

# SUNSET Reflector

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# **GIDEON OFFERING**

Sunday, February 18

An offering will be received at the conclusion of the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services for Gideons International. Please make checks payable "Gideons".

# PARENTING FOR PURITY PARENT CONFERENCE

Friday, February 23 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Saturday, February 24 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Come join us for this year's Parent Conference, as we encourage each other to help our kids live lives of purity in a world that wants to draw them away. It is free for everyone, and there will be a special kids conference for all children 4years old through the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and nursery will also be provided. The conference will kick off with dinner Friday night and then we will jump into talking about how we can help our kids to stay pure. Contact David Stanford for further details (dstanford@sabaptist.org).

Though the conference is free we ask all participants to sign up at <u>sabaptist.org</u>

#### D-NOW YOUTH LED WORSHIP SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

There will not be an 8:30 worship service on Sunday, February 4th. The Youth will lead our 11:00 worship service with Neil Woodcock preaching. Join our Youth in worship February 4 and learn about the missions and activities that they have been involved in this year.

# YOUR CHOICE RESOURCE CENTER CELEBRATE LIFE BANQUET

February 15 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Englewood Baptist Church

Come Celebrate Life with us at our 28th Annual Fundraising Banquet! Center updates, client testimony, and our guest speaker, Robert E. Jackson, Jr., MD. Call the Center (446-2273) or see Virginia Roberson for reservations. Reservations are \$20.00 per person, or if you would like to help underwrite the banquet, we offer Patron and Sponsor levels. Invite family and friends and get a whole table! Reservations will be confirmed upon receipt of monies received by February 7th.

# SENIOR ADULTS' VALENTINE LUNCH



The Youth are hosting their annual Senior Adults'
Valentine Lunch immediately after the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, February 11th.
Sign up sheets are available in the Senior Adult Sunday School classrooms

(Loving Servants, Happy Hearts and Faithful Servants)

#### SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

February II: Valentine Lunch - immediately after II:00 worship (fellowship hall)

February 13: Regular breakfast meeting - 9:00 a.m. (fellowship hall)

Program topic: "Love Languages for the Caregiver"

March 13: Regular Breakfast Meeting - 9:00 a.m. (fellowship hall)

March 27: Trip to Rocky Hock Theater Sign up sheets available in Senior Adult Sunday School classes

### The Pastor's Pen...

### **Churchwide Prayer Points for February**

- 1. Pray for the Discipleship Now weekend for our students on the weekend of February 2-4. One of the real gems in this church is our Student Ministry, which is discipling a lot of students who are very serious about their faith. What a need this is for their generation. This D-Now weekend is designed to take our students deeper in their faith and to equip them to make a difference in their world. The highlight for us will be a student-led worship service on Sunday morning, February 4 at 11:00 (no 8:30 service that day). Pray that God will move in the hearts of students and that the leaders will be effective in their task.
- 2. Pray for our annual Parent Conference on Friday night, February 23, and Saturday morning, February 24. Besides our aforementioned Student Ministry, we should all be thankful as well for our ministry to children and families. Pastor David and Pastor Neil will give primary leadership to this discipleship opportunity for parents. The theme this year is a delicate one but a necessary one: "Parenting for Purity." We will be covering a lot of pressing topics like preparing your kids for puberty and protecting your kids from the ravages of pornography. Please pray that parents will show up, dig into these hard parenting challenges that are either already here or soon coming, and accept their calling to parent biblically in these dangerous times.
- 3. Pray for our Ecuador team that will be going on mission from February 20-27. Pastor Alberto, Ruby Dickerson, and Emily Alford will make up our team for this latest trip. Our Ecuador teams are partnering with a Baptist Church in Cusubamba to disciple believers and equip them to share Christ and plant churches in their community. We're still early in this partnership; foundations are still being set in place for future work. Pray that God will fill our team with the Holy Spirit and give them a great love for the church and for the lost in this area of Ecuador. Pray that they will be effective teachers/trainers and effective evangelists as they go out. Pray for receptive hearts as they share. And pray for safety and favor in the details as well.

Please keep these three February prayer items before you in the coming weeks. Perhaps you'll want to keep this list in your Bible so that when you meet with the Lord regularly you will be reminded to pray. How thankful I am to serve this wonderful Great Commission body of Christ. I love you all.

Pastor Robin



# June 26-June 30 Ridgecrest Conference Center

CentriKid Camp is an overnight camp for 3rd-6th graders that provides an opportunity for kids to make new friends, explore a new place, and encounter God in a new way. From track times and rec activities to Bible study and worship, we are praying for moments that will impact kids' faith forever.

Cost is \$160 per student
Go to <a href="http://www.sabaptist.org/ministries/childrens-ministry.html">http://www.sabaptist.org/ministries/childrens-ministry.html</a> and fill out the online form
(deadline for registration is February 11<sup>th</sup>).
For more information contact David Stanford at

252-382-0225 or email him at <a href="mailto:dstanford@sabaptist.org">dstanford@sabaptist.org</a>

### ECUADOR MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

Teams will be travelling to Ecuador on the following dates in 2018: February 20 - February 27 April 24 - May 1 July 24 - July 31 October 23 - October 30

If you are interested in joining one or more of these teams, please contact Fletcher or Ruby Dickerson, Pastor Alberto or Bob Unrue for details.

#### 2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

have been mailed. Please contact Kim in the church office if you do not receive your statement by February 5, 2018.



GriefShare is a biblical, Christ-centered program that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have returned to their daily life routines. Too often, people, including Christians, tend to stuff their grief instead of allowing it to do the God given work for which it is intended. Don't allow fear of what others may think keep you from what could help you. Confidentiality is very much a part of this program. Join us Wednesdays, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Contact Libby Bunn or Shari Carter if you need more information.

#### ONE CALL NOW MESSAGING SYSTEM

We have been using "One Call Now" to send important messages to our resident members since April 2017. We still have a number of members that have not signed up for this service. You have the option to receive messages from SABC by means of a text message, voice message or email. If you would prefer to receive text messages, text the word ALERT (all caps) to the telephone number 22300 and you will be signed up and ready to go. We are required by law to obtain your permission in order to send a text message. You will receive a text confirming that you are signed up. Please call or email Carol at ccollie@sabaptist.org to let her know you have signed up for text messages. Please note that if you are charged for texts based on your cell phone plan you will probably want to use voicemail on your home phone or email. We need to know which form of communication you would like to use. Only one number/email per person. This service is for our resident SABC members. Any questions? Please call Carol Collie in the church office.

# **Prayer Concerns**

Krystal Alston ~ Cathy Bass ~ Grace Berry ~ David Blackmon ~ Robert Blanton ~ Albert & Pat Boone ~ Bobby Britt ~ Millie Bryan ~ Marshall Campbell ~ Evelyn Carlisle ~ Ben Carpenter ~ Norma Castillo ~ Frances Daughtridge ~ Betty Sue Davis ~ Pam Davis ~ Ivan & Yvonne Dickerson ~ Ambler Dixon ~ Curtis Emigh ~ Miguel & Maribel Gonzalez ~ Mary Goodwin ~ Linward Green ~ Bury & Cathy Hendricks ~ Jamie Henry & baby Charlotte Phoebe ~ ~ Anna & Edwin Hernandez ~ Jake Hoggard ~ Pam Jenkins ~ Craig Johnson ~ Suzette Jones ~ Evelyn Kahn ~ Talena Lee & baby Hannah Grace ~ Judy McDaniel ~ Adam McRae ~ Alan Parker ~ Steve Pernell ~ John Powell ~ Patrick Richardson ~ Cliff Rose ~ Mike Rose ~ Hilda Rosser ~ Teresa Sadlosky ~ Jody Shearon ~ Sara Smith ~ Sandra Strickland ~ Wanda Toler ~ Linda Mae Tyson ~ Fannie Unrue ~ Jackie Walters ~ Garry Ward, Jr. ~ Virginia Ward ~ Georgia Wilson ~ Jeanne Woodley ~ King's Way Ministry ~ Stone Gate Ministry ~ Boston Partnership ~ South Asia Partnership ~ A Place of Grace Ministry ~ Hispanic Church ~ GriefShare Ministry ~ Ecuador Mission Team (February 20-27) ~ The Family of Annette Glover (Jim Cary's sister) ~ The Family of Annie Leppla (Laura Joyner's mother) ~ The Family of Deleon Parker (Angela Davis' father) ~ The Family of Bob Wiseman (Angela Hight's father) ~ The Family of Rena Hiatt ~ The Family of Tom Vick ~ The Family of Cheryl Walker ~ The Family Jimmy Matthews

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

#### MARCH NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Any information that you wish to have published in the February newsletter should be emailed to ccollie@sabaptist.org by noon on Thursday, February 22.

#### **KENNEDY HOME VISIT**

The Circle of Sisters WMU Group will be going to the Kennedy Home in Kinston on Saturday, February 10, to share Christ, enjoy refreshments, and fellowship with the children. The Kennedy Home is a part of the NC Baptist Children's Ministries and provides residential services for children experiencing family crisis, abuse or neglect. We will leave the church at 8:30 and return by 1:30. All SABC members are invited to join us. Contact Teri Taylor, Janet Wells or Ruby Dickerson if you would like to go.

December 24, 2017 - January 21, 2018 Attendance Totals

	Sunday School	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>
24	202	No Service	289
31	245	93	269
7	Snow	No Service-Snow	199
14	211	88	199
21	247	115	218

Membership Additions in 2018	1
By Baptism	0
By Transfer or Statement of Faith	1

# December 24, 2017 - January 21, 2018 Giving Totals

Giving Totals							
Offering Received		<b>Designated</b>	<b>Total Received</b>				
24	\$ 32,423.00	\$ 16,975.51	\$ 49,398.51				
31	\$ 21,473.72	\$ 9,780.43	\$ 31,254.15				
7	\$ 12,566.00	\$ 3,227.23	\$ 15,793.23				
14	\$ 13,136.72	\$ 3,128.00	\$ 16,264.72				
21	\$ 20,786.00	\$ 2,986.00	\$ 23,772.00				

#### Year to Date Budget through December 31, 2017

Required	Received	<b>Difference</b>
\$ 1,122,810.30	\$ 1,043,609.07	\${78,811.23}

# Year to Date Budget through January 21, 2018RequiredReceivedDifference\$ 43,553.62\$ 46,488.72\$ 2,935.10

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