

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

Prelude	Organist
Welcome & Announcements	Rev. Brian Ayers
Message in Song	<i>"You Keep Hope Alive"</i> The Celebration Choir and Mrs. Joanna Smith, Soloist
Word from THE WORD	Rev. Brian Ayers
Songs of Praise	Hymn #180 <i>"The First Noel"</i> Hymn #201 <i>"Emmanuel"</i> <i>"Crown Him (Christmas)"</i> 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 <i>"Jesus Loves Me"</i>
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 <i>"Blessed Assurance"</i> <i>"Thank You Jesus For The Blood"</i> Congregation
Message in Video	<i>"Our Mess, God's Masterpiece"</i>
Message in Word	<i>"Problems in the Palace"</i> Esther 1:1-9 Pastor Paul Noe
Hymn of Invitation	Hymn #544 <i>"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"</i>
Closing Prayer	

MINISTRY CONTACTS:

THIS WEEK:

Alice Lowe (Bereavement)
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Graniteville, SC 29829
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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



Mark O'Driscoll
United States Marine Corps
Son of Dick & Cindy O'Driscoll



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



THE BLACK FAMILY

with the IMB
Sent from South Carolina
Serving on the Sport Strategy Team



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 14TH

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 15TH

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 17TH

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 18TH

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

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
Total Worship for AM	404

Finance:

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.)

Janie Chapman State Missions Offering

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

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Sweetwater
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, September 14, 2025

WHAT WILL I 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!

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.

**"Shoebox gifts are like
snowflakes—no two are alike!"**

—Franklin Graham, President, Samaritan's Purse

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Epiphani
and Daniel

SHINING THE LIGHT OF JESUS

When 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.**



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

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 Volunteers Needed in the Fellowship Hall

10AM-NOON

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

Pack 100 Shoeboxes in the Gym

11:00AM

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.)