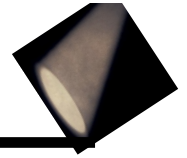


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5pm-6pm Choir Rehearsal
5:45pm-6:15pm
Family Potluck Supper
6:15pm-7:15pm
Adult Classes & Prayer Meeting
Youth & Children's Ministries

Sundays:

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

DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Dec 3	Janice Spradlin
Dec 10	Kay Adams
Dec 17	Andy Cook
Dec 24	Vern Darley
Dec 31	Frank DeLoach

DEACON'S MEETING
Monday, 12-11 —6:00pm
4Q Church Conference
Sunday, 12-17—12pm

PASTOR'S CORNER

DR. WALLACE MCABEE, SENIOR PASTOR

Oh yes, MERRY CHRISTMAS, Everyone! I love being a part of this amazing church family but Christmas with you is the best!

Christmas at Sharpsburg is Lottie Moon. We join hands with over 14 million Southern Baptist praying for our overseas missionaries, praying for new church plants, new believers, miracles and amazing Kingdom success around the globe.

Christmas at Sharpsburg is family, friends, music and fun together! Bring your family to our Sunday worship experiences as we celebrate our faith in Christ. This time of the year many people come to faith in Christ for the first time as the wonders of the season open their hearts to the movement of the Holy Spirit. Pray for your family and friends that are far from God that He may draw them close.

Most of all, Christmas at Sharpsburg is our Celebration of Christ who has come to be one with us, to love us, to walk with us, to die for us and to come someday to take us to our eternal New Heaven and New Earth.

Yes, Christmas with you all is the best and most wonderful time of the year. May God bless each of you and wrap you up in the warmth of his Advent love available to all in Christ.

Merry Christmas!
Pastor Wallace

ADVENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to read weekly scripture and light the weekly Advent Candle. Sign up sheet is outside the church office. This will begin Sunday, December 3, 2023.

Finance News

As we come to the end of another year, it's time for me to begin preparing giving statements. Gifts you would like included on your 2023 giving statement need to be dated and delivered to the church by the end of December OR mailed by the end of December (to PO Box 127, Sharpsburg GA 30277), OR initiated through our online Vanco site. Donations given through Vanco can take up to 5 days to be processed when American Express is used.

It is my goal to have giving statements ready for you to pick up Sunday January 7 or 14th. After that they will be mailed; make sure your address is updated with the church office if you have moved in 2023.

Questions? Please never hesitate to contact me!

Lynn Glassbrook
Financial Secretary
Sharpsburg Baptist Church

Deacon Ordination

November we were blessed to Ordain New Deacon, Phil Herren!

What a wonderful time to rejoice in this new walk with his church family.



Worship & Upcoming Events

Wednesday Schedule-

4:15pm-5pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

5pm-6pm Choir Rehearsal

5:45pm-6:15pm Family Potluck Supper

6:15pm-7:15pm

Adult Prayer Meeting, Youth & Children Ministries

Thursday Schedule-

AoM Crafts—NO Meetings This Month

Olive Branch Meeting—Thursday, Dec 14 – 6pm

Sunday Schedule-

9:45am Sunday School

11am Worship Service

UPCOMING WORSHIP & Events

ADVENT SEASON (Dec 3—24)

December 3 (Sunday)

Advent Begins

Lottie Moon Offering

12pm Town Hall Budget Meeting—2024 Budget

Following Budget Meeting will be the RE-schedule Safety Mtg

December 4 (Monday)

11am Benton House Visit (be there by 10:45am)

December 6 (Wednesday)

11:30am Church Office Closed for Office Christmas Lunch

December 8 (Friday)

Youth Christmas Party

December 11 (Monday)

6pm Deacon's Meeting

December 12 (Tuesday)

11:30am Ladies Lunch—December Birthdays

December 14 (Thursday)

6pm Olive Branch Meeting—Guest Speaker, Bert Darley

December 15 (Friday)

11:30am Out to Lunch Bunch Christmas Luncheon

Catered Meal - Church Fellowship Hall—\$10 gift exchange game

December 16

10am Christmas Choir Rehearsal

December 17 (Sunday)

9:45am—Sunday School

11am—Worship

12pm—4Q Church Conference

(will include the 2024 church calendar and budget)

6pm—Christmas Musical

7pm—Christmas Hors d'oeuvres

7pm—Children's "Wrap" Party

UPCOMING WORSHIP & Events

December 20 & 27 (Wednesday)

NO SERVICES TONIGHT

December 24 (Sunday)

CHRISTMAS EVE

No Sunday School

11am Worship Service

5pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Lord's Supper

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Dec 19—Jan 2

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

for International Missions

Nov 26—Dec 24 Our Goal: \$2,000

Every Dollar given through our Lottie Moon Christmas offering goes directly to support and do missions work around the world. Through Lottie Moon, we are giving to join other Southern Baptist Churches in fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandment.

Songs of the Savior- Advent 2023 at Sharpsburg

You can anticipate the most amazing season of amazing seasons as we celebrate the promises and birth of our Lord Jesus Christ during this years Advent Season. You will be inspired by seasonal songs, worship videos, Christmas messages and so much more.

12.3: The Story of Mary and Elizabeth

12.10: The Gift of Obedience : Joseph and his donkey

12.17: When God Calls & a Shepherd's faith.

12.24 AM: Wise Men change their minds.

12.24 PM: Silent night

Wednesday Nights in January 2024:

Date: Wednesday Evenings – January 10, 17, 24

Series Title: "Who are the Baptists?"

Topics: 1. When did the Baptists first appear?

2. Why are there so many different sub-groups?

3. What do Baptists believe?

4. Origins of Southern Baptist Convention: it's size and scope

5. the rise and effects of fundamentalism for Baptists

6. the state of the Baptist movement today

This series will be led by Pastor Emeritus, Dr. Watson E. Mills


Music Notes


It's Christmas!

“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing” is a favorite Christmas carol. It tells us to listen to the wonderful news that Jesus was born. Did the angels really sing? The Bible doesn't really say that they did, but it seems that such wonderful news would have to include music! The hymn's words were written by Charles Wesley, a Methodist, who wrote over 6,000 hymns. Wesley hoped that his hymns would help teach Christianity to those who were unable to read the Bible. Wesley was inspired to write this hymn while walking to church on Christmas Day and hearing the church bells ringing. His original last line was “Glory to the King of Kings” but was changed later to what we know today: “Glory to the newborn King.” One of our favorite songs in our Christmas musical says, **“It's Christmas! The angels are singing, and I know the reason—the Savior is born!”** That's the message of Christmas, right?

Our *Praise Ringers* have several pieces ready for the season, and our kids, under the direction of Jana Blackshire, are hard at work learning their parts for the musical. They will be a great addition to our program!

Our choir social is December 2nd, at 5:00, at our house. We'll have a great time eating, singing, and exchanging ornaments. It makes the season special for Jill and me.

Joy and blessings!
Keep on singing! Mike





***Olive Branch
DECEMBER News***

Our November meeting was honored to host as our featured speaker, Kahrma Novak, the Executive Director of Operations for the I-58 Mission in Senoia. We wish many more of y'all could have heard her, but we were pleased with a good turnout of our members and guests. When Olive Branch has a program, we will be sure to make it available to our SBC church family. It enriches all of us! Kahrma has so much compassion, sincerity, and love for her I-58 folks and our Lord that it just poured out of her the night she spoke to us. Olive Branch was able to present her with a generous monetary gift for their ongoing work at I-58 Mission. Kahrma has offered our ladies (and others that want to join us) a tour of the facilities anytime. This could be one of our late spring or summer meetings when the weather and the daylight are more accommodating.

Our FALL FUNDRAISER continues! See Brenda Atkins or Judy Whitwood to order your SBC magnetic nameplates for you and your families. Remember this is something to identify you to visitors to our church, as well as any outside events you work at or attend.

We had a "sneak peek" at our JANUARY 2024 program when our super quilter Bert Darley discussed her plans. Hint: It's beautiful & you might win it!

Our DECEMBER meeting will be our annual Christmas "dinner" and \$10 gift exchange. All Olive Branch members bring your "jolly" selves. We'd love to see all of you, even if you haven't been in a while. If you don't drive after dark, please let any of us know and you will get your personal Uber! See you ALL on 12/14 at 6pm. Don't disappoint Santa!

~The Olive Branch Ladies



***Adults on Mission
DECEMBER News***

AOM is winding down for the year of gifts. We have supplied Newnan Pregnancy Services with bags of baby things, quilts, hats, burp pads, bibs, wash cloths and of course the little bears. We included a check so they can purchase other things they need.

We sent 100 little bears and 50 macrame bracelets to Africa with Andy to pass out. Thank you Andy for using our gifts to spread the gospel.

We are ready to deliver goodies to Benton House n Ansley care unit. This will empty our coffers. However, we've already planning next years gifts.

We supplied macrame brackets, to The East Coweta Varsity team of girls.

For the Shoebox operation we made 50 little girls dresses, sewing kits for the older girls, and 60 macrame bracelets to fill the empty spaces.

Sent 26 crocheted dish cloths to I-58.

We will take the month of December to rest and plan next year's activities.

We will look forward to meeting again in January. Remember, if you can count, tie, or pray we can use you to help further the kingdom with gifts.

~ The Ladies of AOM



“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

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



Children's Ministry



God is definitely working in our Children's Department. The DRIVE-IN Movie Event was a wonderful time for the kids and adults as well. The kids started out with the kids picking out their base cars. Then they moved over to auto parts to pick out their tires, headlights, steering wheels, decals, and tools to build their cars. After their cars were built, we all headed to the concession stand for lunch.

Once lunch was finished, the kids grabbed their Monogrammed tote box, that was filled with snacks, and headed to the movies where they enjoyed the movie, 'The Star', while sitting in their cars and eating their box of treats.

It was a really fun event for all!



It's going to be a tropical Christmas! We will be moving on from the Old Testament to the New Testament starting with a series on Christmas and the birth of Jesus. So get your surfboards ready!

Mark Your Calendars!

Volunteer Meeting December 10 in the Children's Wing

We are having a meeting right after church to talk about the in's and out's of our Children's Ministry. We ask that all interested in serving or thinking about serving please attend.

Christmas Performance Rehearsals

- December 3 rehearsal 5-6pm
- December 10 rehearsal 5-6pm
- December 16 Dress Rehearsal 10-12
- December 17 Show time! 4:30-8pm

Coming Up in January

Be thinking of ways that you can entertain us! We will be having a church wide Talent Show in January. Details and sign ups to come.

SBC Happenings & Upcoming Events



Congratulations and THANK YOU to everyone who came and worked at the shoebox packing party. We had 38 workers; we filled and WE FINISHED 275 BOXES at the Packing Party!! A NEW RECORD! Our FINAL TOTAL was 367 on Dedication Sunday!!! That's 103 more than last year! Hallelujah! Our Shoebox Dedication Sunday was a wonderful day of praying over the boxes and the children that will receive them. Then we loaded them up to be delivered to the warehouse. A HUGE Thank you to everyone involved!



ABOVE: November Ladies Birthday Lunch
 All ladies are welcome to join in on this fun group. They go to area restaurants and treat that month's birthday ladies to a nice meal. December's location is unknown to the office but there is a sign up sheet outside the church office.
December DATE: Tues, Dec 12 @ 11:30am.



ABOVE: November OUT to LUNCH BUNCH Pic
 This Fun Group meets every month to go to area restaurants around the metroplex. You are welcome to join this group, just RSVP so they know you are attending. They usually meet up on the 3rd Thursday of each month, but December's meeting will be a little different; it will be catered at the church and on a different DAY. Details below:

DATE: FRIDAY (yes that day is correct) Dec. 15
TIME: 11:30am
WHERE: SBC Church Fellowship Hall
 There will be a \$10 max gift exchange game played. Be sure to write on the top of your gift MALE or FEMALE.



BAPTISM SUNDAY!!
 So very excited that we had, NOT 1 but 3, baptisms last month! The Smith Family...
 Jessica, Nicholas & Charlotte!

May God Bless You all!
Acts 2:38

December 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Choir Christmas Party
3 ADVENT BEGINS Lottie Moon Offering (Goal: \$2000) 12pm Town Hall Budget Mtg	4 11am Benton House Visit (be there 10:45am)	5	6 Church Office Closed 11am — Office Christmas Lunch	7	8 Youth Christmas Party Shoebox Warehouse Day—sign up req.	9
10 ADVENT Lottie Moon Offering 12pm Children’s Team Mtg — ALL current and interested helpers, this meeting is for you.	11 Deacon’s Mtg 6pm (early due to Conf & Events) Newsletter Articles DUE	12 Ladies December Birthday Lunch 11:30am	13	14 6pm Olive Branch Meeting	15 11:30am Out to Lunch Bunch Christmas Lunch —Catered; Church Fellowship Hall— \$10 gift exchange game will be played.	16
17 ADVENT Lottie Moon Offering 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12pm 4Q Church Conference 6pm Christmas Musical 7pm Christmas Hors d'oeuvres 7pm Children’s Wrap Party	18	19	20 NO SERVICES TONIGHT CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	21 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	22 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	23
24 ADVENT Lottie Moon Offering 5pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Lord’s Supper	25 Christmas Day CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	26 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	27 NO SERVICES TONIGHT CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	28 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	29 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	30
31 New Year’s Eve	NO Ladies Bible Study this month No AoM Crafts this month					

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December 1- Robert Bearden
 December 3- Gail Cook
 Corey Gaissert
 Larry Hyde
 December 4- Mike Schrepfer
 December 5- Jessica Rogers
 December 6- David Bearden
 Pat Hodgeman
 Betty Key
 Joy Morman
 Betty Thomas
 December 7- Jimmy Richardson
 Layton Gordy

December 14- Sandra Johnson
 December 15- Lydiann Kettering
 Noel Whitwood
 December 17- Jo Ann Carroll
 Cathy McInvale
 December 18- Layla DeLoach
 Franklin DeLoach
 December 19- Allen Nolan
 Lorrie Zehms
 December 20- Pam Sims
 December 22- Wallace McAbee
 December 24- Lincoln Tolleson

December 25- Landri Woods
 December 27- Janice Dukes
 December 28- Luke Morman
 Dell Thompson





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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.

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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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