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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:

Dec 7 Dale Sloan
Dec 14 James Smith
Dec 21 Janice Spradlin
Dec 28 Kay Adams

DEACON'S MEETING:

Tuesday, Dec 9 @ 6pm
This is **EARLY** due to Church
Conference

PASTOR'S CORNER

DR. WALLACE MCABEE, SENIOR PASTOR



I do not know about you, but I am ready to celebrate! Yes, the secularists have made it into a grand money-making scheme – yet, celebrate we must! Yes, it comes too quickly, yet we must celebrate. Yes, some of our friends are lonely, people are mad at each other and everything – yet we absolutely must throw a month-long party! Yes, your neighbors' decorations may be out too early and way too gaudy and absolutely, the Christmas trees are springing up all over, but we must – we must celebrate ... the Birth of Jesus that is! Although Easter carries the crown of the most amazing event on the annual Christian calendar – Christmas holds no second place. The joy of his birth in simplicity, poverty before shepherds and angels and magi and mom and dad – what a time to rejoice! Plan now to get your season off to the greatest start every by joining your friends, neighbors and your church family for Christmas at Sharpsburg – yes, oh yes. Let's Celebrate!

Peace, love, joy, hope in Christ to you all!
Pastor Wallace



Finance Year-End Giving Reminder

As we approach the end of the year, we want to thank you for your faithful giving and continued support of our church's ministries. To ensure your contributions are included in the 2025 giving records, please note that all mailed tithes must be postmarked no later than **December 26, 2025**. Of course, you may also give in person through the last Sunday of the year. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us close the year strong! I have heard some say they are not sure how to set up online giving, so if anyone is interested in the online giving option and needs help setting it up, please let me know; I will be more than happy to help you.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful Christmas season—may it be filled with joy, peace, and the love of Christ.

—Jennifer Yates, SBC Bookkeeper

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-

NO AoM Crafts this month
 Olive Branch Meeting—Dec 11 @ 6pm

Sunday Schedule-

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

UPCOMING WORSHIP & Events

Wednesday, Dec 3

6:30pm Town Hall Budget Mtg—2026 Proposed Budget

Thursday, Dec 4

1pm Staff Christmas Lunch

Saturday, Dec 6

5pm Choir Christmas Party at The Exner's Home

Sunday, Dec 7

ADVENT

12pm Town Hall Budget Mtg—2026 Proposed Budget
 12:30pm Food Auction to benefit Lottie Moon (See Lela B)
 2pm-3pm Children's Musical Practice

Tuesday, Dec 9

11:30am Ladies Birthday Lunch to celebrate Dec B-days
 Longhorn Steakhouse, 1112 Bullsboro Dr, Newnan, GA
 6pm Deacon's Mtg (Early due to Church Conference 14th)

Thursday, Dec 11

6pm Olive Branch Meeting

Friday, Dec 12

6pm-9pm Parents Night Out

Drop the kids off for a night of Christmas fun! We will be decorating cookies, making ornaments, decorating a tree, plus tons of more Christmas fun! We might even get a visitor from the North Pole!

Register at childrensdirector@sharpsburgbaptist.com

UPCOMING WORSHIP & Events

Sunday, Dec 14

12pm 4Q Church Conference
Following Conference—Secret Sister Reveal in Karen R. classroom (room closest to the kitchen)
 2pm-3pm Children's Musical Practice
 4pm Men's Choir Parts Practice
 5pm Ladies Choir Parts Practice

Monday, Dec 15

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

(early due to the Church Office being closed last two weeks of the month)

Thursday, Dec 18

11:30am Out to Lunch Bunch Christmas Meetup
 The Christmas Lunch will be catered and hosted here at the Church in the Fellowship Hall — Please RSVP.
 If you would like to play the Christmas Gift Exchange Game, be sure to bring a \$10 wrapped gift (label it: gift for the ladies –or– gift for the men)

Sunday, Dec 21

11am Christmas Musical
 12pm Christmas Fellowship Meal
 (chicken will be provided; bring sides to share)
 6pm-8pm Kid's Christmas Musical

December 22—January 2

Church Office Closed—Office Staff not in office

Wednesday, Dec 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

5pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
 with Lord's Supper

Thursday, Dec 25

**MERRY CHRISTMAS! Wishing you and your families
 MANY BLESSINGS this season!**

Sunday, Dec 28

Remembrance Day—

This will be a special time during our prayer and praise time to honor those that have passed throughout the year.

Andy Cook will be our speaker for the worship time.

Wednesday, Dec 31

NEW Years Eve

NO Services Tonight

Worship & Upcoming Events

UPCOMING WORSHIP & Events (cont'd)

Advent at Sharpsburg

"Amazing Advent" November 30 – December 24

Theme: Matthew 1: 21

You will want to take it all in and breath in deeply the sounds and sights of the season with Advent at Sharpsburg. Here is a sketch of our Advent Season:

November 30: "Advent is Amazing! Hope when you need it most". Luke 1: 67-80 (Deacon ordination)

December 7: "Advent is Amazing! Joy, just in time". Jeremiah 31: 7-14 (Budget hearing, Lottie Moon Tea)

December 14: "Advent is Amazing! Peace – Perfect!" Ezekiel 34: 20-32 (Church Conference)

December 21: "Advent is Amazing! Love, God's greatest Gift"

(Christmas musical, Church-wide Christmas fellowship)

December 24: "Advent is Amazing! Christ has come" Isaiah 53: 1-12

(Christmas Eve Candlelight service with the Lord's Supper)

Church Health Team Recommendations:

Your church health team has been hard at work preparing a recommendation for you related to a new purpose and mission statement for our church. Everything we do as a church family will have to demonstrate that it supports our purpose and mission as a church. This is the result of the Church Health Survey many of you participated in back in March. We plan to have a new Ministry Structure based on the purpose and mission statement ready by the Conference as well. Here is a peak of our recommendation for our purpose and mission statement:

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.*

Our Ministry Structure: Coming Soon!

2026 Proposed Ministry Budget introduction meetings

Join us at one or both meeting to review and discuss the 2026 as prepared and recommended by our Finance Committee and Deacons:

Wednesday evening, Dec 3 following our fellowship meal, 6:30 – 7:15

Sunday, immediately following our Worship time, Dec 7, noon

Sunday, Church Conference, vote on budget recommendation, Dec 14

Watch for your copy of the proposed 2026 budget in your email inbox or via postal mail by the end of November.

We will also seek your input and ideas for our proposed Purpose and Mission Statements after the budget hearing as time allows.



Music Notes



November— a Time for Thanks

First of all, Jill and I would like to thank YOU, our church family, for the generous gift you gave us for Ministry Appreciation Sunday. We value your friendship and your talents, always.

November was full of different kinds of music: a saxophone solo by me; a sax and clarinet duet; a ladies trio by Lisa Webb, Janice Hale, and Shannon Reed; and a guest soloist, Brian Roos.

The choir is learning several new anthems for the Christmas season. Some will be sung during our annual Christmas musical on Dec 21st, during our regular 11:00 service time. You will also hear our bell choir and some instrumental soloists, and you will see some of our church members in dramatic scenes showing the Nativity story. I hope you'll be there — be sure to stay for lunch afterwards!

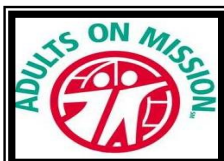
It's not too late to join — come to a Parts Practice on Nov. 23rd and Nov 30th, Ladies will rehearse at 4:00 and men at 5:00 each of these days.

Enjoy the Christmas season! "Glory to God in the highest heaven!"

Keep on singing— Mike



Worship & Upcoming Events



AoM News

This is a picture of the goodies Joann delivered to Coweta Pregnancy Center. We gifted them quilts, receiving blankets, burp pads, bibs, washcloths and tiny baby hats.

To everyone that donated the T-shirts.... Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! Please keep them coming. So far, we've made over a 150 that were put in the Shoeboxes.

Be they red, yellow, blue, green or black and white they were precious in OUR sight.

We will not meet in December except to deliver goodies to Avalon Nursing Home. See you in January. The ladies of AoM are wishing you the Merriest of Christmases. Think about joining us in January! You will be blessed!

~Ladies of AoM (Adults on Mission)



Olive Branch News

Merry Christmas from The Olive Branch. As the festive lights and Christmas trees sparkle around us let us take a moment to embrace the wonderful spirit of joy and giving that Christmas brings. The love of Christmas is Jesus, and this season is the perfect time to remember the greatest gift we have ever received.

In the spirit of giving this Christmas Season, The Olive Branch has made a donation to the Angel Tree for ECH. Also, during the month of December, we will be hosting a "Winter Coat Drive" for ECH. Please take a look in your closet for coats you may have to donate. The coats can be dropped off at the Church and The Olive Branch will deliver to the High School.

We are so thankful and grateful for the response to the I-58 canned food drive so we will continue to fulfill this need through December.

Ladies, please join us for The Olive Branch Annual Christmas Party on December 11th at 6:00 PM. Please bring a finger food/snack or dessert to share with the group.

May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13



December Kids

December 7:

KIDS LIGHT THE CANDLE DURING THE CHURCH SERVICE

December 7:

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL PRACTICE 2-3 PM

December 12:

PARENTS NIGHT OUT 6-9 PM

THIS WILL BE ALL THINGS CHRISTMAS WITH A SPECIAL VISITOR FROM THE NORTH POLE.

December 14:

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL PRACTICE 2-3 PM

December 21:

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL 6:30-8 PM
AFTER THE SHOW WE WILL ENJOY HOT COCO AND MAKE GINGERBREAD HOUSES

First, on **November 21st**,

we will be having our

Youth Friendsgiving from 5:00-9:00 PM.

We'll be making hot cocoa and creating our own mugs. Students can **RSVP to me (Bailey)**. At the end of the month, we will also be setting up a **Giving Tree** in front of the youth and children's corridor. This year, both ministries are fundraising for the **Georgia Baptist Children's Homes**. Their organization provides safe housing, care, counseling, and support for children and teens who are walking through difficult and often traumatic circumstances. We are collecting **Walmart gift cards** (any amount) and **monetary donations**. We will be accepting donations **from now through mid-December**. In addition, we are planning a **Serve Day with the Georgia Baptist Children's Home** in December. We are currently waiting to hear back from the Palmetto campus about our specific project, but it will likely take place on a **weekend in December**, and **everyone is welcome to join us**. The project could look like **landscaping work** or **wrapping gifts**, depending on their needs. Lastly, we will be having our **Children's Christmas Program** on **December 21st at 6:30 PM**, hosted by the Children's Ministry and myself. After the program, we'll be inviting families to join us in the fellowship hall for **hot cocoa and gingerbread house building**.

If anyone takes pictures or wants events posted on our Facebook, please forward to me! I am managing our Facebook Page now.

Warmly,
Bailey



SBC Happenings



Ladies Birthday Lunch from November! These ladies love treating the birthday girls to a day out to celebrate them. This month they plan to go to Longhorn in Newnan.



The **Out to Lunch Bunch** met up for some food and fellowship last month. AND, this month they will have their Christmas Lunch catered and hosting it here at the Church. **RSVP Please.** AND, if you want to play the Christmas Gift Exchange Game, please bring a \$10 wrapped gift (be sure to label it: gift for the ladies -or- gift for the men).



Upcoming in the New Year....

Dr. Mills will start us off with a Wednesday Evening Series that will begin on January 7 during our Wednesday night Adult Bible Study and Prayer Time.

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.

Join us on Wednesday, January 7 @ 6:30pm in the church sanctuary.

December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:45am Benton House Newman visit	2	3 6pm Town Hall Budget Mtg for 2026 Budget	4 <i>NO AoM this month</i>	5	6 5pm Choir Party @ The Exner's Home
ADVENT 7 12pm Town Hall Budget Mtg for 2026 Budget *after meeting – Food Auction 2-3pm Children Music Rehearsal	8	9 11:30am Ladies Birthday Lunch – Longhorns Newman 6pm Deacon's Meeting	10	11 6pm OB Meeting	12 6pm-9pm Christmas Themed Parents Night Out	13
ADVENT 14 12pm 4Q Church Conf 12pm Secret Sister Reveal Party – Meet in Karen R Classroom 2-3pm Children Music Rehearsal 4pm Ladies' Choir Parts Practice 5pm Men's Choir Parts Practice	15	16	17	18 10:15am OTLB	19	20
ADVENT 21 First Day of Winter 11am Christmas Musical 12pm Christmas Fellowship Meal (POTLUCK – chicken provided; bring sides to share) 6pm-8pm Kid's Christmas Musical	22 Christmas Break Coweta county schools Dec 22, 2025 – Jan 2, 2026	23	Christmas Eve 24 5pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service w/ Lord's Supper	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27
	Church Office Closed					
28 Remembrance Day during worship to honor those we've lost this year.	29	30	NEW YEARS EVE 31 NO Services Tonight			
	Church Office Closed					

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December 1-	Robert Bearden	December 14-	Sandra Johnson
December 3-	Gail Cook	December 15-	Lydiann Kettering
	Corey Gaissert		Noel Whitwood
December 4-	Mike Schrepfer	December 17-	Jo Ann Carroll
December 5-	Jessica Rogers		Cathy McInvale
December 6-	David Bearden	December 19-	Allen Nolan
	Pat Hodgeman		Lorrie Zehms
	Betty Key	December 20-	Pam Sims
	Joy Morman	December 22-	Wallace McAbee
	Betty Thomas	December 24-	Lincoln Tolleson
December 7-	Layton Gordy	December 27-	Janice Dukes
		December 28-	Dell Thompson



**Happy
Birthday**



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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.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

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JOIN US!

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Youth &
Children Ministries

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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