

# Church ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ATTENDANCE** - Last week there were **423** in Worship and **201** in Bible study.
- **OPERATION INASMUCH** - We have our sign up sheets ready for our annual OIAM being held on Saturday, April 18th. Please sign up for your desired area and also fill out the "Activity Participation Form" located by the sign up sheets. these should be turned in to the church office. These sheets and sign ups will be located in the back hallway and front foyer. **There will be a brief meeting for all volunteers after Bible study on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> in the Sanctuary. All Missions Team members will stay after the meeting to set up the Boshier-Gray and go over any last minute details.**

- **TALENT SHOW** - Anyone who has a talent to share can sign up for our SBC Talent Show, May 16th. Dinner will be at 6pm that evening and the show begins at 7pm. There will be a practice on May 15th at 7pm. Signup by April 18th with the QR code or in the back hallway.



Talent Show

- **UNIFIED MISSIONS GOAL** - Our Unified Missions offering goal for 2026 is \$28,000. Members are encouraged to prayerfully consider giving above their tithes to fund missions efforts. Designate the amount for "Missions" or "Unified Missions" by check or online. Our Easter emphasis will last through April 26, and we hope to raise \$7,500 toward our annual goal. **Currently we have raised \$2,340 since announcing our goal!**



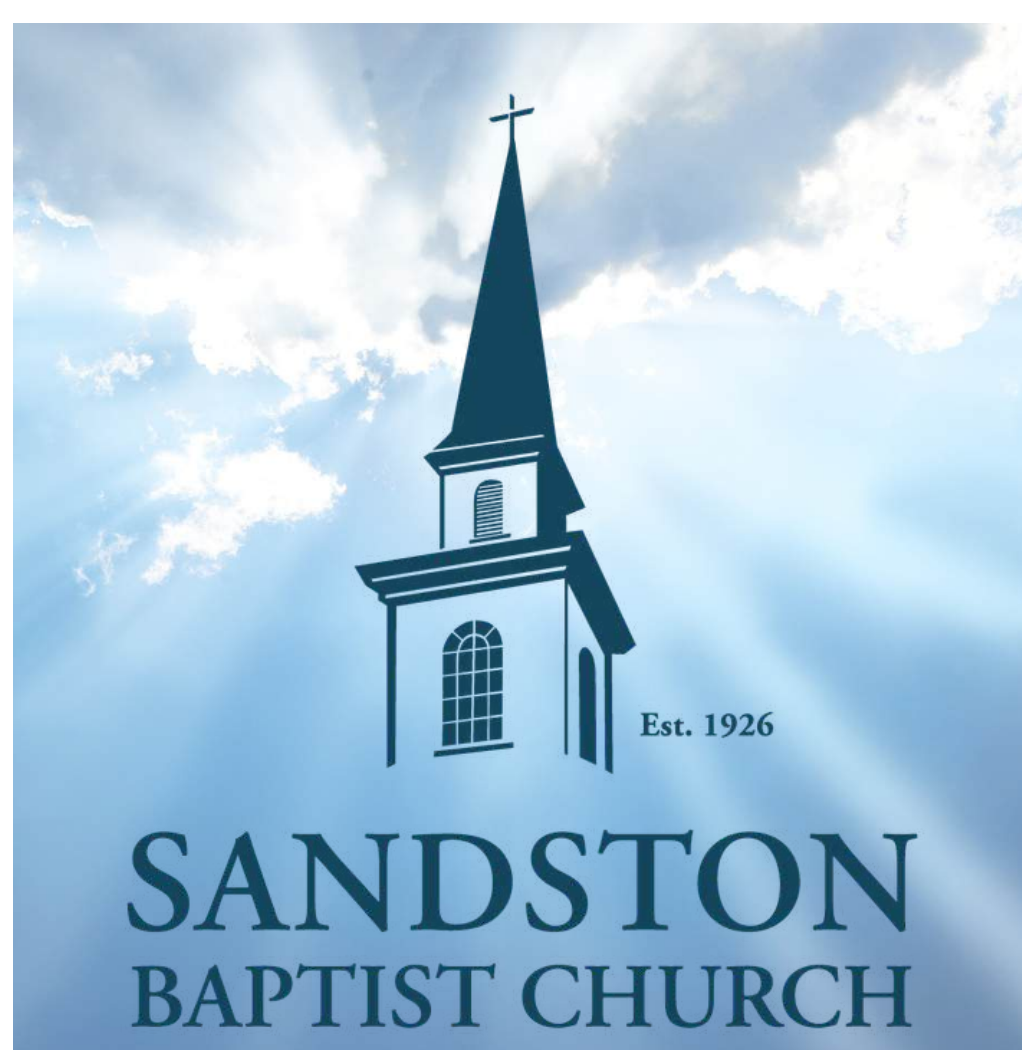
VBS Registration

- **VBS 2026** - VBS will be July 20th-23rd. It is for ages 4 years through completion of 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Our theme is "Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God." Registration is NOW OPEN. Scan the QR code or visit our website: sandstonbaptist.org.

- **VA MARCH FOR LIFE** - The Virginia March for Life is an opportunity to speak up for the rights of the unborn and recognize that they are made in the image of God. This year's march will be held Wednesday, April 22nd. Downtown parking can be a challenge, but participants can RVSP for several buses into the city. To learn more and to RSVP for the free bus, participants can visit [marchforlife.org/virginia](http://marchforlife.org/virginia) or simply scan the QR code. Questions? Contact Tim Leahy at [timpleahy62@gmail.com](mailto:timpleahy62@gmail.com).



VA March for Life



COUNTDOWN TO 100 YEARS  
ENDURING LEGACY. BRIGHT FUTURE.

April 12, 2026 - 9:00 AM

Rev. Kevin Freeman, *Senior Pastor*

Thomas Blunt  
*Minister of Music*

Justin Blunt  
*Minister of Youth*

Lindsay Horne  
*Minister of Children*

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

# HIS LAST COMMAND, OUR FIRST CONCERN.

*Matthew 28:18-20*

*We are to be a body of Christians who glorify God through Worship, teaching, ministering, and sharing the Good News of Jesus to all.*

- Prelude.....Matt Simmons
- Announcements
- Opening Prayer.....Lindsay Horne
- Baptism.....Rev. Kevin Freeman
- Scripture.....Tommy Blunt  
*"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him."*  
 1 John 3:1
- Praise Singing....."Any More"  
 Katie Bryant & Taylor Ann Applewhite
- Centennial Testimony.....Bonnie Sohn
- Ministry Moment.....Justin Blunt
  - Dismissal to Children's Missions with Mr. Doug
- Praise Song....."Something Beautiful"
- Offertory Prayer.....Ken Weaver
- Praise Song....."Gratitude"
- Message.....Rev. Kevin Freeman  
**Made New: How Easter Changes Everything  
 Moving Past Our Past**
- Invitation....."It is Well"

*Sunday*  
April 12

*Baptism*  
SUNDAY

- 9:00am  
Worship
- 10:15am  
Bible Study
- 11:30am  
Missions Meeting
- 5:00pm  
Portuguese  
Ministry



*Monday*  
April 13

- 10:00am  
Jubilee Ringers
- 4:00pm-7:00pm  
OIAM Yard Give  
Collection BG

*Thursday*  
April 16

- 4:00pm-7:00pm  
OIAM Yard Give  
Collection BG

*Tuesday*  
April 14

- 4:00pm-7:00pm  
OIAM Yard Give  
Collection BG
- 5:30pm  
Jesus Journey  
Life Group

*Friday*  
April 17

- 4:00pm-7:00pm  
OIAM Yard Give  
Collection BG

*Wednesday*  
April 15

- 4:00pm-7:00pm  
OIAM Yard Give  
Collection BG
- 6:00pm  
Children's Choir
- 6:30pm  
Awana, Youth,  
Adult Choir & HIS Group

*Saturday*  
April 18

- 8:00am-1:00pm  
Operation Inasmuch

## *Sunday* SAFETY

- April 12th Matt Hart, Craig Crider, Ken Weaver
- April 19th Jonathan Schaefer, Keith Oliver, James Stevens

## *Wednesday* SAFETY

- April 15th Craig Crider
- April 22nd Keith Oliver

## *S.H.O.W.* DELIVERY

- April 16th Alan & E'Beth Watts
- April 23rd Greg Martin

## *Offertory* PRAYER

- April 12th Ken Weaver
- April 19th Kenny Cordle

## *Usher/Greeter* SCHEDULE

- April 12th Dwayne Tyler, Brenda Crostic, Pat Hawes, Dennis Hawes, Wally Carter
- April 19th Dwayne Tyler, Jared Klunk, Bonnie Abernathy, Denise Harcum, Kim Wheelhouse, Keenan Eberhard

## *Wednesday* DINNER

This Wednesday, April 15th we will not have dinner due to Operation Inasmuch collection week.

## *Financial Stewardship* VERSE OF THE MONTH

"...the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35

## Moving Past Our Past

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Made New: How Easter Changes Everything / 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

One of our greatest obstacles to us growing in our faith is the inability to fully receive the forgiveness of God. Our past mistakes, shortcomings and failures too often hold us back from all that God has for us. God invites us to live with a future focus. Rather than dwelling on the past, we live with eager anticipation for what lies ahead.

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Being made new in Christ means...

Your \_\_\_\_\_ condition takes \_\_\_\_\_

Ways people try to cover over their past:

They \_\_\_\_\_ God's standards.

They \_\_\_\_\_ existing standards.

They \_\_\_\_\_ their own, custom set of standards.

They \_\_\_\_\_ others failing the standard.

Reasons why people cling to their past:

They don't \_\_\_\_\_ the extent of Christ's forgiveness.

They want to \_\_\_\_\_ control.

They can't \_\_\_\_\_ their pain.

Your \_\_\_\_\_ condition takes \_\_\_\_\_

## Go Deeper

Read **2 Corinthians 5:14-21**. Then talk with a friend this week and discuss the following questions:

1. What happens when Christians fail to remember their spiritual condition in Christ?
2. How can our past whisper lies that affect our present?
3. Why do attempts to cling to our past or to cover over it ultimately fail?
4. What practical steps can you take to ensure that your past does not dictate your identity in Christ?
5. What is one thing you are thankful to leave in the past?

For next Sunday, read **Acts 2:42-47**.