

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July Calendar

Sat, July 1 Men's Breakfast at church, 8am
 Tues, July 4 Church Office closed for holiday
 Wed, July 5 WMU Ladies Meeting/Lunch 12pm
 Wed, July 5 Deacons Meeting, 7pm
 Tues, July 11 Church Council Meeting, 7pm
 Wed, July 19 Quarterly Family Meeting, 6:30pm

Every week:

Sunday

Sunday School—10:45am
 Worship Service—11am

Wednesday

Wednesday, Men's Bible Study (Chick-Fil-A) 8am



July Birthday's

07/08 Bonnie Richard
 07/10 Rina Baker
 07/21 Jim Pender
 07/23 Bill Clark
 07/27 Austine Coxwell
 07/31 Polly Schoeneweis

SAVE THE DATE!

*You Are
 My Sunshine*



Senior Celebration

August 17, 2023

10:00am

Grays Hill Baptist Church

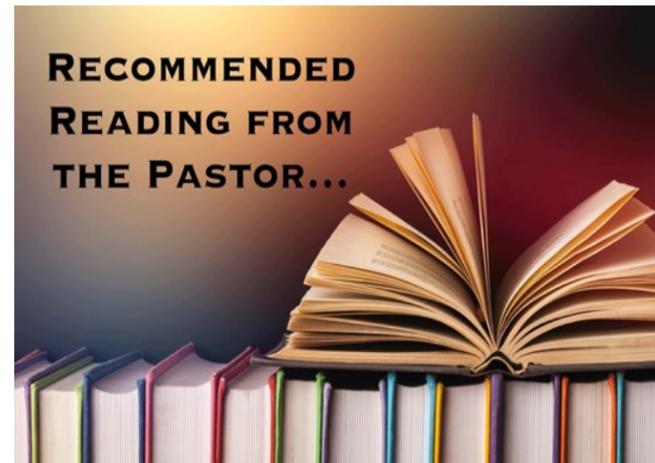
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Coming in August

Wed, Aug. 2—WMU Meeting/Lunch, 12pm
 Wed., Aug. 2—Deacons Meeting, 7pm
 Sat, Aug. 5—Men's Breakfast, 8am
 Thurs, Aug. 17—SRBA Senior Adult Celebration
 at Grays Hill Baptist Church
 Sun, Aug. 27—World Hunger Sunday

Every week:

Wednesday, Men's Bible Study (Chick-Fil-A) 8am



"Handbook for Praying Scripture"

by William Varner

(featuring the Legacy Standard Bible)

Dr. William Varner has collected and adapted prayers from the *Legacy Standard Bible*. The result is a useful 31-day prayer guide that allows for anyone to easily implement praying Scripture into his or her life. Even seasoned Christians will enjoy the refreshing use of addressing God by His covenant name, Yahweh, a hallmark of the LSB. This easily portable edition also includes a week's worth of more intense prayers, seasonal prayers, and prayers to offer in difficult circumstances. The Handbook for Praying Scripture will enable you to cultivate a richer, more fulfilling prayer life.

* New softcover copies of this work are available for \$15.99 on amazon.com, and a copy is available to borrow in our church library!



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

JULY 2023



Meaningful Church Membership: United in Christ's Body

"For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

For the body is not one member, but many."

1 Corinthians 12:12-14, NASB95

Greetings Church:

As believers, we are called to live out our faith in community, serving and worshiping God together. In today's fast-paced and individualistic society, it is vital to understand the importance of biblical church membership. Membership is not merely about having one's name on a roll, but rather it signifies a commitment and active participation in God's family, the Church. Just as the early Christians in the New Testament united in fellowship and worship, we too are called to be a part of something greater than ourselves.

The analogy of the human body provided by the Apostle Paul in 1st Corinthians 12 beautifully portrays the significance of church membership. Just as a body is composed of various parts that work together for its proper functioning, the Church is composed of diverse individuals who, united by their faith in Christ, form the body of Christ. Each member has a unique role and purpose, just as every part of the body serves a specific function. When every part functions harmoniously and is committed to the body, the body becomes stronger and healthier.

Biblical church membership goes beyond attending Sunday services. It means being willing to serve, love, and support fellow believers, sharing their joys and bearing their burdens. It involves using our spiritual gifts to edify the body of Christ, contributing to its growth and maturity. Moreover, membership is a tangible expression of our commitment to nurture spiritual growth within the local church, creating an environment where God's Word is taught, discipleship occurs, and community is fostered.

The importance of biblical church membership can be understood from several crucial aspects. I will give you four that immediately come to mind:

1. Accountability and Spiritual Growth:

Being a member of a local church provides a framework of accountability where mutually beneficial relationships can flourish. It creates an environment where individuals can be nourished spiritually, encouraged in their faith, and held accountable for their actions. Through regular fellowship, small groups, and

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WMU Newsletter

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

I hope you are all doing well. I want to thank you all for your donations to the Migrant Kits. Yes, because of each of you, we were able to make 63 Migrant Kits. I

believe that is a record for our church. Thank you so much for having mission orient hearts. We also collected \$800.00 for Hanshew Offering, that goes to the Savannah River Association. Well done!

I know you are probably saying, what next? Well, just a reminder, that even though the kids may be out of school right now, they will begin again the first part of August. Please start watching for our favorite school supplies. Each year we collect school supplies to go to a local or far off school, that is in need. In recent years, we have stayed close to home, because we do have many children in our area that could use these school supplies. All children need the opportunity for a good education and the lack of paper, pencils, notebooks, etc. should not have to be an issue. We have taken supplies, to Shell Point Elementary, Broad River Elementary, Battery Creek High School, Mossy Oaks, Whale Branch Elementary, and Bridges. Each one of the schools have been so appreciative of our outreach. Please let's continue in making a difference in our own home town. Let's start watching for those school supplies to become available.

Do not forget the women have a retreat coming up in October, 2023 of this year. Please start thinking about making arrangements to be available for this retreat and maybe even invite a friend. It is always nice to have friends and family at the retreat. If you have not been before, please make this year, your year to join us. The fellowship is sweet and the food is yummy. This year our theme is "Testimonies." Camp Jackson, here we come. A sign-up list will go up in the vestibule in September, 2023.

Have a beautiful time enjoying your summer. Take some time to spend it with family and friends. We need to take the time to enjoy each other. May God bless each of you.

Jenny Durham, WMU

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★ **"My Fourth of July"** ★

★ While my eyes seek Your face ★
 ★ searching glory in You, ★

★ I'm halted by the measure of ★
 ★ the glory to view. ★

★ Tho blessed by the fact that ★
 ★ You bought me with a price, ★

★ then shared your eyes with me ★
 ★ so I could seek Your face, ★

★ becoming my Independence Day ★
 ★ Jesus my Fourth of July! ★

★ And the Angels rejoiced over ★
 ★ one sinners repentance. ★

★ What a Celebration ★
 ★ may there be ★
 ★ millions more. ★

★ May glory bombs burst in ★
 ★ Heaven, unlike any we offer here. ★

★ And Lord, Thank You, as we ★
 ★ celebrate the Fourth of July with ★
 ★ food, family, and friends. Help ★
 ★ us remember You!!! ★

★ And make You our true Eternal ★
 ★ Fourth of July!!! ★

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Happy Fourth of July

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discipleship programs, church membership enables believers to grow in their relationship with God and become more Christlike.

2. Community and Fellowship:

Membership allows believers to experience genuine community, authentic friendship, and mutual support within the body of Christ. Just as the early believers devoted themselves to fellowship, breaking bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42), church membership fosters an atmosphere of love, care, and unity that is essential for our spiritual well-being.

3. Discernment and Spiritual Authority:

Being a part of a specific local church helps prevent spiritual isolation and encourages alignment with godly leadership. Church membership enables believers to seek guidance, wisdom, and accountability from trusted spiritual authorities. Through the expository preaching and teaching of God's Word, church membership plays a vital role in helping us discern biblical truth and remain anchored in sound doctrine.

4. Service and Mission:

Biblical church membership offers believers opportunities to serve and actively engage in God's mission, both within the church and in the broader community. We are called to use our time, talents, and resources to bless others and impact the world for Christ. Membership motivates us to actively participate in ministries, missions, and outreach efforts, allowing us to fulfill the Great Commission.

Let us remember that biblical church membership is a beautiful reflection of our commitment to Christ and His Body. It is a privilege and a responsibility that enables us to experience the fullness of God's plan for His Church. May we wholeheartedly embrace our role as members of the body of Christ, working together in unity and love to witness the transformative power of the Gospel in our lives and communities. Amen.

In Him,

Pastor D. A. Jones



This event is completely free to all. Film will begin at 5pm sharp on Sunday, July 23rd in the sanctuary. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Bring your favorite movie-watching blanket!

