



July 2025

The Cornerstone

I Peter 2:6

Growing God's Kingdom Associationally



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 or if you would like to help volunteer! 803-847-0952

KBA JULY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING... Will take place at 6 pm, Tuesday, July 22nd at the Kershaw Baptist Missions Center.



FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING... Is set for 10 am on Thursday, July 10th at the Kershaw Baptist Mission Center.

CHANGES AMONGST OUR CHURCHES:

MERGER OF TRINITY BAPTIST AND THE RIVER CHURCH... Trinity Baptist and The River Church have formally merged. As of July 1st, they are now LifeSpring Church, meeting in the former Trinity Baptist Church building.

BUFFALO BAPTIST CHURCH... Has called Rev. Todd Robinson as their Pastor. Welcome!

PASTOR JEREMY USSERY... At Timrod Baptist Church has accepted the call as Pastor at Sherwood Baptist Church in Lancaster. Thank you Jeremy and Samantha, for your friendship and your wonderful work among us in the last many years!

PASTOR TAYLOR WELLS... At Wateree Baptist Church has now retired and moved to Easley, SC. Thank you Taylor and Lynn, for your faithful service among us for so many years!

Please be in prayer for our churches without Pastors: Beaverdam, Calvary, Camden First, Lake Wateree, Mt. Zion, Springvale, Wateree and Timrod.

Missions—Local / State / National / World



VICTORY SPORTS CAMP... is being conducted by Lugoff First Baptist on July 7—11th from 9 am to 4 pm, at Blaney Elementary School. This is a sports camp for elementary aged children and will take place in the morning with VBS being in the afternoon.

They are in need of volunteers for either morning or afternoon, or both! Please call Angie Ogburn at 803-420-2836 or visit www.victorysportsoutreach.org to sign up!

GOOD NEWS CLUB... In our local elementary schools need your help! During the last school year, we had 50 children accept Christ! 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. The annual training workshop is scheduled to begin at 10 am on Saturday, August 2nd at LifeSpring Church (formally Trinity Baptist). All volunteers are asked to attend whether you have been trained or not. Contact Erica Fontikas at 931-626-2107 for more details.



SCHOOL RELEASE TIME... Where middle school students leave campus during the school day and have Bible study, is being prayed about and planned at several of our middle schools. This huge effort is being led by Redemption Church in Lugoff. Please be in prayer about the release time.



North American
Mission Board

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.



GO ON MISSION TO THE WINTER OLYMPICS... KBA is praying about joining with the SC Baptist Convention in sending a small team of "missionaries" (you) to the upcoming 2026 Winter Olympics in Northern Italy. You would work with IMB

Missionaries and local churches in serving opportunities where you could share the Gospel. More information is unfolding each day. Contact Ron with any questions or want more information.

COHORT REVITALIZATION FOR PASTORS...

Will be on July 21st 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.



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.

KBA BYLAWS COMMITTEE...

Is meeting every Tuesday at 11 am at the Missions Center. Pastors are invited to join in on the fun and give feed back on what should change!





PASTORS

CONFERENCE: Will not meet in July but we will come back together in August!

However, Ron will be buying lunch for Pastors all across the area, so be on alert for his invitations soon!



BETTER HALVES MEETING:

There will be no meeting this month. Will resume meeting in August!



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 & Tuesday, Sept 15-16 at FBC 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.



KBA DISASTER RELIEF UNIT... Our unit is looking for volunteers! If you are feeling the call to help in a disaster, please let one of our leaders know! There will be a training course offered on Saturday, October 11th from 8:30-4:30 at Concord Baptist Church in Anderson, SC. This training is for existing and new members. KBA will pay for your training if you choose to help with one of our units. We have Chainsaw, Mud-Out, Tarping, and Chaplaincy units. If interested, please contact David Keisler at 803-427-3776 or Tom Riggs at 803-468-1524.



July Birthdays:

05 Mark Hopkins, Hermitage
07 Diane Lee, Mt. Olivet
10 Craigen Blankenship, Bethany
22-Kelly Earls, Dekalb
22-Jennifer Dickerson, Shamrock



July Church Anniversaries:

01 Todd Warnock, River/LifeSpring
15 Scott Bernshausen, Bethune

July Wedding Anniversaries:

1 Jerry and Sherry Brown, Lucknow
20 Clint and Tiffany Ellis, Camden First
28 Bobby and Stephanie James, Cedar Creek



Springvale Baptist Church ~ VBS	July 12th 9am-3pm
Pine Grove Baptist Church ~ VBS	July 13th—17th 6:00-8:30 pm
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



1-Bylaws Committee 11 am at KBA
 7-11 Victory Sports Camp at Blaney Elementary
 8-Bylaws Committee 11 am at KBA
 10-Finance Committee Meeting 10 am at KBA
 12-Springvale VBS
 13-Pine Grove VBS
 15-Bylaws Committee 11 am at KBA
 17-Buffalo VBS
 18-New Hope VBS
 21-Cohort Revitalization 9 am at KBA
 22-Bylaws Committee 11 am at KBA
 22-Executive Committee Meeting 6 pm at KBA
 29-Bylaws Committee 11 am at KBA

2 Chronicles 7:14 ~ “if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

This verse offers a prayer for national healing and restoration.

Psalms 33:12 ~ “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance.”

This verse speaks to the blessing that comes from acknowledging God as the source of a nation’s strength and prosperity.

Have a safe, joyous, and blessed 4th of July!

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

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>

Springvale Baptist Church, Lugoff, SC, is seeking to find an energetic, visionary, senior pastor. We are located in a quiet part of a rapidly expanding county, ten minutes from Lake Wateree, thirty minutes from the capital city of SC, and two hours away from beautiful sandy beaches or mountain peaks. We are looking for a Southern Baptist minister to preach God’s Word, as well as build relationships beyond the church sanctuary. Children and Youth are our future. Ministerial degree required, experience preferred. There are opportunities for a husband /wife team in the areas of children, youth, and/or music. Please send resumes to: Springvale Baptist Church, C/O Pastor Search Committee PO Box 880, Lugoff, SC 29078