

THE SBC SPOTLIGHT



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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45AM
SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00AM
WED. BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM
Wednesday Youth & Children's Ministries 6:30pm
Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm

DEACON OF THE WEEK:

January 7	Jim Davis
January 14	Frank DeLoach, Sr.
January 21	Lewis Pitts
January 28	Gerald Rice

January 15, 2018
7:00PM
Deacon's Meeting

PASTOR'S CORNER

DR. WALLACE MCABEE, SENIOR PASTOR

Just Wondering ...

I have been doing a bit of dreaming lately. Yes, a bit about Christmas, family, and football games – most of all about our church family. Here at the start of a brand new, unused year, the Lord has been speaking to me with fresh words about His dreams for our church and community. I plan to share a bit more detail on the first Sunday of January but here are two dreams I see for us as a church family:

I am dreaming of a new facility, yes, a building where our ministry can be enhanced and expanded. We are at the point that if we do not provide more space, we will see our future dimmed. Listening to our parents, young people and anyone involved in our Sunday School, youth, children and VBS ministries reveals that we have incredible opportunity for reaching and helping people grow with more space. I have proposed a plan to your deacons and soon to our financial leaders to begin the process with raising substantial cash toward our dream. You all have been so successful in our work together that we have outgrown the wonderful facility the Lord has provided. Listen out for more details as the New Year unfolds.

Another dream, actually more important

than the first, is that we see water again flowing in our

baptistery. Scripture makes it clear that our most critical mandate as Christ-followers and as a congregation is to reach the lost and disciple them. I hope you will enthusiastically participate in training that we plan to offer twice this year. Both approaches are based on a natural, non-threatening, relational way to share Christ effectively with people we already know. Most faithful church folks have never shared Christ with another person and have never experienced the joy of participating in someone moving from spiritual death to life. We can change that! This would be a wonderful place for new believer's to be born and

mature. It begins with me and I pray will sweep our congregation as a movement driven

by our passion for the Lord. Prayer and learning how are critical to our success.

Another dream is already come to pass – the Lord has built on wonderful staff persons and ministers of the past to assemble the most amazing church staff I have ever had the privilege of serving with. Please know that we all eagerly welcome your prayers and support as we serve the Lord together.

A New Year of Great Promise indeed!

Happy New Year!
Pastor Wallace





WORSHIP EVENTS



Dream Life!

Discovering Maximum Fulfillment in Christ

Wednesday Bible Studies: January 10, 17, 24, & 31

Join us as we start the new year off right, with our Father in Heaven. Wednesday night Bible Study starts up on January 10th and you will not want to miss the new series by Dr Mills, our pastor emeritus. He will be leading our adults on a 3 to 4 session study of "The Significance of the Charismatic Movement" **Beginning January 10 at 6:30.** Learn about the challenges of this doctrine and more clearly understand the work of the Holy Spirit in your life as a disciple of Christ.

Sunday, January 14th

You are invited to A Welcoming Reception For our new Minister to Youth, Rev. Jonathan Crum and his new bride, Macie. This will be held at noon in the Fellowship Hall; Sponsored and organized by your Youth Minister Search Committee

We are also excited and honored to share and witness the Believer's Baptism of Ms. Janice Dukes during our morning worship service. What a great way to start a new year and to welcome Janice into our church family!

Sunday, January 21st

All Team Training following the worship service at noon
Lunch provided for a \$5 per person donation and reservation

Christmas Eve Service

was such a delight! It is a special time to remember the blessings we have and to be thankful that we serve a loving Father. The month of December was filled with weeks of Advent with many sharing their time and talent with each other. Thank you to all who helped and volunteered your time in one way or another.

Wishing MANY BLESSINGS to YOU ALL in 2018!

A special thanks to the Zellner's for the beautiful Nativity Scene that is in front of the church from year to year!



PAST & UPCOMING NEWS**Christmas Dinner and Cantata**

There was so much hard work put into the Christmas Cantata and Dinner this year. What a wonderful night to enjoy the talents of our wonderful musician and singers and the delicious meal that was prepared for everyone.



A VALENTINE'S EVENING TO REMEMBER

Plan now to join us for our
Couple's Marriage Enrichment Dinner
February 10th @ 6:00pm

Gifted pastoral marriage counselor and relationship coach, Ms. Deana Riley, will be our guest speaker. Our meal will be catered by the Olive Garden.

Reservations required.
Watch for more details soon!

OUR FIRST MISSION TRIP for 2018 will be
February 17-24, 2018;

Nicaragua! If you have not already signed up for this opportunity, please reach out to Gerald Rice for details: 770-309-3087

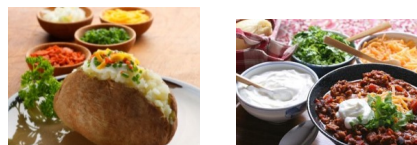
January 2018**Wednesday Evening Meals– 5:30pm**

Cost:

\$5/person, \$15/family, 12yo and under are free;
Be sure to RSVP no later than noon on Tuesday prior to meal.

January 10th

Chili/Baked Potato Bar/Dessert



January 17th

BBQ Sandwich/baked beans/chips/dessert



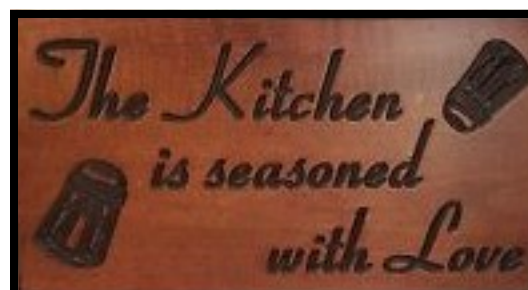
January 24th

Meatloaf/Rice/black-eyed peas/slaw/bread & dessert



January 31st

Veggie Plate/corn bread/dessert



ADULTS ON MISSION JANUARY NEWS

HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone. We hope you all enjoyed your Christmas holiday with family and friends and were able to make new wonderful memories together. Reminder that Adults on Mission meets each third Wednesday night at 6:15pm to learn about, and pray for, missionaries serving with our Southern Baptist International and Home Mission Boards. **Our next meeting will be: Wednesday, January 17th at 6:15 p.m.**

Adults on Mission Craft group will resume Wednesday morning, January 3rd at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. **YOU** are invited to join us as we create handmade items for missions at home and abroad.

Questions about Adults on Mission may be addressed to Denise Jones, Nancy McAbee, Yvonne Pleasant or Ann Watts.

Additional Reminder:

Please donate your empty ink cartridges. We turn these in and recycle them. In turn, the church gets a discount on office supplies when purchased.

Thank you for your help!



ADULTS ON MISSION - CRAFT GROUP

We will resume our craft time on Wednesday, January 3, 2018

PLEASE JOIN US AS THEN AS WE CREATE HANDMADE ITEMS FOR

MISSIONS, AT HOME AND ABROAD.



DONATE GREETING CARDS!!!

Adults on Mission craft group is still accepting greeting cards if you would like to donate them to us. We use them for creating many of the pieces that go out for the different mission opportunities that we have in our community and abroad. There is a box in the foyer where you can place your donations.

Thank you very much!!

OLIVE BRANCH JANUARY NEWS

We had 18 ladies at the Christmas Dinner. The ladies filled a basket with chapstick for Denise Jones' class.

Now that 2018 is here, we are praying for a great year for The Olive Branch. We have several mission projects that we are interested in. You will hear more about this a little later.

We are making a change in our January Olive Branch meeting. It will still be on the same day, **Thursday Jan 11, 2018, however the time will be 10 AM.** We will be organizing for the new year.

HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE AT THE JANUARY MEETING AT 10 AM.

"...whatever you do, whether in word or deed, Do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus..."

~Your Olive Branch Team



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

YOUTH EVENTS



Our Mad Teens had a Youth Spaghetti Fundraiser in December which funded their trip to the Biblical Center in La-Grange. There was a great turnout for both.

We are here to reach the next generation of leaders so our youth can in turn lead others to Christ. Our youth are fine examples of this; they show great enthusiasm for giving back to others.

Below are some pictures that were taken on their trip to LaGrange to learn more about our Biblical history.



In December, the Wed Night Kids group and their parents had a Hanukkah party to learn how the Jewish holiday relates to Jesus. We heard about the miracle of the oil lasting 8 days, danced the hora, ate potato pancakes and played with the dreidels. It was a wonderful time drawing closer to Jesus!





SENIOR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON @ THE THOMAS' HOUSE



WHAT a WONDERFUL bunch of men and women that made it out to the Thomas' house for their *Annual Christmas Luncheon and Gift Exchange swap!*

It was so much fun and so great of Mike & Betty to open up their home to everyone! It was beautifully decorated for the holidays and the FOOD and Fellowship was such a blessed time! The gift exchange is a game that is played where once you pick a gift you can take that gift from someone else if it is your turn to choose. It was so much fun!!

I have a few pictures below from the day! The turnout was 35 in attendance!! I speak for everyone when I say, "THANK you again" to the Thomas' from ALL of us that attended.

It was wonderful to put faces to names that I hear about but had not had the pleasure of meeting yet! I enjoyed being a part of your day!

I wish you all many blessings in the new year! Happy 2018!



January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 NEW YEARS DAY	2	3 AoM Crafts resume 10am	4 SCHOOL BEGINS	5	6
7	8	9	10 All Ministries Resume AoM Crafts 10am Bible Study w/Dr. Mills 6:30p	11 OliveBranch 10AM (notice the new time for this month)	12	13
14 Welcome Lunch for Minister of Youth 12:00	15 Deacon's Meeting 7pm	16	17 AoM Crafts 10am AoM Meeting 6:15p Bible Study w/Dr. Mills 6:30p	18	19	20
21 All Team Ministry Meeting 12:00	22	23	24 AoM Crafts 10am Bible Study w/Dr. Mills 6:30p	25	26	27
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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jan 2- Derek Ansley, Jake Bert, Reagan Bloedt
Jan 3- Gerald Rice
Jan 4- Matt West
Jan 8- Andrew Parten, Norma Moody, Beth West
Jan 12- Justin McAbee
Jan 13- Michael Couch, Jacqueline Pailer
Jan 14- Sandra Mann
Jan 16- Sharon Hardy
Jan 18- Madison Hightower, Tracey Hightower
Jan 19- Joyce Seale
Jan 21- Bailey Black, Kay Samoly
Jan 24- Jodie Couch, Teresa Stafford, Lou Pailer
Jan 28- Anne Jamison, Karen Tinsley
Jan 30- Howard Orr

