



October 2020

The Cornerstone

I Peter 2:6

Growing God's Kingdom Associationally



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR ASSOCIATIONS

and the

Mildred Smith Offering for Local Missions

October 18-25, 2020

This is the week across the Southern Baptist Convention that you are asked to pray for your local Baptist Association. As an insert, you have been provided a trifold of prayer needs you can use in your personal, family and church prayer times. Churches are asked to receive a special offering for the Wateree Pregnancy Network. While we are not yet sure what this ministry will eventually look like, we feel sure we want to offer something of significance to our community and will need good financial support.

KBA FALL MEETING—Tuesday, October 20

Supper—5 pm; Meeting—6 pm

Kershaw First Baptist Church

We normally have a good meal together, so for safety concerns we will be providing box meals from Russell's Barbeque. We will be considering some serious concerns as we vote on bringing Faith Baptist Church East (Lee State Park Road, Bishopville) under watchcare, as well as give a report of progress with the ministry of the Wateree Pregnancy Center. We will also be having some prayer times for our nation, community and churches. Masks are recommended.

#PraySC

SCBC SETS STATEWIDE DAY OF PRAYER... It is hard to imagine the many things that have changed in the last few months. The world is a dramatically different place now, and we are calling all SC Baptist to pray. On Wednesday, **October 21**, our desire is for thousands of SC Baptists to gather to pray in their churches, communities, and homes.

Wednesday, October 21, will just be a few weeks before our national election and the SCBC Annual Meeting. We will eagerly await to see how the Lord uses these times of collective prayer to draw us closer to Him and to one another. We have created a prayer guide to guide you for an hour of prayer that is available as a *free download* on our website at [#praySC](https://www.praySC.org).



OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH... If you need ideas on how you can show appreciation to your pastor and other staff ministers, call the KBA. "And now, friends, we ask you to honor those leaders who work so hard for you, who have been given the responsibility of urging and guiding in your obedience. Overwhelm them with appreciation and love!"

I Thessalonians 5:12-13, The Message

Missions—Local



UPDATE OF WATEREE PREGNANCY NETWORK...

(as of September 24) The KBA Missions Committee has met and begun its work on what and how we should do as an Association with the Wateree Pregnancy Network. Many details are needing to be considered, so we ask for much prayer on behalf of the saints and the churches. A progress report will be given at the KBA fall meeting.

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 his information.

GREAT IDEA... Kershaw Elementary School (KES) has approached FBC Kershaw and other 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 contact Learning Center Coordinator Jessica McGriff (call/ text) 803-288-6897 or email jessica.mcgriff23@gmail.com.

DRIVE-THRU FLU CLINIC... Saturday, October 3, 9 am—1 pm, free flu shots will be available from Prisma Health at First Baptist Church, 1201 Broad Street, Camden. Be sure to wear a short-sleeve shirt or have sleeves that easily roll up. Face masks or shields will be required, along with temperature checks. Anyone with a fever will not be allowed a vaccine.

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 Mary Reames, 803-900-0799 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
Mac-N-Cheese
Pasta Noodles
Professionally processed and packaged deer meat

Instant Potatoes
Canned Vegetables
Brown and White Rice

Canned Soup
Grits
Whole Wheat Spaghetti Noodles

Canned Fruit
Spaghetti Sauce

Peanut Butter
Canned Pasta

All sizes should be a normal family size because the food has to be divided between boxes. Really large sizes cannot be opened and then divided between families.

LISTENING FORUM WITH BLACK PASTORS ... has taken place the last three months, and will meet again on **Thursday, October 8, 7 pm**, Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Lugoff (across from McDonalds.) In October's meeting, we will spend our time together in prayer. Pastors and staff, please pencil in the 2nd Thursday of upcoming months for the same. Let us show our congregations and community that we are committed to being "peacemakers" in our generation.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES...

PART-TIME YOUTH MINISTER Cassatt Baptist Church...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 cassattbc@gmail.com.

PART-TIME STUDENT PASTOR DeKalb Baptist Church... duties focusing on youth ministry in the church and community. If interested, contact Pastor Vince, 803-713-4997.

FULL-TIME MINISTRY ASSISTANCE POSITION... Benefits include: health, dental, vision, life, retirement, vacation and sick time. If interested, contact First Baptist Church, Camden, 803-432-7635, stop by the office or email tracy@firstbaptistcamden.org. Job description available upon request.

THANK YOU FROM KERSHAW HEALTH

Words cannot express our sincere gratitude for your heartfelt generosity and kindness. Our community rallied around our staff with love and support as we faced COVID-19. Thank you so much for the N-95 masks from your



Disaster Response team. The national shortage of PPE was a great concern to our staff, and you helped fill the gap! To the **churches of the KBA**, thank you so much for the wonderful snacks you provided to our staff. We got lots of smiles when Chaplain Andrew Weems delivered them.

Many thanks, Sue Shugart, CEO

Pastors/Staff/Family Care

PASTORS CONFERENCE... will take place on Tuesday, October 27, 11 am. The location will be announced.



BETTER HALVES MEETING... of the wives of pastors and staff members, is Thursday, October 29, 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, 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

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY... is extended to Genevieve Bradley and family in the passing of her husband, Dr. Rolla Bradley, former Minister of Education, Camden First., on September 24.

October Birthdays:

15 Lynn Elliott, Cassatt
19 Robert Ridley, Freedom Outreach
26 Buster Morris, Malvern Hill
27 Timmy Bowers, Laurel Hill
28 Lisa Plyler, River
29 Eric Boone, Pine Grove
30 Peggy Hinson, retired
31 Ernest, Rabon, Mt. Zion



October Wedding Anniversaries:

28 Timmy and Tasha Bowers, Laurel Hill
31 Bobby and Melvie Wallace, retired

October Church Anniversaries:

Steve Lee, Mt. Olivet
01 Ernest Rabon, Mt. Zion
11 Jeremy Ussery, Timrod
16 Robert Ridley, Freedom Outreach

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 our International Mission Board and our thousands of missionaries worldwide. Especially pray for our partners, the churches of Cuba, as they suffer in poverty, communist oppression and the Covid virus.

CHRISTMAS PRISONER PACKETS DUE NOVEMBER 30

- 1 – **BLACK** non-retractable pen (no wire clip and no other color)
 - 1 – **Writing Tablet** no larger than 5 x 8 (**absolutely no wire bound or composition books**)
 - 1 – **Adult Toothbrush** (individually factory-sealed, no multi-packs)
 - 1 – **4oz to 6 oz. Toothpaste** (no travel size)
 - 1 – **3.2 oz. to 6 oz. Bar of Soap** (no travel size, no unwrapped/unboxed bars)
 - 2 – **Rolls of Hard Candy** like LifeSavers, Mentos, Breath Savers (**NO** Smarties, Sweetarts, Necco wafers, Rolos, Starburst, TicTacs)
 - 5 – **First-Class #10 STAMP-EMBOSED Envelopes** from the US Post Office (no regular stamps)
 - 1 – **gallon size zipper bag with SLIDER SEAL.** (only 1 gal size, no other size bags accepted. All items must fit with zipper securely closed.) **Please DO NOT include washcloths, toothbrush holders, floss, soap dishes, combs.**
- Shop early for those hard-to-find items!**



CONNIE MAXWELL CHILDREN'S HOME FOOD DRIVE... Please **BOX** your groceries before you deliver to KBA. Boxed goods will be accepted from **November 1-23.**

Typical items on a week's grocery list for a cottage of 8 children:

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| 1 lrg squeeze bottle each of mustard and ketchup | 5 lb bag sugar | 1 bottle dish detergent |
| 1 lrg jar mayonnaise | 1 lrg bottle of syrup | 1 lrg dishwasher detergent |
| 1 64 oz Canola Oil | 1 32 oz jar pickles | 1 lrg laundry detergent |
| 6 Vienna Sausage | 8 rolls bathroom tissue | 1 gallon fabric softener |
| 6 canned meats –tuna, chicken, etc. | 150 ct pack of foam plates | 3 bottles of cleaning supplies |
| 1 28 oz jar peanut butter | 3 rolls paper towels | 1 Gallon bleach |
| 1 28 oz jelly | 1 lrg pkg paper napkins | 8 white bath size bars of soap |
| Canned soups | toothpaste | Shampoo/conditioner |
| 6 16 oz cans fruits & vegetables | Deodorant | 1 box facial tissue |

PLAN A DAY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE!

NAMB Send Relief is encouraging churches to organize a day of service in their communities. "Simple touch points of appreciation go a long way," said Greg Wilton, Send Relief's national director of refugee ministry. "A Day of Service is the easiest onramp for churches to get connected with their communities and give people an opportunity to discover ways to be involved with ministry in their own neighborhoods." Wilton and his team at the Clarkston Send Relief Ministry Center are getting ready to host more than 100 volunteers from neighboring states for [Send Relief's Day of Service](#), Sunday, October 4. "Our No. 1 objective is to utilize this to let our community know that we are for them, not only through a one-day event like this but

also through continual engagement with partners, outside groups and the local church," Wilton said. "We are seeking the welfare of our city, just like in Jeremiah 29:7, and specifically in Clarkston, we want this to be a catalyst for others to care for refugees and displaced people."

Send Relief has proposed a number of ideas for churches to use to get started on similar projects in their communities. These can include giving meals to those in need or having a canned food drive for Thanksgiving. Identify an area in your community that needs a good cleanup. Perhaps there is a home of an elderly person that needs yard work done or the house needs painting. For sure, our schools are always in need, so contact your local school and find out how you can help in these difficult times, if not just for a day. Consider launching a project at your church to fill backpacks with items like paper, pens, pencils, crayons, glue sticks, erasers, notebooks and composition books and folders. How about the elderly? For elderly people in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, a simple call to talk and pray with them could make a world of difference. Many nursing home residents have likely gone a long time without being able to receive visits from loved ones. A phone outreach to senior living center residents is an easy way to show you care. Contact some local nursing homes and assisted living facilities in your area and ask if they would like to partner with you on this project. Care for hospital workers in our community. An outreach project focused on providing care packages to local hospital workers, first responders, grocery store workers and other essential employees can provide an incredible opportunity to encourage the people who have been working tirelessly on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic. Send Relief has details on how to do a project like this on the [Send Relief COVID-19 response page](#). Pray for your community! Don't underestimate your impact in the lives of others as a prayer warrior. Make lists of needs and people that are specific to your church community, and spend time praying, not just for the people or their needs, but also for God to show you ways to provide ongoing encouragement and ministry to them. Take it a step further and send handwritten thank-you notes with a short prayer to give to those you're praying for. Pastors and churches, let us not allow the pandemic to cause the Church to go into hiding, remembering that Jesus promised the gates of hell will not prevail against us!

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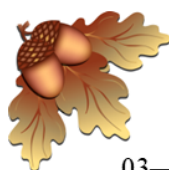
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OCTOBER CALENDAR

Pastor Appreciation Month

- 03—Drive-through free flu shots at Camden First
- 08—Listening Forum with Black Pastors
- 18-25—Associational Missions Week
- 20—KBA Fall Meeting
- 21—Statewide Day of Prayer
- 27—Pastors Conference
- 29—Better Halves



Light the Night—Join with us in October as we pray for our community and seek to engage the lost on Halloween. The churches of Kershaw County will spend the entire month of October praying for unity in our community, wisdom for our leaders, safety during COVID-19, revival among our churches, and awakening in our community. The month of prayer will culminate on Halloween night as we seek to engage the people of our community with the gospel of Jesus Christ as they trick-or-treat or attend our church festivals. If you would like to participate, just plan to pray with us. You can also stop by the KBA or Malvern Hill Church and pick up cards to distribute on Halloween to let your friends and neighbors know that we have been praying for them, and flyers to pass out in your church. If you have questions, call Malvern Hill Church, 803-432-7035.