

The Kingdom Focus

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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

We are approaching springtime and the anticipation of all that's budding will break forth in new life. Springtime brings renewed hope and the promise of new growth. It is also a good time think about our growth as Christians. Growing in Christ means that Christ is growing in you. Someone once said that God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called. Growing means getting out of the ordinary and not settling for mediocrity. Growing in Christ also means that in this year we think bigger about God's plan for His church, to go deeper in His word, and to do greater for the Kingdom of God. This is the year to believe more about God's purpose, to do more for God's glory, and to expect more from God's hand. We can't allow ourselves to be limited by what the world around us thinks. We can't become complacent about the situation of our nation and the decline of morals. When we grow, we grow together as one body that strengthens one another and encourages one another. We can't afford to be just good enough to get by or else we'll be told goodbye.

Your association is also renewing efforts to grow and to reach the lost and continue the work of missions in our area. As of this writing we have not yet met our goal financially to get the "Outreach Trailer" repaired, restocked and

ready for this season of support. This trailer is vital to our churches conducting Vacation Bible Schools and the many other summer activities that draw children and families to church. This outreach helps us grow. Please let us know if your church can assist with a donation to get this ministry moving once again.

Our Vacation Bible School Clinic will be held once again at Living Water Baptist Church on the 8th of March. All leaders and workers are encouraged to attend and take advantage of the many resources and creative ideas that will be shared at this event. This training helps us grow. The annual Royal Ambassador Racer event will be held at North Conway Baptist Church on the 15th of March. Contact the church for more information and remember these events help our youth grow. March is also the week of prayer for North American Missions giving us another opportunity to grow. This year our prayer is that we grow in Christ and that Christ grows in us. When we grow, the body grows, and when the body grows, Christ grows, and when Christ grows the world knows.

Michael BeLue
Interim DOM

ALASKA MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

FBC Surfside has a mission trip to Alaska planned!! This trip is for men only (sorry ladies!). They are going to work on a men's retreat center (demolition and renovation at Grizzly Ridge) on the South Kenai Peninsula August 10th-16th. The team will be working with Brenda Crimm www.akmissions.com. Cost of trip is \$600 plus airfare. Included in \$600 is meals, van rental, background check, lodging at Grizzly Ridge in Cooper Landing AK, and one tank of gas. Additional gas will be split up with the group. Flights need to be booked individually ASAP. They are not going as one big group. Currently flights are under \$800. Please make sure you are at the Anchorage airport by 6pm on Aug 10th. **A \$50 deposit is due by April 7th.** Balance is due July 7th.

This is not an FBC Surfside only event. Men from any of our member churches are welcome to participate. Space is LIMITED!! We can only take 50 men. Deadline for the trip is APRIL 7TH or whenever there are 50 participants,, whichever is first.

They will be fishing for trout as well. You will need to bring your own waders for fishing. Also make sure you get your fishing license before departure. For more information, please contact Rev. Brian Timney at FBC Surfside Beach. The phone number is 238-0206.



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This Month's Prayer Focus:

Pray for the
WBA
Administrative
Team.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS:

- March 2-9—Season of Prayer for North American Missions
- March 8—VBS General Clinic—Living Water Baptist Church, 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
- March 9—Daylight Savings Time begins; Set clocks ahead one hour
- March 15—RA Racer Competition, North Conway Baptist
- March 20—Ministers' Fellowship, University Baptist, 10:30 a.m.
- March 21-22—SC WMU Missions Encounter

UPCOMING EVENTS**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

Thursday, March 20, 2014

10:30 a.m.

University Baptist Church
Conway, SCSpecial Speaker will be WBA
DOM Mike BeLue

All ministerial staff are invited to attend and hear the Director's vision for the WBA.

**WORK WEEKEND
AT CAMP MCCALL**

Help is needed at Camp McCall to prepare the camp for summer season. The following dates have been scheduled:

- * March 14-15
- * March 28-29
- * April 4-5
- * April 25-26

Projects will include continuing to install metal on buildings, laying rock, cutting & clearing trees, plumbing, electrical work and much more. All materials, lodging and food for the weekend will be supplied.

If you would like more information, or would like to sign up to help, contact Randy Vincent, Acting director, at 864-878-6025 or email him at randyvin-cent@scbaptist.org**RA RACER EVENT**Saturday, March 15, 2014
North Conway Baptist Church
Conway, SC

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

Contact Mike Rouhselang at
397-8697/458-2069 orMickey Hyman at 238-0146/340-8936
for more information.**MISSIONARY BANQUET**

A banquet will be held for missionaries, Ken and Karen Buckner, on Saturday, March 8, 2014 at 6 p.m. at Christian Academy School, 291 Ronald McNair Blvd., Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

The Buckners minister through Come Go With Us and their sending church is Palmetto Shores Church.

For more information, contact Ken Buckner at 843-957-1359 or email him at ken@cgwu.org**NEWS FROM WACCAMAW WMU**

March ... brings a change of seasons, sunny days, and an array of color! It brings the season of prayer, study, and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for **North American Missions**. The following is taken from the national WMU website: *Annie Walker Armstrong was the first corresponding secretary (now executive director) of Woman's Missionary Union. Born on July 11, 1850, in Baltimore, Maryland, her family was very active in Baptist life. Annie went with her mother to the missionary meetings of Woman's Mission to Woman; there she learned the importance of giving to and praying for missions and developed a heart for missions. In 1882, Annie helped organize and was first president of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of Maryland.*

On May 14, 1888, women from 12 states met in Richmond, Virginia and formed the Executive Committee of Woman's Mission Societies, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. In 1890 the group became Woman's

Missionary Union. In 1934 the offering for the Home Mission Board was renamed the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions. Annie Armstrong died on December 20, 1938. Woman's Missionary Union was 50 years old.

As this Season approaches, we trust you will pray, study, and give! Set a goal for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Contact the SC WMU Office (800 723-7242) for posters, prayer guides, & envelopes. **Involve** church members in hands-on missions projects. **Consider** organizing a missions trip to help with ministry needs for a North American missionary. **Connect** with one of the week of prayer missionaries or another North American missionary to determine their ministry needs.

And don't forget the first thing! Pray! Without prayer, the best made plans will fail!

Pray for missionaries; pray for pastors within churches of **Waccamaw Baptist Association;**

pray for WMU as they strive to inspire, challenge, and educate boys and girls, men and women.

Waccamaw WMU appreciates Buck Creek hosting the 2014 Missions Celebration, at which 12 churches were represented! Such a great meeting on February 10, with guests Heather Way and Dr. Jeff Gaskins, uplifting music by Rev. & Mrs. Larry Allen and Katrina Cox, and tremendous fellowship shared by all attending! A \$357 Love Offering was given for Camp La Vida's bunks campaign!

Thank you for helping inspire, challenge, and educate girls and boys, youth, men and women to be on mission for God and for the support and cooperation you give Waccamaw WMU!

God Bless.

Peggy Jones

P.S. Plan to attend the SC Annual Meeting and Missions Celebration, Calvary Baptist, Florence, March 21-22, 2014! Go to www.scwmu.org for information.

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

“And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.” 2 Cor. 3:18

It is hard to believe that we are already two months into this semester, but it has been awesome to see how God is working in the lives of students. From our Thursday night gatherings to individual meetings with students, it has been encouraging to watch students taking steps in their faith to follow Christ. We have been able to connect with several students who have previously been uninvolved, and who now are showing a desire to grow in their walk with the Lord.

We recently returned from our annual Converge weekend. Converge is a state-wide gathering of college students held here in Myrtle Beach, SC and we were able to take a group of 20 students. The students were able to learn about disciple-making in a large-group setting as well as participating in breakout sessions on Saturday



mornings. We were able to walk through implications of what we had learned as a group, and I am excited to see how this time shapes lives moving forward.

As we move into the semester, we will be experimenting with some new ideas as we seek to best make disciples on campus. Please continue to pray for us and the ministry that we would see students transformed into the image of Christ and that they would desire to behold the glory of the Lord. We desire for students to seek the Lord, follow Him, and be captivated by His goodness. Will you pray for college students in this way?

David Neace, BCM Director
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ATTN: PASTOR'S WIVES

Would you like to meet and fellowship with other pastor's wives?

There are several upcoming events planned for Pastors' Wives and Church Planters' Wives around our state. These events are designed to give wives the opportunity to fellowship and meet other women, just like themselves, so they can have a community of support and accountability in order to be healthy spiritually, emotionally, and physically.

For more information about dates and locations, or to register, go to <http://www.scbaptist.org/supporting/pastoral-ministries/pastors-wives/>.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

March 2-9, 2014

FIRMLY PLANTED

Rooted in the Gospel

**2014 Annie Armstrong Offering
Goal is \$70 million**

WBA CHURCH NEWS

Loris First Baptist - Is seeking full-time Secretary/Bookkeeper with clerical skills. Email resumes to ldawsey@horrycountystatebank.com or mail them to Personnel Committee, FBC Loris, 3117 Main Street., Loris, SC 29569

North Conway Baptist—Is searching for a part-time Youth Director. Interested persons should contact Pastor Jeff Gaskins at 843-503-4767 or email him at pastorjeff@sccoast.net.

Want to share something happening in your church? Email the information to diane@waccamawbaptist.org by the 15th of the month for the following month's publication.

WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!



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

COASTLINE WOMEN'S CENTER UPDATE

Hello Dear Friends,

Please join us in a praise that we witnessed to 9 clients in the month of January. Today, we celebrated another birth, a sweet baby boy born to one of our clients that participates in our parenting program! I spoke to her today and she is eager to return back to her classes when she is able and will be bringing the little one in for us to meet! We have been blessed to see how God is moving in the lives of those coming through our doors! This week we will be on the campus of CCU participating in the Student Wellness Fair. Pray God will bless our interaction with the students.

Please pray for our

Abortion Recovery Bible Study now in session. This class is quite large and we are already seeing God's hand of healing working! Please pray for God to protect us, our volunteers, family, to bless all of our financial needs including the financial needs of those who have assisted us and provided for this ministry to come to life!

Life Abundantly,

Jeannie Smith,
Founder/CEO



DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING CONFERENCE

**Saturday, March 8
Columbia, SC**

\$35 for returning volunteers and \$40 for new volunteers

For more information or to register, go to www.scbaptist.org/dr or contact Gwen Eargle at 1.800.723.7242 or gweneargle@scbaptist.org

THINK 3%

Would you please consider contributing 3% of your undesignated gifts to the Association?



*"He brings the wind out
of his treasures."*

Psalm 135:7