

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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The Sacred Role of the Mother

...and you will be nursed, you will be carried on the hip and fondled on the knees.

As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you...

Isaiah 66:12-13

Greetings Church Family:

As I sit back watching my toddler Silas interact with his mother, I am reminded again and again of the gentle, yet profound influence of a mother's comforting love. Like the nurturing sun that charms the flowers to bloom, a godly mother's care and devotion bring forth the beauty and potential within her children.

The Scriptures offer us an abundance of profound insights into the unique role which mothers fulfill. In Isaiah 66:13, God gives us a poignant image: *"As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you..."* Here, the mother's comfort is paralleled with God's very own, underscoring the deep and abiding security that only a mother's presence can provide. This consoling aspect of motherhood reflects a divine attribute of her God, emphasizing that a mother's role is not just **VITAL** ... its **SACRED!**

Mothers are often the first to introduce their children to the idea of God's love by the extension of their own love via the nurturing of their souls as well as their bodies. Through her everyday actions — her patience in turmoil, her guidance in uncertainty, and her unconditional love even in correction — a mother models the very characteristics of Christ. These daily lessons, woven seamlessly into the fabric of daily life, lay a foundation upon which her children will build throughout their entire lives

Proverbs 31 speaks of the excellent mother, praising her as one whose *"...children rise up and bless her; her husband also, and he praises her..."* This passage does not simply highlight a mother's strength or her capacity for hard work, but her lasting influence on those she loves. The virtues she embodies are literally passed down, becoming part of the legacy she leaves behind. Her children, having been nourished in their mother's love and righteousness, grow to appreciate and continue her teachings long after they leave the nest.

Consider for a moment the natural world, where every seed relies upon the soil around it to sprout and flourish. In a similar manner, a mother provides the fertile ground of love, security, and values. Her words and actions plant seeds of wisdom and compassion that will one day bloom in the lives of her children, who in turn will carry forward her love to the next generation.

Let us take a moment to appreciate and honor the mothers in our lives, recognizing their irreplaceable role in nurturing not just to their individual children, but to the very fabric of culture and society. Just as no garden can thrive without the sun, no child can grow to their full potential without the loving care and guidance of a mother (which may come in many forms such as spiritual, adopted, etc.). Let us give thanks for these mighty women who, day by day, build the kingdom of God through their devotion, their sacrifice, and their love.

In the Motherly Love of Our Father,

Pastor Darren A. Jones (a certified mama's boy)



Mother's Day Luncheon Sunday, May 12

Lunch served by the men after the morning worship service. Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy the meal and fellowship.



Ministry Health Kits for Migrant Workers Due by Sunday, May 26

Health Kit

- 1 Toothpaste 1 Toothbrush
- 1 Soap 1 Comb
- 1 Bath Towel 1 Wash Cloth
- One 2 gal. Ziploc bag

Thank you for your continued support of this special ministry.

June Events

- Sat, June 1** Men's Breakfast, 8am
- Tues, June 2** Deacons Meeting, 7pm
- Wed, June 5** WMU Meeting/Lunch, 12pm
- Sun, June 16** Father's Day
- Wed, June 19** Church Office closed (holiday)

Welcome New Members

Russell & Anna Keating

Trevor & Ashley Poulin

May Calendar

- Wed, May 1** WMU Meeting, 12pm
- Thurs, May 2** National Day of Prayer
- Sat, May 4** Men's Breakfast, 8am
- Sat, May 4** AWANA awards/party, 2pm
- Tues, May 7** Church Council Meeting, 7pm
- Tues, May 7** Deacons Meeting, 8pm
- Sun, May 12** Mother's Day Lunch after the morning service
- Fri, May 17** Life Screening will be at our church, by appointment only.
- Sun, May 26** Migrant Kits Due
- Mon, May 27** Memorial Day, church office closed

Every Week:

Sunday

Sunday School—9:45am

Worship Service—11am

Wednesday

Men's Bible Study at Chick-fil-A—8am

May Birthday's

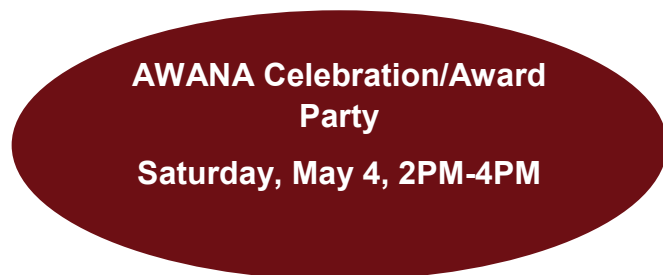


- 05/02 Gerald Wynn
- 05/04 Sarah Barnett
- 05/13 Rachael Barnett
- 05/14 Charlene Robbins
- 05/14 Janice Ward
- 05/15 Jeannette Kilpatrick
- 05/20 Deborah Green
- 05/26 Wende Anderson



Men's Breakfast Saturday, May 4 8:00 am

Men's Ministry will be meeting and having breakfast with a devotion and a fellowship time.



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I want to start by wishing all you beautiful women, Happy Mother's Day! I pray each of you will receive an extra blessing for all that you did for your family. I know, being a mother is not always easy. Sometimes our days seem to go on forever. We pray for our children and our grandchildren. Often, we do for our family and others and never seem to hear a "thank you." As a mother we would do it all over again and again. Why? Because of the love God gave us for our family. God entrusted you, with someone very important to Him and He knows you are the right mother to fulfill the plan He has for you. I ask special prayers for my mother right now. I know God hears me and He has the plan.

Just a reminder, we are collecting migrant kits items this month. The items or kits should be on the back table of the sanctuary on or before May 26, 2024, so they can be turned in to the Savannah River Association to be distributed to our local migrant workers. Thank you for your love for them.

We are in the thought process of many new adventures for Shell Point Baptist. Please keep watching and listening during church for upcoming events that are in the process, Ice Cream Social, Brunch and Bloom for the Women, Spaghetti Dinner with the donations going to help buy items for our Christmas Shoe Box Ministry, and the women's retreat at Camp Jackson in October. We want you to become involved in doing our called commission. Let us reach out to others to share the good news of Christ.

May God bless you.

In Christ love,

Jenny Durham, WMU

Dear Family:

Well, we have one more day of AWANA, on Saturday, May 4, 2024 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. our AWANA clubbers will be receiving their awards and having a party with water slides and an obstacle course. Hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings will be supplies to fuel our stomachs. It has been an amazing year. The clubbers have learned a lot about God and new Bible verses. The challenges have been met by many.

I can not say enough about the teachers and helpers that have worked to make the AWANA ministry a success. They have been there week after week. They smile and show love toward our clubbers. We could not have done it without each of you. I also want to thank each of you for your continued support through your prayers and donations to our ministry.

As many of you may have heard, AWANA will be taking a one-year sabbatical. We will be using this time to discuss changes in study material, set up and how to proceed to provide an even better AWANA experience for the clubbers.

We ask that you pray for us as we continue to plan and find new ways to reach our children for Christ. Again, thank you for your prayers and support.

Mike Durham, AWANA Director.



(HE IS HIS OWN POWER TOOL).

No need to buy or borrow
Yesterday, today, or tomorrow
All He needs is who He is,
He is His own power tool.
With skilled precision and
Self-sustainable battery
He is on the spot ready to
Be the jackhammer, earthmover;
Chainsaw, hammer, gun, if you
can name it, He will claim it, if
His will you seek be done.
And he will use your hands and
Feet, your back, your brawn and
Your brain, your trips to the hardware
store and the sweat and toil you pour
into your love for Him and His will of
being A light in a dark world.
He is His own power tool who extends
An extension THE HOLY GHOST POWER
CORD plugged in by Him to His;
Are you His.
He gives rest to the laborers as they learn
To trust that He is all the power tool they
Need. He extends wisdom to those
Ask.
And on top of all that
HE NEVER MALFUNCTIONS,
SHUTS DOWN OR SPUTTERS.

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—Anthony C. Settles



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