



June 2023

# The Cornerstone

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Growing God's Kingdom Associationally



**KBA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING...** is planned for Tuesday, July 11th. The AD HOC committee working with the Southside Baptist Church building is expected to present their recommendations for a vote. Details will be sent to churches in advance. Location to be announced in the July newsletter.



**Community Wide Youth Worship...** with over 250 youth from around the county took place at Malvern Hill Baptist Church in May. It was great to see so many young people expressing their love for Jesus!



**OPEN ARMS CHURCH...** baptized 16 young people in May! We thank God for Barry Estridge and his great work with this group (who is also going on mission to Myrtle Beach in a few weeks).



**GOOD NEWS CLUB WORKSHOP...** for all new and old participants is planned for Saturday, August 12th. Time and location will be announced at a later date. Please start getting your team together and let's get some training!! There will be updates to the program this upcoming year!

**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! If you can not do the Good News Club or School Release, please consider going to the school and becoming a reading buddy to build a relationship with the children!



HEART 4 SCHOOLS



**COMMUNITY WIDE MARRIAGE CELEBRATION...** is planned for Saturday, September 16th. Sponsored by KBA, it will take place at Camden First Baptist Church. Once again, we will have the well-known Steve and Annie Chapman coming to lead us. They did a fabulous job for us last fall. Pastors and wives, they will spend a special evening with us on Friday, September 15th. More information will be coming for both events, so please mark your calendars now!

## Missions—Local / State / National / World



**MISSION TRIP TO CUBA IS ON!...** Steve and Dianne Lee will be going to Cuba on September 6-13th. They will be able to share the love offerings that have already been collected. If you have items that you wish to donate, or have a desire to go to Cuba, please contact Pastor Steve Lee at 803-427-0481, ASAP!

**PRAYING ABOUT A NEW INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP...**because we've found Cuba to be so difficult to visit, discussion is taking place on possibly entering into a partnership with Puerto Rico, South Africa, and even Spain. What / where do you hear God whispering to you? For more information, please contact Pastor Steve Lee at 803-427-0481, or Ron Underwood at 803-432-3028.



**MISSION TRIP TO MYRTLE BEACH!** ... is planned for July 23-28. Forty seven 'Missionaries' from Kershaw First, 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 and balloon sculpting at Broadway at the Beach. Please be in much prayer for these groups and for the youth that is coming this year to be a part of a wonderful mission trip.

**MISSION TRIP TO MONTANA...** is being planned for August! A team is needed to do some minor to medium construction projects. Contact Pastor Terry Corder at 803-420-1080 for more information. KBA will help with some funding, if necessary.



**Hope for Life has started their Baby Bottle Fundraiser.** If you or your church is interested in participating, please let us know! You can reach out by emailing us at:

Hopeforlifekc@gmail.com

Director@hopeforlifepregnancycenter.com

Or call us! 803-900-5647

**Evangelical Christian Academy in Camarma de Esteruelas, Spain...**is in desperate need of teachers for the upcoming school year and in the future. As of now, many middle and high school classes will be done online, due to lack of teachers. If you are interested in teaching overseas in a great educational environment and want to live in a beautiful place, please email Tanner Smyrl at the following [tanner@proton.me](mailto:tanner@proton.me). This will be great for university students, recent college graduates, current teachers, retired teachers who would live to give a few more years to teaching very small classes, and someone who is skilled in project and facility management, who also knows Spanish. If you would like to watch a video about the school, please go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PPSI1QsAu0>. The staff needs are: Secondary Math, Secondary Science, ELL Department, Technology Manager, Library Media Center Specialist, Special Services Coordinator, Secondary Social Studies, Facility Manager, Upper Elementary, and Lower Elementary.

### The Smith Scholarships have been awarded to the following students:

Ethan Little, Trinity Baptist, attending University of SC  
 Blake Crane, Springvale Baptist, attending Clemson University  
 Sara Beth McCaskill, Springvale Baptist, attending Clemson University  
 Fuller Sims, Dekalb Baptist, attending Anderson University  
 Heather James, Cedar Creek Baptist, attending Anderson University  
 Hope Hendrix, The River Church, attending Anderson University



Each of these outstanding young people were awarded \$2000 to be applied to the next year at college. The Smith Scholarship has awarded over \$195,000 to the Kershaw Baptist Association students through the years.



## **Victory Sports Camp**

July 10-14, 2023

9am-4pm (M-TH)/9am-1pm (Fri.)

Blaney Elementary  
1621 Smyrna Rd, Elgin, SC 29045

Cost: \$35  
**REGISTER NOW**  
[www.victorysportsoutreach.org](http://www.victorysportsoutreach.org)

### **Schedules for Vacation Bible Schools around Kershaw County**

Dekalb Baptist Church—June 4-7th 5:30 pm—8:00 PM (2034 Dekalb School Rd., Camden)

Hillcrest Baptist Church—June 4-8th 6:00 pm—8:15 pm (2666 Hwy 1 South, Elgin)

Springvale Baptist Church—June 4-8th 6:00 pm—8:30 pm (1496 Springvale Rd. Lugoff)

Trinity Baptist Church—June 4-8th 5:30 pm—8:30 pm (1062 Ridgeway Rd., Lugoff)

Camden First Baptist—June 5-8th 9:00 am—12:00 pm (1201 Broad St., Camden)

Malvern Hill Baptist Church—June 5-9th 6:00 pm—8:30 pm (1514 Malvern Hill Dr., Camden)

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church—June 12-16th 6:00 pm—8:30 pm (608 Black River Rd., Camden)

Cassatt Baptist Church—June 19-22nd 6:00 pm—8:00 pm (2604 Highway 1 North, Cassatt)

Cedar Creek Baptist Church—June 20-23rd 6:00 pm—8:30 pm (3002 Camden Hwy. Bishopville)

Calvary Baptist Church—June 25-29th 6:00 pm—8:00 pm (495 Calvary Church Rd., Bishopville)

Shamrock Baptist Church—June 25-29th 6:00 pm—8:30 pm (3573 Porter Rd., Bethune)

Antioch Baptist Church—June 26-30th 5:30 pm—8:00 pm (1875 Antioch Rd., Camden)

Hermitage Baptist Church—July 9-13th 6:00 pm—8:30 pm (814 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Camden)

Emmanuel Baptist Church—July 9-13th 6:00 pm—8:30 PM (1643 McRae Rd., Camden)

Kershaw First Baptist—July 16-20th 5:30 pm—8:30 pm (210 N. Matson St., Kershaw)

Lake Wateree Baptist Church—One day only July 22nd Registration begins at 12:30 pm (5856 River Rd., Ridgeway)

Beaverdam Baptist Church—VBS every Thursday—June 1st—Aug 3rd from 6:30 pm—8:30 pm (1684 Old Georgetown Rd., Cassatt)

## **Pastors/Staff/Family Care**



**PASTORS CONFERENCE** ...will not take place in June or July. Ron will be in touch with the pastors for a geographical lunch gathering!

### **BETTER HALVES**

**BETTER HALVES MEETING...**Will be on Thursday, June 29th at 6 pm. Paulette Underwood will send out a text with the location as the date gets closer to the meeting.

### **June Wedding Anniversaries:**

- 02 Scott and Angie Robinson, Abney
- 04 Terry and Debbie Corder, Mt. Pisgah
- 06 Chuck and Pam Everett, Trinity
- 07 Evan and Meg Smith, Rufuge
- 13 Doug and Nicki Huntsinger, Lugoff First
- 14 Robbie and Amy Shivar, Sand Hill Heights
- 16 Adam and Betsy Whiteside, Malvern Hill
- 17 Craigan and Keri Blankenship, Bethany
- 17-Jakob and Chey Elliott, Kershaw First
- 18 Craig and Angela Thompson, Malvern Hill
- 25 Taylor and Lynn Wells, Wateree



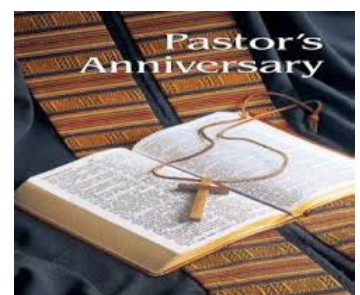
### **June Birthdays:**

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



### **June Church Anniversaries:**

- 01 Ron Underwood, KBA
- 05 Todd Gandy, Providence







6– Cohort Revitalization 1-4pm  
 18– Father’s Day  
 22– Pastor Conference  
 29– Better Halves

**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.



## Disaster Relief

### Bethea Baptist Retirement Community

It was a grand day watching and participating with the youth as they engaged in various missions activities geared to reinforce the words used to explain the nature of our mission work. I particularly enjoyed seeing the chalk art on the sidewalks, and the loving kindness shared easily between the youth. To cap the day, after moving the Unit out of the way, I was walking past an elderly lady, 84, sitting on a park bench. She says, “I worked with Disaster Relief too”, as she focused on my shirt. She had decided to engage with Disaster Relief after her husband had died. Turns out that one of her first deployments was to New York City after 911. She recounted gruesome sights and a significant contact with a gentleman who had lost his wife and daughter. She had maintained that contact for several months after she returned home. She was enlivened by the conversation and recollections of purposeful service for her Lord. She blessed me and I her. Thank You Lord for the encounter with one of your saints. *Written By: Alvin Tans, DR Leader*

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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.