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MISSIONS FAIR

When we use the word “missions,” we’re talking about work we’re pursuing as a church that centers around evangelism and/or church planting. As a means of challenging all of us to be hands-on somewhere in missions work, we’ll be holding a Missions Fair on Sunday morning, March 11. During this event, you will have a chance to learn about missions involvement in Rocky Mount, the U.S. and the nations.

How will it work?

**We will have a single, abbreviated worship service
on March 11 from 11:00-11:30
(no 8:30 service)**

The theme of that worship service will be Acts 1:8 participation. Then at 11:30, we will be dismissed to the fellowship hall where each of the missions opportunities we offer will be featured at tables set up so that you can learn more and consider where you feel led to plug in. There is a place for every active member at SABC to be involved in our missions strategy.

Come prayerfully and find your place!

*The Lord's Supper will be observed on
Palm Sunday, March 25
during the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services*

SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

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

March 27: Trip to Rocky Hock Theater
Sign up sheets are available in
Senior Adult Sunday School classes.
Bus will leave SABC at 9:00 a.m.
Returning approximately 4:30 p.m.
Cost: \$26 per person (includes lunch)
Deadline to pay is Sunday March 25
Sign up is required
There are a limited number of tickets
so sign up soon!



EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 1

Sunrise Service at Calvary Baptist

7:30 a.m.

(There will not be a breakfast served)

+ *No 8:30 Worship Service*

+ *9:45 Sunday School at SABC*

+ *11:00 Worship Service at SABC*

+ *No Evening Worship Service or Activities*

The Pastor's Pen...

This month we will begin collecting our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American missions. We will receive this offering all the way through Sunday, April 8. Our offering goal this year will be \$32,000 with a challenge goal of \$35,000.

To remind us of why we focus on North America at this time of the year, let me utilize some words and numbers from our North American Mission Board (NAMB). First, NAMB supports more than 5,000 missionaries who serve as church planters and in Send Relief compassion ministries throughout the U.S. and Canada. These missionaries are carrying out their sacrificial work in cities, rural communities, and college campuses where lives are being transformed with the gospel.

In John 3:18, the Bible says, "We must not love with word or speech, but with truth and action." John provides the essence of a life on mission; it's the calling for all followers of Christ. Sculpted in God's image, we are empowered by the Spirit to boldly share the gospel so that others will know His love. With over 269 million people in North America who do not know Jesus Christ, we must urgently pursue God's plan to be on mission here and now.

SABC's prayers and financial support make it possible for NAMB to train, resource, and send missionaries who share the gospel. John's words are being put into practice as Southern Baptist churches like ours all do our part. Every sacrificial gift makes a difference. NAMB tells us a \$10 gift can enable a missionary in Toronto to purchase gospel tracts to engage his community. A \$20 gift can enable a missionary to buy lunch and build a relationship with her Muslim neighbor. A \$50 gift ensures that a missionary has bus fare for a month to travel in an unreached area of his city. A \$150 gift ensures that an Oregon church plant's home groups are resourced with Bibles, books, and other discipleship materials. A \$400 gift allows a student missionary to spend time mentoring underprivileged children in the inner city. A \$500 gift allows a Maine church plant to hold a block party that will enable the starting of gospel conversations. A \$1200 gift will allow a missionary in New York to pay half a month's rent for an apartment. A \$2000 gift ensures that a new children's ministry in Colorado will be able to afford curriculum and equipment. A \$2400 gift allows a bi-vocational church planter to receive a seminary scholarship.

Whatever a sacrificial gift looks like for you, 100% of it goes to further the gospel on our own continent. Please begin to pray about your gift this year. Many have answered the call to go. If we're not to go there with them, surely we are to help them through our gifts and our prayers. May God help us to continue to be generous in our AAEO giving this year.

Yours and His,

Pastor Robin

OPERATION CHRISTMAS

CHILD UPDATE

Continue to pray for the 11 million children in 110 countries who received Shoebox gifts through Operation Christmas Child. Millions are them will be enrolling in The Greatest Journey discipleship lessons in the coming months. Many thanks to those who contributed so generously so that the children may hear the gospel and know the love of Christ.

Teri Taylor

THANK YOU

Dear SABC,

Once again I'm in awe of your support of the Gideon ministry. With the offering received this past Sunday, we will be able to purchase 250 Bibles or over 1100 New Testaments for our Lord to use in a divine encounter with a lost soul.

Thank you so much for your continued support. It is our prayer that God will bless you for partnering with us in His kingdom work. To Him be the Glory!

I remain humbled and honored to serve and worship our Lord along side you!

Yours in Christ,

Rodney Hodges

(Total Given: \$1392.00)



**TURN YOUR
CLOCKS
AHEAD**

**Don't forget to turn
your clocks forward
one hour on Saturday
night, March 10th**

ON MISSION
**HERE &
NOW**

WEEK OF PRAYER

FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

March 4 - March 11

AND THE ANNIE ARMSTRONG

EASTER OFFERING

SABC Goal: \$ 32,000

Challenge Goal: \$ 35,000



RELAY FOR LIFE OF NASH COUNTY

Friday, April 27

(begins at 4:00 p.m.)

Located at the Rocky Mount
Athletic Complex

This annual event seeks to
raise money and awareness for

cancer research, to celebrate survivors and to
remember those who have lost their battle with this
most difficult disease. If you would like to support

this cause as an individual or a class,
contact Anise Rose (443-2739). You can also
make donations for luminaries or torches
in memory or in honor of a loved one.

Prayer Concerns

Emily Alford ~ David Blackmon ~ Robert Blanton ~ Albert & Pat Boone ~ Bobby Britt ~ Millie Bryan ~ Marshall Campbell ~ Evelyn Carlisle ~ Ben Carpenter ~ Jim Cary ~ Norma Castillo ~ Frances Daughtridge ~ Betty Sue Davis ~ Pam Davis ~ Ivan & Yvonne Dickerson ~ Ambler Dixon ~ Curtis Emigh ~ Jeff Godwin ~ Miguel & Maribel Gonzalez ~ Mary Goodwin ~ Linward Green ~ Casen Guy ~ Bury & Cathy Hendricks ~ Anna & Edwin Hernandez ~ Jake Hoggard ~ Pam Jenkins ~ Craig Johnson ~ Suzette Jones ~ Judy King ~ Judy McDaniel ~ Adam McRae ~ Steve Pernell ~ John Powell ~ Cliff Rose ~ Mike Rose ~ Hilda Rosser ~ Teresa Sadlosky ~ Jody Shearon ~ 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) ~ Ward Terrill in the loss of his brother ~ The Family of Becky Hellard (Lisa Williams' sister) ~ The Family of Reverend Billy Graham

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

APRIL 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, March 22.

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**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER,
CALENDAR & "THOSE SERVING" SCHEDULE**
are now available on the church website: sabaptist.org

ECUADOR MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

Teams will be travelling to Ecuador on
the following dates in 2018:

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.

January 28, 2018 - February 18, 2018

Attendance Totals

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>
28	230	101	196
4	211	No 8:30	253
11	235	93	242
18	243	119	203

Membership Additions in 2018

1

By Baptism	0
By Transfer or Statement of Faith	1

January 28, 2018 - February 18, 2018

Giving Totals

	<u>Offering Received</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Received</u>		
28	\$ 16,343.00	\$ 3,310.00	\$ 19,653.00
4	\$ 18,970.72	\$ 7,593.30	\$ 26,564.02
11	\$ 19,511.72	\$ 7,290.41	\$ 26,802.13
18	Not Available		

Year to Date Budget through February 18, 2018

<u>Required</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Not Available		

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