# The BEACON Inne 2023



is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society

**BILLY GRAHAM** 



June 19<sup>th</sup>—23<sup>rd</sup> 8:30 am—12:00 pm For ages Kindergarten thru 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Register today by scanning the QR Code or visit https://kideventpro.lifeway.com/myEvent/?id=65586

FLEBRATING GOD S GREATINES

#### WEEKLY MINISTRIES

#### SUNDAYS

<i>Morning:</i> Morning Worship Sunday School	9:30 AM 10:45 AM
Evening: C.R.E.W. Children's Bible Study Youth NEXT Ministry	5:30 - 7:00 PM 5:30 - 7:00 PM 5:30 - 7:00 PM 6:30 - 8:30 PM

#### WEDNESDAYS

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#### **GOD'S BLESSINGS** LAST MONTH

#### **APRIL 30**

TITHES/OFFERINGS	\$12,479.00			
Building Fund	\$	80.00		
LOVING YOU JESUS	\$	14.14		

#### MAY 7

TITHES/OFFERINGS	\$1	0,487.40
BUILDING FUND	\$	175.00
LOVING YOU JESUS	\$	94.14

#### MAX 44

May 14	
TITHES/OFFERINGS	\$ 3,126.20
BUILDING FUND	\$ 0.00
LOVING YOU JESUS	\$ 14.14
May 21	
TITHES/OFFERINGS	\$ 6,980.66
BUILDING FUND	\$ 0.00
LOVING YOU JESUS	\$ 94.14
CHILDREN'S HOME	\$ 910.50
GIDEON'S	\$ 707.00



**Donuts With Dad** June 18, 2023 8:45 am **CCBC** Welcome Center

Everyone is invited to come help us recognize and honor all dads. Donuts & coffee will be provided by the CCBC Children's Ministry.



Wednesday Night Prayer Groups @6:30 pm Men's Group-Room S106 Ladies Group—Room S103 Coed Group-S105 Nursery, Children, & Youth Activities Provided



Time TBA on our website, Facebook, and church-wide text.





**Deacons' Meeting** June 4, 2023 4:00 pm

All deacons are encouraged to attend.



**June 13, 2023** 11:30 am Potluck Lunch



Sunday Nights @ The Creek

5:30 pm-7:00 pm

C.R.E.W. Classes for Adults Youth & NEXT Ministry Bible Study Nursery & Children's Activities

Come Grow Spiritually With Us!!!!



Wednesday Nights @ 7:30 pm There is a spot for you.



John Martz

# A Ministry For and With Those 18-25 Years of Age



### All That Glitters Is Not Gold

One of my favorite activities growing up was fishing. I remember my buddies and me riding our bikes to a local farm pond and fishing for hours. I bet a lot of you have similar memories.

While many of us enjoy the simple, relaxing act of fishing, the situation is very different on the other side of the line. The unfortunate fish who originally planned to grab a quick meal suddenly finds itself being pulled from its home to a place it isn't meant to survive. Many end up being a meal themselves.

A simple examination of the bait they are about to consume would reveal the danger of the hook. However, fish choose the short-term gratification placed before them. Their simple decision to satisfy a fleeting desire results in permanent and drastic consequences.

While we often think of fish as foolish creatures for falling for the trap, nevertheless we make the same mistakes. Many times we find ourselves circumventing God's plan for our lives, instead choosing to follow our own plans that results in immediate gratification. We see the glimmer of the bait without taking time to examine the potential consequences of our actions. We spend our time looking for what seems pleasurable without seeing the trap. We don't even notice anything is wrong until we feel the hook and realize it is too late.

Thankfully, the Bible provides clear instructions on how to avoid these traps. It is full of commands to be wise. In Matthew 10:16, Jesus says, "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore, be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves." Why would we forsake the blessings of God for sin that may bring us temporary happiness but rob us of eternal joy? Sin removes us from the environment in which we thrive — serving God — placing us into a world of pain and eventual death.

Adam and Eve made the same mistake we make each and every day when they were in Eden. Instead of relying on God's goodness and the ability to eat from any other tree they wanted, they chose the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Why did they make this mistake? In their short sightedness, they only saw the benefits without any of the cost. "When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it?" (Genesis 3:6). It was only after they ate that they realized their mistake. "Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so, they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves" (Genesis 3:7).

The simple decision to eat fruit from that particular tree resulted in a lifetime of pain and heartache, resulting in the loss of the relationship and community they had with God. Much like a fish who chooses the wrong worm to eat, Adam and Eve's decision resulted in dire consequences.

So, as we strive to live each day in the service of God, let us remember the fish and the cost of turning away from our source of true nourishment and joy. As Shakespeare wrote in his play "The Merchant of Venice," "All that glitters is not gold."



In Christ,

Bro. John





"Let no one despise you for your youth, but set for the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

Chuck Eavenson

# Summer Camp 2023—Student Life at the Beach—June 12-16

Camp is only days away, and we are making sure we are ready to experience all that God has for us. Parents, please make sure you have paid your balance and filled out the waiver from Student Life. The waiver must be completed and signed online. Please go over the beach camp packing list and notice the appropriate clothing and camp dress code information. Girls will need a one piece or an overlapping tankini swimsuit. We plan to leave CCBC on May  $12^{th}$  at 8:00 am. Please be at CCBC to load the bus at 7:45 am. We should be back Friday, May  $16^{th}$  at approximately 4:00 pm. Youth will need money for eight meals.

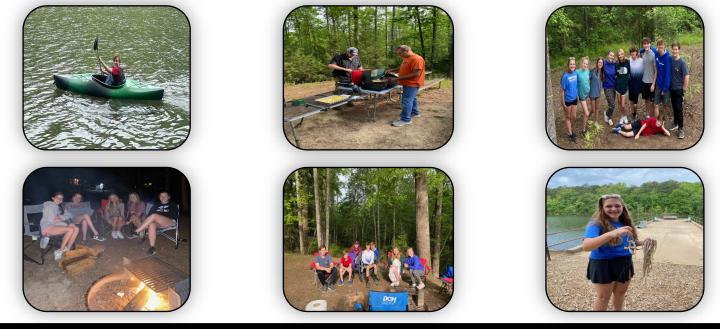
## **Sportsman's Family Dinner**

CCBC family, I would like to thank everyone for helping make this night a success. We had a fantastic night, with many families and guests from our community. We are praying for several prayer requests mentioned on the invitation cards that were turned in. It would be impossible for me to acknowledge everyone that helped because so many members helped and did things to help the night go smoothly. I am honored and blessed to be a part of a church family that truly loves and cares for others and the community. Let's continue to pray that God will work in our church and community as we encourage those who came and those who served.

# **CCBC Youth Camping Trip**

The youth had a wonderful weekend on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The weather was fantastic, and the fellowship and Bible study were just what we needed. God is so good! I would like to send out a huge thank you to everyone that helped make this trip so special. Our Bible study was aimed at imitating Christ and not the world.

"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma." Ephesians 5:1

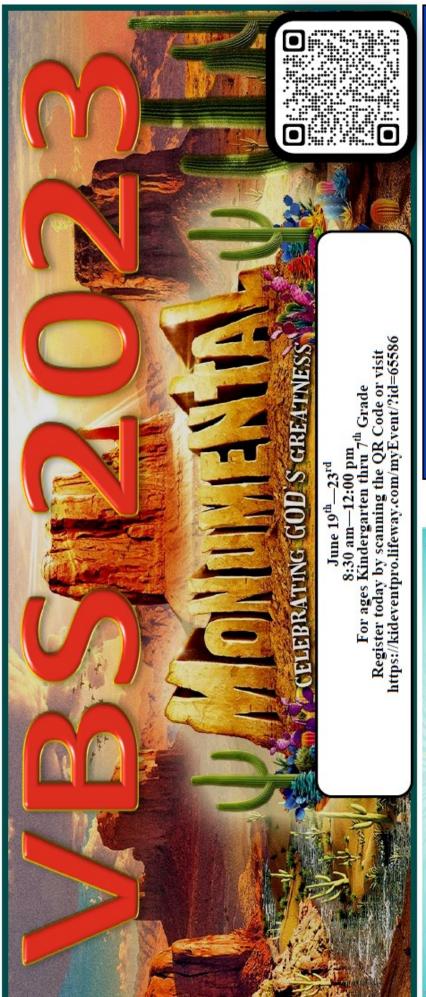




"I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations." Psalm 89:1. Blessed is the man who hungers and thirsts after righteousness. As summer approaches, our safety advisors constantly stress us to drink plenty of water. On the other hand, Satan desires for us to hunger and thirst after the things of this world. Music allows us to drink from God's words through song. Allow the Holy Spirit to satisfy your soul today and fill it with God's praise so that we can defeat our worldly adversary.

#### Bro, Brian

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