



# SABC Newsletter

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## From the CEO's Desk:

We are so grateful for the love-motivated support we have received from you for so many years. May our Lord bless you for making possible that which has been accomplished over the years. Firstly for many years as Southern Africa Bible School (SABS) and over the last 20 years as the fully accredited and registered Southern Africa Bible College (SABC).

The accredited status has drawn students to the college and given them the academic confidence to engage in preaching, teaching, and debating the truth when called upon to do so. There are about 400 Congregations (Churches of Christ) in South Africa now. In the rural areas many meet in homes because they have no other facilities in which to meet.

In the densely populated areas like the Province of Gauteng, consisting of Johannesburg, Pretoria and also smaller towns, there are approximately 70 congregations of Churches of Christ. This is a tremendous increase if one considers that in 1969 the number was not more than 10.

With the lockdown, churches have turned to WhatsApp, Live Streaming and Zoom Communication. My own congregation, Ashlea Gardens, situated in Pretoria, meets for Bible studies and Sunday worship in this way. We are often joined by people from as far afield as New Zealand, Dubai and North Africa,

The SA Bible College continues its lecturing programme in a similar way to the congregations. This is in keeping with others Universities and Colleges who have to act in compliance with the safety regulations of the Department of Health.

The College management is monitoring the situation on a regular basis and returning to the campus will depend on future developments. At the present time there is uncertainty as to if or when a second wave is likely to develop in South Africa.

Please continue to pray for us that the Lord may give us wisdom and discernment for these challenging times.

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## SABC Development Council



The SABC Development Council is a select group of advocates who ‘lift up the arms’ of SABC leadership so that the mission to equip well-prepared ministers and church leaders in southern Africa is effectively accomplished. Council members advance the college as ambassadors of service, support, goodwill, and leadership.

Founded in 2019 the Council currently consists of 18 people with a goal of growing to 30 over the next two years. These advocates are invaluable to the college because of their advocacy for, support of, and encouragement to the College and its leadership.

This year they have participated in a video call with SABC’s South African leadership, the special campaign you will read about in this newsletter, and a retreat weekend with board development and fundraising experts from The Walker Consulting Group, Dr. Robert and Dr. Sid Walker. These events have been helpful increasing knowledge in the US about SABC’s work and how to share that information with others. Not through fundraising but through Friend-raising.

Pictured above from left to right: Vivian Sharp, Kirk Eason, Christie Eason, Ty Sharp, Terry Montgomery, Ben Wilson, Philip Bailey, Dr. Sid Walker, Candee Wilson, Dr. Robert Walker, Carol Bowers, Danny Bowers, Matt Bell, Lori Bell, Cody Chrismon, Jennie Chrismon. Not Pictured: Jack & Vickie Evans Jr., Kerry Lineberger, Caleb Bailey, Wrenda Barrett.

Please pray for these individuals and their work on behalf of SABC. Contact Kirk Eason at 512-965-0382 for more information on this group or how you can advocate for SABC in your area.

“I support a student every year. I enjoy doing it. I’m happy to give that money and I hear from my student. It’s exciting!”  
— Dr. Robert Walker





## 2020 Special Campaign

Each year SABC leadership identifies a special project for which they have the greatest need. Over the past several years your generous support has allowed us to replace or repair all the roofs on campus, fix electrical issues, purchase brand new library books, replace the faculty copier, and add solar panels that will cut our expenses by an estimated \$1,500 per month.

For 2020, leadership identified the following needs: the bulk of which will improve the library.

- \* Replace some campus computers
- \* Computers for library
- \* Purchase additional library shelving
- \* New library catalogue and security system
- \* New desks for students
- \* Purchase Covid-19 sanitization equipment
- \* Institute Covid-19 cleaning protocols
- \* Make up for shortfall in South African and US fundraising due to the pandemic.

The goal to meet these needs is \$90,000. This is in addition to our regular support. As of this writing donors have generously given over \$60,000. Please let us know if you would like participate in this effort.



Pictured above: SABC's Memorial-Horne Library. The Library was built in 2000 to accompany our accreditation. It is named in honor of the Memorial Church of Christ in Houston (SABC's overseeing congregation) and Al and Donna Horne who co-founded the school in 1966 with Eldred and Jane Echols. The library consists of 35,000 volumes with approximately 7,000 to be catalogued. It also houses administrative offices, classrooms, chapel, and a boardroom.

## Faculty Comment: Theo Rappard

At times of stress and concern Christians have a distinct advantage – they are always assured that God and His people care.

Whether prayers go up to the throne or messages of moral support are sent or material assistance is given – God's people do not have to face life alone. It is something I have experienced in my personal challenges.

It is also seen in that you continue to support the Bible College and enable us to continue teaching our students. You make a great difference and become an important part of the Great Commission through your help.

May our Heavenly Father bless you richly for your caring hearts.



## A Special Thank You to All Who Help Spread the Gospel in Southern Africa

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Westside Church of Christ,  
Round Rock, TX

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\* This list represents gifts given between September 1, 2019 and August 31, 2020.

\* Note that 30% of the funds come from South African Churches and individuals. This lists only gifts given in the USA.

### **Donations to SABC can be made by**

**Mailing checks to:**  
**SABC, 900 Echo Lane, Houston, TX**  
**77024**

**Or**  
**Online at:**  
**[www.southernafricabiblecollege.org](http://www.southernafricabiblecollege.org)**  
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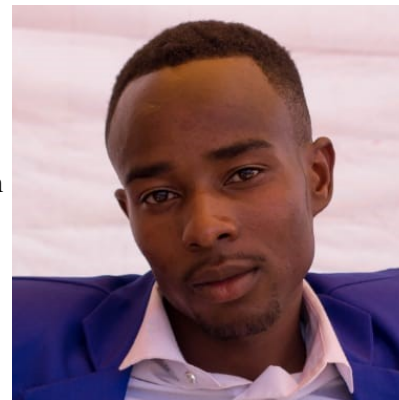


## Getting to Know Our Students

First Year Student: Jason Beni  
From: Mutare, Zimbabwe  
Born: 1997

### Education:

After my ordinary level I attended my Advance Level at Ebenezer Rosedale in Rusape Zimbabwe from 2016 to 2018. I was doing commercial studies which include Business Management, Economics and Mathematics (statistics). In 2017 I was given a post to be Head Boy for that year. That year I also started teaching the choir group and during the time of competition our school became number one out of eighteen schools.



### Ministry Opportunities:

I returned to Mutare in 2019 after my Advanced level and was chosen to lead the youths at Sakubva Church of Christ for a year. I come from a church going family and my father is an elder at our local congregation namely Sakubva church of Christ. I was baptized eight years ago and was very active in Church programs. We organized several programs for the youths with the help of our preachers at the congregation. We baptized many people at our congregation through our program last year for the youths. Every first week of the month we used to do evangelism and now are still expecting more youths through the end of this year 2020.

### SABC:

I have found myself with the zeal to preach the word of God. After much consideration I have decided to enroll at SA Bible College. I like the way you train preachers as evidence by several preachers who graduated at this College. The environment is very conducive for studying the word of God. Southern Africa Bible College certificates are highly recognized in the whole world. I was supposed to study for my degree in Mathematics in Zimbabwe but my dream was to be a preacher and save people for our Lord Jesus Christ. In the field of preaching God will help me survive when considering to my living.

### Future Plans

My goal after I finish my education is to be a full-time preacher, teaching people about the truth and to let them know that there is life after death and should be prepared before the last days. I will also have to work hard for my whole generation of my family to know God and to follow the true church. In my full time preaching I hope also to open super markets in different Countries because I already have the knowledge of managing businesses for my living.

Thank you for supporting the College. It makes it possible for me to study the word of God.

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## Director Comment: Tom King

Tom King serves as one of three directors for Southern Africa Bible College. He is former Head of Financing for Siemens in both North West Europe and Africa. He has been based in Johannesburg and London. Following is his response when asked why he supports the College.

I have been blessed to serve with individuals that possessed the qualities to excel in the secular world, should they have been attracted. If they displayed the same dedication that they placed in SABC, they would surely have risen the corporate ladder and achieved senior positions in industry.

I have been, and I still am, blessed to serve with talented men that love GOD and the mission of the SABC more than any of the attractions promised in this world.

## Graduate Internships

One of the most difficult challenges facing preachers in Southern Africa is finding full-time support for their work as evangelists. In South Africa the tradition has been for preachers to work secular jobs to earn a living and preach, teach, and evangelize on a part-time basis.

This is difficult for various reasons, but mainly because people in South Africa are receptive to the Gospel. As one graduate worded it, “I’m conducting 40 evangelistic Bible studies per week. When do I have time to support my family?”

The Graduate Internship Program is designed to help change that. The college helps students find congregations who provide partial support and oversee the student’s work. The college, through the help of stateside donors pays the balance of the salary.

Three graduates are currently able to work full-time in this program. They are Eden Leppans, Martin Malatji and, Martin Nyathi. Both the students and the congregations provide updates to the college on the student’s work and progress.



Eden Leppans

Graduates gain first-hand experience working for a congregation and evangelizing in an area. Besides preaching and teaching for the congregation they are:

- \* Counselling mourning families
- \* Evangelizing on university campuses
- \* Developing social media outreach strategies
- \* Researching property options for a congregation that currently meets in a school
- \* Managing benevolence programs
- \* Visiting members by phone and in person

Graduates who are able to participate in the internship are even more prepared to step into full-time ministry roles at congregations.

If you are interested in how you can participate in the Graduate Internship Program, please contact Kirk Eason, Director of Development—USA, at 512-965-0382 or [keason@southernafricabiblecollege.org](mailto:keason@southernafricabiblecollege.org).

## In Memory of:

Southern Africa Bible College lost two family members this year.

Edward (Eddie) Baartman passed away Saturday, July 11, 2020. at 81. His career was in secular businesses but his heart was in spiritual matters. He was a 1975 SABC graduate who preached for the Kimberley and Weltevreden congregations, served as an elder at the Benoni Church of Christ, and as a lecturer for SABC.



Gilbert Maba, a second year student, passed away on Saturday, September 19, 2020. Gilbert was born August 7, 1986. He chose to study at SABC after working in the secular world because, “I am in the serious business of populating Heaven.” He wanted to, “...equip myself with the essential skills required for the spiritual trade. SABC was the best and only preference for me.” The Kingdom has certainly lost a good and faithful servant.

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### Student Sponsorship Program:

The Student Sponsorship Program is an effort to connect donors to students in a more personal way. Donors who support at the levels listed below can choose to be part of the program. The student is informed that they are receiving a scholarship from the donor. The student writes an introductory letter and quarterly updates about their progress. The donor can have as much or little interaction with them as they wish. Special thanks to all our student sponsors!

#### Single Student

Living expenses	\$300/mo or \$3,600/yr
Tuition & Fees	\$400/mo or \$4,800/yr
Complete Cost	\$700/mo or \$8,400/yr

Chante Mostert	Lake Travis Church of Christ
Gilbert Maba	Keller Church of Christ
Bongani Gasela	The Montgomery Family & Dr. Robert Walker
Jason Beni	Gary & Susan Fuchs
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#### Married Student

Living Expenses	\$500/mo or \$6,000/yr
Tuition & Fees	\$800/mo or \$9,600/yr
Complete Cost	\$1,300/month or \$15,600/yr

Stanley Nemushungwa	Fifth Ward Church of Christ & Champions Church of Christ
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Zotha Mhlongo	Nathan & Melissa Stanaland

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Jason Beni  
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