



April 2020

# The Cornerstone

I Peter 2:6

Growing God's Kingdom Associationally

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MISSIONARY

Wow! Our God has really gotten the attention of His creation, has He not? Who could've ever predicted all that has happened the last few weeks! As we confront the many decisions and changes that are before us, please allow your Associational team to speak to this situation.

- 1) Keep your eyes on God. He is still in charge! (**2 Corinthians 4:17,18**)
- 2) Hold on to what you already know! You know that God loves you and is with you. He never leaves you and walks with you through the valley. He gives you strength for the task, and always will. (**Proverbs 18:2**)
- 3) Be careful who you listen to. Get the facts, not hearsay. Not everyone who comments knows what they are talking about, but are speaking out of fear or their own agenda. (**Proverbs 23:23**)
- 4) Pray early, long, hard and late. Pray for the sick, the fearful, the families who've lost loved ones, the unemployed, the hospital workers, the laboratories seeking cures and the Presidents team. (**Jeremiah 33:3**)
- 5) Use your "sanctified" common sense, obeying the need to practice strict hygiene, social distancing and staying at home. (**John 14:17**)
- 6) Churches, care for one another through phone calls, texts and emails. Keep up the Christian fellowship, even at a distance. (**John 15:13**)
- 7) Church leaders, this is the time to lead, but do so calmly! Identify and try new ways of church ministry to include electronic worship and online giving. (**Revelation 21:5**)
- 8) Church, be the Church of Acts 2 where they made sure that no one had any needs. This is the time to give, not hide. (**Acts 2:42-47**)
- 9) Be sure that God is up to something that is far beyond our understanding! While He did not cause this, He sure can use it. Let us pray that the Gospel goes forward, and many turn to Jesus as Lord and Savior. (**Romans 8:28**)
- 10) This, too, shall pass! This is not the first time for things like this, and probably not the last. It seems God is resetting the foundations in ways that have been necessary for a long time. (**Revelation 21:4**)

With all these things said, we are including a number of resources in this newsletter for you to explore and consider. After all, we all have more time on our hands these days while sitting at home, so let's make it count for the Lord!

*Ron*

**Jeremiah 33:3 (NKJV)** <sup>3</sup> *'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and <sup>[a]</sup>mighty things, which you do not know.'*

**ELECTRONIC GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS...** is certainly being done by many believers these days! After all, the church must take good care of their Pastor and family, and be a good example of paying her bills. We must be faithful stewards and cannot let fear cause us to hoard the resources that God has entrusted to us. Here are a few sources that might help your church and saints to make this happen more easily:

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| 1) Baptistfoundation.org/churchgive       | 5) Kindred (a Life Church partner) <a href="https://kindrid.com/">https://kindrid.com/</a> |
| 2) Lifewaygenerosity.com (Mt Pisgah)      | 6) Pushpay (a Thom Rainer partner) <a href="https://pushpay.com/">https://pushpay.com/</a> |
| 3) Tithe.ly (Abney)                       | 7) Vanco (a third party vendor for ACS Technologies)                                       |
| 4) Easytithe.com (Emmanuel and Hillcrest) | (5,6,7 Friendship)   |

**FREE SERVICE** for church members: Go to your bank's website, fill out the info and the bank will mail a check to your church for the amount you enter, without costing you anything. And this will save you a stamp if you were to mail your own personal check.

If the church already has online giving, some software offers the option of texting your tithes/offerings.

## Missions—Local



**CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL...**has been cancelled for this year. Due to social distancing, the children and leaders have not been able to meet and practice together, which is necessary to be prepared.

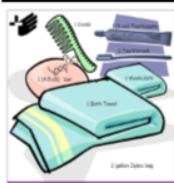
To all parents, if you're looking for an activity for your children, try Scripture memorization.



## NEWS ABOUT OUR GOOD NEWS CLUBS!...

thanks to all the churches that are leading Good News Clubs at their local elementary schools! **Depending on when school re-opens and how long it lasts, Ron is hoping that the church teams are willing and ready to get back**

**into the schools...maybe even this school year! Many people, including the children, will need a good Word from the Lord in light of recent events.** We pray you will plan to do so for the next school year, too. Clubs are needed at DeKalb and Jackson Elementary schools for the new school year. Training will be provided this summer, so please be praying and planning now.



## HEALTH KITS...

A tangible way to meet the physical needs of those in your community is through health kits. Place the following items in a 2-gallon zip lock type bag:

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| 1 toothbrush         | 1 washcloth  | 1 comb                     |
| 1 toothpaste (6 oz.) | 1 bath towel | 1 soap (4.5 oz. bath size) |

We will not be stuffing the van this year due to the cancellation of the WMU Spring Meeting. The KBA will accept the kits when it is safe to take in and distribute them.

**A BIG, HEARTY THANK YOU!...** is due all the churches that signed up to provide lunch on Thursdays for the teachers and staff of North Central High School. They are so very appreciative! **Churches, if you signed up to provide a lunch in May, please be prepared to follow through, based on the future opening of the schools. We will want to continue this beginning the first week school is open.**

## 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 2020. Does your church want to host one? If so, contact Paulette Underwood at 803-840-0020.

## Pastors/Staff/Family Care

### AROUND THE ASSOCIATION...

**Matthew Dickerson** has been called as pastor of **Shamrock Church**. He and his wife Jennifer have two elementary age children. Coming from South Dakota, his first Sunday will be March 29.

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

#### April Birthdays:

- 02 Mike Vinson, Flint Hill
- 07 Pat Stokes, Emmanuel
- 11 Terry Corder, Mt. Pisgah
- 24 Jack Hair, Friendship
- 28 Betsy Hill, New Hope



#### April Wedding Anniversaries:

- 04 Mark and Amy Hopkins, Hermitage
- 15 Howard and Elaine Brown, retired
- 21 Lanny and Ann Brisendine, retired

**PASTORS CONFERENCE...** will meet Tuesday, April 28, 11 am., with lunch, IF POSSIBLE.

### COUNSELING/REFRESHING RESOURCES...

#### Palmetto Counseling Associates—

Dr. Nic Natale, Columbia, SC, 803-254-9767

**Celebrate Recovery**—Jimmy Braddock, Christ-centered recovery program, Camden, SC, 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](http://www.shadetreeministry.org)

**Wateree Pregnancy Network**—803-804-1567

#### Camp McCall Retreat House—

Phillip "Snoball" Jewell, 864-884-6926

**Romans 8:28 (NKJV)** <sup>28</sup> *And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.*

### ELECTRONIC WORSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP

While we are not meeting together physically, we can meet together electronically! Let us not forsake the assembling of ourselves together in any way we can and should. All across our county and country, churches that are doing this are reporting many more times the worshippers and disciples joining in! Here are a few sources that might help you and your church to worship, do Bible studies and stay in touch, electronically!

- 1) Have an outdoor drive in service (Bethany and Springvale)
- 2) Facebook Live... so very easy!... have one of your high tech members assist you with their cell phone and stand (contact Ron)

### MEDIA RESOURCES

- 1) [www.lifeway.com/en/articles/coronavirus-resources-for-you-and-your-church](http://www.lifeway.com/en/articles/coronavirus-resources-for-you-and-your-church)
- 2) [scbaptist.org/covid19/mediaresources...](http://scbaptist.org/covid19/mediaresources...) tricks and tips on how you can video stream, record sermons and obtain copyright licensing
- 3) [namb.net/video...](http://namb.net/video...) webinar on how to livestream your sermon
- 4) [Pastors.com...](http://Pastors.com...) Rick Warren's ministry toolbox that contains many ideas and resources for the Pastor and the church to minister with purpose
- 5) [ifa@ifapray.org](mailto:ifa@ifapray.org)... a great resource for praying through this crisis



## Missions—National

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### SUMMER MISSIONS IN MYRTLE

**BEACH...** while we wait for this virus thing to pass, the Great Commission does not go away; God's Word stands forever! **Let us be leaning forward as churches during this down time and pray, if not prepare, to go to Myrtle Beach on**

**mission this summer.** Many lost and undecided will be there, reeling from the events of these difficult days and much more open to hearing God's Word. Contact Ron for more information.

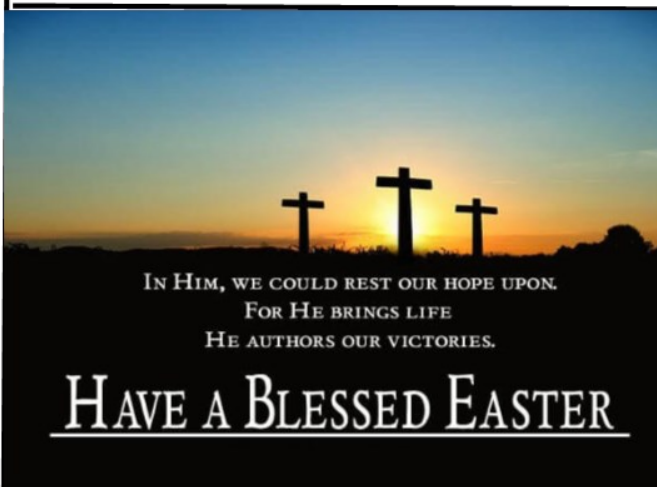
**MISSIONS, HERE OR THERE!...** if your church is not able to go on mission this summer, what can you do, locally?... such as extended VBS or weekly day camp throughout the summer or a block party or a day of community service or helping a smaller church with needs or you name it as you pray! We have many options. One of them is not, however, to do nothing. How is God's Spirit leading your church?

**VISION TRIPS...** led by the South Carolina Baptist Convention, are still being planned at this time. They include one to Salt Lake City, Utah, May 12-15. Two are being planned for Alaska. The dates are July 10-17 and September 26-October 1. The cost for Alaska is the flight plus \$400.

**SENIOR ADULT MISSION TRIP TO LYNCH, KY,** originally scheduled for May 4-8, 2020 has been cancelled for this year. Since we are not sure when we will be back to "normal" and because we love our senior adults, for their protection, it's best to cancel for this year. We don't want to put anyone at risk.

## Missions—International

**OUR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE...** realizes that, at the present time, mission trips to Cuba are very difficult due to travel restrictions. Pray for Cuba as they suffer through the virus. Pray for the church in Cuba as they endure increased oppression these days.



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### PART-TIME YOUTH MINISTER NEEDED...

Cassatt Baptist Church is seeking a part-time youth minister to perform duties related to the growth and development of the youth of the church and community. Contact Personnel Committee, 803-427-9306, send a current resumé to Cassatt Baptist Church, P O Box 110, Cassatt, SC 29032, or email it to cassatt bc@gmail.com.

### SMITH SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE TO BE

**EXTENDED...** Applications are now being accepted for the Smith Scholarship. Applicants must be active members of a Kershaw Baptist Association affiliated church, and must be attending an accredited college or university within South Carolina as a full-time student. Scholarships will be awarded to an individual only once.

Application is made by sending a letter of introduction, a picture of the applicant, one reference letter from the student's pastor or youth pastor, high school or college transcript, church affiliation, degree being sought, proof of acceptance to a South Carolina school, personal testimony concerning the student's relationship with Jesus Christ, and personal goals. Applications will be accepted until **April 30, 2020**. Mail to: Smith Scholarship Trustees, Trinity Baptist Church, 1062 Ridgeway Road, Lugoff SC 29078.

### 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (NKJV)

*<sup>17</sup> For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, <sup>18</sup> while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.*