

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November Calendar

- Tues, Nov. 1 Church Council Meeting, 7pm
- Tues, Nov. 2 Deacons Meeting, 7pm
- Sat., Nov. 5 Men's Breakfast at SPBC, 8am
- Sun., Nov. 6 AWANA Soup Sunday
- Mon, Nov. 7 **Women's World Day of Prayer**
WMU Ladies Meeting/Lunch 12pm
WMU Ladies Meeting, 6:30pm
- Mon, Nov. 14 Church Office Closed (Holiday for Veteran's Day)
- Sat, Nov. 19 Evening of Thanks, 6pm
- Thurs, Nov. 24 Church Office Closed (Thanksgiving)
- Sun, Nov. 27 Prison Packets Due
No AWANA

Every week:

- Sunday: AWANA 5pm
- Wednesday: Men's Bible Study at Chick-fil-A, 8am

**Don't Forget to Change Your Clocks
Daylight Saving Time Ends
Fall Back (Saturday, Nov. 5)**

November Birthday's



- 11/01 Ann Oglesby
- 11/07 Jamie Harmon
- 11/08 Fran Scott
Dianne Smith
Kathryn Daniels
- 11/20 Dorothy Clark
- 11/28 Mike Durham
- 11/29 Nisiah Fripp
- 11/30 Laten Reaves

**Season of Prayer for International
Missions and the Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering
December 4 — December 11**

Church Goal for the month of December
TBA



Evening of Thanks Saturday, November 19 6:00—8:00PM

Hot dogs, chips, cookies, s'mores, memories and fellowship. Give God the glory, and give Him thanks for all your blessings.

Coming in December

- Sat., Dec. 3—Men's Breakfast at SPBC, 8am
- Sun., Dec. 4—AWANA Soup Sunday
- Tues., Dec. 6—Church Council Meeting, 7pm
- Wed., Dec. 7—WMU Ladies Meeting/
Lunch, 12pm
- Wed., Dec. 7—Deacons Meeting, 7pm
- Wed., Dec. 14—Christmas Caroling, 5:30pm
- Sat., Dec. 17—Church wide Christmas
Dinner Party—5:30pm/Christmas
Ornament Exchange—6:30pm
- Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 26 & 27—Church
Office Closed for Christmas



**Christmas Services Sunday, Dec. 25
11:00 AM**



Shell Point
BAPTIST CHURCH
sharing Jesus, one person at a time!

ISSUE 11

From the Pastor's Desk

NOVEMBER 2022



Don't Become Mere Merchandise

... there shall be false teachers among you... And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you (2nd Peter 2:1-3, KJV).

Greetings Church Family,

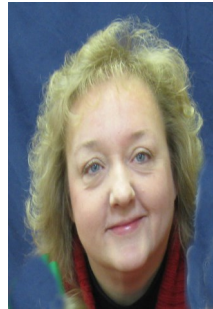
Did you know that every book in the New Testament, apart from Philemon, warns believers of false teachers? Every single one! Of course, this should not be surprising, since, for every Spirit-filled, Bible-preaching pastor one finds on radio or television, there seem to be ten more false teachers operating under the spirit of wickedness. You see them all the time, selling overpriced trinkets that promise God's blessing or asking you to "sow a seed" of money to help finance their "ministry" and gas up their expensive private jets! It is no wonder the Apostle Peter warned the church of the treachery to come. He knew that many would follow these charlatans; ultimately becoming mere merchandise in their hands.

The term "*make merchandise of you*" refers to the exploitation of people perpetrated by deceivers for their own self gain. It means that they will make money off you or draw money out of you, through deceptive practices. In other words, they are guilty of "fleecing the flock." Such extortion is accomplished through deceptive persuasions, heretical teachings, false testimonial claims, and exaggerated stories.

Any preacher who is tickling your ears with the old recycled, worn-out, "Word of Faith" heresies is merely regurgitating what he's learned from his own wolf handling, puppet masters. He has no life in God's Word for himself and he never has. He's a counterfeit doing "ministry" for his own self-serving purposes as he leads others to attempt to use God to get what THEY want. There is no cross in this greed-driven, self-worshipping false gospel. These are "enemies of the cross of Christ." (Philippians 3:18-19)

So, what can one do to protect themselves from these false prophets for profit? The answer lies in the text itself. Since these false teachers make it their business to speak evil of the truth, Christians must make it their business to know the truth inside and out! Where does one find such truth? Jesus tells us in His High Priestly Prayer, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17, KJV). The greatest protection from becoming merchandise in the hands of false teachers is to saturate oneself with the word of God. Thus, open that Bible, and find yourself some truth today!

In His Sanctifying Word,
Pastor D.A. Jones



WMU Newsletter

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:
I hope this finds all of you well. I can't believe this year is so close to being over. It seems like it just started. I can sure lose time as I get older. I keep thinking next month is Christmas and I haven't even started

thinking about what to get grandkids and kids. How not to plan too much so I can have time to ponder the real reason for the season. Well, enough of that let's think of November and Thanksgiving first. Turkey, dressing, pumpkin pie and family. That does sound pretty good. My mind then runs to our Evening of Thanks. I don't know about you, but I love that time. We all fellowship and sit around a roaring fire thanking God for all the things He has done for us. Actually, I think everyone of us should be able to share at least one thing God has done, but to some we just sit around listening and reflect on how glorious God is.

Doing a study in Acts has had me thinking a lot about the Holy Spirit and us being in "one accord and in unity." Do you ever think about what that looks like? All of us, not just Shell Point, but all the churches working in unity to share Christ. Not worried about membership numbers but about the souls of the lost. Sharing who Christ is to us and what He has done in our life. We have a story to tell but often we just don't want to share the story or think it wouldn't make a difference. Your story is important and it may just be the story that points the lost to Christ. I still remember a women's conference I went to many, many years ago. She said not everyone can sing, not everyone is a great teacher, but God gave us all one thing, a mouth, to speak with. Open your mouth and speak of His love.

On, November 7, 2022 is the Women's Day of Prayer. Please feel free to join Fran during the day or come to the church at 6:30 p.m. for a time of prayer and devotion. We will be joining millions of women all over the world praying for our country, leaders, the lost and so much more. We would love for you to join us.

Upcoming, The Lottie Moon Mission Offering. Please be on the watch for upcoming information and our goal. I also want to thank all the women who participated in the women's retreat and Mike and Mike for cooking. I think it was much needed for so of us women.

Please keep our family in prayer and we continue to pray for you. In Christ Love, Jenny Durham



Now Collecting Items

SUGGESTIONS

"A WOW item", personal care items, clothing, accessories, crafts, activities, games, toys, and a personal note.

BOY OR GIRL—AGES 2-4; 5-9;10-14

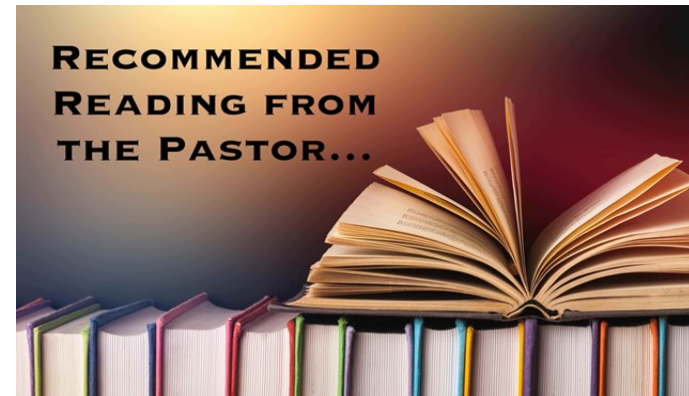
DO NOT INCLUDE

Candy, toothpaste, used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures, chocolate or food, seeds, fruit rolls or other fruit, snacks, drink mixes, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers or aerosol cans. **Due date is November 27.**



South Carolina Prisoner Packets

- One black non-retractable pen (no wire clips, no other color)
- One writing tablet no longer than 5 1/2 by 8 (No wired bound tablets or composition books)
- One adult tooth brush (individually wrapped)
- One 4 or 6 oz or larger tooth paste
- One 4 oz to 6 oz bar of soap (no travel size or no unwrapped soap)
- Two rolls of candy (life savers, mentos, breath savers)
- 3 – First class #10 stamp-embossed envelopes
- One gallon size zipper bag (no other size bag)



Word-Centered Church: How Scripture Brings Life and Growth to God's People

By Jonathan Leeman

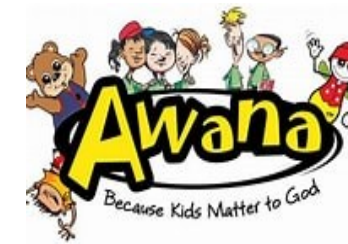
A lot of books give a lot of answers, but the best one comes from Scripture. *Word-Centered Church* brings that answer into sharp focus. Written by Jonathan Leeman, editorial director for the reputable ministry 9Marks, *Word-Centered Church* offers a thorough treatment of one of God's greatest concerns: growing His people and growing His church.

As simple as the concept may seem, it's one that many churches miss, and to their own detriment. Because when churches center everything they do on God's Word—when the pulpit ministry gives direction to every aspect of the church's life—growth happens God's way. God's Word is what creates the church, and it's what sustains it, too.

Theological and practical, *Word-Centered Church* focuses on how the church hears, responds to, discusses, implements, and is transformed by Scripture. It's not about high-octane production, superstar personalities, or postmodern entreaties, but stuff that is really old, really good, and really powerful.

Word-Centered Church is the ministry-model book that churches need, because it advances the model God designed. For anyone who wants to grow or help others grow, *Word-Centered Church* is indispensable.

- *New copies of the work are available on Amazon.com for \$15.75 and a copy is available to borrow in our church library.*



Dear Family –

Here we are in November already. We have been having a great time in AWANA. The Clubbers started the year learning about creation and that God is Holy. On October 23, 2022, we had our yearly Halloween Party for the Clubbers. We had a costume contest, crafts, of course one of our favorite Halloween Movies, "It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown" and games where the kids could win candy. Thank you for all who helped with this event.

Upcoming in November, we have pajama night on November 13, 2022. We will come to AWANA all comfy cozy in our favorite pajamas. November 20, 2022, is our Thanksgiving Dinner, parents of the clubbers are invited to join us. We would love to invite you as well. These special events give the clubbers a little extra and the parents a chance to get to know us and our church family.

On November 6, 2022, we will be hosting our first fund raiser, Soup Sunday. We will serve soup right after Sunday morning service. You can take the soup home or eat it right in the fellowship hall. The soup is by donation. The types of soup available are still pending, but we can guarantee they will be delicious. We have some amazing cooks at Shell Point.

As always, we invite you to come out and participate in AWANA. You can assist current teachers, listen to the children share their Bible verses through memorization, help with recreation or just sit and watch to see how much fun and learning happens in AWANA. It is pure joy to watch our children learn about God. Thank you for your support and love.

In Christ, Mike Durham

Senior Christmas Gift Bags

- November 6—Mac and Cheese
- November 13—Soup (chicken, tomato, vegetable)
- November 20—tooth paste and tooth brush
- November 27—spaghetti sauce (canned) & noodles