

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October Calendar

Tues, Oct. 3—Deacons Meeting, 7PM
 Wed, Oct. 4—WMU Ladies Meeting/Lunch, 12PM
 Sat, Oct. 7—Men's/Women's Breakfast/Work Day, 8AM
 Sun, Oct. 8—35th Anniversary of SPBC, No AWANA
 Mon, Oct. 9—Church Office Closed (Holiday)
 Tues, Oct. 10—Finance Meeting, 7 PM
 Thurs, Oct. 12—Lifeline Screening by appointment
 Fri/Sat, Oct. 13/14—Women's Retreat at Camp Jackson
 Tues, Oct. 17—Women's Sunday School Class Get Together, 6PM
 Wed, Oct. 18—Family Meeting, 6:30PM

Every week:

Sun.: AWANA—5PM
 Wed.: Men's Bible Study at Chick-fil-A—8AM



Birthday's

10/28 Chris Ellis



Coming in November

Sat., Nov. 4—Men's Breakfast at SPBC, 8PM
 Sun., Nov. 5—AWANA Soup Sunday, after the morning worship
 Mon., Nov. 6—WMU Meeting—Women's Day of Prayer, 12PM
 Tues., Nov. 7—Church Council Meeting, 7PM
 Wed., Nov. 8—Deacons Meeting, 8PM
 Sat., Nov. 11—Evening of Thanks, 6pm
 Thurs., November 23—Church office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday



Evening of Thanks

Saturday, November 11, 6:00—8:00PM

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

"Quarterly Family Meeting"

Wednesday, Oct. 18, 6:30PM

All members are encouraged to attend.

35th Anniversary of SPBC

Sunday, October 8

Meal/Fellowship after worship service.

Come out and celebrate our homecoming. It's going to be a special day for our church. Invite your family, friends, and members that have moved away. The church is providing the meats and our members are asked to bring their favorite side dishes and desserts.



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From the Pastor's Desk

October 2023



How Do You Treat Your Enemies?

"Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles; or the Lord will see it and be displeased, and turn His anger away from him."

Proverbs 24:17-18

It is no secret that social media has become an absolute dumpster fire! The worst of human nature can be found in full display on nearly every platform that this industry has put forward (ex. *YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, Tik-Tok, Instagram, etc...*). The way people treat one another online is atrocious; and unfortunately, it is no different on the so-called "Christian" pages among these sites. Just recently, I witness several people that I personally know to be professing believers celebrating the misfortune of a person they did not like or agree with. This flies directly in the face of Proverbs 14:17-18, quoted above.

What if I told you that it is not the LGBTQs that are our enemy. It is not the drug addicts nor the prostitutes. It is not the democrats or the theologically liberal. Our enemy is not flesh and blood my friends (2 Cor. 10:3-4). Our enemy is Satan, sin, and the evil world system that is under the control of the devil and his demons (Eph. 6:12).

Now, you may be thinking right now, "Pastor, they might not be YOUR enemy... but they are definitely MY enemy!" Well, then, let me direct you to the words of YOUR Lord as found in Luke's gospel:

If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. **But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back.** Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because He is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful (Luke 6:32-36).

There is no question as to what Jesus is saying here! If you have an enemy... you are to love that enemy and do good to them! Therefore, if you decide that homosexuals, drug addicts, and democrats are your enemies, then guess what? You are commanded to love them and do good toward them! They are not our enemies... they are our mission!

In the Love of Christ,
 Pastor D.A. Jones

WMU Newsletter

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I hope you are all doing well. As you may have guessed, we have been a little busy with Mike having just had a full knee replacement. I will say I am very proud of him; he has been moving forward with his walking and adjusting to a new knee. We have gone from a walker to a cane in less than 2 weeks. GO MIKE!!

I want to thank everyone for their kind donations to our Christmas in August school supplies collection. Because of you we were able to give to Bridges the following:

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| 4 book covers | 7 book bags |
| 24 folders | 18 pencil holders |
| 5 pkg inserts | 5-3 ring binders |
| 51 boxes of crayons | 2-wet wipes |
| 26 spiral notebooks | 2 boxes of Kleenex |
| 24 girl panties | 32 pairs of girl socks |
| 8-20 count sheet protectors | 1 bar of soap |
| 2 lunch boxes | 14 pkg of filler paper |
| 3 pair of boy underwear | 1 pair of shoes |
| 20 glue sticks | 2 pair of scissors |
| 14 Elmer's glue | 5 bottles hand sanitizer |
| 18 pkg of markers | 4 boxes colored pencils |
| 1 pk of index cards | 21 erasers |
| 12 rulers | 6 dry easers markers |
| 300 pencils | 57 pens |
| 2 pkg construction paper | 44 composition books |

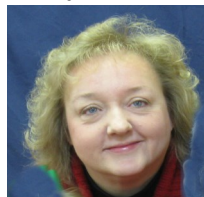
We may be small but we are mighty. You make a difference in our community!

Please do not forget we are collecting for our Christmas Shoe Boxes. Your point of contact for this ministry is Bonnie Richard. She can pack a shoe box like no other.

Just a reminder our Women's Retreat at Camp Jackson is coming up on October 13 and 14. Women, we want you there to praise and celebrate our Lord and Savior. Our theme is "Testimonies" We all have one. Our guest speaker is Crystal Shackelford and Corie Holly will be there with Painting on a Prayer. Please get signed up!

Love you all,

In Christ
Jenny Durham



**Women's Retreat
at
Camp Jackson
October 13—14**



Dear Family:

I want to thank you for all your prayers. I especially want to thank all the teachers and helpers in AWANA who have graciously been covering our class while we have been out recovering. We are looking forward to getting back to our T&T class and AWANA.

Upcoming this month, is our AWANA Halloween Party. On October 29, 2023, we will be dressing up for Halloween, the kids will be playing games and more than likely watching Charlie's Brown Halloween Special. We could use your help with a donation of candy to be passed out at the games the kids play at the Halloween Party.

Bonnie Richard will also be planning the AWANA Clubbers annual pack a Christmas Shoe Box Party. It is one way for our clubbers to do a mission project and learn about giving to others around the world. Please see Bonnie if you are interested in helping with this mission.

Please keep us in prayer.
In Christ, Mike Durham



**First Sunday in November, December,
January, and February**



**"Every Prophecy of the Bible:
Clear Explanations for
Uncertain Times"**
by Dr. John F. Walvoord

As we watch world events unfold, biblical prophecy becomes a subject of intense interest. *Every Prophecy of the Bible* brings clear answers to more than 1,000 key prophecies, backed with solid Scriptural evidence. Noted biblical scholar Dr. John F. Walvoord covers each prophecy from Genesis to Revelation, giving detailed insight into the many prophecies that have been fulfilled, as well as those that are still to come. By placing each event into historical context, the author gives insight into how the past, present, and future fit together to form an amazing, divine design.

An excellent reference guide for those seeking answers, this comprehensive book reassures readers that God's master plan is to be trusted and that the Bible is an accurate source of hope for all Christians.

* New softcover copies of this book are available for as low as \$6.69 on amazon.com, and a copy is available to borrow in our church library!



**ACCOMPLISHMENTS!!!
In Honor of Lex Oglesby**

Accomplishments had been plenty in his life a home built of family and friends. Houses designed from the mind of the contractor who could read blue prints, plus hammer a nail, hard work was no stranger to Lex. As time traveled on more and tears grew strong, in the frame of the house he belonged tho through the pain he shared a gifts greater than accomplishments of all a smile that buried his 6'4 frame in the knowledge of truth he thankfully proclaimed even in pain shined the thankful heart Of Jesus!!!

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—Tony Settles

