



# The Cornerstone

I Peter 2:6

Growing God's Kingdom Associationally

**GOING THE DISTANCE ...** As you read this newsletter, I am celebrating my seventh anniversary as your Associational Missionary! Not only have we had fun together in the Lord, I have found it to be a very rewarding ministry with many great opportunities to serve pastors, the church and our great King! While not perfect, I love who we are as Southern Baptists, passionately want to see God's hand of blessing upon us again, and desire to be a tool to help make the Cooperative Program succeed better than ever. More importantly, I want to see our churches actively doing local, national and world missions, because that is our Lord's command! Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this way and for all the great support you have given through these years. We can count so many ways that God has blessed our efforts together, no matter how big the Covid speedbump has been. I know He will continue to bless, as we give Him His due glory!

Yet, we still have some distance to go, don't we? How can our future ministry together continue to be blessed of God and God honoring?

- 1) As you let your church strategic plan and mission statement guide your efforts, please keep the KBA at the center. We exist to help you and your church accomplish one of your greatest mandates, missions: locally, nationally and across the world.
- 2) We ask that you support our efforts in prayer and by attending our meetings. Feel free to drop by KBA and meet our new Ministry Assistant. When is the last time you just dropped by?
- 3) We ask that you share your needs and suggestions with us. If there is a way we can serve you, please let us know. We are an open suggestion box seeking ways to serve you, new or old.
- 4) Thanks so much for your financial support in recent years! We expect to have major expenses in coming months as we establish the women's care ministry and resurrect the Good News Club efforts. Please include these key efforts in your corporate prayer life and upcoming church budgeting.

What does our future ministry together look like? Who knows but God, Himself? Let us be sure there will be some unknowns and surprises, so let us be ready in good faith to meet Him where we see Him working and roll up our sleeves. After all, we are... better, together!

*Ron*

**PRAY, PRAY, PRAY! ... for the Supreme Court as it takes up a case from Mississippi that can be a watershed decision to minimize legalized abortion.**

## Missions—Local



### GOOD NEWS CLUBS 2021-22

*Ready, set, wait!*

Yes, this must be our motto in coming months as we wait to see what happens in our schools. We know the Good News Clubs were going great before Covid hit, and we want to see them at full stride, again, when that door of opportunity opens. Pastors and churches, let's be praying! Let's also be preparing and getting ready! Let's plan on having a gathering in mid-July for some training and preparation. In the meantime, churches, please be putting your #1 draft picks together for your winning team, glory to God!

### MYRTLE BEACH MISSIONS 2021

Teams from KBA churches are going on mission to Myrtle Beach, June 20-25, including our Hispanic church planter, Silvio Sanchez, and his wife, Suly. Another team of four couples, led by Ron and Paulette, is coming from Fruitland Baptist Bible College to join the fun and get on-the-job training of day camping at three major campgrounds. Pray for the Word of God to be taught freely, and many come to a saving knowledge of God's love in Jesus!



**UPDATE: WOMEN'S CARE MINISTRY** to support women and their families during a unplanned pregnancy is ongoing. A team from our local churches have met and established a work-

ing Board of Directors. They have started handing out various duties to get the ministry kick - started. Let us pray hard about the director we now need God to send our way. Expect a call for volunteers (and necessary training) very soon! **Who in your church is willing to serve? Some KBA churches have already put this effort in their budget. Has yours?** Please let KBA know about your financial commitment, independent from your normal support of the Cooperative Program. As you know, we must be sure of monthly funding to make a commitment to a director and a possible building.



**HISPANIC CHURCH PLANT...** is now happening. To learn more, contact Pastor Silvio at 954-245-1704. He is glad to come to your church to preach and share about the work.

**PRAY AND GO WORKSHOP** ... was presented at the spring WMU/women's prayer rally in April. Testimonies from churches across America who have already trained and implemented this ministry are glowing! They all say it has unexpectedly brought revival to their churches as they put great focus on praying and local missions. Is revitalization something your church needs, too? Then again, who doesn't? If there was someone in your church who attended the prayer rally, they are now familiar with making this impetus happen. The notes and Power Point slides have also been provided to pastors for their use. Then again, you can contact your Associational Missionary to schedule this 1-hour training for your church!



**BACKYARD BIBLE CLUBS...** during the summer really worked well in the past, so in these days of COVID, perhaps we need to bring them back. The idea is simple. Gather small groups of children outside at your home, in your neighborhood or at your church. Share Bible stories, have recreation and provide snacks. It's VBS, just outside! No high tech, no videos, probably no crafts; just good old fun! This might be something you want to pray about this summer! By all means, let's continue to get the Gospel to the children!

## Pastors/Staff/Family Care



Join us June 15-16 for the 2021 SBC Annual Meeting. With more than 100 ancillary meetings, events, and gatherings throughout the week, you'll connect with leaders and laypersons from around the country to be encouraged, equipped and mobilized for Kingdom work.

**PASTORS CONFERENCE...** Tuesday, June 29, 11 AM. (due to the beach mission trip). The location will be announced.



**BETTER HALVES MEETING...** of the wives of pastors and staff members, is Tuesday, June 29, 6 pm., Fatz Cafe. Call or text Paulette Underwood, 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](http://www.shadetreeministry.org)

**Wateree Pregnancy Network**— 803-713-4458

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

**Blue Horizons Counseling Service**—Mary Mathis, 500G Dicey Ford Rd, Camden, SC 803-669-0658

### AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

#### June Birthdays:

07 Stephanie James, Cedar Creek  
13 Cindy Hedgepath, Antioch  
13 Ron Underwood, KBA  
16 Todd Warnock, River  
17 Will Cline, retired  
22 Bryan Plyler, River  
28 Jeremy Ussery, Timrod  
30 Ed Stokes, retired



#### June Wedding Anniversaries:

02 Scott and Angie Robinson, Abney  
04 Terry and Debbie Corder, Mt. Pisgah  
06 John and Jenny Corder, Hillcrest  
06 Chuck and Pam Everett, Trinity  
13 Doug and Nicki Huntsinger, Lugoff First  
14 Robbie and Amy Shivar, Sand Hill Heights  
15 Everett and Joan Reconnu, Southside  
16 Adam and Betsy Whiteside, Malvern Hill  
17 Craigan and Keri Blankenship, Bethany  
18 Craig and Angela Thompson, Malvern Hill  
25 Taylor and Lynn Wells, Wateree

#### June Church Anniversaries:

01 Ron Underwood, KBA  
03 John Corder, Hillcrest  
03 Ken Jackson, Hillcrest  
05 Todd Gandy, Providence  
25 Allan Ogburn, Trinity

## Missions—Local, continued

### Local Mission Effort Summer of Encouragement for Law Enforcement



**GOAL:** Provide a Ziplock bag with 8-10 prepacked snacks and a note of appreciation and prayer support for each law enforcement officer. Please include a gift card to a local restaurant in each bag. We would like to give one to every city and county officer in the counties where our churches are located.

This is a small way that your church can join with others to make a difference for Christ!

Call the KBA Missions Center to let us know if you would like to join in the Summer of Encouragement and how many bags you would like to provide. The deadline will be the end of June.

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# Pastor/Staff Family Picnic

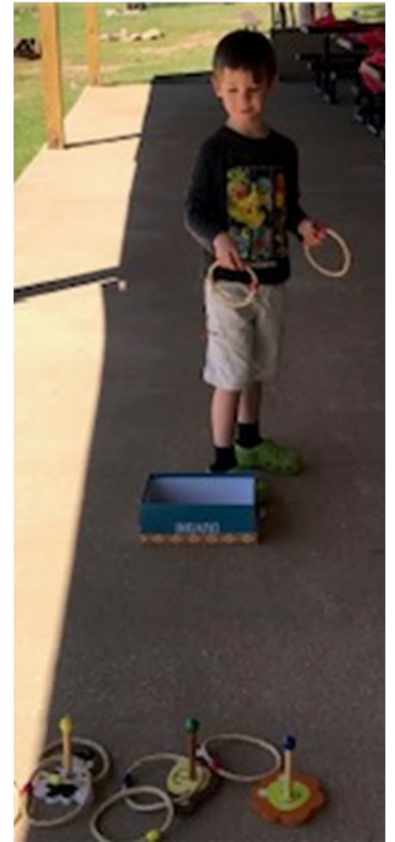


Children and grandchildren enjoyed food, games, and the water.



Ready for a ride across the lake!

A fun time was had by all at the annual ministers' family picnic on May 1, at Lake Wateree! Our thanks to Mike Pelham for providing his pontoon boat for rides on the water that were both relaxing and exciting.



Ring toss was entertaining for the children.



This group was returning from an adventure!

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# I say goodbye and she says hello!

**RECEPTION:** Thank you all for the wonderful retirement reception. You really know how to make a person feel special, and I was overwhelmed by the response. Thank you for your presence, the cards, gifts and encouraging words, but most of all, for your friendship and support throughout the years.

**PRIVILEGE OF SERVING:** What a privilege to have been involved in service to our churches and missions here and around the world. The opportunity of starting Sacks of Love was one of the biggest highlights. My faith grew tremendously during that time as I depended on God for guidance and watched things happen that could only have been by His hands. I'm grateful for being allowed to spread my wings and serve on the state level as President of the SC Baptist Ministry Assistants Association and Recording Secretary for the SC Baptist Convention. That time allowed me to learn how we work together as a denomination of Southern Baptists and South Carolina Baptists.



**KBA BLESSED WITH PENNY:** I am excited that Penny Catoe has joined the KBA staff. Many people have told her she has big shoes to fill, but that really isn't a fair statement. Pastor Rus McDonald used this analogy in a conversation with Penny that makes so much sense. "You will not be filling her shoes, rather you will be filling your own shoes." Penny has been hired to be the ministry assistant/financial clerk, and she brings her own gifts and talents to the ministry. We feel confident that God has planted her where she can grow in her ministry and bless us. With several years of experience in Quickbooks, she is doing a tremendous job that has already made the financial transition so much easier. She loves the Lord, His people and ministry, and I know you will love her, too, when you get to know her. Please be patient as she learns the rest of her responsibilities, as there are many aspects to the job.

**ENDING MY TENURE:** As I leave at the end of my last day, I will look back with joy at all that has been accomplished through associational teamwork. God has blessed me by placing many wonderful people in my life who will continue to be considered dear friends. Until next time, I pray God will bless you as He has blessed me.

In the joy of Jesus, and in His service,  
*Kathy*



Seventeen of my nearly thirty-two years were serving with these two men of God. On the left is Bill Drees, former DOM, and Ron, our present Associational Missionary.



Thank you to Camden First's WMU ladies and my Sunday School class who did a wonderful job with decorations and food. What a blessing you are!



Ron and Paulette have so much passion for missions and ministry. I've learned a lot from them in seven years.



Plans are to spend more time with my family. My daughter and her family are on the left. My son and his family are on the right. Also have plans to keep painting as long as the Lord allows!

**FROM PENNY:** First and foremost, I would like to thank Jesus Christ for giving me this opportunity to serve at the KBA. It has been an answer to my prayers. I am looking forward to how God is going to move in my life and use me in the mission field. I have enjoyed getting to know Ms. Kathy these past couple of months, and I will cherish our friendship. She will be missed here at the Association. Although I am excited and nervous at the same time, I am reminded of Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." God bless!

## June Calendar

01—Happy 7th Anniversary, Ron!  
15-16—SBC Annual Meeting  
20—Father's Day  
21-25—Myrtle Beach Mission Trip  
29—Pastors Conference  
29—Better Halves  
30—Law Enforcement packets deadline

# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

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## Missions—National

### KBA DISASTER RELIEF TEAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

...our KBA DR team has done remarkable work in recent months and needs more volunteers.



Pictures below are from the May 19 response to remove a fallen tree from a house in Kershaw and tarp the roof. Look for a lot more pictures on our Facebook page.



### KERSHAW BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

14 East DeKalb Street  
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ORGANIZATION  
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Permit No. 32

TO:

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES...

**PART-TIME YOUTH MINISTER** ...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](mailto:cassattbc@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:revdanny10@yahoo.com) or [church.antioch@yahoo.com](mailto:church.antioch@yahoo.com).

**PART-TIME MINISTRY ASSISTANT**...send resumé to **Springvale Baptist Church**, 1496 Springvale Road, Lugoff, SC 29078.

**CHILDCARE WORKERS - Camden First Child Care Center** is in need of caring, nurturing adults to care for children in their weekday ministry. Interest and resumé should be emailed to [FBC-ChildMin@FirstBaptistCamden.org](mailto:FBC-ChildMin@FirstBaptistCamden.org).

Volunteer Opportunities

The KBA is looking for office volunteers who can help with small tasks in the day-to-day operation of the Missions Center—answering phone, helping with mailouts, filling in when someone is sick or on vacation. If you have a little time to help out, please contact Penny, 803-432-3028. This could be YOUR mission project.