



May 2025

# The Cornerstone

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Growing God's Kingdom Associationally



**KBA SPRING MEETING...** Was held on Tuesday, April 29th.

A presentation was made on the Pastor/family retreat cabin that Lake Wateree Baptist, KBA and the South Carolina Baptist Convention are working together on in this honorable ministry. The Association discussed and voted to direct eleven thousand dollars to this work along with the thirty one thousand that Lake Wateree Baptist has donated and the five thousand that the SCBC has given.

**SC Baptist Pastors Retreat Cabin...** is being established at Lake Wateree Baptist Church, between Lugoff and Ridgeway, right on the church property, on the lake! When ready, it will be used by our state Pastors and staff members as a free retreat to rest and spend time with God and family. It is a cooperative effort of Lake Wateree Baptist, KBA, and SCBC. KBA is coordinating the updating and will be scheduling its use to the Pastors across our state.

**Volunteers Still Needed!...** We need a few teams from our KBA churches to go mission to the Pastors Retreat Cabin and do some landscaping, painting, and overall improvement of the facility and grounds. Pictures and a list of needs is included in the newsletter in the insert. Please contact Ron for more information. 803-432-3028

**MISSION TRIP TO PUERTO RICO...** We will be leaving Saturday, May 17th and returning Friday, May 23rd. We have ten people going, including six pastors. This mission trip is a relatively easy one to plan as you are housed in the NAMB Send Relief Center and they provide all meals for a good price. It is also quick to get to and return home from. Pastors, you may want to go on their website and learn more, as they have many centers across the United States. Will you be praying on leading one for your church to go on?



**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. They can share with you the Spanish culture, history, and how God is working through our SB Missionaries to fulfill the Great Commission. You will learn ways to be involved through prayer support, giving and going to share Jesus' LOVE!

## Missions—Local / State / National / World



**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER...** Is Thursday, May 1st all across our nation. This American tradition is actually older than America itself, dating back to the Second Continental Congress, before the Declaration of Independence. Before America was born, it was already steeped in a tradition of prayer!

**KBA DISASTER RELIEF UNIT...** Left in late April to respond to recent flooding the Kentucky area. Our unit performs mud-out, chainsaw and chaplaincy ministries. KBA will pay for your training to join our team!



Please contact the following to learn more!

David Keisler at david4166@yahoo.com

Tom Riggs at 803-468-1524.



**COHORT REVITALIZATION FOR PASTORS...** Will be on May 12th, starting at 9 am 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 Cohort classes.

**BY-LAWS COMMITTEE...** We are seeking pastors, staff, and church members who would be willing to serve on our team to update our By-Laws. If you have any suggestions, please let us know!



If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Ron for more details. 803-432-3028

### 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. There is also some rebuild opportunities in Knott County, Kentucky.

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!



**Providence Baptist Church ~ VBS**

May 25th—29th 6:00-8:00 pm

**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

**LET US KNOW YOUR DATES!!**



## Pastor's Retreat Cabin at Lake Wateree Baptist Church















**We need volunteers to help complete the work that has started on the Pastors Retreat Cabin.**

**Volunteers are needed for:**

- Hanging new doors on the inside
- Repair/Replace the flooring in the bathroom
- Install new bathroom facilities
- Install vinyl laminate flooring
- Stain/Install baseboards and quarter round
- Hang ceiling fans
- Install shelving/racks in bedrooms
- Pressure wash outside of cabin
- Clean and paint the deck
- Landscaping

**Once purchased ~ Help installing and placing in cabin:**

- Refrigerator
- Stove
- Microwave
- Living room furniture
- Bedroom furniture for both rooms
- Dining Room Furniture
- Help setting up the rooms: making beds, hanging décor, putting in kitchen items, etc.

**If you would like to volunteer to help with any of these items listed. Please contact Ron Underwood or Penny Catoe at 803-432-3028.**





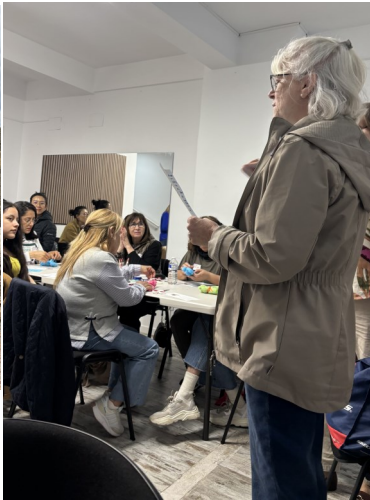
**BETTER HALVES MEETING:** Will be on Tuesday, May 13th at 6 pm at the KBA office!



**PASTORS CONFERENCE:** Will be on Thursday, May 22nd at 11 am. Location to be announced.



Spain Mission Group

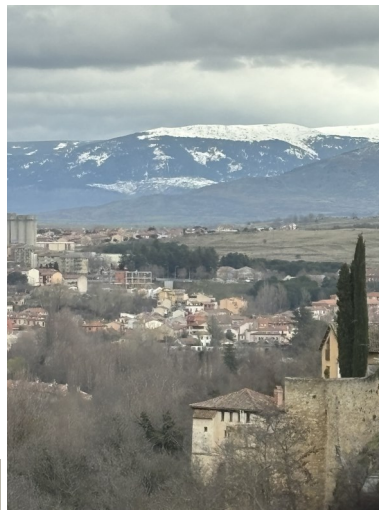


ESL Classes



Sewing Class

Kelly Earls sharing her testimony



Segovia, Spain



Madrid, Spain



Rev. Terry Corder preaching on Sunday morning



Rev. Olin Kirkland leading the Worship Service





1-National Day of Prayer  
 11-Mothers Day  
 12-Revitalization Cohort 9 am at KBA  
 13-Better Halves 6 pm at KBA  
 17-23 Puerto Rico Mission Trip  
 22-Pastors Conference 11 am  
 26-Memorial Day ~ KBA Closed



**May Birthdays:**

06 Amy Hopkins, Hermitage  
 24 Todd Gandy, Providence  
 24 Sandy Ridley, Freedom Outreach  
 25 Robbie Shivar, Sand Hill Heights



**May Wedding Anniversaries:**

5-Vince and Kelly Earls, Dekalb  
 15 Steve and Diane Lee, Mt. Olivet



**May Church Anniversaries:**

13 Craig Thompson, Malvern Hill  
 15 Bryan Plyler, River

**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>

**Counseling/Refreshing Resources...**

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

**The Christian Counseling Center**—  
 803-779-1995 or [www.christiancounseling.ws](http://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](http://www.shadetreeministry.org)

**Hope for Life Pregnancy Center**— Jennifer Johns  
 803-900-5647 [hopeforlifepregnancycenter.com](http://hopeforlifepregnancycenter.com)

**Camp McCall Pastor's Retreat House**— Phillip  
 "Snoball: Jewell, 864-884-6926  
[phillipjewell@scbaptist.org](mailto: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](mailto:deenaburr@yahoo.com)

**Palmetto Counseling Associates**—Dr. Bill Rogers  
 803-254-9767, Columbia, SC.  
[www.palmettocounseling.com](http://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.