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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, please contact David at dstanford@sabaptist.org

FALL FESTIVAL FOLLOW-UP Sunday, November 4 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

We will meet in the fellowship hall and then go out to visit non-churched visitors who attended our Fall Festival.

Enter
his gates
with
thanksgiving...

Psalms 100:4



**THANKSGIVING
MEAL
AND SERVICE**
Wednesday, November 14
Meal:
5:30 - 6:15 p.m.
(Please sign up in the
November 11 Sunday
bulletin)

Thanksgiving Service:
6:30 p.m.

**GRIEF SHARE
SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS**
Help and hope as you navigate the
Christmas season

Wednesday, November 7
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated?

Our Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. You'll learn:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
 - What to do about traditions and other coming changes
 - Helpful tips for surviving social events
 - How to discover hope for your future
- Contact Libby Bunn for details (452-3217)**

**BAPTISM
SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 18**

There will only be one morning worship service at 11:00 a.m. All of our Hispanic congregation and our children ages 3 and up will join us for the first few minutes of the service as we baptize.

The Pastor's Pen...

For several weeks now, we've been talking about "Every Believer a Witness." Before our recent EBAW training revival started, we learned that if revival truly comes, one of the indicators will be an increasing concern for lost souls. And then during that revival, there was a tremendous response to Dennis Nunn and his practical teaching. It was obvious to me and to others that God was at work in this witnessing emphasis.

Since the revival ended a month ago, we have been reinforcing how we can keep our promises to God in bearing witness. We've talked about praying differently, asking the Lord to save the lost (Rom. 10), to send out workers (Mt. 9), and to strengthen His witnesses with boldness (Acts 4, Eph. 6). We've also talked about paying closer attention to the "persons of peace" around us. Clearly the Lord has been calling us to focus on this aspect of discipleship.

I don't desire for this emphasis on witnessing to slowly fade away so we can get back to "normal." There should be nothing normal in a New Testament church about God's people never sharing their faith with the lost. We will continue to push, on a weekly basis, the biblical truth that all of us who are believers are called and equipped to be a witness to Christ and His gospel.

Remember the four "tools" in your EBAW "Toolbox." The first tool is our True Life church invitation cards. The second tool is the gospel tracts that we are now making available. The third tool is prayer, specifically praying for servers. And the fourth tool is your personal story of your life before you met Christ, how you met Christ, and your new life since you met Christ. If you will work on utilizing these four tools every single week, you will see God begin to do a radical work of discipleship in your life and in the life of SABC.

Finally, I want to say one more time that I want to hear from you in the coming weeks and months regarding how God has allowed you to utilize any or all of these four tools. As we share our experiences with each other, we will see God doing a mighty work in the body of Christ. I certainly believe we'll see more people come to faith in Christ and be baptized. What an encouragement that will be for us all.

Stick with it. Remember that the goal is not perfection but progress. Ask the Lord often to give you a burden and a boldness to witness. When you fail, don't quit; simply ask God for forgiveness and determine to begin again. When God gives you even a small victory, thank Him for the work He's doing in your life. As Thanksgiving approaches this year, the thing I'm most grateful for church-wise is that God is graciously leading us to be more faithful witnesses.

Have a great Thanksgiving. I love you all.

Pastor Robin

SENIOR ADULTS NOVEMBER / DECEMBER EVENTS

Tuesday, November 13 at 9:00 a.m.

Celebrate Veterans Day at SABC with a pancake breakfast and fellowship. Seniors from the Church of the Nazarene will join us.

Tuesday, November 27

Departure time to be determined

The Rocky Hock Playhouse of Edenton, NC production of "Christ the Savior is Born". See Brenda Stephenson regarding tickets. 27 tickets have been reserved. \$26 includes lunch and the theater presentation.

Tuesday, December 4 at 11:00 a.m.

at Sunset Avenue Baptist Church

North Roanoke Baptist Association Senior Adults Lunch. Lunch will be catered by Robert Harris Catering. Rusty Hubcaps will entertain with Hillbilly Christmas. See Brenda Stephenson for details.



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 are located at the stairway leading to the Hispanic sanctuary and the library hallway.

SABC members will be on **MISSION TO ECUADOR November 13-20th** and we want to remember them in prayer while they are preparing as a team, as they travel, and while they are serving. Another way to be a blessing is by sharing words of scripture and encouragement that they can share during their daily devotional time.

Cards and notes of encouragement can be for the entire team, individuals, or both. Please take just a few minutes to send your thoughts, prayers, and words of encouragement to them. It really means so much to know that others are praying for them. These cards along with our daily devotion time was a true blessing for our July Ecuador Team.

TEAM MEMBERS:

Fletcher Dickerson

Bob Unrue

Ruby Dickerson

Emily Alford

Please have your cards ready for pick up during **SUNDAY SCHOOL on November 4th**. I will be visiting each class to collect them and then sorting into larger envelopes for each team member.

Thank you for supporting our Mission Teams in this way!
Laura Joyner

LADIES CHRISTMAS EXCHANGE

Come and join us for the Ladies Christmas Exchange as we celebrate the greatest gift of all!

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

*This year we are asking you to only bring
(3) gifts to exchange.*

Please feel free to invite your friends and families!

Sign up sheets will be available in the Sunday School classes and need to be turned in before Sunday, November 18, 2018 so a count can be turned in for the meal.

We wish you A



Merry Christmas

Prayer Concerns

Gail Ayers ~ Emma Bailey ~ David Blackmon ~ Albert & Pat Boone ~ Wilbur Bryant ~ Marshall Campbell ~ Norma Castillo ~ Phil Davenport ~ Betty Sue Davis ~ Pam Davis ~ Ivan & Yvonne Dickerson ~ Ambler Dixon ~ Tony Doughtie ~ Curtis Emigh ~ Ondra Gainey ~ Miguel & Maribel Gonzalez ~ Darryl Gschwind ~ Mary Goodwin ~ Bury & Cathy Hendricks ~ Jake Hoggard ~ Lisa Howell ~ Jake Jacobs ~ Pam Jenkins ~ Craig Johnson ~ Dave Mason ~ Bill & Judy McDaniel ~ Adam McRae ~ Bob Moore ~ Frances Morris ~ David Narron ~ Jerry O'Carroll ~ Steve Pernell ~ Sammy Matthews ~ Hilda Pridgen ~ Ruth Roberson ~ Cliff Rose ~ Lindsay Rose ~ Hilda Rosser ~ Teresa Sadlosky ~ Jody Shearon ~ Linda Mae Tyson ~ Garry Ward, Jr. ~ Virginia Ward ~ Beth Whatley ~ Cindy Whitehurst ~ Alice Williams ~ Georgia Wilson ~ Jimmy Winters ~ King's Way Ministry ~ Stone Gate Ministry ~ Boston Partnership ~ A Place of Grace Ministry ~ Hispanic Church ~ GriefShare Ministry ~ The Family of Phillip Leon Davenport (Jeremy Lucas' grandfather) ~ The Family of Bobby Britt (Mike Britt's brother) ~ The Family of Betty Lou Eure (Pat Doughtie's aunt) ~ The Family of Jeff Jackson

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

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 21st.

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

OPERATION JOSEPH OFFERING

Offering Goal: \$4,000

Final Total given as of September 30: \$9,435.00



**Daylight Saving Time ends
Sunday November 4
at 2:00 a.m.**

September 30, 2018 - October 21, 2018

Attendance Totals

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>Hispanic 11:00</u>
30	240	125	193	20
7	240	109	176	21
14	228	112	218	20
21	224	100	192	15

Membership Additions in 2018

By Baptism	3
By Transfer or Statement of Faith	7

September 30, 2018 - October 21, 2018

Giving Totals

<u>Offering Received</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Total Received</u>
30 \$ 17,809.65	\$ 6,021.15	\$ 23,830.80
7 \$ 27,832.00	\$13,374.41	\$ 41,206.41
14 \$ 26,001.70	\$ 812.00	\$ 26,813.70
21 \$ 13,204.00	\$ 310.95	\$ 13,514.95

Year to Date Budget through October 21, 2018

<u>Required</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$914,626.02	\$810,987.15	\$ [103,638.87]

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