

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August Calendar

Wed, Aug. 2—WMU Ladies Meeting/Lunch, 12pm
Deacons Meeting, 7pm
Sat, Aug. 5—Men's Breakfast, 8am (church)
Sun, Aug. 6—AWANA Leaders Meeting, 6pm
Thurs, Aug. 17—SRBA Senior Adult Celebration
10am at Gray's Hill Baptist Church
Sun, Aug. 27—World Hunger Day
Mon, Aug. 28—Pastor Darren speaking at Gray's
Hill Baptist Church, Men's Ministry Dinner, 6pm

Weekly:

Sunday: Sunday School—10:45am
Worship Service—11am

Wednesday: Men's Bible Study, 8am at
Chick-fil-A



Birthday's

08/02 Katy Fillinger
08/03 Marie Ayala
08/09 Alice Sosdorf
08/11 Will Green
08/19 Flora Roney
08/23 Roy Hankins
08/24 Lex Oglesby

Coming in September

Sat, Sept. 2—Men's Breakfast 8am
Mon, Sept. 4—Church Office Closed Labor Day
Tues, Sept. 5—Church Council Meeting, 7pm
Wed, Sept. 7—WMU Ladies Meeting/Lunch,
12pm
Deacons Meeting, 7pm
Sun, Sept. 10—AWANA starts 5pm

Weekly:

Wed.: Men's Bible Study, 8am at Chick-fil-A

**Season of Prayer for State Missions and the
Janie Chapman Offering September 10-17
Church Goal \$1,000**



Christmas Shoe Boxes

Paper, pencils, pens, glue sticks, rulers, scissors, crayons. These are basics we place in every box if we can. Other essentials are washcloths, soap, toothbrushes.

We will also need any small toy that will fit in a shoebox like jump ropes, balls, tennis balls, small cars, jacks, stuffed animals, small dolls, coloring books, whistles or any toy that you would like to go into a box. Even things like water bottles, t-shirts, socks etc are good items to purchase for them. If you can help with any of these purchases it is very much appreciated and there is a collection box in the foyer of the church. If you have any questions feel free to contact me. Last year we packed over 360 boxes, that was over 360 children that learned about the love of Jesus plus their family members. Let's increase that number this year. I would love to see more this year.

Let's work together in making this a great year to share in the joy of giving with the Mission of Operation Christmas Child.

In His Love and For His Glory,
Bonnie Richard



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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

AUGUST 2023

ISSUE 8

Provided In Him

"To the saints... who are faithful in Christ Jesus."

Ephesians 1:1

In Ephesians chapter one, Paul writes a long Greek sentence that begins in verse three and doesn't end until verse fourteen. In this unusually longwinded decree, we see the Apostle repeatedly use the phrases, "in Christ," "in the Beloved," or "in Him;" used nine times in just twelve verses. The word rendered "in" in our English translations, comes from the Greek preposition ἐν, pronounced "en." It is defined as, "a marker of position." It involves identity and location. Paul wants the Ephesians to fully understand their position, location, and identity in Christ is why God can bless them as He does.

So, we must ask ourselves, what does this lengthy sentence (Eph. 1:3-14) say concerning the believer's position, location, identity, and blessings in the Savior? Let's take a look:

- [God and Father] ... has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places **in Christ**.
- [God the Father] chose us **in Him** [God the Son] before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him.
- [God the Father] predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us **in the Beloved** [God the Son].
- **In Him** [God the Son] we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us.
- In all wisdom and insight He [God the Father] made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed **in Him** [God the Son] with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things **in Christ**, things in the heavens and things on the earth.
- **In Him** also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory.
- **In Him**, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed **in Him** with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

Let me encourage you to take a few moments this month to review this powerful letter to the Ephesians with an eye for this phrase "in Him." You will quickly learn that this phrase, used only in this letter, is found throughout its pages. Allow God's word to remind you of who you are in Christ!

In Him Always, Pastor Darren A. Jones



**AWANA starts
Sunday, September 10th**

5:00—7:00pm

Mike Durham, Director

Bring your kids, grandkids, and neighbors kids,

All kids are invited.

“WOMEN ON MISSION” (WMU)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I hope you are all doing well. As you know, the closer we get to fall, the more our mission schedules start to increase. I can only give you so much time off, otherwise you would forget about me. Lol ANNOUNCING - Christmas in August - as always, this month we will be collecting school supplies to take to a local school for the children in our area who may not have the school supplies they need to start their year off right. You may have noticed that Walmart, Staples, etc. are all putting out their school supplies and have most of them on sale. We also like to supply, socks and children’s underwear to the school as well. Almost every year when we deliver the supplies, the school nurse is thrilled to see those items as accidents do happen in school with the little ones. SO, start shopping now for those supplies, let us have another great year of providing for those in need in our own community. The table will be ready next week, bring them on!!!! If you would like me to do the shopping for you, I will be more than glad to, often this allows me to fill in with the items we may not be getting or need.

Christmas Shoe Boxes, yes, we need to start collecting, if you haven’t already, items to fill those precious Christmas Shoe Boxes. Bonnie Richard will be your point of contact for this project. She is amazing at preparing and packaging those boxes. She will be planning a day for the AWANA clubbers to pack boxes and would even love if you came and helped. We try to get our clubbers involved in mission projects. There will be a box in the back for those items as well, wash clothes, tooth brushes, combs, soap, crayons, toys small enough to fit in those boxes. I also know if you would rather give her a donation, she will shop her heart out for special items for those boxes.

October 13th and 14th - Camp Jackson Women’s Retreat. We want you there, women only! Well, except the Mike’s who do our cooking. (Praise the Lord for these two men!) Crystal Shackelford will be one of our guest speakers this year. Corie Holly will also be attending and bringing with her talent to help us paint a beautiful picture. A bonfire will be surrounded by women in love with the Lord on Friday night, laughing and sharing stories. Our theme this year is “Testimonies” We all have one and each one special in its own way. How has God changed you? I pray we will see you there. The sign-up

sheet will be in the church vestibule on August 13, 2023. You have plenty of time to rework your schedule. Come on, you know you want to come!!! Janie Chapman State Mission Offering and Prayer will be starting in September 2023. Our church goal is \$1000.00. The next newsletter will give you some highlights on Janie Chapman. Thank you for all you do to support our church missions.

In Christ Love, Jenny Durham

“AWANA”

Dear Family:

Well, our teachers are almost finished with their second month of rest and relaxation. If they are anything like our family, AWANA has already been on their mind. What do I want to do differently this year? How can I reach them for Christ? What will make them want to come back and bring their friends? So many questions... Well, the good news, AWANA teachers you still have another month off to process your thoughts and rest.

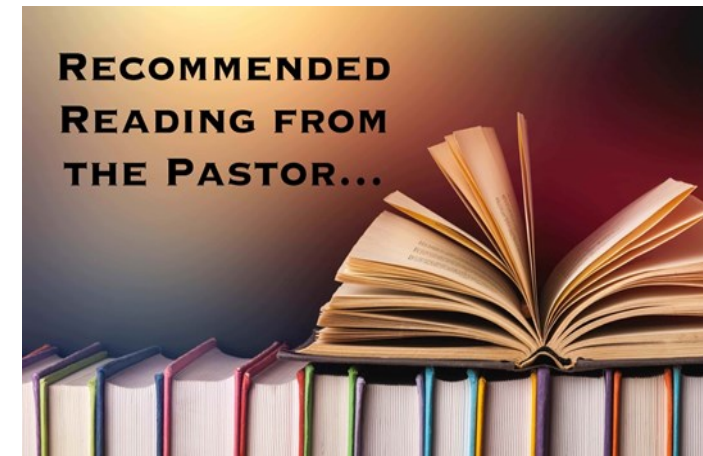
Our year will begin on September 10, 2023. We will have a planning meeting in August, just so we can make sure all the teachers are in place and if you need any supplies, they can be ordered. Watch your bulletin.

Concerning the need for helpers and teachers, we are calling all prospective teachers and volunteers, we need you. AWANA can use you in many different capacities. Teachers, helpers, listeners, kitchen help, special events help, prayer champions and so much more. I pray you will consider how you can participate in AWANA. We are sharing Christ with the children, and we do not want to keep you from sharing in the joy of a child finding his or her way to Christ. Come on out!

In Christ, Mike Durham



**October 13 & 14
Camp Jackson, SC**



**“Know What & Why You Believe”
by Paul Little**

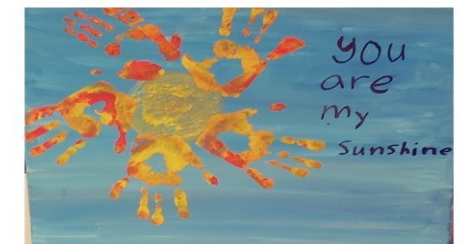
Two classics in a single volume! It is so very important for Christians to not only know *what* they believe today... but *why* they believe it! In a time where truth is a victim, Paul E. Little states that there is only one way to God, and that is through Jesus Christ. Little presents Christian beliefs in a very approachable manner that can be enjoyed by Christians and non-Christians alike. Little has an unapologetic way of presenting the truth of the Gospel that Christians must live by.

Paul E. Little and his wife, Marie, worked for twenty-five years with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. Until his death in 1975, Little was also associate professor of evangelism at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, IL. He was the author of several books and articles, including *How to Give Your Faith Away*.

* New softcover copies of this work are available for \$11.90 on amazon.com, and a copy is available to borrow in our church library!

SAVE THE DATE!

**You Are
My Sunshine**



Senior Celebration

August 17, 2023

10:00am

Grays Hill Baptist Church

Sponsored by Savannah River Baptist Association

**“Heavenly Sonlight”
Food, Fun, Fellowship, Music,
Inspiration, & Door Prizes!!
Deadline for tickets is Mon., August 7.
See Alice, church secretary,
if you want her to order your ticket.
Tickets are \$10.**

Collecting School Supplies

Christmas in August

**Pens, pencils, notebooks, erasers,
backpacks, Kleenexes, paper, socks, etc.**

