



The Cornerstone

I Peter 2:6

Growing God's Kingdom Associationally

THE KBA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ... voted to split the funds from the sale of the Southside Baptist Church building in three ways. First item was to deposit \$8k back into the KBA General Fund that was used to pay expenses on the building when we owned it. Second item is to spend up to \$65k on an update of the KBA building, which hasn't received a significant update since 1984. And lastly, to invest \$225k with the Baptist Foundation, in turn to receive \$10k+ interest back each year for perpetuity.



THE CAROLINA CUP ... is Saturday, March 30th. We need three teams to volunteer for parking duty. We will also need some individuals or groups from your church for face painting and balloon sculpture. KBA will provide training for those who wish to learn. One of the Cowboy Churches from the Lancaster area will be providing pony rides and sharing the Gospel. It is always a fun day as we perform community service and "let our light shine before men, that our Father in heaven will be glorified." Contact Ron for details and to volunteer.



THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICA ... and the Annie Armstrong Easter offering supporting North American missionaries is March 3rd-10th. The offering goal is \$75 million. KBA will be sending out a thumb drive to all Pastors with a wide variety of resources on it, including great videos of our missionaries on their mission field.

Missions—Local / State / National / World

Applications are now being accepted for the Smith Scholarship. Applicants must be active members of a Kershaw Baptist Association affiliated church, and must be attending an accredited college or university within South Carolina as a full-time student. Scholarships will be awarded to an individual only once. Application is made by sending a letter of introduction, a picture of the applicant, one reference letter from the student's pastor or youth pastor, high school or college transcript, church affiliation, degree being sought, proof of acceptance to a South Carolina School, personal testimony concerning the student's relationship with Jesus Christ, and personal goals. Applications can be mailed to: Smith Scholarship Trustees C/O Trinity Baptist Church 1062 Ridgeway Road, Lugoff, SC 29078. Applications are due by March 31st.

Malvern Hill Baptist Church is hosting an event **Never Fight Alone**, which will include worship, Gospel-centered sermons, breakout sessions, and games! This event is for middle and high school students in Kershaw County and beyond are invited to participate. The cost is \$10 per person (includes a NFA t-shirt, and lunch on Saturday). You can pay online or pay with cash at registration when you arrive at the event. Visit kcONE.org for more information and details. Event will be held Friday, February 9th from 7 pm - 9 pm, and Saturday, February 10th from 7 am - 3:30 pm at Malvern Hill Baptist Church @ 1514 Malvern Hill Drive, Camden, SC.



NEW DISASTER RELIEF DIRECTOR ... is Tommy Riggs. He is from Sumter and has been a member of our disaster relief team for several years. Tommy has been working closely with SCBC Disaster Relief Operations Manager Sue Harmon to get the training that he will need to lead and direct any mission.

Buffalo Baptist Church will host a Hunter's Education Course at the Family Life Building on February 2nd & 3rd. All are invited! This includes women and children. Registration can be done online on the DNR website or on Friday night beginning at 6 pm. A meal will be served and Chad Pate will bring a message. Saturday will consist of the education course taught by Jack Truesdale.



Oak Ridge Baptist Church would like to invite any and all to a free Love & Respect Seminar. The seminar will take place Friday, February 16th at 6 pm and Saturday, February 17th from 9 am - 3 pm. Supper will be provided Friday night and lunch will be provided Saturday. If you would like to attend, please email Hunter Frye at hunter.frye@kcsdschools.net



Malvern Hill Baptist Church will host their annual women's conference, Christ is Enough, Friday, February 2nd thru Saturday, February 3rd. The conference begins at 6 pm Friday, with dessert and fellowship followed by worship and a speaker.

Saturday morning, they will begin with a light breakfast and coffee/tea at 8:30, followed by worship, speakers, and breakout sessions. Lunch will be served. There will be door prizes and lots of fun!! We will finish by 4:00 pm. The cost of the conference is \$20 and is open to ALL women. Register with a friend and receive a discount! For more information and to register online, please visit <http://malvernhill.org/ministries-and-resources/womens-ministry>.

NATIONAL MISSION PARTNERSHIP ... as we pray for the Corder family, we also continue to pray for where God will lead us for a national mission partnership. We'd love to hear that a church planter has moved to Glendive, Montana, so we could possibly continue that partnership. Then again, if God leads another direction, we will follow His leading. How do YOU sense God is leading us?



MISSION PARTNERSHIP WITH SPAIN ... Ron and Pastor Jakob Elliott are joining the SC Baptist Convention and the Columbia-Metro Association on a mission trip to Spain, January 30th—February 8th. They will return with a possible recommendation that we partner with Spain for 3-5 years. Another trip is being planned (tentatively) in May for Pastors who are led to embrace this mission field and then take a group from their church.

SCBC IMPACT CONFERENCE 2024...February 22nd at Church at The Mill in Moore, SC...Guest speakers will be Shane Pruitt, Fred Luter and Jimmy McNeal. If you would like to



OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS NEED YOUR HELP!!...KBA 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 CONFERENCE ...is planned for 11 am, Thursday, February 29th at the KBA Mission Center. The date is changed due to the IMPACT meeting



BETTER HALVES MEETING...is planned for Thursday, February 22nd at 6 pm at the KBA Mission Center!



February Birthdays:

- 01 Paulette Underwood, KBA
- 03 Craig Thompson, Malvern Hill
- 08 Taylor Wells, Wateree
- 09 Nikki Huntsinger, Lugoff First
- 13 Lisa Sanderson, Calvary
- 15 Debbie Corder, Mt. Pisgah



February Wedding Anniversaries:

- 01 Ron & Paulette Underwood, KBA



February Church Anniversaries:

- 02 Doug Huntsinger, Lugoff First
- 06 Terry Corder, Mt. Pisgah
- 08 Mike Vinson, Flint Hill



February



2-Hunter Education at Buffalo Baptist
 2-Women's Conference at Malvern Hill Baptist
 9-Never Fight Alone at Malvern Hill Baptist
 16-Love and Respect Seminar at Oak Ridge Baptist
 22-SCBC Impact 2024 at Church at the Mill, Moore, SC
 22-Better Halves
 29-Pastor Conference

WHO IS ANNIE ARMSTRONG AND WHY DO WE TAKE UP AN EASTER OFFERING?.....

Annie Armstrong was born in Baltimore, Maryland on July 11th, 1850. She came from a long line of prominent Baptists including her great-great-grandfather Henry Sater who helped establish the first Baptist church in Maryland. At the age of 20, she was "born again" under the preaching of Dr. Richard Fuller at Seventh Baptist Church (now Seventh Metro Church). Later she was among 100 Seventh Baptist Church members who established Eutaw Place Church (now Woodbrook Baptist Church). The church was pastored by Richard Fuller, the third president of the Southern Baptist Convention, who was heavily involved in missionary activities. She worked with various Baltimore missionary organizations ministering to orphans, African Americans, Native Americans, Chinese American immigrants, and indigent women and families. In 1888, Armstrong led the creation of the Woman's Missionary Union, helping draft the constitution and serving as its first correspondent secretary. Armstrong facilitated communication between denominational leaders, local congregations, and missionaries in the field. During her tenure as head of the WMU, she refused a salary and traveled extensively at her own expense on behalf of the WMU. It was due to the efforts of Annie and the women of WMU that the annual Easter mission offering was established in the Southern Baptist Churches in 1895. Annie retired from WMU in 1906. It was through the steely determination of Annie and many other like minded Southern Baptist women that WMU had been forged against often fierce opposition from the male SBC leadership. The mid to late 1800s were times when public female leadership was virtually unknown. Throughout Annie's career she had successfully gained a growing SBC support due to her Christ-like passion and record for achieving results. Yet, controversy had remained as her intentions and decisions were at times questioned, misunderstood and publicly aired in various Baptist state newspapers. In the early 1900s as WMU was continuing to evolve as a organization, there were conflicts over the path forward. To Annie it seemed her days in leadership were now over precipitating her abrupt decision to step down. She remained very active in her local congregation and in extensive missions work in Baltimore for the remainder of her life. In 1934, WMU recognized her lifetime of work by naming the annual Easter offering for home missions in her honor. Thus, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering was born with every dollar going to support missions work throughout the U.S. and Canada. Annie Armstrong died on December 20, 1938, in Baltimore, the year the WMU celebrated its 50th anniversary. She has been inducted into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame, and Southern Baptist churches continue to collect the Easter Offering for North American Missions in her name.

Counseling/Refreshing Resources...

Firm Foundations Counseling—Lugoff, SC
 803-708-0902

The Christian Counseling Center—
 803-779-1995 or www.christiancounseling.ws

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

Non-Anon Family Group— Drug Addiction for families and friends, at Serenity House next to Lugoff First Baptist, every Tuesday from 6:00 pm—7:00 pm. To learn more contact Deena Burr at deenaburr@yahoo.com

JOB OPPORTUNITIES...

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.

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.....Bethany Westville Baptist Church is searching for a director of youth ministry. This position would lead students grades 6th-12th as well as youth leaders and volunteer workers. Applicants should submit their resume, with references to the BWBC Youth Director Search Committee at 12 Hickory Head Rd. Westville, SC 29175. Resumes can also be emailed to bcraigan@bellsouth.net. Please include a brief description of your vision for youth ministry, and if applicable any links to video/audio of you teaching or preaching. Please call or text 803-427-7493 with any questions.