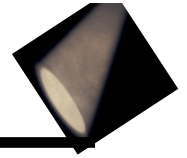


# THE SBC SPOTLIGHT



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### **Wednesdays:**

**4:15pm-5pm Bell Rehearsal**  
**5pm-6pm Choir Rehearsal**  
**5:45pm-6:30pm**  
Family Potluck Supper  
**6:30pm-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:**

April 7	Janice Spradlin
April 14	Kay Adams
April 21	David Bearden
April 28	Andy Cook

### **DEACON'S MEETING**

**Wednesday**  
**April 17, 2024**  
**4pm**

## PASTOR'S CORNER

DR. WALLACE MCABEE, SENIOR PASTOR

*Joy!* We sing and talk a lot about it during Christmas but how about the rest of the year? Often, we treat joy like it was the first cousin of happiness, however, they are very different. Happiness is wonderful and I encourage it at every opportunity. The problem with happiness is that it is often circumstance driven. If we get the promotion, we are happy – if the doctor's report is good, we are happy – if the cake comes out right, we are happy and so it goes. Happiness is conditional and can come and go like the wind. *Joy*, on the other hand, is a gift right from God's heart to yours. Joy is peace of heart and a sense of wellness that comes from walking with the Lord day by day. Joy comes from time in the Word, serving others, helping others mature in their faith and such. Joy is happiness that we can experience when things around us are falling apart. It is not some type of spiritual suave we rub on a wound but rather a spring of life from our Father's heart that we allow to invade our best and worst of times. I think it is also a choice, a choice of faith. Joy is something we choose to demonstrate our trust in the Lord, our heart for others .... Joy seems to be the product of living more and more in the image of Christ. So, today, how about choosing *Joy*. Read some Bible verses, spend a few moments in prayer, get in on ministry and choose to be joyful regardless of your circumstances. Joy, God's design for You!

I would appreciate you helping me with something as well. I am so thankful that we are seeing some growth in our Children's and Youth Ministries. Nichole and Jana are doing extraordinary work! However, their success means we need help. Some of you are gifted and experienced in working with children and young people. It is our responsibility and our joy to help raise up the next generation of Christians. We cannot hire that responsibility away – it is up to us. Will you ask the Lord to direct you and volunteer to help. Our students and children are counting on you, and I trust you will exceed the need!

Peace and Joy in Jesus!  
Pastor Wallace

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### **Wednesday Evening News**

We will not have any meal or ministries on Wednesday evening April 3 due to Spring Break. We have added 15 minutes to the end of the Fellowship Meal time to encourage everyone to spend more time together ; With classes for everyone beginning at 6:30 and concluding at 7:15.

### **A BIG Thank you!**

The church family sends out a big thank you to our youth director, Nicole, our youth and youth leaders in supporting our Community Introduction to Family Camping event. Our events are designed to provide our community with special interest activities and open opportunities to share the Gospel while also inviting them to church.

### **Speaking of Thank you!**

It was exciting to have our children share a special song with us on Palm Sunday. We appreciate the hard work from Jana, our children's director, our children's team and of course our wonderful children!

# Worship & Upcoming Events

## Wednesday Schedule-

4:15pm-5pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

5pm-6pm Choir Rehearsal

5:45pm-6:30pm Family Potluck Supper

6:30pm-7:15pm

Adult Prayer Meeting, Youth & Children Ministries

## Thursday Schedule-

**AoM Crafts—10am-12pm— Each Thursday**

**Olive Branch Meeting—Thursday, Apr 11 – 6pm**

## Sunday Schedule-

9:45am Sunday School

11am Worship Service

6pm Ladies Bible Study

(NO Ladies Bible Study on Easter Sunday or the one after)

## UPCOMING WORSHIP & Events

**Quarterly Church Potluck has been cancelled for this month**

## Monday, April 1

10:45am Benton House Visit

## Wednesday, April 3

**No SERVICES Tonight** due to Spring Break

## April 3-6 (Wed-Sat)

**Youth Camping Trip at the Farm**

(Michael & Nicole Anderson's Farm)

## April 7 (Sun)

**Celebration of Life Service for Jim Keesee will follow the worship service. The family has ordered chicken for all who stay, so please bring a side dish to share. The family has also asked for the musical group that Jim loved to play during the lunch.**

## Tuesday, April 9

11:30am APRIL Birthday Lunch Meetup

LOCATION: A&Js (Art & Jakes Sports Bar, 510 Newnan Crossing Bypass, Newnan, Ga 30265)

## Wednesday, April 10

**YARD SALE SET UP DAY 8a-2p**

(If you can help set up, please sign the sign up sheet outside the church office so we know how many will be there to help get things set up.)

## UPCOMING WORSHIP & Events

## Thursday-Saturday, April 11-13

**YARD SALE & BBQ 8a-2p**

(If you can help with the event, there is a sign up sheet outside the church office, sign up for EACH day you can help with — there are separate sheets for each day.)

## Tuesday, April 16

11a-2p

**FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION LUNCH—Baby Back Ribs**

Need volunteers to help cook and serve; We also need our bakers and cooks to make some desserts for our First Responders. You can bring the desserts to the church between 8a-10a on Tuesday morning. Thank you!!

## Wednesday, April 17

4pm Deacon's Meeting

(Deacons—it is time to start discussing our 2025 Deacon Selection Process)

## Thursday, April 18

Out to Lunch Bunch Meetup

10:15a meet at the church to carpool OR

11:15a at the restaurant

LOCATION: Ole Times Country Buffet, 1900 Manchester Expy, Columbus, GA 31904

## Friday, April 19

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES Due to the office**

## April 23-25 (Tues-Thurs)

**Pastor's Study Trip**

## Wednesday, April 24

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY**

## Sunday, April 28

Church-Wide 50s Party following worship (CANCELLED) this will be rescheduled for a day in the Fall... Keep a look out for details


Music Notes


## Rejoice, Give Thanks, and Sing!

***“Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation! Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.” Psalms 95: 1-2.***

I am so grateful for the dedicated choir members who come to practice each week to learn new music. We work hard together, but we have fun, too, and it feels like a caring family. Thank you for your encouraging words.

March was a full month of music for our church: we had a guest cellist, Meagan Keeley, who accompanied Erin Walker’s solo; Kathy Rice blessed us with “Via Dolorosa,” and Eddy Nelson sang a verse of “Behold the Lamb.” Our children did a “flash mob” and sang on Palm Sunday, complete with palm branches. I am happy to say that our choir loft has been full lately; I have a new pink coat to wear on the Sundays that we have 25 members, so look for that to happen often! We still have room for you, though—and we’d love for you to join us. The bell group will be taking a summer break, but our choir will practice throughout the summertime.

Keep on singing!    --Mike







**Olive Branch  
APRIL News**

We had many women at March's Olive Branch meeting! Let's strive to continue such excellent attendance! You could feel the crowd's excitement as we moved around visiting with each other before the meeting.

The "assignment" for this month was to bring an item or items that could be donated to I-58 Mission in Senoia to supplement their pantry for the homes of students who would be out of school the week of spring break. Many of these students' (whose families are served by I-58 Mission) are free breakfast and/or lunch recipients at their schools. Being out of school should not mean that they have less to eat. We "served up" an abundance of breakfast, lunch, and snack items! We voted to spend \$500 to buy items of which we didn't have enough (Example: frozen items or dairy items). Jo Ann offered to purchase and take to I-58 Mission in Senoia before spring break started.

In other Olive Branch business, we voted to give our Andy Cook \$500 for his upcoming mission trip to Zambia in June.

Lastly, we discussed our volunteer efforts for all SBC community outreach events in April and June: the 4 Day Yard Sale, the First Responders' Appreciation Lunch, and the Car Show.

Plan to come to our **April** meeting where **Chris Hobbs**, Communications Director for the GA Baptist Children's Home, will be our speaker. By the way, he is **Carol Miller** and **Mary Cotton's** nephew!

See you **Thursday April 11 at 6pm**. YOU ARE MISSED IF YOU ARE NOT THERE.

~The Olive Branch Ladies



**Adults on Mission  
APRIL News**

This is a small sample of baby gifts we sent to 'God's Love From a Diaper Bag'. We work on items all year to provide for them. This is what we actually sent them:

- 27 crocheted baby hats,
- 12 fleece throws
- 41 handmade bibs
- 35 handmade burp pads
- 50 handmade tote bags
- 34 handmade wash cloths
- 19 handmade pillow cases
- 28 receiving blankets
- 10 giraffes
- 14 bears

The fleece throws and receiving blankets were the only things we didn't make, we bought them at a cost less than we could make them.

We are now working on baby gifts for the Newnan Pregnancy Center and Christmas ornaments for the care facilities. The Thursday prior to Easter, we plan to take Easter gifts to a care facility.

We would love for you to come see what we do next and help us as we make gifts not only for local ministries, but for gifts to go around the world. If you can count, tie or pray we can use you. We meet every Thursday from 10-12.

~Ladies of AOM



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

# YOUTH News

Hello Sharpsburg Church Family, I pray you are all doing well.

This month has flown by in the blink of an eye in all the best ways possible. I was given the honor of taking the youth and some of our wonderful church members on a joined trip to Beyond the Tomb Tour at the bible museum in Lagrange GA. The youth have learned and grown so much over the past few months. I am beyond thankful for the opportunity to teach our students. The youth not only did the Bible Museum this month but also hosted the Family Camping Event and breakfast for the church. Coming up at the end of this month is Easter weekend which we are excited to be a part of. For April, we are having our first ever youth overnight trip, this will be a youth camping and team building week. We have attached some photos of our adventures from this month to share and cannot wait to share even more of our adventures with you all.

I realized recently that I have not been able to fully introduce myself and offer you information on the background that I have to be able to better serve you as your youth director. I have decided to take this opportunity to give you a little background on who I am and how I can help our church grow. In the last 30 years, I have had the beautiful opportunity to grow in God's church. I have also had the opportunity to serve in his church as a Sunday school teacher, substitute teacher, youth leader, singer in praise band, choir, sound board, S.W.A.T (servant with a testimony), children's leader, Christian summer camp and VBS leader/teacher, world changers, missionary work, church drama team leaders for both Christmas and Easter programs as well as Bible journey in the fall. I have attended a Baptist College/university and was a triple major in Christian Studies, Music Ministry, and Christian Physiology. I am currently in the process of finishing those degrees. With this background and schooling, I pray I can serve you all to the fullest and help bring many others to Christ. I pray that with this information I am now more able to serve you all and our community to the fullest.

With Much Love,  
Peace and Blessings  
Psalms 119:105  
~Nicole



Children's Wing  
April Newsletter



## THROWBACK

A series on Jesus' Teachings

This month we will be learning about the teachings of Jesus with stories like the speck and the plank, the unforgiving servant, the workers in the vineyard, and the rich man and Lazarus. We love to show them how to incorporate these lessons into their daily lives with the weekly big ideas. This month the big ideas that go along with our lessons are: It's always good to be humble, we can always forgive, Jesus is always fair, and love always needs action. Of course, we also throw in or should I say Throwback (see what I did there) the monthly theme. We will be throwing in some blasts from the past! The kids will learn what it was like when we were kids. So be ready for a lot of questions like, "Did you really wear that?", "That toy sounds boring," etc. This will be a fun month and we are super excited to jump into the teachings of Jesus.

~Jana and the Children's Team



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# SBC Happenings & Upcoming Events

# Welcome

We are so happy you have made Sharpsburg Baptist Church your church home! Welcome to our church family!!



Above: Rodney Ogle

Below:  
Earl & Kathy Crouse



## Out to Lunch Bunch ...

March was fun at one of this groups' favorite restaurants... Buckners Family Restaurant. Come on out and join this group as they go to eat and fellowship at area restaurants.

**APRIL Out to Lunch Bunch Meetup will be:**

**DATE:**

Thursday, 4.18

**TIME:**

10:15am at church to carpool OR 11:15am at restaurant

**LOCATION:**

Ole Times Country Buffet  
1900 Manchester Hwy  
Columbus, GA



# THANK YOU

**A BIG THANK YOU to our YOUTH Dept for all the effort you put in to the Family Camping Event! It was appreciated by all!**



# APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 10:45am Benton House Visit <b>SPRING BREAK</b>	2 <b>SPRING BREAK</b>	3 <b>NO SERVICES</b> YOUTH CAMP <b>SPRING BREAK</b>	4 10am AoM Crafts YOUTH CAMP <b>SPRING BREAK</b>	5 YOUTH CAMP <b>SPRING BREAK</b>	6 YOUTH CAMP
7 Baptism during worship  Celebration of Life Service for Jim Keese following worship	8	9 Ladies Birthday Lunch 11:30am Art & Jake's (A&Js) Newnan	10 YARD SALE SET UP DAY 8am-2pm	11 YARD SALE & BBQ 8am-2pm  6pm Olive Branch Mtg	12 YARD SALE & BBQ 8am-2pm	13 YARD SALE & BBQ 8am-2pm
14	15	16 11a-2p First Responders Appreciation Lunch	17 4pm Deacon Mtg (Deacons to start the Deacon Selection Process for 2025)	18 10am AoM Crafts 10:15am OTLB Meetup: Ole Times Country Buffet, Columbus, GA	19	20
21	22 Newsletter Articles Due	23 Pastor's Study Trip	24 Administrative Professionals Day Pastor's Study Trip	25 10am AoM Crafts Pastor's Study Trip	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 3- Tommy Pleasant  
Judy Whitwood

April 5- Ken Hayes

April 6- Justin Corley

April 7- Kim Morman

April 10- Bob McCall  
Dale Sloan

April 12- Karen Hayes

April 15- Frank DeLoach, Sr.

April 16- Phyllis Pitts  
Lori Maxwell

April 17- Caitlyn Davis  
Eddie Nolan

April 23- Jim Townsend

April 28- Sarah McClain





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Jana Blackshire

**Administrative Assistant:**  
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**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.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

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**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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