

The Kingdom Focus

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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

This year has been exciting and rewarding for the missions of the Waccamaw Baptist Association. As is our custom I'll take a brief look back at this past year and a look ahead at the opportunities of the New Year.

1. As a direct result of the sacrificial giving of approximately twelve of our churches we were able to reduce the debt on the building by \$16,982.07. Again, thank you for assisting us in meeting this need and helping preserve precious resources. We know that more churches already have a plan to assist in this effort in the New Year.

2. We now have a new Baptist Collegiate Minister working on the campus of Coastal Carolina University. David Neace has hit the ground running and we are hopeful that our churches will take full advantage of his ministry by offering him opportunity to share what God is doing at CCU with your church.

3. We are very thankful to have added Rev. Abiel Pruneda as our Hispanic outreach minister this year. Rev. Abiel is doing a fantastic job of reaching the Hispanic community in our area with the Gospel. He established the Hispanic Bible Institute in the WBA Building that is training workers for this area. Rev. Abiel hopes to have a Hispanic church planted by the end of this year. If your church would like to participate in this ministry don't hesitate to call the WBA office.

4. As you know the Coastline Women's Center opened in the WBA building this year and is meeting a great need in our community. Thanks for all of your prayers and support for this vital ministry.

5. Disaster Relief had a busy year with teams going from here in relief support to the victims of Hurricane Sandy. We are grateful to have experienced and talented people who willingly give of their time to help those devastated by disaster. We are fortunate in this area to not have any emergencies this year, but we must always be prepared for the inevi-

table. If you're interested in being a part of this great work please let us know and we can assist you in becoming part of the "DR" Team.

6. The Myrtle Beach and Conway areas have an abundance of apartment complexes. As a result several churches have begun working toward providing ministry in some of those complexes. This is a locally large unreached group of people. Again, if your church has an interest in assisting to reach these folks we now have an open door opportunity to be a witness on these grounds. I can provide you with any and all the information for establishing this mission work.

The Women's Missionary Union, as always, not only sees missions opportunities, but they act quickly and decisively to meet the need. This year was no different as the ladies prepared, packaged, and carried 500 prisoner packets to Columbia for distribution. They managed over 200 packets for our local facility. In addition the WMU is celebrating 125 years of service by hosting and sponsoring the GA Tea, Roadside Prayer, Walking the Talk, Going All Out, and Down By the River to name a few. If your church would like to get involved with this ministry for all ages just let Mrs. Peggy Jones know and she will help you get started.

It takes a conscious decision to turn a vision into the real ministry of building the Kingdom. We can't rest on what we have done; there are many more souls to be won. Let's continue as we work "better together" to make a difference for those who will accept God's gift of Grace in Christ Jesus this year.

God Bless
Michael

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS:

- January 1—WBA office closed for New Year's
- January 20—WBA office closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 20-22—Band of Brothers—White Oak Conference Center
- January 27—WBA Winter Quarterly Meeting, Green Sea Baptist Church.

UPCOMING VBS CLINICS

EARLY BIRD CLINIC
 Thursday, February 20, 2014
 7:00 p.m.
 Maple Baptist Church
 This clinic is for all VBS
 Directors and Pastors

GENERAL VBS CLINIC
 Saturday, March 8, 2014
 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
 Living Water Baptist Church
 This clinic is for anyone who
 will be involved with VBS.
 Call Ina Bullock at 365-3888
 for more information.



MINISTERS' FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, January 28
 10:30 a.m.
 University Baptist Church
 1740 Hwy. 501 East
 Conway, SC 29526

Special Speaker: Michael
 BeLue, Interim DOM

All ministerial staff are
 welcome to join us for prayer,
 fellowship, encouragement
 and information.

WBA WINTER QUARTERLY MEETING

**Monday,
 January 27, 2014
 Green Sea Baptist Church
 1241 Green Sea Road
 Green Sea, SC 29545**

**Meal at 6:00 p.m.
 Pre-session music at 6:45 p.m.
 Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
 (\$5.00 charge for the meal,
 payable at the door.)**

**David Neace, WBA's new BCM
 Director will be introduced.
 Plan to attend and meet him.**

**Everyone is invited to attend,
 but only those messengers voted
 on by a church are eligible to
 vote on business.**

NEWS FROM WACCAMAW WMU

As a new year approaches, we have opportunity to begin afresh ~ a "new page" on which to write new stories of our giving, going, praying, doing, being on mission for Christ! January 1, 2014, signifies not only the beginning of a new year; it also serves as a benchmark by which our missions efforts will be set apart.

We reflect upon and give thanks for all that has been accomplished during 2013; we anticipate with joy, hope, and trust what God will do through Waccamaw WMU and each of our churches beginning January 1, 2014. As we embark on the journey marked by a new beginning, let us look to Proverbs 3:5-6 for guidance: "Trust in the

Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. ⁶In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

COMING UP IN 2014

February 10-16 -Focus on WMU

February 10 - WMU Missions Celebration Buck Creek

February 15- Children's Ministry Day ~ "Generation Reach"

February 15 - Baptist Nursing Fellowship Annual Meeting SCBC

March 2-9 - Season of North American Missions - (study, prayer, Annie Armstrong Offering)

March - RA Racer Competi-

tion To Be Determined
March 21-22 - SC WMU Missions Encounter - Calvary Baptist Church, Florence

We invite you to participate in various WMU-sponsored events as we strive to fulfill the purpose of Woman's Missionary Union within Waccamaw: "... to inspire, challenge, and educate young people and women, thus stimulating a missionary spirit through prayer, study, and an increased knowledge of the Bible."

Happy New Year!
 Waccamaw Woman's
 Missionary Union
 Peggy Jones, Director

Great Commission Christian Ministries

Rev. Earl Spivey and GCCM offers to assist churches birth a "Great Commission" discipleship family. Not programmatic, this is a personal ministry modeled after the family. Using the natural family life cycle this discipleship work nurtures confident, reproducing followers of Christ who multiply and expand the discipleship family. The result is solid and mature servants of Christ and healthy, faithful churches to Christ. For more information please contact Rev. Spivey at 995-2939 or earlspiveyjr@aol.com

ROYAL AMBASSADOR NEWS

RA Leaders of North Conway Baptist Church will once again host the Annual **RA Racer Event** on Saturday, March 15, 2014. More details will be available in upcoming newsletters.

THANK YOU, PLEASANT MEADOW RA's

I would like to commend the RA's of Pleasant Meadow Baptist Church for collecting and donating socks for the healthcare bags for the homeless in Myrtle Beach. They did a tremendous job! I would also like to thank the members of Pleasant Meadow and Dr. Wayne Brown, Interim Pastor, for your support of the RA's. Keep up the good work!

Mickey Hyman, WBA RA Director

WBA CHURCH NEWS

Garden City Baptist -Has called a new Senior pastor, Dr. Bob Teems, who began duties in December.

Good Hope Baptist - Is seeking a part-time Youth Director. Please send resumes to Good Hope Baptist Church / 6101 Privetts Rd. / Conway SC 29526-1600 or to pastor@goodhopebaptist.com. For more information call (843) 902-7405.

Ocean View Baptist -Has called a new Senior pastor, Terry Scalzitti, who began duties in November.

Pauley Swamp Baptist—Pastor Terry Grainger has retired. The church is currently searching for a bi-vocational pastor.

Tilly Swamp Baptist—Is having its 4th Annual B-B-Q Fundraiser Cook-off on Friday, January 24 from 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. to raise funds for their building fund. For more information, call the church office at 399-6151.

COASTLINE UPDATE

Coastline Women's Center serves as a lighthouse of hope in Horry County, offering real choices and real compassion in difficult situations to help women choose life. Those women who choose abortion find the same compassion and support for healing and forgiveness.



Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is January 19, 2014. We would like to offer free to you a beautiful bulletin insert honoring life and hope to your congregation. We also have it available in electronic copy. Your church congregation may include women and men that need this resource and hope to healing. I know, because I was one myself and it was a bulletin just like this one given to me one Sunday morning that changed my life! Will you offer this same hope to your congregation?

If you would like to order copies of the free bulletin, receive the electronic file, OR If you would like to request a speaker for a brief 3-5 minute talk during the month of January please contact Jeannie at [843-488-9971](tel:843-488-9971) or [864-982-4124](tel:864-982-4124).

"Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is His reward."
Psalm 127:3

Jeannie Smith, Founder/CEO

PLEASE NOTE!



**THE
OUTREACH
TRAILER
will be
UNAVAILABLE
for checkout
indefinitely until funds
are obtained for repairs
and refurbishing. Churches have been contacted
in regards to this. If you have questions, please
call Director BeLue at the WBA office.**



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OFFICE HOURS

M—Th 8:30—4:00

Friday—CLOSED

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever. (Psalm 136:1, ESV)

As we begin a new year, may we join in with the psalm writer who commands us to give thanks to the Lord for so many reasons. God has truly blessed us all and we need to constantly remember that in all seasons, God's steadfast love endures. As we enter a new semester with BCM, I want it to be our heart cry to remember God's enduring love and His powerful works. We are so thankful for how He has moved on campus, but we also want to look expectantly for how He will move this year in the lives of students at Coastal Carolina.

Please continue to pray for the ministry at BCM as we seek to make disciples in

the collegiate context. Pray that we would be dependent on the Spirit of God as we seek to see Him move in this semester. Pray that God would save college students and radically change their lives as He transfers them from darkness to light. Pray that followers of Christ would be encouraged and matured in their walk with Jesus and begin the process of multiplication. Pray that we would see God glorified in all we do on and off campus!

As students start back in mid-January, we have two events of significance in January. The first weekly worship gathering for BCM will be on Thursday, January 16 and will continue on Thursdays throughout the semester. Coastal BCM will also partner with all

state-wide BCMs for the annual Converge conference, which takes place at Kingston Plantation here in Myrtle Beach on January 31 – February 2. The cost of the conference is \$70 for students, and if you would like to sponsor a student or help a student attend financially, please contact the WBA.

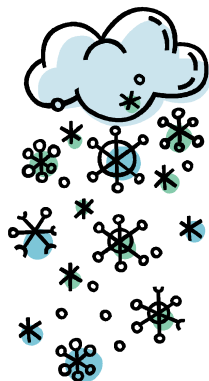
Thank you for being a partner in ministry with us, and please continue to pray for Gospel transformation!

David Neace

BCM Director

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He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes.

Psalm 147:16