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# THE SBC SPOTLIGHT



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**Wednesdays:**

**4:15pm-5pm** Bells Rehearsal  
**5pm-6pm** Choir Rehearsal  
**5:45pm-6:30pm**  
 Family Potluck Supper  
**6:30pm-7:15pm**  
 Adult Classes

**Sundays:**

**9:45am** Sunday School  
**11am** Worship  
**6pm** Ladies Bible Study



**DEACON OF THE WEEK:**

Jan 4 David Bearden  
 Jan 11 Vern Darley  
 Jan 18 Ralph Davis  
 Jan 25 David Phillips

**Deacon's Meeting**  
 Thurs, Jan 15—6pm

## PASTOR'S CORNER

DR. WALLACE McABEE, SENIOR PASTOR

Most of us guys remember standing at a jeweler's counter trying to make a good decision about an engagement ring for the girl we were about to propose to. After the price-shock subsided, we were glassy eyed trying to listen as the salesperson spoke of Color, Clarity and Carrot – as ways to determine the value and beauty of a diamond. To the untrained eye, like most of us men folks, they all were bright and brilliant. It took closer observation to determine the real value. To top it off, the salesperson would “discreetly” mention that the ladies instinctively knew all these things so we need to heed their advice and buy wisely if we want her to say yes.

How do you determine the genuine nature of our faith and the vitality of a congregation? The Bible says they will know we are Christians by our ... Love. Love for each other, our guest, our community and of course our Lord. Genuine love at this level produces unity in the Body. I know we all like that and it honors the Lord. Love is always the imperfect choosing to love the imperfect. We are flawed and yet loved by our Father and he expects us to do the same toward those imperfect like ourselves. I know love and acceptance will continue to be a hallmark of our fellowship until Christ returns. I am so thankful to look forward to another year of amazing ministry with you! God is good and so are each of you.

Following adoption by the Church in Conference this past December, our new Purpose and Mission Statement are ready to help us measure, organize and dream about new adventures in service together. The Mission Statement will be offered for adoption at the March 2026 conference. Plan to see these often in 2026 and beyond.

**Our Purpose Statement: (Who we are ... identity)**

*“The Sharpsburg Baptist Church family joins to nurture people toward wholeness in Jesus Christ!”*

**Our Mission Statement: (What we do ... Priorities)**

*“The Sharpsburg Baptist Church family joins to nurture people toward wholeness in Jesus Christ as we ...*

*Reach people ... sharing the Good News here and around the world.  
 Teach people ... helping them thrive in their faith and plug into service.  
 Connect people ... through Spirit-led, authentic worship experiences.  
 Love People... through healthy, meaningful relationships.*

Peace and Joy in Jesus, Pastor Wallace

**SAVE THESE DATES for this month:**

**Ladies Brunch with our Pastor**  
**Saturday, January 24, 10:00am**

*Sign up today and reserve your spot for a morning designed just for you as the ladies of our church come together for a wonderful brunch and fellowship together. We will share some ideas, listen to each other, draw closer and be encouraged by the best group of ladies in our area. Please sign up ASAP to help us with food planning. There is no cost, nothing for you to prepare or bring except yourself and an expectant attitude. Guests are welcome! Our menu will include a quiche selection, fresh fruit, pastries, juice and coffee.*

**Deacon Prayer and Planning Retreat**

**Saturday, January 31, 9:00am-12:00pm** Light Breakfast will be served

# Worship & Upcoming Events

## Wednesday Schedule-

4:15pm-5pm Bells Rehearsal  
 5pm-6pm Choir Rehearsal  
 5:45pm-6:30pm Family Potluck Supper  
 6:30pm-7:15pm  
 Adult Prayer Meeting & Bible Study  
 Youth & Children's Ministries

## Thursday Schedule-

AoM Crafts resumes on Jan 8 @ 10am  
 Olive Branch Meeting—Jan 8 @ 6pm

## Sunday Schedule-

9:45am Sunday School  
 11am Worship Service  
 6pm Ladies Bible Study

## UPCOMING WORSHIP & Events

*Wednesday Evening Bible Study begins with a 4 week series by Dr. Mills on January 7*

**ATTENTION ALL ADULTS!** Start your New Year with Dr. Mills, who will lead us in an intriguing series on "Geography and the Life of Jesus".

The study will focus on many of the places that are central to understanding the life of Christ; from the stories of his birth to the accounts of his crucifixion and burial. The study will be illustrated by photos, maps, drawings, and illustrations that he has assembled during his decades of ministry, teaching, writing, and travel.

## JANUARY 1 (Thurs)

**NEW YEARS DAY!  
 HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!!**

## JANUARY 5 (Mon)

**Coweta County Schools Resume**

## JANUARY 7 (Wed)

**ALL SERVICES RESUME**

## JANUARY 8 (Thurs)

10am AoM Crafts  
 6pm Olive Branch Meeting

## JANUARY 9 (Fri)

6pm-9pm Parents Night Out

## UPCOMING WORSHIP & Events

### JANUARY 13 (Tues)

11:30am Ladies Birthday Lunch to celebrate the January Birthdays; Location: Grazing Here  
 2850 GA 54, Peachtree City, GA

### JANUARY 15 (Thurs)

10am AoM Crafts  
 10:30am (to carpool) or 11:15am (to meet at restaurant)  
 Out to Lunch Bunch Meetup; Location:  
**Southern Pit BBQ, 2964 N. Expy, Griffin GA**  
 6pm Deacon's Meeting

### JANUARY 18 (Sun)

**Quarterly Potluck**—Plan to join our church family & guests for some great food and fun together as we enjoy sharing a meal together. Members, please plan to bring sides and desserts to complement chicken supplied by the church.

### JANUARY 22 (Thurs)

10am AoM Crafts

### JANUARY 24 (Sat)

10am Ladies Brunch with the Pastor  
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### JANUARY 25 (Sun)

**Lord's Supper during worship**

### JANUARY 26 (Mon)

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE** to office  
 (for February Newsletter edition)

### JANUARY 29 (Thurs)

10am AoM Crafts

### JANUARY 31 (Sat)

9am-12pm Deacon Prayer & Planning Retreat  
 Light Breakfast will be served.



# Music Notes



## *Gloria In Excelsis Deo*



# Worship & Upcoming Events



## ***AoM News***

Praying you've had a wonderful Christmas.

We finished our year with taking gifts to the Avalon Care Facility. Now it's time to start filling our empty plastic tubs. Many of us work on gifts from home.

We are still using the t-shirts to make jump ropes, so please continue to bring us your unwanted t-shirts.

We will start meeting again on Thursday, January 8.

Looking forward to seeing new faces and welcoming back our dedicated ladies.

We meet every Thursday from 10-12. If you can tie, count or pray, we can use you.

~Ladies of AoM



## ***Olive Branch News***

**Happy New Year from the Olive Branch! As we welcome 2026, may God's love guide you through the new year filling your life with blessings and peace. Let your faith be stronger than your fears this New Year and trust in God's plan for the year ahead.**

**In January we will continue the ECH winter coat drive for students both male and female. You may drop off your coats at the church and an Olive Branch representative will deliver them to the school.**

**We are looking forward to a new year of growing our meeting attendance and supporting both our Church Missions and community outreach endeavors.**

**Ladies, please plan to attend our next Olive Branch meeting on January 8, 2026.**

***"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all His kind deeds" Psalm 103:2***



### **January**

When things heat up, it can be hard to keep our cool. But God calls us to show love, be slow to anger, and be kind to others. With His help, we can stay as cool as an arctic wind, no matter what we face. January will be a chilly month for the kids with our arctic-themed lessons titled Tip of the Iceberg, Frozen, Avalanche, and Snowball Effect.

### **December Christmas Fun**

We had a blast at our December Parents' Night Out Event! The kids played holiday games, made cookies, and made cards for local nursing homes. Thank you to all of the volunteers for helping make this a special event for all of the children.

# SBC Happenings

Below you will find pictures from the various Happenings that went on in December!  
Advent, Children's Christmas, Lottie Moon Tea, Out to Lunch Meetups  
& Secret Sister Reveal fun



# SBC Happenings

## Operation Christmas Child—Shoebox Warehouse

A group of us went to the Shoebox Warehouse to help with the sorting, packing, and distribution process at the warehouse in North Georgia. If you have not been before, make plans to join us next year. It is a blessing!



# JANUARY 2026

| Sunday                  | Monday              | Tuesday                             | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday           | Saturday                                 |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|------------------|--|
|                         |                     |                                     |  | 1<br>New Year's Day                                       | 2                | 3  |
| 4                       | 5<br>School resumes | 6                                   | 7<br>ALL Services Resume<br>Series by Dr. Mills begins | 8<br>10am AoM Crafts<br>6pm OB Meeting                    | 9<br>PNO 6pm-9pm | 10                                       |
| 11                      | 12                  | 13<br>11:30am Ladies Birthday Lunch | 14<br>Series by Dr. Mills                              | 15<br>10am AoM Crafts<br>10:30am OTLB<br>6pm Deacon's Mtg | 16               | 17                                       |
| 18<br>Quarterly Potluck | 19 ML King Day      | 20                                  | 21<br>Series by Dr. Mills                              | 22<br>10am AoM Crafts                                     | 23               | 24<br>10am Ladies Brunch with the Pastor |
| 25<br>Lord's Supper     | 26                  | 27                                  | 28<br>Series by Dr. Mills concludes tonight            | 29<br>10am AoM Crafts                                     | 30               | 31<br>Deacon Retreat (AM)                |

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 3- Gerald Rice  
 January 4- Jana Blackshire  
 January 7- Chris Key  
 Frannie Petrello  
 January 8- Norma Moody  
 January 12- Justin McAbee  
 January 13- Judith Francis  
 January 14- Sandra Mann  
 January 15- Mia Mathis  
 January 16- Sharon Hardy  
 January 18- Tracey Hightower  
 Madison Hightower

January 20- Bud Herring  
 January 27- Hunter Mathis  
 January 29- Brian Downie  
 Annie Foley  
 January 30- Howard Orr  
 Micah Garner  
 January 31- Phil Herren  
 Mary Ellen Phillips





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## **CHURCH STAFF:**

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Wallace McAbee

**Pastor Emeritus:**  
Dr. Watson E. Mills

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Mike Exner

**Accompanist:**  
Jill Exner

**Pastoral Ministries INTERN**  
David Smith

**Youth Director:**  
Bailey Garner

**Children's Director:**  
Jana Blackshire

**Soundboard Operators:**  
David Smith  
Nicole Anderson (volunteer)

**SBC Bookkeeper:**  
Jennifer Yates

**SBC Admin:**  
Cheri O'Neal

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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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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