

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March Calendar

- Sat, March 2—Men's Breakfast at Church, 8am
- Sun, March 3—AWANA Soup Sunday
- Tues, March 3—Sunday School Appreciation
- Tues, March 5—Beaufort Youth Orchestra, 7pm
- Tues, March 5—Church Council Meeting, 7pm
- Tues, March 5—Deacons Meeting, 8pm
- Wed, March 6—WMU Meeting, 12pm
- Sun, March 24—AWANA Derby Race, 5pm
- Thurs, March 31—SRBA Men's Dinner at Red Dam Baptist Church, 7pm
- Fri, March 29—Good Friday Service, 7pm
- Sun, March 31—Easter. No AWANA

Every Sunday:

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

Every Wednesday

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



March Birthday's

- 03/03 Kyle Harmon
- 03/07 Frank Glover
- 03/09 Tony Settles
- 03/14 Tom Roney
- 03/15 Jim Thomas

Easter Services—Sunday, March 31

- Agape Breakfast—9am
- Sunday School—9:45am
- Worship Service—11am
- No AWANA



March 3—10

Season of Prayer for North American Missions
and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering—
Church Goal—\$1,000



Time changes Saturday, March 9.

Upcoming in April

- Tue, April 2—Church Council Meeting, 7pm
- Tue, April 2—Deacons Meeting, 8pm
- Wed, April 3—WMU Meeting, 12pm
- Sat, April 13—Men's Breakfast, 8am
- Wed, April 17—Family Meeting, 7pm
- Sun, April 28—Church Staff Appreciation Sunday



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sharing Jesus, one person at a time!

ISSUE 3

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

March 2024

Exercise Your Rule

*"If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up?
And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door;
and its desire is for you, but you must master it"*
- Genesis 4:7 -

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In our individual journeys of faith, we often encounter numerous challenges, one of the most significant being the battle against sin. From the very beginning, sin has plagued humanity, leading to separation from God and discord among us. Today, I invite you to delve into the depths of Genesis 4:7, where we find great insights into overcoming sin.

These words were spoken by God to Cain, just before he committed the heinous act of murdering his brother Abel out of jealousy and anger. In this verse, God reveals to Cain the choice he faces: the choice between righteousness and sin, between acceptance and rejection, between life and death.

First, God tells Cain that that he has the ability to *"do well."* God is pleased with those who live according to His revealed will, who walk in obedience to His word. When we align our lives with God's will and follow His ways, we experience His favor and acceptance. Christ's imputed righteousness, granted by grace through faith, opens the door to communion with God and His blessings.

However, God also warns Cain of the lurking danger of sin. Sin is personified as a predator, *"crouching at [his] door."* Sin is never passive; it actively seeks to ensnare and destroy us. It whispers lies, tempts us with fleeting pleasures, and leads us away from God. Just as a predator waits for its prey, sin waits for opportune moments to strike and entangle us in its grip.

Yet, God does not leave Cain helpless in the face of sin. He imparts a crucial truth: *"but you must master it."* In Christ, we are no longer slaves to sin; we have the power to overcome it through Christ (see Romans 6). As believers, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to resist temptation and live victoriously over sin. We must exercise self-control, relying on God's strength to resist the allure of sin and choose righteousness instead.

In our daily lives, we are confronted with choices similar to that of Cain. Will we choose righteousness and acceptance, or will we succumb to the temptations of sin? Let us heed God's warning and take hold of His promise to rule over sin. Through prayer, Scripture, and reliance on the Holy Spirit, may we overcome sin and walk in the abundant life that God offers us.

As we reflect on Genesis 4:7 today, let us examine our hearts and commit ourselves afresh to live in obedience to God. May we strive to do what is right, knowing that in Him, we find acceptance and victory over sin.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Darren A. Jones

— SPBC Newsletter —



WMU NEWS

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:
Happy Resurrection Day! We are so blessed that Jesus came to die on the cross just for us. I am

appreciative that God wanted a personal relationship with me. He wanted to be able to talk to me, to listen to me and to share eternity with me. He laughs at me and he also cries with me. He has picked me up from my knees many times and stood besides me on the top of the mountain looking at all He has done for me. I thank you Lord, for loving me enough to die for me.

This month we will be celebrating our Annie Armstrong Mission Offering and praying for the Missionaries in North America. Our churchwide goal is \$1000.00. Who is Annie Armstrong you may ask?

Annie Armstrong was born in Baltimore, Maryland on July 11, 1850. At the age of 20, she was “born again” under the preaching of Dr. Richard Fuller. She worked in various Baltimore missionary organization ministering to orphans, Native Americans, Chinese Americans immigrants and indigent women and families. She led to the creation of the WMU helping draft the constitution and serving as its first correspondence secretary. She was an extensive letter writer, handwriting 18,000.00 in one year alone. During her tenure as head of the WMU, she refused a salary and traveled extensively at her own expense. Annie was a tireless advocate for missionaries rallying the churches to support mission work through prayer and giving. It was due to the efforts of Annie and the women of the WMU that the annual Easter Mission offering was established.

As you receive your brochures for our North American missionaries, let continue her tradition, of praying and giving so that we can reach those who are lost in North America. Please remember every dime you give goes to the missionaries.

May each of you be blessed. Please pray for me as I continue to pray for you.

In Christ love, Jenny Durham

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“Seven“ 7

Though a righteous man
may fall seven times
What’s to become of eight
That one extra fall perhaps
being the cause stranding
You outside His Gate!
Should seven mean numbers
and nothing else,
perhaps a case could be made,
That seven plus one equals
lost forever, come time for
your trip to the grave.
Tripping over the truth Mr. Adam,
was a terrible trip to take,
leaving the world tripped up
in a fall, yet hope come just
one before eight.

1. Seven 7 –More than just a number!
2. Seven 7 –Perfection on a sinners cross!
3. Seven 7 –Calling out to all trapped in the trip!
4. Seven 7 –Restores his for keeping regardless of the fall!
5. Seven 7 –Faith to the feet for a no trip walk!
6. Seven 7 –Hallelujah to The King of Heaven!
7. Seven 7 =Jesus!!!

Anthony C. Settles

— SPBC Newsletter —

AWANA NEWS

Dear Family:

We are hosting our annual Derby Car Race this month. I hope you will join us for an enjoyable evening of racing and fellowship. Last year 3 AWANA clubbers won. Yep, they beat every adult who was participating. And on top of that all 3 clubbers were from a different class. This is a free event; we want you to come out and meet the clubbers you have been helping to support all year. You can watch their excitement and maybe even catch the excitement.

Our AWANA teachers are doing an amazing job and the clubbers are taking Ted Baker’s challenges in stride. We are celebrating Jesus in all that we do. If you came to the “You Are Loved” Banquet, you might have noticed the valentines’ cards on the tables. Yes, your AWANA clubbers made those for you. They love craft night and wanted to make something special for you to know you are loved.

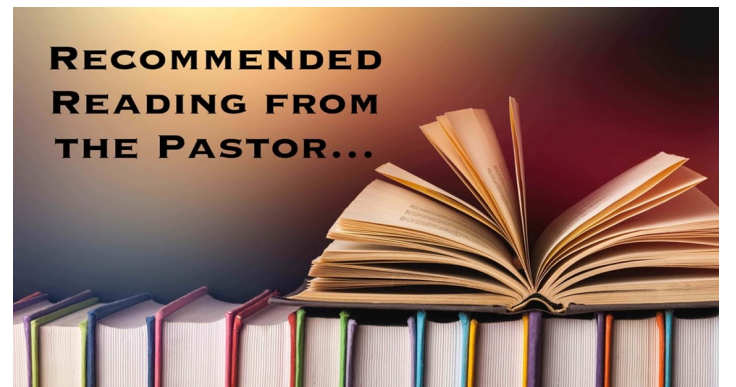
We are quickly approaching the last of this years AWANAs with our end of year party scheduled for May 4, 2024. I want to thank each of you for supporting and especially for praying for our clubbers and teachers as we share Christ. We are praying we are making a different in their walk with Christ.

In Christ,
Mike Durham



AWANA Derby Race
Sunday, March 24
5PM

Adults and kids can race their car. If you don’t have a car and want one, please let Mike Durham know. He will make sure you have a car. (Thanks to Mike and Jenny for making me a car like this one last year, Alice).



“That Settles It: A Journey of Spiritual Poetry”
By Anthony C. Settles

This enjoyable little softcover is written by a man (*one of our own SPBC!!!*) whose life has been committed to pursuing God and making Him known! He has left us these poems with the intent of his readers becoming increasingly and eternally rich in Christ; or as Tony says himself, “Gold nuggets are righteous gems pulled from the gold mine called the Bible that God has blessed humanity with. As you ponder on the poetry in this book, traces of gold should fall off the pages and leave you with a greater desire for the mother lode and a heart of gratitude for having invested in this small treasure. In His love, be blessed.”

* Tony’s book is available on Amazon.com for \$15.95 and a copy is available to borrow from our church library.