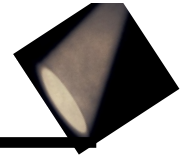


# THE SBC SPOTLIGHT



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### **Wednesdays:**

NO Chimes Rehearsal In July  
5p-6p Adult Choir Rehearsal  
6p-7p  
Adult Bible Study  
Potluck Supper

### **Sundays:**

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

### **DEACON OF THE WEEK:**

July 2	Gerald Rice
July 9	Janice Spradlin
July 16	Kay Adams
July 23	Andy Cook
July 30	Vern Darley

DEACON'S MEETING  
Monday, July 17—6:00pm

## PASTOR'S CORNER

DR. WALLACE MCABEE, SENIOR PASTOR

Guess who came by the McAbee abode for a visit this week? Your friendly Jehovah Witness "Catch a Baptist team"! They usually just drop by to visit Nancy as I am rarely there during the day. This time, they were at the door when I got in from the gym. Nice folks, one of them was 90 years old and did some pushups on our den floor. Nice, well mannered and totally wrong. Every cult and false religion since the days of the early church has the same approach. They start with something you will agree with, like the world being in a mess and such. Once you agree with that, then they open the Bible (their version that they made up) and start with a passage that any faith-follower would remember and agree with. Just like when a bass picks up your plastic worm and begins to swim away with it, the next step is to set the hook with the first of many half-truths to total fabrications. Bottom line, they say they believe in Christ just like you, the Bible just like you – but they do not! For them, the work of Christ is insufficient – important redemptive work that the hopeful must complete before heaven is secured. They think that knocking on your door, and getting you abandon your faith in the sufficiency of Christ earns them points toward earned righteousness. So, when nice men in white shirts and ties come knocking – be nice, kind and share Colossians 1: 13-23. You will not likely change their minds, but you can tell them the truth in love and get them off your front porch.

July is great month to celebrate our freedom as Americans. While our freedoms are under assault from many who enjoy those very birth-rights, we love our country and will pray for her, uphold our Constitution and our way of life. Yes, we are to work together to "form a perfect union" but not destroy that which God as instituted. We are the bright light set on a hill among the nations of the earth. May it ever be so until Jesus returns to take us to his eternal City of light.

Happy Independence Day!  
PW

### **Independence Celebrations at Sharpsburg Church - July 2 and 9!**

Plan to hold your head high and cheer Old Glory forward as we join together to worship the Lord and thank Him for the countless blessings we enjoy as Americans. July 2 will feature lots of singing, pledging the flag and words of encouragement from our own Andy Cook. The following Sunday, July 9 will be another day to wear your patriotism for everyone to see as Mike Griffin, for the Georgia Baptist Missions Board, is our pulpit guest. Brother Griffin is our representative before the elected leaders of our state. He keeps our interest and values before our elected leaders in Atlanta and presses our causes. He will preach on how we can make a significant difference in the moral and spiritual direction of our state for many years to come.

July 2: "I Love America Day" with Andy Cook  
July 9: "I love Georgia Day" with Mike Griffin

# Worship & Upcoming Events

## Wednesday Schedule-

YES, you will want to join in on the fun, wonderful food, prayer and Bible Study with your church family each Wednesday evening this summer following Adult Choir Practice. The menu is potluck and the fellowship is heavenly each week with the meal beginning at 6p

**NO** Chimes Rehearsal this month

**5pm-6pm** Adult Choir Rehearsal

**6pm -7pm** Adult Bible Study, Prayer Meeting & Potluck Supper

## Thursday Schedule-

AoM Crafts—**No Meetings this month**

Olive Branch Meeting—**No Meeting this month**

## Sunday Schedule-

**9:45am** Sunday School

**11am** Worship Service

**6pm** Ladies Bible Study

## UPCOMING WORSHIP & Events

### July 2 (Sun)

Andy Cook leading worship  
NO Ladies Bible Study this week

### July 4 (Tues)

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY  
Church Office Closed

### July 5 (Wed)

Prayer Meeting & Bible Study with Vern Darley

### July 9 (Sun)

Guest Speaker, Mike Griffin, GA State Board of Missions

### Week of July 10th

Admin out of the office

### July 11 (Tues)

JULY Ladies Birthday Lunch—11:30am—Red Lobster Newnan

### July 15 (Sat)

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study—9am

### July 17 (Mon)

Deacon's Meeting 6pm

### July 19-23 (Wed-Sun)

Kentucky Mission Trip

***Pray for your Kentucky Missions Team as they head north for their next partnership missions project. Thanks to everyone who travels to share Christ and his love with our friends in the western part of the Bluegrass State.***

## Upcoming Worship & Events (cont'd)

### July 20 (Thurs)

Out to Lunch Bunch Meetup—  
Bay Breeze Seafood Restaurant, 11440 Tara Blvd, Hampton,  
Time: Meet at church by 10:15am

### July 21 (Fri)

Ladies Bunco—10am Fellowship Hall—Gail Cook Organizing

### July 24-31

Pastor Wallace out of the office

If you have an urgent need during this time, please reach out to your Family Deacon

### July 30 (Sun)

Vern Darley leading worship this Sunday

### —UPCOMING IN AUGUST—

### **AWANAS RETURNING to Sharpsburg this Fall!**

AWANAS was one of the most successful children's ministries offered in the history of our church and you will be excited to know that it is making a comeback this August. Many thanks to Blain, Tiffany and our Children's Ministries team! Yes, you can volunteer now to help.

JUNE Ladies Birthday Lunch was held at The Olive Garden.... Join the ladies to celebrate the JULY birthdays on Tuesday, July 11 @ 11:30am—Red Lobster Newnan



ABOVE is the Out to Lunch Bunch! They meet the 3rd Thursday every month to enjoy area restaurants. All are welcome to join them. RSVP. July's date is Thursday July 20th—Meet at the church by 10:15am or the restaurant by 11:15am. Location: Bay breeze Seafood Restaurant, 11440 Tara Blvd, Hampton, GA 30228


Music Notes

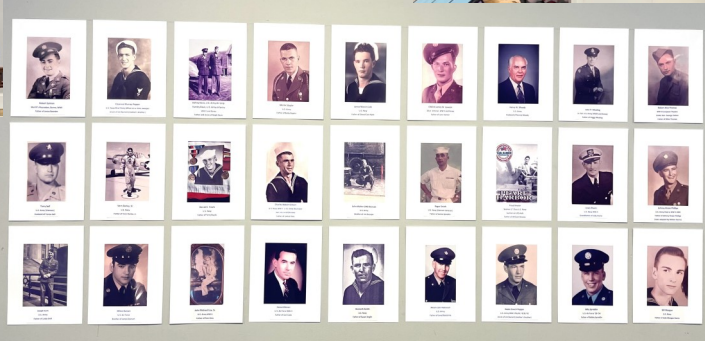

## My Country, 'Tis Of Thee

July—flags, fireworks, and celebrating America’s birth! Many sacrificed for our country and for the wonderful life we have here.

Just last month, we celebrated Memorial Day with a wall of pictures of our relatives and friends who served in the military. As I made the photographs and put up the pictures, I thought about those men and thousands like them who fought in wars for our freedoms. We owe them so much.

One of my favorite patriotic songs is “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee,” written by Samuel T. Smith. Smith, a 23-year-old seminary student, was inspired to write this song one cold February afternoon in 1831. Later, Smith became an evangelist, preaching all over the world.

As we sing this song, more affectionately known as “America,” we will remember Smith, as well as all of the men and women now and in years past who made it possible for us to be Americans!  
Let Freedom Ring! - Mike



**NEW Choir Members:**  
 Cathy McInvale &  
 Carol Harris



## ***Olive Branch JULY News***



Carlene Bohanan was our guest speaker at our last Olive Branch meeting. Carlene is a dance instructor who has taught dance for over 45 years. She spoke about her career and the importance of dance in her life. Carlene's presentation was well-received by the audience.

Ladies of SBC who are interested in joining the Olive Branch are encouraged to contact a current Olive Branch member or attend one of our regularly scheduled monthly meetings. The Olive Branch is a women's ministry of SBC that provides opportunities for fellowship, spiritual growth, and service. We do not have a monthly meeting the month of July but our next meeting will be in August. Join us!

Next Olive Branch Meeting will be Thursday, August 10th @ 6pm. We meet in the Church Fellowship Hall.

~Ladies of The Olive Branch

### **LETTER FROM BILL & BETTY BANKS**

We wish to thank you, our church family, for your uplifting prayers as Bill journeyed through his colon cancer diagnosis. We have felt your love and concern and know that your prayers have made a difference as he is now cancer free. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

We knew that Bill had other health problems and he will be entering Piedmont Atlanta on July 7 to undergo heart bypass surgery July 11. We ask for your continued prayers as our faith is strong that prayer makes a difference.

Please know that as we pray for God's guidance, we ask for God to bless all of you and your needs. We love you all.

~Bill & Betty Banks

**“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”  
Matthew 18:20 KJV**

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

# SBC Happenings & Upcoming Events

## New Members

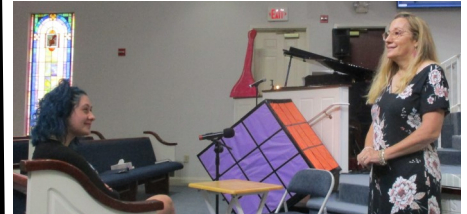


Carol Harris



Layton & Kaye Gordy

# Welcome!



Mia Kessler—one of our soundboard operators being honored—Graduate of 2023 and planning her career with the Navy. Karen R. sharing words of encouragement and blessing with her as a former Navy Veteran



The Out to Lunch Bunch had a group that kept the fellowship going by exploring Columbus after they were finished with lunch! This crew has a fun time! You are welcome to join them any time.



## Car Show



FIRST PLACE— RED CAR (above)

FIRST PLACE- MOTORCYCLE (left)



◀ Jun 2023		<h1>July 2023</h1>					Aug 2023 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
						1	
2 Andy Cook leading worship	3	4 Independence Day  <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	5	6	7	8	
9 Guest Speaker, Mike Griffin, GA State Board of Missions	10	11 Ladies Birthday Lunch 11:30am—Red Lobster Newnan (JULY Birthday Celebration Lunch)	12	13	14	15 Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 9am	
16	17 Deacon's Meeting 6:00pm	18	19  <b>KY Mission Trip</b>	20 <b>NEWSLETTER ARTICLE Submissions Due Today</b>  Out to Lunch Bunch Senior Lunch 10:15am  <b>KY Mission Trip</b>	21  Bunco Meetup 10am Fellowship Hall—Gail Cook organizing  <b>KY Mission Trip</b>	22  <b>KY Mission Trip</b>	
23  <b>KY Mission Trip</b>	24	25	26	27	28	29	
30 Guest Speaker	31	<b>NO Adults on Mission Crafts this month NO Olive Branch Meeting this month</b>					

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- |                               |                       |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| July 2- Sherri Woods          | July 20- Lewis Pitts  |
| July 3- Carol Miller          | July 23- Mike Smith   |
| July 4- Carol Ann Christopher | Betty Banks           |
| July 6- Jim Dunson            | July 24- Pam Nolan    |
| July 7- Jack Cotton           | July 26- Andrew Cook  |
| July 8- Judy Harris           | Nancy Zellner         |
| July 9- Dub Hardy             | July 28- Mike Exner   |
| July 19- Tony Smith           | July 29- Will Jones   |
|                               | July 30- Terry Rogers |

*HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!  
  
GOD BLESS  
YOU!*





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**Youth & Children's  
Director:**  
Blain Roos

**Administrative Assistant:**  
Cheri O'Neal

**Financial Secretary:**  
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.

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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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