



The Cornerstone

I Peter 2:6

Growing God's Kingdom Associationally

Message from your Associational Missionary!... Saints, recent days have been good ones for us, the Church and the Kingdom's work! Fifty years of hard praying has finally resulted in the decision of the Supreme Court to do away with abortions, at least at the federal level. The Court also ruled that the football coach who was a believer could freely practice his faith, even if it meant being led to pray in public at his games. Praise God! Let us rejoice! No matter how it appears, our God is at work across our nation as a result of the faith, prayers and public stands of believers.

Yet, the work is not done. We still have some praying and hard work to do. While abortion is no longer supported by the federal government, leaders in our 50 states are hard at work. Some states, like South Carolina, are tightening restrictions even more while other states are opening their doors to those seeking abortions. Let us keep praying and working for God to move even more. In regard to praying in public, let us all pray without ceasing: anytime, anywhere. While our Lord had something to say about praying in public to be seen of men, let's be sure to check our hearts. Then, let our prayers roll whether it be in our lost neighbor's yard, the Walmart aisle and, yes, even where the unbelieving world says no way.

The Apostle John reminds us we are to love in deed and not just in word. That is why we have churches going on mission to Myrtle Beach this month. That is why some churches are planning their Good News Club efforts for their local school now. That is why we are building up our supplies and finances for the Sacks of Love that starts August 1. That is why we are supporting our growing ministry to pregnant women. Let us not grow weary in well doing, brothers and sisters. As you and your church pursue your ministry, make sure you include your Association in your prayers and plans. You, your church and the Kingdom's work is all the more stronger when you do. We stand ready to equip and support you in every way.

Your Associational Missionary,

Ron Underwood



KBA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ... will meet at 6 pm on Tuesday, July 26 at the KBA missions center.

THE FINANCE TEAM ... is assembling the 2023 budget that is to be considered and voted on at the KBA fall meeting in October. Please submit all ministry suggestions, questions and inputs to the KBA office.

Missions—Local / State / World / National



HOPE FOR LIFE... is now accepting walk-in clients from 4-6 pm on Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 10 am-12 pm by appointment only at the Serenity House in Lugoff. The baby bottle fundraiser is still ongoing. If your church is interested in participating, please contact Mary Beth Tanner at maryt2002@att.net or 803-420-3029. If your church is hosting VBS during the month of July, please consider using Hope For Life as your mission project for the week by collecting money or items for the center. You can mail monetary donations to PO Box 548 Camden, SC 29021 or drop off at Kershaw Baptist Association 14 East Dekalb Street Camden.

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!



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 ministry. 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 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?

ON MISSION 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 on the Beach, beach evangelism and a cookie hospitality outreach to hotel employees! Wow, what an impact! Please be praying for us on these dates and plan on joining us next year.



'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!

What's Happening Around Kershaw County

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



Please be in prayer for **Hermitage Baptist Church**—they are heading to Alabama for a Mission Trip!

Victory Sports Camp July 11-15, 2022 @ Blaney Elementary School 9 am-4 pm Mon-Thur and 9 am-1 pm on Fri. Cost is \$35 and you can register your child at www.victorysportsoutreach.org or call 803-438-1991 for more information. It's an exciting day camp for completed 1st—6th graders. In the morning, students will participate in a sports camp and receive coaching in a sport of their choice (basketball, baseball, softball, football, soccer, volleyball, or cheerleading). In the afternoon students will experience a fun VBS!

Pastors/Staff/Family Care



PASTORS CONFERENCE ... We will not be meeting in July. Next conference will be in August. However, Ron will be networking with pastors in the weekly lunches in various areas across our communities.

BETTER HALVES

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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

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



July Birthdays:

03 Keith Stott, Beaverdam

05 Mark Hopkins, Hermitage

07 Diane Lee, Mt. Olivet

10 Craigen Blankenship, Bethany

11 Allan Ogburn, Trinity

17 Chuck Everett, Trinity

21 Phillip Gerrald, Camden First



AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

July Wedding Anniversaries:

18 Jerry and Shannon Underwood, Faith West

20 Clint and Tiffany Ellis, Camden First

28 Bobby and Stephanie James, Cedar Creek

31 Phillip and Susie Gerrald, Camden First

31 Ken and Tonya Jackson, Hillcrest



July Church Anniversaries:

01 Todd Warnock, River

06 Stephen Sanderson, Calvary

15 Scott Bernshausen, Bethune

28 Chuck Everett, Trinity



4-KBA Office Closed
 10-14 Emmanuel Baptist VBS
 11-15 Victory Sports Camp-Blaney Elementary
 14-17 New Hope VBS
 17-22 KBA Mission Trip-Impact Myrtle Beach
 24-28 Cassatt Baptist VBS
 26- KBA Executive Meeting

SCBC Calendar of Activities
Focus on Christian Citizenship
 3-Religious Liberty Sunday

Disaster Relief

UNIT LEADER UPDATE FOR SC DISASTER RELIEF "BLUE HATS".....

Tuesday, August 30, 2022
 Saluda River Baptist Church
 3459 Sunset Blvd., West Columbia.
 10:15 am-4:15 pm. Lunch Included.
 Topics: State & National DR information update,
 Focus on partnerships, Breakout Sessions.
 Cost: No fee, but pre-registration is REQUIRED.
NO WALK INS!
 Bonus Classes: New Unit Leader Training:
 8-10 am Basic and 2:15-4:15 pm Admin—Both
 sessions required. Recommendations for new unit
 leaders must be pre-approved. Experience unit
 leaders may attend as space allows.
 To Register: You can register online at
www.scbaptist.org/dr (scroll to Events) or you can
 call or email Debbie Royson, 803-227-6041,
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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.

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, and Inspirational. If a church would like to come and take all—that would be great!