



# SUNSET REFLECTOR

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***20th Anniversary Celebration  
Giving Thanks for Steve Roberson's Music  
and Worship Ministry at SABC***

***October 8 at 6:00 p.m.***

***No other activities***

***Join us after the service for a church-wide fellowship***

**QUARTERLY  
CHURCH CONFERENCE**  
**Wednesday, October 18**  
**6:30 p.m.**

One additional item of business will be presented at the October 18 conference. It is a proposed ministry partnership covenant between SABC and Abundant Life Ministries in downtown Rocky Mount. Basically this is an agreement similar to other agreements we have entered into domestically (Boston) and internationally (Mumbai and Ecuador). It states that our two churches will work together in Rocky Mount for at least three years to seek to make disciples.

There are no other services or activities



## Fall Festival

**Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30-8:00 PM**

**Sunset Avenue Baptist Church**

**3732 Sunset Avenue**

**Rocky Mount, NC 27804**

**Everyone is invited for a fun evening of  
food, games, candy, and more**

Those wishing to volunteer to help and/or make cup cakes for our cake walk can sign up in your Sunday School class or contact David Stanford at [dstanford@sabaptist.org](mailto:dstanford@sabaptist.org)

**No Scary Costumes please!**

## *The Pastor's Pen...*

I'm so excited about the upcoming 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration service for Steve Roberson. Circle October 8 on your calendar. This musical celebration, starting at 6:00, will be a great way to honor Steve as we worship the Lord through the Christ-centered music that has marked Steve's tenure here.

As Senior Pastor at SABC for close to seven years now, I can't express what a joy and privilege it has been for me to partner with Steve. He already had a tenure of thirteen years when I arrived. A selfish person could have made it very hard on one more Senior Pastor since he had worked with so many. But from the day I met Steve he has been unfailingly kind and supportive. His worship and administrative gifts are impressive and his work ethic is unmatched. He is strong in areas where I am not strong and he makes my ministry here more effective every single day. But more than that, I appreciate the fact that Steve is so genuine in his love for Christ and his desire to glorify Christ through his ministry. It is a pleasure to partner with Steve in kingdom work.

When I think of how he has been so faithful in service here through these twenty years, both in good times and in tough times, I know for certain that this entire church has been blessed through his ministry here. I want all of you to know just how unusual it is for a staff member at a Southern Baptist church to reach the 20-year mark. It almost never happens. The average pastorate in our denomination, so I hear, is about three years. For someone to serve this long and to still be so effective speaks well of Steve and speaks well of this congregation who called him and has loved him and supported him so well.

So come on out on the night of October 8 and let's give thanks to God as we celebrate Steve's time here through music and worship. Several special guests will be joining us. You will not want to miss it. I would also ask you to remember that we will have a reception after the service where you'll be able to speak to Steve. If you would like to write Steve and Virginia a note of appreciation for how God has used them to bless you, a box will be available in the Fellowship Hall that evening for you to place your note. I'm sure those notes will be a great encouragement to the Robersons.

And one more time may I say "thank you" to this wonderful church for being the kind of church family where ministerial staff want to be and want to stay. It is a privilege to serve in such church fellowship.

Yours and His,

*Pastor Robin*



*Thank you church family! The generous love offering presented to me and Virginia this past Sunday was an unexpected blessing. The past 20 years seem to have flown by as we try to recollect the many memories flooding our minds. You have always been "family" to us, especially since all of our kin folk live elsewhere. We treasure your friendship and the continuing opportunity to share with you in the proclamation of the Gospel. May God continue to strengthen us all for the work of the His kingdom.*

*In Christ, Steve and Virginia Roberson*

#### **SENIOR ADULTS OCTOBER EVENT**

The Senior Adults will travel to Little Washington on Tuesday, October 10.

Cost will be the cost for your lunch.

Sign up in Sunday School or see Brenda Stephenson.

#### **SENIOR ADULTS NOVEMBER EVENT**

The Senior Adults will host their annual Veterans Appreciation Breakfast on Tuesday, November 14 at 9:00 a.m.

More details to come or contact Brenda Stephenson.

#### **OPERATION JOSEPH**

We are collecting monetary donations through October 1<sup>st</sup> that will be used to purchase food for the needy in Venezuela. The offerings of food we have made so far have not only led to the hungry being fed, but also to many souls being saved and churches/Bible studies started. As this country goes through a horrible time, you are encouraged to help them. If God leads you to give, make checks out to SABC and denote "Operation Joseph" on your check and/or offering envelope.



*Please join  
Bridal  
honoring  
Afton Britt,*

*us for a  
Shower*

*daughter of*

*Mike and Janet Britt,*

*Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017, in the*

*Sunset Avenue Baptist Church Fellowship Hall,  
from 2 until 4 PM.*

*Registered at: Amazon, Target and Belk  
Gift Cards welcomed*

#### **Deeper Groups**

**Sunday Evenings at 6:00 p.m.**

We are excited about how God has moved through these groups this summer and hope that you will prayerfully consider being a part this semester. Please contact Neil at [nwoodcock@sabaptist.org](mailto:nwoodcock@sabaptist.org) for more information.

#### **Prayer Concerns**

Edith Baker ~ Sammy Bass ~ David Blackmon ~ Robert Blanton ~ Albert & Pat Boone ~ Libby Bunn ~ Carlisle Boykin ~ Randy Bridges ~ David Bryan ~ Millie Bryan ~ Evelyn Carlisle ~ Ben Carpenter ~ Norma Castillo ~ Frances Daughtridge ~ Betty Sue Davis ~ Pam Davis ~ Ivan & Yvonne Dickerson ~ Ambler Dixon ~ Linda Doughtie ~ Curtis Emigh ~ Eli Ethridge ~ Jesse Ethridge ~ Miguel & Maribel Gonzalez ~ Mary Goodwin ~ Linward Green ~ Bury & Cathy Hendricks ~ Jamie Henry ~ Anna & Edwin Hernandez ~ Jake Hoggard ~ Lucille Howell ~ Suzette Jones ~ Marjie Joyner ~ Annie Jurgovan ~ Tempie Leonard ~ Betty Mason ~ David Mason ~ Judy McDaniel ~ Adam McRae ~ Steve Pernell ~ John Powell ~ Sam Proctor ~ Danny Rice ~ Hilda Rosser ~ Teresa Sadlosky ~ Jody Shearon ~ Rebecca Terrell ~ Ryan Terrell ~ Wayne & Linda Mae Tyson ~ Fannie Unrue ~ Connor Vick ~ Tom Vick ~ Jackie Walters ~ Garry Ward, Jr. ~ Virginia Ward ~ Anna Weaver ~ A.B. Whitley ~ Mollie Whitley ~ Georgia Wilson ~ Jeanne Woodley ~ King's Way Ministry ~ Stone Gate Ministry ~ Boston Partnership ~ Mumbai Partnership ~ Ecuador Mission Team (Bob & Sarah Unrue, Anna Morris - September 26 - October 3/Fletcher & Ruby Dickerson - September 26 - October 10) ~ A Place of Grace Ministry ~ Hispanic Church ~ GriefShare Ministry ~ The Family of Bunky Reges (Carol Boone's nephew) ~ The Family of Harry Lee McKeel, Sr. (Dee McKeel's grandfather) ~ The Family of W.A. Lucas (Ennis Edwards' brother) ~ The Family of Russell House

*In order to keep our prayer list current, names will remain on the list for four weeks (unless otherwise requested).*



**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER,  
CALENDAR & "THOSE SERVING"  
SCHEDULE**

*are now available on the church website  
sabaptist.org*

**NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

*Any information that you wish to have published in the  
November newsletter should be emailed to  
ccollie@sabaptist.org by noon on  
Friday, October 20th.*

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**August 27 - September 24, 2017 Attendance Totals**

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>
27	259	No Service	406
3	Not available	96	193
10	257	No Service	271
17	248	123	179
24	251	108	210

<b>Membership Additions in 2017</b>	<b>5</b>
By Baptism	3
By Transfer or Statement of Faith	2

**August 27 - September 24, 2017 Giving Totals**

	<u>Offering Received</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Total Received</u>
27	\$ 31,762.68	\$ 1,775.00	\$ 33,537.68
3	\$ 32,126.90	\$ 8,155.00	\$ 40,281.90
10	\$ 14,467.34	\$ 2,909.00	\$ 17,376.34
17	\$ 13,738.00	\$ 6,292.96	\$ 20,030.96
24	\$ 11,555.20	\$ 2,355.08	\$ 13,910.28

**Year to Date Budget through September 24**

<u>Required</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 826,218.90	\$ 761,089.58	\$ {65,129.32}