomas Bridgmon

***SJBA Baytown Boys' Shelter Christmas Wish List can be found in the foyer. Items are being collected now through December 8 in the church office.***



***Celebration Singers present "Joy Has Dawned" on Sunday, December 15, 11 AM. Lunch with Santa for all will be served after the service.***



December 1 thru 8. Prayer guides are available in the foyer. You may use a Lottie Moon giving envelope or mark your regular giving envelope with Lottie Moon.

***A Love Offering is now being accepted for the retirement reception for Randy Gilchrist which is being held at the Association Office on December 9 from 10AM to 3PM. Around 12:30PM he and Connie will be honored with the Love Offerings from all the churches. Love Offering envelopes are available in the foyer and will be accepted through 12/4. Please make checks payable to SABC and one check will be sent to the SJBA office.***

# December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8:30 AM—Celebration Singers Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—Worship Service; 5:45 PM—Evening Worship Service  <i>Kassidy Miranda—birthday</i> ADVENT (HOPE)	<b>2</b> <i>Helen McElroy, Wendell Stanley—birthdays</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study; B.L.A.S.T	<b>5</b> <i>Alfredo Valles—birthday</i>	<b>6</b> <i>Donna Boyd, Bobby Johnson, Olivia Purvis, Jeremiah Bridgmon—birthdays</i>	<b>7</b>
<b><i>Lottie Moon week of prayer and offering, December 1—8</i></b>						
<b>8</b> 8:30 AM—Celebration Singers Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—Worship Service  NO EVENING ACTIVITIES  <i>David White, Jr.—birthday</i> ADVENT (PEACE)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9—11:45 AM—Food Pantry Distribution  <i>Elizabeth Torres—birthday</i>	<b>11</b> 6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study; B.L.A.S.T	<b>12</b> 10AM to 3PM—Retirement reception for Randy Gilchrist at SJBA	<b>13</b> <i>Betty Sowers—birthday</i>	<b>14</b> 10 AM—Celebration Singers Christmas Cantata dress rehearsal  <i>Oscar Lopez, Octavia Kieborz—birthdays</i>
<b>15</b> 8:30 AM—Celebration Singers Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—Christmas Cantata; noon—lunch with Santa  NO EVENING ACTIVITIES  ADVENT (JOY)	<b>16</b> <i>Ashley Purvis—birthday</i>	<b>17</b> 9—11:45 AM—Food Pantry Christmas Basket distribution  <i>Diana Leal—birthday</i>	<b>18</b> 6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study; B.L.A.S.T  <i>Londa Munoz, Michelle Tipton, Alan Oliver—birthdays</i>	<b>19</b> <i>Daniel Bridgmon—birthday</i>	<b>20</b> <i>Sue Greenwood—birthday</i>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:30 AM—Celebration Singers Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—Worship Service;  NO EVENING ACTIVITIES  ADVENT (LOVE)	<b>23</b> <i>Sherri Porter—birthday</i>	<b>24</b> SABC OFFICE CLOSED 6 PM—Christmas Eve Service  	<b>25</b> SABC OFFICE CLOSED NO EVENING ACTIVITIES  	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8:30 AM—Celebration Singers Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—Worship Service;  NO EVENING ACTIVITIES  <i>Kathleen Crenshaw—birthday</i>	<b>30</b> <i>Morgan Fleming, Betty Dawley—birthdays</i>	<b>31</b>	SABC OFFICE CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY NO EVENING ACTIVITIES			