THE DUDLEY MESSENGER



OCTOBER 2023

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Pastor Appreciation Dinner - Sunday, October 22, 6:00pm

We hope you will make plans to join us as we show our appreciation to our pastors and staff. For the Dinner, the church will provide the meat (chicken or pork). Please bring your favorite sides and desserts. We do ask for you to sign up for the dinner <u>and</u> check if you would like chicken or pork. You may sign up in the foyer or call Debra in the church office (478-676-3186).

If you would like to show your appreciation by a card, note, gift card, etc., we will have a box in the foyer.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 29, 5:30pm-8:30pm

Join us for...Rides, Candy, Trunks, Cake Walk, Boiled Peanuts, Funnel Cakes, Popcorn, Hamburgers, Hot-Dogs, Chips and Drinks...And Loads for Fun for All Ages!

If you would like to furnish a trunk or volunteer, please sign up at the booth in Building A or see Paul.

All help is greatly appreciated!



AWANA CLUBS AT DBC

Wednesday, October 4th at Awana - Bring your favorite Stuffed Animal & ABAY Store will be open.

Bring A Friend Night to Awana and receive 20 Awana Bucks on Wednesday, October 18th.

DBC REAL MEN'S MINISTRY 1st ANNUAL SHOOT OUT

Please join us Saturday morning, October 14th, 9:00am-12:30pm at Twin Oaks Gun Owners association for fellowship, friendly competition, and food. We will have archery, pistol, rifle, and shotgun events to choose from. Bring your own guns and ammo. Targets and clays will be provided.

CLUB 56 NEWS

Judgement House - Saturday, October 21st - Meet at the church at 6:30pm - Bring \$5

Move Conference at Wild Adventures in Valdosta, GA – December 29-30th – Cost \$125

Sign-ups will end on Wednesday, October 15th. See Pastor Paul for more details.

PASTOR'S PEN

By Pastor Matt

Fall is in the AIR!

As the coolness of the morning breaks through, and the sun begins to illuminate the day, I can't help but to praise the Lord. Seasons come and seasons go, but the Lord is forever faithful. Yes, I love this time of year; however, with changing seasons, I am reminded that life is moving fast. I realize that my life is changing, and I wonder where I will gain strength to continue in this ever-changing world. The Holy Spirit quenches my spirit with the words of Nehemiah.

Nehemiah makes an encouraging recording in the last part of verse eight in the tenth chapter, Nehemiah 8:10: "Do not grieve because the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Simply stated, if the changing of seasons brings praise from me to Him, it also reminds me of my dependance on His strength from Him to me.

Pastor Matt

Senior Adult News

On to Cornbread Cafe, Wrightsville

(Please sign up to be sure we have

The Bus is moving......

Thursday, October 26th

Leave church at 11:15am

enough rides)



DBC KIDS

By Pastor Paul

A Tiny Spark

In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. (James 3:5) What a powerful tool each of us is blessed with: communication!

Depending upon its delivery and timing, something as simple as a laugh has the power to make a jovial comedian radiate or cut a person to their core. Use your tongue for God's purposes by building up loved ones, teaching others about Jesus' love, or praying in difficult situations.

Family First Sunday - Sunday, October 1

DBC Kids Choir: We love to have you in the choir each Wednesday Night at 6pm in the Choir Room in Building A.

STUDENT LIFE MINISTRY

By Pastor Clint

"Thief of Everything"

How to keep comparison from stealing the full life you crave.

Students all tend to compare themselves to others. The grades they're getting, the people they're dating, the friends they have, the clothes they wear, the highlight reel on their social media-it all feels like one long list of what others have that they just don't! During October, we'll help students discover that comparison not only keeps them from liking others, it steals things like joy, peace, and grace from their lives! And the further they move away from comparison and toward contentment, the more they'll be able to love who they are just as they are!



Student Ministry Upcoming Dates

Mark Your Calendar!

Oct. 1 Low Country Boil Fundraiser Oct. 1 Mission Trips Info Meeting Oct. 2, 16, 23, 30 Prayer Breakfast Oct. 11 Tidal Wave Fundraiser Begins Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 Middle School D2 Groups Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 High School D2 Groups Oct. 21 Missions Mobilization

(canvassing Dudley)

Oct. 29 Trunk or Treat



MUSIC MINSTRY

Bv Pastor Mvles

Greeting Church family,

Psalm 9:1-2 reads "I will praise You, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High."

It came to mind that I have to be careful not to dwell on the negative. It's easy for me to stay stuck in the negative but effort is required to get out of the dregs of negativity. The next time you feel down, testify as David did and remember to sing praise to the Lord Most High with your whole heart remembering that He is faithful to deliver.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.



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