

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May Calendar

- Tues, May 2** Church Council Meeting, 7pm
Wed, May 3 Deacons Meeting, 7pm
Thurs, May 4 National Day of Prayer
Sat, May 6 Men's Breakfast, 8am
Sat, May 6 AWANA awards/party
Sun, May 14 Mother's Day Lunch after the morning service
Mon, May 29 Memorial Day, church closed

Alice Reaves, Ministry Assistant will be out of the office on Monday, May 22nd and Tuesday, May 23rd. She will be going to the cancer center for her 6 months check up. Please keep her in your prayers for a great check up and safe travels.



Men's Breakfast Saturday, May 6 8:00 am

Men's Ministry will be meeting and having breakfast with a devotion and a fellowship time. All men are invited and bring a friend.



May Birthday's

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| 05/02 | Gerald Wynn |
| 05/04 | Sarah Barnett |
| 05/05 | Richard Johnson |
| 05/13 | Katheryn Barnett |
| 05/14 | Charlene Robbins |
| 05/14 | Janice Ward |
| 05/15 | Jeannette Kilpatrick |
| 05/15 | Andrea Johnson |
| 05/20 | Deborah Green |
| 05/26 | Wende Anderson |

June Events

- Sat, June 3—Men's Breakfast, 8am
 Wed, June 7—WMU Meeting/Lunch, 12pm
 June 7—Deacons Meeting, 7pm
 Sun, June 18—Father's Day
 Mon, June 19—Church Office closed (holiday)

Savannah River Baptist Association

Advancing Together

(Advancing the Mission & Ministries of Our Association Churches)

2023 Hanshew Offering

The Clarence and Christine Hanshew Offering for Associational Missions memorializes the couple who served this association as Director of Missions for more than 20 years. The proceeds from this year's Hanshew Offering will support:

- Helping Churches with Community Impact
- Residencies for Potential Church Plant Teams and Summer Internships
- Local Church Ministry Development
- Missional Engagement and Missional Partnerships

Associational Goal—\$20,000 May 1-31, 2023

One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city." (Acts 18:9-10 NIV)

Association Emphasis Prayer Guide

- Day 1—Jesus' Church**
Read Matthew 5:13-16; 16:13-18
- Day 2—The Work of the Association in Mobilizing Churches**
Read Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:4-8
- Day 3—Praying for SRBA Churches**
Read Acts 2:40-47
- Day 4—Praying for Spiritual Awakening in the Low Country**
Read Acts 4:23-37
- Day 5—Unity in the Process**
Read Ephesians 4:1-7
- Day 6—The Multiplying Church in the Low Country**
Read Acts 9:31
- Day 7—An Examining Church**
Read 2 Corinthians 13:5-14



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

ISSUE 5

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

May 2023



"Leave In No Leaven"

"And He was giving orders to them, saying, 'Watch out! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.'" Mark 8:15 LSB

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Jesus knew two millennia prior that believers today would continue to struggle the same way believers did during His days upon this Earth. Ever since the birth of the Church, two of the greatest enemies of Christ's people were that of legalism (*Leaven of Pharisees*) and licentiousness (*Leaven of Herod*); and these two are in constant battle for control over God's people.

Quickly then, lets break down the text:

And He was giving orders to them: This was no mere request on behalf of our King. It was (and is!) a present imperative command. The Greek word translated "giving orders" (*diastellos*) refers to the constant command to obey the strictest orders.

- **Watch out:** This verb is (*horaō*) meaning "to see, to become acquainted with by experience."

- **Beware:** The verb used here is (*blepō*) meaning, "to perceive by the use of the eyes."

- **Leaven of the Pharisees/Herod:** 1 Leaven – 2 Extremes

- ◇ Leaven: (*zume*) was literally a small portion of dough that was retained in order to start a new batch of dough. Leaven is what we today would call yeast. It was a common biblical symbol of sin, corruption, and evil.
- ◇ Pharisees: (*pharisaïos*) means "separate one." The legalist of the day. This religious sect was heavy on the rules of Judaism.
- ◇ Herod: (*Hērōdēs*) was the name of Roman puppet king of Judea. He and his family were known for their licentious lifestyle.

So, the question some have are, "Should we try to find our place somewhere between the two?" Absolutely not! Christ's orders are against leaven of any kind. Therefore, we should strive to be free of its presence regardless of its brand of evil.

In our freedom to obey the commands of God, we can become prideful and legalistic in our thoughts and actions. Likewise, in the unending grace of God, we can become comfortable and prone to presume upon the Lord. Before long, we find ourselves abusing the grace of God.

Heed Jesus' order! Watch out! Beware! The leaven of sin will sneak in any way it can!

In Christ Alone,

Pastor D.A. Jones



WMU NEWS

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

I would like to start out by saying “Happy Mother’s Day” to all the beautiful women of our church. As a woman you make such a difference in the lives of others. Whether you mother your

biological child(ren) or are a mother/grandmother to a child you just have taken too, you are special. May this day we call “Mother’s Day” be very special, may it be filled with joy and laughter.

I want to thank all of you for your prayers and donations for the North American Easter Offering. We surpassed our \$1000.00 goal. I hope you read the prayer guide brochures. If so, you learned about our missionaries serving in Porcupine, WI, New Orleans, LA and on the Indian Reservation. Just call it your mission moment as you read it each day. Please do not forget to continue to pray for our North American Missionaries, they are serving the people in our own states.

Upcoming mission project is the collection of items for our Migrant Kits. So, let me ask you a question, what does, a bath towel, washcloth, tooth paste, tooth brush, comb and a bar of soap all have in common? Come on, guess your best!! Yep, you got it, the items in a migrant kit. We need to have the items into our church on or before May 28, 2023. Last year, Will and Deborah Green had the privilege of being there when they distributed the packages. I am praying it will fall this year where Mike and I can go. I am hoping maybe we can collect at least some coloring books and crayons to take with us, so they can be given to the children of the migrant workers. So, pray about what you can give. If you do not want to shop, I will be glad to do it for you. Let’s make a difference.

Please do not forget about Camp Fearless coming up Labor Day Weekend. We could sure use your help. If you cannot stay the whole weekend, that is okay come up for the day and enjoy the environment of watching children learn about Christ. Sharing Christ with our children is a very important mission.

Please continue to pray for our family as we pray for you. We all can use prayer. There are days when I just feel I do not fit anywhere and I know the devil is working. I imagine all of us feel that way at times, so let’s pray for each other.

In Christ’s Love, Jenny Durham

**Migrant Ministry -
Your Involvement Needed**



Ministry
Health
Kits

**Ministry Health Kits for
Migrant Workers**

Due by Sunday, May 28

**Thank you for your continued support
of this special ministry.**

Health Kit

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

Items Optional extra items to consider:
Kleenex Packets, Laundry detergent,
Toiletries (shampoo, lotion, etc.),
rain poncho (dollar store) Masa flour, rice,
beans, fruit cocktail, Bibles, gospel tracts.

**MAY IS MINISTER’S
Wives
APPRECIATION MONTH IN
SOUTH CAROLINA**

This month we **honor** and **appreciate** the women who sacrifice, support, and lead alongside their husbands in our churches. Romans 12:10 says, **Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.”**
Thank You, Kayla, for all you do in helping our pastor. We love you!

**Happy Mother’s Day
Sunday, May 14**

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



**AWANA Celebration/Award
Party**

Saturday, May 6, 2PM-5PM

Dear Family:

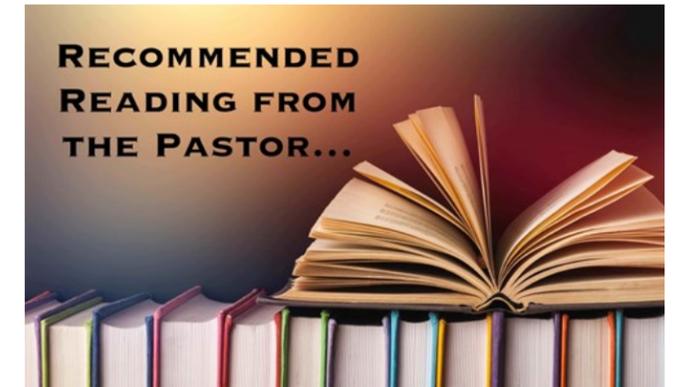
It has been a pleasure serving the Lord in the AWANA ministry again this year. I want to thank each of you for your support and dedication. Shell Point loves the Lord and it shows. We are closing out this year on Saturday, May 6, 2023 with our Year End Cookout and Awards Program. We would love to invite each of you to join us. If you come, you will get to hear what our clubbers have accomplished this year. There will be a cookout, with waterslides, popcorn, slushies, etc. for all to enjoy.

The AWANA Derby took place on Sunday, March 26, 2023. There was a good showing and after many rounds of winners and losers, the top 3 places went to Michael, Connor and Becca. Yep, a clubber from each class took an award. There were several other really fast cars, but these 3 eliminated their competition one right after the other.

I would like to thank each worker who came out each week to assist in teaching these clubbers, Cubbies - Charlene and Randy; Sparks - Bonnie, Gary, and Barb; T & T - Mike and Jenny and Paula; Trek/Journey – Ted and Rina and Kyle; Recreation - Jamie and Gary; Kitchen - Mike, Tom and Flora; Security - Gerald; craft days - Andrea and all of you for supporting us with your prayers and assistance in our fund raising. God is so good to us.

May each of the AWANA workers’ have a safe and restful summer.

In Christ, Mike Durham



“No Reason to Hide:

Standing for Christ in a Collapsing Culture”

By Erwin W. Lutzer

In a culture with an ever-narrowing definition of tolerance, Christians can no longer stay silent about the divide between the Bible’s truth and the world’s lies. From bestselling author Dr. Erwin W. Lutzer, *No Reason to Hide* examines the toxic roots behind the alarming symptoms of a nation in spiritual freefall—and why your faith must empower you to engage rather than hide.

As you read, you’ll be equipped to defend your biblical beliefs with confidence and compassion. You’ll also identify how you can respond to the battleground issues of today, including:

- identity-driven social justice ideologies that seek to divide rather than unite
- cultural attacks on the definitions of sex and gender that turn language into a war
- progressive pushes within the church that ultimately desecrate the Bible’s teachings

A call for believers to standing firm in today’s oppressive world, *No Reason to Hide* is a rallying reminder that will ready Christians everywhere to have the courage to proclaim Scripture’s truth to a culture in desperate need of what only God can offer.

** New copies of the work are available on Amazon.com for \$12.99 and a copy is available to borrow in our church library.*