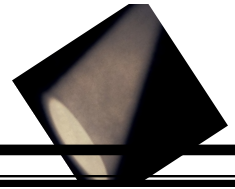


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Wednesdays:
5:30pm Choir Rehearsal
6:15pm Adult Prayer Meeting &
Bible Study

Sundays:
9:45am Sunday School
11am Worship

DEACON OF THE WEEK:

February 7	Gerald Rice
February 14	Jim Spearman
February 21	Jim Davis
February 28	Karen Hayes

Deacon's Meeting
1:30pm
February 15, 2021

PASTOR'S CORNER

DR. WALLACE MCABEE, SENIOR PASTOR

I am writing my article on National Cheese day which also happens to be Inauguration Day. One event just for fun – one for the health of our Republic. We should all take a moment to thank the Lord and our nations Founding Fathers that we can talk of the two days in the same breath. In most countries throughout history, transitions of power are rarely peaceful. New Leaders wrestle power from the clutches of current leaders at the cost of innocent blood and property. People live in fear that new leaders will be as bad or worse than old. They have little if any real say in the matter and often pay a heavy price during the struggle. In America, we have another approach. Yes, we should be thankful, regardless of how we voted, that our transition of such incredible power is about as violent as National Cheese day. AMEN!

Big news around here is that we are in full gear toward what we hope will be a enormous and exciting ReGathering of the Church family on Easter Sunday, April 4. Our All-Team Rally and meeting on January 31 and our Worship Emphasis to follow are all designed to get us back together as more and more of us feel comfortable returning. You will begin to hear about UpWard

Soccer, the possibility of a new children's director, VBS, A free dental clinic, Sunday School, Choir rehearsal and yes – lots and lots of food and fellowship as we have been apart so long. So – get your party hat on and get ready for a celebration like no other!

Speaking or ReGathering – we are beginning a new Worship Emphasis on February 7 called:

***“See it, Claim it,
Dedicate it to the Lord!”***

Our goal is to help reorient us back to the good work and ministries of our church family. We are having two guest preachers from the Georgia Baptist Mission Board share about a Missions Action Plan and another preacher on Evangelism. Those two services will be followed by a lunch-n-learn for those who want to get in on the plan. The schedule for the month leading up to Easter is found later in this edition of the newsletter.

Exciting Stuff! ~Pastor Wallace



Worship & Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, February 2
GROUNDHOG DAY

Sunday, February 7 & 14
CBF Mission Emphasis
Children and Student Ministry Emphasis

Thursday, February 11
6pm Olive Branch Meeting

Sunday, February 14
VALENTINE'S DAY

Monday, February 15
PRESIDENT'S DAY
1:30pm Deacon's Meeting

Tuesday, February 16
March Newsletter Article Additions Deadline

Wednesday, February 17
ASH WEDNESDAY

Sunday, February 21
Guest Speaker, Richard Bumpers;
Lunch n Learn to follow service
GORDY SCHOLARSHIP PKTS AVAILABLE

Wednesday Schedules-

5:30pm Choir Rehearsal
6:15pm Adult Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

Sunday Schedules-

9:45am Sunday School
11am Worship Service

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February 14—Jim Spearman
February 21—Jim Davis
February 28—Karen Hayes

Children's Church Teacher/Aide:

February 7 — Sharon Hardy
February 14—Frank & Catherine DeLoach
February 21— Lisa Waggoner
February 28— Karen Ridenhour

If you are interested in helping with Children's Church, see Jackie Kent. There is a sign up sheet outside the church office. You need to be Ministry Safe Certified to help with our children.

-NURSERY WORKER NEEDED-

We need nursery workers — if you are interested, please see Brandy Phelps.

"See it, Claim it, Dedicate it to the Lord!" February 7 – March 21

We are going to get back on track focusing on breathing new life into the major ministries of our church during this Pre-Easter Worship and Training emphasis. Please note that two of the Ministry Days will offer a lunch n learn to help us bring missions and evangelism alive in our church.

February 7: "Children: The future of the church" Children's workers commissioned during the service.

February 14: "Students: Called to the unchurch generation". Our student workers will be commissioned during this service.

February 21: "Faith-Sharing: Called to Share. Richard Bumpers, GBMB preaching. Lunch n Learn to follow on "No Sweat Evangelism".

February 28: "Small Groups: My church reaching, teaching and loving people toward maturity in Jesus Christ.

March 7: "The Poor: What must we do about poverty and hunger".

March 14: "Missions: The Critical Call to go and tell" JJ Washington from the GBMB preaching followed by a Lunch n Learn on how each of us can be on mission and involved in supporting Gospel ministry around the world.

March 21: "Church Life: Rebirthing a New Testament Model for ministry today".

FINANCE NEWS

Early in the pandemic, the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) offered loans to businesses, individual contractors and churches to help with payroll costs. Under the leadership of our treasurer, Bill Banks, and financial secretary, Lynn Glassbrook, the decision was made to apply for a loan to take pressure off our budget. We were able to get one of these Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) loans to cover 2 months of payroll.

In mid-January 2021, we received official word the entire loan had been forgiven! We do not have to pay any of it back.

There is now a second version of PPP loans opening up. Looking into the criteria for this round, we do not meet the criteria so will not be able to apply for a second PPP loan. We will continue to monitor the program and if the criteria change look at this again.

~Lynn Glassbrook, SBC Finance Secretary



Music Notes



Brighter Days Ahead

As I write this, some of us have had our first vaccine shots, and some are still waiting. Because of that, we are still being cautious and not meeting regularly as a whole choir. As soon as we can, though, we'll be back! In the meantime, we are including our virtual choirs in our worship services, as well as solos and ensembles. I'm always looking for those who would be willing to sing, so contact me!

For Easter, I plan to record a new virtual choir; the practice music and CD's are going out right now, so be sure to get one at church or let me know, and I'll bring it to you. We'll also have some singing and instrumental solos.

So, we're all trusting that brighter days are indeed ahead; keep the sunshine in your soul!

*There's within my heart a melody;
Jesus whispers sweet and low.
"Fear not, I am with thee; peace, be still,"
In all of life's ebb and flow.*

Keep on singing! Mike



Above: Virtual Choir, "All My Hope"



Above: Sicily Holmes
"To The Table"



Above: Allen Nolan
"Face to Face"

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Erin Walker
"Consider the Stars"



Below: "10,000 Reasons" - Virtual Choir



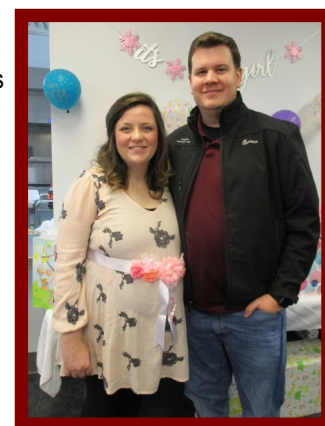
Youth Ministries

Hello Church Family,

Welcome to 2021! After an unusually memorable year (sometimes in not the best ways) in 2020, we are off to a rocking start (for better or worse) in 2021. Despite what you might see on the news, I feel that there is probably cause to be excited for the year to come. Personally, I can't remember any year I've been more excited for, as my daughter will be with us in just under 2 months, Lord willing! The idea of being parents is new to Macie and I but we are so excited and honored that God has ordained us to raise this little girl and teach her how to love the Lord. As far as the youth ministry goes, we are kicking off our "season premier" of Wednesday night youth ministry on February 3 at 6:15 in the youth room! I want to take a moment to thank Allen and Pam Nolan, who have gone above and beyond their call of duty to help get the room fixed up, from building our coffee bar to painting our new chalkboard wall. It will feel like a new beginning when we resume our Wednesday night ministry in a couple of weeks. As numbers for the Coronavirus are remaining steady throughout this time, we will be taking extra precautions every Wednesday night and Sunday morning. We will be spacing the chairs apart and will be sanitizing the room before and after all meetings for the time being. We understand that there is still a lot of unknown in the world right now and we encourage and advise everyone to be cautious. However, the student ministry will go on as teaching our young people about God's word and helping nourish their relationships with Him are as essential as anything else that goes on. In way of events, we are going to take it month by month. We certainly won't be taking any bowling trips or things of that nature until the vaccine gets more spread out and numbers dwindle even further. We will, as of now, plan to return to FUGE Camps this summer! All of this depends on whether or not Lifeway chooses to have the camp. Last summer, they made the decision (rightfully so) to cancel camp all-together. Personally, I doubt that will happen again this summer, so we will plan to attend so long as people sign up to go! We look forward to another year of serving the students and church as a whole. Everyone continue to stay safe and know that we love you all.

Blessings,

Jon and Macie



Elementary Class News

This past year has been a challenge for all Lisa and I are thankful you let us enjoy teaching your children when it was possible despite the virus situation. We would love to have them back (as soon as it's safe) again and bring their friends. We make crafts and learn about the Bible. We have bible drills; Landri won last time. It's a lot of fun searching Gods word. It's really sweet watching the kids help each other. They are so happy when they can find the verses.

We will be planning a valentines party in Sunday school and hope the kids can all come back by then. We are learning about Jonah. The kids are doing a great job reading from the Bible. I always have plenty of volunteers, which is great!

Easter is right around the corner! We will be studying about the resurrection and the disciples. Look for more details to come! Hope to see you in Sunday school ... 9:45am!

Love Mrs. Lela and Mrs. Lisa



***Adults on Mission******FEBRUARY News***

The New Year has brought two new ministry opportunities to Adults on Mission. We are excited because our creations will be on-going and far reaching. We will create burp pads for the Coweta Pregnancy Services, and senior adult residents in local care facilities will be recipients of tote bags for their walkers. In addition to these new opportunities, we will continue crafting our standard items that are so well received.

Because of Covid-19 we still are not gathering on a weekly basis, but some are crafting from home. If you would like to participate in any of our projects, please contact our Leadership Team, and we will see that you get started quickly.

A reminder to you that all of our items carry scripture verses which give witness to the saving grace of our Lord Jesus.



February is a good month to send a note or make a call to someone who has touched your life, just to let them know they are loved and appreciated.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. Mark 12:30

Adults on Mission Leadership Team
Denise Jones, Nancy McAbee and Yvonne Pleasant

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



February News

Our meeting on January 14 was well attended. A few of you were missing. We hope you are back with us next month. After an amusing, yet poignant and insightful devotion by Jill Exner, we did something a little different. We had our refreshments WHILE we had our meeting. Talk about “walk and chew gum at the same time”! Just something different.....

Jo Ann Carroll was able to report that, following motions and approvals at our December meeting, she got the gifts cards to the GA Baptist Children’s Home, the check to the Nicaraguan Hurricane Relief Fund, and a “Christmas gift” check toward the SBC mortgage payment.

Betty Thomas, our treasurer, gave us an updated Bake Sale report. That was the last fundraiser of 2020 for Olive Branch. We are so blessed to have had the participation of our members, our church family, and the community at large that enabled us to have several successful fund raisers in 2020. Hard to imagine in a year like it’s been! Stay tuned for 2021 as we continue to raise money to be able to do positive and meaningful acts for others in Jesus’ name!

Speaking of.....Olive Branch discussed and approved money to be spent toward paying the postage for the delivery of four mailers of 1,000 pieces each. These mailers will be sent in 2021 to 1,000 households in Sharpsburg about events being held at SBC. The first one will go out very soon about our Easter events. The next 3 mailers after that will be regarding our VBS, our Upward Soccer program, and finally, our Christmas events. It is a privilege to be able to contribute monetarily toward this effort that will reach so many souls for Christ. Amen!!

Lastly, it needs mentioning....we owe Pattie Arrowood a huge dose of gratitude for the YEARS she has been the Olive Branch member who does our cast call/robo call. She is leaving the position effective this month. She’s not leaving us, just that “job”. Jo Ann Carroll has “volunteered” to do it, as soon as she gets some tech training!

~ The Olive Branch Ladies

1 Peter 4:10

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”

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

SBC Happenings

SAVE THE DATES:

2 NEW Upcoming Events

March

***Sunday, 3-21-21, Following Worship
Country Western Fundraiser
(to benefit the Building Fund
To help pay down our loan)***

Meal:

Smoked Baby Back Ribs

Roasted Red Potatoes

Corn on the Cob

Baked Beans

Peach Muffins

Apple Cobbler w/ Vanilla Ice Cream

No Need to RSVP – All are welcome; Bring a Friend

KENTUCKY MISSION TRIP

Friday June 25th – Wednesday June 30th 2021

We would love to invite everyone to be apart of this Mission trip by praying, supporting and going. Also be praying for at time it will be safe to go If it is God's will. Acts 1-8, JESUS wants us to be his witness. Witness In JERUSALEM (SHARPSBURG) JUDEA (GEORGIA) SAMARIA (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) and to the ends of the earth. (all over the world.) Friday 25th we will meet at the church at 8:30 am have prayer and load up and leave around 9 am. It is approximately 400 miles and we will be stopping for fuel, food and bathroom breaks, also for coffee. We should get there approximately 4:30 pm central time. I do not know where we be staying at but it will be provided. We will be doing Job Corp Ministry at Greenville And Morganfield, Joseph Storage Bin. Some may get to do Prison Ministry, Campground Ministry and different Church ministry, etc. Be ready to share your testimony and if you sing you will have a plenty of times. We will have time to go to the Amish shops and cross over the Ohio River on the barge and check out the Cave Rock in Illinois.

Things you may need:

Walking shoes

Willing heart

Bible

smiling face

some may need sleeping bags, sheet, pillow, medicine, towel, wash cloth

Maybe one pair of old clothes and shoes ETC.

Cost \$ 175.00 each and \$100.00 for 18 & under. This is for van rental, fuel etc.

Note: you will need funds for food & shopping.

There will be a signup sheet and we will need the Funds by June 6th and no later than the 13th so we will know how many going and how many vans we need to rent.

Thanks –

Franklin T DeLoach

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June

**Friday,
6-25-21**

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**Wednesday,
6-30-21**

Kentucky Mission Trip

**<<<<< Details on trip
Please RSVP – Sign up
book is outside church of-
fice.**

February 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sundays- 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship Wednesdays- 5:30pm Choir Practice 6:15 Prayer Mtg	1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Olive Branch 6pm	12	13
CBF Missions Children's Ministry Emphasis						
14 Valentine's Day	15 Presidents Day	16	17 Ash Wednesday	18	19	20
CBF Missions Student Ministry Emphasis	Deacon's Meeting 1:30pm	March Newsletter Articles due to church office				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Guest Speaker, Richard Bumpers; Lunch n Learn to follow Gordy Scholarship Pkts available (return by 4-18)						
28						

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb 1 - Isabelle Cole
 Feb 2 - Brenda Roberts
 Feb 4 - David Johnson
 Feb 5 - Lillian West
 Feb 6 - Karen Thurman
 Feb 7 - Emily Hammock
 Missy Cole
 Feb 8 - Kevin Tolleson
 Feb 9 - Gayle Smith
 Feb 12 - Randall Smith
 Ron Ward
 Don West

Feb 13 - Jim Davis
 Feb 14 - JC Murphy
 Frank Waggoner
 Feb 15 - Sarah DeLoach
 Feb 16 - Pat Wren

 Feb 17 - Jeffrey Jones
 Feb 18 - Eddy Nelson
 Feb 22 - Joe Camp
 Feb 23 - Yvonne Pleasant

Feb 24 - Pattie Arrowood
 Feb 26 - Avery Cowart
 Jim Keesee
 Truman Tolleson
 Feb 28 - Samantha Hammock



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Lynn Glassbrook

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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6:15pm

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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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