



The Cornerstone

I Peter 2:6

Growing God's Kingdom Associationally

A letter from your Associational Missionary..... Welcome to 2022, my brothers and sisters in Christ, and all the exciting things that God has ahead for us if Christ tarries in His coming! I'm excited about both the old things we'll continue to do for Him, as well as the new things He would have us engage in together. Yes, you're reading this right. It seems we have been in low gear for a while due to Covid. We cannot let Covid sidetrack us from our divine duty of getting the Gospel out any longer. While we don't know what Covid will do again with the gathering of the church, our KBA ministries are typically small and doable in all settings ... so let's press on with faith, joy and persistence!

Right out of the 2022 chute, we have a training workshop planned for our Good News Clubs. Pastors and church teams let's believe that God will keep the doors open to your local elementary school to get the Gospel in, so let's prepare in faith and get ready. We're looking at providing a Volunteer Youth Ministry workshop in the winter, too, for the smaller churches to bulk up their work with their youth. Then there is Sacks of Love, the Carolina Cup and mission trips to Myrtle Beach. While we support the Hispanic Church plant, we continue to pray about other church plants. All the while we will care for our Pastors and wives through monthly fellowships and retreats at The Cove. One of our new efforts is to provide a monthly supper for our Bi-vocational Pastors and wives.

Saints, we must keep our spiritual eyes on our Lord and His work, not on the world and its problems. Let us cast off every hindrance that encumbers and get back in the race! While I will live wisely and gather with others, carefully ... I will not live in a closet and will actively live out my faith and the ministry He has given me as your missionary. May you and your church do the same. These days, a lot of folks are worried about dying. Not us! Let us worry about not living ... the full and abundant life and work He has given for this little while on earth! I died to self when I entered that baptistery 49 years ago, then did it again when I put on our nations uniform. Now at the beginning of this new year, let the Church, once again, die to self and live for our Lord in all the ways He calls us to do. Look out 2022, here we come in the awesome name and power of our Lord Jesus Christ! Church, the fields are white unto harvest and the lost are calling...

Your Associational Missionary,
Rev Ron Underwood

Proverbs 29:18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Missions—Local



TRAINING FOR GOOD NEWS CLUBS 2022 ... we are praying, hoping and planning to have Good News Clubs in many, if not all of our elementary schools this spring. A Refresher and initial training workshop is planned for Saturday, January 22, beginning at 10 am at Malvern Hill Baptist Church, Camden. All volunteers, whether they have worked in a GNC before or not, are asked to be present. Teams, we can only let Covid slow us down so long in getting the Gospel to the children, so off we go in faith! Various supplies like GNC t-shirts, name badges and yard signs will be handed out.

UPDATE FOR OUR REFUGEE FAMILY! ... it's great to report that the team at Friendship Church has worked hard & identified a house for the family in Camden. It is now fully furnished. This family has arrived in Columbia and will arrive in Camden in early January. Dad and mom are ages 30 and 29, respectively. They have two sons, ages 7 and 5, and one daughter, age 2. Thanks to Joan Reconnu at Southside Baptist for preparing to do ESL with them. Friendship Church has lined up meals for the first week. We expect there will be opportunities for our KBA churches to do the same, as well as help with other needs. We will identify and publicize those needs as we are made aware of them. Contact Ron at KBA, or Keith Willoughby or Andrew Tate at Friendship Church at 864-377-2280.



LOVE, SERVE, GIVE ... is a hunger/feeding ministry that takes place each Sunday afternoon in the Camden-Lugoff area. Volunteer churches are needed, once more. Contact Rev. Keith Willoughby at Friendship Church, Lugoff, 864-377-2280 for more details.

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

Congratulations to Pastor Silvio and Suly on the birth of their baby girl in December!



HOPE FOR LIFE Pregnancy Center is well underway! We would like to thank you for the numerous donations that we have received! This month, we are hoping to launch our new website and Facebook page! We have established a temporary location and we are looking to have open office hours a few days a week. We are still looking for more board members and praying for the Lord to send us a Director! Please be in prayer for this important ministry in Kershaw County! If

you are interested in serving in any capacity, please reach out to Allyson Brannen at 803-422-5378.

Committee meetings... your Association needs committee members for the following KBA committees: **Local Evangelism & Missions Team; Heart 4 Schools Team; National & International Missions Team; Church Health Team (Revitalization); Pastor/Family Care Team.** All Pastors are respectfully asked to serve on at least one committee. Let's have every church represented. Contact Ron to volunteer or to answer any questions.



KBA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ... is Tuesday evening, January 18th at 6 pm at the KBA mission center. It will also be broadcast on the KBA Facebook page Live.

Pastors/Staff/Family Care

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PASTORS CONFERENCE is Thursday, January 27th, 11AM, at LaFiesta Restaurant, Camden. Some of our Pastors can not meet on Tuesdays, so we are trying something new with Thursdays!

MONTHLY LUNCHEON FOR BIVOCATIONAL PASTORS & WIVES ...will be Saturday, January 15th, 1 pm, at LaFiesta Restaurant in Camden.



BETTER HALVES MEETING... *the wives of pastors and staff members is* Thursday, January 27th, 6 pm at Lugoff House of Pizza. *Call or text Paulette Underwood, 803-840-0020 to sign up!*

AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

January Birthdays:

17 Katie Faz, River
23 Larry Humphries, Buffalo
24 Bobby James, Cedar Creek
30 Allyson Brannen, Emmanuel



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 Everett Reconnu, Southside
01 Keith Stott, Beaverdam
01 Buster Morris, Malvern Hill
03 Bobby James, Cedar Creek
06 Dean Elliott, Cassatt
11 Clint Ellis, Camden First

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—refresher for ministry leaders and their spouses, www.shadetreeministry.org

Wateree Pregnancy Network— 803-713-4458

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

Missions— World / National / State



ON MISSION AT MYRTLE BEACH! ... is how some of our KBA churches have seen themselves as we've partnered with Impact Myrtle Beach the last few years, conducting day camps at large campgrounds there. It only takes a group of 8-10 or a whole group can join in! While Covid has kept us from doing some things as churches, this is something we still can do in the outside campground picnic shelters! KBA is looking to send teams there the week of **July 17-22**. If this does not work for your church, here are all the dates: June 5-10, June 12-17; June 19-24;

June 26-July 1; July 3-8; July 10-15; July 17-22; July 24-Aug 2. They even have a retreat center for your group to be housed in if you make your commitment early. Call Ron for more info or call Peter at Impact MB at 803-920-3763.

SMALL CHURCH VOLUNTEER YOUTH MINISTRY WORKSHOP ... we hear it so often from our smaller churches that they have a hard time with putting together an effective youth ministry. KBA is looking to put together a workshop soon to help your volunteers (March?), so be preparing your volunteers to participate.

January

Happy New Year!!

- 3-KBA office Closed for New Years
- 15-Bi-Vocational Pastor & Wives Luncheon
- 17-KBA office Closed
- 18-KBA Executive Meeting
- 22-GNC Training
- 27- Pastor Conference
- 27-Better Halves

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TO:

WELCOME OUR NEW PASTORS!

Tim Stephens (Patty), at Harmony Baptist;
Jerry Brown (Sherry), at Lucknow Baptist; and
Jerry Underwood (Shannon), at Faith Baptist
West.

Missions—State



Baptist Disaster Relief strives to bring help, hope, and healing after a crisis. With twelve different ways to serve, there's a place for everyone and every church.

When storms come, disaster relief teams quickly follow — clearing debris, feeding the hungry, and helping families rebuild.

The KBA Disaster Relief Team needs volunteers!

If you would like to help, please contact the KBA Missions Center at 803-432-3028 or Alvin Tans at 803-427-9394 for more details. This could be your mission! If you would like to sign up for training, please go to the South Carolina Baptist Convention website.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES...

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

PART-TIME MUSIC MINISTER... Springvale Baptist Church Duties include leading choir, a blended Praise & Worship Service and coordinating special music on a weekly basis. The Music Minister will also be available to lead when needed for any extra services that take place. Please send resume to: springvale.baptist@springvalebaptist.com.

FULL-TIME STUDENT PASTOR.....Dekalb Baptist Church in Camden, SC, is seeking the man God has called to be our full-time Student Pastor. Evidence of a personal relationship with Jesus and a passion to work with students are required. Formal education and experience are preferred. Please email resumes to: dekalbchurch@gmail.com Attn: Vince Earls

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 Kershaw Baptist Association at 803-432-3028. This could be YOUR mission project.