



December 2019

The Cornerstone

I Peter 2:6

Growing God's Kingdom Associationally

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas to you, your family and your church family! Indeed, this is one of the happiest, yet most pressing times of the year. I hope you set aside quality time to commune with your Lord and the great blessings of His coming two thousand years ago... and His coming to seeking hearts this Advent season!



The Christmas season is one of the special times of year that we can have phenomenal impact on the world around us. That is because just about everyone in America celebrates some form of Christmas, and therein is our opportunity as Christians and the Church. Whether they are focused on Christmas trees or Santa Claus, family or food, we can help them know what Christmas is really about! With our words, testimony and our acts of kindness, we can point them to the real Christmas tree, the Cross of Jesus. We can remind them that Santa Claus was a real believer who lived in Turkey in the 3rd century AD, giving gifts to poor children. We can laugh with the best of them with a family in a soup kitchen, adopt a family for Christmas, give a bigger-than-normal Lottie Moon Christmas offering or invite our neighbors and coworkers to the Candlelight Service, Christmas is a great time to give the world around you the gift of your faith, in action. Just perhaps God will do a work in their heart, and they, too, will embrace the "indescribable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15) the world has in Jesus Christ.

Better together,
Ron Underwood



KBA PASTORS/ STAFF/ WIVES CHRISTMAS PARTY!...

Friday, December 6, Cassatt Baptist Church, 6 pm. All pastors, staff members and wives are invited, including all of our retired pastors and wives. Please call the KBA by Tuesday, December 3, to reserve your seats!



FCA MINISTRY IN OUR SCHOOLS ... the Fellowship of Christian Athletes clubs in our high schools and middle schools are an open door for the Gospel for our young people, and we must support them.

A meeting will be held at the KBA Tuesday, December 3, noon, for all interested pastors, youth pastors and volunteers. Lunch will be provided. Randy Mellichamp, the FCA representative for this area, will be present to share and help us get more involved.

Missions—Local



GOOD NEWS CLUB

TRAINING... January 14, 6 pm,
for all new volunteers. Place to be an-
nounced later.

BARBEQUE WITH OUR POLITICIANS...

Pastors, you can eat with some of your state politicians on Wednesday, January 29, at the South Carolina State House. More information to come.

PRAY ABOUT A WILL GRAHAM CELEBRATION...

Will Graham is the grandson of Dr. Billy Graham and is leading crusades/celebrations all over the world. We are told he is very much like his granddaddy.

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

MISSIONARIES AVAILABLE TO SPEAK...

Mike and Courtney Bracken (pseudonym) have served on the field in Central Asia with the IMB for the past eight years. They are open to come speak in your church or lead in education about missions. If you are interested in having them speak to your church or group, contact them at movingmountains@rememberus.net.

KBA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 7 PM

KBA MISSION CENTER

PRAYER BOOT CAMP

BASIC TRAINING FOR A LIFE OF PRAYER

PRAYER MINISTRY... for our churches is being led by our KBA Prayer Team. We are planning four separate "Prayer Boot Camps" across the KBA region in 2019. Does your church want to host one? If so, contact Paulette Underwood at 803-840-0020.



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 14, 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.

Thank you

Dear KBA Family,

Thank you for the kind and generous gestures in recognition of my thirtieth anniversary. To say I was overwhelmed, would be an understatement. I appreciated seeing all the familiar faces who have been a part of my work for the last thirty years. I can't think of another place I would rather serve, and I truly believe God put me here.

Thank you to the pastors, pastors' wives, ministry assistants, SCBMAA and SCBC representatives and friends who spoke or sang during the recognition service. Every word touched my heart and will forever be held in my memories of working with you. Your gifts given were blessings that really made me feel special and appreciated.

Many things stand out when I think about my time here, but space does not grant me the privilege of sharing all of them. So, just let me say the best part is the opportunity of serving our AWESOME GOD alongside you, the members of our churches. Thank you for thirty years of friendships. I'm not going anywhere yet, so I'll look forward to seeing you at the mission center or at one of our future meetings.

Love you all!

Kathy Hall

Missions—National

SUMMER MISSIONS IN MYRTLE BEACH... I challenge you and your church to ask God to help you see Myrtle Beach as, not only a great vacation spot, but as a mission field! Todd Wood and his team from IMPACT Myrtle Beach will be at KBA on **Tuesday, January 28**, 6 pm to share about the many opportunities there.

MISSIONS ACROSS AMERICA 2020!... now is the time for your church to be praying about going on mission next year to a destination across America! KBA already has a partnership with Myrtle Beach. Other destinations such as Atlanta, Kentucky and Boston are other options. Speak with Ron to get the ball rolling!

Missions—International

THE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE... is praying about and meeting in regards to upcoming mission trips to Cuba sometime this winter. If you are interested, please contact Ron.

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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

AND THE LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

When you pray for missionaries during the Week of Prayer for International Missions, you support their work of sharing the gospel and serving people.

God also transforms lives through your gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. One hundred percent of what you give goes to send missionaries and provide for the work He's given them to do.

Videos and other resources are available at www.imb.org. If you need help getting these resources, contact the KBA Mission Center.

Pastors/Staff/Family Care

PASTORS CONFERENCE... will meet Tuesday, December 17, 11am. Lunch will be served.

MONDAY MANNA ...Monday, January 6, noon, KBA Mission Center. A great steak lunch is planned, along with a challenging speaker.

INTERESTED IN LOCAL CHAPLAINCY?... with the local first responders? Contact Ron to learn more.

COUNSELING/REFRESHING 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

The Good Samaritan Colony—Rehab from addiction to drugs and alcohol, Ruby, SC, 843-634-6848

Shade Tree Ministry—refreshing for ministry leaders and their spouses, www.shadetreeministry.org

Wateree Pregnancy Network— 803-804-1567

Camp McCall Retreat House—
Phillip "Snoball" Jewell, 864-884-6926

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

December Birthdays:

05 Steve Lee, Mt. Olivet
21 Pat Hancock, retired
22 Doug Huntsinger, Lugoff First
29 Rus McDonald, Pisgah



December Wedding Anniversaries:

18 Bruce and Pat Hancock, retired

December Church Anniversaries:

09 Will Cline, Mizpah
12 Jerry Gardner, Faith

Distribution of Christmas Prisoner Packets

December 10

Lee County Correctional—11 am

Wateree River Correctional—TBA

Deadline to sign up is December 2.

Contact the KBA Mission Center to participate.



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6—Pastors/Wives Christmas

10—Distribution of Prisoner Packets

17—Pastors Conference

23—26—KBA Mission Center closed for Christmas

25—Birthday of the King

Coming in January . . .

1—KBA Mission Center closed for New Year's

6—Monday Manna

14—GNC Training

21—KBA Executive Committee Meeting

28—Pastors Conference

28—IMPACT Myrtle Beach meeting

29—BBQ with our Politicians

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To:



The KBA Mission Center will be closed December 23-26 for Christmas holidays and January 1 for New Year's Day.

Pine Grove Baptist Church's drive-through nativity. The event will take place on December 6th, 7th, and 8th from 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

This Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, may you have the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of His love.

Thank you for your faithful support of the KBA ministries and missions in 2019. We look forward to serving with you in 2020.



Ron Underwood

Kathy Hall