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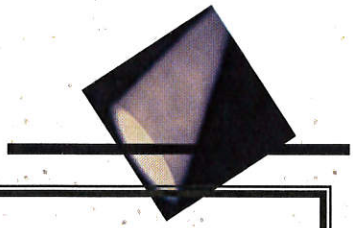
THE SBC SPOTLIGHT



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Sunday School
9:45am In Person

Worship
11am In Person

Wednesday Services
6:15pm In Person

Social Distancing Measures are in place as well as sanitizer & masks are available. Masks are recommended if unable to social distance.

DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Dec. 6	Frank DeLoach, Sr.
Dec. 13	Gerald Rice
Dec. 20	Karen Ridenhour
Dec. 27	Jim Barnette

Dec. 7, 2020 -
1:30pm Deacon's Mtg
Dec. 13, 2020—
4Q Church Conference

PASTOR'S CORNER

DR. WALLACE MCABEE, SENIOR PASTOR

Well, here we are gathering for our Thanksgiving feasts – Wonderful! Finishing up the absolute best meal of the year, our thoughts turn to Christmas. What are we going to do for Christmas this year? Should we plan on more pandemic driven panic, isolation sad songs, mask wearing blues, election year mega drama, fear, worry and just a feeling of impending doom? No, I think we can do better!

I say let us celebrate! Yes, this is our time of the year to bring out all the bright colors, sing the joy filled songs, worship our Lord with peaceful hearts, decorate each hearth and tell the world that hope has come! If we wait till virus threat subsides, politicians are at peace, the media is trustworthy – then we will never laugh again. Let's put on our party hats and rejoice! We are followers of the King and Savior Jesus. WOW, time to get started on a Christmas we will never forget.

Yes, your church family is here to help you and yours have just such a Holiday season. We have made some changes, but we are full forward on having a big-time honoring baby Jesus and our countless blessings. Plan to join us in person if you can and if not, we love seeing you on Facebook as we gather to worship, encourage each other, sing songs that will lift every heart and praise God for his amazing gift – Jesus Christ, His Son – our Savior!

Merry Christmas!
Pastor Wallace

Lottie Moon Mission Offering Emphasis

"Only believe, don't fear. Our Master, Jesus, always watches over us, and no matter what the persecution, Jesus will surely overcome it."
~Lottie Moon

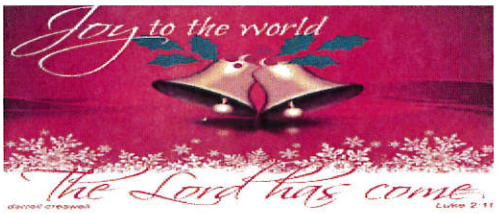
"How many million more souls are to pass into eternity without having heard the name of Jesus?"
~Lottie Moon

NOVEMBER WORSHIP EVENTS

Sundays - (IN PERSON)
9:45am Sunday School
11am Worship

Wednesdays—(IN PERSON)
5:30pm — Choir Rehearsal
6:15pm— Adult Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

Thursdays—
7pm— Youth Meeting at the Crum's House



Dec. 6, 13, 20 -
****ADVENT****
Lottie Moon Offering Emphasis

December 2—6:15pm
Town Hall Budget Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

December 6—
Olive Branch Bake Sale Deadline

December 9—6:15pm
Town Hall Budget Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

December 10—6pm
Olive Branch Meeting

December 12—12pm-2pm
Children's Christmas Party
in the Fellowship Hall (All are welcome to attend– Sign up sheet in foyer)

December 13 —
4Q Church Conference;
Proposed 2021 Calendar, budget and open discussion

December 15—NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE to the office

December 20—
*Bake Sale Orders Pick up Date
Christmas Music Program during morning worship

December 24— 5pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Church Office Closed—Dec. 23-Jan. 4

NOTE: Our Christmas Dinner that was scheduled for Dec. 20th has been cancelled due to the ongoing pandemic. The Christmas Cantata will be moved to the morning service.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
"A Multitude and You"
Offering for international missions November 29-December 27. Church Goal = $1250

Advent 2020!
Christmas Makes Hearts Sing!

Yes, Christmas season at SBC is all about happy songs, light hearts, warm memories and messages guaranteed to build you up in the Lord. Each Sunday features a treasured song of the season serving as our theme plus many other seasonal songs and hymns. Rather than a weekly Scripture reading and candle lighting, we are asking for volunteers to share a brief, favorite Christmas memory or a favorite Scripture related to the Season. Sign up to share a memory in front of the church office and plan to bring everyone you know to our services. Remember our Lottie Moon offering for overseas missions as another way to help others hear the Good News. Time to celebrate – Christ has come!

November 29:
"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Purple Candle, Peace/Prophecy. Lottie Moon Launch and Deacon Ordination

December 6:
"The First Noel" Purple Candle, Hope

December 13:
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing", Purple Candle, Love

December 20:
"Joy to the World" Pink Candle, Joy Cantata during morning worship

December 24:
"Silent Night, Holy Night" White Candle, Christ. Candlelight Lord's Supper by rows. Closing Song: "Go Tell it on the Mountain", handheld Missions Candles

Music Notes

Who was Jesus Christ?

A baby, born in a manger, to an un-wed young girl and her fiance`; became a man who walked on water and came to earth to save mankind. "You're right," says Alex Trebeck. "Now for the Daily Double. This person from Bethlehem grew up and turned the customs of the world upside down." Tic– Tic– Tic- "Who was Jesus Christ." Again, you're right!

Jill is an avid Jeopardy water. I watch with her, and we learn a lot! On many shows, there are questions concerning Bible people and events. There is no question that Jesus is the single one who had the largest impact on our world. Certainly, Jesus is the "Reason for the Season."

If there is anything advantageous about the pandemic, maybe it is that we have extra time with family and more time to reflect on what Christmas is really about. Time to look at the tree; to read the cards from friends; time to read the Christmas story and focus on our Savior.

Merry Christmas, everybody!
Keep on singing! ~ Mike

Above:
"My Savior's Love"
Ricky Walker

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"He's All I Need"
~Kathy Rice

Above:
"Shine on Us"
Mike & Jill Exner

Above:
"Let There Be Peace on Earth"
Linda Stell

Above:
"Blessings"
Sicily Holmes

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"Show Me Your Ways" Brenda Atkins & Maddy Miskell

Adults on Mission

December News

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions

Lottie Moon served as a missionary in China for nearly 40 years (1873-1912), and this offering bears her name in honor of her commitment to missions. Each year at this time, we as Southern Baptists have opportunity to invest in missionaries who answer God's call to serve, share and work on foreign fields. This offering is a valuable part of Southern Baptists' 175 year history of reaching the nations with the gospel. One hundred percent of gifts given provide for the missionaries currently serving with the International Mission Board. Through your giving, we can help keep over 3,600 missionaries on the field, that others may come to know Jesus as Savior.

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. Matthew 28:18-20

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING GOAL FOR SHARPSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH IS $1,250.00.

We thank you in advance for giving. Because you care, and give, eternity with Jesus becomes a reality for many in foreign lands.

"Surely there can be no greater joy than that of saving souls." ~ Lottie Moon

AoM LeadershipTeam~
Denise Jones, Nancy McAbee and Yvonne Pleasant

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

The Olive Branch

DECEMBER

OLIVE BRANCH

The Olive Branch Spaghetti Luncheon and Silent Auction were quite successful. A deep gratitude to those that stayed after church and donated generously for their lunches, as well as those who bid on the items or outright bought them. The Olive Branch netted almost $2,000, since all the items up for auction were made and donated by our members and others in our church family. We sincerely thank you all!

Next up.....Olive Branch Annual Holiday Bake Sale. Orders are being taken now. See **Kathy Powell** for your opportunity to get delicious homemade holiday baking done for you, as well as support the missions of the Olive Branch. Kathy has a price list with the available goodies we are offering this year!

Your Olive Branch offered a full Thanksgiving meal to a family in our church and they graciously accepted. How wonderful to share Christ's love in practical ways!!

We meet next on December 10th at 6pm in Fellowship Hall where we will have a brief business meeting and then adjourn to enjoy snacks, games, and fellowship! **Won't you come be a part?**

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."
1 Thessalonians 5:11

~The Olive Branch Ladies

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SBC Happenings

YOUTH NEWS

Hello Church Family!

Wow! Can you believe this manic year is almost at its end? As far as being in a pandemic is concerned, Macie and I Are very grateful to have been in this church family during All these crazy times. As the year gets ready to wrap up, Looking back, it's definitely been a lighter year for the Youth ministry just as it has for the rest of the congregation. COVID-19 put the breaks on most of our plans as far As events go this year. Despite this, the ministry hasn't Stopped by any means. Sunday school and the mid-week Ministries at our home have been filled with intentional Bible studies, and getting to watch our youth grow and Mature has been a gift. We are excited to continue on this Journey with you all. As the year wraps up, we have two Final activities planned. On Saturday, November 28, we Will be traveling to Warm Springs to go on the animal safari. We will then proceed to return to the Crum house for A cookout! Finally, on a Saturday (TBD) in December, we Will be taking a group to the botanical garden in Atlanta to see the Christmas lights. This trip is on the house for any students and their friends that wish to attend, that being Said, we need to have a head count by December 4th to make reservations. Thank you all for your love and support For Macie and I during this exciting time in our lives as we Eagerly await baby Norah's arrival in March. We are very Happy that she will be born into such a loving church Family. One final note, if anyone would like to send me Their live verse to be shared during Prayer and Praise time on Sunday Mornings, please do not hesitate to do so! I Enjoy hearing about them, personally, and I know the Congregation feels the same way. We pray for everyone's Continued health and safety from the virus and anything Else the enemy throws your way during the holiday season. We love you all! God bless!

In Christ,

Jon and Macie

Operation Christmas Child

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with this mission outreach. We were able to dedicate 204 shoeboxes for children through everyone's help! It is such a blessing to be a part of a church with such loving and giving hearts!! We packed 162 boxes at the packing party and on dedication day we had 204!!
Photos below from the packing party and dedication Sunday.

SBC Happenings

THANK YOU MANDY!

Thank you to Mandy Cook (Andy and Gail's daughter) who came to speak to the adult Sunday school classes about the ministry she is joining as a missionary. It is called the "Bread Coffeehouse" on the campus of Emory University. It is an outreach to the 50% of Emory students with no religious affiliation or are unsure of who they believe God to be.

FINANCE NOTES

Even in the midst of a pandemic, you have remained faithful and generous givers to the work of our Lord. Now as we begin to wind down this crazy year, a reminder:

Donations given through the end of December will be recorded on your 2020 statement. You can place offering in the offering plate if in church, mail it in to the church (use PO Box 127, Sharpsburg, GA 30277), or you may give on-line using the Vanco app on our webpage. If physically turning in your donation or dropping it in the mail, it will need to be received or postmarked by December 31st to be included in your 2020 statement. If you use Vanco online, please initiate your gift by December 31st.

My goal is to have statements of giving prepared and available by the second Sunday in January.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me. I'm here to serve you as together we serve our Lord.

Lynn Glassbrook,
Sharspburg Baptist Financial Secretary

CHRISTMAS STAR

A diamond shines no brighter
than that lovely Christmas star.
It shines in all its brilliance;
it's seen from near or far.
A symbol of the Christ child
as He lay upon the hay,
It tell to all the waiting world
a King was born that day.
O Bethlehem Star keep shining -
give us faith and hope and love.
Keep our thoughts forever turning
to the Savior up above.
Give us strength and hope and courage
to do our best by far
And never falter in our faith
as we watch that Christmas star...

DECEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 ADVENT Lottie Moon Offering	7 Deacon's Mtg 1:30pm	8	9	10 Olive Branch 6pm	11	12 Children's Christmas Party 12pm-2pm
13 ADVENT Lottie Moon Offering Church Conference	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 ADVENT Christmas Music Program during worship Lottie Moon Offering	21	22	23 No Wednesday Services OFFICE CLOSED	24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Lord's Supper– 5pm OFFICE CLOSED	25 Christmas Day	26
27	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30 No Wednesday Services OFFICE CLOSED	31 New Year's Eve OFFICE CLOSED		

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dec 1 – Robert Bearden
Dec 3 – Gail Cook
Corey Gaissert
Larry Hyde
Dec 4 – Mike Schrepfer
Dec 5 – Jessica Rogers
Dec 6 – David Bearden
Pat Hodgeman
Dec 7 – Jimmy Richardson
Angela Tinsley
Dec 10 – Lynn Bailey
Dec 12 – Heather Black
Dec 14 – Sandra Johnson
Dec 15 – Lydiann Kettering
Noel Whitwood
Dec 17 – Jo Ann Carroll
Dec 18 – Layla DeLoach
Franklin DeLoach
Dec 19 – Kimberly Jones
Allen Nolan
Dec 20 – Mallory Bailey
Pam Sims
Dec 22 – Wallace McAbee
Dec 24 – Lincoln Tolleson
Dec 25 – Landri Woods
Dec 27 – Catherine Barnette
Sadie Diamond
Janice Dukes
Kim Parten
Luke Morman
Sarah Neely
Dec 30 – Emily Gellhaus
Dec 31 – Stephanie White