



The Cornerstone

I Peter 2:6

Growing God's Kingdom Associationally

It is my joy to begin my ninth year with you as your Associational Missionary as of June 1! It has been a time of much learning, even at my age and many years in ministry. More than this, it has been a time of great opportunity to be loyal to our Masters command "strengthen what remains" (the Church!) and to "go into all the world" with the Gospel. To these ends, our Constitution and By-laws Team is taking a close look at these dated documents, so we accomplish the ministries and missions we believe are important, better than ever. One of the key issues in both documents is the question: **What committees (teams) do we need to best carry out our God-given work as an Association?** As these documents currently dictate, do we really need an Enrollment Committee, an Ordination Committee, or a Resolutions Committee, anymore? Yet, don't we need a Pastor Care Team, a Church Health Team and a Church Revitalization Team? Aren't these ministries extremely important to us? Oh yes, and don't we need a Heart 4 Schools Team that can help our 48 churches keep our prayers and our focus on our children? None of these last four are delineated in our documents. Please pray for the By Laws team as we seek God's heavenly wisdom in organizing our earthly work so that when recommendations are made to you, God's voice will be clear. **KBA, the Constitution and By-laws do no matter if we don't have the joyful, willing volunteers to do the work God has given us.** We need pastors, staff, and church members to serve on our Teams, new and old. If your heart beats for schools, let me know. KBA is also needing **immediately** 3 Trustees. They will be responsible for signing the legal documents. If it is for evangelism or missions, give me a call. If it is for church health or pastor care, I need to hear from you now. Your Associational team stands ready to assist, train and resource you in many ways, **but you must report to the firing lane and make yourself available.** Our community and world need to hear the Gospel, now more than ever ... and your Association can help you and your church achieve far more than you can, alone ... so if you believe this, I look forward to hearing from you soon... and so we pray on!

Your Associational Team

'CHURCH U' ... will begin in the fall as we seek to strengthen and equip our churches to do the work God has given us! Therein, you and your church will have opportunity to be part of meetings and workshops on things like youth ministry in the small church; music ministry in the small church; active shooter training; technology in the small church; spiritual gifts; developing a strategic plan, and so many more. Do you have a question about a ministry? Do you have a ministry need that we can help you with? What training and equipping can we provide for you that will bring greater glory to God and the spread of the Gospel? What ministry have you always wanted to know more about?



PRAY N GO ... is a proven effort to increase prayer within the church and outreach to the community, all in one! What church doesn't need these things to happen? A member of one of our churches says it is the most impacting thing he has ever seen in his church. Ron and Paulette are scheduled to provide training for several of our churches and are willing to come to your church, too!

CHURCH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT....Two Saturdays: August 6th and 13th. Two locations: North Spartan Association and Orangeburg—Calhoun Association. Need help to get going again? Need new ideas? Not sure how to lead your group? Wondering if anyone else is having the problems you had? Things are going great with your WMU! No matter what your position is, what your church is or is not doing, you will be able to find out something new at our Church Leadership Development on August 6th in Spartanburg, and August 13th in Orangeburg. For more information on the schedule and conferences offered please go to: www.scwmu.org. The cost is \$25.00 per person, which includes lunch and materials.



ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING ... was postponed due to low registration. We still think this is a real need, so be on the alert for a new date.

Missions—Local / State / World / National

NOW IS THE TIME TO PLAN FOR A GOOD NEWS CLUB ... for the upcoming school year that starts Aug 1! Training is now available by going to the website 'edpuzzle' and signing up. Once there, you will find a number of videos that will train your team in various aspects of the Good News Club. Videos even 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 this 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 great job in bringing the Hamdard Family to the area. Some of you got to meet Murtaza at our spring meeting. He is learning English, not only this but he has finally received the paperwork he needs to get a job. While he is working, Rohkshana will be wrestling with two preschoolers and expecting their third in July. Pray for her! She is adjusting a bit slower. America is a huge shock when you have been raised in the backwoods of Afghanistan. Sometimes, we don't even like what we see here, either do we!

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. If you are interested in someone coming to speak to your church about this ministry or interested in participating in our baby bottle fundraiser, please contact Mary Beth Tanner at maryt2002@att.net or 803-420-3029.



2022 Camp La Vida Summer Camp—Registration is now open! Sign up today for a week, mini camp, mom/daughter camp or overnight stay! Don't miss out on what God can do for you at camp! To register, go to: www.camplavida.org/register

MISSIONS AT MYRTLE BEACH!.....KBA has three churches who are going on mission to Myrtle Beach, July 17-22. Thanks to Providence, Faith West, and Kershaw First. We will be conducting day camps all week long with many children who don't go to church or even have a bible. We will also be doing balloon art/face painting at Broadway at the Beach, Beach Ministry, and Hotel cookie hospitality outreach to employees. Wow, what an impact! Please be in prayer for us on these dates and plan on joining us next year!



FAMILY MISSIONS...Encourage the families in your church to do a Family Mission Project this summer. Here are a few ideas. Pick a clean up day to gather clothes, games, and other unused items around your house. Take them to a church clothes closet, plan a neighborhood flea market to raise money for the Janie Chapman offering, or a ministry in your area. Plan a day to volunteer for a local ministry in your area which the whole family can participate in.

Kershaw Baptist Association is depleting 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!

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

Hope for Life Pregnancy Center— 803-900-5647 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



Vacation Bible School

Abney Baptist Church: June 5-9th **5180 Bethune Rd. Kershaw**
Dekalb Baptist Church: June 5-8th time 5:30-8:00 **2034 Dekalb School Rd. Camden**
Lugoff First Baptist: June 5-9th time 6:00-8:30 **106 Longtown Rd. Lugoff**
Trinity Baptist: June 5-9th time 5:30 **1062 Ridgeway Rd. Lugoff**
Harmony: June 5-9th time 6-8:30 **1940 Bethune Rd. Bethune**
Malvern Hill Baptist: June 6-9th time 6:00-8:30 **1514 Malvern Hill Dr. Camden**
Mt. Olivet Baptist: June 6-10th time 6:00-8:30 **608 Black River Rd. Camden**
Shamrock Baptist: June 15-17th time 6:00-8:30 **3573 Porter Rd. Bethune**
Hermitage Baptist: June 20-22nd time 6:00-8:30 **814 Jefferson Davis Hwy. Camden**
Camden First Baptist: June 20-23rd time 9 am–12 noon **1201 Broad St. Camden**
Cedar Creek Baptist: June 22-24th time 6:30-8:30 **3002 Camden Hwy. Bishopville**
Timrod Baptist: June 23-26th time 6:00-8:00 **4227 Timrod Rd. Bethune**
Faith West Baptist: June 26-28th time 6 pm. **35 Phillips Church Rd. Bishopville**
Bethany Baptist: June 26-29th time 6:00 –8:30. **3100 Young’s Park Dr. Westville**
Emmanuel Baptist Church: July 10-14th time 6:00-8:30 **1643 McRae Rd. Camden**
New Hope: July 14-17th **9025 Liberty Hill Rd. Camden**
Cassatt: July 24-28th time 6:00-8:30 **2604 Highway 1 North, Cassatt**



Pastors/Staff/Family Care



PASTORS CONFERENCE ... is Thursday, June 23, 11AM. Location to be announced.

GEOGRAPHICAL PASTOR/STAFF NETWORKING... has begun each week. Your Associational Missionary provides opportunities to meet with your fellow pastors (and food) in different parts of our mission field. Be on the lookout for Ron’s emails and text to let you know about lunch in your area of our community.

BETTER HALVES MEETING... the wives of pastors and staff members is Thursday, June 23rd, 6 pm at Lugoff House of Pizza. 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!



AROUND THE ASSOCIATION



June Birthdays:

07 Stephanie James, Cedar Creek
 13 Cindy Hedgepath, Antioch
 13 Ron Underwood, KBA
 16 Todd Warnock, River
 22 Bryan Plyler, River
 28 Jeremy Ussery, Timrod

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

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 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

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.

KBA Disaster Relief Report

In May, the Kershaw Baptist Association Chainsaw Unit deployed to Camp LaVida in Winnsboro, SC. Camp LaVida is there for young people. They have opportunities for spiritual growth and a variety of activities including pottery, canoeing, archery, riflery, interpretative movement, and many others. SCBDR partners with Camp LaVida offering our chainsaw units opportunities to support Camp LaVida by clearing trees around structures. In addition to providing practical help to the grounds maintenance, it was an excellence opportunity to develop team camaraderie and to practice our skills. They treated us very well – we each had a private room and shower! One team member says, “I am going to try to learn the knots needed for tree work.” Other team member said, “I was very impressed with the planning and safety that went into each tree that was cut down. The teamwork of the volunteers was great.” A new team member says, “This was a most enjoyable experience. It was nice to be able to meet new Christians and have great conversations and fellowship. I was able to expand my knowledge and skills. It is definitely something I would enjoy doing again.” Troy, Camp LaVida’s maintenance superintendent, said, “I want to thank you and your team for helping by taking all of the trees that would have surely found their way onto our cabins and buildings. Over the last few years I give teams like yours the credit for no damage through any of our rough weather. Also, thank you for allowing me to sit in on your devotions. Each time I learn a little something when I observe y’all working.”

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