

# SANDSTON BAPTIST CHURCH

His Last Command, Our First Concern  
*Matthew 28:18-20*

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*From My Heart to Yours . . . Coming again . . .*

Early church reformers were greatly inspired by the prospect of Christ's second coming. 'I live,' exclaimed Martin Luther, 'as though Jesus Christ died yesterday, rose again today and were coming again tomorrow.' On the mausoleum where the body of Martin Luther King, Jr. lies, is the inscription, "Free At Last!" When Jesus promised "the Son sets free," He was referring not just to liberty in this world, (where at times even the best of Christians feels trapped in particular circumstances) but to eternity when those who are believers in Him will experience freedom forever and ever . . .

Jesus promised He is coming again, and our earthly and eternal hope is caught up in the truth of our Lord's promise. Many people have their own preconceived ideas of what His second coming will entail. Dates have been set. Interpretations have been offered. Signs and symbols have been "defined." Scriptures have been searched and researched (and often misunderstood or twisted). Authoritative voices have "spoken in the wilderness." Some have abandoned life in this world and staked their all on His imminent return . . . many have lost much with such predictions and foolish attempts to discern what even Jesus himself said is *known only to the Father*. But we do need hope don't we! So, we should keep watching for His return!!

In John 14 Jesus said, "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also." "I will come again . . ." Therein is found our hope. Jesus came the first time as the Sacrificial Lamb for the sinfulness of mankind . . . He is coming the second time to receive us into His eternal kingdom . . . and to judge those who remain . . . that is our hope and His promise.

**I need all the hope I can get!!** I find hope in many ways: I find it in the blessedness of Christian fellowship; in ministry and in our interaction in the community; in prayer, in worship; in music; in the openness of the people who are faithful to our Lord and His church. Yes, I find hope even in our "opportunities" because I know that when we put a positive spin on things life is so much better!! I need hope and I find it in my faith walk-with you!

Thank you again for the honor and privilege to serve as your interim pastor. Thank you for your support and especially for your prayers for Susan as she battles cancer. This week (9/24) she received her third chemo infusion, one more to go and then radiation. Your thoughtfulness and support are making a wonderful difference for both of us. I look forward to having my wife back in worship as soon as possible!!

I close with the words to a song that speaks to my heart:

*When King Jesus comes to live with us again  
He will show His righteous love to every man  
Wars and strife will all be passed  
there'll be peace on earth at last  
When King Jesus comes to live with us again.*

*Come soon, King Jesus, come soon . . . until then, keep us watchful, waiting and working together in your vineyard. Amen.*

*I am joyfully His . . . Yours,*

*Pastor Tom*

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# Operation Christmas Child

## WHAT SHOEBOX PACKERS NEED TO KNOW:

**2024 SBC GOAL:**

**700 SHOEBOXES**

**YOUR FILLED SHOEBOXES  
CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE  
SANCTUARY NOV 3  
THROUGH NOV 17.**

**PLACE YOUR BOY/GIRL  
LABEL ON TOP OF THE  
SHOEBOX EXACTLY  
WHERE INDICATED.**

**CLOSE/SECURE SHOEBOX  
WITH RUBBERBANDS  
ONLY!**

**PRAY FOR THE CHILD(REN)  
WHO WILL BE RECEIVING  
YOUR SHOEBOX(ES)!**



**HOW TO PACK A QUALITY SHOEBOX:**

- Make it **fun!** With items the children will enjoy.
- Make sure it is **full!** (no empty space)
- Make it **personalized!** Include your picture and a note!

**DON'T FORGET YOUR \$10 DONATION! It is critical because it covers:**

**Collection:** After shoebox gifts are dropped off at nearly 5,000 locations around the United States each year in November, trucks transport the precious cargo to eight different processing centers.

**Processing:** Eight processing center warehouses around the country are secured so that thousands of volunteers can inspect the shoebox gifts and prepare them for international shipment.

**Shipping to Over 100 Countries:** Ships, trucks, and airplanes transport millions of shoeboxes to the countries where they will be distributed. Once there, local churches use many modes of transportation to get them to children in need as a tangible expression of God's love.

**Gospel Materials:** Your \$10 donation to Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, helps us train and equip local churches to use our Ministry Partner Guide. This resource shows churches how to share the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ in a child-friendly way. Your donation also provides The Greatest Gift Gospel Booklets, which are written in the children's language and distributed along with shoebox gifts.

**Check your label or brochure on how to pay your \$10.**



As the crisp autumn air settles in and the leaves begin to change, we are excited about all the wonderful things God has in store for our Children's Ministry this fall! Whether your children are new to the ministry or have been part of it for a while, we have an exciting lineup of events, lessons, and service opportunities to help them grow in faith, fellowship, and fun.

*Monthly Focus: Character Traits*—last month, we covered contentment, courage, and honesty. This month, we will finish our study of character traits. You can see some of the traits we are learning about on the bulletin board in the children's wing downstairs.

Fall Theme: Growing in God's Love ☐

This fall, we will focus on **"Growing in God's Love."** Through Bible stories, hands-on activities, and songs, the children will explore how to:

- Build a strong foundation in faith (Matthew 7:24-27)
- Love and serve others as Jesus did (John 13:34)
- Trust God during times of change (Jeremiah 29:11)

*Children's Choir Awana Update*—our children's choir is off to a fantastic start! We meet each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. to learn new songs and practice old favorites. The Awana program is growing each week, and the kids are excited about learning Scripture, earning awards, and having fun with games. We would love your children to join us!

**Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat – Sunday, October 27, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM** Our annual Trunk or Treat is back! Decorate your car, wear your best costume, and prepare for a fun, safe, trick-or-treating experience. We'll have plenty of candy!

Thank you for allowing us to partner with you to help your children grow in their faith. We are so excited about the beautiful things God will do in their lives this fall!

*Lindsay Horne*



We have had a great start to our fall in both Sunday morning and Wednesday Night Youth! Our Wednesday nights have kicked off with a study called "Lenses", looking at the world through the lens of Jesus and how that should lead us to act and see like Him. Sunday mornings have been looking at the lessons Jesus taught through a series we are doing on all of his parables.

Coming up in October we will have our annual pumpkin carving youth contest (tentatively on Wednesday 10/30), so be sure to be on the lookout for exact time and official date as well as pictures of their creations! Also in October look for info for our Fall Festival/Trunk of Treats on Sunday October 27 from 3 to 5 pm. We will need youth to help with games, our youth trunk, face-painting/tattoos, and general set-up. A sign-up form will go out in October through our youth email, please look for your opportunity to sign-up and help out! There may other events happening in October, stay tuned to our youth email and youth Facebook page for more!

As always, look for emails for more events with the youth group ([sbcyouth.info@gmail.com](mailto:sbcyouth.info@gmail.com)). Don't forget to let me know if you want to be part of the email list, and if you are a youth/parent and want to be part of our Instagram (@sbcfusion) and Facebook group(SBC Fusion).

*Justin Blunt*



During the September 18 Business meeting we accepted the roster of teachers and leaders for Sunday morning Bible Study. Thank you Church family for approving and serving. There continue to be vacant positions in the Children's Division. As stated we are attempting to have enough adults to provide rotations of service to allow all to benefit from service and time studying with adult peers. Please consider working with children on Sunday morning.

"Serve the Lord with gladness! Come before His presence with singing!"  
Psalm 100:2

As SHOW has kicked off for the school year I encourage each adult class to choose a food item each month to provide. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to meet the basic needs of children and families in our community.

"For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you brought Me together with yourselves and welcomed and entertained and lodged Me,"  
Matthew 25:35

Sista'Hood will begin new Bible study groups this month. Some will meet during day hours and others night. If you signed up please pray God's revelation and blessings on this study.

We continue to have a Bible study on Wednesday evening, HIS.

There are numerous opportunities for you to get involved in. Please be brave and step out and into Bible study and fellowship.

This month as our change in season to Fall becomes more evident pause to take in God's mastery and elegance in night skies and colorful landscapes. Breathe in and be grateful. That same Master and Creator is your Father and loves you.

Thank you to all who are serving in Bible study this year.

In His service,  
*E'Beth Watts*

# Notes

*From Tommy*

The fall is upon us and the music continues! I stopped in on the Children's Choir last Wednesday, and found Emmie Blunt leading a group of about a dozen kids singing "Our God" as the Wednesday evening activities got underway. Just seeing and hearing the excitement they generated was refreshing. Emmie is starting her second year leading the Children's Choir, and has done a fantastic job.

If you didn't know, she is a Senior this year at Hanover High School, and a key member of our Youth. When I asked her last year if she would consider leading the children in music, she did not hesitate, and jumped right in. I love the enthusiasm all of our Youth have, especially when it's in a leadership role. This part of our church family is vital to the success of our church growth, and we are blessed to have so many great Youth that have a heart for the Lord.

Thank you Emmie!

Singing for the Savior

*Tommy*

## **OCTOBER** Dinner Menu

### OCTOBER 2ND

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Peas, Biscuits, & Harvest Bread Pudding

### OCTOBER 9TH

Chicken Cordon Blu, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, & Pineapple Upside Down Cake

### OCTOBER 16TH

Pork Loin, Sweet Potatoes, Lima Beans, Rolls, & Apple Pies

### OCTOBER 23RD

BBQ Rib, Roasted Potatoes, Corn on the Con, Cornbread, & Pumpkin Cheesecake

### OCTOBER 30TH

Fried Chicken & Covered Dish

## **FISH** Delivery Schedule

### OCTOBER 4TH

Ken Weaver

### OCTOBER 10TH

Mike Edwards

### OCTOBER 17TH

Larry Meador

### OCTOBER 24TH

Greg Martin

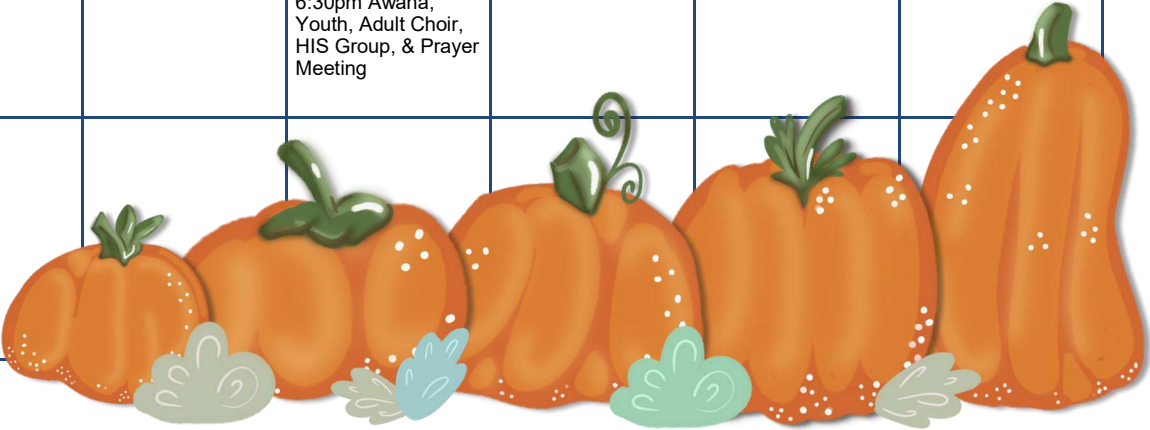
### OCTOBER 31ST

Darnell Hailey





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		1 2:00pm Vanlear	2 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Children's Choir 6:30pm Awana, Youth, Adult Choir, HIS Group, & Prayer Meeting	3	4	5
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# OCTOBER

## BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Sandy Bowe Allison Roberts John Rochon	2 Joe Cottrell	3 Pam Bardby Thomas Wootton	4 Marion Doughty Mary Hawthorne Wayne Smith	5 Cody Cobb Christopher Lloyd Diana Molnar Patty Pitts
6 James Patrick Bandy	7 Bonda Dawes Daniel Hart Faith Jones Jerry Meanley Lonnie Yates	8 Valerie Bess Cynthia Holmes Richard Starr	9 Doris Sarvay Candance Scott	10 Lydia Burton Charley Cottrell Tanner Harper Nathan Herrington Donna Robertson Betty Tarbet	11 Nadine Bivins Barbara Comer Kassie Hayes Skylar Lehman Chris Martin Abigail Martin Sara Orton Cliff Poarch Emma Stitzer Laura Weaver	12 Lance Bowe
13 Jerry Blunt Tommy Garris Gavin Gray Jake Lawson Chuck Schultz	14 Jackie Yates	15 Joyce Grubbs Fleming Kerry Rabkin Natalie Tate	16 Sarah Ramey James Stevens Jon Swayze	17 Jennifer Burnett Felicia Cannon Ray Clark Faye Hailey Wendy Morgan Faye Stewart	18 Christopher Norman Diane Talbert	19 Peyton Rochon
20 Raymond Blunt	21 Sue Crenshaw Boze Robert Larsen Michael Marshall Diane Melson Jerry Parrett	22 Clyde Austin Robert Ramey Michael Smith Raymond Tittle	23 Joe Cottrell Savannah Wood	24 Nolan Ojibway	25 Ava Vayo Giddings	26 Bob Boyer Cameron Cobb Jennifer Stitzer
27 David Beale Kathy Crowder Sandy Tyler	28 Duke Askew Lilly Boxley Jean Garrett Filipe Leitao Dallas Martin Catherine Pomfrey Kristi Vandermeer	29 Dustin Galbraith Felicia Murphey	30 Emily Cylc Robert Richmond	31 Kimberly Wheelhouse		

## Deacon Team Ministries 2024

The deacon position in our church is biblically supported in the scriptures of Acts 6 and 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

<b>Team Lead:</b>	Eddie Marsh	elkobasket@aol.com	(804) 737-4078
<b>Team Members:</b>	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.

<b>Team Lead:</b>	Ron Molnar	rpmdl@gmail.com	(804) 737-5272
<b>Team Members:</b>	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.

<b>Team Lead:</b>	Carl Downey	carl_downey@comcast.net	(804) 512-3683
<b>Team Members:</b>	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.

<b>Team Lead:</b>	Wayne Pollard	paulway@verizon.net	(804) 737-9749
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	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



## FISH Item for October

We are collecting Condiments & Instant Milk!



On Wednesday, October 9th the church office will be closed.



Our Bi-Annual Business Meeting will be at 6:30pm Wednesday, November 6th in the Sanctuary

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Offerings 09/01/24 .....	\$8,876.00
09/08/24 .....	\$6,878.00
09/15/24 .....	\$4,334.00
09/22/24 .....	\$5,896.00
09/29/24 .....	\$7,253.00
VANCO (Aug) .....	\$23,999.76
Weekly Needs.....	\$14,073.48

### UNIFIED MISSIONS

Offerings 09/01/24 .....	\$285.00
09/08/24 .....	\$420.00
09/15/24 .....	\$170.00
09/22/24 .....	\$250.00
09/29/24 .....	\$100.00
Weekly Needs.....	\$673.08