

## Welcome! We're so glad you're here.

We are so glad you chose to worship with us this Sabbath! If you are looking for a church home, there is an information card in the pew that you can fill out & put in the offering plate or the brown offering box in the back of the church sanctuary. We would love to have you join our family!

“Our hearts are more pure and ready to pray in faith when we’ve first adored God, confessed our sins, and thanked Him for what He’s already done for us.”

~ Living the Battle Plan, Day 109

## Sabbath School

9:15 a.m.

Song Service .....	Jon Wentworth
Welcome & Prayer .....	Sheryl Stull
Mission Spotlight.....	Sheryl Stull
<i>“The Mission”</i>	
Lesson Study .....	Classes
<b>#11 Unity in Worship</b>	

## Adult Sabbath School Classes

David Olson /Steve Daugherty	Alcove
Open Circle	Through Door by Organ
New Believers	Through Door by Piano
Mario DeLeon / Jeff Wilson	Back of Sanctuary
Art McKenzie / Harold Grundset / Bob Greve	Pastor Office
The Upper Room Sabbath School (Collegiate)	Above Family Center
Focus Group	Earliteen Room Downstairs

## Youth Sabbath School Classes

Youth (Ages 14-18)	Downstairs by Front Stairs
Juniors/Earliteens (Ages 10-13)	Downstairs by Doorway
Primary (Ages 6-9)	Downstairs by Doorway
Kindergarten (Ages 4-5)	Downstairs by Back Stairs
Cradle Roll (Ages Newborn-3)	Downstairs by Back Stairs

## Church at Worship

December 15, 2018– 10:45 a.m.

Songs of Praise .....	Carla Smith
<i>Conventry Carol</i> <i>#124 Away in Manger</i>	
Announcements .....	Steve Wrate
Special Presentation .....	Pastor Jeffrey Wilson & Kim Thompson
Opening Hymn .....	Carla Smith
<i>#143 Silent Night, Holy Night</i>	
Prayer Song .....	
<i>#290 Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus</i>	
Morning Prayer.....	Billy Saunders
Scripture .....	Billy Saunders
<b>Luke 1:26-27, 30, 34-35, 38</b>	
Offering .....	Winston Richards
<b>Our Church Budget</b>	
Offertory.....	
Children’s Story .....	Lonnie Sedge
Special Music .....	Tara Graham & Lonnie Sedge
<i>“How Long Has it Been?”</i>	
Message .....	Pastor Sitrler
<b>“Emmanuel: Pure Trust”</b>	
Closing Hymn.....	#135
<i>“O Little Town of Bethlehem”</i>	
Benediction .....	Winston Richards
Piano: Margaret Hallock	Organ: Judy Crane



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## This Week at Standifer Gap

<b>Sabbath, Dec. 15</b>	Sermon ~ Pastor Sitrler Music of Christmas Sunset	11:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 18</b>	School Band & Orchestra Concert <i>Cancelled</i>	
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 19</b>	Adventurers <i>Christmas Party in FH</i> Prayer Meeting	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday, Dec. 20</b>	School Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
<b>Friday, Dec. 21</b>	Last Day of School Sunset	Noon 5:33 p.m.
<b>Sabbath, Dec. 22</b>	Sermon ~ Pastor Sitrler Sunset	11:00 a.m. 5:33 p.m.

## Upcoming Community Events

School Board Meeting	December 20
Standifer Gap SDA School Christmas Break	December 21
Communion	January 5
NAD Day of Prayer and Fasting	January 5
Pastor’s Winter Meetings	January 6-9
10 Days of Prayer	January 9-19
Pathfinder TLT Convention	January 18-20
Faith & Finances Seminar for Families	January 19
K-2 Student Sabbath	January 26
Student Week of Prayer	February 4-8

## Finance Report

	Received Last Week	Year-To- Date Total:	Minimum for Budget:
Combined Budget	\$8,545	\$197,039	\$171,500
Student Assistance	\$282	\$29,724	\$24,000
Playground	\$90	\$57,872	\$140,000

If you would like to donate from home, you can give online by visiting the church website - [sgsda.org](http://sgsda.org) - & clicking *Donate Online*.

## Announcements

- 1) **GIVE ONLINE** If you are unable to give at church today or you miss being at church to return your tithe or give an offering, you can always go to the following church website: <https://sgsda.netadvent.org/> there you will find a link to where you can give.
- 2) **NEW CHRISTMAS SERMON SERIES Emmanuel** ~ Today, we continue Christmas sermon series until January 5 with communion.
- 3) **THE MUSIC OF CHRISTMAS** this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in our church sanctuary. This concert is a music celebration featuring recording artists Naomi Jackson & Scott Michael Bennett. This is a wonderful holiday event to invite family, friends, co-workers and neighbors.
- 4) **PASTORS ON VACATION** Pr Ian ~ Dec. 16-24 & Pr David ~ Dec. 23-28. If you have an emergency you may call the pastor not on vacation or one of the elders.
- 5) **MOVE IN- THANK YOU** to all who came to help us move stuff into our new home or provided food to feed everyone. Your kindness and hard work were greatly appreciated. ~ *Pastor David & Cinda Lee Sitler*
- 6) **DEVOTIONAL AND SHARING BOOKS (2019)** are available. They are displayed in our foyer along with the order forms. We want to make it easier for you to get the books you want.
- 7) **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLING** tomorrow from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Come and share the joy of Christ birth with our church neighbors as we carol and handout homemade banana bread to them.
- 8) **PRAYER MEETING** Wednesday (December 19). We will be studying chapter 14 in our book *Winning Ways to Witness*.
- 9) **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING** will be held on Thursday, December 20.
- 10) **HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING CHRISTMAS CONCERT** by Steve Darmody at McDonald Road SDA Church (5440 McDonald Rd, McDonald), Sabbath afternoon, December 22, 5:00 p.m.
- 11) **PROJECT RESCUE** We have a family in the area that is in need of everything. They have a child. For more info contact Carla Smith (423) 290-6070.
- 12) **SCHOOL BAND AND ORCHESTRA CONCERT IS CANCELLED.**
- 13) **STANDIFER GAP SDA SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK** will begin on Friday, December 21 at *noon*. School resumes at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, January 7, 2019.
- 14) **EVENING ANTHEM** vespers is featuring Kelly Mowrer in a special Christmas Eve program titled "Rejoice!" Come enjoy this Christmas Carol Sing Along at Chattanooga First SDA Church on Monday, Dec. 24. The program begins conveniently at 4:00 p.m."
- 15) **COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP (CALHOUN GA)** Join us for our annual communication workshop on January 27, 2019, at the conference office. This year's theme is "The Many Hats of PR" with presenter George Johnson, Jr. There will also be a special session, Social Media as a Ministry. The workshop is free, and lunch is included. Registration is required. The deadline is January 17. [Register Now](#)
- 16) **OASIS (High School Retreat)** will be held February 1-3, 2019, at Cohutta Springs Youth Camp. Gather a group of young people and come be a part of this Bible conference event for Adventist students (grades 9-12), not in Adventist schools (those in Adventist schools can attend as well). Come experience the outdoors, new friends, and fun activities. Fees: \$89 per student (\$79 through Jan. 13); \$49 per sponsor. Final deadline is Jan. 23. Contact Alyse at (706) 629-7951, ext. 346 for more information.

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## The Standifer Gap Seventh-day Adventist Church

**Who we are...** We are a Bible-based family of believers who want to experience God's love, acceptance, & forgiveness, & believe that His love is for all sinners. Our prayer is that your time worshiping with us will enrich your own walk with God & create a deeper desire to know Him better.

### What we believe...

**Christ...** That Jesus Christ was God, the Son, co-eternal with God, the Father, & God, the Holy Spirit. That God's Son chose to become human so He could live & die for us. We believe He is now our High Priest in the heavenly Sanctuary preparing heaven for us & preparing us for heaven.

**Cross...** That Jesus' death on the cross was sufficient for all the sins of all humanity. Anyone who accepts Jesus as his/her personal Savior from sin is forgiven by God & has been born again through the Gift of God's Holy Spirit. This makes him/her a child of God & part of God's family.

**Commandments...** By the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit we choose to live in harmony with all of God's revealed will – including the Ten Commandments. These commandments written with God's own finger describe the principles of His Kingdom & reveal the character of God's true children. We choose to remember all ten – including God's Sabbath gift of time which He gave for building a deeper relationship with Himself & each other.

**Coming...** Jesus promised to come back & He will come gloriously in the clouds of heaven & every person will see, hear, & know that the King of Glory has come to take His born again children to be with Him forever. This truly is the "blessed hope" of all God's children. We look forward to meeting our Creator & Redeemer face to face.

If you would like to know more, please fill out a *Note to the Pastor* card in the back of the pew or talk to someone after the worship service.

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