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Every Believer a Witness

SEPTEMBER 30 – OCTOBER 3
Sunday, September 30 @ 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Monday, October 1-Wednesday, October 3 @ 6:30 p.m.

"Making sharing your faith easy, fun and effective."
No Visits to Make! No Videos to Watch!
No Scriptures to Memorize! No Books to Read!
No CD's to Listen To! Nothing to Memorize!
Start praying for this life-changing event!

The Sunday morning service will be recorded as usual.
Due to copyright restrictions, Sunday night through Wednesday night services will not be recorded, but may be purchased from "Every Believer A Witness Ministries" during revival week.

FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday

October 27

3:30-6:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited for a fun afternoon of food, games, candy and more!

Those wishing to volunteer to help and/or make cupcakes for the cake walk can sign up in Sunday School classes or contact David Stanford at dstanford@sabaptist.org

DEEPER GROUPS RESUME

Sunday, October 7th at 6:00 p.m.
Sign up in Sunday School classes or contact Neil at nwoodcock@sabaptist.org

QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

Wednesday, October 17
6:30 p.m.
There will be no other service or activities

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child will be available the first week of October. Be sure to take a box or boxes and fill with simple gifts. Ideas and directions are included in each box. Filled boxes will need to be returned by November 14th.
Fill a box and share Jesus with a child!
Boxes will be located at the stairway leading to the Hispanic sanctuary and the library hallway.

The Pastor's Pen…

WHAT NEXT?

For the last several weeks, we have been preparing for *Every Believer a Witness*, a time of focused attention on sharing the gospel. Actually, we've been preparing for this evangelism emphasis for several years. Let me explain. Several years ago, we as a church went through a study on revival led by Henry Blackaby entitled, *Fresh Encounter*. In that series, we learned that prayer was a key to calling down a work of revival from God. So we started focusing on prayer as a church. Prayer groups started to spring up. Then we went through another study led by Jim Cymbala entitled, *My House Shall be Called a House of Prayer*. Since then we've birthed a "Prayer Guard" ministry that now has over eighty people each week fasting and praying for our church. We have grown much in prayer as a congregation.

All of that praying has been preparatory to where we are now. When we pray for revival and God begins to stir, we've learned that one of the things that He does in the church is give a new burden for the lost and for sharing the gospel. As we've prayed, I have no doubt that God has been doing that work in many of our people. There is an increasing awareness that we must share the good news more powerfully and effectively right here in Rocky Mount as well as in New England and overseas. So now we are focusing on getting ready to go out and be more engaged in evangelism as a church. *Every Believer a Witness* is helping us get ready.

So now the question after this revival concludes is, "What next?" How will we go about mobilizing to be more effective evangelistically in our city? For the four Sundays in October, I will be preaching a sermon series entitled, "What Next?" We're going to talk about how all of us can take this newfound burden for souls and get busy in making Christ known. Will it be challenging? It will be. Will the enemy tell us to stay quiet? Yes he will. But it will also be a time of spiritual growth and excitement as we pursue God's will in our city. So I urge you to be a part of these October messages. Come prayerfully and expectantly.

Finally, keep in your prayers the victims of Hurricane Florence. I encourage you to give through Samaritan's Purse, the North American Mission Board, North Carolina Baptists on Mission, or other relief organizations. And stay tuned for ways our church can be involved in hands-on efforts to minister to our neighbors in need in these devastated areas. I'm thankful for this church family.

Pastor Robin

Fall Festival "Pot Luck" Lunch

Friday, October 12
We will leave SABC at 11:30
SABC Senior Adults have been invited as guests at the Church of the Nazarene.

SABC SENIOR ADULTS

Tuesday, October 16
NC State Fair Trip
We will leave SABC at 9:00 a.m.
Sign up for both events in the Senior Adults Sunday School classes

CHRIST C.A.N. OFFERING

Sunday
October 7
An offering for Christ C.A.N. will be received at the conclusion of the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services. Please make checks payable to Sunset Avenue Baptist Church and designate C-C.A.N. on your check and envelope.

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION ANNUAL MEETING

Any member interested in serving as an elected messenger from SABC to the Annual Meeting should contact the church office before October 17. The dates this year are November 5-6 and the place is the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro.

You are invited to a Bridal Shower
for Amber Bissette and Seth Fisher
Sunday, October 21
2:00-4:00 pm
SABC Fellowship Hall
They are registered at Belks, Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond

EMBRACE 86 PARTNERSHIP

Instead of partnering solely with Abundant Life Ministries, both our churches are now partnering with several other churches to impact lostness in "Pocket of Lostness #86" in Rocky Mount. So far we have 7 churches participating (SABC, Abundant Life, Englewood Baptist, Calvary Baptist, First Baptist RM, Word Tabernacle, and Edgemont Baptist). Other churches are showing interest. As we begin this local partnership, pray that we will see other churches come on board and see God tear down man-made barriers so that kingdom cooperation and kingdom growth will be evident for all to see.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Sunday, October 28
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

As we follow up on our "Every Believer a Witness" commitments, we will occasionally go out together into the surrounding neighborhoods to survey and converse with those around us. You'll be hearing more, so stay tuned and plan to join us!
Pastor Robin

Prayer Concerns

Gail Ayers ~ Emma Bailey ~ David Blackmon ~ Albert & Pat Boone ~ Marshall Campbell ~ Evelyn Carlisle ~ Norma Castillo ~ Phil Davenport ~ Betty Sue Davis ~ Faye Davis ~ Pam Davis ~ Ivan & Yvonne Dickerson ~ Ambler Dixon ~ Tony Doughtie ~ Mary Elliott ~ Curtis Emigh ~ Betty Lou Eure ~ Miguel & Maribel Gonzalez ~ Darryl Gschwind ~ Mary Goodwin ~ Diane Griffin~ Bury & Cathy Hendricks ~ Debby Henry ~ Jake Hoggard ~ Jamie ~ Jake Jacobs ~ Craig Johnson ~ Ben Lewis ~ Dave Mason ~ Bill & Judy McDaniel ~ Adam McRae ~ Frances Morris ~ Bennie Murray ~ Jerry O'Carroll ~ Steve Pernell ~ Butch Petty ~ Sammy Matthews ~ Jean Price ~ Ruth Roberson ~ Cliff Rose ~ Lindsay Rose ~ Hilda Rosser ~ Teresa Sadlosky ~ Jody Shearon ~ Linda Mae Tyson ~ Garry Ward, Jr. ~ Virginia Ward ~ Katie Warren ~ Beth Whatley ~ Alice Williams ~ Georgia Wilson ~ King's Way Ministry ~ Stone Gate Ministry ~ Boston Partnership ~ A Place of Grace Ministry ~ Hispanic Church ~ GriefShare Ministry ~ The Family of Viola Meade (Brandon Vick's grandmother) ~ The Family of Diane Griffin ~ The Family of Ruby McLamb ~ The Family of Jackie and Gary Skelton

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

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Any information that you wish to have published in the October newsletter should be emailed to ccollie@sabaptist.org by noon on Friday, October 19th.

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

OPERATION JOSEPH OFFERING

September 2 - September 30
Offering Goal: $4,000
Total given as of September 23: $6,645.00

September 2, 2018 - September 23, 2018
Attendance Totals

	Sunday School	8:30	11:00	Hispanic 11:00
2	191	87	181	25
9	237	Homecoming	320	22
16	253	115	191	21
23	207	97	172	13

Membership Additions in 2018

By Baptism	3
By Transfer or Statement of Faith	6

September 2, 2018 - September 23, 2018
Giving Totals

	Offering Received	Designated	Total Received
2	$ 21,608.72	$ 7,791.00	$ 29,399.72
9	$ 22,469.00	$ 5,265.57	$ 27,734.57
16	$ 21,238.00	$ 3,251.56	$ 24,489.56
23	$ 11,904.60	$ 5,083.99	$ 16,988.59

Year to Date Budget through September 23, 2018

Required	Received	Difference
$ 827,518.78	$ 726,139.80	$ [101,378.98]

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