



August 2025

The Cornerstone

I Peter 2:6

Growing God's Kingdom Associationally



GOOD NEWS CLUB TRAINING WORKSHOP... Begins at 10 am, Saturday, August 2nd at LifeSpring Church (formerly Trinity Baptist). Training is required for all new volunteers, and highly recommended for returning volunteers. There have been changes within the school district. Please make sure to register for the training at: [GNC Training - SANTEE WATEREE CEF](#). At the top of the screen you will click on the icon for the training. This is to ensure that we have enough lunch for everyone in attendance. If you have any questions, please contact Erica Fontinakis at 931-626-2107 by text.

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.

Week of
PRAYER

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.



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.

NAMB SERVE TOUR 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! Simply go to: <https://www.sendrelief.org/serve-tour/columbia/>. You can then sign up for and choose your mission project, first come first serve. Projects include things like evangelistic block parties, roof projects and other efforts. You can call Ron to get more information.

Missions—Local / State / National / World



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. **Contact Ron immediately with your questions as we must sign up real soon! 803-847-0952**

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.



COHORT REVITALIZATION FOR PASTORS... Will be on August 18th 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.

KBA CONSTITUTION AND 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! We are working diligently to simplify and streamline how we operate as an association to better serve you!



HUGE Thank you to all the churches (ladies) who helped make jump ropes! We were able to supply them for the Victory Sports Camp participants. We were also fortunate enough to be able to bless Crosswell Children's Home with jump ropes and some much needed hygiene products.

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 for more information.





PASTORS CONFERENCE: will meet on August 28th at 11 am. Location to be determined.

You are
invited
to
**Better
Halves**

**THURSDAY,
AUGUST 28
6:00 AT THE
KBA**

**TEXT PAULETTE AT
803-840-0020
TO RSVP**

LAKE WATEREE BAPTIST CHURCH

**KIDS & YOUTH FISHING
TOURNAMENT WITH BIBLE SCHOOL**

**AUGUST 2, 2025
8:00 AM TO 1 PM**

AGE GROUPS	TOURNAMENT AWARDS
3-5 6-8	BIGGEST, MOST, SMALLEST
9-12 13-15	PRIZES: ROD/REEL SETS
	GIFT CARDS FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS
	(MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN)

**LUNCH SERVED FROM
12 PM TO 1 PM**

ALL PARTICIPANTS BRING THEIR OWN FISHING
GEAR & TACKLE; BAIT PROVIDED
PARTICIPANTS ENCOURAGED TO BRING A CHAIR
TOURNAMENT RULES PROVIDED AT CHECK-IN



CLICK ON CODE TO
PRE-REGISTER




5856 RIVER ROAD
RIDGEWAY SC
803-337-2838

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE AND STAY WITH AN ADULT SPONSOR
ALL FISHING MUST TAKE PLACE ON CHURCH PROPERTY
THE CHURCH DOCK IS OFF LIMITS
NO SWIMMING

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

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

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

August

2-Good News Club Workshop @ LifeSpring Church 10 am
 2-Lake Wateree Baptist Kids & Youth Fishing Tournament
 5-Bylaws Committee 11 am
 12-Bylaws Committee 11 am
 18-Cohort Revitalization @ KBA 9 am
 19-Bylaws Committee 11 am
 22-NAMB Serve Tour Columbia
 26-Bylaws Committee 11 am
 28-Finance Committee 10 am
 28-Pastors Conference 11 am
 28-Better Halves 6 pm @ KBA



August Birthdays:

11 - Deanne Boone, Pine Grove

August Wedding Anniversaries:

7- Dean & Lynn Elliott, Cassatt
 8- Danny & Cindy Hedgepath, Antioch
 12- Bryan & Lisa Plyler, LifeSpring
 15- Lyn & Betsy Hill, New Hope
 29- Tim & Patty Stephens, Harmony
 31- Hunter & Lisa Frye, Oak Ridge



August Church Anniversaries:

4- Craigan Blankenship, Bethany
 5- Rus McDonald, Pisgah
 7- Hunter Frye, Oak Ridge

KBA CHURCHES: If you have a big event you would like to publicize in the newsletter, please send us the information!

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS!
 Beaverdam, Calvary, Camden First, Flint Hill, Lake Wateree, Mt. Zion, Springvale, Timrod, Wateree

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.