



September 2023

The Cornerstone

1 Peter 2:6

Growing God's Kingdom Associationally

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WITH STEVE & ANNIE CHAPMAN



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A SPECIAL SUPPER FOR ALL PASTORS, STAFF & SPOUSES
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 6 PM, AT HERMITAGE BAPTIST, CAMDEN

INSPIRING MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH, 10 AM AT FIRST BAPTIST, CAMDEN
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH, 10:30 AM, LUGOFF FIRST BAPTIST

SPONSORED BY THE CHURCHES OF THE KERSHAW BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PLEASE REGISTER SO WE CAN KNOW HOW MUCH FOOD TO BUY. YOU CAN
CALL 803-432-3028 OR EMAIL
KBA.DOM@TRUVISTA.NET OR KBA@TRUVISTA.NET

"AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH"
MATTHEW 19:5

Janie Chapman
Offering for State Missions



September
10th-17th

www.scwmu.org/jco

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR STATE MISSIONS ... is September 10-17. A thumb drive with varied resources including posters, graded lessons, the prayer calendar and six videos of missions here in South Carolina has been sent to each church. The Janie Chapman offering for state missions is being received at the same time. This offering is used exclusively for church planting, student/school ministries and church revitalization efforts. KBA will print prayer calendars in color if you will call and let us know how many you need!

Missions—Local / State / National / World



UPDATE ON SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH BUILDING...Our Ad Hoc Committee diligently seeks to keep it an active evangelical church, if possible. By no means do we want it to become a store, or worse. KBA has finally received the deed and is now able to engage in formal discussions. Our committee has met with two churches, with one church ultimately dropping out of consideration due to a very low offer. Currently, the second church is trying to secure funding, but has had a very difficult time. Of course, all decisions must be approved by the KBA Executive Committee. Contact Olin Kirkland or Ron for more details.

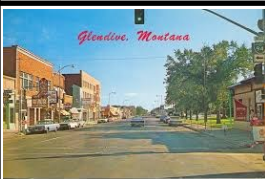
CALLED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ... is planned for **Thursday, September 7, at 6 pm at Southside Baptist Church.** Our ad hoc committee needs to share the most current information at that time about the Southside building; share their priorities; receive approval to create a contract; receive approval to 'market' the Southside building, only if ultimately necessary; and even sell the Southside building if a fair deal is reached and financing obtained. The committee needs to hear from the churches. What is a fair price that will honor the Southside church family, and, at the same time, we be good stewards? Is creative financing a possibility? If so, what would that look like? If the building cannot be sold, what are our options from there? As you see, there is lots to pray about, so please come to the meeting 'prayed up' and ready for God to lead us in one Spirit.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR YOUR ASSOCIATION... is October 22-29. KBA will provide a prayer calendar for you in early October. During this emphasis, our churches are asked to receive the Mildred Smith offering for Associational Missions. This year the offering will be directed toward our upcoming 'School Release Time' ministry planned to begin in January. We will be allowed to pick up middle and high school students **during school hours**, lead them in Bible study, then return them to school on time. Many costs including transportation, gas, literature and refreshments will be a part of this ministry.

SCHOOL RELEASE TIME...Is a national / state law and it allows students in middle and high schools to leave campus and go to a church during the school day for Bible Study. A number of churches and Associations in South Carolina are already doing this. You will be hearing more about this great opportunity in coming months.

MISSION TRIP TO CUBA IS ON!...Steve and Diane Lee has made plans to go there September 6th-13th. They will be able to share the love offerings that have already been collected. If your church has a contribution to make to be given to the Cuban churches, please contact Steve Lee at 803-427-0481.



MISSION TRIP TO MONTANA...Is finishing up as you receive this newsletter. Terry Corder and his team are returning with thoughts and plans for mission opportunities next spring and summer. A team from Malvern Hill Baptist is going in September, too! Weather issues often forbid fall and winter trips.

WANT TO GO TO SPAIN ON MISSION?...We are praying about joining with the SC Baptist Convention and Columbia-Metro Association next spring or summer to go on mission to Spain! The Convention and KBA will assist with some cost.



WITNESSING WITH '3 CIRCLES'...The Gospel of Jesus is the most profound reality of life. Sharing it with someone can be as simple as drawing 3 circles. Need a quick and simple way to share with that lost person? Join us on Thursday, October 12th at 6 pm at the KBA Mission Center when Ricky Wilson from the SC Baptist Convention teaches us the 3 circles approach to sharing the Gospel.



ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE...has now restarted, meeting on Monday evenings at the Southside building. Currently, it is sponsored by KBA until a willing church picks it up. We offer a great big "Thank You" to Everette and Joan Reconnu for their heart for this great ministry.

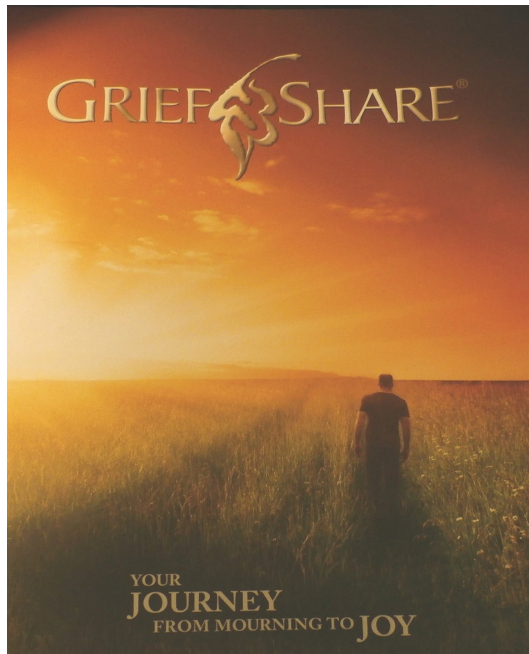
THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES...Is working with Jeremy Ray to bring him on board in full-time ministry to our Kershaw County Schools. More to come soon.



GRIEF SHARE...

Grief Support (13 week session) will begin on September 11th and continue each Monday from 6:30-8:00 pm in the FLC. Please sign up or call the office at the church, 803-432-4165. This is at no cost to you!

Hermitage Baptist Church
814 Jefferson Davis Hwy.
Camden, SC



OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS NEED YOUR HELP!!...

Kershaw Baptist Association has been contacted by a school counselor and has requested our help! They are in dire need of the following: Lice Treatment, all hygiene items, leggings sizes 4T-14 Juniors/Women, under garments for boys 4T-6/8, and under garments for girls sizes 0-14 Juniors/Women. All donations are asked to be dropped off at KBA Mission Center and we will make contact with the school counselor as she is working with several of our schools. This could be a great project for your church.



Pastors/Staff/Family Care



PASTORS CONFERENCE ...will be Thursday, September 28th at 11 am. We will be the guest of "Food for the Soul" at United Way on Dekalb St. Camden. We will be able to learn all about their work and better know how to care for the homeless in the area.



BETTER HALVES MEETING...will be Tuesday, September 26th at 6 pm at LaFiesta in Camden.

September Birthdays:

01 Keri Blankenship, Bethany
01 Kim Winstead, Lake Wateree
08 Eric Winstead, Lake Wateree
12 Angie Robinson, Abney
14 Patty Stephens, Harmony
21 Dean Elliott, Cassatt
24 Susie Gerrald, Camden First
25 Tiffany Ellis, Camden First
27 Angela Thompson, Malvern Hill
29 Lynn Wells, Wateree



September Wedding Anniversaries:

14 Robert and Sandy Ridley, Freedom Outreach

September Church Anniversaries:

01 Evan Smith, Refuge
19 David Brannen, Emmanuel





- 4-Labor Day—KBA Office will be closed
- 6-Cuba Mission Trip—Please be in prayer for Steve & Diane Lee
- 7-Executive Committee Meeting @ Southside Baptist 6 pm
- 10-17 Week of Prayer for State Mission - Janie Chapman Offering
- 15-Marriage Enrichment Dinner for Pastors, Staff and Spouses at Hermitage Baptist Church
- 16-Marriage Enrichment for the Community at First Baptist in Camden in the fellowship hall at 10 am
- 17-Marriage Enrichment for the Community at First Baptist in Lugoff at 10:30 am
- 19-Finance Committee Meeting @ 10 am
- 19-Cohort Revitalization @ 1 pm
- 26-Better Halves-6 pm at LaFiesta
- 28-Pastors Conference-11 am at United Way Food For the Soul

Disaster Relief



Alvin Lee Tans, age 77, died on August 22, 2023. He was born in Fremont, MI to the late Marvin and Joan Deters Tans.

A memorial service at New Hope Church, 9025 Liberty Hill Road, Camden, SC, is scheduled at 3:00 PM on Sunday, September 3, 2023. Pastor Lyn Hill will officiate. The service will be live-streamed on the New Hope Church website,

www.newhopecamden.com.

Alvin is survived by his wife of 55 years, Nancy Broersma Tans; his twin brother Allen Lee Tans (Sharon), of Kalamazoo, MI., Jay Tans (Sharlene), of Ypsanti, MI, and sister-in-law, Tammy Tans.

Alvin is predeceased by his brother, Mark Tans.

Alvin was recently very engaged and passionate about being a member of the South Carolina Kershaw Baptist Association Disaster Relief group and South Carolina Baptist Convention Disaster Relief. These people travel to areas hit hard by natural disasters such as the recent flooding in Vermont. They work to make the homes livable again and bring encouragement and spiritual help to the victims.

Memorials may be made to South Carolina Baptist Disaster Relief, PO Box 212999, Columbia, SC 29221, or Kershaw Baptist Association Disaster Relief, 14 East Dekalb Street, Camden, SC

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES...

PART-TIME MUSIC MINISTERBethune 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 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 or church.antioch@yahoo.com.

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 Attn: Vince Earls

Counseling/Refreshing Resources...

Palmetto Counseling Associates—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—Jennifer Johns 803-900-5647
hopeforlifepregnancycenter.com

Camp McCall Pastor's Retreat House—Phillip "Snoball" Jewell, 864-884-6926
phillipjewell@scbaptist.org

Blue Horizons Counseling Service—Mary Mathis, Camden, SC 803-669-0658

Grief Share— 13 week session every Monday from 6:30-8:00 pm Hermitage Baptist Church beginning on September 11th. 803-432-4165