

**A Word from Your Pastor:**

My good friend and mentor, Larry Hudson, likes to say that the most important moments in Jesus' life happened on mountaintops and tabletops. Many of the big, miraculous moments took place on mountains: the Sermon on the Mount, the Transfiguration, the Crucifixion, and then the Ascension. But the Gospels are also filled with critical moments where we find Jesus engaged with his disciples in everyday life. Jesus loved to share meals with his followers.

He was accused of eating and drinking with "tax collectors and sinners." Jesus would often take the opportunity to teach his followers while they ate together. Jesus also shared meals with his friends Mary, Martha and Lazarus. He shared the Last Supper with his disciples. It was over a meal of fish and bread that he reinstated Simon Peter to his ministry. These were simple and yet holy moments in the lives of Jesus' followers.

How important are meals in our lives? Do we share our tables with "tax collectors and sinners?" Do we make it a priority to eat together as families? Friends? Do we regularly eat together as a church? How might God be leading us to deeper fellowship with one another and with our neighbors this year? Go Under the Mercy, Bro. John

*Thank You*

Dear South Avenue Friends,  
Thank you for thinking of me during the loss of my sister, Mary Jane Zeigler. The beautiful plant certainly brightens my heart, especially every time I pass by it sitting on my table. Mary would have loved it. God blessed me with the time He gave me with Mary. She came to live with me on and off for the past two years but in the end she was with me all the time and our love grew stronger and stronger. We did some crafts together, watched football and talked a lot about Jesus and the Bible. We said "I love You" and hugged each other more in this past year than at any other time of our lives. Some people would say that's odd but as my daughter says, "that's not odd, that's God". I am truly blessed to have South Avenue Baptist Church members, who truly love God, love me.  
In Christ, Ellen Wilmoth

I want to thank you for all your support during and following my accidental fall in December. So many of you have expressed your care and concern as well as shared your stories with me. While it was a scary event, I am so thankful to be doing well now. Thank you for meals cooked, cards sent, calls and texts as well as all your encouraging words, hugs and pats on the back. It is so good to be back serving our church and serving our Lord. May God give each of you many blessings.  
Jim Overton

Dear SABC family,  
I am truly blessed to be a part of this wonderful church family, not only as secretary, but as a member. I want to thank all of you for your kind words, cards, and flowers for my ninth anniversary as your church secretary. God placed me at the door of this church through a special ministry that allowed me to see the love within and then opened the door for me to accept a position that I feel is not a job but a ministry. Thank you all for the love you show me every day.  
Truly blessed,  
Debbie Brooks



**Spring Festival and Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Saturday, April 4, 11 AM to 1 PM**  
**Donations of candy and eggs may be placed in the container in the foyer or brought to the church office.**



# MARCH 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>01</b> 9:30 AM - Sunday School; 10:45 AM - Morning Worship; 3:30 PM - Child Training; 5 PM - Evening Worship; 6 PM - Celebration Choir <i>(Kathy Roberts - birthday)</i>	<b>02</b> 10 AM - Senior Adult Game Day <i>(Melissa Hance - birthday)</i>	<b>03</b> 9-11:45 AM - Food Pantry	<b>04</b> 6 PM - Adult Bible Study and Prayer Time / Crossroads of SABC Youth / Mission Friends	<b>05</b> <i>(Jeb Busic, Crystal Sliva, Shannon Jones - birthday)</i>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b> 5 - 8 PM Private party - Fellowship Hall <i>(Von Hand, David Wilson - birthday)</i>
<i>Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer, March 1 - 8</i>						
 <b>08</b> Daylight Saving Time 9:30 AM - Sunday School; 10:45 AM - Morning Worship; 4 PM - Deacons' Meeting; 5 PM - Evening Worship; 6 PM - Celebration Choir <i>(Debbie Tharp, Joel Tellez - birthday)</i>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b> 9-11:45 AM - Food Pantry <i>(Dusty Pond - birthday)</i>	<b>11</b> 10 AM - Homebound Meeting 6 PM - Adult Bible Study and Prayer Time / Crossroads of SABC Youth / Mission Friends <i>(Jack Eubank - birthday)</i>	<b>March 12-14 YOUTH RETREAT</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>March 9 - 13 SPRING BREAK</b>				<b>12</b> <i>(Sarah Stephens - birthday)</i>	<b>13</b> <i>(Sarah Stephens - birthday)</i>	
<b>15</b> 9:30 AM - Sunday School; 10:45 AM - Morning Worship; 5 PM - Evening Worship; 6 PM - Celebration Choir <i>(Sylvia Ingram - birthday)</i>	<b>16</b> 10 AM - Senior Adult Game Day <i>(Jeanette Gray - birthday)</i>	<b>17</b> 9-11:45 AM - Food Pantry	<b>18</b> 6 PM - Adult Bible Study and Prayer Time / Crossroads of SABC Youth / Mission Friends <i>(Christin Wilson, Johnny Morrison, Mary Ramirez - birthday)</i>	<b>19</b> <i>(Brian Gray, Madison Petty - birthday)</i>	<b>20</b> <i>(Ellen Wilmoth - birthday)</i>	<b>21</b> <i>(Bentley Gonzalez, Richard Amaya, Blake Brackeen - birthday)</i>
<b>22</b> 9:30 AM - Sunday School; 10:45 AM - Morning Worship; 5 PM - Evening Worship; 6 PM - Celebration Choir <i>(Gay Dalton - birthday)</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9-11:45 AM - Food Pantry <i>(Athena Pond - birthday)</i>	<b>25</b> 6 PM - Adult Bible Study and Prayer Time / Crossroads of SABC Youth / Mission Friends <i>(Daniel Glatter - birthday)</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <i>(Jack Bussell - birthday)</i>	<b>28</b> 10 AM - Men's Bible Study 9 AM to noon - Inspire Women Conference @ FBC Houston <i>(Denise Marshall - birthday)</i>
<b>29</b> 9:30 AM - Sunday School; 10:45 AM - Morning Worship; 4 PM - Ministry Leadership Team; 5 PM - Evening Worship; 6 PM - Celebration Choir	<b>30</b> <i>(Terry Everett - birthday)</i>	<b>31</b> 9-11:45 AM - Food Pantry				

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# South Avenue Baptist Church

GOD'S LIGHTHOUSE FOR OUR COMMUNITY



Food Pantry Report for January, 2020						
Money Received	Money Disbursed	Families Served	Volunteer Hours	# of Lives committed to Christ	# New applicants	# of bags distributed
\$591.35	\$32.40	45	50.5	1	3	59

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

CLASS	Jan 26	Feb 2	Feb 9	Feb 16	Feb 23
Adult	49	49	60	62	56
Youth	10	10	11	13	13
Children	8	7	7	11	6
Preschool	9	7	10	11	8
<b>SS Total Attendance</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>83</b>
<i>Worship Attendance*</i>	<i>85</i>	<i>109</i>	<i>106</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>99</i>

## BUDGET REPORT

	Jan 26	Feb 2	Feb 9	Feb 16	Feb 23
Budget Receipts	\$3,010.00	\$6,929.00	\$1,910.60	\$6,354.50	\$4,889.00
Budget Requirements	\$5,916.00	\$5,916.00	\$5,916.00	\$5,916.00	\$5,916.00
Budget Receipts YTD	\$16,665.83	\$23,594.83	\$25,505.43	\$31,859.93	\$36,748.93
Budget Requirements YTD	\$23,664.00	\$29,580.00	\$35,496.00	\$41,412.00	\$47,328.00
<b>Missions</b>	\$48.00	\$15.00	\$45.00	\$60.00	\$53.00

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

*The Bethany Class is going out to eat on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 11 AM, Peppers Restaurant. Meet at the church and we can ride together for those wanting to. Peppers is on Fairmont between Strawberry and Burke.*

## Focus on Ministry

**The SABC Church Library** is available to our entire church family. You can visit anytime during the week as well as on Sundays. You will find outstanding Bible Study helps, leisure time fiction, as well as non-fiction books to encourage spiritual growth and Christian development. Our resources are arranged in categories of interest so they are easy to find. Check the shelves for labels. We have children's books, Christian DVDs, as well as Commentaries and other Bible study helps. Check out is easy! Just sign the check-out book by the door and return books for others to use when you are finished. We hope you will take advantage of all that is available.

# 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.