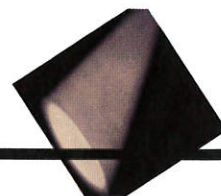


# THE SBC SPOTLIGHT



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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45AM  
SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00AM

WED. BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM  
WED. Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm

## DEACON OF THE WEEK:

December 2	Jim Barnette
December 9	David Bearden
December 16	Jim Davis
December 23	Frank DeLoach, Sr.
December 30	Lewis "Cricket" Pitts

December 17, 2018  
6:30PM  
Deacon's Meeting

## PASTOR'S CORNER

DR. WALLACE MCABEE,  
SENIOR PASTOR

Here we go!

We all love Christmas time spent with our church family! We really live it up here celebrating the birth of our Jesus with all the sights and sounds of the Advent Season. I hope you will include our services and special events in your Holiday plans – bring family and friends with you!

You should all be receiving an email from the office in a few days with two attachments. One will be the proposed budget for 2019. The finance committee and deacons have poured over the numbers and we will forward it to your for consideration. Our Town Hall Meeting on the budget will be on Wednesday evening, December 5 from 6:30 – 7:15. The second attachment will be a motion concerning our Kitchen and Fellowship Hall improvements. The Town Hall Meeting for this motion will be Wednesday evening, December 12 also from 6:30 – 7:15. You are also welcome to contact your deacon or a member of the finance committee with questions outside the meetings. Both attachments, as revised, will come before the church in

Conference on December 16. We will have printed copies mailed to those who receive the newsletter by mail and we will make additional copies available on the information table. Many thanks to our deacons and finance committee for their tireless work!

Thank you in advance for your generous support of our financial needs as well. Our Lottie Moon Christmas offering is off to a fast start and we anticipate increased end-of-year gifts as we all close our books on a wonderful year of service together.

May God bless you and your loved ones as we marvel at the wonder of the season together!

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Wallace



"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:11





## WORSHIP EVENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



**December 2—Advent Begins**  
**Lottie Moon Offering Emphasis all month**

**December 5—6:30pm—Town Hall Budget Meeting**  
**with Finance Committee on Proposed Building motion**  
**and the 2019 Proposed Budget**

**Dec 8—**

**9:45am—Community Outreach with Chuck Novak**  
**6pm—Join us for the 2nd Annual Christmas Carol**  
**Sing in Old Town Sharpsburg**

Help our sister churches and community ring in the season in the best possible spirit as we gather to sing and rejoice in the warmth of Christmas. We will meet at the Sharpsburg Town Gazebo or inside the town hall depending on the weather. Bring the entire gang for this new tradition for our friends in Sharpsburg.

**Dec 12— 6:30pm**  
**Town Hall Building Proposal Meeting**

**Dec 15—**  
**10am Choir Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Cantata**  
**3pm Youth Social at the Crum's home**

**Dec 16—**  
**Church Conference following worship**

Please plan to join us for our Quarterly Church Conference immediately following our worship service. Our agenda will include the 2019 Ministry Calendar, 2019 Proposed Ministry Budget and the Motion to move forward with the enhancement, renovation and space addition to our Kitchen and Fellowship Hall.

**6pm—Christmas Dinner**

**7pm—Christmas Cantata**

Yes, it is Christmas at Sharpsburg!

Plan to join your church family and friends for our Christmas Cantata and Christmas Dinner on Sunday evening, December 16.

Please plan to bring your favorite side dishes and desserts to complement chicken provided by the church. In keeping with your habit, please plan to bring ample food for your family and our guest. The dinner begins at 6:00pm followed by the Cantata at 7:00pm.

We will have a special treat for our church family as we send Andy and Gail Cook off to their new pastorate following our Christmas Cantata. This brief send off will offer us the opportunity to send them on with our prayers, support and love.

**Dec 17—**  
**6:30pm Deacon's Meeting**

**Dec 20—**

**11:30am Senior Christmas Luncheon at the Thomas' home. RSVP to Betty Thomas 770-328-6150**

**Dec 24—**

**6pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

YES, we are planning yet another Christmas Eve candlelight service beginning at 6:00 on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Bring a candle to mount for the service and a heart to welcome Christ into our world and into our hearts.

**Dec 26—No Services Tonight**

**Dec 24-28 & Dec 31-Jan 1—Church Office Closed**



**Lottie Moon Offering Emphasis this month**  
**His Name at the Top**  
**Author unknown**

I had the nicest Christmas list,  
 The longest one in town,  
 Till Daddy looked at it & said,  
 "You'll have to cut it down."

I knew that what he said was true  
 Beyond the faintest doubt,

But was amazed to hear him say,  
 "You've left your best Friend out."

And so I scanned my list again,  
 And said, "Oh, that's not true!"

But Daddy said, "His Name's not there,  
 That Friend Who died for you."

And then I clearly understood,  
 'Twas Jesus Whom he meant;

For Him Who should come first of all  
 I hadn't planned a cent!

I'd made a Christmas birthday list,  
 And left my Saviour out!

But, oh, it didn't take me long  
 To change the list about.

And though I've had to drop some names  
 Of folks I like a lot,

My Lord must have the most--because  
 His Name is at the top!





## THE OLIVE BRANCH DECEMBER NEWS

Thank you so much to our guest speaker last month, Eleanor Bridges. It was a wonderfully informative meeting. She shared with us about the beginnings of THE Olive Branch that some of us knew and others may have heard for the first time. We learned the name of our group came out of a desire to make this name stand out because of the love, thoughtfulness and kindness of one woman who began it all.... Olive Bridges Cole. Eleanor thought "What better way to move forward than with a name that represents giving back, sharing and letting others know the love of our heavenly Father through each one of us." She shared with us about the start of the Shoebox ministry we have now as well. It was started with The Olive Branch in the early days. Each shoebox was filled with love by the lady that put it together for a specific child. Today, that Ministry is led by Janice Bearden. It has taken off and we are blessed to have so many in the church that help with this ministry. It blesses the lives of so many children around the world. The Olive Branch is an outreach that touches the lives of many in our community and here at SBC.

If you missed this meeting, you missed a very blessed time.

To anyone wanting to join us, we meet the 2nd Thursday of every month.  
Please join us as we explore what is coming next.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, December 13th at 6pm.

*In God's Love,*  
Your Olive Branch Team

Isaiah 6:8

*"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me."*

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



This year our church packed 164 shoeboxes at our shoebox packing party. Then we collected a total of 203 "missionary" shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child to deliver with the Gospel message around the world. Six of us went to the warehouse to help move the shoeboxes on their way.





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## ***Adults on Mission***

### ***December NEWS***

As we look back on 2018, we are amazed and thankful at the opportunities the Lord provided for us to share Jesus with others, both at home and in foreign lands. We owe heartfelt thanks to so many of you for generous donations of supplies for our craft items. Here are just a few of the ways YOU helped us share the love of Jesus this year:

- \* Crosses and bears were sent to Nicaragua, Zambia, and Costa Rica with scriptures in the native language of each country.
- \* Teachers and Staff at East Coweta High School were given an Appreciation Reception.
- \* Crosses and bears were sent to Kentucky with our own mission team.
- \* Handmade Items, with scripture, were distributed at the Turin Tractor Pull.
- \* Burp pads were made for the Coweta County Crisis Pregnancy Center.
- \* Gifted residents at Ansley Park Nursing and Rehab Center in Newnan with handmade scripture items, crosses and bears.
- \* Hundreds of handmade bracelets, Bible Story Lessons, crosses and bears were distributed in North Carolina following Hurricane Florence, and in Florida following Hurricane Michael, via the Southern Baptist disaster Relief Team. Scriptures were printed in English and Spanish. The SBC congregation provided \$313 for the purchase of crayons to be used with the Bible Story Lessons.

As we look ahead, we anticipate another great year. We are already busy creating pillowcase dresses and crosses to be presented to Appalachian Ministries in the spring, as well as creating bears and crosses for Andy Cook's mission trip to Ghana, West Africa. A large number of items are also being created for SBC's own mission trip next summer.

Our hope for 2019 is that YOU will consider joining our craft team which meets each Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn about missions, and it may be just the mission outreach the Lord speaks to you about as 2019 approaches. Again, thanks for the tremendous support this year!

Christmas Blessings to you and your family!  
 Adults on Mission Leadership  
 Denise Jones, Nancy McAbee and Yvonne Pleasant

P.S. Remember we create crosses with recycled cards! There is a collection box outside the church office for donations. Thank you!





## Our SBC Family Happenings



### THE SENIOR LUNCH CREW



The Senior Lunch Crew were out and about again... this time they went all the way out to Douglasville for some seafood at Seabreeze. It looks like they have a fun time!

This month is the CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA at the Thomas' home. Be sure to RSVP to Betty Thomas @ 770-328-6150 so she knows how many to plan for. There is also a sign up sheet in the foyer. The time for the Senior Christmas Party at their home will be 11:30am. See you there!!



WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS FOR DECEMBER prior to Prayer Meeting  
Cost: \$6/pp OR \$15/family

**December 5** - Chili

**December 12** - Chicken Pot Pie, Raisin Carrott Salad, Dessert

**December 19** - Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert

**December 26** - NO MEAL

# Music Notes

### Watch Me

"There . . . that's the last one." I snapped the final portion of toy train track circling the Christmas tree. The kids were having fun watching the train cars travel around and around. Just to tease her and to hear her laugh, I said to my granddaughter, Aria, "You know, I'm five. Just like you." Aria giggled and said, "Uh-uh." I retorted. "Uh-huh." Again, "Uh-uh;" "Uh-huh." Then, "You're silly, Andandy (her name for me)--you're a *Man*. . . cuz you wear. . . a *WATCH!*" . . . I looked at her little face and then down at my left wrist. What could I say? She was right!

It's funny—to her, a watch means adulthood. Men wear watches; children don't. It's what she has learned by observing.

Children aren't the only ones who are watching; things we say and do can cause others to make judgments that we may not even be aware of. As Christians, we are responsible at all times to make sure that our actions show that our beliefs are real.

I'm reminded of the hymn "Let Others See Jesus in You." The first verse says, "While passing through this world of sin and others your life shall view; Be clean and pure, without, within; Let others see Jesus in you." These words by B.B. McKinney are very clear: know that people we encounter are watching us to see what our reactions will be. Will we be recognized as followers of Jesus?

So, as we enter December to end one year and begin a new one, let us resolve to be a reflection of Him. When we are talking to people, make sure we are doing the walking also. God bless!

Mike





# YOUTH NEWS



*Hi all!*

*I hope everybody had an amazing Thanksgiving week! I also want to say a special thank you to everyone who gave Macie a birthday present. It deeply touched us both and it is things like that that makes us fall more in love with this church on a daily basis. The holidays often make it difficult for everyone to be around for special events in any ministry, but that didn't stop everyone from coming out to our apartment for our "Charlie Brown Thanksgiving Party" the other day. It was a blast! It was so much fun that we are going to be adopting the same format for our Christmas party on Saturday, December 15 at 3pm. Everyone (youth and parents or anyone really!) who wants to join us can expect a day of good food, fun, and maybe a surprise or two. For anyone interested, our address is 40 Jane Ln Apt E, Newnan, GA 30263.*

*We will also be starting a new Sunday school program for the next 2 weeks called "Feed the dog" by Brock Gill. I'm very excited to see this plan in action. It will be about the importance of growth in our spiritual lives. Wednesday night ministries are still going strong like always, but we have plenty of room to grow! So if anyone has a young person from 6th-12th grade looking for a loving, Christ-centered youth group. Send them our way!*

*2018 was a huge year for our ministry and I am very confident that 2019 will be even bigger. I look forward to seeing what the Lord does in our group and in our church. Love you all!*

*Blessings,  
Jon*

## Wednesday Night Kids

**Our 'Wednesday Night kids' took a trip to Operation Mobilization. Each year OM puts out their OM Christmas Catalog, see what they had to say in their letter that went out on October 29, 2018.**

"Every year we are humbled to hear wonderful feedback from those who use our Christmas Catalog. See the back cover of this year's catalog for the heartwarming story about a jar full of dollar bills and coins we received last year from a Sunday School class of young children who saved up their own money to buy shoes for children in need — an offer we featured in last year's catalog.

We are so moved by their gift, we invited these children to come visit the OM USA office so we could thank them in person. As they left, one of the little girls said, **"Doing something for someone who doesn't have anything while I have so much makes me happy."**



**These are our very own children from Sharpsburg Baptist Church!!**  
(Lauren Downie not pictured; Kinsley Garrison also contributed to this as well—  
We have some very loving and thoughtful children)





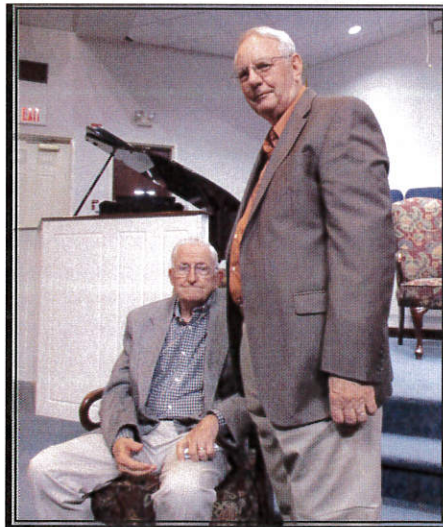
## *Our SBC Family Happenings*



*On Veterans Day last month, Mike Exner invited all of our veterans up to the choir to sing "God Bless America" Then our wonderful church family joined in and sang with them as well. Thank you for all you've done!!*



*Praying over our new deacons.*



*David Johnson*

*Mike Kent*

**James 4:10**

**"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up."**



# December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> ADVENT *Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> AoM Crafts 10am Town Hall Budget Meeting for 2019 Proposed Budget	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Old Town Sharpsburg 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Carol Sing 6:00pm
<b>9</b> ADVENT *Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> AoM Crafts 10am	<b>13</b> OliveBranch 6pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10am Choir Dress Rehearsal 3pm Youth Social @ the Crum's house
<b>16</b> ADVENT *Lottie Moon Christmas Offering *Church Conf 6pm Christmas Dinner 7pm Christmas Cantata	<b>17</b> Deacon's Meeting 6:30pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> AoM Crafts 10am Choir Social	<b>20</b> Senior Lunch 11:30a	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> ADVENT *Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	<b>24</b> CHRISTMAS EVE CANDELIGHT SERVICE 6PM	<b>25</b> CHRISTMAS DAY	<b>26</b> No Ministries today	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 24 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup> Coweta County Schools - CHRISTMAS BREAK						
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> NEW YEARS EVE					

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

12/1 Robert Bearden  
12/3 Gail Cook  
Gina Gaissert  
Angelica Johnson  
12/4 Mike Schrepfer  
12/5 Jessica Rogers  
12/6 David Bearden  
Pat Hodgeman  
Betty Key  
Joy Morman  
Betty Thomas

12/7 Harry Berg  
Jimmy Richardson  
Angela Tinsley  
12/10 Lynn Bailey  
12/12 Heather Black  
12/14 Sandra Johnson  
12/15 Lydiann Kettering  
Noel Whitwood  
12/17 Jo Ann Carroll  
12/18 Frank DeLoach  
Layla DeLoach  
12/19 Allen Nolan

12/20 Mallory Bailey  
Pam Sims  
12/22 Wallace McAbee  
12/23 Richard Gratham  
12/24 Lincoln Tolleson  
12/25 Landri Woods  
12/27 Catherine Barnette  
Sadie Diamond  
Janice Dukes  
Kim Parten  
Marjorie Williamson  
12/28 Luke Morman

12/29 Sandra Bolton  
Sarah Neely  
12/30 Emily Gellhaus  
12/31 Stephanie White

