



SBC Happenings

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2021 Theme

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Colossians 3:13-23

A Fresh Start

Hey Church!

2021 is here and it's important for us to enter the new year knowing where we've been! Let's take a moment to look back at what God did in our little church this past year. Here are three wonderful things that our church experienced in 2020.

First, our church emerged healthier & stronger. God brought new folks and families who have stepped into new roles. Others who have been here have grown and become more confident in their roles. As a result, our church emerged 2020 healthier and stronger!

Second, our church caught the eye of our community. New people from Sterling have attached themselves to our church. They are listening to our teaching digitally as we work to involve them in the life of our church. They are just now starting to trust us and welcome friendships. This has been a lot of work over a long time and something that we get to continue to cultivate!

And third, our church learned that ministry must look different. A community homeschool gym class, a local art lab & our AWANA club have all served as front doors into

our church this year. These opportunities and others like it are the way of the future. Ministry is not about getting people into our building, but about getting our God into people!

Now let's strive to keep this focus as we move into 2021 by embracing this year's slogan:
*LOVE EACH OTHER. GET ALONG.
DO THE WORK.*

*Love Each Other
Get Along
Do the Work*

The disruptions brought about by Covid this year have only helped bring into focus what's most important. This year's slogan will help us maintain our focus on what's most important: *a stronger affection, a tighter harmony and a deeper camaraderie as we do the Mission.*

Church, we are going to experience a great year. Really. I feel it!

Let's love each other. Get along.
And do the work.

Happy New Year!
Pastor Andrew

Kidz Trivia

KIDS!
Get ready!
The next
Kidz Trivia
will include
Exodus 16-20.
January 17 @ 6pm!

STERLING BAPTIST CHURCH WOMEN'S GROUP

RELATIONSHIP
OUTREACH
SPIRITUAL GROWTH
EMPOWERMENT



The Women's Group would like to wish you all a Happy New Year! We have a couple awesome opportunities for you to mark on your brand new calendars.

On January 16th, we are excited to offer the first Women's Fellowship of 2020 - a **Ladies Paint Party** with Mary Miller! To participate in person or online, please RSVP to Mary Miller at (765)881-0211.



Another first is the launch of the **Ladies Book Club** beginning in February. When it's not a Bible Study, but a good read that you want to share with others, this is the place! "Nearing Home" by Billy Graham explores growing old but still standing strong to finish life well and begins online or in person the week of February 4th. Contact Sharon Geeslin at (907) 252-4496. Do you have a book suggestion?



More info to come on Women's Group FB page and SBC weekly announcements.



Pastor Andrew:
Tuesdays 10am to 4pm

Office / Annie
T/W/Th 9am to 1pm
(Although may be working
from home, call first)



The Missions Team needs some caring people to commit to next years team. Are you interested in missions? Want to join the Missions team? We have a lot to consider in light of our upcoming Annual Business Meeting:

1. Are you interested in learning more about the Missionaries we support?
2. Have you read the missionary newsletters that we receive? Do you or would you write to any of them? Perhaps you support them beyond the church's support monthly commitment?
3. Some hard decisions need to be made at our Annual Business Meetings. Would you like to know more background information and share that knowledge with the membership?

Please consider joining this important team. See Pastor Andrew for more information.

Sunday School Returns January 10th!

Children

I am excited to start Sunday School with the elementary age children (through 6th grade) beginning January 10th. We will continue with the story of Moses.

Middle School on up can join the adults or see me about helping in the younger class.

A few of our core teachers are unable to teach Sunday School and/or Children's Church due to COVID restrictions (health, employment etc). If you would like to jump in, even temporarily, and teach Jesus to our youth, please see me! I would love to work together with you for the glory of Christ!

-Mary Miller

Adults

This is a good time to revisit the History of the English Bible Series. So, I'll start that after the first of the year and finish it this time!

I'll answer a couple of questions before we even start: I will not be bashing or favoring any particular version or translation of the English Bible. This is history...and the Bible you carry is a miracle in its own right. The class will clearly state the churches position on Bible Versions and you will be equipped to decide just which Bible you'd like to carry, read and cherish.

I'd encourage you to attend these classes...they will be live-streamed for those of you who will still be social-distancing at home. - Darrel Kincaid

UPCOMING EVENTS

Weekly

Sundays

- Bible Study @ 10
- Worship @ 11
- Evening Worship @ 6

Wednesdays

- Online Moments with Pastor
- Awana @ 6

Thursdays

- Men's Group @ 7am (Ammo Can)

January Events

- 3 Communion Sunday
- 15 Annual Meeting Packet Submissions Due to Office
- 16 Ladies Paint Party
- 17 Business Meeting & Kidz Trivia
- 31 Community Game Night

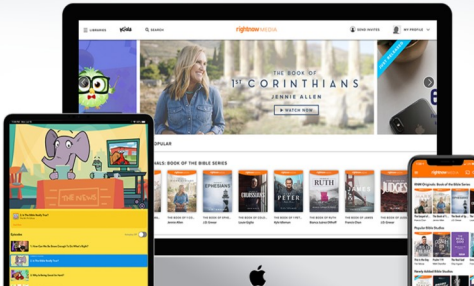
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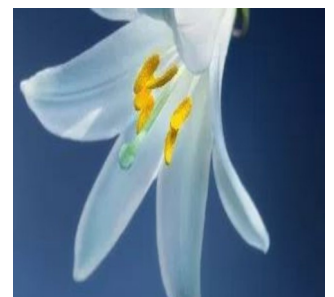
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Larry Adams

It is with great sadness we grieve Larry's passing on December 1st, 2020. Larry and his wife, Toni, have been active members of SBC well over 25 years. Our most sincere condolences to Toni and the Adams family.

Howard Hiler

Our condolences to the Hiler and Hallet families. Howard Hiler who passed away December 16th in Houston, Missouri. Many may remember Howard Hiler, who attended this church from the early 70's until the family snow-birded and eventually moved to Missouri.



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We plan to resume
Sunday school classes for all
ages on January 10th!
See you at 10:00 am!

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