



December 2020

The Cornerstone

I Peter 2:6

Growing God's Kingdom Associationally

A Great *Multitude* + You
Rev 7:9

2020 GOAL

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million

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November 29—December 6, 2020

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LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS
OFFERING®

SEASON OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS ... is November 29 – December 6. Many churches recognize this momentous emphasis throughout the month of December. Information, videos and links to “spice up” this focus have been provided to pastors. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is being received to support current missionaries and to send out new missionaries, that the world will hear the Gospel and confess that Jesus is Lord! One hundred percent of this offering is used to support missionaries and their mission endeavors across the world. Your Associational Missionary will be glad to share in your worship service as schedules allow.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”
Revelation 7:9–10 ESV

Revelation 7:9 reveals to the faithful reader a future scene where all the saints, from every nation and tongue, are together and united in worship. FOR 175 YEARS our gospel witness has gone forward without interruption. Will you join us in ensuring those without Christ continue to hear the gospel message through your IMB missionaries? - Paul Chitwood, President, IMB

**The global need for missions is more urgent than ever.
154,937 PEOPLE ARE DYING DAILY, WITHOUT CHRIST!**

Missions—Local



UPDATE OF WATEREE PREGNANCY CENTER...

The KBA Missions Committee is meeting and continuing 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. Pastors Bobby Massey and Bryan Plyer are the co-chairmen of the committee. We continue to have an active website for the WPN and active cell phone to receive phone calls. Our KBA churches need to be very prayerful on this matter, discussing and cementing their future commitment to this life-saving ministry. Some churches are already identifying volunteers and including it in their annual budget. Is yours?



A NEW KBA WEBSITE.. is headed our way soon so we can continue to launch ministry into the future, that all ears hear the glorious Gospel of our Lord.

HISPANIC CHURCH PLANT... is now being organized, PTL! 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." Churches are asked to invite Pastor Silvio to speak (9540245-1704). Your church is also asked to look around your community and see if there are enough Hispanic families living there that may necessitate a Hispanic ministry there, too. 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. Contact Bryan Plyer at the River (803-669-3683) or the KBA for more information.

HOME REPAIR MINISTRY...

a group of volunteers from DeKalb Church is replacing the front deck at the home of a handicapped woman in the community. Your support of KBA enabled us to purchase the lumber! The rear deck still needs replacing! Is your church available to volunteer?



KBA HUNGER MINISTRY... continues through the fall and winter 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 the KBA or Mary Reames, 803-900-0799 for details and to volunteer.

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

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.

PLAN A DAY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE!...

at a time when much ministry seems to be on hold, this will be a great way to get your church family out and making a difference. This can include many things, from litter pickup to repairing a home in the community. Look around your community and see what works for your church. "Don't just sit there, do something!"... in the name of our Lord!



CHRISTMAS PRISONER PACKETS ...

Since volunteers are not allowed in the prisons to help distribute the packets this year, we would be grateful to have a couple of people volunteer to deliver the packets to St. Andrews Baptist Church, 230 Bush River Road, Columbia, by **noon, December 7**. Please contact the KBA if you can deliver the packets on December 7.

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 cassatt_bc@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.

PART-TIME YOUTH MINISTER Antioch Baptist Church ...students grades 6-12. If interested, mail your resumé to Rev Danny Hedgepath, 1875 Antioch Road, Camden, SC 29020 or email to revdanny10@yahoo.com or church.antioch@yahoo.com.



WHAT IS YOUR CHURCH DOING TO LOVE ON YOUR PASTOR AND FAMILY THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON? THIS IS THE YEAR TO MAKE IT BIG!



Pastors/Staff/Family Care



CANCELLED!... KBA PASTOR/STAFF/WIVES CHRISTMAS DINNER...

it is with great regret that we cancel this gathering! We believe the greater urgency is to protect our pastors, their families and the churches as they serve in this difficult time of Covid. They are greatly needed in the coming weeks of Christmas and the coming months of winter, so let us pray for them and protect them. For sure, we will be doing some thoughtful things as an Association for them to encourage them. We also hope we can plan an event later in the winter or the spring for them and their wives.

PASTORS CONFERENCE... Tuesday, December 15, 11 am. The location will be announced.



BETTER HALVES MEETING...no meeting in December.



OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY... to the family of Don Coppedge, who passed away November 23. He retired in 1994, following an eleven year pastorate at Buffalo Baptist Church, Kershaw, and served as interim pastor in several churches during his retirement years. Don was the interim Director of Missions of the Kershaw Baptist Association from October 13, 1998—August 2, 1999. We thank our Father in Heaven for the life and legacy of this mighty man of God.

ORDINATION COUNCIL... for Jason Nelson will take place Thursday afternoon, December 10, 3 pm at Pine Grove Baptist, Lugoff. All pastors and ordained staff members are greatly encouraged to attend! Jason has been called to serve as pastor of Mizpah Baptist Church, Camden.

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

AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

Jason Nelson has been called as pastor of Mizpah Church. His first Sunday will be November 29.

December Birthdays:

05 Steve Lee, Mt. Olivet

22 Doug Huntsinger, Lugoff First



December Church Anniversaries:

12 Jerry Gardner, Faith

Missions—National



KBA DISASTER RELIEF TEAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

...our KBA DR team has done remarkable work in Louisiana and Florida in recent months and needs more volunteers. Contact Jerry Gardner at 803-414-2993 to learn more.

LET'S PRAY ABOUT MYRTLE BEACH, NOW... more and more, the churches in our state are beginning to realize the mission field that is presented us by Myrtle Beach. It is in our Judea and Samaria, so we are particularly responsible for it as believers! Please be praying about sending a team there next spring or summer. So many opportunities are available in the campgrounds, beach, apartment complexes and trailer parks to make the Gospel known. Don't let it surprise you if the KBA has some extra bucks for the churches that go on mission there! More information will be available in a meeting early in January.



11/29-12/6—Week of Prayer for International Missions
15—Pastors Conference
21-24—KBA closed for Christmas Holidays
25—Christmas Day
31—KBA closed for New Year's holiday

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*The KBA will be closed
December 21-24 for the
Christmas holidays and
December 31 for New
Year's.*



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Missions—International

THE IMB IS BACK AT WORK!... We were glad to hear from one of our own IMB missionaries at our recent fall meeting. After the worldwide Covid scare, missionaries are once again headed back to their places of calling! Let's pray for them and plan on a huge emphasis for Lottie Moon Christmas offering this year.

TO:



As we enter the Christmas season, we pray that you will embrace the abiding and undeniable truth of Christmas: that God has given His only begotten Son to be the Savior of mankind. Merry Christmas to you and your family.

Thank you for your faithful support of the KBA in 2020. We look forward to serving with you in 2021.

Ron

Kathy

Diane