Christmas greetings to each of you and hopeful promises as a new year dawns.

All of us can admit that 2020 has been a year full of unpredictability and indescribable events to say the least. It tested us, floored us, broke us, and yet reminded us of the fact that we ourselves are not in control of what we thought we controlled. Through it all, we know by our faith and the grace of God we made it thus far. As we do our personal reflections of this year, let me be the first to encourage you to continue looking towards the hills from whence cometh our help. Just as the wise men in search of worshiping the newborn king stated in Matthew Gospel Chapter 2, “We have Seen His Star, let us too, seek “HIS” star. “HIS Star” that will lead us to a brighter understanding of the goodness and forgiveness of God, “HIS Star” that will lead us to a greater love of our fellow-man, “HIS Star” that will give us unspeakable joy and peace that will surpass anything we could ever think of.

SBC we have been truly blessed to be able to bring Sunday services via YouTube and Bible Study via Zoom and social media....who would have ever thought that we would be on social media in such a way? Its amazing, just as the Word of God says, "seek and ye shall find". In our quest to find a way to continue our worship and connectivity to each of you, the Lord blessed in a magnificent way with the "SBC Enterprise" team leading the way.. Thank you for all of your support, prayers, and love. May God bless you and keep you

Pastor Love
Pastor Love received the Living Legacy Award and was the Keynote Speaker at the Martin Luther King, Jr Celebration at MidAmerican Nazarene Church (Theme: Remember The Dream; Remember The Dreamer)

We are so proud and she is so blessed, it is no secret that this beautiful woman is a soldier. She rung that bell yesterday!! Let's continue to pray for our own Sis Ella Everette!! To God be the glory!!

Merry Christmas...SBC Male Chorus

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Sports Team Attire Sundays because the Chiefs went to Super Bowls!

31st Pastoral Appreciation. We love you, Pastor and First Lady Love.
Throughout 2020 the Deacon Ministry worked closely with Reverend Love to look after the temporal matters of the church, which is our charge. Despite the pandemic, our ministry was actively engaged with the body of the church, while practicing safe, social distancing and other precautions as needed to ensure the safety of our church family.

The following are representative of our actions across the year:

- Focused efforts on regularly calling and praying with members – specific prayers or as the Spirit lead
- Enabled distribution / delivery of communion elements for virtual Lord’s Supper each 1st Sunday
- Ordained 3 new Deacons and Deaconesses
- Established monthly virtual Deacons meetings that were effectively executed and well attended
- Held powerful Deacons ‘Prayer Circle’ praying continuously! We made our petitions known!
- Supported all the outreach ministries of the church
- Visited the sick and the shut-in

I Timothy 3:13 For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase o themelves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Sincerely,
Deacon Anthony Brown
Chairman, Second Baptist Church of Olathe

Second Baptist Church of Olathe

Ushers Board participated in several projects throughout 2020 despite the challenges of the pandemic.

The Ushers:

- Assisted in church internal beautification. Remodeling to include installation of ADA toilet, baby changing station in women’s bathroom, and ordered and replaced all door signs.
- Assisted with greeting Sunday service members by recording temperature checks and monitoring the sign-in sheet.
- Participated in the partnership with Olathe Fire Department to collect donations of school supplies for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Participation in the church’s fundraiser of selling Walking Tacos.
- Participation in the church’s mobile pantry.
- Participation in the Usher Board’s November encouragement gift to Pastor & First Lady Love.

Susie A. Love
Second Baptist Church of Olathe
Usher Board - Secretary

The Trustee Ministry has the task of seeing that SBC continues to grow and thrive no matter what the circumstance. Bills still need to be paid, repairs need to be made, and all in a timely manner. 2020 has been no difference.

We, like everyone, lost a most valuable member of our group, Brother Kert Jones. We miss his input and knowledge in making us a well-rounded ministry. We also lost a valuable support person, Sister Betty Young.

As we proceeded on, we were forced to have Zoom meetings to decide on business that needed to be transpired. Although we had our challenges, we persevered. When we have our end-of-year business meeting you will here about all the churches improvements. But if you haven’t heard, we have a new lobby with modern water fountain, new giving station, new media space, new podium and communion table, lights, flowers and much more.

Outside we resurfaced the parking lot, trimmed trees, planted new bushes along the street and updated signs. We managed it all through emails, text and zoom. We hope the new year is successful and blessed. Of course, none of this could have been done without your support and suggestions.

The Trustees continue to pray for you all and request your prayers. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
2020 began on a note of what the media team could do better to enhance services and reach out to more people, using technology for a Virtual Tech Service. Needless to say, when the pandemic hit, we had to hurry to make LiveStream possible. We rolled up our sleeves to expand the sound booth so that we too could expand our team. More cameras and lighting were installed and ideas began to flourish with unique ways to keep everyone in touch with services at home.

Technology can be great but also can throw curve balls when Satan tries to interrupt streaming, but through it all, our team has expanded from 3 members to 8 members and the ideas are endless!

We want to thank our SBC family for being patient and working with us as we continue to serve God through LiveStream services. We thank you for your prayers & we will continue to strive to do our very best for you and the community. May God bless you SBC!

SBC Family we need to give a big shout out to the talented behind the scene Cameron Norwood!! He is the mastermind behind everything technical here at SBC and he does a amazing job. From his musical talent, the media booth on Sundays, the website, facebook to setting up our live streaming. Yesterday many of those that visited the Mobile Pantry said thank you for providing the music while they waited in the parking lot. So Cameron thank you for your willingness to always help!! Blessings to you!

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Each year it is the goal of the Pastor’s Aide Committee to work diligently to improve upon the previous years accomplishments. As well as serve the needs of the Pastor with the greatest of service. 2020 threw a great obstacle in the way of the committee, the pandemic created a great challenge.

Because we rely on fellowship and socializing we were forced to be creative in expressing our love and worship. Originally the plan was to have an appreciation luncheon for the first lady to celebrate completing her doctorates. But we had to cancel and deliver a gift to her doorstep.

Card Parade! We had fun getting everyone to send the pastor birthday cards bombarding and overflowing his mailbox. Didn’t make his mail carrier too happy though.

The greatest creativity came in mustering the troops who were now used to staying in their living rooms signing in to worship on YouTube at Stay at Home Baptist, and now we wanted them to come out in the cold for a parade to wave at the pastor for his 31st appreciation. What a time! What a time! SBC Proud! Everyone came out, First Lady Love sheened the golf cart around the parking lot, Pastor Love got to see all of his SBC family and the day was Perfectly Splendid!

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to, them who are the called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28

The Pastor’s Aide Committee appreciates each auxiliary and every member because no matter what we ask of you, you always come through. Thank you so much. We are SBC Proud. May God continue to bless each of you and Second Baptist Church of Olathe.

Due to social distancing there really has not been a choir gathering so Sis Doris Owens has called various individuals, duets, trios and groups in to perform on given Sundays.

2020 PAC:  Roy Young, Marsha Bell-Tar, Linda Dinkins, Deborah Tensley-Jones, Connie Richardson, Faye Brewer, Maggie Pennington, Vernon Davis, Donna Washington (not pictured) the late Kert Jones (not pictured)

Communion Sunday Albert Robinson & Maggie Pennington

Vernon Davis & Arbie Glover

Linda Wilson
Food for Thought

It’s tough to break established habits, but remember that there is hope for the person who sincerely desires change. The power for real change is in admitting that we are helpless to do it on our own. Lasting change requires the help of the Lord.

The Bible says that if anyone is in Christ, he or she is a new creation. Christ transforms us when we give our lives to Him. He changes us from the inside out. He gives us an “Inner want to” to please Him. Now that’s a change for the better. And it’s a change that can truly last.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 1st  New Year Day
Pastor & First Lady Love 18th Wedding Anniversary

January 18th  Martin Luther King, Jr Day

February 14th  Valentine’s Day

February 15th  President’s Day

March 14th  Day Light Savings Time Begins (Spring Forward)

March 17th  St. Patrick’s Day

March 28th  Palm Sunday

April 1st  April Fool’s Day

April 2nd  Good Friday

April 4th  Easter Resurrection Sunday