

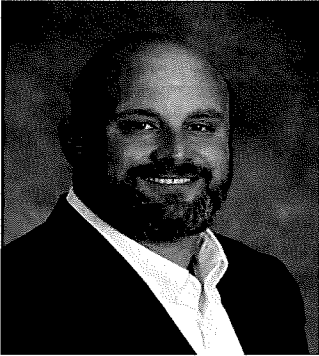
Shell Point

BAPTIST CHURCH

sharing Jesus, one person at a time!

January 2021 Newsletter

The Highway to Holiness



⁸ A highway will be there, a roadway,
And it will be called the Highway of Holiness.

The unclean will not travel on it,
But it will be for him who walks that way,
And fools will not wander on it.

⁹ No lion will be there,
Nor will any vicious beast go up on it;
These will not be found there.
But the redeemed will walk there.

¹⁰ Those who have been ransomed by the Lord will return.
They will enter Jerusalem singing,
crowned with everlasting joy.
Sorrow and mourning will disappear,
and they will be filled with joy and gladness.”

~ *Isaiah 35:8-10* ~

Greeting SPBC Family,

As I turned on the news this morning, I was not all that shocked to see nothing being reported other than the foolishness, sickness, and wickedness of evil men. After all, that is what fallen people want to see; is it not? Just once, I would like to see the promotion of holiness and righteousness in the headlines rather than the perversity of depraved men. However, that is not likely to occur in a world that is so heavily influenced by “the ruler of this world” – the devil (John 12:31).

Thankfully, the Scriptures teach that a day is coming when Satan and his minions will no longer have an influence over the world (Rev. 20:1-6). Following the Return of Christ, redeemed men and women will experience the blessings of the Millennial Kingdom where Christ will rule in a perfect environment; one that is both physically and spiritually perfect (Isa. 11:6-7; Mic. 4:3). Rather than suffer along the Interstate of Iniquity, we will walk on the Highway of Holiness (Isa. 35:8)! Therefore, let’s begin walking in holiness now so that we will know what it will look like then!

Happy New Year,
Pastor Darren Jones



Men's Retreat

January 29th & 30th

Camp Jackson,
Allendale, SC

Plan on a great time of Fellowship and Devotions.
We will have food, time to relax and enjoy the camp.
See Mike Richard for more information.

"WORDS"

Only when I see Your face
will I know words worthy of You.
For in this life there are no words
worthy of what You do.
You never lied while walking
through this world of sinners nest.
True to Your word You harbored peace
to all that You have blessed.
I long to speak those worthy words.
I think it won't be long that I will be
speaking worthy words to whom I belong.

S | O | N Thank you, Jesus my Savior.

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Anthony C. Settles —

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January Birthdays

01/02	Kenny Ellis
01/08	Frances Shelton
01/12	Steve Barnett
01/13	Marguerite Baker
01/22	Melissa Ellis
01/22	Thomas Smith
01/27	Earl McCowan
01/29	Paula Settles
01/29	Vickie Bryan-Mahneke

WMU NEWS

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I hope this finds each of you well. It seems so long since we have last talked or been functioning on a normal level. As we start this New Year, I pray we have taken the down time and learned so much more about God's character. I want to tell you about one of the most amazing things I have learned in the last nine months.

I have been studying the difference between the western lens and the Middle Eastern lens. I have found that the western lens (us) in general are a very "me" culture. As we read the Bible, we often think about how did something happen vs. why would God do that? Even what does it teach me about me vs. what does it teach me about God. We understand to believe, they believe then understand. I ponder on this and think about what are we missing? The Bible is not about me at all, it is about God. Every story we read tells us something about Him, not about me. If I stop thinking about me so much maybe I could learn even more about Christ and how to bring it all together for God. I do not need to study to acquire knowledge, I need to posture to be fed when studying his Word. Mediate on that a while.

I also found a new verse, I have fallen in love with, "God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me" Genesis 21:6. Can you guess, who said this? Yes, it was Sarah. This reminds me of what a wonderful sense of humor our God has. Anything is possible with Him.

I want to thank everyone who came out to sing Christmas Carols to our loving family members who have been stuck in their homes the last 9 months. It was so touching seeing their beautiful faces through screen doors and several feet away. The shared prayers and tears, what a blessing. May God soon heal our land so that we may all join together again in worship.

We will begin to start planning a calendar again, so be on the watch as we slowly start openings our doors again. Please stay safe, I can't wait to rejoice with you soon. Jenny Durham, WMU

