

# The Weekly Visitor

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## Godly Mothers Have Given the Church and the World Some of Their Greatest Blessings

His name was known around the world. Crowds flocked to his church to hear him preach, and everywhere else people devoured the printed editions of his sermons. When he died, 60,000 admirers filed past his casket and 100,000 lined his funeral route. Even today, people visit his grave to pay tribute. Even more read his books and are inspired by his sermons. Yet before Charles Spurgeon was The Prince of Preachers, he was a young boy in the arms of a godly mother. Amid all his success and all his fame, he would not forget his first and best instructor. "I cannot tell," he said, "how much I owe to the solemn words of my good mother." As his brother would say, "She was the starting point of all the greatness and goodness any of us, by the grace of God, have ever enjoyed."

Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892) is a spiritual hero and mentor to me. I read one of his sermons every week. His middle name was Haddon (now you know – where we got that name and the impact Spurgeon has had on me).

The point I wish to make though is about his mother, Eliza. Even though Charles rebelled against the Lord until the age of 15, he never got away from hearing his mother plead for his soul in prayer and the many lessons of Scripture she taught him. When he gave his heart to Jesus, he wrote his mother a letter. In it he penned,

"You, my Mother, have been the great means in God's hand of rendering me what I hope I am. Your kind, warning Sabbath-evening addresses were too deeply settled on my heart to be forgotten...I have any courage, if I feel prepared to follow my saviour, not only into the water, but should He call me, even into the fire, I love you as the preacher to my heart of such courage, as my praying, watching Mother."

To all our mothers who love the Lord and pray for their children – we deeply, gratefully thank you! You have a special place beyond anyone else to leave the most important legacy (faith) and to teach the most important lesson (devotion to Scripture). Your earnest prayers do not go unanswered!!

### KID'S CHOIR

Join us this Sunday evening at 6pm as the Kid's Choir presents Camp Wallaballa-A Kid's Musical About God's Promises. Come out and support these children and their leaders as they share their musical talents and gifts.

### Treasure Verse Challenge

5 FREE tickets to the Creation Museum – valid until April 8, 2023 – for the first one who will recite our 5 Treasure Verses during one of our Sunday morning worship services!! Contact Pastor Wil as soon as you are ready!!

### Sunday Night Summer Series

Ask Pastor Wil.

Do you have a Bible question? Verse? Doctrine? Or how the Bible addresses or answers a topic or issue? Email your questions to [wilowens@me.com](mailto:wilowens@me.com).

### GRADUATE SUNDAY

This year we will honor our 2022 graduates on Sunday, May 22 during the Morning Worship Service. If you have a high school or college graduate that will be participating in this service, please contact the church office to have them added to the list.

### MAY TREASURE VERSE

*What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31*

### MISSIONS PROJECT



For the months of May and June we will be filling baby bottles with change that will be given to Options Medical, our local Crisis Pregnancy Center. Baby bottles are located in the vestibule and are due back Father's Day.

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## **APPRECIATION EVENT**

All children and youth workers and parents of children and youth are invited to an appreciation meal on Wednesday, May 25 at 6:30pm. This will be a time to celebrate everyone's help with our children and youth ministry. We will also look at upcoming events and ways to be involved. Youth parents can use this time to turn in camp and Jerusalem Project forms. There will be inflatables for the kids to enjoy as well. Make plans to join us as celebrate partnership in ministry.

## **WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT**

Isaac Owen and Cailey Sheppard were recently married.

Isaac is the son of Kenneth and Amy Owen.

They are registered at Amazon

<https://www.amazon.com/wedding/share/isaacandcailey>

Isaac & Cailey Owen

2119 Fairfield Road

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## **OFFERING FOR THE WEEK**

May 8, 2022

Sunday School	151
Morning Worship	214
Budget	16,411.00
Youth Fund	670.00
Building fund	445.00
Music Fund	200.00
Total	\$17,726.00

## **Save the Date**

May 20-22-Vacation Bible School

Sign up to Volunteer or PreRegister your child at [vbspro.events/p/events/gpbcvbs22](https://vbspro.events/p/events/gpbcvbs22) or fill out a form & drop in box in vestibule.

Questions? contact Jenna Hiers (864)490-7562

## **NURSERY—Sunday, May 15**

Baby Nursery – Daniel and Erica McDowell

Toddler Nursery – Lori Benton and Amanda George

## **YOUTH SUMMER EVENTS**

### **SUMMERSALT—JUNE 27-JULY 1**

We will attend Summersalt Camp once again this summer at Charleston Southern University. The cost of camp is \$200 and a \$50 deposit is required to hold your spot. Only 30 spots are available. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, May 29.

### **JERUSALEM PROJECT—JULY 18-22**

Deadline to sign up is Sunday, May 29. Cost of JP is \$60. See Martin for a registration form. Money is due by the week of JP. Adults are needed as crew chiefs and crew encouragers as well. Those forms are needed to be filled out by adults.