MORNING WORSHIP September 14, 2025 - 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Prelude Organist

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Brian Ayers

Message in Song

"You Keep Hope Alive"

The Celebration Choir

and Mrs. Joanna Smith, Soloist

Word from THE WORD Rev. Brian Ayers

Songs of Praise Hymn #180 "The First Noel"

Hymn #201 "Emmanuel"

"Crown Him (Christmas)"

Congregation

Message in Video Operation Christmas Child

Message in Word

Mr. Alex Nsengimana

Operation Christmas Child/Samaritan's Purse Guest Speaker

Closing Thoughts Pastor Paul Noe

Hymn of Invitation Hymn #652 "Jesus Loves Me"

Closing Prayer - Deacon of the Week

EVENING WORSHIP September 14, 2025 - 6:00 PM

Welcome, Scripture Reading, & Prayer Rev. Charlie Crews

Songs of Praise Hymn #446 "Blessed Assurance"

"Thank You Jesus For The Blood"

Congregation

Message in Video "Our Mess, God's Masterpiece"

Message in Word "Problems in the Palace" Pastor Paul Noe

Esther 1:1-9

Hymn of Invitation Hymn #544 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

Closing Prayer

MINISTRY CONTACTS:

THIS WEEK:

Alice Lowe (Bereavement) 538 Ascauga Lake Road Graniteville, SC 29829 (803) 640-3176

Ginny Key (Bereavement) 239 Sweetwater Landing Dr. North Augusta, SC 29860 (803) 507-2687

DEACON:

8:30 AM: Chris Williams

11:00 AM: Junior Johnson

FOREIGN MISSION FIELD: Croatia

SERVICE PERSONS OF THE MONTH







Lt Col Jamie Wilmoth, USAF

WELCOME

We welcome Alex Nsengimana to Sweetwater this morning. Alex is from the country of Rwanda and was a recipient of an Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box as a child. This simple gesture of love changed his life forever. Please, pray for him as he shares his testimony with us this morning.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Christian Sympathy is extended to Alice Lowe in the loss of her mother, Dora Shellhouse, and Ginny Key in the loss of her mother, Pat (Patricia) Payne.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Alyss and Tyler Marchant on the birth of their son, Wesley James Marchant. He was born on 9/8/2025, weighed 7 pounds and 3 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

Two Weeks Away

New Member and Prospective Members Class

Sunday, September 28th - 4:30 PM (Please, sign-up in the Information Center)

MENS PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, Sept 20th at 8:00AM Fellowship Hall



JOYOUS SENIORS LUNCHEON

Friday, Sept 19th, 11:45AM - 1:00PM Sweetwater Baptist Family Life Center \$10/person RSVP - Church Office 803-279-2821

(Deadline to RSVP is Tuesday, Sept 16th)

THIS WEEK:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14"

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD KICK OFF MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE - 8:30AM (WC) SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45AM CHILDREN'S WORSHIP - 11:00AM (FLC) MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE - 11:00AM (WC) MISSION KIDZ - 6:00PM-7:00PM (FLC) YOUTH BIBLE STUDY - 6:00PM-7:00PM (C202) EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE - 6:00PM (Worship Center)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15"

FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHES CLOSET (DONATIONS) 1:00PM-4:00PM FOOD PANTRY (BY APPOINTMENT) 2-4 PM CLOTHES CLOSET (SHOPPING) 2:00PM-4:00PM NORMA PATE BIBLE STUDY - 6:30PM (FH) MENS BIBLE STUDY - 6:30PM (B108)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17"

AIKEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION CHOIR
1:00PM-2:00PM (Choir Room)
KIDZ CHOIR - 6:00PM-7:15PM (WC 103)
FAITH & FUN (YOUTH) - 6:15-7:15PM (FH)
MIDWEEK SERVICE - 6:30-7:15PM (Worship Center)
CELEBRATION CHOIR REHEARSAL - 7:20PM
(Worship Center)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1871

SENIOR ADULTS SEPT BIRTHDAY BASH - 2:00PM (RSVP)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1911

CHAPEL PRAYER TIME - 6:00AM (Chapel)
JOYOUS SENIORS LUNCHEON-11:45AM (FLC)
\$10 RSVP Church Office Before Tuesday 9/16

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2011

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST - 8:00AM (FH)

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 09.07.25

Attendance: 8:30AM Morning 185 Sunday School 293 Children's Church 11 11:00AM Morning 208

Finance:

Total Worship for AM

Budget Goal Per Week	\$31,252.90
Budget Given This	\$34,446.58
Budget Goal YTD	\$1,125,104.27
Budget Given YTD	\$1,110.520.37



Janie Chapman State Missions Season of Prayer Day 8

See 2025 Prayer Guide (Digital prayer guide available at sweetwaterbc.church, then click on State Missions Prayer Guide link.)

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Janie Chapman State Missions Offering

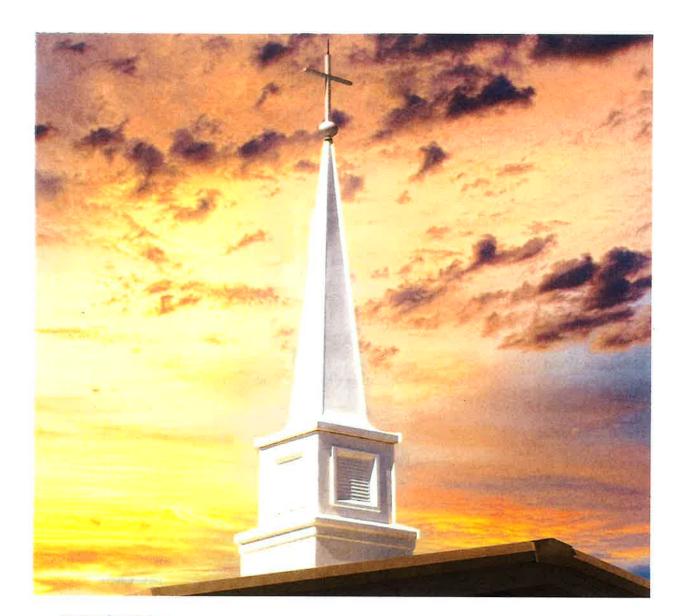
Sweetwater's Goal: \$10,000 Amount Received: \$12,478

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Sunday, September 14, 2025

PACK?

Gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are delivered together with **the Good News of Jesus Christ** as expressions of God's immense love for a child. **So, be sure to make them** ...

FUN: Include a quality "wow" item to delight the child, such as

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal

FULL: To fill empty spaces, add school supplies and personal care items, such as ...

- · Pens, pencils, crayons, and notebooks
- Sunglasses
- Flashlights

PERSONALIZED: Make sure every shoebox is unique and covered in prayer.

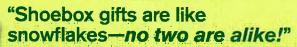
Include a note of encouragement and photo of you, your family, church, or group to further personalize the gift. These personal letters often are children's favorite shoebox items!

Wondering
if certain items
are OK to pack?
See our gift
suggestions and
search tool:



WHERE WILL IT GO?

A donation of \$10 per shoebox is critical to help cover collecting, processing, and shipping gifts to equip local churches for evangelism and discipleship. Give online through Follow Your Box and discover the country destination of your gift through our Look-up Tool.



- Franklin Graham, President, Samaritan's Purse

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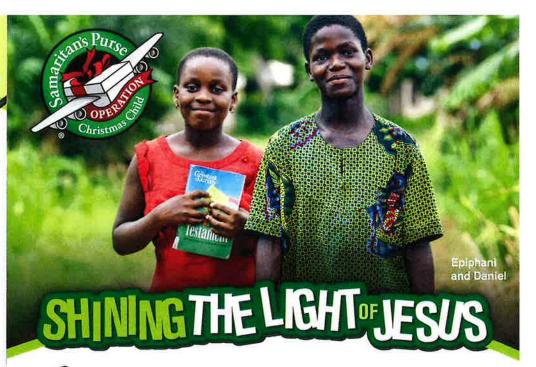


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hen an 11-year-old girl in the western African country of Ghana learned about Jesus through Samaritan's Purse programs Operation Christmas Child and *The Greatest Journey*, she decided to follow Him as Savior and boldly share her faith. The girl's name is Epiphani.

"Through the program, I now know who Jesus Christ is," said Epiphani about *The Greatest Journey* follow-up evangelism and discipleship program for shoebox recipients. "The classes changed my life. I put my trust in Jesus."

Shining the light of Jesus Christ in her community led Epiphani to notice a boy picking through trash for metal scraps to sell for food. She gave him the Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift she had received—filled with items such as pencils, books, and a pair of blue sandals. She had loved the gift but decided that the boy named Daniel needed the treasures more. He wears the sandals nearly every day.

Daniel was so intrigued by Epiphani's thoughtfulness, as well as her excitement and love for Jesus, that he accepted her invitation to attend church and began studying the Bible. Before long, Daniel gave his life to Christ. He plays drums during the church's worship services.

After Daniel told his mother about Jesus, she also accepted Jesus as Savior and became part of the church. Praise God for how He is shining His light into families, beginning with boys and girls who are making disciples by sharing the gift of Jesus Christ.



Scan to hear Epiphani's testimony.



TODAY

Operation Christmas Child Churchwide Kick off

(Sun, Sept 14th)

- Alex Nsengimana from Rwanda, Guest Speaker
 8:30AM & 11:00AM Worship Services
- Pick up shoeboxes in the vestibules. (Paper with instructions will be provided on what to pack.)

Wed, Sept 17th 10AM-NOON

Volunteers Needed in the Fellowship Hall

To build remaining shoeboxes and pack pencil packs.

Sun, Sept 21st, Sun, Sept 28th, Sun, Oct 5th

9:30AM - 9:45AM

Wow! Items for sale in the skywalk

Items for sale are:

- Soccer Ball with Pump \$6.00 each
- Gospel Dolls \$5.00 each
- Girls Dresses \$5.00 each

Sept 28th

Deadline to sign up for OCC Distribution Day

Deadline to sign up to volunteer to work at an OCC Distribution Site in Atlanta or Charlotte in early December (TBD). Limited space available. Email Laurie Kinsey at kinseylaurie@aol.com or text her at 706-831-2115 if interested in participating.

Wed, Oct 8th 11:00AM

Pack 100 Shoeboxes in the Gym

Neely Mission Group and Volunteers

Sun, Nov 9th

Deadline for Boxes to be Turned in at Sweetwater

Bring in earlier, if possible. It is important that the shoeboxes be returned by this deadline, because they will be delivered to a drop off site after Nov. 9th.

2025 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Restrictions

- NO LONGER allows soap (bar or liquid)
- · NO toothpaste
- · NO lotion or liquid
- NO food or candy

(This is not an exhaustive list; see instructions for more requirements.)