



MAY 2022

# The Cornerstone

I Peter 2:6

Growing God's Kingdom Associationally

A group of KBA Pastors and I recently met together for the day to discuss and plan future vision and ministry that will best support our Pastors and churches of our Association. I tried to listen well to their hearts and words. Here are the takeaways that I left with. **1-** Large and small churches often have very different needs, so KBA ministry must be quite diverse and flexible to care for all our churches. **2-** The care of our Pastors, staffs, and family's needs to continue to be a priority. **3-** Networking, networking, networking! Greater opportunities for Pastors and Staff to network needs to occur. **4-** Equipping of the churches needs to be an even stronger goal of the Association in coming days, addressing needs like youth and music ministry of small churches, use of technology, training of deacons and committees, and discipleship training, among others. **5-** Let us continue to offer and encourage missional opportunities: local, national and international. **6-** Put a greater emphasis on training for and implementing church revitalization of the smaller churches and partnering of the larger churches with the smaller ones. **7-** KBA by laws need to be updated, providing less structure so to give the greatest freedom to do effective ministry in changing times. I have already begun to implement some of these recommendations. We are now scheduling Pastor/Staff gatherings in different geographical sections of the Association so they can better network. We are planning a top-notch marriage retreat for our Pastors, staff and wives in September, recently approved at our spring meeting. We are putting together a church revitalization team comprised of Pastors as well as organizing a by-laws committee. I'm looking at starting a 'Church U' (Church University) thrust in the fall that can offer all sorts of training opportunities to our churches and leaders on a regular basis. KBA, I am your suggestion box! Please contact me with feedback on these things I've shared as well as your own new (or old) ideas. Together, we want your Association helping you and your church to glorify God to the max! *Ron Underwood*



**CHURCH NEEDED TO LEAD NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER...**For Kershaw County, Thursday, May 5th. The courthouse lawn has already been reserved. Contact Ron for more information.

**THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER...**Gathering for Lee County takes place at noon on Thursday, May 5th in front of the Lee County Courthouse in Bishopville! Contact Rev Bobby James at Cedar Creek Baptist for more information.

**ORDINATION COUNCIL...**for Jerry Underwood is planned for Monday, May 2nd at 6 pm at KBA. We will have a cookout at 6 pm, followed by the council. All ordained pastors, staff, and deacons are invited to attend! Please let Ron know if you plan to come so we can have plenty of good food!



**ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING ...** is your church prepared to defend itself in the event of an active shooter coming your way? Precision Tactics, a ministry that trains church members - will provide training on Saturday, May 21st, 9 am. Location will be announced when it gets closer to the date! If interested please call KBA 803-432-3028.

## Missions—Local / State / World / National



**SOLEMN ASSEMBLY...**Led by Bill Eliff of Oklahoma will take place at Willow Ridge Church in Lexington on Monday, May 16th from 10 am—3 pm. Bill will lead in a day of prayer over our churches, our denomination, and our world. He will bless you in many ways! Pastors have been sent a link to register for this event! This event is FREE!! Lunch will be provided!! Here is the link just in case you didn't receive it. <https://www.scbaptist.org/events/asolemnassembly/>

**OPIOID CRISIS WORKSHOP...**sponsored by Palmetto Family Council takes place Thursday, May 19th, at 5 pm at El Bethel Community Church in Lugoff. 905 Longtown Road. Pastors have been sent a link to register. But just in case you didn't receive the link... [www.eventbrite.com/e/the-opioid-crisis-the-church-engaging-to-heal-addiction-kershaw-county-tickets-325834879897?aff=ebdsoporgprofile](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-opioid-crisis-the-church-engaging-to-heal-addiction-kershaw-county-tickets-325834879897?aff=ebdsoporgprofile). This event is free. This workshop is for pastors and ministry leaders to provide valuable information and connection points to help churches impact their communities and congregations. By participating in the workshop you will hear the alarming reality of this hidden crisis, what it looks like in your community and inside your church, and how you can engage those grappling with addiction to help them heal.



**TRAINING FOR GOOD NEWS CLUBS 2022 ...** is now available by going to the website 'edpuzzle' and signing up. Once there, you will find a host of videos that will train your team in various aspects of the Good News Club ministry. Videos show several GNC's in action! Your church can now carry out needful training in the safety and privacy of your small group. All volunteers, whether first-time or previous, are asked to complete this training. Various supplies like GNC t-shirts, name badges and yard signs are available now at KBA. As your church puts together plans to get the Gospel to your children, think beyond the box. For safety's sake, what is the largest meeting space in your school? Can you meet there? If your school leadership is concerned about meeting inside, consider meeting outside, later in the spring, when the weather is more agreeable. How can your KBA team help?

**UPDATE ON OUR REFUGEE FAMILY!** ... the team at Friendship Church has done a phenomenal job in bringing our family to the area! The family is continuing the process of getting their necessary paperwork to get jobs, medical care, drivers licenses and such. KBA has the task of being with the family on Tuesdays. We expect there will be opportunities for our KBA churches to meet them soon and assist with other needs. Contact Ron at the KBA, or Keith Willoughby or Andrew Tate at Friendship Church at 864-377-2280.



**HOPE FOR LIFE...** is now accepting walk-in clients from 4-6 pm on Tuesdays at the Serenity House in Lugoff. Appointments can also be made via website at [www.hopeforlifepregnancycenter.com](http://www.hopeforlifepregnancycenter.com). If you are interested in someone coming to speak to your church about this ministry or are interested in participating in our upcoming fundraiser, please contact Mary Beth Tanner at [maryt2002@att.net](mailto:maryt2002@att.net) or 803-420-3029.

May is Ministers' Wives Appreciation Month in South Carolina. This month we honor and appreciate the women who sacrifice their husbands in our churches. We encourage you to highlight each ministers' wife in your church one Sunday this month. It could be a video shown or even a collection of cards. You could do a gift baskets or gift cards. Romans 12:10 says, "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves." An investment today gives encouragement for tomorrow.



**MISSIONS 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.



# Carolina Cup 2022

## OUR MINISTRY CREW AT THE CAROLINA CUP!



Many thanks  
to everyone  
who  
volunteered  
their time to  
minister to  
those who  
attended the  
Carolina  
Cup!



### Mark 16:15

And he said unto them,  
Go ye into all the world,  
and preach the gospel to  
every creature.



### Matthew 9:37-38

Then he said to his disciples,  
“The harvest is plentiful but  
the workers are few. Ask the  
Lord of the harvest,  
therefore, to send out  
workers into his harvest  
field.”







**Jesus said, “*Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.*” Matthew 19:14**



## Activities around Town



Emmanuel Baptist Church would like to invite you to join them at their Community Night of Worship; Friday, May 13th at 6:30 pm. Emmanuel Baptist at 1643 McRae Rd, Camden.



Pine Grove Baptist Church would like to invite you to attend May Family Fest on May 21st from 11-3. Games, bounce houses and food! Come and be ready for some fun!

**MALVERN HILL BAPTIST CHURCH**



**YOUTH WORSHIP**  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25TH  
7:00 P.M.  
GENERATION 180 STUDENTS  
PRAISE - WORSHIP - LIVE MUSIC  
Contact Adam Whiteside for more info.  
803-432-7035  
JOIN STUDENTS FROM ALL OVER  
KERSHAW COUNTY FOR A NIGHT OF  
JOINT WORSHIP.

Malvern Hill Baptist would like to invite the youth in Kershaw County to join them in a night of worship. Wednesday, May 25th at 7 pm.



Kershaw County Mental Health Clinic would like to invite you to attend their May Fest on the 20th from 1 pm to 3 pm at 2611 Liberty Hill Rd in Camden. Free Screenings, Giveaways, Resources and Free Food Truck Frenzy. If you would like more information please call 803-432-5323.

## Pastors/Staff/Family Care



**PASTORS CONFERENCE** ... is Thursday, May 26, 11AM. Location to be announced.

**GEOGRAPHICAL PASTOR/STAFF NETWORKING**...is beginning in May. Pastors and staff in different parts of the Association will be able to gather and network more easily. Ron will be texting and emailing specific times, dates (Thursdays?) and locations each month.



**BETTER HALVES MEETING**... the wives of pastors and staff members is Thursday, May 26th, 6 pm at KBA. Call or text Paulette Underwood, 803-840-0020 to sign up!

**PASTOR, STAFF & WIVES MARRIAGE RETREAT!** ... is being planned for Friday evening thru Sunday afternoon, September 23rd—25th, at Lake Wateree Military Recreation Area. We are partnering with the SCBC to have their preachers fill your pulpit that Sunday morning, if you choose. Write this date down so you don't forget! Please let Ron know if you and your spouse would like to join in on the retreat!



## 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](http://www.shadetreeministry.org)

**Hope for Life Pregnancy Center**—803-900-5647 [hopeforlifepregnancycenter.com](http://hopeforlifepregnancycenter.com)

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

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





- 3-Ordination
- 5-National Day of Prayer
- 13-Ministry Assistant Conference
- 13-Community Worship-Emmanuel Baptist
- 16-A Solemn Assembly-Willow Ridge Church
- 19-Opioid Crisis-El Bethel Community Church
- 20-Mental Health Awareness Fair
- 21-Active Shooter Training
- 21-Family Fest-Pine Grove Baptist
- 25-Youth Worship-Malvern Hill Baptist
- 26-Pastor's Conference
- 26-Better Halves
- 30-Memorial Day

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TO:

**Kershaw Baptist Association is going to get rid of the Media Center.** If you or your church is interested in any material that is in the media center, please contact the Association. Here is a brief list: Movies: Adult Fiction, family and children, and family & children series. Books and Bible Studies: Adult, Marriage, Inspirational, and Youth / Student. If a church would like to come and take all—that would be great!

## AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

### May Birthdays:

- 06 Amy Hopkins, Hermitage
- 08 Steve Sanderson, Calvary
- 14 Jenny Corder, Hillcrest
- 18 Everett Reconnu, Southside
- 19 Ken Jackson, Hillcrest
- 24 Todd Gandy, Providence
- 24 Sandy Ridley, Freedom Outreach
- 25 Robbie Shivar, Sand Hill Heights



### May Wedding Anniversaries:

- 15 Steve and Diane Lee, Mt Olivet



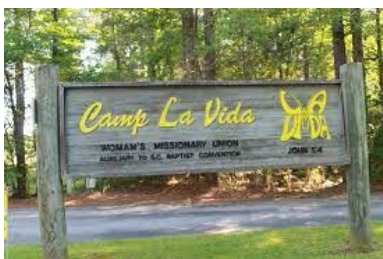
## JOB OPPORTUNITIES...

**PART-TIME YOUTH MINISTER .....**Antioch 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](mailto:revdanny10@yahoo.com) or [church.antioch@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:springvale.baptist@springvalebaptist.com).

**PART-TIME FINANCIAL SECRETARY.....** Lugoff First Baptist is seeking a part-time financial secretary. For more information on job description or to send a resume....please send an email to: [catoe\\_r@bellsouth.net](mailto:catoe_r@bellsouth.net)

## Missions—State



Kershaw Baptist Association Disaster Relief Team will be heading to Camp La Vida to do some work there. If you are interested in going or helping please contact the Association.