

SPBC NEWSLETTER

AWANA Newsletter

Hello Family –

AWANA is moving right along in the year. We just had our annual Chili Cook-Off. Melissa/Kenny Ellis won the hottest/spiciest Chili and Jamie Harmon won the fan favorite. I want to thank each person who made a Chili and to all of you for coming out and enjoying the fellowship we had together. As a reminder, the women of Shell Point Baptist took the win in the battle of women against men. The men immediately challenged the women to a rematch on February 10, 2024 at the "You are Loved Banquet". You may want to come out and support your team.

Nerd Night was a success for the AWANA clubbers. I believe the teachers may enjoy nerd night more than the kids. The teachers were in rare form the night away!!!! We hope that you will come out and visit our AWANA clubbers on a Sunday night. The clubbers are learning about Christ, memorizing Bible verses, and enjoying fellowship with other AWANA clubbers.

In March, we will be hosting our Derby Night, keep a look out for more details. WE take our racing seriously in AWANA. Thank you to all our teachers and helpers and to all of you for your support.

In Christ,
Mike Durham

**AWANA Soup
Sunday, February 4,
after the morning worship.**



Daylight Savings Time Begins Time Change Forward

On Saturday, March 9, before you go to bed. Don't be late for church on Sunday.



AWANA Derby Day Sunday, March 24

Everyone is invited to come out and race a car with the kids. If you don't have a car, one will be provided for you. It's always a fun time for the kids and the adults. The time is 5PM. Make your plans now to be here. See Mike Durham, Director of the AWANA Club, for more information.



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

ISSUE 2

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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The Profound Biblical Concept of Love: A Guiding Light for Humanity

"Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13).

Love is a fundamental theme woven throughout the pages of the Bible, serving as a guiding principle that transcends time and cultural boundaries. In the Christian tradition, the biblical concept of love is multifaceted, encompassing various dimensions that provide a roadmap for how individuals should relate to God, themselves, and others.

One of the central passages highlighting the essence of love in the Bible is found in the New Testament in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Often referred to as the "Love Chapter," these verses describe love as patient, kind, not envious, not boastful, not proud, not dishonoring, not self-seeking, not easily angered, and keeping no record of wrongs. This portrayal of love emphasizes selflessness and a genuine concern for the well-being of others.

According to the Bible, the highest expression of love is agape love, a selfless, sacrificial love that seeks the welfare of others above one's own. This concept is rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ, who exemplified agape love through his life, death, and resurrection. In John 15:13, Jesus declares, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." This ultimate act of self-sacrifice serves as a profound example of the depth and breadth of agape love.

The biblical concept of love extends beyond interpersonal relationships and also emphasizes the importance of love for God. In Matthew 22:37-39, Jesus identifies the greatest commandments as loving God with all one's heart, soul, and mind, and loving one's neighbor as oneself. This interconnectedness highlights the inseparable bond between love for God and love for others, emphasizing the holistic nature of biblical love.

Furthermore, the Bible teaches that love is transformative. In 1 John 4:16, it states, "We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him." This transformative aspect underscores the potential for love to bring about positive change in individuals and communities, fostering a sense of unity and compassion.

The biblical concept of love, therefore, serves as a timeless and universal guide for humanity. It challenges individuals to cultivate selfless, sacrificial love in their interactions with others, mirroring the divine love exemplified by Jesus Christ. As a foundational principle, love has the power to heal wounds, bridge divides, and create a harmonious tapestry of interconnected lives, echoing the enduring wisdom found within the sacred pages of the Bible.

In the Love of Christ,
Pastor Darren Jones

—CALENDAR OF EVENTS—

February Calendar

Sat, Feb. 3—Men's Breakfast at church, 8am
 Sun, Feb. 4—AWANA Soup Sunday
 Tues, Feb. 6—Deacon's 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)

Every week:

Sunday
 Sunday School—9:45am
 Worship Service—11:00am
 AWANA—5pm
Wednesday, 8AM
 Men's Bible Study at Chick-fil-A



Tuesday, February 27 Time is running outsign up today!

Did you know? "80% of strokes are preventable, according to the American Heart Association and Life Line Screening provides valuable health screenings to detect the risk of stroke and cardiovascular disease".

You can take advantage of these health screenings today by signing up for the complete stroke screening package which includes four screenings for vascular disease.

Appointment times are filling up! Please don't miss your chance to make your appointment today before the event is full!

Pre-registration is required. Sign up now by calling toll free to **1-844-591-7160** or **text** the word "circle" to **216-279-1607** or visit <https://lisa.social/HC>.



"You Are Loved Banquet"
Saturday, February 10 at 5:30PM
All members invited to attend.



February Birthday's

02/03 Alice Reaves
 02/19 Richard Miner
 02/21 Eunice Wynn
 02/22 Jackie Pender

Valentine's Day
Wednesday,
February, 14



Upcoming in March

Sat, Mar. 2—Men's Breakfast, 8am
 Sun, Mar. 3—AWANA Soup Sunday
 Tues, Mar. 5—Church Council Meeting, 7pm
 Tues, Mar. 5—Deacons Meeting, 8pm
 Wed, Mar. 6—WMU Meeting/Lunch, 12pm
 Fri, Mar. 8—Senior Celebration, 12pm
 Sun, Mar. 24—AWANA Derby Day, 5pm
 Fri, Mar. 29—Good Friday Service, 6pm
 Sun, Mar. 31—Easter Sunday, No AWANA

Season of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering—March 3-10—Church Goal—\$1000

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WMU NEWS

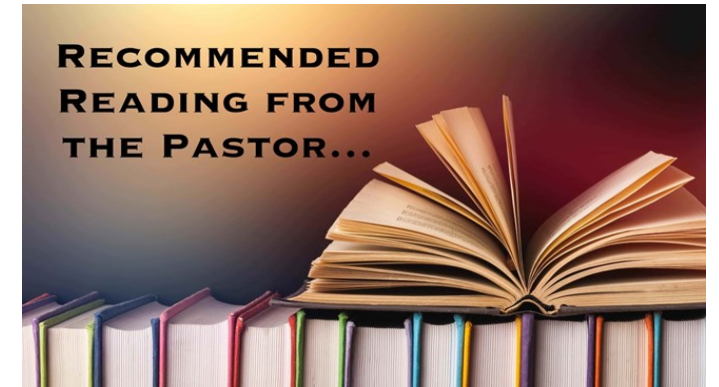
Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Happy Valentines Day! This month we celebrate all those who help with mission work in our church. I will always start out with a big "Thank you" to Ms. Fran. She makes our visuals so beautiful and she celebrates mission the first Wednesday of each month with women of the church. Thank you to Bonnie Richard for heading up our Christmas Shoe Box Ministry. I also want to thank all the women who take the time to crochet our prayer shawls. I want to thank ALL of you who take the time to pray for our missionaries and our missionary projects and give so generously throughout the year. Our mission program would not be the same without each of you. SO, THANK YOU!!!!

Upcoming is the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and Week of Prayer. We will be setting our goal at the next church council meeting. If you know of someone who needs a prayer shawl, please let me know so that we can get them one and have it well prayed over. The shawls of prayer do make a difference, they are filled with love, care and praying. We can all use the warmth of love surrounding us.

Have a blessed month and may God be ever watching over you.

In Christ Love,
 Jenny Durham



"Sodom Had No Bible"

By Leonard Ravenhill

Sodom Had No Bible is a classic by one of America's foremost voices for revival. The book is a call for America to trust God and God alone for heaven-sent revival. Ravenhill adds biographical sketches of great revivalists, including Jonathan Edwards, George Whitefield, Richard Baxter, John Wesley and many more. This work is sure to stir the soul toward a closer relationship with its Creator!

* New copies of the work are available on Amazon.com for \$15.00 and a copy is available to borrow in our church library.

