

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November Calendar

- Wed., Nov. 1 Deacons Meeting, 7pm
- Thur., Nov. 2 Finance Meeting, 7pm
- Sat., Nov. 4 Men's Breakfast at SPBC, 8am
- Sun., Nov. 5 AWANA Soup Sunday
- Mon, Nov. 6 **Women's World Day of Prayer**
WMU Ladies Meeting/Lunch 12pm
WMU Ladies Meeting, 6:30pm
- Sat, Nov. 11 Evening of Thanks, 6pm
- Mon, Nov. 13 *Church Office Closed (Holiday for Veteran's Day)*
- Thurs, Nov. 23 Church Office Closed (Thanksgiving)
- Sun, Nov. 26 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 (Saturday, Nov. 4)
Daylight Saving Time Ends (Fall Back)**



November Birthday's

- 11/01 Ann Oglesby
- 11/04 Marion Lawson
- 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 3 — December 10**

Church Goal for the month of December \$2,200



**Evening of Thanks
Saturday,
November 11
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. 2—Men's Breakfast at SPBC, 8am
- Sun., Dec. 3—AWANA Soup Sunday
- Tues., Dec. 5—Church Council, 7pm
- Tues., Dec. 5—Deacons Meeting, 8pm
- Wed., Dec. 6—WMU Ladies Meeting/Lunch, 12pm
- Tues., Dec. 12—Ladies Sunday School Christmas Party, 6pm
- Sat., Dec. 16—Church wide Christmas Dinner Party—5:30pm/Christmas Ornament Exchange—6:30pm
- Wed., Dec. 20—Christmas Caroling, 6pm
- Sun., Dec. 24—Christmas Eve Service, 6pm
- Sunday, Dec. 24th & 31st—No AWANA
- Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 25 & 26—Church Office Closed for Christmas

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V. Continual Reform and Reflection

The Reformation was not just a historical event; it was a call for continual reform. It encourages us to reflect on our beliefs and practices, to identify areas in need of improvement, and to strive for greater alignment with the teachings of Scripture. The Church must always be open to the Spirit's guidance, seeking to grow and change as God leads us.

The Protestant Reformation was a pivotal moment in Christian history that shaped the faith and practice of millions. Its emphasis on Sola Scriptura, justification by faith, the priesthood of all believers, religious freedom, and the call for continual reform all hold enduring importance for us today. As we reflect on the Reformation, may we draw closer to God through His Word, find rest in the assurance of our justification by faith, embrace our role as His ambassadors, foster religious tolerance, and remain open to the Spirit's leading in our lives. In doing so, we honor the legacy of the Reformation and continue its mission of renewal and transformation in the Church.



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From the Pastor's Desk

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The Profound Impact of the Protestant Reformation

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'But the righteous man shall live by faith.'"

Romans 1:16-17

The Protestant Reformation stands as a monumental chapter in the history of Christianity. It was a period of renewal and transformation that profoundly shaped the faith and practice of millions of believers. Rooted in the early 16th century, this movement led by visionary reformers like Martin Luther, John Calvin, Ulrich Zwingli, and many others, ignited a spiritual and theological revolution that continues to influence the Church to this day. As we celebrate the 506th anniversary of the Reformation, we will explore the enduring importance of the Protestant Reformation and the lessons we can draw from this pivotal moment in Christian history.

I. Recovery of Sola Scriptura

One of the central tenets of the Reformation was the principle of "Sola Scriptura," meaning "Scripture alone." This reaffirmed the importance of the Bible as the ultimate authority for faith and practice. The Reformers insisted that all teachings, traditions, and doctrines should be tested against the sacred text. As we reflect on this, we are reminded of the profound importance of daily immersion in God's Word. Through Scripture, we can draw closer to Him, finding wisdom, guidance, and spiritual nourishment.

II. Justification by Faith

Martin Luther's rediscovery of the doctrine of justification by faith alone was a transformative moment. This truth reminds us that salvation is a gift from God, not something we can earn through our works. We are justified before God not by our own righteousness but by faith in Christ. It calls us to a relationship with God based on grace and mercy, not on striving for perfection. In our daily lives, we can rest in the assurance of God's love, knowing that we are justified through our faith in Christ.

III. Priesthood of All Believers

The Reformation emphasized the "priesthood of all believers," rejecting the idea that only ordained clergy had a special connection to God. This concept underscores that every Christian has direct access to God through Christ. It encourages us to take ownership of our faith, to seek God's presence through prayer, and to engage in acts of service and ministry in our communities. As we reflect on this, we are called to be active participants in God's work, serving as His ambassadors in the world.

IV. Religious Freedom and Tolerance

The Reformation also played a role in the development of religious freedom. The Reformers' quest for theological independence contributed to the broader concept of religious liberty. This serves as a reminder of the importance of respecting the beliefs of others and advocating for freedom of religion. In a world marked by diversity, we can learn from the Reformation's legacy by fostering an environment of understanding and tolerance.

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WMU Newsletter

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I hope you are all well. Happy Thanksgiving! It is that time of year again when we start gearing up for the holidays. November is the remember to be thankful month. It

seems because of Thanksgiving; we seem to be challenged to be more thankful. I see people posting each day something new they are thankful for. We should be in this state of mind every day!

We have a lot going on in the next two months, so let us get started. Monday, November 6, 2023 will be the Women's Day of Prayer. Join Fran Scott or myself in praying for our world, our country, and our own hometown. Fran normally has a noon lunch and the church will be open at 6:30 p.m. with a short devotion for prayer time that evening. I hope you will take time to attend one or the other, to join us and millions of women all over the world to PRAY.

Christmas Shoe boxes are due no later than Sunday, November 12, 2023. Please see Bonnie Richard our very own Shoe Box specialist if you need additional information.

Last year, we collected non-perishable food and made over 20 grocery bags. We will be collecting food again this year for grocery bags. Of course, the Christmas ornaments will be placed on the tree with items, but I am also asking that we start collecting this month, so that we can help more people than last year. So, this month we are collecting:

November 5, 2023 - mac and cheese

November 12, 2023 – canned spaghetti sauce and noodles

November 19, 2023 - soup

November 26, 2023 - tooth paste and tooth brush.

Come on, let us make this Christmas special for more people by helping to feed them.

Upcoming - Lottie Moon Christmas Offer more details in the December, 2023 Newsletter.

SPECIAL NEWS BULLETIN - Senior Celebration will resume in January, 2024. Watch the bulletin and newsletters for more details.

Thanking each of you for all you do to reach others.



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 Sunday, November 12.



South Carolina Prisoner Packets Due Sunday, Nov. 26

- One black non-retractable pen (no wire clips, no other color)
- One writing tablet no longer than 5 ½ 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)



RECOMMENDED READING FROM THE PASTOR...

"Paul: Apostle of the Heart Set Free"

by F.F. Bruce

Hailed by *Theology Today* as "F.F. Bruce's magnum opus," this splendid biography uses history, archaeology, and the biblical text to focus primarily on the apostle's life. Bruce also examines the main themes in Pauline thought, set in their historical background and illustrated from his letters. An excellent starting point for your Pauline studies!

* New softcover copies of this book are available for as low as \$33.99 on amazon.com, and a copy is available to borrow in our church library! Find affordable used copies on eBay!



AWANA Soup Sunday

- Sunday, November 5**
- Sunday, December 3**
- Sunday, January 7**
- Sunday, February 4**
- Sunday, March 3**

The AWANA usually provides 3 or 4 soups each of these Sundays. If you would like to volunteer and make a soup, please let Mike Durham know.



Dear Family –

We are off and running in AWANA - I want to take time to thank all the teachers for stepping up and going above and beyond while I was out with my knee replacement. We are blessed with very devoted teachers and help. AWANA would not be here without you and the Lord blessing us.

Special Events for the AWANA clubbers coming up - On Sunday, November 5, 2023 the Clubbers will be packing 200 Christmas shoe boxes. Yes, you heard that right, 200 boxes. You will not want to miss Sunday morning worship on November 12, 2023, to see them all displayed.

Our first Soup Sunday, will be November 5, 2023, we always have some very good soups. Join us right after the morning worship for some warm soup and fellowship.

November 19, 2023, the Clubbers will be celebrating Thanksgiving, with a lesson, craft and a Thanksgiving dinner prepared for them. There will be no AWANA on November 26, 2023, so the clubbers can enjoy time with their family as well as the teachers taking time to recharge after a big Thanksgiving dinner on the Thursday before.

We would love for you to invite any children you know, from your family, friend, or neighborhood. The more the merrier. Our teachers come prepared to teach and share Christ with the children. We include mission projects so they can learn about giving of time and energy to those who need Christ near and far. Join us! We want you and your children.

In Christ, Mike Durham

