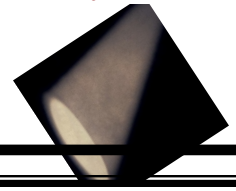


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# THE SBC SPOTLIGHT



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5:30pm Choir Rehearsal  
6:15pm Adult Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

**Sundays:**  
9:45am Sunday School  
11am Worship

## DEACON OF THE WEEK:

January 3	Jim Davis
January 10	Karen Hayes
January 17	Mike Kent
January 24	Doyle Matheny
January 31	Allen Nolan

Deacon's Meeting  
1:30pm  
January 18, 2021

## PASTOR'S CORNER

DR. WALLACE MCABEE, SENIOR PASTOR

Well Happy New Year to everyone! We are due for an exciting year of ministry together after a challenging 2020. Here are some of the initiatives I plan to work toward as we move into a fresh, unused year:

Securing a **Children's Director**, part-time of course, to help organize our efforts to nurture and reach children in our neighborhood for the Lord. Plan to be invited to an information meeting followed by a called conference to bring a motion to the church early this year. Implementing our first **UpWard Soccer** league and/or camp. This wonderful sports ministry will help us offer fun and clean recreation to our kids and position us to reach unchurched families in our community. We already have a coordinator and were moving forward with this in 2020 but were delayed by Covid. You will be pleased to see this take off this coming Spring.

Train at least 25 people in **Personal Evangelism**. We will offer classes and opportunities to learn simple and natural ways to share Christ with your unchurched friends, family and neighbors.

Sponsoring a **Community Dental Clinic** for adults in our community who lack dental insurance and struggle to pay for basic care. The clinic is managed by the Georgia Baptist Community Health Care ministries in partnership with our church. Along with offering a much-needed service, the second major focus of the clinic is sharing Christ with our community friends. I hope to see this come to our church in the late summer of 2021.

Partnering with other Georgia Baptist churches and our denomination to form a support network with an **IMB Missionary couple in Ecuador**.

The are working to share the Gospel with the unreached Afro-Ecuadorians and are seeking hands on partnerships with our church. Direct missions support and giving are the live blood of a thriving church.

Finally, I have targeted **Easter as our big Regathering Day at SBC**. With the vaccine being distributed and effective treatments being used, it is time to look forward to coming back together as a church family. While this may have to be pushed out depending on the conditions at the time, I enthusiastically believe this will be an incredible time for us. Yes, Easter Breakfast, Sunday School and a Resurrection Regathering service like no other is coming!

Yes, 2021 promises to be our best year in many as we continue to love, serve, support, gather and reach people in the name of Jesus! Joy and Grace to all!

Pastor Wallace

## Coming in February:

**"Say it, Claim it, Dedicate it to the Lord!"**

**You can anticipate an exciting month of worship ministry as we dream about a new day for our church family. Each Sunday will feature a strategic ministry we intend to strengthen as we get 2021 underway.**

# Worship & Upcoming Events

## UPCOMING JANUARY EVENTS

*Friday, January 1, 2021  
NEW YEARS DAY!*

*Thursday, January 14, 2021  
6pm Olive Branch Meeting*

*Monday, January 18, 2021  
1:30pm Deacon's Meeting*

*Tuesday, January 19, 2021  
Newsletter Article Submissions due to the office*

*Wednesday, January 20, 2021  
INAUGURATION DAY*

*Saturday, January 23, 2021  
Fellowship Hall has been reserved*

*Friday & Saturday, Jan. 29-30, 2021  
NON MEMBER Rehearsal and Wedding taking place*

*Sunday, January 31  
All Team Rally following worship  
This is for all teachers/leaders*

### Wednesday Schedules-

5:30pm Choir Rehearsal  
6:15pm Adult Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

### Sunday Schedules-

9:45am Sunday School  
11am Worship Service

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### Children's Church Teacher/Aide:

There is a sign up sheet in the foyer. If you have interest in helping in any Children's Divisions, you will need to sign up and if you are not Ministry Safe Certified, see the office to get that process completed.

## **Big All Team Rally**

**January 31, 12:01**

*This rally and planning event will be the official launch for our 2021 year as our ministry teams get together for dreaming, planning and growing again. Watch for a sign-up sheet for lunch and child-care. We will meet with adequate spacing so everyone will feel comfortable. The following teams are urged to participate:*

Children's Ministries: to form a plan forward toward bringing a proposal to the church for a Children's Ministries Director. Also, to plan upcoming events and ministries such as the UpWard Soccer league, Easter Egg Hunt and VBS.

Youth Ministries: to plan out a year of events to pull our students back together and reach new students including retreats, fun events designed for inreach/outreach and to engage parents in the process.

Community Connections: to calendar and plan events designed for outreach to our community such as the Dental Clinic, Car Show and so forth.

Congregational Connections: to map out a strategy to help move attenders toward membership and to fully engage them in the life of the church.

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# Music Notes



## The Year That Was

The year 2020 was certainly a trialsome year for all of us. Never have we experienced so many tests and upheavals in just one year. However, can you remember some positives—some good times? Yes! In this chaotic year, we have been made even stronger. Our church carried on—through our Facebook livestream, with our virtual choirs and virtual Sunday School, we were still able to carry the gospel message to our communities.

I especially want to thank Ken Hayes and Allen Nolan for their expertise in video and audio equipment. I also thank all my choir members for heroically trying something totally new as we created six virtual choirs. My parents, Bill and Fran Exner, graciously volunteered to fund the expense of each of those choirs. And a huge thank-you to all of YOU who supported new and sometimes unusual ideas, from outside services to virtual VBS.

We are grateful to the person who donated money to the choir in memory of Chuck Novak. We used the money to purchase a cart to carry our music, folders, and equipment back and forth from the sanctuary to our new practice room in the fellowship hall. We lovingly call the cart our “Chuck Wagon.” Many thanks!

I’ve been cutting back my hydrangeas, Lantanas, and other plants. I know they’ll grow back to be even more vigorous next spring. In the same way, Sharpsburg Baptist has persevered and thrived as a church in this pandemic year. I’m looking forward to an exciting 2021!

Keep on singing! Mike



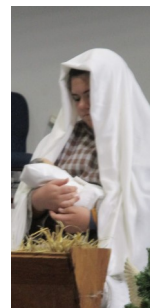
“O Holy Night”  
Kathy Rice



“Gesu Bambino”  
Erin Walker



“Breath of Heaven”  
Mike & Jill Exner



“Gesu Bambino”  
Maddy Miskell portraying Mary



“Somewhere in  
Your Silent Night”  
Sandra Johnson



# Youth Ministries

Hello Church Family,

We have done it! We have made it to the end of 2020! It's been one of the most insane years I can ever remember but just like any other year, it has also held its share of blessings. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, I cannot help but look at how faithful the Lord has been in our student ministry this year. Most of our events were canceled due to COVID-19 and we have had to adjust almost everything about how we operate. Even so, our group has not only grown in numbers but also in knowledge of Scripture as we have had intentional Sunday school meetings and Thursday night meetings at the Crum house. Recently, we took 2 different youth trips, one to the Wild Animal Safari in Pine Mountain, and a trip to the Atlanta Botanical Gardens. I want to extend a special thank you to Allen and Pam Nolan, who have been an invaluable source of help for Macie and I in the last couple of months. Seriously, y'all are awesome! Looking forward, we will be returning to WEDNESDAY night Bible study in the youth room starting in January. The pandemic is not over, so we will still have to remain flexible until it dies down. I am very proud of our students and am so thankful for all of you at Sharpsburg Baptist! Macie and I are thrilled to bring our daughter into the world with such a loving church family. I look forward to seeing you all next Sunday as I bring God's word to you in worship. Have a safe and Merry Christmas! We love you all!

In Christ,

Jon Crum



## A Message from Finance

Thank you for giving to the Lord this year! His work has continued because of your generosity and faithfulness.

My goal is to have end of year giving statements available Sunday, January 10th at the church for you to pick up. Those not picked up after 2 weeks will be mailed out. If you have any questions or concerns about your statements, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. They will be placed in the Christmas Mailbox slots.



You may not know—I volunteer with AAPR's Tax Aide program each year. As I began working on certifications for the 2020 tax season, I have learned something that might be of use to some of you. In the past, you had to itemize on your tax return in order to claim a deduction for your church giving. For 2020, you can claim up to \$300 of cash charitable giving right off the 1040 form. So these statements of giving might be of use to you after all.

If you are receiving pension income, there is such a thing as a Qualified Charitable Deduction which can also be taken on your tax return as a charitable deduction without itemizing. Talk with your pension administrator or tax preparer if you'd like more information on this.

Blessings,  
Lynn Glassbrook  
Sharpsburg Baptist Church Financial Secretary





## ***Adults on Mission***

### ***January News***

## ***Happy New Year!***

The Lord has blessed Adults on Mission tremendously this year by opening fields for ministry. We closed 2020 by sending a large shipment of craft items to Kentucky to benefit our Appalachian friends. Items sent were bears, baby washcloths, baby blankets, crocheted hats, book bags, pillow case dresses, bracelets, and items for sewing class.

We are excited to welcome Susan Anglin and Bert Darley to the craft group! During the Pandemic while we have not been able to hold our weekly crafts sessions, Bert has been busy helping with bears, baby washcloths and book bags. Both ladies bring a great deal of experience with crafts and sewing, and their desire to further the gospel is an asset.



We want to thank the craft group from Flat Creek Baptist Church in Fayetteville for making a wonderful donation of fabric, and other crafting supplies to AoM. Many bears have already been created from the fabric, and lots of book bags will be created from the upholstery fabric. Mrs. Joy Nuckolls, from the craft group donated 35 baby blankets, and 50 crocheted hats to us for the Appalachian ministry. Both churches came together to share the message of Jesus with our friends in Kentucky.

The New Year will find us deciding which items to continue creating, and what new items we can take on as a group. Through it all, our goal is to share Jesus with those who don't know Him, some who have never even heard His name. Won't you join us as we create items for our own community and around the world? Contact any of the Leadership Team with questions.

God bless you, and a Very Happy New Year!  
Denise Jones, Nancy McAbee and Yvonne Pleasant  
Adults on Mission Leadership Team

#### **Reminders:**

AoM Craft Group can use your old greeting cards. We use them for our mission creations that are sent out here and abroad. If you have any you would like to donate, you can place them in the marked box outside the church office. If you have the matching envelopes, those are helpful too. Thank you for your support of Adults on Mission.

Also, we recycle ink cartridges. There is a box in front of the church office where you can leave yours. It helps on costs for office supplies.



Adult on Mission shares Christmas treats and inspirational messages with residents at Ansley Park Nursing and Rehab in Newnan.

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





## ***January News***

Our December 10th meeting was well attended. During our business meeting, we discussed and approved three outreach and witness projects to be completed by the end of December. God has been good to allow us to host, as well as participate in several fundraisers, such that we had funds to enable us to move quickly on these ideas. We purchased six Walmart gift cards and delivered them to the GA Baptist Children's Home. We sponsored 10 Nicaraguan families in the areas hardest hit by the November 2020 hurricanes by purchasing 10 pre-packaged care kits with items they desperately need. Lastly, we made a contribution to the principal of our loan for the building addition/renovation. In November, we provided Thanksgiving meals to two families in our church. We are also providing Christmas Day meals to two families in our church.

We are an active group of women who love the Lord and want to serve others. As our NEW year begins, we continue to extend a welcome to all women of any age to join us the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month (except July) at 6pm to pray, plan, and reach out to those in our church, our community and other places where the need is great and the resources are few. We sometimes have speakers present to us, so that we gain knowledge in many different areas. We never know what avenues are going to open up for us to walk through to carry His message anyway we can.

Finally, our last fundraiser of 2020 was our annual Holiday Bake Sale. There were so many dozen cookies ordered (Thank you, church!) we had to ask "elves" to come help us in the kitchen! OK, they weren't elves.....but they were helpful! Thanks to all of you who purchased our home baked goodies for your Holiday tables!

*{{Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.}}*  
*Romans 12:13*

~ The Olive Branch Ladies

*1 Peter 4:10*  
*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*

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

# SBC Happenings

WELCOME our new 2021 Deacons:

Karen Hayes

Allen Nolan

Doyle Matheny

We are fortunate to have you join this great team of men and women that help guide SBC.



*Allen Nolan*



*Doyle Matheny*



*Karen Hayes*



On December 2nd, Eight Sharpsburg Baptist church members went to the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Processing Warehouse in Atlanta. We helped check the boxes, package them for shipping. It was so uplifting to see people from all over the south who had come to serve the Lord together in this way.

The day that we worked all of the shoeboxes processed were going to Cameroon and Mali in Africa.

~Janice B.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH



**Dec. 6th we had 12 children in**

**Children's Church!**

**God is Good!**

**We are still in need of volunteers to help on Sundays and Wednesdays. Sign up sheet in the foyer.**





# SBC Happenings

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 12, 2020

We had a wonderful Christmas Party for the Children! A big thank you to Lela Bearden for organizing the party and for all the many helpers that showed up. We had pizza, music led by Maddy Miskell with Ed Davis on guitar for accompaniment, the Christmas Story and many crafts.

It was a fun party.



January 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship			5:30pm Choir 6:15pm Prayer Meeting	7pm Youth Ministries	1 New Year's Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Olive Branch 6pm	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Jr.  Deacon's Meeting 1:30pm	19 February Newsletter Articles due to church office	20 Inauguration Day	21	22	23 Fellowship Hall Reserved
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 All Team Ministry Meeting – following worship	<div> Non-Member Wedding-  Friday: 4pm-9pm  Decorate/Rehearsal  Saturday 8a-10p </div>					

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jan 2 - Derek Ansley  
           Misha Hammock  
 Jan 3 - Gerald Rice  
 Jan 4 - Matt West  
 Jan 6 - Dan Pritchett  
 Jan 7 - Tanner Jones  
           Chris Key  
 Jan 8 - Norma Moody  
           Andrew Parten  
           Beth West  
 Jan 12 - Justin McAbee

Jan 13 - Michael Couch  
           Jacqueline Pailer  
 Jan 14 - Sandra Mann  
 Jan 16 - Sharon Hardy  
 Jan 17 - Heather McElwaney  
 Jan 18 - Tracey Hightower  
           Madison Hightower  
 Jan 19 - Joyce Seale  
 Jan 20 - Royce Camp  
           Bud Herring  
 Jan 21 - Bailey Black  
           Bill Puckett

Jan 23 - Kristen Baughan  
 Jan 24 - Jodie Couch  
           Lou Pailer  
           Teresa Puckett  
           Teresa Stafford  
 Jan 28 - Anne Jaimeson  
           Karen Tinsley  
 Jan 29 - Brian Downie  
 Jan 30 - Howard Orr



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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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**JOIN US!**

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**Sunday Worship: 11:00 am**

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**6:15pm**

**Prayer Meeting & Bible Study**

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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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