



January 2021

The Cornerstone

I Peter 2:6

Growing God's Kingdom Associationally

NATIONAL SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE CELEBRATION

Sunday, January 17 across America

"Right to Life" Rally

3 pm

Kershaw County Courthouse in Camden

We hope that each pastor considers addressing this cornerstone Biblical issue from the pulpit on that day, including praying for the repeal of all abortion laws. We also ask that pastors, staff and church members gather for a **"Right to Life" Rally** that afternoon, 3 pm. Some have commented that, we as Southern Baptists, are big on anti-abortion rhetoric and small on actually doing something about it. These activities, along with our efforts to grow the pregnancy center, will definitely help our love to be a godly love in action and not just words (1 John 3:18).



MYRTLE BEACH MISSIONS

2021... no, neither God nor Covid has cancelled the Great Commission given to us by our Lord! Myrtle Beach is a part of our Biblical "Jerusalem," as a state, and we must obey His command and go. There is a need for mission teams of teens and adults for outreach in campgrounds, beach, apartment complexes and trailer parks. Currently, openings exist for the dates of **June 6-11 and 13-18; July 11-16, 18-23 and 23-30; and the first week in August.**

There will be a **Zoom meeting** for all interested Pastors and church representatives on **Tuesday, January 26 at 7 pm.** Todd Wood, Director of IMPACT Myrtle Beach will share information and opportunities, and answer questions. Details on the Zoom meeting will be sent to Pastors and those who request it by calling the KBA office at 803-432-3028. As has been done previously, KBA may be able to assist with some costs of a mission trip there.

Missions—Local



HISPANIC CHURCH PLANT... is now happening, PTL! Pastor Silvio Sanchez and his wife, Suly, are now living in Camden. He has been serving as a long-term substitute teacher in one of our schools to earn grocery money. As this position soon ends, they want to engage the full-time ministry to which God has called them. What might you and your church be able to do to support this great work? For sure, pray for God's vision and timing to be made known. Invite Pastor Silvio to speak at one of your weekly services (954-245-1704). Look around your community and see if there is a need for Hispanic ministry there.

Primarily, they now need your financial support for 2021. The SC Baptist Convention has approved Silvio as a church planter, providing some support. The River Church is the supporting church, providing the bulk of support. Malvern Hill and Kershaw FBC are now providing substantial support, as is KBA. **Another \$509 is now needed each month.** Churches are asked to include this work in their budgets, and Sunday School classes and mission groups are asked for one-time or ongoing support.

Contact Bryan Plyler at the River (803-669-3683) or KBA for contact info.



UPDATE ON 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. The Committee has

now met with Daybreak Columbia and the Women's Center in Lancaster to learn the many details of such a ministry. It will be meeting early in January to consider our next step. Pastors Bobby Massey and Bryan Plyer are the co-chairmen of the committee. Some KBA churches have already begun putting this ministry in their budget. Two of our churches are now giving 1% of all receipts because it's just that important! How will you and your church supporting this life-saving mandate from God?



PRISONER PACKETS WORK DAY... Five ladies got together to sort through the prisoner packets and get them ready for delivery. Thank you to everyone who provided prisoner packets. We were able to deliver 679 packets. Thank you to Lynn Elliott (Cassatt) for taking them to Columbia for us.



KBA HUNGER MINISTRY... continues through the 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.

Thank you for your generous and continuing support. Pictured left to right with the Thanksgiving donations provided by our KBA churches: Molly Komegay, Vice President of Community Impact, United Way of Kershaw County; Mary Reames, director, Mobile Nutrition Center, United Way of Kershaw County; and from the KBA, Ron Underwood, Associational Missionary, and Bobby James, Moderator.

Oatmeal
Mac-N-Cheese
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
Canned Pasta 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.

Missions—Local



PRAY AND GO WORKSHOP... for sure, God has told us to “pray” diligently. God has also told us to “go” into all the world with the Gospel. This Zoom workshop will help us to understand these twin Biblical mandates, as well as give us some practical tools to help us to actually pray and go! Many churches across America are using this impetus and reporting a lot of great results. Details of the Zoom meeting will be in the February newsletter.

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!



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.

KBA EXECUTIVE MEETING... will take place by way of a Zoom conference on Tuesday, **January 12 at 7 pm.** We will send the electronic “invitation” to all Pastors and staff members, who will then need to pass on the ‘invitation’ to the KBA Executive Committee members of their church. We will send Pastors and churches any documentation such as financial reports, etc. in advance.

Pastors/Staff/Family Care

PASTORS CONFERENCE... Tuesday, January 26, 11 am. The location will be announced.

BETTER HALVES MEETING... of the wives of pastors and staff members, is Thursday, January 28, 6 pm., at the KBA Mission Center. 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

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

AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

January Birthdays:

05 Diane Smith, KBA Staff
17 Katie Faz, River
23 Larry Humphries, Buffalo
24 Bobby James, Cedar Creek



January Wedding Anniversaries:

01 Mike and Brenda Vinson, Flint Hill
05 Thomas and Myrtle Sullivan, Open Arms

January Church Anniversaries:

01 Eric Faz, River
01 Keith Allison, Lucknow
01 Everett Reconnu, Southside
01 Keith Stott, Beaverdam
01 Buster Morris, Malvern Hill
03 Gene Stokes, Emmanuel
06 Dean Elliot, Cassatt
11 Clint Ellis, Camden First



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.

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January Calendar

- 01—New Year's Day
- 12—KBA Executive Committee, via ZOOM
- 17—Sanctity of Human Life Celebration
- 26—Pastors Conference
- 26—Zoom Meeting for Myrtle Beach Missions 2021

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TO:

From your Associational Missionary . . .

Wow, what a year 2020 has turned out to be! Who will not be glad when the ball in New York City drops, and we pray in 2021? Then again, we've all been praying for years that God would do something to get our attention. With Covid, the social unrest and the political division, I think heaven has spoken! Let me share what I am hearing Him say to me as a believer, family man, pastor and missionary. He is telling me that He is still God, no matter what! He is telling me He is all-powerful and has all this confusion under His control! He is telling me to slow down, enjoy what He has provided in home and sustenance, and to continue to take good care of my family and church, physically and spiritually. I am surely hearing Him tell me and our churches to stay laser-focused on the Good News of the Gospel. Let's not wander from the only message that provides our nation and world the hope of God. As we proclaim the Gospel and live it out in our personal lives and church ministries, it will address all the tough issues of our day, including the redefining of family, racial division, social justice and even politics. Stay the course, brothers and sisters! God is still on the throne and we are His people! Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.

Ron

WHERE ARE YOU? —DON'T MISS OUT! ...

As we look to a new year, sometimes it helps to start fresh. Maybe your data needs updating with the KBA.

If you have been receiving emails from the KBA, but no longer get them, chances are your email address changed, and we may not have been notified. Please send us a correction, if that is the case.

If you would like to receive emails, but have not been on our list, please send a message to kba@truvista.net, and we will add you.

A lot of information goes out in our newsletter that could be of interest to you. We also send out email blasts that include special events in our churches.

Don't miss out! Let us hear from you and start the year out together.