



The Cornerstone

1 Peter 2:6

Growing God's Kingdom Associationally

A WORD TO PRAY ABOUT FROM YOUR MISSIONARY ... this time of year, many churches are working on their budgets for the new church year, whenever that begins for you. At the same time, we know that everything is going up in price, too. I hear, regularly, that many churches are finding it harder and harder to make ends meet. In all humility, let me share what I find to be the key **New Testament** priorities of the local SBC church as it seeks to be a faithful steward.

- 1) Make sure your Pastor and his family have a fair, livable wage and benefits (1 Tim 5:18). Pay him the most you can, not the least, and you will find him to be a much more joyful, fruitful leader.
- 2) Evangelism, missions and discipleship must be THE top priorities for every church (Matt 28:19,20). These were some of our Lord's last words. Nothing is more important than these; nothing.
- 3) Loyal support of our Southern Baptist outreach and mission efforts are crucial. Let SBC mission efforts and support come first for your church. We have missionaries and church planters on the field who are counting on us to give generously. We also have some who are waiting to go to their mission field, that is, when the denomination has the funds.
- 4) Support of children and youth ministry must be a priority, too. We must reach those next generations, whatever it takes. Unfortunately, those areas are often the first that are cut when the budget is tight. Don't let that happen in your church. Let's be reminded that God owns it all and will bless your church in every way as you seek to be on His agenda and do what His Word says is most important. That may mean doing some things differently or even saying "No" to some things ... so that you can say "Yes, yes, yes" to His leading.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING... Is Tuesday, July 23rd at 6 pm, at the KBA Missions Center.

KBA 2024 BUDGET ... is currently being prayed about and put together for approval at the fall meeting. All ministry leaders are asked to provide their inputs. Pastors and others are also asked to contact Ron to discuss what might be on your heart, too. As our Lord told us, He often has a "new thing" for us.



**A LOOK
at the
BUDGET**

Missions—Local / State / National / World



The Kershaw Baptist Association Disaster Relief Unit headed out to Claremore, Oklahoma last month to assist in the damage done by the recent EF3 Tornado. One member of the team stated what impressed her the most was how God orchestrated everything throughout the journey. The team worked seamlessly well together despite never serving together previously and they were exactly where God wanted them to be to do the job they were there to do.

If you would like to serve on the Disaster Relief Team, please contact Tommy Riggs at 803-468-1524.

KBA OFFSITE RETREAT ... is planned soon for the leaders of various current ministries of the KBA. All Pastors and staff are also invited to join in, too. Here is your opportunity to provide input into the direction your Association should take! Otherwise, drop by the KBA or give Ron a call and share your prayer-inspired thoughts on directions the KBA should be taking.



GOOD NEWS CLUB WORKSHOP ... is Saturday, August 10th. The location will be announced soon and lunch will be served. All volunteers, either first-time or you have served before, are asked to attend. A variety of training classes will be held, depending upon your role in your Club. Contact KBA or Erica at 931-626-2107 for details. If your volunteer card for the school has expired, please come to the KBA Missions Center before the workshop takes place to have it renewed. As always KBA will pay for your background check.

MISSION TRIP TO KENTUCKY ... is now taking place as the effort to go to Utah did not work out this year. An eleven-person team, including 5 Pastors, are going to Ashland, Ky to work with those in poverty, hunger and drugs. We will stay at the North American Mission Board Disaster Relief Center, July 13-20, going out daily to feed the hungry and undertake minor building projects. Thanks to Kershaw First Baptist for letting us use their van!

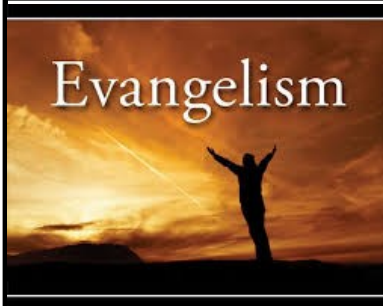


A VISION TRIP TO BALTIMORE ... Will be led by the South Carolina Baptist Convention and is planned for September 18-21. The team will travel to Baltimore to meet Send City missionary and church planters in the area, with the goal of exposing leaders to the needs and opportunities of the area. KBA and SCBC will cover most expenses. The trip leader is Tim Rice. The team will visit several mission centers including the Send Relief Center, East Baltimore Graffiti center, and Salaam Center. The team will meet several church planters in the city and suburbs who need partners. The schedule begins with an evening meal on

September 18th, and concludes with a debriefing the final evening on the 20th. (more detailed schedule to come). Lodging, meals, and attendance at a baseball game will be covered by the Send Baltimore Team.

MISSION TRIP TO SPAIN...KBA now has three of our leaders who has gone on mission to Spain! They are Pastor Andrew Tate, Pastor Jakob Elliott and Associational Missionary, Ron Underwood. We shared in the recent spring meeting and are now praying and planning our next step. There are so many opportunities to witness, care for the lost and even plant churches there. A trip there is being prayed about in the fall. You will be hearing more as God unveils His plans! Feel free to invite Pastor Andrew or Pastor Jakob to your church to share pictures and stories!





CREATING A CULTURE OF EVANGELISM...In the local church it is so very important for the members to be passionate about sharing their faith and for the church to be missional locally, nationally, and internationally. Ron will come to your church and meet with your leaders to help them examine, embrace, engage, and to encourage each other to be on mission in every way. If you would like Ron to come and speak, please contact KBA at 803-432-3028.

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!



PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR THESE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS



Let's pray for these teams that will be going on mission trips to spread the Gospel to the lost! Pray that the ones going will be able to touch the lives of those they encounter!

Kershaw First July 7—July 11
 Emmanuel July 7—July 11
 Shamrock July 7—July 11
 Bethune July 14—July 17
 Pine Grove July 14—July 18

July 8-July 12 ~ Lugoff First Victory Sports Camo @ Blaney Elementary
 July 8-July 13 ~ Trinity to Boone, NC (Youth World Changer's Mission)
 July 13-July 20 ~ KBA group to Ashland, KY
 July 25-Aug 2 ~ Malvern Hill to Scotland
 Oct 5-Oct 11 ~ Springvale to Winfield, Ky

NEW REVITALIZATION COHORT GROUP...Calling all pastors!!! If you would like to sign up for the next Cohort Group starting soon, please contact Pastor Bobby James! Classes will be starting in August!



PASTORS CONFERENCE FOR THE SUMMER...Will not be taking place as a group in July. But...be on the alert for Ron's texts to meet with pastors for lunches in various parts of the county!!



BETTER HALVES...Will not be taking place as a group in July or August. We will come back together in September!

“Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men-As free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.” 1 Peter 2:13-17



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13-20 KBA Mission Trip to Ashland, Kentucky



July Birthdays:

- 05 Mark Hopkins, Hermitage
- 07 Diane Lee, Mt. Olivet
- 10 Craigen Blankenship, Bethany
- 17 Chuck Everett, Trinity
- 21 Phillip Gerrald, Camden First
- 22 Kelly Earls, Dekalb
- 22 Jennifer Dickerson, Shamrock
- 27 Chey Elliott, Kershaw First



July Wedding Anniversaries:

- 1 Jerry and Sherry Brown, Lucknow
- 09 Jeremy and Samantha Ussery, Timrod
- 20 Clint and Tiffany Ellis, Camden First
- 28 Bobby and Stephanie James, Cedar Creek
- 31 Phillip and Susie Gerrald, Camden First



July Church Anniversaries:

- 01 Todd Warnock, River
- 06 Stephen Sanderson, Calvary
- 15 Scott Bernshausen, Bethune
- 28 Chuck Everett, Trinity

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

Grief Share Counseling—Hermitage Baptist Church,
814 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Camden. Beginning April
1st and will continue each Monday 6:30 pm—8:00 pm.
There is no cost. This is a 13 week session. Please call
803-432-4165 to sign up.

Palmetto Counseling Associates—Dr. Bill Rogers
803-254-9767, Columbia, SC.
www.palmettocounseling.com

JOB OPPORTUNITIES...

**PART-TIME MUSIC DIRECTOR/MINISTER
OF MUSIC...**Lake Wateree Baptist Church.

If interested, please email your resume to:
lakewateree.church@gmail.com or mail your resume
to: 5856 River Rd. Ridgeway, SC 29130
Attn: Eric Winstead



HAVE A
SAFE AND
HAPPY 4TH!

From:

Ron

Paulette

Penny