



The Kingdom Focus

Waccamaw Baptist Association

FROM THE WBA DISASTER RELIEF DIRECTOR

A special thank you goes out to all those that stepped up and helped at the shower/laundry unit. Most were new to disaster relief and were trained on the site. Pastor Alvin Jackson was one that went far beyond what was expected - as well as Charlotte Stephens and Sara Stephens - in training others. Again, thank you to all the churches that stepped up with volunteers. Thank God for the few churches that did!!

This is what has been

happening with disaster relief:

Our Shower/ Laundry unit 015 has been in service since the onset of the flood in Horry County that started on October 6th, 2015. So far approximately 500 showers have been taken and 500 loads of laundry have been washed and dried.

The Mud Out unit was manned for three days. No other team was able to help at this time. Some of our equipment was used by Todd Wood and a team he pulled together from his Impact ministry group!

We bought and supplied North Carolina Baptist Men Disaster Relief Units with tarps, weather strips, some lumber, fuel and propane for their supply trailer that is staying on site. We also moved 9 pallets of water and 80 cases of Gatorade from site to site.

As of November the 10th the North Carolina Baptist Disaster Men will be leaving Horry County and we wish to thank them for all the hard work that was done on behalf of the need for others in God's name.

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Important Dates:

- **November 29– December 5**—Season of Prayer for International Missions
- **December 2**—Prisoner Bags due at WBA office
- **December 7**—Leadership Track meets
- **December 8-9**—WBA office closed; staff in Charlotte.
- **December 16**—SC Baptist Foundation Ambassador Training
- **December 21-25**—WBA office closed for Christmas

FROM YOUR DOM

*For unto us a child is born ,
unto us a son is given: and the
government shall be upon his
shoulder: and his name shall be
called Wonderful, Counsellor ,
The mighty God, The everlasting
Father, The Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6

As we enter the month of December and the Christmas season, it is my prayer that each of us will keep Christ in the center of Christmas.

As we reflect on “the Reason for the Season,” I believe that we should have three responses to the birth of our Savior:

Wonder. We should stand in

awe and wonder of our Father that loved us so much— even while we were yet sinners, that He sent His only Son to pay the penalty for our sins. There is no greater love and no greater gift than salvation through Jesus Christ.

Worship. Our response to God's great and generous gift should be no less than complete and honest worship of the Lord God, Who, in spite of the utter rejection of mankind, still manifested His love and grace to us through Jesus. He is worthy and deserves our worship.

Work. We should have a burning desire to work for the Lord—not

to earn salvation, but to grow the kingdom. There are millions of people who do not know Christ and do not have a relationship with Him. It is up to us to lead them to Jesus and to disciple them after they have committed their life to Jesus.

Jesus Christ brings many different responses. What will yours be?

Let's approach Him this Christmas with wonder, worship and a willingness to work for Him.

Merry Christmas to you and your family.

Tommy

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Disaster Relief Report (continued from page 1)

A special blessing goes out to the white hat, Mr. Bill Martin, who kept three sites running smoothly and kept the spirits up on all involved with this disaster. May God continue to bless him and all that stepped up to serve our Lord in a time of need.

Also as time goes on we will have a sign-up sheet for the use of our shower/ laundry unit for times you have groups in your church and need this type of service. We have a note book with the schedule and if you know in advance when it will be needed, please call me. If it is available, we will give your church that spot. Thank you for

all advance calls. It will work so much better if we use this procedure. Phone #: 843-357-3609. Ask for Steve. The book will be at this number. Thank you.

As most know, the association has generators and pumps that can be used by the association churches if in need of one on a temporary bases or until all is back in order and there is no need for the equipment. Also, our rebuild trailer is for the use of all churches in our association. It is fully supplied with tools that could be used for any type of help needed at your church or as an outreach to those in need. God has a way of using this ministry to reach the lost plus be a blessing to

those that are in need. We will be keeping a schedule book and can sign you up for the dates needed and will also pull it to your church and pick up. The Lord wants us to use this equipment when not needed for a disaster call out. If a disaster occurs while your church has the unit we will work with you to make sure you can give up the unit. We want to be able to answer any call out for disaster that might occur. Thank you and God bless all of you.

In God's Service,
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WMU NEWS

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40:31

What "sweet hour of prayer" was experienced at Buck Creek Baptist Church during the 2015 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer on Monday, November 2nd. The theme **ARISE, SHINE** set the tone as program participants and attendees joined in praying with women around the world for general and specific prayer requests. A love offering was taken and the time to give is extended through November. Offerings earmarked "2015 World Day of Prayer" can be made to the Association Office, attention of WMU.

"We're Here for You" was observed by churches, individuals, or groups undertaking special projects on November 7; Waccamaw WMU appreciates those who contributed non-perishable food items for the association-wide project, delivered to CAP in Conway.

Christmas Prisoner Packets - goal 1000 - for local and state facilities. Deliver packets to Waccamaw Baptist Association.

Upcoming in 2016:

January 24, 3:00 - 4:00 pm, "Coping with PTSD Event," Wampee Baptist; guest speaker, Rev. Brandon Blair

February 7, 3:00 - 4:30 pm, "Focus on WMU Tea," Maple Baptist; guest speaker to be announced

February 13, "Children's Ministry Day," association-wide; details for project in connection with GA Brunch to be announced

February 20, "GA Brunch," Ocean View; details to be announced

March 1-8, Season of Prayer for North American Missions Study, prayer, and offering

March 11- 12, SC WMU Missions Celebration - "One for All"- hosted by Ashley River Baptist Church, Charleston

April 16, Cleanup Day at Camp LaVida

We pray blessings upon each of you as we enter the Christmas Season and the Season of International Missions (study, prayer, and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering)! **Best wishes to everyone for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Peggy J. Jones,
WMU Director

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COASTAL SC AREA TEAM

Is collecting the following items for a shoe box packing party they will host at the Converge College Conference at the end of January 2016.

Hygiene items
(soap, toothbrushes, etc.)
Toys (jump ropes, balls, dolls, etc.)
School Supplies and hard candy
Flip flops, children's clothes, etc.

Items can be dropped off at the WBA office. We are collecting throughout the months of December and January.

Last day to drop off is January 21, 2016. Questions? Call Diane at the WBA office.



BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY UPDATE

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

Lamentations 3:21-24

As the semester winds down and students begin taking finals and returning home all over the nation, our prayer is that students will find their hope, their satisfaction, their sustenance in Christ and Christ alone. He is the only one who offers hope, and may they set their eyes on Him. We have had our last official Ignite Bible Study of the semester, and while the numbers this year were smaller, the same consistent core was faithful to attend. My prayer is that these students will be the

launching pad for a vibrant ministry in the years to come.

We also had our second annual Fall Retreat, which was attended by 20 students. They spent the weekend together learning who God is and how the attributes of God encourage us in our walk with Him. It was a very encouraging time and I think we will be a catalyst for this group. We are already making plans to attend Converge, which is a statewide collegiate conference in January. These weekend events are paramount for helping to build community and fellowship in our group, and I am excited about the possibilities of the upcoming Converge weekend. Like Fall Retreat, if you or your Sunday school class would like to contribute to a scholarship, please let me know. We are also in the process of a



mission fundraiser for students, where we have a board of numbers from 1-66, and we are encouraging students to commit to raising whatever dollar amount of the number they take from the board. If all the numbers are taken, we will raise well over \$1,500 for students to serve in mission roles. Please pray for this opportunity, and if you would like to participate, please let me know.

Please pray for these students during the next month. Some will graduate, others will struggle with finals, returning home, complacency, and other emotions. They need prayer warriors, and I would greatly appreciate you lifting them up.

Praying alongside you for college students,

David Neace, BCM Director
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WBA CHURCH NEWS

- ◆ **Forestbrook Baptist**—Presents a FREE Church Safety and Security Seminar on Saturday, Jan. 30 at 10:00 a.m. For more information call 704-431-4323. Register online for this seminar at www.CarolinaTac.com.
- ◆ **Good Hope Baptist**—Is seeking a PT Youth Director. Must have a sense of a call and spiritual gifts to minister to youth, and be a mature Christian who can plan, organize and facilitate youth events that include discipleship and evangelism. Prefer someone in Horry County. Send resumes to Good Hope Baptist, 6101 Privetts Rd., Conway, SC 29526 or email to John Sullivan at pastor@goodhopebaptist.com.
- ◆ **Langston Baptist**—Presents The Gift, a musical Christmas Drama on

Dec. 4 & 5 at 7 p.m. and on Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. Free admission but a donation of one canned food item is suggested. Doors open at 6 p.m. Call 843-365-5141 for more information.

- ◆ **Living Water Baptist**—Is celebrating the gift of Christmas with The Hoppers Food Drive on Dec. 4 at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a donation of cafeteria size cans of food. For more information call 843-399-5833.
- ◆ **North Conway Baptist**—Is prayerfully searching for a full time Associate Pastor. The ministry description for this position can be found on our church website at www.northconwaybaptist.com. Please send résumé either to 1608 Sessions Street, Conway SC 29526 or email them to ncbc@sccoast.net.

Deadline for receiving résumés is March 31, 2016.

- ◆ **FBC Surfside**—Presents the Singing Christmas Tree Dec. 11, 12 and 13 at 6:30 p.m. Event is free but tickets are required. Please call the church at 843-238-0206 to reserve your tickets.
- ◆ **Wampee Baptist**—On Sunday, January 24th. from 3:00 to 4:30 PM Pastor Brandon Blair, minister of youth at Langston Baptist, will be speaking at Wampee Baptist Church on PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder). We encourage you to attend to learn more on this critical topic that is affecting so many individuals and families. Open to the public.

Have church news to share? Email it to the WBA by the 15th of each month.



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M—Th 8:30—4:00
Friday—CLOSED

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*Merry Christmas from the Staff and Leadership
of Waccamaw Baptist Association*

*May you and your family experience a wonderful
and blessed Christmas and New Year!*

*“For unto you is born this day in the
city of David a Saviour, which is
Christ the Lord”*

Luke 2:11

