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Joy of Every Longing Heart (Arr. Cottrell)

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JOY OF EVERY LONGING HEART

A CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE
WITH TRAVIS COTTRELL

Created by Travis Cottrell, Sue C. Smith & David Moffitt
Arranged by Travis Cottrell • Orchestrated by Daniel Semsen

*Presented by the
Adult Choir
and
Praise Band*

*Sunday
November 26
6:00 p.m.*

*Please join us for
a church-wide
fellowship after
the musical*



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX COLLECTION

Shoeboxes and packing instructions are located in the hallway next to the library. There are also items available for your

convenience to put in your shoeboxes. Deadline to return filled shoeboxes is Sunday, November 12.



When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful.

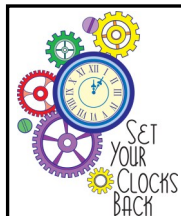
Our *Surviving the Holidays* seminar helps participants prepare for the holidays and even discover hope for the future.

Surviving the Holidays
Wednesday, November 8th
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Room 406

Contact Libby Bunn or Shari Carter for more information

DECEMBER EVENTS

- December 3 6:00 p.m. Meet Me at the Manger**
Presented by the 1st - 3rd Grade Choir with a special musical presentation by the Preschool Choir. Please join us for a church-wide social after the program
- December 10 6:00 p.m. The Present is the Future**
Presented by the 4th - 6th Grade Choir
- December 17 6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service**
- December 20 1:30-6:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive**
6:30 p.m. Budget Conference
No other service or activities



Daylight Saving Time ends
Sunday, November 5
Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour the night before!

The Pastor's Pen...

Acts 1:8 Mission Update

As we approach Thanksgiving this year, one of the things I continue to be most thankful for is our continued progress in missions. By "missions", I don't mean good works but intentionally seeking to share the gospel and make disciples. We continue to develop a missions strategy that will allow any church member to plug in and participate in some way if he/she desires. Let me share some of the opportunities that are before us at present.

Locally, we have entered into a partnership with Abundant Life Ministries (ALM) in downtown Rocky Mount. Our desire is to go out with them once a month in the downtown area in order to knock on doors and seek those who are interested in hearing the gospel and getting involved in a local church. We need people committed to go on mission in Rocky Mount. Our first opportunity is Saturday, November 18 from 12:00 – 1:30. We will meet at the ALM offices, right beside the former Falls Road sanctuary. We also need people to pray for these visits and this partnership. Would you commit to pray that day if you can't go? Pray that God will send us to at least one person who is ready to hear about Jesus and be saved.

Internationally, we have an upcoming trip to South Asia scheduled for November 9 – 18. Our team of four (myself, Tricia, Don Fisher, and Bethany Capps) will be making evangelistic visits that week as we seek to encourage church planters to be faithful in their witnessing efforts and church planting efforts. Again, we need people to pray for this trip. Obviously, we pray for safety and God's blessing on our travel. But most of all, will you pray that God will lead us to individuals who will be willing to hear of Jesus Christ, turn away from their idols, and follow Him as Savior and Lord? And will you pray that the church planters we partner with that week will be emboldened to go back home and be faithful in sharing?

Also, we're planning another trip to Ecuador from February 20 - 27. While there, the team of 2 – 5 people will provide training for our partner Baptist church there and also go out with some of the church members in an effort to share Christ in the surrounding villages. We need people to go! Another trip will follow closely behind the February trip from April 24 - 30. Will you pray about going to minister in Ecuador? And will you pray that our partnering church will be set aflame with a renewed zeal to reach their surrounding area?

Happy Thanksgiving! We often say at Christmas that, "Jesus is the Reason for the Season." That's true of Thanksgiving as well. We are thankful for the One who has saved us and is willing to use us to touch a lost world for His glory. So let it be in the days to come. I'm so thankful for all of you. You are such a wonderful church family. It is my honor to serve among you.

Your and His,

Pastor Robin

SENIOR ADULTS EVENTS

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.

Senior Adults NRBA Annual Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday, December 5 11:30 a.m.
Calvary Baptist Church, Roanoke Rapids
Cost per person: \$7
We will leave SABC at 9:45 a.m.
Sign up in Sunday School classes by December 10th

Senior Adults Christmas Trip

Tuesday, December 12
We will leave SABC at 9:00 a.m. to go to Edenton to the Rocky Hock Theater for the luncheon theater production **"What Child Is This?"**
Cost per person: \$26 (All inclusive lunch & ticket)
Make checks payable to Sunset Avenue Baptist Church
Designate Rocky Hock Theater
Deadline to sign up is December 10th
Contact Brenda Stephenson with any questions about these events



LADIES CHRISTMAS EXCHANGE TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 28

Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m.
followed by a special
guest speaker and a lively
gift exchange.

Bring 6 similar unwrapped gifts
to exchange.

Sign up sheets are available in Sunday
School classes and should be
returned to the church office
Sunday, November 19.

THANKSGIVING MEAL and SERVICE

Wednesday, November 15

Thanksgiving Meal at 5:30 p.m.

Please sign up for this meal in the Sunday,
November 12 bulletin or call the office no later than
9:00 a.m. Monday morning, November 13.

Thanksgiving Service begins at 6:30 p.m.

Everyone will be given the opportunity, if they desire,
to express what they are thankful for this year.



LIBRARY NEWS

The book, "Baby Wren and the Great Gift" by Sally Lloyd-Jones has been dedicated to the Sunset Avenue Baptist Church library in honor of

Olivia Joy Woodcock on the day of her dedication, October 8, 2017.

Parents are Neil and Jana Woodcock.



Please join us for a Bridal Shower honoring Afton Britt, daughter of Mike and Janet Britt, Sunday, November 12th Sunset Avenue Baptist Church Fellowship Hall 2 until 4 PM

Registered at: Amazon, Target and Belk
Gift Cards welcomed

Prayer Concerns

Wilson Baker ~ Sammy Bass ~ David Blackmon ~ Robert Blanton ~ Albert & Pat Boone ~ Carlisle Boykin ~ David Bryan ~ Millie Bryan ~ Evelyn Carlisle ~ Ben Carpenter ~ Norma Castillo ~ Frances Daughtridge ~ Betty Sue Davis ~ Pam Davis ~ Ivan & Yvonne Dickerson ~ Ambler Dixon ~ Jimmy Edwards ~ Ryder Elaine ~ Curtis Emigh ~ Miguel & Maribel Gonzalez ~ Mary Goodwin ~ Bury & Cathy Hendricks ~ Jamie Henry ~ Anna & Edwin Hernandez ~ Jake Hoggard ~ Lucille Howell ~ Harry Kahn ~ Betty Mason ~ David Mason ~ Judy McDaniel ~ Adam McRae ~ Janice Meyer ~ Steve Pernell ~ John Powell ~ Sam Proctor ~ Hilda Rosser ~ Teresa Sadlosky ~ Jody Shearon ~ Wayne & Linda Mae Tyson ~ Robert Tyson ~ Fannie Unrue ~ Tom Vick ~ Garry Ward, Jr. ~ Virginia Ward ~ Georgia Wilson ~ Bob Wiseman ~ Jeanne Woodley ~ King's Way Ministry ~ Stone Gate Ministry ~ Boston Partnership ~ Mumbai Mission Team (November 9-18) ~ A Place of Grace Ministry ~ Hispanic Church ~ GriefShare Ministry ~ Erin Yates and Family in the loss of her father ~ The Family of Frank Walters (Lee Walters' brother) ~ The Family of Nita Maxwell (Larry Maxwell's mother)

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

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Any information that you wish to have published in the
December newsletter should be emailed to
ccollie@sabaptist.org by noon on
Wednesday, November 15.

BIBLICAL RECORDER SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please contact Carol in the church office
(ccollie@sabaptist.org) if you would like to be added to or
removed from the Biblical Recorder subscription list. Also,
please let us know if your address has recently changed.
Please respond no later than
Wednesday, November 29th.

ROOF FUND PROGRESS

Even though the roof work is completed our fund to
finance the project still has a deficit. If you can
contribute that would help tremendously.
See the progress below.

Renovation Cost: \$ 82,385.00
Total Given as of October 22, 2017: \$ 52,745.00
Funds still needed: \$ 29,640.00

October 1 - October 22, 2017 Attendance Totals

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>
1	219	104	189
8	237	114	236
15	Not Available	99	232
22	233	96	256

Membership Additions in 2017		7
By Baptism		3
By Transfer or Statement of Faith		4

October 1 - October 22, 2017 Giving Totals

	<u>Offering Received</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Total Received</u>
1	\$ 25,059.50	\$ 3,549.30	\$ 28,608.80
8	\$ 20,335.79	\$ 3,303.25	\$ 23,639.04
15	\$ 21,476.89	\$ 1,666.00	\$ 23,142.89
22	\$ 11,994.01	\$ 7,385.22	\$ 19,379.23

Year to Date Budget through October 22

<u>Required</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 910,959.30	\$ 839,147.57	\$(71,811.73)

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