



October 2025

# The Cornerstone

I Peter 2:6

Growing God's Kingdom Associationally

## The Value of Your Association

I was reading an article the other day on the 100 fastest growing churches in America. All those churches seemed to have many good ministries taking place, within and without the walls of the church. As I read on, it occurred to me that your church is no different from those mega-churches when you consider what your Association, in network with sister churches and denominational entities, can do for you. Your Association helps care for your Pastor and family in ways you may or may not see. Your Association helps your church become stronger and Biblically healthier through various training opportunities. Your Association provides resources for you such as printing, inflatables and all the supplies for our Good News Clubs. Your Association provides a variety of evangelism opportunities thru ministries like Good News Clubs, Sacks of Love and other local events. Your Association helps your church carry out the Great Commission by going to and supporting national and international mission locations. Your Association does many more things than these, seen and unseen. Every church, big or small, is mega and can do so much more for the glory of God and spread of the Gospel ... because of our partnerships! Thank you for your prayers for your support of the Kershaw Baptist Association that allows our Lord to (Matthew 16:18) "build" His church and take on the gates of hell, near and far. October 19-26 is the Week of Prayer for your Association, so please pray for us in your personal and corporate prayer times.



**OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH...** So what is your church planning to do to love on your Pastor and family? Here is a good website, among others, that will give you some good ideas.

<https://donorbox.org/nonprofit-blog/pastor-appreciation-month>.

**KBA FALL MEETING...** Will be Tuesday, October 28th at Pine Grove Baptist Church, 836 Pine Grove Road, Lugoff. A supper bar will be available from 5-6 pm and our meeting will begin at 6 pm. We will seek to stir up love for our 'God and Country' as we enjoy the all-American fare of 'hot dogs, apple pie and Chevrolet'. Let's enjoy patriotic music and hear from Dr. Tony Beam, Senior Director of Church and Community Engagement and Public Affairs for the South Carolina Baptist Convention. In our divided nation, we need to hear how we can be brighter lights in the ever-growing darkness of secularism and animosity toward Christians and the Church. We will vote on the 2026 budget. We will also adopt the recommended Constitution and By-Laws that have been sent out to Pastors and churches.

**Annual  
Meeting**  
2025



**INTERNATIONAL MISSION STUDY...** Will take place on Thursday, November 13th beginning at 6 pm at the KBA Missions Center. This will include your supper too! The focus will be on the people of Brazil. Please RSVP to Penny at 803-432-3028 or Paulette at 803-840-0020 no later than Monday, November 10th!

This international mission study is for everyone! Let's come together and learn about other countries and how WE can help spread the Word of God and the Love of Christ to those who are in need.

**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN TO START COLLECTING!!** All packets are due to the KBA Mission Center by Tuesday, November 25th. We need volunteers to help us check the bags on December 1st at 9 am at KBA. Please let us know if you can help! We have been asked to provide 700 bags this year!

The approved list is as follows:

One black non-retractable pen (**no wire clips, no other color ink**).

One 5" x 8" junior legal pad white or yellow only (**no wire bound book, no composition books, no post-it-notes, and no journal books**).

One adult toothbrush (individually factory sealed (**no multi packs**)).

One 4 to 6 oz toothpaste (**no travel size**).

One 3.2 to 6 oz bar of soap (**no travel size, no unwrapped or unboxed bars**).

Two rolls of hard candy like LifeSavers, Mentos, Breath Savers (**Absolutely NO Smarties, Sweetarts, Necco Wafers, Rolos, Starburst, or TicTacs**).

Two first class #10 stamp embossed envelopes from the US Post Office only (**No regular stamps, no other size envelopes**).

One gallon size bag press and seal or zipper bag.

Please do not enclose washcloths, toothbrush holders, floss, or combs!!!



**BETTER HALVES**

**BETTER HALVES...** Will meet on Thursday, October 30th at 6 pm.....Contact Paulette Underwood at 803-840-0020 for details.



**PASTORS CONFERENCE:** will meet on Thursday, October 23rd at 11 am. Location to be determined.

### Springvale Baptist Church

Will be having Homecoming on Sunday, October 12th. Worship service will begin at 10:30 am. Rev. Todd Horton will be bringing the message. Lunch will be held after service.

Everyone attending is asked to bring a side dish or two and dessert. For more information, please call 803-438-1505.

## Missions—Local / State / National / World



### Advent Workshop

Are you trying to make Christmas more spiritually meaningful this year? Less focus on the material and more focused on Christ? During this workshop we will provide ideas to help make your Advent season a true celebration of Jesus' birth! We will make an advent wreath that you can use to help you and your family celebrate Christmas. We will provide Advent devotional materials, as well. Dinner will be provided. We will order supplies, please call KBA and sign up by October 15th (803-432-3038). Please call Paulette at 803-840-0020 for any questions you may have. This workshop will take place on Thursday, Nov 6 beginning at 6 pm at the KBA missions center.

**KBA CHURCHES...** If you have an event you would like to publicize in the newsletter, please send us the information and we will do our best to help make it happen!

We welcome Dr. Wyman Richardson back home (from Sumter) as he becomes Senior Pastor at Camden Frist Baptist on October 5th.

We welcome Rev. Paul Coward as the new Pastor of Calvary Baptist.

We welcome Rev. Aaron Neeley as the new Pastor of Fox Hill Baptist Church.

We offer our many prayers for Rev. Robert Ridley and Sandy in the loss of their son, Austin.

**SCHOOL RELEASE TIME...** Where middle school students leave campus during the school day and have Bible study, is planned to start in the middle of October at Camden Middle School, led by Redemption Church, Lugoff. Volunteers are needed to drive a bus, teach and help in other ways. Contact Frankie Kelly at 803-669-7303 for more information.



**KBA DISASTER RELIEF UNIT...** 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. Please stop by the office and fill out the volunteer form for the training. We have Chainsaw, Mud-Out, Tarping, and Chaplaincy units. If interested in volunteering, please contact David Keisler at 803-427-3776 or Tom Riggs at 803-468-1524. You can also call 803-432-3028 or email Penny at [kbapenny@truvista.net](mailto:kbapenny@truvista.net) for more information.

**Trucks Needed...** Our Disaster Relief Team needs a few volunteers who own a half ton truck with a V-8, if not larger. You are needed to help pull our DR trailers to various locations that you can be called out to. Please contact David Keisler or the KBA office for more details.

**OUR MISSION PARTNERSHIP WITH SPAIN...** Is now even stronger since our last team returned. A team from Redemption Church has recently returned from a trip. The IMB team in Madrid is trying to locate rental homes in Segovia for two couples who want to plant an evangelical church there. KBA wants to send a team there when God makes His timing known, so speak with Ron about this if you are led. We would especially like to have a vision trip in the near future for Pastors!



**OLD MCCASKILLS FARM DAY...** Is taking place on Saturday, October 4th. We are in need of volunteers to help with face painting and balloon animals. Please call or text Paulette at 803-840-0020 for more information!

**Let's continue to pray for our churches without Pastors...** Beaverdam, Mt. Zion, Springvale, Timrod and Wateree.

While we are praying for those churches, let's come together to pray for our young men and women in the church! That they will rise up in obedience and put on the armor of God!



4-Old McCaskill Family Farm Day  
 11-Disaster Relief Training  
 11-Praise in the Park- Bishopville, SC ~ 4 pm  
 15-Advent Workshop Sign Up Deadline  
 18-19-Judgement House-Lugoff First Baptist  
 23-Pastors Conference  
 25-Malvern Hill 5K  
 25-Lake Wateree Baptist Fall Festival 10 am—2 pm  
 25-26-Judgement House-Lugoff First Baptist  
 26-Community Fall Festival at NCHS 5 pm—7:30 pm  
 28-KBA Annual Fall Meeting at Pine Grove Baptist  
 30-Better Halves 6 pm

#### October Birthdays:

13 Sherry Brown, Lucknow  
 14 Jakob Elliott, Kershaw First  
 15 Lynn Elliott, Cassatt  
 19 Robert Ridley, Freedom Outreach  
 26 Buster Morris, Malvern Hill  
 27 Timmy Bowers, Laurel Hill  
 28 Lisa Plyler, LifeSpring  
 29 Eric Boone, Pine Grove



#### October Wedding Anniversaries:

28 Timmy and Tasha Bowers, Laurel Hill



#### October Church Anniversaries:

01 Jakob Elliott, Kershaw First  
 10 Steve Lee, Mt. Olivet  
 16 Robert Ridley, Freedom Outreach

#### 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

**AK Butler Counseling**—Anna Katherine Butler, Camden, SC  
 130 E. Dekalb St. [www.butlerlpc.com](http://www.butlerlpc.com)

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

#### Family Fall Festival

LAKE WATREE BAPTIST CHURCH  
 5856 RIVER ROAD, RIDGEWAY SC  
 803-337-2838

Everything is  
 Free!

SATURDAY OCTOBER 25  
 10 AM - 2 PM

Games, Food, Bounce House, Face Painting,  
 Petting Zoo, Horseback Riding, Hay Rides,  
 Costume Contest, Cake Walk

