

APRIL 2021

This past winter has been extremely unusual as we experienced the deep freeze of 2021. After it was over, we were able to journey outside to view all the damage. One thing that caught my attention was how quickly the plants had turned brown and lifeless. In addition, many people suffered damage to their homes, businesses and unfortunately, loss of family members.

But the Good News is that- Spring has sprung! The temperature is rising, the sun is shining and some of the plants are beginning to renew themselves. There is a refreshing going on. Wikipedia describes Spring in the following way: "Spring and springtime refer to the season, and also to ideas of rebirth, rejuvenation, renewal, resurrection, and regrowth." There is a joy in seeing the renewal and new greening of plants and is always a great time of refreshing and renewal. And this is what God's creation needs.

I wonder if this type of refreshing is not something the Church needs also? For the past year, we have been going through the Pandemic. Although it continues to be an issue, it is getting better with all the vaccinations and as people are careful about what they are doing. In many ways, we as the Church, have put ourselves on a precautionary hold. As a result, we have had time to develop new habits in the way we gather, in the way we witness and in the way we live. Maybe, what we need is an intentional effort to cautiously break some of the habits we have become comfortable with and set May 2nd as REFRESH SUNDAY. This would be a time for us to Regather as a Church family for In Person Worship and Fellowship.

Hebrews 10:22-25 says, "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not neglecting the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but encouraging one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." (NKJV)

Bro. Randy

Congratulations

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Bro. Bill Ingram began his ministry at SABC ten years ago on April 24th. As the Minister of Music, Bro. Bill came to us with not only musical expertise but also a heart for worship and to lead worship. His wife, Sylvia, has also blessed us with her musical gifts and sweet spirit. Take a moment in the coming days to express your appreciation to Bill and Sylvia Ingram. We will have a celebration in honor of their service to SABC on Sunday, April 25th. There will be a receptacle for all cards and a sign in book to write notes of encouragement.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				01 <i>Patsy Dominey, Linda Meier, Andrew Roberts birthdays</i>	02	03 <i>Vincent Cabrero birthday</i>
04 EASTER SUNDAY 9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM - Sunday School; 10:45 AM - Morning Worship <i>Halle Stuckman, Martin Valles birthdays</i>	05	06 9 to 11:45 AM - DRIVE THRU Food Pantry	07 6 PM - Adult Bible Study and Prayer Time (Facebook Live) <i>Maxie Anderson, Camren Peace, Eric Crandall birthdays</i>	08	09	10 <i>Sophia De la Garza birthday</i>
11 9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM - Sunday School; 10:45 AM - Morning Worship	12	13	14 6 PM - Adult Bible Study and Prayer Time (Facebook Live)	15 <i>Jay Wilbanks birthday</i>	16	17 <i>Mark Roberts, Bill Ingram birthdays</i>
18 9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM - Sunday School; 10:45 AM - Morning Worship <i>Brandi Gardner, Dick Terry, Ashlyn Brackeen birthdays</i>	19	20 9 to 11:45 AM - DRIVE THRU Food Pantry	21 6 PM - Adult Bible Study and Prayer Time (Facebook Live)	22 <i>Taylor Peace birthday</i>	23 <i>Bale' Cortez birthday</i>	24 <i>Bill's 10th anniversary as Music Minister</i>
25 9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM - Sunday School; 10:45 AM - Morning Worship <i>Bill Ingram 10 year celebration</i> <i>Karen Simmons, Ed Kent birthdays</i>	26	27	28 6 PM - Adult Bible Study and Prayer Time (Facebook Live) <i>Jerry Brooks, II birthday</i>	29 <i>Crystal Abner, Emma Wilbanks birthdays</i>	30	

April 28 – 30 NAMA Convention

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BUDGET REPORT

	March 7	March 14	March 21
Budget Receipts	\$4,932.33	\$4,034.00	\$4,258.00
Budget Requirements	\$4,682.00	\$4,682.00	\$4,682.00
Budget Receipts YTD	\$37,120.66	\$41,154.66	\$45,412.66
Budget Requirements YTD	\$46,820.00	\$51,502.00	\$56,184.00
Missions	\$115.00	\$30.00	\$35.00

MEMORIAM

(remembering the families of our SABC members)
 Melinda Coburn-Coleman – 09/15/1954-03/08/2021

The earth shook with the news.
HE IS NOT HERE;
HE IS RISEN!
 And in that moment,
joy REPLACED DESPAIR
hope PUSHED PAST FEAR
life CONQUERED DEATH
 not just that day, but for eternity.
 We celebrate the **of Christ**
resurrection
 for what it meant then and
 what it means for us every day;
a sacrifice
 that brings
FORGIVENESS, RENEWAL, AND PEACE
 to any of us
 who put our *faith*
 in **Jesus.**

THANK YOU

My Dear Church Family,
 God has truly blessed me with a wonderful church family. The beautiful cards, gifts, and notes of encouragement and love for my 10-year anniversary meant so much to me. I pray God allows me to stay here with all you until He calls me home. I love you all and appreciate all that you do for me and for serving God with such beautiful Christian love.
 Love to all, Debbie Brooks

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.