



September 2025

# The Cornerstone

I Peter 2:6

Growing God's Kingdom Associationally

*Week of*  
**PRAYER**

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR SOUTH CAROLINA...** Is September 7-14th. The Janie Chapman offering of the SC Baptist Convention is also being received for ministries and church planting here in SC. KBA has received thousands of dollars from this offering over the last many years. As your Association Missionaries, Paulette and Ron are available to speak all month long. A list of other speakers is available thru the KBA office, as well as a thumb drive of various resources, including excellent videos that bring missions alive here in SC.

**Calling all Men & Boys  
Saturday, September 13th**

## **MAN CHURCH 2025**

**"But For Mercy"**

Youth Games begin at 4:00 pm

Meal served at 6:00 pm

Pork BBQ ♦ Chicken Bog  
Catfish Stew ♦ Wild Game Samples

Contest Rewards ♦ Gift Drawings

Worship / Song Leader: Dennis Ray

Keynote Speaker: Howard Isom

Please Pre-Register at [PGBCSC.com](http://PGBCSC.com)

*Pine Grove Baptist Church  
836 Pine Grove Road, Lugoff SC 29078*

**THEME**

### **REDEMPTION 2025**

*In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins,  
according to the riches of His grace. Ephesians 1:7*



**CALLING ALL MEN & BOYS...**Saturday, September 13th. "But for Mercy" is the theme as the youth gather at 4 pm for games and then we all come together at 6 pm for a variety meal of barbeque, chicken bog, catfish stew, and wild game samples. There will be some contest and doors prizes awarded too!

New River Gospel Bluegrass Band, a Dollywood favorite, will be playing at the event. It takes place at Pine Grove Baptist Church in Lugoff. Please pre-register at [PGBCSC.COM](http://PGBCSC.COM)

## Missions—Local / State / National / World



GROUP  
ESSENTIALS

**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, September 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](mailto:bobbyhoward@scbaptist.org) or call 803-227-6055. Registration is limited so you will want to register quickly.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CAMDEN...** Has called Dr. Wyman Richardson, and his wife, Roni, to begin their work there starting in October. Some of you may know his brother, Condi, who served at Hermitage Baptist Church.

**LAKE WATEREE BAPTIST CHURCH...** Has called Rev. Danny Morrison as Pastor.

**KBA CHURCHES...** If you have a big 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!

**SCHOOL RELEASE TIME...** Where middle school students leave campus during the school day and have Bible study, is being prayed about and planned at one of our KCSD middle schools, 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.

**GO ON MISSION TO SPAIN...** KBA Pastors or staff who may want to go to Spain in early November will need to contact Ron ASAP! We are hoping to take at least three pastors or staff as we support two missionary couples moving to Segovia to plant a church there!



**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.

**GO ON MISSION TO THE WINTER OLYMPICS...** KBA churches are joining with the SCBC in sending a small team of "missionaries" (you) to the upcoming winter Olympics in northern Italy in early February 2026. You could work with IMB Missionaries and local churches in serving opportunities where you could share the Gospel. **Contact Ron immediately with your questions as sign ups are happening now!**



**INTERNATIONAL MISSION STUDY...** Will take place on Thursday, November 13th beginning at 6 pm at the KBA Missions Center. 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!

**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>.



**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.

**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!

**SEWING CLASS...** Are you interested in learning to sew? We will be having a sewing class on Tuesday, September 30th starting at 10 am here at the KBA office. Learn to sew and take projects to a different level! Please RSVP to Paulette at 803-840-0020 or call 803-432-3028.

**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

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



**PASTORS CONFERENCE:** will meet on Thursday, September 25th at 11 am. Location to be determined.

**BETTER HALVES**  
SEPT. 25  
6:00 pm at the  
KBA office  
Text 803-840-0020  
to RSVP

**GRAMMY-NOMINATED MARK BISHOP**  
**IN CONCERT**  
Where: Refuge Baptist Church  
2814 Lockhart Rd., Kershaw, SC 29067  
When: Saturday, September 6th 6:30 pm  
Contact: Ray Hearon 803-243-0325

**2ND CHANCE MINISTRIES BACK TO WORSHIP TOUR**  
PRAISE IN THE PARK 2025  
OCT 11 4PM  
ALSO FEATURING:  
CHOSEN MINISTRIES  
MARK LANE  
BISHOPVILLE'S OLD DEPOT  
105 E CEDAR LN  
BISHOPVILLE, SC  
For more information, contact 803-459-6315



1-KBA CLOSED

3-Ministry Assistant Luncheon

6-Mark Bishop Concert at Refuge Baptist 6:30 pm

7-14 Week of Prayer—Janie Chapman

11-Finance Committee Meeting 10 am at KBA

13-Man Church & Concert at Pine Grove Baptist 6 pm

15-16 Lifeway Group Essentials Training at FBC

25-Pastors Conference 11 am

25-Better Halves 6 pm at KBA

30-Sewing Class 10 am at KBA

**KBA BY LAWS COMMITTEE** ... has completed its work in updating our Constitution and By-laws. Pastors please check your email for the copy of both the old Constitution/By-laws (2012) and the new recommendations. You can also pick up hard copies at the KBA office, too. Please provide all inputs to Ron. We expect to formally approve the updated documents at our fall meeting.

#### September Birthdays:

01 Keri Blankenship, Bethany

12 Angie Robinson, Abney

14 Patty Stephens, Harmony

21 Dean Elliott, Cassatt

25 Tiffany Ellis, Camden First

27 Angela Thompson, Malvern Hill



#### September Wedding Anniversaries:

14 Robert and Sandy Ridley, Freedom Outreach



#### September Church Anniversaries:

01 Evan Smith, Refuge

19 David Brannen, Emmanuel

#### 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)

## Community Run / Walk

Saturday, October 25, 2025

ALL ACCESS



Scan me

Scan the QR code or visit: [malvernhill.org/all-access](http://malvernhill.org/all-access) to learn more and register to race or be a sponsor.

**Early Bird Pricing Ends: September 30!**

\*\*\*If your church is/has been donating literature to KBA, please make sure that you **DO NOT** send the following: **No Mission Mosaic—Mission Friends—RA—GA—Acteens Mission Books—Choir sheets or choir books.** They do accept Awana material. However, if you have hymn books that are in good condition, they will accept those. We try to go thru the boxes before they are picked up and we end up throwing a lot of it away, because Harvest Seed Ministry can not use it. Please be mindful and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Penny at the KBA Mission Center. Thank you to all the churches who donate all their Sunday School material!