



September 2020

The Cornerstone

I Peter 2:6

Growing God's Kingdom Associationally

KBA CALLED EXECUTIVE MEETING... Tuesday, September 1, 6 pm in the fellowship hall of Camden First Baptist Church. All Pastors and Executive Committee members are strongly encouraged to attend due to the gravity of the discussion. We will be discussing the closing of the Wateree Pregnancy Network and if the churches of the KBA are led by God to rebuild this ministry. We are expecting to take a vote that evening, so please pray for God's leadership in advance. If approved, the KBA will take over the Network immediately. A talking paper with many details of this prayerful consideration can be found on the KBA website. You can call the KBA missions center with your questions, as well.

Abortions are on the rise during this pandemic.

Will you help save babies 365 days a year?



LISTENING FORUM WITH BLACK PASTORS... has taken place the last couple of months. While there were 20 KBA Pastors present for the first meeting, there were only 8 of us last month. We are meeting again on Thursday, Sept 10 at 7 pm at Malvern Hill Baptist Church. Please pencil in the 2nd Thursday of upcoming months for the same. In the meantime, let us all search our hearts, earnestly pray, and remember our Lord's words, "Blessed are the peacemakers."



Missions—Local



SCHOOL PRAYER WALKS...

as our schools begin their virtual and in-person teaching, we need to be praying for the students, the teachers and their protection from Covid 19. Let each church gather at their local school(s) to pray. We have identified

Sunday, September 6, as a time for us to join together in prayer.

LET'S SUPPORT PASTOR DEAN ELLIOTT AT CASSATT BAPTIST...

in this crucial time as his daughter, Kelly, receives chemotherapy. You can purchase a chicken bog plate with baked beans, roll, dessert and drink for \$10. Pick it up at noon, September 12, at Cassatt Baptist Church. Checks can be made out to Cassatt Baptist Church. Call Pastor Bobby James at 803-572-7410 for more details. (Part of the proceeds will also go to the Martin Family, music director at Cassatt Baptist, who is also being treated for cancer.)



The 2020-21 school calendar has been modified by the school board so that students' first day of school will now be Tuesday, September 8. With

only around half of the children signed up for in-school learning, we have concerns if those who need food will be able to receive a sack. Please pray for them. We welcome any churches to join us in feeding the children. Call the



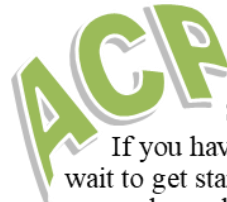
SEASON OF PRAYER FOR STATE MISSIONS IN SOUTH CAROLINA... is September 13-20. The Janie Chapman offering is received during the month wherein 100% of the offering is used for missions here in our state! Churches are encouraged to "crack open their windows" and look out on the mission field in their community!

HISPANIC CHURCH PLANT... is being discussed and prayed about heavily! The SC Baptist Convention and KBA are big supporters, while The River Church is the sponsoring church. We need all of our churches to be "supporting churches." Immediate needs include a house for the Hispanic Pastor and his wife, as well as donation of funds. Perhaps your church or Sunday School class, or even you personally, can pledge an amount to support this effort for a period of time, as our Lord leads. Pastors, the prospective Hispanic Pastor is available to speak in your church, so contact the KBA for contact information

SEPTEMBER



- 1 Special Called Executive Committee Meeting
- 6 School Prayer Walk
- 13-20 Season of Prayer for State Missions and the Janie Chapman Offering
- 22 Pastors Conference
- 24 Better Halves
- 26 Franklin Graham March and Prayer Rally



In the next week, those responsible for the ACP in their church will receive information about entering data on the SBC Workspace website.

If you have done this previously, you don't have to wait to get started. You can log on to <https://www.sbcworkspace.com> and sign on with your same ID and password. The only change this year is the way you determine your attendance, due to COVID19.

If you were responsible for the 2019 ACP, but you are not this year, please contact Kathy in the KBA office.

PT 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.

KBA HUNGER MINISTRY... continues through the summer as we ask our churches to gather food items for those in our community who are struggling. A table is set up at the rear door of KBA to drop off your items. Monetary donations (to "KBA Hunger Ministry") are also necessary as the Nutrition Center can buy food in bulk at a much better price. Volunteers to pack and deliver food boxes are also necessary. Necessary food items are listed below. Please contact KBA or Kirk Mays at 420-2375 for details and to volunteer.



Mobile Nutrition Center
uwkc.net
803.432.0991

The MNC food pantry is stocked primarily through the generosity of our community. Food drives are an integral part of our operation. If you are interested in helping with a food drive, the following items are always needed:

Oatmeal	Instant Potatoes	Canned Soup
Peanut Butter	Mac-N-Cheese	Canned Vegetables
Spaghetti Sauce	Whole Wheat Spaghetti Noodles	Canned Fruit
Pasta Noodles	Brown and White Rice	Canned Pasta
Professionally processed and packaged deer meat		Grits

Pastors/Staff/Family Care

PASTORS CONFERENCE... will take place on Tuesday, September 22, 11 am. . The location will be announced.



BETTER HALVES MEETING... of the wives of pastors and staff members, is Thursday, September 24, 6 pm. Location to be announced. Call or text Paulette Underwood at 803-840-0020 to sign up!

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

Wateree Pregnancy Network— 803-804-1567

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

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

September Birthdays:

- 01 Keri Blankenship, Bethany
- 02 Gene Stokes, Emmanuel
- 11 Kathy Hall, KBA
- 12 Angie Robinson, Abney
- 21 Dean Elliott, Cassatt
- 24 Susie Gerrald, Camden First
- 25 Tiffany Ellis, Camden First
- 26 Tonya Jackson, Hillcrest
- 27 Angela Thompson, Malvern Hill
- 29 Lynn Wells, Wateree



September Wedding Anniversaries:

- 06 Homer and Peggy Hinson, retired
- 14 Robert and Sandy Ridley, Freedom Outreach
- 22 Gene and Pat Stokes, Emmanuel

September Church Anniversaries:

- 12 Thomas Sullivan, Open Arms.

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 as well as Covid 19 outbreak.

**WASHINGTON
PRAYER
MARCH 2020**
WITH FRANKLIN GRAHAM

ATTEND THE FRANKLIN GRAHAM MARCH AND PRAYER RALLY?... on the National Mall in Washington DC is Saturday, September 26. It begins at noon at the Lincoln Memorial and continues for the length of the mall, stopping at a number of locations to pray. Seats on the bus is \$100 each, while the motel room is \$135 per night (2 night stay). You must pay for your own food. Contact Ron for more details or to sign up.

A GREAT IDEA FROM KERSHAW FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH...

Kershaw Elementary School (KES) in Kershaw has approached FBC Kershaw and some of the local churches to help provide a safe place of study for their students this fall. FBC Kershaw has established "Kershaw Learning Center" so to provide a safe place of self-guided study for 25 KES students Monday-Friday, 7 am—3 pm for the fall. The students will bring their own food. We are able to incorporate the Gospel, and are simply mirroring safety protocols of KES. Within 15 minutes of the principal posting their Learning Center opportunity, it was full. There is a waiting list. With that said, if any church is interested in serving KES in this manner or simply volunteering at the Kershaw Learning Center, please have them contact our Learning Center Coordinator Jessica McGriff (call/ text) 803-288-6897 or email at jessica.mcgriff23@gmail.com

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Greetings from Heart4Schools!

Schools and reopening plans are in the news every day. I think we are all concerned about the effect of COVID on teachers, students and families. We know that working parents are frantically looking for childcare for their children as they begin their school year virtually. There are just not enough options out there!

Heart4Schools has been talking with churches for several months about becoming an E-Learning Center, providing supervised learning support and childcare for school-aged children. Molly Spearman, Superintendent of South Carolina Schools, has now specifically asked South Carolina Baptist churches to provide needed support during these unprecedented times.

The South Carolina Department of Education and the Department of Social Services have worked together to remove some of the obstacles that would make it difficult for churches to provide this support. Churches can now receive a temporary certificate that allows them to care for children ages 5 and up for longer than four hours without licensure. Districts may also be able to work with churches to provide school lunches as well as transportation of students.

More information about a temporary certificate and guidelines for opening a center can be found at www.scchildcare.org. I have also attached a copy of the *Off-Site Learning Center Visual Guide* that I received from the Office of Family and Community Engagement with the SC Department of Education.

Churches are being given a unique opportunity to partner with schools, care for children and provide support to families. What a great way to live out our faith and impact our communities!

If you are interested in more information, please email me, angelamcneal@scbaptist.org, or request more information on our website, www.heart4schools.org.

Be sure you have joined our Heart4Schools Facebook group to hear how other churches are serving and share your own stories: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/668426640367123/>

Blessings,

Angela McNeal

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