



# SHARON BAPTIST CHURCH

Church Office: 865-938-7075  
Pastor Mark: 865-603-1809  
Pastor Nick: 865-985-2646

December 26, 2025

## THE LIFELINE



## CALENDAR

**Sunday**                      **December 28**  
 9:30 am                      Sunday School  
 10:45 am                      Morning Worship  
 \*No Evening Activities\*

**Wednesday**              **December 31**  
 \*No Wednesday Evening Activities\*

**Thursday**                    **January 1**  
 Happy New Year!  
 \*Church Office is Closed

\*Reminder: We will NOT send a Newsletter out NEXT Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

\*Upward has practices in the Ministry Center on Monday, Thursday, and Friday evenings.

## OUR REPORT FOR December 21, 2025

Sunday School - 168

### WEEKLY RECORD:

Weekly Budget Need	\$14,199.00
Budget Offerings	\$ 29,628.37
Designated Offerings	\$ 9,864.25
Total	\$39,492.62
<b>OVER/UNDER</b>	<b>\$15,429.37</b>

### YEAR TO DATE 2025:

All Gifts Given	\$954,817.12
Designated Gifts	\$278,148.01
Budget Gifts	\$676,669.11
Budget YTD	\$724,025.00
<b>OVER/UNDER YTD</b>	<b>(\$47,355.89)</b>

### THE LEGACY CONTINUES:

Gifts Given December 21 <sup>st</sup> :	\$5,851.00
<b>Gifts to date:</b>	<b>\$763,830.00</b>

### DEACONS ON CALL

December 28<sup>th</sup> - January 3<sup>rd</sup>

Eddie Busler                      (865)661-6811  
 Greg Jones                        (865)661-0287  
 Bryan Yow                         (865)924-7720  
 William Arnold                  (615)554-1428



Children's Wing Desk: Greg Stiner

Safety Desk: Chad Smith

Nursery: Kellie Ball & Savannah Hardin

Preschool: Dafnie Esparza & Amber Hardin

Children's Church: Debbie Tapp & Pamela Smith



LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®



During the month of December, we receive the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missionaries.

Our church's goal for this offering is \$20,000.

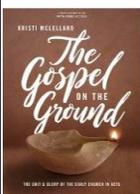
So far, we have received \$16,173.25!

### Give Thanks & Praise

Congratulations to Dafnie Esparza for graduating from South College with her RN on December 19<sup>th</sup>!

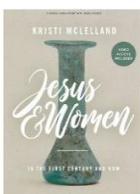
Claude Yow will celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup>. We wish him a very Happy Birthday!

Beginning Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, at 5pm, join Ms. Debbie for Kristi McClellan's *The Gospel on the Ground* study for women!



Come along with biblical culturalist Kristi McClellan as she unpacks the life of the early church in the book of Acts and shows us that the kingdom of God is always on the move, always looking outward to bring meaning and joy to a world searching for true fulfillment and hope. Explore the call of Jesus to His disciples then and to us today. See how God's Word can sustain us even in the most difficult of times and embrace the transformative grace we experience as children of God in His kingdom of celebration.

New this winter, we would also like to have a Ladies' Bible Study group specifically for our younger ladies in the college and career and/or early family age range.



This group will also meet for the first time on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, but will feature a flexible schedule TBD at the first meeting because we know Sunday at 5pm may not always work for everyone! This group will feature the Kristi McClellan study *Jesus and Women*.

If you are interested in this group, please call the church office!

The Grief Recovery Method®



The Grief Recovery Workshop offers compassionate, step-by-step guidance to help heal your heart and reclaim your life.

In-Person

February 3 - March 24

Tuesdays 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM

Held at Sharon Baptist Church  
7916 Pedigo Rd., Knoxville 37938

Free • 8 Consecutive weeks/2 hours each  
Registration ends after 2nd Session



Contact Chelsie Moran at 865-318-6278 with questions and to RSVP!

COME HELP US CELEBRATE A CLASSIC

IT'S CLAUDE YOW'S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY



SUNDAY - DECEMBER 28TH

SBC MINISTRY CENTER

DROP IN ANYTIME BETWEEN 12:30-4:00

**January Birthdays**

January 1: James McWhirter, Diane Vandergriff, Everlee Lynch, Tevan Phillips  
 January 2: Doug Jones  
 January 3: Ali Daugherty  
 January 4: Khushi McWhirter, Sherry Lampkin, Stephen Wells, Levi Stephens  
 January 5: Annelle Gerbman, Alexia Vogt  
 January 6: Jim Mowery  
 January 7: Florence White, MaKenzie Reed  
 January 8: Darrell Mayes, Rick Mayes  
 January 9: Tori Palmer  
 January 10: Matthew Smelcer  
 January 11: Amelia Cancemi  
 January 12: Ben Burnette, Terry Tucker  
 January 13: Kobi Langton  
 January 14: Carol Stalcup, Davey Sanderson  
 January 15: Ron Houser, Becky Benjamin  
 January 16: Chandler Humphrey, Josh Crutchfield, Linda Frazier, Garrett Tjapkes, Caleb White, Trish Grobel  
 January 17: Mike Campbell, Marcy Cox  
 January 18: Austin Elliott  
 January 19: Betsy Stansberry, Earl Polson, Gary Cate, Stacy Greene, Simon Byrd  
 January 20: Barbara Rutherford  
 January 21: Joshua Yow  
 January 23: Taylor Clifton, Stephen Hamby, Scarlett Lane  
 January 24: Kathy Matherly, Sara Rolen, Asher & Ezra Holbert  
 January 25: Kyla Chamberlain, Natasha Chesney, Waylon Henderson, Bayley Lindsay  
 January 26: Matthew McCurry  
 January 27: Randy Thompson, Penny Trotter, Paisley Mertz  
 January 28: Charlene Dowling, Joshua McClure  
 January 29: Brian Evans  
 January 31: Donna Davis, Wayne Dowling, Noah Yow



**Senior Spotlight**

**Allen & Lynn Edmondson**

2802 Fawnridge Road, Knoxville, TN 37938  
 Allen joined SBC by baptism in 1957. Lynn joined by baptism in 1984, the same year she and Allen were married. Allen and Lynn have both served and continue to serve the church in many ways. Allen leads the Men's 3 Sunday School class and is Chair of the Building/Grounds Committee. He also previously served on the History, Personnel (Chair), and Parent's Day Out Committees and as the leader of the Adult 6 Couples' class. Lynn serves on the Bereavement Committee and as Sunday School Greeter, Connections Ministry Co-Chair, and Vice-Chair of Trustees. Previously, she served as Co-Chair of the Nominating Committee. Lynn is a faithful member of the Ladies' 3 class and the SBC worship choir. In 1977, Allen started AHE Electric Company as owner-operator until he retired in 2024. Lynn worked for KUB for many years before retiring in 2015. Allen's daughter, Betsy, and Lynn's son, Jeremy, are also members of Sharon. Together, they have 5 grandchildren.

**JANUARY 2026**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31 *No Wednesday Evening Activities	1 2026 Happy New Year! Church Office is Closed	2	3
4 Deacons' Meeting- 3:30pm AWANA-5pm Youth-5pm	5 Upward Practice	6 Challengers Basketball	7 Prayer Meeting-6pm Children/Youth-6pm Worship Choir-6:45pm	8 Upward Practice	9 Upward Practice	10 Upward Games Begin!
11 Bible Studies-5pm AWANA-5pm Youth-5pm	12 Upward Practice	13 Challengers Basketball	14 Baptist Women-10am Business Meeting-6pm Children/Youth-6pm Worship Choir-6:45pm	15 Upward Practice	16 Upward Practice	17 Upward Games
18 Bible Studies-5pm AWANA-5pm Youth-5pm	19 Upward Practice	20 Challengers Basketball	21 Prayer Meeting-6pm Children/Youth-6pm Worship Choir-6:45pm	22 Upward Practice	23 Upward Practice	24 Upward Games
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RAM is coming up February 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Like last year, all of the meals will be prepared at Chilhowee Hills Baptist Church and transported to the Jacobs Building to be served. Volunteers are needed to help set up, cook, serve, and clean up. Volunteers can help with any of the meals on any of the 3 days.

Times available to help prepare meals (at Chilhowee Hills)  
 2:30 am – 8:00 am  
 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Times available to serve meals (at the Jacobs Building)  
 4:15 am – 12:00 pm  
 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm  
 2:00 pm – 6:30 pm

If you have questions or want to volunteer, call or text Tina Golden at 865-382-9844 or Gary Cate at 865-414-4393.

**Upcoming Disaster Relief Training Schedule**

January 17, 2026  
 Cherokee Heights Baptist Church, 199 Cole Road, Morristown, TN 37814

February 21, 2026  
 First Baptist Church, 951 Highway 92, Dandridge, TN 37725

The credentialing fee is \$40. This fee will cover not only the cost of the ID, hat, background check, and membership pin, but also the cost of any of the basic training courses a volunteer wants to take over the next 3 years. Lunch is \$6/person.

Bucket truck, skid steer, and chainsaw hands-on training:  
 March 20-21, 2026  
 Location To be Determined

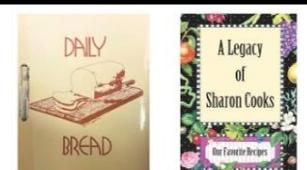
Registration Forms can be found at the following link:  
<https://tndisasterrelief.org/registration-forms/>

For full details on these and all TBDR Training please visit this link:  
<https://tndisasterrelief.org/events/month/>

Contact Gary Cate at 865-414-4393 if you have any questions.



Don't forget to check the Lottie Moon Post Office to see if you have received Christmas cards!



**Now Available!**  
 Legacy of Sharon Cooks Cookbooks  
 \*Vintage\* Daily Bread Cookbooks  
 \$25 each or 2/\$40