



May 2023

# The Cornerstone

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Growing God's Kingdom Associationally



*The Annual*  
**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**  
*First Thursday of May*

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER WALK...**For the Camden community is Thursday, May 4th. Let's gather at 11 am at Camden City Hall. If you can not walk that distance, do a prayer drive, stopping at near businesses and praying. We will meet on the front lawn of the Kershaw County Courthouse and finish off with prayer. Perhaps some of us can go out to lunch together afterwards!

Calling all Ministry Assistants in the Association! The annual meeting for ministry assistants is planned for May 5th at Camden First Baptist. It's not too late to sign up to attend this conference!!! This is a great opportunity for you to meet, fellowship, and worship with others in and around our state. For more information on the event, please go to [www.scbmaa.org](http://www.scbmaa.org)



**CHURCH U: CHURCH SECURITY TRAINING...** Part 2, was rescheduled for Tuesday, May 23rd at 6 pm in the fellowship hall of Hermitage Baptist Church. Discussion will take place on your church's security strategy and practices; organizing your security team, who can carry concealed weapons in church, securing your building, and other practical considerations. Contact Ron at KBA for more details and to sign up. 803-432-3028

**HEART FOR SCHOOLS MINISTRY...**Let us begin praying about the upcoming school year 2023-2024. We expect to continue to do Good News Clubs, hoping to get back into every elementary school. There will be some updating and training this summer, as usual. We are also discussing the possibility of doing "School Release" ministry, where middle / high school students can leave campus during school hours to attend Bible Study at a nearby church. Yes, this is legal, even approved by the Supreme Court!



HEART 4 SCHOOLS



Join us May 3 at 7:00 PM for our next County-Wide Worship with guest speaker Travis Agnew from Rocky Creek Church in Greenville, SC! God is working in the hearts and lives of young people around our country and in Kershaw County. Around 250 youth and adult leaders from around Kershaw County gather each quarter at Malvern Hill Baptist Church for a praise and worship service featuring live praise music, a Q&A session with guest panelists, a gospel message, and an invitation. During the last County-Wide Worship, two youth made decisions to follow Jesus. County-Wide Worship brings together middle school and high school students from Kershaw County and surrounding areas to worship Jesus as one body regardless of church name or denomination. The worship music features student requests and favorite Christian worship songs from summer youth camp and other youth events. The Q&A panel features individuals from the community known by the students and have included youth leaders, local principals, business owners, and teachers. Panelists are

asked questions about themselves, including their favorite foods, favorite scripture verse, and things they would tell their younger selves. The Q&A sessions give students the opportunity to know more about the adult leaders in their lives who are Christians. More information about student events can be found at [malvernhill.org/gen180/events](http://malvernhill.org/gen180/events).

## Missions—Local / State / World / National



### International Partnership

#### PRAYING ABOUT A NEW INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP...

Because we have found Cuba to be so difficult to visit, discussion is taking place on Puerto Rico, South Africa, and even Spain. What / where do you hear God whispering to you? Pastor Steve Lee is the point of contact.

**THE LOVE OFFERING FOR THE CUBAN CHURCHES ...** That has already been collected will be sent to them as we are able to find a way to get the funds to them. If not, the funds will be returned to the churches that donated.



**MISSION TRIP TO MYRTLE BEACH!** ... is planned for July 23-28. Forty seven 'Missionaries' from Kershaw First, Cedar Creek, Faith West, Open Arms and KBA are going! We will be leading day camps, as well as participating in nursing home ministry, serving supper to 100+ international students and face painting / balloon sculpting at Broadway at the Beach. Please be in much prayer for these groups!

**MISSION TRIPS TO MONTANA...** As Terry and Debbie Corder returns from their visit to Montana, we will be hearing about ministry needs that exist there and how our churches can send mission teams to help in the near future. Initially, we may need a construction team or two to go. Is there a small group of workers in your church who may enjoy this effort? Then, perhaps we can plan a vision trip for pastors. Be on the lookout for more information. Pastor Terry Corder is the point of contact.



**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!

**A PASTOR'S TREAT HOUSE....**Is available free of charge at Camp McCall, Sunset, SC, (Northern part of SC, on the NC line). This is a wonderful mountain setting where you and your wife, (and family) can experience some peace and solitude in our crazy world. You may need to take your own food, depending upon if campers are there. Contact Phillip Jewel at 864-884-6926 or you can email him at [phillipjewell@scbaptist.org](mailto:phillipjewell@scbaptist.org) for more information and details.



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!



## MEET OUR DIRECTOR



GREETINGS! MY NAME IS JENNIFER JOHNS, AND I AM THE NEW DIRECTOR OF HOPE FOR LIFE PREGNANCY CENTER IN CAMDEN. I AM SO EXCITED TO BEGIN TO WORK WITH THE CHURCHES OF KERSHAW COUNTY AS WE WORK TOGETHER TO EMPOWER INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES BY PROVIDING HELP AND SUPPORT TO MEET THE PHYSICAL, SOCIAL, AND SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF WOMEN AND FAMILIES FACING PREGNANCIES.

MY HUSBAND, WILL, AND I HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR 25 YEARS. WE HAVE 5 CHILDREN, AGES 20 TO 10. WE HAVE LIVED IN SOUTH CAROLINA FOR 10 YEARS, COURTESY OF THE US AIR FORCE. WILL HAS BEEN RETIRED FOR 6 YEARS AND IS A CONTRACTOR AT SHAW AFB. I AM A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARY HARDIN-BAYLOR WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BIOLOGY AND MATHEMATICS. I AM CURRENTLY AN ONLINE SEMINARY STUDENT AT WESLEY SEMINARY AT INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY STUDYING CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY AND PASTORAL CARE/COUNSELING. I WAS A MATHEMATICS TEACHER FOR ALMOST 20 YEARS BEFORE BECOMING A CHILDREN'S MINISTER--A POSITION IN WHICH I WORE MANY HATS. I AM NOW THE WORSHIP LEADER FOR THE PROTESTANT SERVICE AT THE CHAPEL AT SHAW AFB, AND WILL AND I HOST A CHURCH AND BIBLE STUDY IN OUR HOME. I AM AN ONLINE MATHEMATICS TUTOR AS WELL. OUR FAMILY HAS SEEN MANY CHANGES OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, AND WE ARE EXCITED TO SEE WHERE GOD IS LEADING US THROUGH OPPORTUNITIES SUCH AS LEADING HOPE FOR LIFE. WE ARE PRAYING FOR GOD'S BLESSING AND WISDOM AS WE SEEK TO SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS WITH THOSE IN OUR PATH.



We are so excited to announce that we have hired a director for Hope for Life! If you are looking for a great opportunity to meet her, please plan to join us at our volunteer interest meeting on May 11th at 6:30 pm at Springvale Baptist Church. We will have information on upcoming opportunities and how you can serve this ministry. Check out and like our Facebook page Hope for Life Pregnancy Center or our Instagram (@hopeforlifeke) for more information on this meeting!



**KBA Women's Spring Mission Rally....**took place on April 20th with 50 in attendance!! We had a wonderful time in fellowship and hearing of the many different ways to serve Kershaw County!

Lauren Morris with the SCWMU was our guest speaker.



## Pastors/Staff/Family Care



**PASTORS CONFERENCE ...**Will be on Thursday, May 25th at 11 am. Location is to be announced.

## BETTER HALVES

**BETTER HALVES MEETING...**Will be on Thursday, May 25th at 6 pm at KBA. Please call or text Paulette Underwood at 803-840-0020 if you are able to attend.

## May Birthdays:

- 03 Jerry Underwood, Faith West
- 06 Amy Hopkins, Hermitage
- 08 Steve Sanderson, Calvary
- 16 Shannon Underwood, Faith West
- 18 Everett Reconnu, Southside
- 19 Ken Jackson, Hillcrest
- 24 Todd Gandy, Providence
- 24 Sandy Ridley, Freedom Outreach
- 25 Robbie Shivar, Sand Hill Heights
- 26 Tim Stephens, Harmony



## May Wedding Anniversaries:

- 5-Vince and Kelly Earls, Dekalb
- 15 Steve and Diane Lee, Mt. Olivet



Wedding Bells



## May Church Anniversaries:

- 13 Craig Thompson, Malvern Hill
- 15 Bryan Plyler, River



- 2-KBA Trustee Meeting 9 am
- 3-Community Wide Youth Worship Service
- 4-National Day of Prayer Walk
- 4-KBA Council Meeting 1 pm
- 5-Ministry Assistant Conference at Camden First
- 11-Meet the New Director for Hope for Life Pregnancy Center at Springvale Baptist at 6:30 pm
- 23-Active Shooter Training Part 2 at Hermitage Baptist
- 25-Pastor Conference
- 25-Better Halves
- 29-Memorial Day—KBA Closed

## Disaster Relief

### Florida Residents Encouraged By Disaster Relief Volunteers....

After Hurricane Ian, SC volunteers made nearly 800 ministry contacts – spiritual conversations, prayer, giving tracts or Bibles – with Florida residents. Three people accepted Christ as Savior as a result! In the entire Hurricane Ian response, including DR teams from across the nation serving in 12 locations, 225 people came to salvation. After the devastation of Hurricane Ian in late September and early October 2022, SC Baptists sent Disaster Relief teams to Wauchula, Venice, and Arcadia, FL. Our participation in the response lasted four weeks and included sending three mass feeding teams, four site feeding teams, twelve chainsaw and tarping units, and three flood recovery units. Two of the residents served shared their experiences on the receiving end of these DR teams. “We feel so fortunate to have the team with us today. Our husbands were not able to be here because they are farmers and this is a very busy season,” they said. “It is such a godsend to see these people come in here.” The residents were incredibly grateful that they were being served when they so desperately needed help. “It’s just amazing. It restores my faith in humanity, certainly,” one woman said. “I certainly know our God is good and these people are just proof of that. It’s very emotional. It’s very hard, both physically and mentally, and that’s another thing that these people have helped us with. Not just the physical aspects, but the mental. Praying for us, encouraging us. It’s wonderful.”

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### JOB OPPORTUNITIES...

**PART-TIME MUSIC MINISTER .....Bethune Baptist Church** is looking for a part time music minister.

If interested, mail your résumé to Bethune Baptist Church, attn. Personnel Committee, PO Box 326 Bethune, SC 29009, email to: [bethunebapt@shtc.net](mailto:bethunebapt@shtc.net) or call Scott Bernshausen at 803-669-5726.

**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](http://church.antioch@yahoo.com).

**PART-TIME ASSOCIATE PASTOR / YOUTH MINISTER....Emmanuel Baptist Church.** If interested, please contact Pastor David Brannen at [pastordavidbrannen@outlook.com](mailto:pastordavidbrannen@outlook.com) or call 803-513-2218.

**FULL-TIME YOUTH/STUDENT PASTOR....DeKalb Baptist Church** is prayerfully seeking the man of God that he has called to be our full-time Student Pastor. Evidence of a personal relationship with Jesus and a passion to work with students are required. Formal education and experience is required. Email resumes to:

[dekalbchurch@gmail.com](mailto:dekalbchurch@gmail.com) Attn: Vince Earls

**CHURCH SECRETARY....Trinity Baptist Church** is prayerfully searching for a part time secretary. If interested in the position, please contact Emmanuel McAvoy at 803-309-0581 for more information.