

June 2025



The Cornerstone

I Peter 2:6

Growing God's Kingdom Associationally

Short Note from your Associational Missionary:

Wow, I cannot believe that we begin our 12th year with KBA as of June 1! It has been a great joy for Paulette and I to work alongside so many devoted men and women who love Jesus and His Kingdom's work. I believe we have made an impact for our King. As I look back, we've done Sacks of Love and Good News Club. We've provided the inflatables ministry to you. We've provided many mission trip opportunities to places like Puerto Rico, Spain, Cuba, NYC, New Jersey, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Atlanta and Kentucky. While we saw one of 'our' churches close, still, it continues to be an active church and KBA was able to use the funds for the sale of the building to update our facility and put much of it in savings for future ministry. Most of all, we've loved on one another, we are working hard to support and encourage our Pastors, staff and ministry families in diverse ways. Yet, we still have a way to go, don't we? I now, better understand what the Apostle Paul meant when he spoke of (2 Cor 11:28) "the daily pressure on me: the concern for all of my churches. I'm greatly concerned for the spiritual health of our churches, that deep prayer and a vision from God that can be very real. I'm greatly concerned that our Pastors and deacons work closely together in humility and grace; for our churches to get outside the walls of their building, into their "Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost. When is the last time you went on a mission trip across the county or the world? I'm concerned that we are not reaching the next generations as we should be, which inevitably requires embracing some (Isaiah 43) "new things" from God. For instance, while worship music is a preference, reaching souls for Jesus is our reason for existence as a church and we must do whatever we can to see this happen.

Paulette and I continue to pray for you daily and work on your behalf to love, serve and help you in our common ministry, together. We look forward to seeing what else God has for us ... and are open to your thoughts ... knowing we are: Better Together!

Ron Underwood

Missions—Local / State / National / World



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON THURSDAYS!... To go on mission to the Pastors Retreat Cabin on Lake Wateree and do some cleaning, landscaping, and painting. We are working there each Thursday, but we can use the help anytime! Contact Ron for more information.

GOOD NEWS CLUB... In our local elementary schools need your help! During the last school year, we had 50 children accept Christ, and are now going to a church! Praise God! We have all prayed about keeping the Bible and prayer in our public schools, so here is our chance to help make that happen! Jackson and Blaney schools have grown and need more volunteers! Pine Tree has now allowed us back in and will need volunteers to help! Whether your church is located in the proximity of these schools, it does not matter. You can call Erica Fontikas at 931-626-2107 for more details. The annual training workshop is scheduled for August 2nd at Trinity Baptist Church. Time will be announced soon!



MISSION GROUP NEEDED IN NC... Exists as a result of Hurricane Helene, especially in the Asheville, Boone, and Burnsville areas. Much of it will be light to medium home repair. Contact Samaritans Purse.org to find out more information. You can select your date and location. Food and housing will be provided, so all you need to provide is transportation and gas. Youth ages 14+ are welcome if they have an adult chaperone. KBA is interested in sponsoring a trip if enough people are interested or your church can schedule their own trip.

Far beyond the physical help you will extend to the homeowners, the spiritual and emotional support you offer to them is even more important.

They are in need of volunteers ranging from July to December. Be in prayer about going on mission there!



ORDINATION COUNCIL...

For Danny Morrison from Lake Wateree Baptist Church will be Thursday, June 26th, at 11am at the KBA office.



COHORT REVITALIZATION FOR PASTORS... Will be on June 16th from 9 am till 12 pm at the KBA Mission Center. If you would like more information on the class or would like to attend please call Pastor Bobby James at 803-572-7410. There is no fee for the Cohort Class.

KBA JULY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING...

The location, time and date will be announced in the July newsletter.



LIFEWAY GROUP ESSENTIALS TRAINING ...

Lifeway is bringing its Groups Essentials training event to South Carolina in September 2025! This free two-day conference is designed for Sunday School and group ministry leaders, including directors, pastors, and ministers of education, especially those who have been serving for five years or less. Participants are asked to commit to attending both days of the event. The event is Monday and Tuesday, September 15-16 at First Baptist Church in Camden. Don't miss this valuable opportunity to grow in leadership and strengthen your ministry. For questions, contact Bobby Howard at bobbyhoward@scbaptist.org or 803-227-6055. Registration is limited so you will want to register quickly.

NAMB SERVE TOUR HERE IN COLUMBIA ... will take place throughout the greater Columbia area August 22-23, 2025. SBC church teams from around and even outside of South Carolina will travel to the Midlands to help serve in Associational projects indicated by the local churches there. Your church can join in this missions ministry! Several of our churches are already signed up and ready to serve! Simply cut and paste this address:

<https://www.sendrelief.org/serve-tour/columbia/>. You can then sign up your group and choose your mission project, first come first serve. Projects include things like cleanup, evangelistic block parties, roof projects and other efforts. You can call Ron or go to the NAMB website for more information.



North American
Mission Board



PASTORS CONFERENCE: Will be on Thursday, June 26th, 11am at the KBA office for Ordination Council.



BETTER HALVES MEETING: Will be on Thursday, June 26th at 6 pm at the KBA office!



OUR MISSION PARTNERSHIP TO SPAIN ... Is now stronger since our last team returned. We know that Redemption Church is planning a trip in September. KBA is praying about sending another team this calendar year, so if you are interested, please speak with Ron. We are particularly interested in having as many of our KBA Pastors to go and then be on mission there!

WANT TO LEARN ABOUT MISSIONS IN SPAIN?... Invite Ron and Paulette to come out to your prayer meeting or missions meeting and share pictures and information.



Trinity Baptist Church ~ VBS

June 1st—5th 5:30-8:30 pm K5-12th

Malvern Hill Baptist Church ~ VBS

June 2nd—6th 6:00-8:30 pm

Shamrock Baptist Church ~ VBS

June 8th—12th 6:00-8:30 pm

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church ~ VBS

June 18th—21st

Hermitage Baptist Church ~ VBS

June 21st 9am to 12 noon

Emmanuel Baptist Church ~ VBS

June 22nd-26th

Buffalo Baptist Church ~ VBS

July 17th—21st

New Hope Baptist Church ~ VBS

July 18th 5:30—8:00 pm

July 19th 8:30am—2pm

July 20th 10:30am

LET US KNOW YOUR DATES!!



Just a few pictures from our trip to Ponce' and Santa Isabel, Puerto Rico. If you would like to see more pictures, please call the KBA office.





- 1– Trinity Baptist VBS starts
- 2– Malvern Hill Baptist VBS starts
- 8– Shamrock Baptist VBS starts
- 16– Cohort Revitalization 9am at KBA
- 18– Pleasant Hill Baptist VBS starts
- 21– Hermitage Baptist VBS starts
- 22– Emmanuel Baptist VBS starts
- 26– Pastor Ordination/Conference 11am at KBA
- 26– Better Halves 6pm at KBA



June Birthdays:

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



June Wedding Anniversaries:

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



June Church Anniversaries:

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

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

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

Bethany Westville Baptist Church...Is looking for a part-time Children's Ministry Director. This position would lead babies through 5th grade, as well as leaders and volunteer workers. We are a rural church located in northern Kershaw County. Our local schools are primarily the North Central Schools with the potential to reach students from multiple schools across Kershaw and Lancaster County. The requirements for this position are: Strong pastoral reference from your current and or former pastors. A history of active church work (volunteered or paid) in your current place of worship. A desire to reach the community around BWBC with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The ability to connect with children and families from various backgrounds and ethnicities for the purpose of spiritual growth and discipleship. The ability to cast vision and lead other leaders and volunteers to reach the goals and vision of the BWBC Children's Ministry. Applicants should submit their resume (with references) to the BWBC Children's Ministry Director Search Committee at 12 Hickory Head Rd. Westville, SC 29175. Please include a brief description of your vision for Children's Ministry, and if applicable any links to video/audio of you teaching. Please call or text Craigan Blankenship at 803-427-7493 with any questions.

Malvern Hill Baptist Church...is seeking to hire a worship pastor. Responsibilities will be planning and preparing as well as direction and overseeing of A/V technologies. The worship pastor will work in partnership with other leaders of the church. If you or someone you know might be interested in applying for this position, please visit our website to learn more and to see a full job description. Applications and resumes should be submitted using the online form at: <https://malvernhill.org/were-hiring>