



January 2026

The Cornerstone

I Peter 2:6

Growing God's Kingdom Associationally



ESTATE PLANNING SUPPER AND A FREE WILL... For Pastors, staff and wives, led by the Baptist Foundation, is planned for Friday evening, January 16th at 6 pm at the KBA Missions Center. The Baptist Foundation will pay the legal expenses for a will for Pastors and staff. KBA will provide a good supper, but you must make reservations so we have enough space, food and resources. If there is a lot of responses, we may have to move to a larger venue. Please call the KBA office to make your reservations now 803-432-3028.

IMPACT 2026... Sponsored by the SC Baptist Convention is Thursday, February 19th at Shandon Baptist in Columbia. A variety of meetings and workshops are offered to help in almost all facets of your personal, church, and community ministry. KBA will pay for you to attend and will register you, if you let us know by January 13th. (So we can get the cheaper group rate). Otherwise, you can register at the SCBC website.



RESTORE MARRIAGE RETREAT... For ministry couples will take place at Sonesta Resort, Hilton Head, February 26-28, 2026. Provided by the SCBC. You can register by going to their website at www.scbaptist.org/events/restore. We hope you will return to your church restored and ready to serve the Lord and his people. (If funds are an issue, please contact Ron. It will be kept highly confidential).



A DEACON ON PURPOSE, 4 ESSENTIALS' TRAINING... Led by Dr. Tony Wolfe, Executive Director-Treasurer of the SCBC, will take place Saturday, February 21st at the KBA

Missions Center. "A Deacon on Purpose" is a popular biblical training curriculum by Tony Wolfe, used by many churches, including those with the SCBC to equip deacons in their four core roles: leading by example, serving people, supporting the pastor, and protecting church peace, often through group studies or retreats. SCBC offers resources and consultation to help churches implement this training, focusing on spiritual gifts, character, and practical ministry, emphasizing the deacon's role as a servant leader supporting the church's mission. Pastors, please share this information with your deacons. Deacons, mark your calendar now and let us know that you are attending!

Missions—Local / State / National / World



KBA EXECUTIVE MEETING... Will take place on Tuesday, January 20th at 6 pm here at the Mission Center. We will discuss the proposed Constitution and By-Laws , among other items of business.

THE PASTOR'S RETREAT CABIN ... on the beautiful grounds of Lake Wateree Baptist Church, Ridgeway, is about to be completed and will be useable for Pastors/Staff & families after the first of the year. This has been an extended and costly effort between Lake Wateree Baptist Church, the SC Baptist Convention and KBA. Then again, Our Pastors/ staff and families are worth it!



KBA DISASTER RELIEF UNIT... 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 at 803-427-3776 or the KBA office 803-432-3028 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...late spring? Pastors, are you game?



If you want to learn more about missions in Spain, invite Ron and Paulette to come out to your prayer meeting or missions meeting and share pictures and information!



USE OF THE INFLATABLES TRAILER... Please note that, because of having to install the fencing around our KBA property, the trailer must now be backed into the building when returned. The rear doors are no longer accessible. We highly recommend that you have a second person to help direct the trailer. We also have locks on the gates and you will need to get the combination when picking up/dropping off after hours.

HEART4SCHOOLS READING BUDDY AND MENTORING TRAINING...

Will be held on Thursday, January 15th from 9 am to 1 pm. The cost of the training is \$15 which includes lunch and resources. Deadline to register is January 8th. Please register online at scbaptist.org





DO YOU HAVE A STUDENT AT A
NORTH CENTRAL SCHOOL?
DO YOU WANT NC STUDENTS TO HAVE
A BIBLE CLASS OPTION AS A RELATED
ARTS/ELECTIVE?
DO YOU WANT TO SEE HOW YOU CAN
HELP KCSM SHARE THE GOOD NEWS
OF JESUS CHRIST WITH STUDENTS?
COME TO THE...

INTEREST MEETING

JANUARY 25TH 2 PM
BIG DILL GRILL
2894 LOCKHART RD, KERSHAW

KERSHAW COUNTY SCHOOL MINISTRIES ... is a program that began in October 2025 allowing students from KC schools to leave campus and receive Bible instruction during the school day. Currently, Camden Middle School students are participating, but the plan is to extend this to other Kershaw County schools in the fall of 2026. Since advertising for this program cannot be done in or through the schools, it will rely on word of mouth. Churches, youth leaders, and parents in our Association, please spread the word. Students will need to begin signing up in spring 2026. Volunteers for all related roles are also needed. You can learn more at schoolministries.org, kcschoolministries@gmail.com or call 803-660-7303.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS... Beaverdam, Flint Hill, Mt. Zion, Oak Ridge, Springvale, Timrod and Wateree.

~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 if there is space.



PASTORS CONFERENCE: Will be held on January 22nd at 11 am.
Location to be announced!



BETTER HALVES... Will be held on January 29th at 6 pm, at the KBA

***If your church is/has been donating literature to KBA, please make sure that you **DO NOT** send the following: **MAGAZINES OF ANY KIND—No 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 donates all their Sunday School material!

January

- 1– Closed
- 13– Office closed for Association Assistant Event
- 15– Heart4School Training at SCBC
- 16– Estate Planning 6pm KBA
- 20– Executive Meeting 6 pm KBA
- 22– Pastor Conference
- 25–KCSM Interest Meeting at The Big Dill 2pm
- 29– Better Halves

Psalm 107:9 For He satisfies the longing soul, And fills the hungry soul with goodness.

As we turn the page and enter a new year, let me ask you this: Are you full?

You may think I'm talking about those delicious feasts that many enjoy during the Christmas season, but I'm actually talking about a different kind of hunger. While food that nourishes our bodies is good, it is nowhere near as eternally important as that which nourishes the soul. We need something that will feed the spiritual hunger that is within us. Billy Graham, often said that there's a "God-shaped hole" inside each of us. It's that space that many people try to fill with wealth, possessions, sex, drugs, alcohol, or work. They search for their purpose or significance, but do so in vain. The problem is, the things of this world are fleeting, they're broken, and they'll eventually let you down. Money and belongings can be ripped away from you in a moment. Relationships falter. Drugs and alcohol wear off and leave you right back where you were, or worse. Psalms 107:9 ~It's such a simple sentence, but it encompasses all that mankind has been seeking for millennia. It is God who fills us up. He is the One who refreshes our soul and dwells in our innermost self, meeting those needs and desires that seem to be so elusive. We hunger for Him, and He alone satisfies. "He is the One who refreshes our soul and dwells in our innermost self, meeting those needs and desires that seem to be so elusive." As we turn the page and enter the New Year, what fills you? Are you consumed with bitterness and anger? Do you feel like you've gotten a raw deal in life? Are you chasing the things of this world to fill an emptiness in your soul? Are you sick and tired of being sick and tired? If so, I'd encourage you to seek God and the goodness that He brings. Rather than being consumed with the temporary and broken, you could be filled with the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). Draw close to God, let Him satisfy your longing and hungry soul, and you'll truly have something to celebrate this year.

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

AK Butler Counseling—Anna Katherine Butler, Camden, SC
130 E. Dekalb St. www.butlerlpc.com

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



Happy Birthday!

January Birthdays:

- 20 Roni Richardson, Camden First
- 24 Bobby James, Cedar Creek
- 30 Allyson Brannen, Emmanuel



January Wedding Anniversaries:

- 03 Matthew and Jennifer Dickerson, Shamrock



January Church Anniversaries:

- 01 Buster Morris, Malvern Hill
- 03 Bobby James, Cedar Creek
- 06 Dean Elliott, Cassatt
- 11 Clint Ellis, Camden First