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The Cornerstone

I Peter 2:6

Growing God's Kingdom Associationally



THE SEASON OF PRAYER FOR STATE MISSIONS ... & the Janie Chapman Offering for missions in our state is September 11-18. Resource materials are available at www.JanieChapmanOffering.org. These resources include videos, mission stories, speakers list, leaders guides and more. Email wmu@scbaptist.org or call 803-227-6205 for more info. Ron and Paulette are available to speak throughout this time.

KBA FALL MEETING & YES, CELEBRATION! As our churches move out of Covid and we rejoice in the fall of Roe vs Wade, we have a lot to celebrate as followers of Jesus, whether we are a church or a family of churches! We will gather at Camden First Baptist Church at **NOON** on **SATURDAY, OCT 22** for a barbeque and gospel bluegrass music. Rev Todd Gandy, our Moderator, will then preach. Oh yes, we'll take care of just a little business, too. The band is the New River Gospel Bluegrass Band out of Greer. They play regularly at Dollywood. One more thing: we've tried to plan this celebration with our co-vocational Pastors in mind and around deer hunting / football games, so let's all gather to sing, laugh, and rejoice in the Lord!

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR YOUR ASSOCIATION...is October 16th-23rd. The KBA has a prayer trifold you can pick up at the mission center. You can print it or KBA can print it. Just let us know. Please consider collecting an offering that will go to the purchase of drink and food supplies for the **Sacks of Love** ministry.

Week of Prayer



Heart4Schools Training, Better Together....This training is for anyone who may be considering serving a local school as well as those looking for ways to strengthen an existing partnership. We will hear from state and district leaders as well as have opportunities to network and learn from one another. Discover how you can impact the lives of students and teachers, bringing life transformation to individuals and your community. As we encourage one another and serve our communities we are **BETTER TOGETHER!** Training will be on September 15th at Shandon Baptist Church, Columbia from 10 am-3:30 pm. Please register at www.scbaptist.org/heart4schools. Deadline to register is September 6th.

GREAT MARRIAGES DON'T JUST HAPPEN! ...Weekend To Remember in Augusta, GA is Sept 9-11th. The event is now at the lowest rate, 1/2 off. Register at WeekendtoRemember.com for the Augusta or any other conference offered. Use code **AMERSON** to help other couples go. If you would like to sponsor a military or first responder couple to the conference please let Russell or Jackie Amerson know by calling 803-446-5172.

PARENTS OF PRODIGALS....Over the past several years, we've listened as many parents, in ministry, have openly grieved about a prodigal child. On September 22, 2022 we have invited Phil Waldrep author of "Parenting Your Prodigal" to share with us during an event that has been specifically tailored to ministry families dealing with this very issue. Attendance is free, we do ask that you register as lunch and a copy of Phil's book will be provided to everyone in attendance. Please help us minister to those who could be helped by an event like this by encouraging them to attend this important event. Event held at the SCBC 190 Stoneridge Dr. Columbia, SC. Register at www.scbaptist.org/events/prodigal

Missions—Local / State / World / National



GOOD NEWS CLUB TRAINING ... is planned for **Saturday, September 10**, beginning at 10 am at Trinity Baptist Church, Hwy 34, Lugoff. 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. Ron has met with the KCSO Superintendent of schools who is much in favor of this effort. So let us now pray for open doors at every elementary school and for God's great blessing!

UPDATE ON OUR REFUGEE FAMILY! ... the team at Friendship Church has done such a wonderful job in bringing the Hamdard family to the area! Murtaza is now working and Rohkshana has had their third child. Pray for them as they adjust to their new life here in America.



'CHURCH U' ... begins in September with the GNC training, then continues in the fall & spring 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? Contact Ron with questions, thoughts or recommendations.



We would like to thank everyone for the generous donations that have been pouring in to the center! We have made the decision to temporarily close the office to walk in appointments and schedule them by appointment only by calling the office. We will open the doors for walk-ins again soon! Be on the lookout for signs going up around town and be sure to share our information with anyone you think may need our assistance. Please be in prayer with us as we continue this ministry that the Lord has placed in front of us.

KBA CONSTITUTION & BY LAWS ... dating back to 2012 have been reviewed by our By Laws Team. Recommended updates are now being sent to Pastors and churches. We will then gather feedback and make any necessary changes. We want to have the final copy in your hands by October 1st so they can be considered by your church, then voted on in our KBA fall meeting in late October.

UNIVERSITY EVANGELISM TEAMS CAN COME ... to your church and lead your youth in a weekend or a day-long renewal! Coming from Anderson University, they are available 9/16-9/18 (DNOW); two teams, 9/25 (Sunday morning); two teams, 10/23 (Sunday morning); and 11/11-11/13 (DNOW). Contact Mason Easterling at Anderson University at 864-423-0662 to schedule a team.

WANT TO GO ON A MISSION TRIP? ... we are praying as an Association about where God will lead us to share the Gospel, next. Some are praying about making another trip to Cuba, who needs our support badly. Others are praying about taking a vision trip to Spain and learning of the work among Muslims, there. There are others who are talking about a vision trip to Montana where John and Jenny Corder recently moved to be church planters. Where do you hear God leading you? Let us know your thoughts and plans!



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!

LAUNCH '22....Is for college student leaders who want to be missionaries to their friends and campus. It's a day of equipping to help college students and young adults know how to share the Gospel and be disciples who make disciples. Event will be held at Columbia International College on September 10th. Please go to www.scbaptist.org/events/launch-22/ to register. Cost is \$15.00 which includes lunch, materials and t-shirt.



It's that time of year again to start collecting the packets!! All packets are due to the KBA Mission Center by November 29th.

The approved list is as follows:

One black non-retractable pen (**no wire clips, no other color ink**).

One writing tablet no larger than 5 1/2 x 8 (**no wire bound book, no composition books, no post-it-notes**).

One adult toothbrush (individually factory sealed (**no multi packs**)).

One 4 to 6 oz toothpaste (**no travel size**).

One 3.2 to 6 oz bar of soap (**no travel size, no unwrapped or unboxed bars**).

Two rolls of hard candy like LifeSavers, Mentos, Breath Savers (**Absolutely NO Smarties, Sweetarts, Necco Wafers, Rolos, Starburst, or TicTacs**).

Three first class #10 stamp embossed envelopes from the US Post Office only (**No regular stamps, no other size envelopes**).

One gallon size bag (**No zipper bag**).

Please do not enclose washcloths, toothbrush holders, floss, or combs!!!

Pastors/Staff/Family Care



PASTORS CONFERENCE ... Will be on Thursday, September 22 at 11 am. Location to be announced.



BETTER HALVES MEETING... There will be no better halves meeting this month. Be safe and God bless!

THE PASTOR/WIVES MARRIAGE RETREAT ... is set to take place **Friday through Sunday afternoon, Sept 23-25 at the Lake Wateree Military Recreation Area**. Steve and Annie Chapman, nationally known musicians and marriage retreat leaders, will be leading. We will have great food and lots of fun! To be of further help, we still have a few Pastors from the SC Baptist Convention available to preach, so contact Ron immediately if your plans have changed and you can join in! Schedules will soon be sent to those who've signed up already!



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



September Birthdays:

01 Keri Blankenship, Bethany

12 Angie Robinson, Abney

21 Dean Elliott, Cassatt

24 Susie Gerrald, Camden First

25 Tiffany Ellis, Camden First

26 Tonya Jackson, Hillcrest

27 Angela Thompson, Malvern Hill

29 Lynn Wells, Wateree



AROUND THE ASSOCIATION



September Wedding Anniversaries:

14 Robert and Sandy Ridley, Freedom Outreach

September Church Anniversaries:

12 Thomas Sullivan, Open Arms.

19 David Brannen, Emmanuel



- 3-Fundraiser & Awareness Walk
- 5-KBA Closed for Labor Day
- 9-11 Family Life's Weekend to Remember
- 10- GNC Training—Trinity Baptist
- 10-Launch 22—Columbia International College
- 11-18 Season of Prayer State Missions
- 15-Heart4Schools Training @ Shandon Baptist
- 22-Pastor Conference
- 22- Parenting Your Prodigal Child @ SCBC
- 23-Pastor & Wives Weekend Retreat @ Lake Wateree Military Recreation Area

SCBC Calendar of Activities

Focus on Next Generation Ministries

- 17-Children's Missions Day

Disaster Relief

How things work out is often a "mystery". KBA's mud-out team has one day left to work in McDowell, KY. The White Hat gave us two jobs. The first one is to remove wet insulation and HVAC duck work from under a house. We arrive on the jobsite; it is a nice mobile home 24' x 46'. We start the work. The homeowner is interacting with our team members and becoming comfortable with them. At noon, the homeowner expresses concern for Neddie, her neighbor's wellbeing. It just so happens, that a chaplain team of two are having lunch in their truck right in front of Neddie's house. The house suffered from the flooding. Our team leader asked the chaplain team to call on Neddie and assess the situation. They heard her flood story. She was born with birth leg defects. As a result, she is confined to a hospital bed or wheelchair. During the flood she was in her bed. As the water level in the house rose to the top of her mattress, they became desperate to try something, they forced open the back door. In further desperation, they forced open the front door, which was being forced closed by the current. By the grace of God, the front door was opened. The water level began to recede as the water flowed through the house and out the back door. The two SCDR volunteers shared the gospel with Neddie and her caregiver. Neddie shared that she was a believer having accepted Jesus as Lord. With tears in her eyes, the caregiver accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior. The angels in heaven rejoiced! Had the White Hat known that removal of the insulation and HVAC duck work would have taken our team more than a day to complete, he would not have given us the job. His goal was to finish up some jobs left incomplete by departing teams. The eternal work to be done that day was to deliver salvation to the caregiver, through a concerned neighbor and God's South Carolina people serving their neighbors in Kentucky.

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CTNNB1 Fundraiser & Awareness Walk....

Our granddaughter Savannah, who will be one on the 28th, has been diagnosed with CTNNB1 syndrome. This is the gene that only formed part way at conception. This is a rare condition as there are only about 400 documented cases worldwide and Savannah is the only one in SC. God has not healed Savannah as we have prayed so we are trusting that He has a bigger plan. We feel strongly that God has placed Savannah in our family so that we'd be involved in raising awareness and research funds toward a cure.

Please join us from 8-9:30am on Saturday, Sept 3rd at Blaney Elementary. Savannah plans be there to meet every-one in person. T-shirts are available for \$15. There'll be a raffle at the walk as well. \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. Grand prize is 1/2 the cash raised from raffle sales. Many other prizes as well. Checks can be made payable to ACCT (Advancing CTNNB1 Cures & Treatments). Our fundraising goal is \$30,000. Come, walking not required and bring your donation if you haven't already given. If you can't come on the 3rd but would like to give you can do so at www.currectnbn1.org or on Facebook at Savannah's ONEdraiser or mail your checks to PO Box 610 Elgin, SC 29045. Every dollar helps! Thank you all in advance for helping us make a difference in the lives of 400 individuals and their families!

By Russell & Jackie Amerson