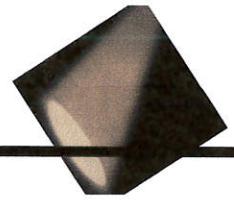


# THE SBC SPOTLIGHT



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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45AM  
SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00AM

*\*NEW TIMES FOR WED\**  
WED. EVENING MEAL 5:15PM  
WED. BIBLE STUDY 6:00PM  
WED. Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm

### DEACON OF THE WEEK:

February 3	Karen Ridenhour
February 10	Jim Barnette
February 17	David Bearden
February 24	Mike Kent

February 18, 2018  
6:30PM  
Deacon's Meeting

## PASTOR'S CORNER

DR. WALLACE MCABEE,  
SENIOR PASTOR

Newsletter February 2019

A Bright Future!

Yes, I am talking about our church! There are signs that should concern us as our congregation enters 2019. Our baptisms are stagnant, membership plateau, guest visiting with us a bit few and far between and some of the largest churches in Metro Atlanta are in our back door attracting large crowds with massive budgets and multi-ministries. The move to contemporary worship styles, super casual dressing pastor's with spiked hair and untucked shirts are experiencing growth that we all celebrate. When people are being reached with the Good News and maturing in their walk with the Lord we are excited for them as we are in the people reaching business together. However, sometimes, it may make us feel that the days of our thriving ministry are behind us as even more massive churches will move in to our area in the short years to come.

But, I am optimistic and excited about our place here as well. We can do so much more than survive, we can grow and serve and reach all with our ministry shape. Just like any church that thrives, it is rarely accidental; it is always intentional and requires hard work and dedication. We are blessed to live in a community that is growing, lots of new people expected to move here and that is good news! Here are a few ways that we join the other successful churches in our area as we maintain our increasingly unique approach to ministry:

**1. Sunday School** – While more and more congregations abandon a Sunday School like approach to reaching, teaching and loving people, we can

excel here. There is no better model to effectively grow a great church and we are positioning our church for the best kind of growth when we support our growing Bible Study ministry.

**2. Invite someone to come with you** – this is still the very best way to grow a great church. Your consistent and enthusiastic participation will drive us forward and inviting people you know to come as your guest is the key.

**3. Youth and Children's ministries** – these areas are especially critical for the life of our church for now and generations to come. We need more workers for Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. None are too old to help, and we can offer an exceptional ministry to parents of children as well.

**4. Worship** – we all need to enter the worship time bathed in prayer and anticipating God to move among us. Mike and I cannot drum this up but each of us can walk in the door already alive in the Spirit and acting like it! Yes, you can smile, yes, you can sing with vigor and yes, we can have a worship experience that leads to life transformation with Hymns, prayer, the Word, a choir and New Songs lifted to our Father in love and adoration.

**5. Prayer** – Pray for your church! The Bible tells us that when we pray in agreement with the Lord that marvelous things happen. You have all got to believe that God wants our church to grow, to thrive, to love, to teach, to help and reach. This is the key to all the rest. Yes, pray for our sick and downtrodden. Also, yes, pray for God to change the very fabric of SBC to His glory – yes, we will GROW!

YES, our future is bright – let's act like it and join the Lord in growing a great church with great people sharing great news!

Upward and Onward!  
Pastor Wallace





## WORSHIP EVENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



### Worship & Upcoming Events

**February 3 (Sunday)**

CBF Missions Emphasis

**February 7 (Thursday)**

Olive Branch Meeting 6pm

**February 9 (Saturday)**

Valentine's Banquet 6pm

Love will be in the air and fine cuisine will be abundant in the Fellowship Hall as we get together for a night of romance and fun. Our entertainment this year will be provided by the dynamic duo of Mike and Jill Exner. Sign up now in front of the church office or by emailing us: [admin@sharpsburgbaptist.com](mailto:admin@sharpsburgbaptist.com).

\$20 per couple and \$12 for singles...Pre-payment required

**February 10 (Sunday)**

CBF Missions Emphasis

We begin our Stewardship Lessons in Sunday School  
We will share Worship Themes and Sunday School lessons designed to help us move Forward toward a new day for SBC!  
Sunday School lessons begin February 10.

**February 14 (Thursday) - Valentine's Day**

10am-1pm First Responders Appreciation Day in the Fellowship Hall

**February 17 (Sunday)**

Building Fund Kickoff

Our church choosing Forward in Challenging Times  
Theme verse: Joshua 1: 9 "Forward" is the launching effort of our new building space and kitchen renovation project approved in our December conference. The campaign to raise the funds for the project and to position us to take full advantage of the effort begins today.

Building Committee Update

You will all be happy to know that your building committee is busy in the process of interviewing potential contractors to lead our building improvements. We hope to announce our choice soon. Construction will start once the initial \$45,000 is in hand.

**February 18 (Monday)**

Deacon's Meeting 6:30pm

**February 18-22**

Mid Winter Break for Coweta County Schools

**February 20 (Wednesday)**

No Services Tonight

**February 21 (Thursday)**

Senior Lunch Crew—11:30am

Hanna Bros Café

Meet at the church by 10:30am or at the restaurant by 11:30am.

RSVP on the sign up sheet in foyer

**February 24 (Sunday)**

Lord's Supper during worship time

## Music Notes

### CHICKEN SOUP FOR ME

Have you ever noticed how a "CAN" of tuna looks just like a similar "CAN" of chicken? . . . And have you ever noticed how a can of "CHUNK LIGHT" tuna looks just like a similar can of "CHUNK LIGHT" chicken? Uh-Huh . . . and finally, have you ever noticed how a can of "TUNA" just might be labeled "CHICKEN" of the Sea? You know where I'm going with this? You see, sometimes I get creative and like to make my own "special" recipe of chicken noodle soup. It's great! Really! Just mix a package of Ramen noodle chicken flavored soup with a can of cream of chicken soup, six separated egg yolks, two quarts water, and finally a CAN of nice "WHITE CHICKEN" all in one HUGE POT.

Well, one cold Saturday morning I decided to make my favorite chicken soup. Jill and I were looking forward to a good lunch—I knew it was going to be great—just great! Before serving it, I decided to have the first taste. Let me stop here. . . . Does anybody know how HOT tuna fish tastes after simmering in a pot of noodle soup? You can imagine the surprise I had. I kept on trying the soup thinking "it'll get better," only it wasn't getting better. It was getting WORSE! "Taste this," I said. "No way," said Jill. "It smells terrible. What did you do?"

Finally, Jill digs the can out of the trash and discovers the problem, holding up an extra large, empty can of tuna fish in all its glory. One BIG POT of tuna flavored chicken soup all to WASTE. No one was going to touch it, not even the dog. I suspect that even a cat would not have cared for it.

It was all good. I made another batch of the soup that day, and we had a big laugh about it all. If fishy tasting chicken soup is all I have to worry about, then I have much to be thankful for. Jill and I are so fortunate to have loving family, friends, and most all a loving Savior.

I was reminded of a favorite hymn that we sing often: "There's within my heart a melody, Jesus whispers sweet and low: Fear not, I am with thee; peace be still, In all of life's ebb and flow. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Sweetest name I know. Fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go."

Life does have its ebbs and its flows, the good times and the times where we need healing. Over our 40+ years together, Jill and I have weathered storms and helped each other through sorrows. I am also reminded of 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18: "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

No matter what we encounter in life, keep on singing! Oh—and read the label!

Mike

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



## *Adults on Mission*

### *February NEWS*

Read the list below and check all that apply.

- I like to fellowship with other ladies.  
 I like to create handmade items.  
 I like to share the gospel in word and deed.

If you checked any line above, you are qualified for Adults on Mission!!

Adults on Mission meet every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to Noon in the Fellowship Hall. The ladies enjoy fellowship together as we create handmade items for missions which are distributed right here in the USA, and internationally, where our Georgia Baptist missionaries so faithfully serve.

If you checked the last box that says you like to share the gospel in word and deed, then this is your opportunity to be a missionary without ever leaving Sharpsburg! Every item created has scripture attached (the Word), and every item made is an act of kindness, sharing and achievement (the Deed).

Currently, we are working on bears, cutting and labeling crosses and pillowcase dresses, for those who live in Appalachian areas. Just two hours a week, or whenever you can come to crafts, means you can share the gospel via those who distribute the bears and crosses, or clothe a child. Our Georgia Baptists are so committed in meeting the needs, both physical and spiritual, of the Appalachian folks, and Adults on Mission consider it a privilege to create items for them to distribute.

An important date to remember is Sunday, April 28, 2019. That's the day when Mr. Bill Barker, Georgia Baptist Missionary to Appalachia, will be with us at SBC to share about his ministry. It's also the day we will load his truck with all of these items we are working so diligently on right now. **YOU WILL BE HEARING MORE ABOUT THIS AS THE DATE DRAWS CLOSER.**

Please consider joining us in this, and other endeavors.

God bless,  
 Adults on Mission Leadership Team,  
 Denise Jones, Nancy McAbee and Yvonne Pleasant

OLIVE BRANCH  
FEBRUARY NEWS



**\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE  
OF DATE CHANGE:  
FEBRUARY 7, 2019.**

Our regular monthly meeting is the 1st Thursday instead of the 2nd Thursday of this month due to Valentine's Day conflict. Okay, don't shoot the messenger as that was the majority vote. The special guest speaker for our February 7th meeting is Cynthia Boatwright with Piedmont Newnan Hospital. She will speak on heart health.

Our January meeting was brief, but we took care of business for the first month of the New Year and with Judy Harris leading us, it should be our BEST year yet for Olive Branch!! Lots of plans for the upcoming months, including plenty of excitement for our building program which will mean more Sunday School rooms, an enlarged Fellowship Hall, as well as an updated commercial kitchen! In keeping with that idea, Olive Branch has partnered with the producers/writers of the play being performed in August to raise money for the Building Fund by selling baked goods with all "sweet" profits going directly to the Fund.

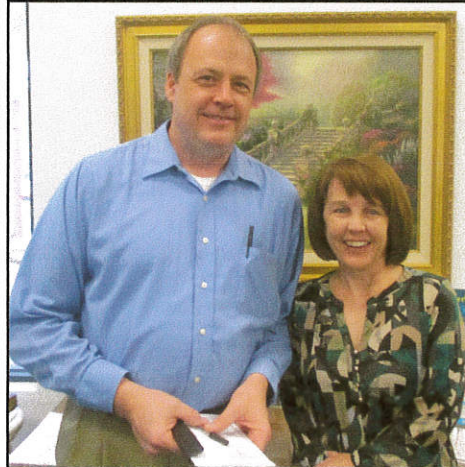
Other business at our January meeting included plans to continue gifting meals for SBC families-in-need at designated times of the year like Thanksgiving and Christmas; but also when there is a need for meals any other time. Many of us took names of our shut-ins and will visit, call, or write to them as often as we can. We are collecting items to be used in July's Vacation Bible School that has the theme of "Into The Wild".

Olive Branch has a heart for service and giving.....please join the women of SBC as we move forward in 2019 with love for our Lord, our Church, our community, and one another. We'll be looking for you on February 7th at 6PM.

~Your Olive Branch Leadership

# Welcome to SBC

*Please welcome New Members:*



**Ken & Karen  
Hayes**

*We are so  
happy to have  
you both  
worshipping  
with our SBC  
Family!*

# Wednesday Kids



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Georgia Tolleson's model of a  
section of the ark she made  
in Sunday School

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The Wednesday Night Kids celebrated their annual BIG BIRTHDAY party in January. We celebrate everyone's birthday one time together for the whole year. Each child decorated their own cupcake and we sang Happy Birthday to each one as they blew out their own candle.



*"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."*

*Ephesians 4:2-3*

# SBC Family Happenings



## THE SENIOR LUNCH CREW

This past month the Senior Lunch Crew made it out to Concord Café in Concord, GA. There were 25 in attendance. That's about half of the number that made it for the Christmas Event.... The Christmas event had 52 in attendance. That's a great turnout.

In February they will be going to

**Hanna Bros Café in Fayetteville, GA**

Address: **461 Sandy Creek Rd #2121, Fayetteville, Ga 30214**

The date will be Thursday, February 21 —11:30am

(Meet at church by 10:30a -OR-

the restaurant by 11:30a)

**See you all there!!**



### WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS FOR January 2019

Cost: \$6/pp OR \$15/family  
(12yo and under are free)

2-6-19

Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, Bread, Dessert

2-13-19

Hot Dogs, Chili, Dessert

2-20-19

NO MEAL—No Services Tonight

2-27-19

Spaghetti, Salad, Dessert



# SBC Family Happenings



## *Jesus Is My Valentine*

*Jesus is my Valentine;  
I talk to Him each day.  
He never, never leaves me;  
And always listens when I pray.  
Yes He is my Valentine;  
There is no love like His.  
He is the heart of all that is;  
For Him I breathe and live.  
He's a Valentine that never lies;  
Never hurts or breaks.  
He always has forgiven me;  
For all my past mistakes.  
If you only knew my Valentine;  
You would love Him too.  
For His love is always perfect;  
His love is always true.  
So if your heart is longing;  
For a love that never ends.  
For someone that is faithful;  
You know you can depend.  
Call upon my Valentine;  
He'll wash away your sin.  
He will be your Valentine;  
Ane your dearest, dearest friend.*

*~Susan Y Nikitenko*

Last month, Frank DeLoach led out a group on an outreach to the Atlanta Homless Shelter. There were so many that donated clothing, food, and time!! We had such a wonderful turnout to get all the lunches prepared to take to the shelter. ..

God has really blessed our church with such wonderful, generous, loving people. We could not share his love without your support. Thank you so much!!

**SBC is the church with a heart of GOLD!**



Below is a picture from the January Men's Breakfast & Bible Study



<i>February 2019</i>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Groundhog Day
<b>3</b> CBF Missions	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> AoM Crafts 10am <i>Service Times Change this week for Wednesday Services</i> <b>5:15pm</b> Meal <b>6pm</b> Adult Prayer Meeting/Youth/Children Ministries <b>7pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b> Olive Branch 6pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Valentine's Banquet for All – 6pm (Entertainment by Mike & Jill Exner) - RSVP and Prepayment required
<b>10</b> CBF Missions Stewardship Sunday 1	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> AoM Crafts 10am	<b>14</b>  VALENTINE'S DAY 1st Responders Appreciation Day from 10am-1pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Building Fund Kickoff Stewardship Sunday 2	<b>18</b> President's Day Deacon's Meeting 6:30pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> AoM Crafts 10am No Services tonight 6pm Youth Bowl @ Junction Lanes	<b>21</b> Senior Lunch 11:30am Hanna Bros Café	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
Coweta County Schools MID WINTER BREAK						
<b>24</b> Lord's Supper Stewardship Sunday 3	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> AoM Crafts 10am	<b>28</b>		

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

2-1 Isabelle Cole  
2-2 Brenda Roberts  
2-4 David Johnson  
2-5 Lillian West  
2-6 Karen Thurman  
2-7 Missy Cole  
Emily Hammock  
2-8 Kevin Tolleson  
2-9 Gayle Smith

2-12 Randall Smith  
Ron Ward  
Don West  
2-13 Jim Davis  
2-14 JC Murphy  
Frank Waggoner  
2-15 Sarah DeLoach  
2-16 Pat Wren  
2-18 Eddy Nelson

2-22 Joe Camp  
2-23 Yvonne Pleasant  
2-24 Pattie Arrowood  
2-26 Avery Cowart  
Jim Keese  
Truman Tolleson  
2-27 Lynne Collette  
2-28 Samantha Hammock

