



December 2018

The Cornerstone

I Peter 2:6

Growing God's Kingdom Associationally



HAPPY HOLY DAYS! Christmas greetings to you, your family and your church family! Christmas should be one of the best times of year for Christians and the Church universal, for we know its' true meaning! While we may enjoy many of the human trappings of Christmas, we glory in its greatest meaning. It's just as the Apostle Paul told us, "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift!" As you seek to spread the spirit of Christmas all around, may I share a thing or two that the Underwood family has found that brings the true meaning of Christmas alive. As a family, assemble an Advent wreath and spend a few moments at dinnertime each evening in December, reading the Christmas story, lighting a candle and praying. You can purchase Advent wreathes

at bookstores and online. I know we are Baptists, but at my last church we actually celebrated Christmas with an Advent wreath each Sunday morning in worship, involving families in the church. Five years after we've left, the church is still doing this! In the Christmas services, I also used the Lottie Moon videos provided by IMB. Other than going on a mission trip itself, they will do more to light the fire for missions than anything I know. When a church is on fire for missions, it seems that most of the complaints and "molehills" fade away. Finally, don't confine your Christmas celebrations to home or the sanctuary. Be sure to gather your family and church family, and get into the community with "glad tidings of great joy." Sponsor a needy family with children. Do some Christmas caroling. Feed the hungry. Help with your child or grandchild's school party. At that first Christmas, God came to us from heaven... the angels sang...the wise men traveled from afar...and the shepherds worshipped...it's now our turn to do all we can to share the love, too!

Ron

**Every church.
Every nation.**

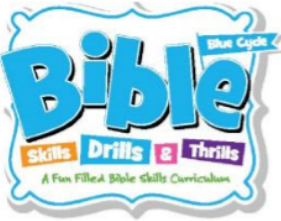
LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING*
— for international missions —



SEASON OF PRAYER...for international missions is December 2-9. The Lottie Moon Christmas offering is also received during the month of December. You should have gotten your resource CD from the IMB by now. If not, you can contact their website to order one. This year, consider inviting a missionary to your church to speak...or have a very special emphasis...so that the world may know the love, power and glory of our God in Christ Jesus!

Missions—Local

CHRISTMAS PRISON VISITS... we need men willing to go to our local prisons & deliver the prisoner packets that the South Carolina Baptist Convention/churches have been collecting. On December 4, we will visit Lee County Correctional at 1 pm, and Wateree Prison at 5:30 pm. As our Lord told us, when you have cared for the prisoner, you have done it unto Him, too! Please call the KBA, 432-3028, to sign up!



FROM TRACY BELL, CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL DIRECTOR... Are you interested in participating in Children's Bible Drill, or would you like more information about it? I would like to have a meeting, but I need to be sure there is enough in-

terest first before making plans. You may contact me by email or phone.

Email- tracy.bell@kcsdschools.net

Phone- 803-669-2393

COUNSELING RESOURCES...

Palmetto Counseling Associates—Dr Nic Natale, Columbia, SC, 803-254-9767

Celebrate Recovery—Jimmy Braddock, Christ-centered recovery program, Camden, SC, 803-369-4365

Teen Challenge—Rev Wayne Powell, Georgetown, SC, 843-520-4888

CONCERNS FOR USE OF INFLATABLES...

We've had some problems lately so please allow your KBA team to emphasize the following...

...**SAFETY** - Be sure to have good adult supervisors who are focused on safety.

...**USE** - Big kids don't need to be mixed with smaller kids on an inflatable.

...**CLEANLINESS** - Clean them before you fold them and put on trailer. Another church will be using the inflatables and should not be required to clean them until after they use them. If they are folded up wet, they will mildew and cause a terrible odor. If they are dirty and have grass all over them, cleaning is more difficult after they have been stored in the hot garage.

...**TRAILER USE** - Do not use the trailer if it has a mechanical issue (we recently incurred a \$1,000+ repair!).

...**NOTIFY US** - if an inflatable has a repair issue.



GOOD NEWS CLUB WORK-SHOP... Good News Clubs are weekly Bible studies that are allowed to take place in elementary schools across the nation. Half of the elementary schools in South Carolina have them, but none are taking place locally! Beginning next fall, the KBA has budgeted funds for the 2019-20 school year so that we can have a GNC in every elementary school at no cost to your church! Your church or KBA care team will need to provide 8-10 volunteers. KBA will provide all training, literature and funds. Since all of our elementary schools have at least two KBA churches connected to them as a care team, this should be very doable. Please begin praying about this as we seek to win the next generation to Christ! You can go to the website of Child Evangelism Fellowship and learn more. We will have an information and planning meeting after the first of the year.



MONTHLY OPPORTUNITY TO FEED THE HOMELESS...

... KBA churches are joining up with the Love Serve Give ministry and other churches in Camden to feed the homeless and needy. KBA has been given the fourth Sunday afternoon of every month to do this vital ministry. Here are the details: Your church will need to provide the meal for approximately 30 people arriving at Food for the Soul around 4:00 pm, and serving around 4:30. You will need 8-10 people to help out. Tables will already be set up, but chairs will need to be put in place. Someone from your church will need to share a short devotional from Scripture. Call the KBA Mission Center for more information. This is a great opportunity for a youth group, senior group or even leadership team in your church.



Thank you to Kristen Chavez, Elisa, Seth, and Brock Baker from Hermitage Church and Linda Brasington from Trinity Church for helping check and correct the Christmas Packets for Prisoners.

KBA RADIO MINISTRY... takes place every weekday morning around 7:30 am on 102.7 FM. Each Pastor is asked to participate by sharing five 2-minute messages, about a half page when you read it. Recording takes place each Thursday at 1 pm at the radio station in Lugoff, with the devotionals being heard the following week. Contact Ron to set your recording date.

Missions—International

MISSION TRIP TO CUBA... is planned for late February/early March. Ron and Paulette will be leading a marriage retreat for 80-100 Pastors and wives. Pastors Steve Lee, Terry Corder and Jeremy Ussery will be working with Cuban Pastors and churches.

Missions—National

SUMMER MISSIONS 2019... we continue to be burdened for the many tourists who visit Myrtle Beach each year. It is the second most visited tourist destination in the US with 17 million tourists, only behind Disney. I know many of us see MB as fun in the sun... but, as I understand the Great Commission, it is a part of our "Jerusalem" and we Christians who call South Carolina home are especially responsible for it before God. We already have three churches getting ready to go. We will work with Impact Ministries Myrtle Beach. Here is some good news. We have a church there that is willing to house a team up to 20 people! It has Sunday School rooms to sleep in, a fellowship hall, a kitchen and one shower. We will work to get one of the state DR shower trailer on location if we can get enough churches to join in! Please let Ron know of your interest as we seek to have real fun in the Son next summer at Myrtle Beach. **Thursday, January 10, Todd Wood from IMPACT Ministries Myrtle Beach will be present to discuss summer missions opportunities in the resort area.**

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP... be prayerful as the churches of the KBA consider our next national partnership. Share your suggestions with Ron.



1000 Slip Discs are on their way to the KBA. Consider using them in your summer mission trips.

SHADE TREE MINISTRIES...for ministry leaders and their spouses to help refresh and bless those who are on the front line in ministry.

Rest and Relaxation—Casual atmosphere giving ample down time for physical and mental refreshing.

Spiritual Renewal—A quiet retreat offers the opportunity to commune with God and renew the passion for ministry.

Personal and Marital Restoration—Time to refocus on personal commitments and marriage.

Accommodations—Provided for each ministry couple at no charge. Includes home-cooked meals, snacks and/or local cuisine. Depending on the retreat location, local site-seeing available. Each retreat will last 4-5 days.

Visit <https://www.shadetreeministry.org> to apply.

Pastors/Staff/Family Care

PASTORS CONFERENCE... will meet on Tuesday, December 18, 11 am with lunch and an inspiring speaker.



BETTER HALVES—will not meet in December.



PASTOR AND WIFE VALENTINES BANQUET... is being planned for early February. Since we had a great supper for you in November, we thought we'd have the Valentines Banquet instead of a Christmas party this year.

Around the Association

...Our Christian love and sympathy is extended to **Frankie Atkerson** and family in the passing of her husband, the **Rev. Jimmy Atkerson**. Services were held on November 15. Pastor Jimmy retired after many years of faithful service, including 33 years as pastor of Emmanuel Church in the KBA.

...**Pleasant Hill Church** extended a call to **Dennis Outlaw** on November 25, to serve as pastor. He and his wife Deborah have two grown children and two grandchildren. A date in December will be announced for his ordination examination.

December Birthdays:

05 Steve Lee, Mt. Olivet

21 Pat Hancock, retired

22 Doug Huntsinger, Lugoff First



December Wedding Anniversaries:

18 Bruce and Pat Hancock, retired

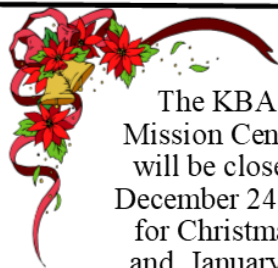
December Church Anniversaries:

09 Will Cline, Mizpah

12 Jerry Gardner, Faith

December

2-9—Season of Prayer for International Missions
4— Prisoner Kit Distribution
18—Pastors Conference



The KBA Mission Center will be closed December 24-27 for Christmas and January 1 for New Year's.

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WRAPPING UP CHRISTMAS...

Ladies, got a full schedule for the holidays and no time to wrap those special gifts?

Men, bought a gift for that special someone and don't know how to wrap?

Boys and Girls, got gifts for family and friends but have no gift wrapping supplies?

If this is you, then bring your gifts to **First Baptist Church Welcome Center, Camden, on Saturday, December 8, 9 am—5 pm**, and let the ladies of FBC wrap your gifts for you! Free – our gift to you! Open to all in our community.

Gift wrapping services available while supplies last.

Christmas Programs in our Churches

December 1, 6 pm

The Holy Night—A live outdoor experience Sandhill Heights Church, 2992 Bowen St, Elgin. Join us outside on a bale of hay as we watch “God’s Little Rascals” Puppet presentation followed by a **LIVE NATIVITY** with narration, live animals, and music. Dress appropriately for the weather and bring a blanket.. *Rain date: December 2, 6 pm.*

December 2, 4:00 pm

How Great Our Joy! The Carols of Christmas

Silvertones Senior Adult Choir
First Baptist Church, 1201 Broad St, Camden

December 2, 6 pm

Fact or Fiction: The Christmas Edition

Inside Voices, Tiny Tones, Anchored Worship, and God’s Squad Puppeteers
Springvale Baptist Church, 1496 Springvale Dr, Lugoff

December 9, 4 pm & 7 pm

We Believe – A Christmas Evensong

Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra
First Baptist Church, 1201 Broad St, Camden

December 9, 6 pm

Stranger in a Manger

Children’s presentation
Hermitage Baptist Church, 814 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Camden

December 14, 7 pm, & December 16, 3 pm & 7 pm

Love Came for Me

Lugoff Community Singing Christmas Tree
Lugoff First Baptist Church, 106 Longtown Rd, 438-1991. Free tickets required for admission; may be obtained from the church office, Monday – Thursdays.

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December 16, 5pm

O Holy Night

Buffalo Baptist Church Choir , 6390 Lockhart Rd, Kershaw

December 16, 6 pm

All About That Baby

His Kids Children’s Choir
First Baptist Church, 1201 Broad St., Camden

December 16, 6 pm

Hope for the Ages: a multi-generational Christmas Celebration

Adult, Student and Children’s Choirs
Malvern Hill Baptist Church, 1514 Malvern Hill Dr, Camden

December 16, 6 pm

Mary Did You Know

Adult Choir
Hermitage Baptist Church, 814 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Camden

December 23, 11 am

Take Me Back to Bethlehem

Pine Grove Baptist Church, 836 Pine Grove Rd, Lugoff

December 24, 5:00 pm

Candlelight Service

First Baptist Church, 1201 Broad St, Camden



Wishing you the joy and happiness that the true meaning of Christmas brings.

Your KBA staff
Ron, Kathy