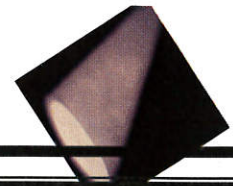


# THE SBC SPOTLIGHT



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

WED. Fellowship Meal 5:15PM  
WED. BIBLE STUDY 6:00PM  
WED. Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm

### DEACON OF THE WEEK:

December 1	Jim Barnette
December 8	David Bearden
December 15	Mike Kent
December 22	Frank DeLoach, Sr.
December 29	David Johnson

December 9, 2019  
1:30PM  
Deacon's Meeting



## PASTOR'S CORNER

DR. WALLACE McABEE, SENIOR PASTOR



Spending a weekend with our new grandson was a wonderful experience for Nancy and I.

Grand-parenting is a new role for us and we had a great time with all the things that go with it. Getting up during the night, changing diapers, mixing formula and just spending time marveling at the little miracle the Lord has brought into our family.

Approaching another Christmas season reminds me of another tiny, helpless baby boy born long ago in ancient Bethlehem. Yes, I am talking about Jesus the Christ who came to offer us life, hope, grace and eternal home. We pretty much laid everything else aside just to enjoy his time with us and look forward to time with him again. Good way to look at the best approach to Christmas – maybe our best approach is to lay aside the unnecessary and the worrisome and spend time marveling at how a baby could bring so much joy and love to millions - to each of us!

Merry Christmas,  
Pastor Wallace

4th Quarter Church Conference ...  
Plan to join your church family in conducting the vital business of the church by participating in our regular conference, December 15th immediately following our worship service. Our agenda will include a motion to adopt the 2020 Ministry Calendar and the 2020 Ministry Budget. Your deacon fellowship and finance committee will host **two Town Hall meetings** open to the church membership to review, discuss and revise if necessary the proposed 2020 budget. The meetings will be held during Adult Prayer time, December 4 and 11. Members are also welcomed to contact their deacon or any member of the finance committee with questions as well.

### ADVENT: "Christmas Points Home"

We need YOU.... If you would like to volunteer to Read a scripture or to Light a Candle, please let the office know as soon as possible. See the following openings...

#### Sunday, December 1st

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1: 1-7

READER: Jane Thompson

Lighting the Candle of Prophecy (Purple)

Margie Kidder

#### Sunday, December 8th

Scripture Reading: Luke 1: 67-69

READERS: Jim & Liz Spearman

Lighting the Candle of Peace (Purple)

Drew Zehms

#### Sunday, December 15th

Scripture Reading:

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

READER: Kevin Tolleson

Lighting of the Candle of Joy (Pink)

Carla Tolleson

#### Sunday, December 22nd

Scripture Reading: John 14: 1-6

READER: Janice Dukes

Lighting of the Candle of Love (Purple)

Possibly the children of Joyce Braswell's class

#### Tuesday, December 24th

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Lighting of the Christ's Candle (White) STILL

NEED SOMEONE FOR THIS NIGHT

### Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

"I saw the great multitudes from the nations"

Our Church Goal: \$2,000

Every dollar, yes, every dollar given by your

generosity to our Lottie Moon offering goes

directly to the foreign field to reach the nations with the Gospel of Jesus. Join us in giving a generous gift so the nations may know.



# Worship & Upcoming Events

**UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS**

**December 1, 8, 15, 22-**

Lottie Moon Offering  
ADVENT

**December 4, 11, 18-**

AoM Crafts @ 10am (No Crafts on Dec. 25th)

**December 9-**

Deacon's Meeting 1:30pm

**December 4 & 11-**

Town Hall Budget Meeting—6pm

**December 6-**

Choir Party at the Exner's Home—6:30pm-8:30pm

**December 7-**

Movie Night at the church "Left Behind" 3pm-8pm

**December 8-**

12pm-3:30pm Baby Shower for Kimberly Jones  
6pm-8pm Christmas Party for Judy Speer's Sunday School Class

**December 9-**

Deacon's Meeting 1:30pm

**December 12-**

Olive Branch 6pm

**December 14-**

Choir Dress Rehearsal 10am—12pm

**December 15-**

4th Quarter Church Conference  
Christmas Dinner 6pm  
Christmas Cantata 7pm

**December 19-**

Senior Lunch 11:30am  
Christmas Luncheon at the Thomas' Home; For RSVP and Details, call Betty Thomas at 770-328-6150

**December 21-**

Winter Begins

**December 23-27-**

Church Office Closed for Christmas

**December 24-**

**Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 6pm**

**December 25-**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

No Services Today

Enjoy your time with your families!

**December 31-**

**NEW YEARS EVE**

**December 23-Jan 6**

Coweta County Schools Christmas Break



**Wednesday Schedules-**

10am Adults on Mission Crafts  
5:15pm Fellowship Meal  
6pm Adult Prayer Meeting  
6pm Children's Ministries  
6:30pm Youth Ministries  
7pm Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday Schedules-**

9:45am Sunday School  
11am Worship Service  
5:30pm Ladies Bible Study

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December 22 — Frank DeLoach, Sr.  
December 29 — David Johnson

**Children's Church Teacher/Aide:**

December 1— Nancy McAbee/Janice Dukes  
December 8 — Joyce Braswell/Flo Novak  
December 15 — Janice Dukes/Lisa Wagonner  
December 22 — Carla Tolleson/Kevin Tolleson  
December 29 — Jackie Kent/Catherine DeLoach



**WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS:**

Time: 5:15pm Cost: \$6/person  
\$15/family, children 12 & under are free  
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**Dec. 4-**

Multi soup bar, Salad, Corn Bread, Dessert

**Dec. 11-**

Cheesy Chicken Bake, Chips & Cheese

**Dec. 18-**

Brunswick Stew, Salad, Corn Bread, Dessert

**Dec. 25-** No Meal—Christmas Day

Meals will resume on January 8, 2020



# Music Notes



## Away in a Manger

It's that time of the year now, where we all get out the Christmas decorations and put them out. Probably one of our favorite activities—and usually the first—is setting up the Nativity scene. I remember when Jill and I bought our manger scene, back when our girls were very young, during a family trip to Gatlinburg. When it comes to manger scenes, I have had special experiences that make mangers more real for me. At Unity Baptist Church in Newnan, where I was a member, the church presented a live nativity scene every year. We had a pasture behind the church with a manger structure built back on a rolling hillside. About 20 of us took part in the scene, and we practiced until we were ready for the many visitors who would come to view our life-size scene. We had a speaker system with narration as the scene took place. Over the years, I was dressed as a shepherd, a king, and once, even Joseph.

Joseph had to have a level head and have donkey-managing skills. Yes, the donkey had to be steady so that Mary would not fall off and yet strong enough to carry Mary to the manger. No cowboy saddles permitted here. The donkey also had to have a pace not too fast or too slow, because the visual activity had to be coordinated with recorded narration. Our donkey, at some point, figured out there was the sweet reward of livestock feed at the end of this journey, so keeping him slowed down was really the main effort. After it was over, we would all come back to the church fellowship hall and drink hot chocolate and reflect on the night's performance. Good times! I cherished those days.

Children love to sing "Away in a Manger," a beautiful carol from the 1800's. The stanzas were written by different people, including at least one by Martin Luther. Just like our home nativity scenes and plays like the one I was in, the song brings to reality the picture of the birth of a little baby boy so long ago.

*And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.*

At some time during the season, we will be singing this hymn. I hope it will remind us all of the magnificent but so humble a manner in which our Savior came to this earth to save mankind. I hope it will bring back cherished times in your life.

Keep on Singing- Mike







**Adults on Mission**

**December News**

As the calendar year comes to a close, Adults on Mission participants are thankful for all the opportunities the Lord placed before us in 2019 to share the Good News. This year, we have shared the gospel in Coweta County, the Appalachian area, Africa, Ghana, Zambia, and Nicaragua. And the exciting part is that 2020 looks just as promising!

The craft group is currently creating crocheted hats for newborns and preemies, as well as decorative tea towels for Southern Baptist missionaries in Africa. CAN YOU CROCHET, OR EMBROIDERY? Because the gospel is shared through each item we create, it means a little of your time each month could make a difference in someone's eternity. If you can help, please contact one of our team leaders.

*"My dear friends, stand firm and don't be shaken. Always keep busy working for the Lord. You know that everything you do for him is worthwhile."* 1 Corinthians 15:58 (2019 - 2020 Watchword for Adults on Mission.)

We extend A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to each of you!

Adults on Mission Team Leaders  
Denise Jones, Nancy McAfee, and Yvonne Pleasant



AoM Craft Group can use your old greeting cards. We use them for our mission creations that are sent out here and abroad. If you have any you would like to donate, you can place them in the marked box outside the church office. If you have the matching envelopes, those are helpful too. Thank you for your support of Adults on Mission.



**Olive Branch**

**December News**

Our November meeting was well attended. We will be providing a complete Thanksgiving meal to an extended family in our community. We will have the church decorated for Christmas by the time you are reading this.

Our Christmas Bake Sale is off to a great start! Please get an order form ASAP and let the Olive Branch do your holiday baking for you. The money we make from this endeavor goes right back into ministering and outreach to our church and community family.

Our next meeting will be at the **Golden Corral**. We would love for all ladies in the church to come! **6:00pm on December 12<sup>th</sup>.**



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



# SBC Happenings



WOW! 31 Showed up for the Senior Lunch at Garden Patch in Barnesville. December will be held at the Thomas' home for the annual Christmas lunch. This year please reach out to Betty to RSVP and for details. It will be at 11:30am on December 19th.



A BIG Thank You to everyone for participating in the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox drive. **We ended up with 201 shoeboxes.** That means 201 kids will hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. Then those kids can reach their families and other kids. Some have even become evangelists and started churches themselves. Let's try for more next year! One thing you can all do is save the shoeboxes when you buy a pair of shoes this year. Hang on to the box until next November and bring it to the packing party and we'll wrap it and fill it.



New Wednesday Evening Series with Dr. Mills will *begin on January 8th* and go through February 5th, 2020. Dr. Watson Mills will present a series of travelogues that are sure to please everyone. You won't want to miss



Upward Soccer Organizational Meeting *Sunday, January 12th* from noon-1pm Meal will be provided with donation; sign up sheet in front of church office.

## New Members

Welcome to our church family!  
We are so glad you are here with us!  
If you don't already know Drew & Lorrie Zehms or Delores Freeman yet, introduce yourself and say hello.



Drew & Lorrie Zehms



Delores Freeman





<h1>December 2019</h1>							
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<b>1</b> <b>ADVENT</b> Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> AoM Crafts 10am Town Hall Budget Meeting- 6pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Choir Party at the Exner's Home 6:30pm-8:30pm	<b>7</b> 3p-8p Movie Night at the Church: Left Behind and will do delivery for dinner (See JoAnn Rogers)	
<b>8</b> <b>ADVENT</b> Lottie Moon Christmas Offering 12-3:30pm: Baby Shower for Kimberly Jones 6p-8p: Judy Speer's Sunday School Class Christmas Party	<b>9</b> Deacon's Meeting 1:30pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> AoM Crafts 10am Town Hall Budget Meeting- 6pm	<b>12</b> Olive Branch 6pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Cantata 10am-12pm	
<b>15</b> <b>ADVENT</b> *Lottie Moon Christmas Offering *Church Conference *Christmas Dinner 6pm *Christmas Cantata 7pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> AoM Crafts 10am	<b>19</b> Senior Lunch 11:30am	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Winter Begins 9:45am Community Outreach with Chuck Novak	
<b>22</b> <b>ADVENT</b> Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> No Services today	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	
<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED THIS WEEK</b>							
		<b>CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 6PM</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>				Xtreme Winter Youth Event—Gatlinburg, TN—Dec. 27-29
<b>COWETA COUNTY SCHOOLS - CHRISTMAS/WINTER BREAK (Dec 23 - Jan 6)</b>							
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> COWETA COUNTY SCHOOLS - CHRISTMAS/WINTER BREAK	<b>31</b> <b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b>					

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 12-1 Robert Bearden   | 12-10 Lynn Bailey       | 12-24 Lincoln Tolleson   |
| 12-3 Gina Gaissert    | 12-12 Heather Black     | 12-25 Landri Woods       |
| Larry Hyde            | 12-14 Sandra Johnson    | 12-27 Catherine Barnette |
| Anjelica Johnson      | 12-15 Lydiann Kettering | Sadie Diamond            |
| 12-4 Mike Schrepfer   | Noel Whitwood           | Janice Dukes             |
| 12-5 Jessica Rogers   | 12-17 Jo Ann Carroll    | Kim Parten               |
| 12-6 David Bearden    | 12-18 Layla DeLoach     | 12-28 Luke Morman        |
| Pat Hodgeman          | Frank DeLoach           | 12-29 Sarah Neely        |
| Betty Key             | 12-19 Allen Nolan       | 12-31 Stephanie White    |
| Betty Key             | 12-20 Mallory Bailey    |                          |
| Joy Morman            | Pam Sims                |                          |
| Betty Thomas          | 12-22 Wallace McAbee    |                          |
| 12-7 Jimmy Richardson | 12-23 Richard Gratham   |                          |
| Angela Tinsley        |                         |                          |

