

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January Calendar

- Mon, Jan. 1 Church office closed for New Year's Day
- Tues, Jan. 2 Church Council Meeting, 7pm
Deacons Meeting, 8pm
- Wed, Jan. 3 WMU Meeting, 12pm
- Sat, Jan. 6 Men's Breakfast at church, 8 am
Take down Christmas Decorations, 10 am
- Sun, Jan. 7 AWANA Soup Sunday
- Fri, Jan. 12 Senior Lunch/Bingo, 12pm
- Mon, Jan. 15 Holiday, church office closed
- Wed, Jan. 17 Quarterly Family Meeting, 6:30 pm
- Sat, Jan. 20 AWANA Chili Cook Off
- Sun, Jan. 21 Sanctity of Life

Friday and Saturday, Jan. 26-27 . . . Men's Ministry trip to Camp Jackson

Every week:

Sunday

Sunday School . . . 9:45am
Worship Service . . . 11:00am
AWANA . . . 5pm

Wednesday

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



Men's Breakfast

Shell Point Baptist Church
Saturday, January 7, 8am

Senior Celebration Lunch & Bingo Friday, January 12 12pm



Men's Retreat

January 26th & 27th
Camp Jackson,
Allendale, SC

All men and boys are invited.
Bring a friend with you. Plan on great Fellowship and Devotions, food and time to relax and enjoy the camp. See Mike Richard for more information

Coming in February

- Sat, Feb. 3 Men's Breakfast at church, 8am
- Sun, Feb. 4 AWANA Soup Sunday
- Tues, Feb. 6 Deacons Meeting, 7pm
- Wed, Feb. 7 WMU Meeting/Lunch, 12pm
- Sat, Feb. 10 You Are Loved Banquet, 5:30pm
- Sun, Feb. 11 No AWANA
- Mon, Feb. 19 Church Office Closed (Holiday)
- Tues. Feb. 27 Lifeline Screening by Appointment

Focus on WMU February 18

Thanks to Jenny Durham and Fran Scott for their work as our WMU Leaders.



Happy Birthday

- January 2 Kenny Ellis
- January 12 Steve Barnett
- January 22 Mellissa Ellis
Thomas Smith
- January 27 Earl McCowan
- January 29 Vickie Bryan-Mahneke
Paula Settles

ISSUE 1

From the Pastor's Desk

January 2024



New Year, New You?

"Do not call to mind the former things, or ponder things of the past.

*"Behold, I will do something new, now it will spring forth;
will you not be aware of it?"*

I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, rivers in the desert."

(Isaiah 43:18-19)

As the new year dawns upon us, the timeless words from Isaiah 43:18-19 resonate deeply, inviting reflection and guiding our path forward. In these verses, there's a poignant call to release the burdens of the past, to let go of the weight of former struggles, and to set our sights on the promise of new beginnings. The passage offers a profound assurance that amidst change and uncertainty, Our God is ever-present, orchestrating a transformation beyond our comprehension.

The command to "Do not call to mind the former things" doesn't diminish the importance of our history but urges us not to be held captive by it. It encourages us to embrace a forward-looking perspective, unshackled from the chains of yesterday's trials, failures, or achievements.

"Behold, I will do something new," declares the divine voice. It's an affirmation that within the tapestry of time, God is constantly at work, initiating a fresh chapter, weaving a narrative of hope, restoration, and redemption. This promise is a beacon of light guiding us through uncharted territories, reassuring us that even in the wilderness of uncertainty, a path is being paved, and in the desert of despair, streams of life-giving water will flow.

"Will you not be aware of it?" challenges us to open our hearts and minds to this divine unfolding. It beckons us to attune our spirits to the subtle whispers of change, to recognize the signs of renewal taking root within and around us. It's an invitation to witness God's handiwork, acknowledging the miracles embedded in every moment, no matter how small or inconspicuous.

As we stand at the threshold of a new year, let us heed the wisdom of Isaiah's words. Let us release the grip of the past, embrace the promise of new beginnings, and trust in the divine guidance that shapes our journey. May we approach the unfolding chapters of our lives with faith, courage, and a profound sense of expectancy for the new things that God is bringing forth.

In the Joy of Christ,

Pastor Darren Jones



WMU News

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ: Happy New Year! I can not believe it is a new year. I have determined that each year seems to go

faster and faster. Don't blink because if we do, we may miss this whole year.

A new year normally brings with it new resolutions. I am going to (just fill in with whatever you decide to try) and by the end of the first month most of us have failed at whatever we were attempting. How about this year, we just plan to give a smile more often, or a hello to someone as we walk past them. A resolution to be a little better each day, that way if we fail on day 43, we can pick up and say I will be better tomorrow. Think about it.

I want to thank everyone for all you did in 2023 to help promote the missions of the church. We were able to give out prayer shawls to nine people, we packed 430 Christmas Shoe Boxes, 26 Prison Packets, and I will not know until after this article is due how many grocery bags we will make, but I will include that in February, 2024 newsletter. Thank you for taking the missions of sharing Christ with others to heart.

We will be looking for ways to share Jesus in the coming year. Have a blessed new year and remember it is all about JESUS.

Love in Christ,
Jenny Durham

AWANA News

Dear Family:

January is upon us and with January, comes one of my favorite events, the Chili Cook-off. Are you ready to put your favorite Chili recipe up against others in the church? Hottest, Fan Favorite. I mean so many chilis to just try and enjoy each bite. The Judges will vote the hottest chili and the crowd there will pick their favorite. Oh, and do not forget the games after the eating is finished. The last 2 years we have pitted the men against the women in a head-to-head battle. The wins are even. 1 win for the Women and 1 for the Men. Will this year be the tie breaker, or will some other game come into play. We will have to wait and see, BUT be ready!!!! The date Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 5:00 pm. The CHILI IS ON!!!

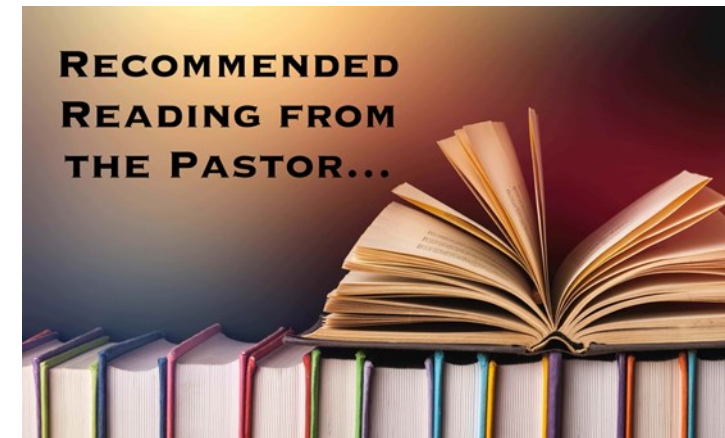
AWANA is going well, we would always welcome more children, but we all know the Lord will bring exactly the Clubbers He wants us to share Christ with. Please continue to pray for the teachers and clubbers as we share the gospel, may their hearts be open to know who Christ is. May they come with mindsets ready to learn about Christ and let the teachers not grow weary. Renew His beautiful spirit in each and every one. Thank you, teachers, for loving the children.

Hey, do not forget January 7, 2024, is the next Soup Sunday. Join us for some warm soup and fellowship. Thank you all for supporting AWANAs.

In Christ,
Mike Durham



Chili Cook Off
Saturday,
January 20,
5pm



**RECOMMENDED
READING FROM
THE PASTOR...**

Grace: **The Glorious Theme** by Lewis Sperry Chafer

No one word in all the Bible more fully describes God's plans and purposes than "grace," and no one work more fully expounds the multi-faceted nature of God's grace than Lewis Sperry Chafer's Grace. Emphasizing the dispensational distinctions between law and grace, Chafer deals systematically and thoroughly with the relevant biblical doctrines on the topic of grace. The text is extensively indexed by subject and Scripture reference, making it a handy reference tool for Bible study.

** New copies of the work are available on Amazon.com for \$17.99 and a copy is available to borrow in our church library.*



**You Are Loved
Banquet**
Sponsored by the
Deacons of SPBC
Saturday, February 10
5:30pm
All members are
invited to attend.

Happy New Year

Be someone who listens, and you will be heard.
Be someone who cares, and you will be loved.

Be someone who gives, and you will be blessed.
Be someone who comforts, and you will know peace.

Be someone who lives with joy, with Purpose, as your own light brightly shines.

Be, in every moment, the special.
Someone you are truly meant to be.

Happy New Year!

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*Happy New Year
From the
Staff of Shell Point Baptist Church
Pastor Darren Jones, Alice Reaves,
and Wende Anderson*