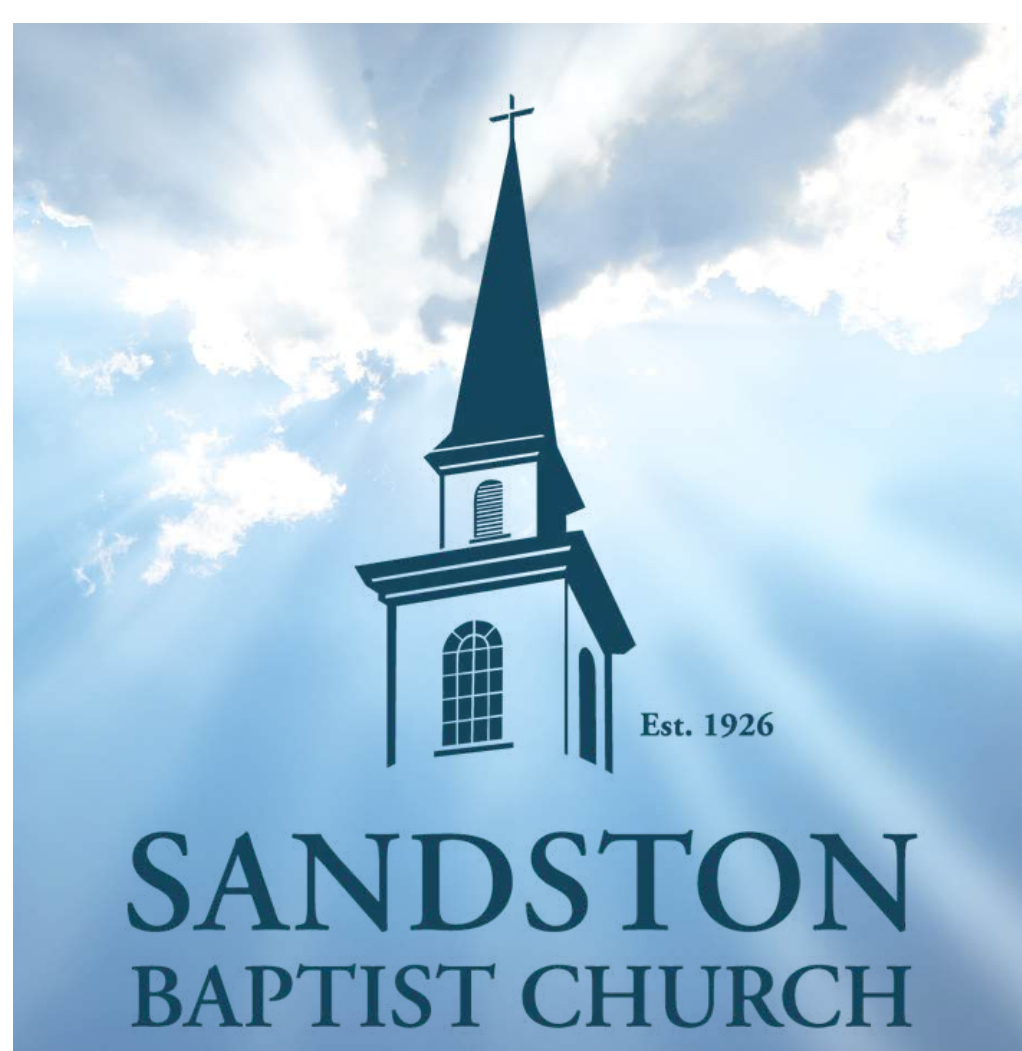


# Church ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ATTENDANCE** - This week there were **269** in Worship and **184** in Bible Study. This includes the youth and adults on the retreat.
- **BIANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING** - Our business meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary.
- **HORIZON CLASS** - Beginning next Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> we will have a new Bible study group for adults mid to late 20s through 40s. This group is Horizon and they will meet in room 302 of the educational wing. Chris Applewhite will be leading the group. Please consider becoming a part of this group even if you are attending another group at this time.
- **CALLING ALL COOKS** - Save the date for Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 11am - 2pm We are hosting a churchwide Chili cookoff. Bring your best crockpot of chili. We will have a judging panel and also a people's choice winner. Starting at noon, we will open the BG to the community for a free chili lunch. If you are not cooking, then you are invited to come sample and fellowship from 11am to Noon. Then stay for the community outreach. Sign up sheets for chili cooks will be in the back hallway. Contact Dwayne Tyler with questions: 804-269-6013.
- **ANGEL TREE NEEDS** - Tags still remain on our Angel Tree for the taking. If you did not get a chance last Sunday, please visit the tree this Sunday and adopt one, providing a gift to return by next Sunday, December 7 for one of our prison family children. Contact Charles Hankins with questions: (804)920-5703.
- **LADIES BIBLE IN A YEAR** - Looking for a new challenge to take on in 2026, ladies? Whether you've read the Bible in its entirety numerous times or have never tried, we would love to have you join us during the Sunday School hour for this new class beginning December 28! Using a curriculum called "The Bible Recap," Lynda Holloway and Emily Robertson will facilitate weekly discussions based on a chronological reading plan of the Bible. "The Bible Recap" includes teaching led by Tara Leigh Cobble with accessible resources online to listen to, view, or read her commentary that accompanies the daily reading. In joining this group, you'll read the Bible daily and then on Sunday mornings, connect with a grace-filled community of women who challenge and support each other to know God better through knowing His Word. You'll be encouraged to see God's character in new ways and develop a deeper understanding of how the Bible, from start to finish, is God's amazing, cohesive storyline of redemption through Jesus. This group is a one-year commitment and the daily Bible readings take an estimated 30-45 minutes to complete. While there are many resources available through "The Bible Recap" curriculum, you do not have to purchase anything to join this group. Come meet up with Lynda and Emily on Sunday, December 28 for our kick-off class to learn about how to start the reading plan, tips for staying committed to daily reading, and the format of the class discussion model! If interested, please sign up in the back hallway of the church, so we can be in touch to share additional information. Come be a Bible reader with us in 2026!



COUNTDOWN TO 100 YEARS  
ENDURING LEGACY. BRIGHT FUTURE.

November 30, 2025 - 9:00 AM

Rev. Kevin Freeman, *Senior Pastor*

Thomas Blunt  
*Minister of Music*

Justin Blunt  
*Minister of Youth*

Lindsay Horne  
*Minister of Children*

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## HIS LAST COMMAND, OUR FIRST CONCERN.

Matthew 28:18-20

We are to be a body of Christians who glorify God through Worship.  
teaching, ministering, and sharing the Good News of Jesus to all.

Prelude.....	Filipe Leitao
Announcements.....	Lindsay Horne
Opening Prayer	
Advent Candle Lighting.....	The Hunt Family
Opening Praise.....	"Emmanuel"
Praise Singing.....	"Unashamed"
Ministry Moment.....	Justin Blunt
• Dismissal for children's missions, grades 1-5, with Mrs. Lindsay	
Praise Singing.....	"Overwhelmed"
Offertory Prayer.....	Mike O'Neil
Adult Choir.....	"O Come O Come Emmanuel"
Message.....	Rev. Kevin Freeman
	<b>Rediscover Christmas</b> <b>Finding Hope in Our Uncertainties</b> <b>Luke 2:22-38</b>
Invitation.....	"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

### Sunday

9:00am  
Worship

10:15am  
Bible Study

5:00pm  
Portuguese Ministry

November 30

### Monday

10:00am  
Jubilee Ringers

11:00am  
Williamson

6:30pm  
Men's Basketball

December 1st

### Tuesday

2:00pm  
VanLear

December 2nd

### Wednesday

5:30pm  
Dinner

6:00pm  
Children's Choir

6:30pm  
Awana, Youth, Choir, & HIS Group

December 3rd

### Thursday

December 4th

### Friday

December 5th

### Saturday

2:00pm  
Earl Gerheart SS class luncheon @ Sandston Rec. Center

December 6th

### Sunday SAFETY

November 30th

Buddy Wallace  
Marc Welenteychik  
Douglas Milby

Offertory Prayer

Mike O'Neil

December 7th

James Stevens  
Craig Crider  
Jeff Carter

Offertory Prayer

Jeff Carter

### Wednesday SAFETY

December 3rd

Buddy Wallace

December 10th

James Stevens

### S.H.O.W. DELIVERY

December 4th

Jane/James Stevens

December 11th

Marc Welenteychik

### Wednesday DINNER

### Usher/Greeter SCHEDULE

November 30th

Dwayne Tyler  
Brenda Crostic  
David Harcum  
Denise Harcum  
Craig Crider

December 7th

Dwayne Tyler  
Tracy Applewhite  
Don Clark  
Sandy Lambert  
Linda Marsh  
Irving Wright  
Cindy Wright

This week we will have lasagna, salad, fruit, rolls, & dessert!

## Finding Hope in Our Uncertainties

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Kevin Freeman / Rediscover Christmas / Luke 2:22-38

We find many troubling circumstances, but the message of Christmas teaches us the promises to hold onto. We are “rediscovering Christmas” this Advent season, and today we explore the hope that is found in Jesus alone. Our hope in Christ matters for each day.

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The Christian’s hope is...

F \_\_\_\_\_ on c \_\_\_\_\_

F \_\_\_\_\_ with c \_\_\_\_\_

F \_\_\_\_\_ through c \_\_\_\_\_

Hope involves:

H \_\_\_\_\_ - Hope values what is true.

O \_\_\_\_\_ - Hope pays attention in circumstances.

P \_\_\_\_\_ - Hope never gives up.

E \_\_\_\_\_ - Hope confidently await resolution.

F \_\_\_\_\_ in c \_\_\_\_\_

## Go Deeper

Read Luke 2:22-28. Then talk with a friend this week and discuss the following questions:

1. What are some distractions that keep you from focusing on God's promises?
2. What specific practices can we adopt to strengthen our focus on God's Word rather than worldly claims?
3. How does our living hope in Jesus shape our response to life's disappointments?
4. Can you think of a time when you felt overwhelmed and forgot about the hope you have in Christ? How did you find your way back?
5. How can you personally encourage others to remain hopeful in tough times?

For next Sunday, read Luke 2:8-20.