

A Word from Your Pastor:

My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for he will pluck my feet from the net. (Psalm 25:15)

In this Psalm, David is crying out to God for help and deliverance. He feels overwhelmed and surrounded by his enemies. He knows his only hope is to seek God. But how can his eyes be “ever toward the Lord” if he can’t actually see God? First, we can say that David is talking about his *spiritual* eyes as Paul says in Ephesians 1, “having the *eyes of your hearts* enlightened.” We see God with our *spiritual eyes*.

But our *physical eyes* also play an important role. Think about this connection: Who is called the Word of God? Jesus. Hebrews 1 says that Jesus is the full revelation of who God is. The Bible is the full revelation of who Jesus is. Jesus is the Word of God (John 1) and the Bible is the word of Jesus. It’s about him. Your physical eyes *can* see Jesus. Just pick up your Bible. If you have the Holy Spirit dwelling in you, then when you read the Scriptures, he is showing you Christ, who is showing you the Father. That’s good news!

Let’s keep our eyes ever toward the Lord. Let’s look to his word. When we keep our focus on him in that way, he will pluck our feet from the net. He’ll keep us from tripping. The new year is a great time to start reading the Bible on your own. There are many different Bible reading plans available online. Your bible may even have a plan included in the back. Your Sunday School literature has a Bible reading plan included in each issue. Or you can simply start like I do and read two or three chapters each day. Just like a healthy lifestyle, let’s make it a holy habit to linger with the Lord each morning.

Go Under the Mercy, John

Thank You

Dear South Avenue Friends,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers the church sent to my father’s service. They were such a comfort to receive, knowing they represented many prayers of God’s people for us. Dad had a peaceful homegoing. Thank you for every expression of love and for Bro. Jim and Linda’s attendance.

Sincerely, Bro. Danny & Dana Bidy

Dear Choir Friends,

Thank you so very much for the Christmas gift. What an honor for me to get to serve as your pianist. I am grateful and thankful for SABC choir friends. Thanks again for the gift and for your wonderful singing for our Lord.

Love, Jeanette Gray

NEW MEMBERS

December 1, 2019

Baptism – Blake Brackeen

1620 Bay Area Blvd #805, Houston, TX 77058

JANUARY 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			01 SABC Office closed <i>NO EVENING ACTIVITIES</i>	02	03	04
05 9:30 AM - Sunday School; 10:45 AM – Morning Worship; 5 PM – Evening Worship / Crossroads of SABC Youth; 6 PM – Celebration Choir	06 10 AM – Senior Adult Game Day	07 9-11:45 AM – Food Pantry	08 6 PM - Adult Bible Study and Prayer Time / Crossroads of SABC Youth	09	10	11
12 9:30 AM - Sunday School; 10:45 AM – Morning Worship; 4 PM – Deacons’ Meeting; 5 PM – Evening Worship / Crossroads of SABC Youth; 6 PM – Celebration Choir	13	14 9-11:45 AM – Food Pantry	15 6 PM - Adult Bible Study and Prayer Time / Crossroads of SABC Youth	16	17	18
19 9:30 AM - Sunday School; 10:45 AM – Morning Worship; 4 PM – Ministry Leadership Meeting; 5 PM – Evening Worship / Crossroads of SABC Youth; 6 PM – Celebration Choir	20 10 AM – Senior Adult Game Day	21 9-11:45 AM – Food Pantry	22 6 PM - Adult Bible Study and Prayer Time / Crossroads of SABC Youth	23	24	25 Women’s Ministry Jewelry Fellowship – time TBA
26 9:30 AM - Sunday School; 10:45 AM – Morning Worship; 5 PM – Evening Worship / Crossroads of SABC Youth; 6 PM – Celebration Choir	27	28 9-11:45 AM – Food Pantry	29 6 PM - Adult Bible Study and Prayer Time / Crossroads of SABC Youth	30	31	

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South Avenue Baptist Church

GOD'S LIGHTHOUSE FOR OUR COMMUNITY



Food Pantry Report for November, 2019						
Money Received	Money Disbursed	Families Served	Volunteer Hours	# of Lives committed to Christ	# New applicants	# of bags distributed
\$926.00	\$782.59	41	90	1	4	52
<i>Plus 22 Thanksgiving Baskets were given out on Tuesday, November 26th.</i>						

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

CLASS	Nov 24	Dec 1	Dec 8	Dec 15	Dec 22
Adult	57	60	55	61	56
Youth	9	12	11	11	6
Children	6	14	9	8	5
Preschool	12	5	8	9	9
SS Total Attendance	84	91	83	89	76
<i>Worship Attendance*</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>126</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>129</i>	<i>95</i>

BUDGET REPORT

	Nov 24	Dec 1	Dec 8	Dec 15	Dec 22
Budget Receipts	\$4,043.52	\$15,114.00	\$3,125.00	\$6,044.00	\$4,846.00
Budget Requirements	\$5,968.00	\$5,968.00	\$5,968.00	\$5,968.00	\$5,968.00
Budget Receipts YTD	\$209,084.76	\$224,198.76	\$227,323.76	\$233,367.76	\$238,213.76
Budget Requirements YTD	\$280,496.00	\$286,464.00	\$292,432.00	\$298,400.00	\$304,368.00
Missions	\$15.00	\$43.00	\$30.00	\$150.00	\$15.00
Lottie Moon		\$245.00	\$105.00	\$65.00	

includes Worship Service, Children's Church, Nursery, and Money Counters

MEMORIAM

(remembering the families of our SABC members)

Janice Tew – January 20, 1941 - October 4, 2019

Lisa Martin – July 28, 1960 - December 3, 2019

Peggy de los Santos – August 17, 1933 - December 9, 2019

Shari Rhodes Peace – August 1, 1967 - December 10, 2019

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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.