

2015

A Year In Review



As we conclude the year, it affords us the opportunity to review what God has accomplished these past months. Sometimes in church life you go through years where it doesn't seem like anything has occurred,

changed, or been accomplished; 2015 was not that kind of year! As we look back and then dream ahead, let us ever be dependent upon God and grateful for what he has accomplished in our midst.

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To God be the glory, great things He has done!

New Leadership

This year has brought significant staff changes. I am blessed to have come to Sharon as we began the New Year in January. I cannot believe that my first year of ministry here at Sharon is already drawing to a close, and Lord willing, I desire to see the Lord use me and my family here at Sharon for many years to come. I'm having a good time and I am so happy that the Lord placed us into this ministry.

We needed musical help and God answered our

prayers by bringing us two pianists, Jean Ann Sutton and Kathy Copeland. We also added a new Youth Pastor. We are so pleased that the Lord brought us Casey Puckett. He's still transitioning into his role and already doing a fine job. With the staff changes, it's nice to have the consistent ministry of Bro. Ed. As pastor, I'm so grateful for him, our ministry staff, and our many volunteers.

Physical Work Accomplished

When I came to Sharon, there were certain projects that were “waiting” for me. With the help of our Building and Grounds Committee and our congregation as a whole, we were able to accomplish a number of needed repairs and improvements. We renovated our stage in the sanctuary, greatly improving its look and function. Along with the remodel, we also added a new piano.

With the stage completed, we had the windows around the church fixed. We also lowered the heating and cooling units on the back of the Family Life Center.

We are thankful for what was accomplished but there are many projects that will need to be addressed in the coming months, such as:

- Fixing the leak in the foyer
- Repairing the foyer
- New concrete for the steps into the basement
- Renovating our Family Life Center

Join me in praying that the Lord will allow us to accomplish these projects in His timing and according to His will.



And they said, “Let us rise up and build.” So they strengthened their hands for this good work.

Nehemiah 2:18

Spiritual Work Accomplished

Ministry Highlights

In 2015, the Lord continued to bless our church. Our Sunday School attendance remained consistent with recent years, averaging around 80 people. Our donations increased by about \$20,000 from 2014.

Baptisms

We rejoice with those who followed the Lord in believer’s baptism this year.

- * Noah Yarbrough * Cathy Tibbs
- * Kennedy Davis * Jansen Phelps
- * Kent Wilson



Spiritual Work Accomplished



Mission Outreach

This year our church gave generously to the Annie Armstrong Missions Offering. We increased our giving significantly from \$500 in 2014 to almost \$3,000 this year. We also raised funds in VBS to provide audio New Testaments for missionaries in Suriname. Two of our members participated in domestic mission trips this summer. As a church, we ministered to one of our neighbors on, what could call, our “one day local mission trip.” In November we packed and distributed Thanksgiving meals and throughout the year our van ministry picked up folks from our community. We are currently seeking where the Lord would have us serve in 2016. Join us in praying.

Ladies’ Ministry

During Mother’s Day our ladies enjoyed breakfast and a special guest speaker. In November, they gathered for a Painting Party and had a blast.



Youth Ministry

Our youth participated in the Core Retreat last winter. Through the summer they played in the church softball league and attended camp at Jonathon Creek. Throughout the year they participated in visitation, outreach projects, and various fellowships.

Children’s Ministry

Along with the regularly scheduled church events like AWANA, Children’s church, and Sunday School. Our kids enjoyed VBS and many other times of fun and fellowship.



Men’s Ministry

Our guys enjoyed “Pizza and Pellets” at our first annual skeet shoot.



New Additions

*We welcome the individuals and families that
God has added to our church this year*

- The Bakers
- The Fultons
- The Austins
- Kathy Copeland
- The Suttons
- The Melendezes
- Kayla Davis
- Kennedy Davis
- Cathy Tibbs
- Casey Puckett
- The Hamontrees



In Memoriam



*“Then I saw a new heaven and a new
earth...” – Revelation 21:1*

This year, some from our congregation have passed into the eternal presence of our Lord.

- ✚ James Edwards
- ✚ Linda Sanders
- ✚ Margaret Key

Our hearts grieve and we long for the day when we will forever be reunited with the ones that have gone on before us.

Where do we go from here?

Overall, it's been a wonderful and blessed year! Join me in praying that God would allow 2016 to be the greatest year of blessing that Sharon Baptist has ever experienced. Here are some specific ways I want us to pray in order to see that happen.

PRAY FOR GOD TO:

- Produce biblical growth
- Continue to strengthen and build our Children's Ministry
- Continue to strengthen and build our Youth Ministry
- Revitalize existing Sunday School classes
- Create new Sunday School classes
- Add new deacons
- Give us fresh vision on how we can reach the Lost in W KY
- Give us fresh vision on how we can disciple the body
- Increase conversions, baptisms, membership, and attendance
- Strengthen families
- Use us to further His Kingdom through domestic and international missions
- Give our church a loving, united spirit
- Protect our church from spiritual attack

*...On this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
Matthew 16:18*

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