



The Cornerstone

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Growing God's Kingdom Associationally



KBA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING....is planned for Tuesday, January 24 at 6 pm at the KBA Mission Center. We have some exciting news to share with you!

ASSOCIATIONAL BIBLE DRILL ... Shana Herndon, Children's Minister at Springvale, has asked if any of our churches want to restart the Associational Bible Drill competition. This was a great thing for our children until Covid stopped it, so perhaps it's time to start it back! She suggests that the KBA competition be Sunday, March 19th, at 5 pm. The state competition takes place April 29th. Please be in touch with Shana at 803-391-9811 for more information.



REVITALIZATION COHORT TRAINING FOR JANUARY...for Pastors and staff will begin on Tuesday, January 17th from 1-4 pm at the KBA Mission Center to help you lead your church to the hopeful future God has for you and them! It's 13 meetings over 16 months, including some outside reading, going deep into spiritual shepherding. Contact Bobby James at 803-572-7410 for a more detailed schedule and for more information. There are a few more openings if you wish to sign up. Don't let this opportunity pass you by!

CHURCHES ARE ASKED TO RECEIVE A LOVE OFFERING FOR THE CUBAN CHURCHES....who are in desperate need of support. Pastor Steve Lee and Pastor Jeremy Ussery, along with their wives, will take it to them when they go there this spring.



GREAT NEWS!! We are excited to announce that we have someone who has accepted the position of Director for Hope for Life Pregnancy Center! She plans on being local, beginning in February! Please be in prayer for her as she transitions to Kershaw County.

KBA COUNCIL? ... to make our team meetings easier for our Pastors, let us try having one meeting each month at 9 am on the first Thursday at KBA. All of our teams will meet at this time. KBA will provide biscuits, coffee, and juice.



Missions—Local / State / World / National



MISSION TRIPS ARE A GO! ... Pastor Steve Lee and Pastor Jeremy Ussery is planning on a trip to **CUBA** early in the spring, and would love to have other Pastors to go along. Our churches are being asked to take up a love offering for the churches in Cuba. Contact Pastor Steve Lee for more information at 803-427-0481. We are continuing to talk with one of our missionaries in **SPAIN** about sending a team there. Much prayer is taking place regarding the trip to **MONTANA** in late spring to support the work of John Corder.

Contact Terry Corder for more information at 803-420-1080. We also want to send as many churches as possible to **MYRTLE BEACH** this summer, too. If your church is interested in the Myrtle Beach Mission Trip, please call the KBA Missions Center at 803-432-3028! Week slots are filling up fast!!! So, please let us know as soon as possible!!



UPDATE ON REFUGEE FAMILY...the team at Friendship Church is continuing to do a great job with the Hamdard family. As you know, Murtaza is working and Rohkshana has had their third child. Their oldest child, age 4, has started pre-school. Pray for them as they continue to adjust to their new life here in America.

A CHURCH VAN IS NEEDED...On the mission field in Montana where John Corder is serving. It will be used to pick up mission teams from the airport, which is 4 hours away as well as for local ministry in the area. Please direct all questions to Ron at the KBA Missions Center at 803-432-3028.



OASIS, A 1-DAY EVENT FOR SENIOR ADULTS & FRIENDS ... including Guy Penrod of the Gaither Vocal Band; Mickey Bell, comedian; and Frank Jones, pianist ... is taking place at Alice Drive Baptist Church, Sumter, on Thursday, Jan 26 beginning at 1:30 pm. Here is the link to I-tickets for ticket prices and other information. To register, please visit the website: <https://www.itickets.com/events/470798>

IMPACT 2023....February 23rd at Church at The Mill. IMPACT is one day dedicated to creating a vibrant environment for networking and resourcing with nearly 1,000 like-minded pastors, church planters, staff and church leaders. KBA will pay for all pastors and staff to attend. Please go to scbaptist.org/events/impact/2023 to register. Bring your receipt to KBA and we will reimburse you!

SCBC WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE '23.....January 20-21st at Northside Baptist Church in Lexington. Women leaders in the church are invited to join us for a weekend dwelling on Philippians 2:1-11 and what Leadership HIS WAY looks like in our lives and ministries.

To register please go to: <https://brushfire.com/scbaptist/scbcwomensministryleadershipconference23/538976/>

KBA has been working closely with the Kershaw County Library Social Worker to help the senior residents of the county that is living on an extremely close budget or they are homeless. Some of the residents that we have helped so far has been senior citizens that has lost everything in house fires. Here is a list of things that they have asked our help with. Toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, washcloths, towels, Kleenex, soap, shampoo/conditioner, shaving cream, razors, combs, ChapStick, feminine hygiene products, lotion, hand sanitizer, baby wipes, toilet paper, dish soap, laundry detergent, disinfectant wipes, gloves, scarves, socks, blankets, tarps, ponchos, toboggans, canned fruit/vegetables, breakfast bars, pasta, soups, individually wrapped crackers, water and Gatorade. We will be collecting these items throughout the year. It will be an ongoing support for them. If you would like to help donate something, you can drop it off at the KBA Missions Center and we will get it to the Social Worker. Please be in prayer for all our seniors in the community and be praying about how you can help!

UPDATE ON THE CHRISTMAS PRISONER PACKETS....KBA would like to thank you all for your contribution to the Christmas Prisoner Packets! We were asked to provide 700 prisoner packets! With the help, love, and support from each of you, we were able to send 792 packets!!! Praise the Lord for his faithful servants for showing the love of Christ and willing to minister to the lost in the prisons across South Carolina!



For the month of February.....KBA WMU would like to put together some **LOVE BASKETS** to be delivered to Pinedale Residential Care. There are 34 women and 5 men. Here is a small list of items that they could use. Sugar free candy, snacks, crossword puzzles, find word search, socks, gloves, toboggans, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, brush, combs, shampoo, conditioner, band-aids, Kleenex, ChapStick, and nail clippers, etc. And of course BASKETS!!! We are encouraging you to write a little note or prayer down for them. We would like to have all the items to the KBA office by February 9th. That way we can get everything put in the baskets and have them ready to deliver on Valentine's Day. If you would like to help deliver, or help put together the baskets, please let Penny know at the KBA office.



Proudly Pro-Life Weekend...January 6th & 7th.

Pro-Life Dinner, Friday, January 6th at Seawell's in Columbia.

Stand up for Life March and Rally, Saturday, January 7th. March steps off at 11:30 am—USC Russell House,

Rally begins at 12:00 pm—State House.

To sponsor and get your tickets please go to: sclife.org/events

Featured Guest Speaker: Ryan Bomberger, The Radiance Foundation

Pastors/Staff/Family Care



PASTORS CONFERENCE ... Will be on Thursday, January 26th at 11 am. Location to be announced.



BETTER HALVES MEETING... Will be on Thursday, January 26th at 6 pm at the KBA Mission Center. Please call or text Paulette Underwood if you are able to attend.

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—Addiction Rehab, Ruby, SC 843-634-6848

Shade Tree Ministry—Refresher for ministry leaders and 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, Camden, SC 803-669-0658



AROUND THE ASSOCIATION



January Birthdays:

- 05 Hunter Frye, Oak Ridge
- 23 Larry Humphries, Buffalo
- 24 Bobby James, Cedar Creek
- 30 Allyson Brannen, Emmanuel

January Wedding Anniversaries:

- 01 Mike and Brenda Vinson, Flint Hill
- 03 Matthew and Jennifer Dickerson, Shamrock
- 05 Thomas and Myrtle Sullivan, Open Arms

January Church Anniversaries:

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

January

- 3-Trustee Meeting 9 am at KBA
- 5-Council Meeting 9 am at KBA
- 6-7 Pro-Life Weekend March & Rally
- 17-Revitalization Cohort @ KBA 1-4 pm
- 20-21 SCBC Women's Leadership Conference
- 24-KBA Executive Meeting 6 pm at KBA Mission Center
- 26-Pastor Conference 11 am
- 26-Better Halves Meeting 6 pm
- 26-Oasis at 1:30 pm at Alice Drive Baptist Church-Sumter

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Disaster Relief

I would like to say what a great trip I had with the three sisters from Lancaster and all the disaster relief people who participated with this ministry in Arcadia, Florida. It was so impressive to see how the people was so willing to go to jobs and really get in there do what was needed to get done and how nice the people were to us and how they appreciated us coming into their homes and worked alongside of us. This was my first time and I so want to continue in this Disaster Relief work. We are in God's hands and I'm sure he will lead us in ways that will show him glory. I am looking forward to working again together. *Written By: Barbara Reeves*

We are all too often to make quick decisions about how things are going from our perspective, rather than waiting upon the Lord. We push our agenda, our standards, and our value system upon others. Such agendas create negate energy and detract from loving others and accepting them as made in the image of God. This is off the Christian task. It is written that the least of these shall inherit the kingdom and they will receive a place of honor at the banquet. Things here are not what they will be when Christ returns. It is always a blessing to see individuals of a different kind loving on one another. This was true in one home where each of our team members was instrumental in helping the husband and wife walk through a grieving process. To complicate matters, they were struggling to interact effectively with each. Our team members provided sincere loving conversations to support each of them in order to deal with the reality of their losses. This diffused some of the couple's tension. Our team was on task. As we prepared to depart Arcadia, I found myself on the wrong side of the equation. It was noon, and we were facing a 12 hour ride home. My mind set was; "chop, chop, let's go." I was focused on the "tasks at hand" – the wrong task. In a moment of waiting for other team members, Ron pulls up in his old pickup. He gets out and starts talking to Jack and me. He thanks us for coming to the rescue of Arcadia, and for doing it in such away as to advance the Kingdom. It was during that conversation that it occurred to me that we had not communicated with our Lord for our journey home and giving thanks for all that was done for our fellow man. The other team members arrived during this conversation. Ron graciously sent us on our way with a prayer of thanksgiving, request for safe travel, and a request that the Kingdom might grow in Arcadia to the glory of our Lord and Savior. Ron was on task and brought me back on task. *Written By: Alvin Tans*

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES...

Children's Ministry...Camden First Baptist.... Due to growth in our Sunday and Wednesday evening ministries; we are looking for additional help in our ministry to preschoolers. If you are interested in these paid positions, please contact Stephanie Caldwell at fbcchildmin@firstbaptistcamden.org or call 803-432-7635.

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

