

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## For the month of June:

Sat, June 3.... Men's Breakfast, 8am  
Wed, June 7... WMU Ladies Meeting/Lunch  
12 pm  
Wed, June 7 ... Deacons Meeting, 7pm  
Sun, June 18 .. Father's Day Lunch after the  
morning service  
Mon, June 19 .. Church Office Closed (holiday)

## Every Week:

### Sunday

Sunday School—9:45am  
Worship Service—11am

### Wednesday

Men's Breakfast/Bible Study—Chick-fil-A, 8am



## June Birthday's

06/02 Sophia Fillinger  
06/03 Sarah Fillinger  
06/04 Kayla Jones  
06/06 Barbara McCowan  
06/07 Pamela Miner  
06/07 Nancy Parrish  
06/11 Michele Mattox  
06/13 Paula Michaud  
06/17 Gary Jones  
06/18 Sandy Hankins



## Sunday, June 18

The ladies of SPBC are planning a special lunch for the men on Father's Day after the morning worship service.

Our church will supply the meat. Ladies please bring your favorite side dishes and desserts.

## Coming in July

Sat, July 1..... Men's Breakfast, 8am  
Tues, July 4 ..... Church Office Closed  
Wed, July 5 ..... WMU Meeting/Lunch, 12pm  
Wed, July 5 ..... Deacon's Meeting, 7pm  
Tues, July 11 ... Church Council Meeting, 7pm  
Wed, July 19 .... Quarterly Family Meeting,  
6:30 pm



## Quarterly Family Meeting

Wednesday, July 19  
6:30PM

All church members are encouraged to attend our quarterly meetings.



## Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study

Every Wednesday  
8am  
at Chick-fil-A  
Bring your Bible  
and a friend.



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*sharing Jesus, one person at a time!*

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

JUNE 2023



## The Reproach of the Faithful

*"By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward."*

- Hebrews 11:24-26 -

In the eleventh chapter of the Letter to the Hebrews, we come to a portion of Scripture popularly known as the "Hall of Faith." In this chapter, the author uses some of the better-known Old Testament saints as illustrations of authentic and powerful faith. However, when the subject turns to Moses, we find a rather interesting comment. In Hebrews 11:26 we learn that Moses considered, *"the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward"* (Heb. 11:26).

Considering that Moses lived in Egypt during a period of unparalleled wealth and opulence, this is quite the statement! How can the reproach of Christ, or anyone else for that matter, be greater riches than the treasures of Egypt? The Greek term ὀνειδισμός, translated "reproach," refers to an act of disparagement that results in disgrace, reproach, reviling, disgrace, or insult. Therefore, the phrase, *"the reproach of Christ,"* refers to the persecution, mistreatment, and abuse that Christians today face as we navigate living in a fallen and depraved world! This agrees with the context of verse 25 which states that Moses willingly chose to, *"endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin."* He decided he would rather be a Hebrew slave than an Egyptian son.

Have you embraced the reproach of Christ? Do you consider the shame that might come from following Him in the eyes of the world to be greater than all the world has to offer? Take some time to look at your life and see if there are ways in which you can more visibly bear the reproach of Christ. In prayer, ask God to help you do so.

Sola Fide (Faith Alone),

Pastor Darren A. Jones

# — Newsletter —



## WMU Newsletter

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I want to start out by saying thank you for supporting the migrant kit again this year. They will be passed out to the migrant workers in our area on June 15, 2023.

Mike and I are both hoping to attend and will share our experience with you in the July newsletter. Will and Deborah Green went last year and told me what a wonderful experience they had, so the Lord willing I want to be there this year to participate.

My 50th Celebration - In May 1973, yes 50 years ago, I accepted the Lord as my Savior. I was 11 years old. I can still remember the day I finally walked forward, there were several Sundays before that, that I wanted to step out and walk to the front to admit that I had accepted him but just couldn't do it, and that Sunday, white knuckled, I hung on to the pew in front of me. I remember stepping out into the aisle and after that I do not remember the rest of the walk. God guided my steps the rest of the way, Satan no longer had me, God did. It has often bothered me when pastors comment that once you accept God as your Savior you will be changed. The testimonies of those who were freed from drugs and alcohol addiction always had these beautiful stories to tell how God changed them. I thought, I have no testimony because I did not do those things. I wasn't a bad kid at 11 years old. But I will tell you, my testimony is just as important, He changed me, how, because when confronted with challenges, God had me, He let me walk away and not be persuaded by those around me. He helped me stand my ground. I was singing songs of praise to God while others were out at parties. I mean literally singing, because God had me involved in a teen quartet that traveled to local churches to sing. If an event was coming up that I was to attend that would have those things involved, He conveniently put something else more important to me in the way (unloading hay to feed my horse, for example). I did not realize it until later, but He ran interference a lot in my life. I remember reading my Bible at night and being the only teen in Sunday School class who read and studied her Sunday School lesson. I loved the Lord then, and love Him even more now. Today, I can look back and see He has always been there for me, when things were rough going through a divorce, I knew the only way I would heal

would be through Him. He helped me raise my kids alone. He has answered my prayers over and over again, often with a no or wait, but when I look at the outcome, His desire for me is always more than I can imagine. It also seems that although, I have read and studied about him for most of my life, I still learn new things about him all the time. He teaches me new things and opens my eyes to His wonders more every day. I hope I never stop learning more about Him. He has gone from the lamb to a fierce warrior of protection. I can truly say 50 years later I still stand amazed in His presence. Celebrate 50 years with me. Thank the Lord for being your Savior.

May God be with each of you and hold you.

In Christ love,

Jenny Durham

## AWANA News

Dear Family:

I hope you all are doing well. AWANA has completed their current year. The teachers are taking a needed rest. I want to thank all the teachers and workers that put so much of themselves into each week preparing for the clubbers. I want to thank the body of our church for all the prayers and giving you do throughout the year to support our clubbers.

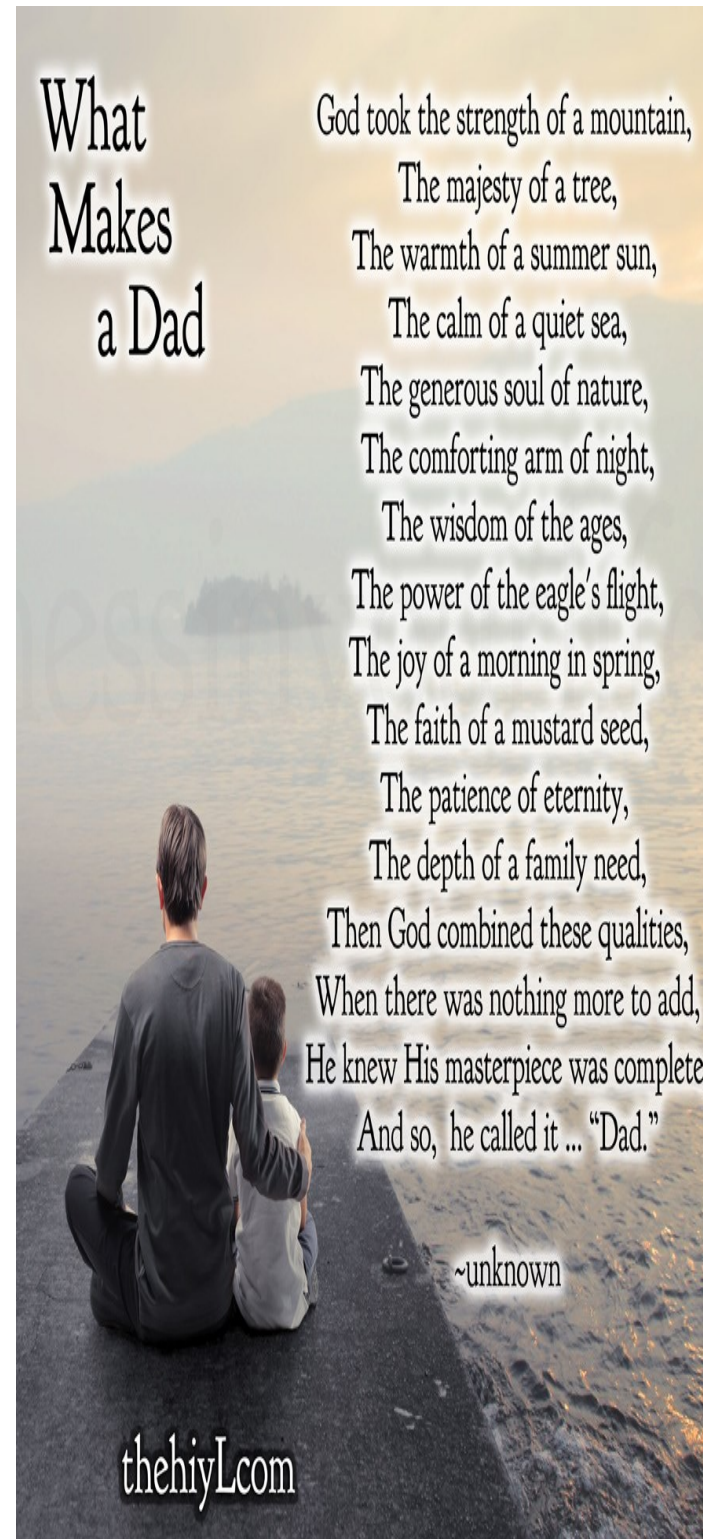
The clubbers held their award ceremony and blast party on May 6, 2023. There was food and fun to be had by everyone. The water slides were a big success as the kids shivered in the cold water, but after a few minutes, they did not care and right back they went. Even a few of the adults got in on the waterslide fun.

May the teachers and workers enjoy their months of rest, fall will be here before you know it. Rest and may God bless each of you.

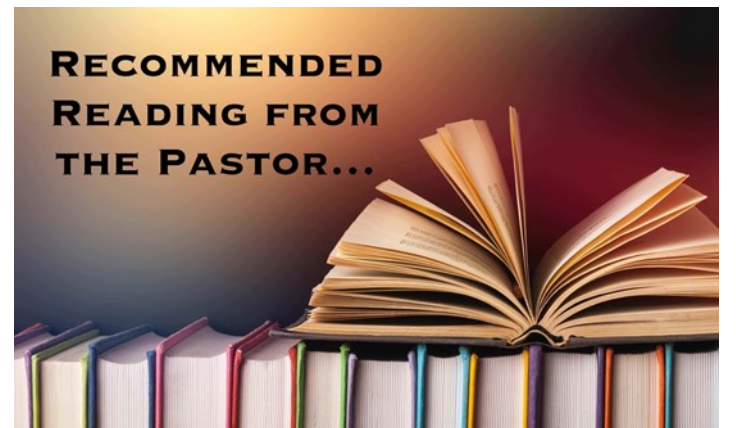
In Christ,

Mike Durham

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**Happy Father's Day**



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