



# The Cornerstone

I Peter 2:6

Growing God's Kingdom Associationally



**IMPACT 2026...** Sponsored by the South Carolina 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 get you registered. Otherwise, you can register at the SCBC website.

## A DEACON ON PURPOSE, 4 ESSENTIALS' TRAINING...

Led by Dr. Tony Wolfe, Executive Director-Treasurer of the SC Baptist Convention, will take place Saturday, February 21st. Pastors, please share and encourage your deacons to attend. Deacons, mark your calendars! Coffee, juice and biscuits will be served at 8 am. Then we will start the training promptly at 8:30 am. We will meet at the KBA Mission Center and will be finished up by lunch time. Please call KBA at 803-432-3028 to register so we have enough materials for everyone.



**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](http://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).

**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.

## Missions—Local / State / National / World



### CHURCHES NEEDED FOR SACKS OF LOVE...

For providing designated food, financial support or packing of sacks. Please contact Penny at the KBA Missions Office for more details on how you can help!

**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 very soon! 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!



**OUR MISSION PARTNERSHIP WITH SPAIN...** Is now even stronger since our last team returned. The church planting couple for Segovia, Spain is Tiago and Marilia Crippa, they are now living there. KBA is providing monthly support of \$550 thru December using The John Corder Spain Church Planting Designated Offering. We have four couples from KBA churches going there March 13th-19th. They are Dr. Wyman and Roni Richardson from Camden First, Dr. Craig and Angela Thompson from Malvern Hill, Scott and Laura Shields from SCBC, and Ron and Paulette Underwood. We expect to return with a vision and plans for church groups to go there soon, so please be prayerful!

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!

**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.



**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. For more information please contact them at: [kcschoolministries@gmail.com](mailto:kcschoolministries@gmail.com) or call 803-660-7303. Interest meeting will be held on February 1st at 2 pm at the Big Dill Restaurant in Kershaw for North Central Schools.

**KBA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS...** Are continuing to be tweaked, so if you have any thoughts or suggestions, please make them known to Ron. You can email or call at [kba.dom@truvista.net](mailto:kba.dom@truvista.net) or 803-432-3028.



**PASTORS CONFERENCE:** Will be held on February 26th at 11 am.  
Location to be announced!

**BETTER HALVES**

**BETTER HALVES...** Will be held on February 19th at 6 pm, at the KBA Missions Center. Call Paulette for more details. 803-840-0020



Friday, February 27, 6:00-9:00 PM & Saturday, February 28, 8:30 AM-3:00 PM

Discover how to answer “deconstruction” by standing solid on the truth of God’s Word. Instead of remaining resolute in our stand on biblical teaching, many in the body of Christ have, perhaps unknowingly, deconstructed God’s truth, changing it into a “truth” of their own making.

*“We want to resolutely rest in the finished work of Christ on our behalf for salvation, rather than chasing after false gospels that require us to work for our salvation. At Resolute, we’ll reconstruct a Christian faith solidly built on the truth of God’s Word alone.”*

For more information and to register, visit <https://malvernhill.org/ministries-and-resources/womens-ministry>.

Cost: \$20 in advance / \$25 at the door

**\*\*\*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 donate all their Sunday School material!**



1-North Central Interest Meeting at the Big Dill 2 pm  
19- Better Halves 6 pm at KBA  
19- Impact 2026 at Shandon Baptist Church  
21- Deacon training at KBA at 8 am  
26- Marriage Retreat at Hilton Head  
26- Pastors Conference at 11 am  
27-28 - Resolute Women's Conference at Malvern Hill

### This Month Let's Focus On:

**God's Unconditional Love:** Focus on how God's love isn't earned but given, demonstrated by Christ's Sacrifice.  
~ Romans 5:8

**Jesus:** See Jesus as the one who seeks, saves, comforts, and gives eternal life.  
~ Luke 19:10 & John 3:16

**Love as a Verb:** Emphasize active love through service, kindness, and speaking truth in love.  
~ Ephesians 4:15 & John 13:34

**Finding Peace in God:** Connect our need for peace in relationships to our vertical relationship with God.  
~ Romans 5:1

**Faithful and Everlasting Love:** Reflect on Jeremiah 31:3, "I have loved you with an everlasting love," as a foundation for security.

### Things We Can Do For Others:

**God's Conversation Hearts:** Use key Bible verses as "conversation hearts" to meditate on God's specific promises and love.  
~ John 3:16 and John 10:27-30

**Acts Of Love:** Challenge yourself to perform small acts of love for others.

**Praying For Peace:** Pray for peace in your relationships and for God to help you be a peacemaker, starting with your own heart.

**A Valentine From Jesus:** Focus on how Jesus' love restores and strengthens us daily, a gift greater than wilting flowers.

**Leaving "Love" Notes:** Hide Bible verses or encouraging notes in public places for divine appointments. Hand someone a note with Scripture and encouragement.

"Lord, thank You for Your boundless love that never fails. On this day, help me to see love through Your eyes—not as a fleeting emotion, but as a commitment to serve others. May my life be a living testimony to Your grace. Amen."

### 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)



*Happy Birthday!*

### February Birthdays:

01 Paulette Underwood, KBA

03 Craig Thompson, Malvern Hill

09 Nicki Huntsinger, Lugoff First

15 Debbie Corder, Mt. Pisgah

*HAPPY ANNIVERSARY*

### February Wedding Anniversaries:

01 Ron and Paulette Underwood, KBA



### February Church Anniversaries:

02 Doug Huntsinger, Lugoff First

06 Terry Corder, Mt. Pisgah

16 Penny Catoe, KBA