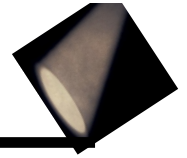


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THE SBC SPOTLIGHT



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Wednesdays:

4:15pm-5pm Bell Rehearsal
5pm-6pm Choir Rehearsal
5:45pm-6:15pm
Family Potluck Supper
6:15pm-7:15pm

Adult Classes & Prayer Meeting
Youth & Children's Ministries

Sundays:

9:45am Sunday School
11am Worship
6pm Ladies Bible Study

DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Jan 7	Kay Adams
Jan 14	David Bearden
Jan 21	Andy Cook
Jan 28	Vern Darley

DEACON'S MEETING

Monday
January 15, 2024
6pm

PASTOR'S CORNER

DR. WALLACE MCABEE, SENIOR PASTOR

Are you kidding me? 2024 already, wonderful – this is going to be an exciting year for our church family. We are seeing people move into our community from all over – East Coweta is going like crazy! The church is fully staffed with talented, eager and motivated leaders who are already hard at work helping us grow. We have more community outreach projects scheduled for the coming year that ever before, kid's ministries and events – youth activities and projects ... mission trips, services, community projects ... we will be busy helping each other, reaching folks, serving and lifting up the Lord together. Yes, this will be a wonderful year with you - each of you – as we serve and grow together.

Here is a suggestion, go ahead and get in on the action as we start our new year together! Participate in every service, lift up every song, dig deep into the Word, invite friends, pray for each other ... be the church starting now before another year passes. God is good -he gave us significant mission work to do right here, around the corner and around the world. People need a church family like this. Where they will be loved, valued, respected and connected to people who are on a faith journey toward maturity in Christ together. Join us, now – this will truly be an incredible year!

Grace and peace in Jesus,
Pastor Wallace

Sharpsburg Baptist on Mission to Ecuador

You will want to be much in prayer for our team leaving to partner with IMB Missionaries in coastal Ecuador as they seek to bring the Gospel to an unreached people group. The Afro-Ecuadorian people live far from the Lord, but hope is on the way and each of you is part of this Kingdom effort.
Gerald Rice and Pastor Wallace leave for Ecuador on January 23rd and returning the 29th.

Worship & Upcoming Events

Wednesday Schedule-

- 4:15pm-5pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 5pm-6pm Choir Rehearsal
- 5:45pm-6:15pm Family Potluck Supper
- 6:15pm-7:15pm
Adult Prayer Meeting, Youth & Children Ministries

Thursday Schedule-

- AoM Crafts—Resumes on Jan 4, 2024—10am**
- Olive Branch Meeting—Thursday, Jan 11 – 6pm**

Sunday Schedule-

- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11am Worship Service

UPCOMING WORSHIP & Events

Wednesday Nights in January 2024:

Date: Wednesday Evenings – January 10, 17, 24
Series Title: “Who are the Baptists?”
Topics: 1. When did the Baptists first appear?
 2. Why are there so many different sub-groups?
 3. What do Baptists believe?
 4. Origins of Southern Baptist Convention: it’s size and scope
 5. the rise and effects of fundamentalism for Baptists
 6. the state of the Baptist movement today
 This series will be led by Pastor Emeritus, Dr. Watson E. Mills

Wednesday, Jan 10

Wednesday PM Services Resume

Thursday, Jan 11

6pm Olive Branch Meeting

Saturday, Jan 13

Deacon Retreat—Church Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Jan 14

Winter ALL Team Meeting—Noon

Monday, Jan 15

6pm Deacon’s Meeting

Thursday, Jan 18

11:30am Out to Lunch Bunch Meetup

Sunday, Jan 21

Quarterly Potluck

UPCOMING WORSHIP & Events

Monday, Jan 22

Newsletter Articles due to the office

Tuesday, Jan 23—Monday, Jan 29

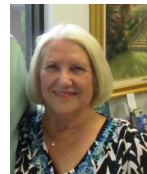
Ecuador Mission Trip
(Pastor Wallace & Gerald Rice)

2024 DEACON BOARD

Be sure to welcome your new Deacon Board
 If you are new and unsure who your Family Deacon is, they will reach out to you to share that with you.
 You will also be able to find that information in the new 2024 SBC Directories after the first of the year.

2024 Deacon Board:

Kay Adams



David Bearden



Andy Cook



Vern Darley



Phil Herren



Gerald Rice



Janice Spradlin



Philippians 4:13
I can do all things through Christ
who strengthens me.



Music Notes



Welcome, 2024!

As we see a new year in, we like to look back on what we did in the last one. 2023 was a full and exciting year for us in the SBC music department. First of all, I am so pleased with the growth we are experiencing in the choir. I am nearly always wearing pink on Sundays because of our consistently good attendance, and we have actually needed to add chairs to the choir loft in order to fit everyone in! We have a lot of fun at our rehearsals, and we also had two socials this year, where we just relax, have supper, and talk.

Our Concert on the Green was a big success, and we look forward to another one this year. Working with Jana Blackshire, our new Children's Director, we included children in our Christmas musical, and they were such a blessing!

Our bell choir continues to learn new techniques and have fun playing together. Our solos just in December included Kathy Rice, Sandra Johnson, Allen Nolan, Janice Hale, Eddy Nelson, and William Shooke. I appreciate them so much.

I appreciate YOU for your kind words, and your encouragement, and most of all, your friendship and willingness to try new things at Sharpsburg. You are welcome to join us; just come to practice on Wednesday at 5:00!

"The Lord's compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

Keep on singing! Mike





Olive Branch January News

This monthly edition of the SBC Newsletter went to print before Olive Branch's December meeting, but we will say our Christmas party was fun!! We were glad you were there!

Our TWO fall fundraisers went well. The tree ornaments were beautiful and we thank all of you who purchased one (or more!) You can still purchase your name tags from Brenda Atkins. We are Spirit-led as to where our fundraising monies go. We appreciate how well our church body supports our work.

Our next meeting is JANUARY 11 at 6pm. We will have guest speaker, Bert Darley, talking about, and showing us many (but certainly not all), of her **feed sack quilts** she has made thru the years. Come join us and enter the drawing to **win one of her quilts!** You must be present that night to win! The quilt for the drawing is currently on display in the church fellowship hall.

~The Olive Branch Ladies



Adults on Mission January News

The ladies of AOM hope you all had a very Merry Christmas.

We took the month of December off yet some of us never stop making gifts for the missions field. We will resume again the first Thursday in January, 10-noon. We will look forward to meeting again. Remember, if you can count, tie, or pray we can use you to help further the kingdom with gifts.

~ The Ladies of AOM

On a personal note, I want to thank everyone that donated sewing things and books to help me fill a container going to Ghana. Vern delivered 3 truck loads to the location in Brooks. Prayerfully these ladies will feel blessed.

Thank you again.
Bert

*For
God
so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that
whosoever
believeth in
Him should
not perish,
but have
everlasting
life.*
JOHN 3:16

Secret Sister Reveal Party

Secret Sisters
Reveal Party
from December!
You are
welcome to join
this group when
they begin again
in the new year!



Watch for more
details soon!

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. “

“Outreach involves extending ourselves, our talents, and our resources, to help others.”



Children's Ministry



WHAT CAN I DO?

Jesus' Life and Ministry

This will be a fun month as we not only learn about the life and ministry of Jesus, but we will also learn about what we can do. What are our gifts and how can we use that in a career when we get older? Each week we will talk about different professions and have people who are currently in those professions stop by to talk to the kids and answer questions. With that in mind... if you or someone you know is in any of the following professions and would like to come and talk to the children, please let me know

Week 1:

This week, consider bringing in a dancer, singer, musician, worship leader, or someone else with a background in performing arts.

Week 2:

This week, consider bringing in a physician, nurse, paramedic, therapist, or other healthcare professional.

Week 3:

This week, consider bringing in a teacher, administrator, architect, builder, or another professional who works with plans or blueprints.

Week 4:

This week, consider bringing in someone with a "non-traditional" occupation, like a social media influencer, law enforcement, pilot, small business owner, stay-at-home parent, or a ministry leader.

Fundraiser Talent Show and Dinner

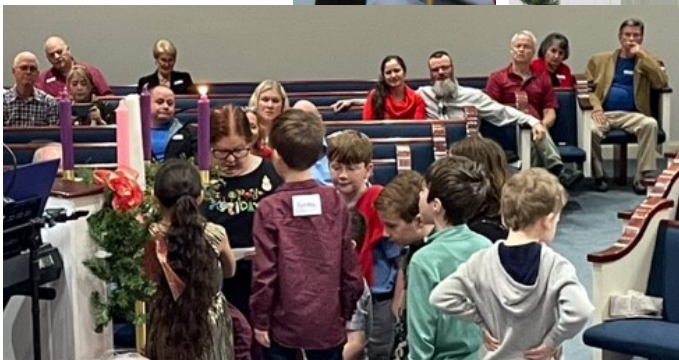
We will be having a church wide talent show on January 28th for everyone to show off their "What Can I Do?" talent. Even if you do not have a talent, you can get together with a few of your friends and come up with a fun skit or just sit back and enjoy the show. Afterwards we will be serving dinner and having a silent auction with desserts for you to bid on. All donations that we raise will be used for the Children and Youth department to further their over all experience and education. Sign up sheets will be available in January, so start thinking about your talent and **What Can I Do** to help.

SBC Happenings & Upcoming Events

Youth Christmas Party



ADVENT



Several of us went to the Atlanta Shoebox warehouse to process the boxes before being sent to the Port of Savannah. From there the ones we did those 2 days will go to Angola in Africa. On Thursday all the volunteers processed more than 93,000 boxes. Thanks to Janice and Robert Bearden, Janice Spradlin, Shelby Kesterson, Rebekah Thomas and Margie Kidder for volunteering.

JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	New Year's Day 1	2	3	4 10am AoM Crafts	5	6
7	8	9	10 Wed PM Services Resume	11 10am AoM Crafts 6pm Olive Branch Mtg	12	13 Deacon Retreat - Church Fellowship Hall - AM
14 Winter ALL Team Meeting - noon	15 MLK Jr Day 6pm Deacon's Meeting	16	17	18 10am AoM Crafts 10:15am OTLB Meetup	19	20
21 Quarterly Potluck	22 Newsletter Articles Due	23 Ecuador Mission Trip (1.23.24 - 1.29.24)	24 Ecuador Mission Trip (1.23.24 - 1.29.24)	25 10am AoM Crafts Ecuador Mission Trip (1.23.24 - 1.29.24)	26 Ecuador Mission Trip (1.23.24 - 1.29.24)	27 Ecuador Mission Trip (1.23.24 - 1.29.24)
28 Children's Talent Show 5p-7p Ecuador Mission Trip (1.23.24 - 1.29.24)	29 Ecuador Mission Trip (1.23.24 - 1.29.24)	30	31	1	2	3

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 3- Gerald Rice
 January 4- Jana Blackshire
 January 7- Chris Key
 January 8- Norma Moody
 January 12- Justin McAbee
 January 14- Sandra Mann
 January 16- Sharon Hardy
 January 18- Tracey Hightower
 Madison Hightower

January 20- Deb Taylor
 January 28- Anne Jamison
 January 29- Brian Downie
 Annie Foley
 January 30- Howard Orr
 January 31- Phil Herren

Happy Birthday





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Jana Blackshire

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Lynn Glassbrook

We would love to have you as our guest. We have many upcoming events that we are sure will be great fun as well as be a blessing to you. We have classes and fun events for our children on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights as well as Sunday School classes, Prayer Meeting and Worship time for our adults. If you have any questions, feel free to ask us, fill out a visitor's card in the pew when you visit or just speak to one of us to let us know how we can be of assistance to you. We are here to serve each other and those in our community.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

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Check out our website for any events that may be going on and to see and learn about our church. We seek to share the love of Christ with those around us. And, we hope that you will come visit our church soon!

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