

SANDSTON BAPTIST CHURCH

His Last Command, Our First Concern

Matthew 28:18-20

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July Supply Pastor Schedule

July 7, 2024: Rev. Boyd Herrington

Rev. Boyd Herrington, called to preach in his teenage years, graduated from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and has preached and pastored in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Virginia. Boyd and his wife Andrea and children Shannon and Nathan served 12 years in southeast Asia as International Mission Board missionaries. Boyd and Andrea are both currently employed by New Kent Schools and we are blessed to have them as part of our Sandston Baptist Church family.

July 14, 2024: Dr. Ed Shepherd

Dr. Ed Shepherd is a graduate of VCU and worked at VEPCO (now Dominion Power) for several years until he responded to the Lord's call to the pastoral ministry in 1979. He has a Master of Divinity degree with languages from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Doctorate of Ministry degree from Baptist Theological Seminary. He pastored Beulah Baptist Church in King William County, VA for 38 years. His guiding scripture for ministry has been 1 Corinthians 2:2: "*For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.*"

July 21, 2024: Rev. Kenneth (Ken) Stalls

We welcome back Rev. Stalls, who has a Master of Divinity with Languages from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and a career of ministerial service that includes serving as Director of Missions for the Little River Baptist Association in North Carolina, Senior Pastor at churches in Newport News VA and Frederick MD, and many interim pastorates. His testimony describes how God called him to the pastoral ministry and provided him the gifts needed for what God called him to do. He writes, "Love, joy, peace and all of the fruit of His Spirit flood my soul and I could not possibly ask for more than He has given me."

July 28, 2024: Rev. Todd Combee

We welcome "our own" Rev. Todd Combee back to Sandston! Rev. Combee served 34 years as a military chaplain in the Virginia Army National Guard and the U.S. Army Reserve, and he also served here at Sandston Baptist Church, alongside our Pastor Karl, as an Associate Pastor. After leaving Sandston he served for 18 years as pastor of Bethesda Baptist Church in Mechanicsville. He now serves as director of Chaplaincy Relations, a ministry of Texas Baptists that oversees the endorsement, training, and support of chaplains. Rev. Combee and his wife Susan continue to live in the Mechanicsville, VA area. They have two sons and three grandchildren.

The Pastor Search Committee (PSC) is pleased to announce that starting August 1, 2024, Rev. Tom Gaskins will fill the role of INTERIM PASTOR at Sandston Baptist Church. As Interim Pastor, Rev. Gaskins will routinely preach at our Sunday worship services and he will also assist with some pastoral duties in a "part time" capacity. We welcome Rev. Gaskins to this role and know that he will help guide and lead us during our transition period in the weeks to come.

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

For children around the world, a shoebox is often their very first gift. Given together with the Good News of Jesus Christ, it communicates God's love to a boy or girl in need.

So, it is important to make sure your gift is ...

FUN

includes a "wow" item and other quality toys



FULL

packed to the brim with additional "school supplies" and "personal care items"



PERSONALIZED



prayed over and contains a note and photo, which are often the child's favorite items!

Operation Christmas Child!

Greetings Church Family from the Dottie Williamson Missions Group!

What do cookies, comforters, crayons, crafts, sandwiches and concrete have in common? Our group meets on the first Monday of the month and we engage in projects to support our community, in Christ's name. Here are some of the things we're up to!

Cookies: We bake and take cookies to the *faculty and staff of our three SHOW schools* and for *our first responders-police and fire*, to let them know that they are respected and appreciated for the sacrifices that they make to keep us safe.

Housing Families First, (also known as Hilliard House), is a non-profit organization that assists unsheltered families transition into permanent housing. We provide many household necessities needed while they are in residence there, and as they move into their new homes.

Ronald McDonald House: We provide support to children and their families while the children are receiving medical treatment at Children's Hospital. We put together Activity Packs that provide fun things for the children to do and Grag N' Go Bags filled with snacks and food for parents as they head to the hospital to spend hours with their child. Also, don't forget those pull tabs--**Pull for the House!!**

Masonic Home: We remember the residents there quarterly with a small token crafted by our group.

Blessing Warriors: We provide bagged lunches every other month to those who are served by this non-profit organization that serves the unsheltered in the greater Richmond community. Service to this organization has been ongoing since 2018.

Prayer Walk: We cover our community in prayer as we walk the streets of our neighborhood, weather permitting. We walk around our church covering every area from our babies to our adults.

Do any of these opportunities to reach out to our community, in Christ's name, speak to you? Watch for bulletin inserts that will let you know what we're up to! You may also reach out to Jean Jones (804)690-2675 (please leave a message) or email jonezee51@gmail.com for more information as to how you can come alongside us with hands-on participation or through your financial support of our missions. To God Be the Glory 🙏

-Jean Jones



Hello Church Family!

I hope this message finds you all well and that you are enjoying the warm summer days. We have had an incredible year so far, and I'm thrilled to share all the exciting activities and events we have planned for our children's ministry this summer.

Vacation Bible School (VBS): Our annual VBS is just around the corner! This year's theme is "The Great Jungle Journey," we can't wait to explore God's word through fun activities, crafts, music, and games. VBS will be held from July 22nd to July 24th, from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM daily. Registration is now open, so sign up your children and invite friends and neighbors to join us for this fantastic week.

Family Fun Nights: We kicked off our first Family Fun Night on June 28th, which was a wonderful time! We played carnival games, enjoyed face painting, and had fun as a church family and community. Be sure to mark your calendars for our next fun night on July 26th from 6:00-8:00 PM.

SWAG Jr.: Our summer Wednesday night activities for children will kick off on July 10th at 6:30 PM. We have a lot planned for the summer, including a movie night, science experiments, water fun, and messy games!

GA/RA Campout: Our annual RA/GA campout is July 19th-21st at North Bend Park & Campground on Kerr Lake. Four campsites are reserved for tents, and we will be kayaking, canoeing, and having fun at this beautiful lake! Children in GA must have a parent/guardian attend with them. This is a fun time to fellowship together and have fun in the great outdoors! Please reach out to Doug Milby or Lindsay Horne for more information. Sign up in the hallway!

Looking Ahead: As we look ahead to the fall, we are excited to announce that our Awana program will resume in September. We have some wonderful curriculum planned that we know your kids will love.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our children's ministry. Watching our children grow in their faith and develop a deeper relationship with God is a blessing. If you have any questions or need more information about our summer activities, please don't hesitate to contact me. Wishing you all a joyful and blessed summer!

Lindsay Horne

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Youth and Parents,

As I write this newsletter, I am putting final touches and prepping for departure for our mission trip. As you are reading this, we are wrapping up our week in Huntington, WV with World Changers. We have 33 people going with 24 youth and 9 adults/young adults on trip. Thank you for your continued support and prayer as we go through this week! We look forward to being able to share about our experience when we return! Thank you to Kassie Hayes, Margaret Bryant, Molly Milby, Doug Milby, Boyd Herrington, Fred Meredith, Jesse Crider, and Andrew Welenteychik for helping be our chaperones and leaders on our trip!

Youth in July- Stay tuned for updates (posted to Facebook SBC Fusion page and emailed through sbcyouth.info@gmail.com) for what we will be doing each week! We will have our SWAG (Summer Wednesday Activities w/ God) activities during the month of July. Please check for emails and posts to Facebook for what we will be doing each of the Wednesday's in July! Our SWAG schedule will likely run until August 14. If you are not familiar with our SWAG summer, we have themed nights like Water Games, Pizza and a movie, Youth Olympics, Dorey Park night, etc. These nights usually go from 6:30-8 through the summer. Updates on each week will be sent via email and posted to Facebook, reminder that July 22-24 will be our VBS Week (Youth will be helping that Wednesday night instead of regular SWAG).

Don't forget to sign up for VBS if you have a Pre-K through rising 6th grader! Youth and adults we need some volunteers to help for VBS that week, pay attention to our email/Facebook announcements for opportunities to sign up to help.

Sunday School- Reminder, we will continue to have Sunday School right after the 9 AM service, so around 10:15 until 11:15 Sunday mornings in the Youth House.

If you want to get more youth updates join our SBC Fusion Facebook group or email me at sbcyouth.info@gmail.com to get added to our email list.

I hope you all have a great summer!

Justin Blunt

BIBLE STUDY NEWS

FROM E'BETH

Are you called? Not on the phone! **Are you lead?** Not by the nose! **Are you gifted?** Not with presents but with His presence!

It's that time of year our church body needs Bible Study leaders and teachers for the September 2024 - August 2023 year. If you currently are a Bible Study teacher/leader please consider continuing to serve God in this capacity. This year and possibly next are seasons of change for us and consistency is highly valued for solidarity, strength, and continuity. If you are not currently a teacher/leader and feel called or lead to do so please reach out to myself, by the end of July.

The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 12:12-29 that God has given people in the "church" different gifts to benefit the whole body of believers. Just like our own bodies have eyes, ears, feet and hands to do different jobs to allow our entire body to function, the Church body of believers, of which you are an integral part, is made up of different persons who have been gifted to do different tasks.

So...Not everyone is a teacher. 1 Corinthians 12:28-29 reemphasizes this point, by saying: "God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?" Ask yourself..."Are all teachers?" No, they are not. So, not everyone is a teacher. And...Not everyone should SEEK to BECOME a teacher. James 3:1 tells us: "Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly." James was warning his fellow believers in the early church that not many of them should seek to become teachers, because those who teach will be judged more strictly. So... maybe you're done now and read no further. Maybe you already know that you should NOT be a teacher. Perhaps you already realize that you are NOT gifted to teach, or maybe you've realized that you do NOT desire to be judged more strictly. If so, then it's time to walk away from this. Do something else. Use your gifts. Help others. God has something planned just for you!

Ephesians 2:10 tells us: For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

You cannot go wrong if you are in God's will using your God given gifts and talents to benefit the body of Christ; doing the good works, which God prepared in advance for you to do! God bless and thank you!

If you are still here and reading... if in your heart you know that you are a teacher... if the idea of leaving teaching makes your heart sad... Then stay. Teaching is for you and your church body needs you and God will richly bless you.

If you are considering, examine your heart. Do you want to help lead others to Christ as their LORD and Savior and to grow in knowledge of Him? Would teaching be a good use of your gifts and talents? If you answered yes to these question pray about teaching a class for children or leading a group for adults. Again, contact me.

We are considering having a Sunday School potluck picnic in October 2024. If interested in helping to organize, decorate, serve in any way please contact me. If we have enough interest and helpers we can move forward with plans.

Housekeeping reminders: Turn off lights and air conditioners after class and please dispose of coffee in sinks only, no fountains. Also please be cognoscente of our Safety team on Sunday mornings and their time. Fellowship is important and we strongly encourage it, however we need to close and lock the building for safety and allow all families to enjoy the remainder of their Sunday.

-E'Beth Watts

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I hope everyone is having a great summer! While this time of year is a time for relaxation and much needed vacations, our work for the Lord continues on.

The Youth left for their annual mission trip, VBS gets underway this month, and there are many opportunities out there for you to serve and take part in.

Of course, I'm always looking for persons interested in taking part in our music program, whether the Adult Choir, Praise Team, or any special music. But did you realize that we have a "Worship Production Team" that is busy each week putting together Power Point presentations, allowing us to "Livestream" our services, and operating the sound system. This is not a one-person operation. Different people are doing different jobs each week to make sure our services run smoothly, and most of the time they're not committed to serve but once or twice a month. If you've ever looked at the desk area where the sound board is located, or the opposite side where the Livestream/Power Point desk is, it can be a little intimidating.

Don't let that dissuade you from finding out if this is your place to serve the Lord. Just let me, Stewart Meredith, or Troy Westerman know if you have an interest, and one of us will walk you through what we do each week.

Singing for the Savior

Tommy Blunt



I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer so far. The Buildings and Grounds committee would like to summarize why the trees were removed out front. The trees were diseased and becoming very brittle, thus branches were constantly falling off and sometimes onto parked vehicles. For safety reasons, it was suggested by two tree companies and Eds Landscaping that the best solution would be to remove the trees and replant something in the fall. A company had an opening and we needed to react quickly, which is why I did not have time to prepare everyone for the change. For that I apologize, but it was necessary for the safety of our church members and our community. Bradford pears typically have a lifespan of 15-20 years, so we were fortunate to enjoy them for over 30 years. I hope this helps you understand the reasoning behind the decision to remove the trees. I appreciate everyone calling me, speaking with me in church, and texting me whenever you see something that needs the attention of our committee. Moving forward, I am requesting that you fill out the new maintenance request form online and email it to me at SBCBG1@gmail.com, or fill out one from the clipboard located in the basement area outside the Buildings and Grounds room (where the puzzles used to sit) and drop it in the box next to the clipboard. I am hoping this method will allow us a better way to prioritize maintenance needs as well as make it easier for you to inform us. Again, thank you for all of the input and helping identify needs throughout the church. I look forward to seeing you all soon, and thank you for the opportunity to serve!

In His Service,

Curtis Bryant





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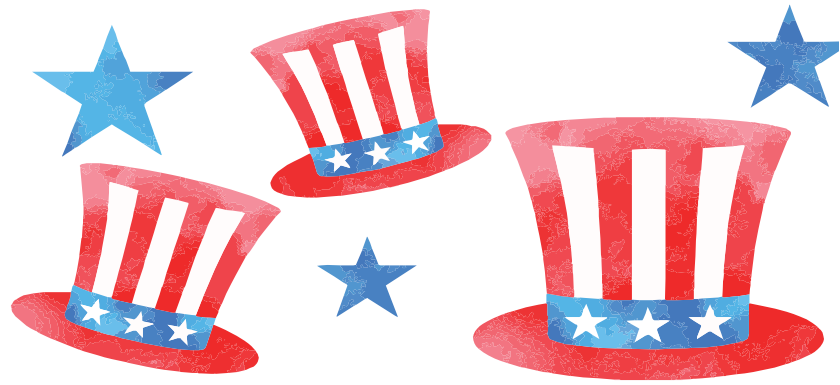
Birthdays



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Jacqueline Adams Emilie Blunt David Durette Sandi Palmer Courtney Powell Bryan Wade	2 Randy Abernathy Christina Fletcher Mike Redman Steffany Sarvay Logan Watts	3 Gene Davis Angie Harding	4 Thomas Cannon	5 April Dryden Jason Orton Tiffany Shobe	6 Mark Evan Culbertson Donna Heilman Sonya Roland
7 Trey Baker Tyler Dotson Brittany Gerloff Brooke Harding Dawn Kirby Neil McKay Jr. Theodore Stevens Jr.	8 Sarah Brown Sherry Harper Jacob Royal	9 Johnathan Barlow Devin Barlow Brooke Bottari Nancy Clark Noah Hazelgrove William Kulp Craig Stevens Gary Stevens	10 Lora Blanton Mackenzie Jaquez William Mooney	11 Brad Middleton Emily Robertson	12 Micah Groome Ryker Long	13 Robin Fields Andrew Hardiman Nikki Maxey Ron Palmer Mary Powell Tommy Snead
14 Alyssa Askew Shirley Hailey Shannon Mantlo Kathryn Martin Rice	15 Bonnie Abernathy Sandy Lambert Edward Moore Jr. Jody O'Neil	16 Sherry Baker Blaine Cole	17 James Byron Easter Galloway Heather Schaeffer Eric Steele Buddy Wallace Rebecca Wallace	18 Becky Byron Jamison Tomes	19 Joy Hazelgrove Heather Meador	20
21 Jack Clanton Alex Flannery Jeannie Graham Alex Flannery Jennifer Schmid	22 Craig Harmon Karl Heilman Michael Stitzer Ollie Truman	23 Thomas Blunt Curtis Bryant Daniel Home	24 Paul Anthony Burke Jr. Katelyn Cylc Aimee Davies Steven Gooch Deborah Stewart Jessica Stitzer	25 James Willis Burton Frankie Harper Hailey Massey Carter Scott	26 Tonya Haller Linda Ramey Bobby Seargent	27 Brenda Brock John Rayfield III Debra Rochon Duane Ruff Rocky Scott
28 Edward Canada Pixie Welentaychik	29 Diana Newman	30 Stephanie White	31 Jennifer Loving Pamela Martin Tristan Roberts			

July

EVENTS



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10am Note Writing 11am Williamson Group 6:30pm Men's Basketball	2 2pm Vanlear Group	3 6:30pm Adult Choir, HIS Group, Youth Activities	4 Happy 4th of July! <i>*Church Office Closed*</i>	5	6
7 9am Worship 10:15am Bible Study 5:30pm Portuguese Ministry	8 10am Note Writing 6pm Mission Team Meeting BG 6:30pm Men's Basketball	9	10 6:30pm Adult Choir, HIS Group, Youth Activities	11 11:30am Friendly/Singles Club @ Outback Steakhouse in Mechanicsville 7pm Deacon's Meeting	12	13
14 9am Worship 10:15am Bible Study Following Bible Study VBS Volunteer Meeting in the Sanctuary 5:30pm Portuguese Ministry	15 10am Note Writing 6:30pm Men's Basketball	16	17 6:30pm Adult Choir, HIS Group, Youth Activities	18 <i>*Church Office Closing at 1pm*</i>	19 RA/GA Camp Out	20 RA/GA Camp Out
21 9am Worship 10:15am Bible Study 5:30pm Churchwide Prayer Meeting 5:30pm Portuguese Ministry RA/GA Camp Out	22 10am Note Writing 5:30pm-8:30pm VBS 6:30pm Men's Basketball	23 5:30pm-8:30pm VBS	24 5:30pm-8:30pm VBS 6:30pm Adult Choir, HIS Group, Youth Activities	25 10am Quilters	26 6pm-8pm Fourth Friday Family Fun Night BG	27
28 9am Worship 10:15am Bible Study 2pm-4pm Sistahood Ice Cream Social 5:30pm Portuguese Ministry	29 10am Note Writing 6:30pm Men's Basketball	30	31 6:30pm Adult Choir, HIS Group, Youth Activities			

Deacon Team Ministries 2024

The deacon position in our church is biblically supported in the scriptures of Acts 6 and 1st Timothy 3. Men showing the qualifications provided in those scriptures are selected by the church pastor and if accepted, serve in that role for life. According to the church bylaws, *"It shall be the duty of the deacons to encourage and assist the pastor in his ministry and pastoral work. This is done by ministering to the needs of active church families and by serving the Lord's Supper and assisting in Baptism.* Different teams have been established to ensure the deacons perform that duty. With Sandston Baptist going through this time of change, the deacon body wants to remind the members that the deacons are here to support them in any way possible. Please review the list below and reach out to any deacon for assistance or with questions.

Communion Team

Typically reserved for our church family & friends that are not able to attend service on a regular basis, this team of deacons will provide an in-home communion service. When requested, two/three deacons will go to the person's home and perform a brief communion service with them.

Team Lead:	Eddie Marsh	elkobasket@aol.com	(804) 737-4078
Team Members:	Donald Clark	donandnancyclark@yahoo.com	(804) 222-2930
	Jim Stewart	jestew53@yahoo.com	(804) 507-0851
	Kenny Cordle	kennycordle@verizon.net	(804) 920-9300
	Troy Westerman	tdwesterman@gmail.com	(804) 212-8821
	Wayne Pollard	paulway@verizon.net	(804) 737-9749

Crisis & Hospital Team

This team of deacons focuses on ministering to church family members in crisis situations such as hospitalization, death in the family, divorce, financial strain, job loss, etc. They accomplish this with visits, calls, cards, prayer and assistance.

Team Lead:	Ron Molnar	rpmldm@gmail.com	(804) 737-5272
Team Members:	Alan Watts	alanwatts@comcast.net	(804) 641-6357
	Charles Hankins	charhankins@aol.com	(804) 737-2915
	Darnell Hailey	dgfphailey@aol.com	(704) 763-6810
	Tom Palmore	tomcarpal@aol.com	(804) 737-5130

Outreach Team

Collect visitor card information. If the phone number is available, thank the visitor for worshipping with us. Answer questions about programs and activities at Sandston Baptist Church. Offer a home visit if they would like additional information.

Team Lead:	Carl Downey	carl_downey@comcast.net	(804) 512-3683
Team Members:	Darren Hayes	rdarrenhayes91@hotmail.com	(804) 401-5200
	Jeff Wilborn	mechanic4813@verizon.net	(804) 982-9916
	Eddie Marsh	elkobasket@aol.com	(804) 737-4078

New Member Team

Contact new members to schedule a time/place to meet with them, review their new member packet and answer any questions they may have about our church or their new faith. Provide contact information and encourage them to contact you if they need help or have questions. Assist Pastor with baptisms including prepping & cleaning up the baptismal.

Team Lead:	Wayne Pollard	paulway@verizon.net	(804) 737-9749
Team Members:	Donald Clark	donandnancyclark@yahoo.com	(804) 222-2930
	Jeff Carter	mrjeffcarter44@gmail.com	(804) 840-5643
	Jeff Schmid	jeffschmid2@gmail.com	(804) 380-5130
	Larry Meador	larrygaylemeador@gmail.com	(804) 339-4862
	Mike Edwards	edwr8m@gmail.com	(804) 514-1630



July FISH Collection

This month we will be collecting Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta!

VBS Volunteer Meeting

Following Bible Study on Sunday, July 14th there will be a VBS Volunteer meeting in the Sanctuary!

The next gathering for the Sista'hood women's ministry group will be on **Sunday, July 28th from 2pm-4pm**. The Sista Scoop will be in the Boshier-Gray for an ice cream social! Ice cream will be provided but they ask you to bring your favorite toppings to share. Hope you can make it!

FINANCIAL REPORT

Offerings 06/02/24	\$5,946.00
06/0924	\$8,850.00
06/16/24.....	\$7,566.00
06/23/24.....	\$6,311.60
VANCO (May).....	\$19,686.22
Weekly Needs.....	\$14,073.48

UNIFIED MISSIONS

Offerings 06/02/24	\$285.00
06/0924	\$65.00
06/16/24.....	\$45.00
06/23/24.....	\$150.00
Weekly Needs.....	\$673.08