

The Kingdom Focus

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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

Hebrews 9: 1-12

The word “Holy” is repeatedly used throughout the Old and New Testaments. It is a word that we’ve become so familiar with that we often glide over it not realizing its meaning or significance. What is holy and what does it mean for someone or something to be called holy? Simply put the word holy means to be consecrated or set apart for religious purposes. All things that specifically belong to God or are used for God’s plan and purpose are deemed holy. The Bible speaks of ground, nations, people, angels, mountains, and first-fruits as being holy to God. Apart from that God is holy, Jesus is holy, and so is the Holy Spirit. Since holy belongs to God it is something that we should stop and take notice of. When Moses stopped to look at the burning bush it was holy. When Joshua entered the Promised Land it was holy. When John saw the dove descend upon Jesus it was holy. When you received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior you became holy. The word is repeated so much because it all belongs to God. You are God’s, and that which you possess is God’s.

Holy is that special place in the hand

and heart of God reserved for those who love God and are called according to His purpose. Holy is the Spirit of God that comes from God and uniquely dwells within believers in God. It’s what makes you different in life-style, and the way you think and view the world. Holy is a presence others see in you that they can’t explain, it is what they hear from you that they don’t quite understand. Holy is like the burning bush in radiance, it is like the Promised Land in peace, it is like the dove descending in power. “Because it is written, be ye holy; for I am holy.” (I Peter 1: 16) If you belong to God, you are holy. If you are holy, you’ll have a home in heaven. Our working, living, and giving is all holy to God. As we approach the Easter season it is a good time to remember that this too is holy. It is a time to reflect on and remember the abiding love of God in Jesus Christ. What the churches of the WBA have done this past year is holy unto God. What the WBA churches are doing and will do this year is holy unto God. On behalf of the WBA staff I would like to wish you a Holy & Happy Easter.

Mike BeLue, Interim DOM

Waccamaw Baptist Association Disaster Relief Team Responds Locally

The ice and snow storm in the middle of February left many people in Horry County with broken limbs and downed power lines. The Waccamaw Baptist Association Disaster Relief Team under the leadership of Mr. Legrand Floyd immediately responded by organizing the team and coordinating with County officials. Legrand along with Mr. Frank Anderson and Mr. Steward Carroll towed the “Chainsaw & Rebuild” Trailer to Aynor to assist in emergency clearing. By the end of the day the WBA Disaster Relief Team had cleared storm debris that was endangering homes in five locations. These were homes of elderly residences in desperate need of assistance. As our “Team” worked, other residences in the area pitched in to assist in pulling limbs and clearing debris. Mr. Legrand noted that the reason we do volunteer work with WBA Disaster Relief is to demonstrate the love of God through hard work. The Aynor community was grateful to see the WBA Disaster Relief Team working to meet their immediate needs. What our church volunteers are doing through Disaster Relief goes a long way in reaching our neighbors with the message of the Gospel.

Following that, the SCBC requested that our Disaster Relief Team deploy to Barnwell County to provide storm assessment. While there the WBA DR Team worked in excess of 215 hours completing 113 assessments, and handed out two cases of Bibles to victims of the storm. It is impossible to measure the amount of good done for the Kingdom of God and the lives affected by this outreach. Thank you, team members!



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This Month’s Prayer Focus:

Pray for
David Neace,
BCM
Director

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS:

- April 7—WMU Spring meeting; FBC Myrtle Beach, 5:30 p.m.
- April 13—Cooperative Program Day
- April 18—Good Friday
- April 20—Easter
- April 21—WBA Spring Quarterly Meeting; Juniper Bay Baptist, 6 p.m.
- April 21-23—Band of Brothers, White Oak CC
- April 27—Annual GA Tea, Cedar Grove Baptist
- May 1—National Day of Prayer, Myrtle Beach Speedway

WBA SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING

Join us for the
**Association Spring
Quarterly Meeting**

Monday, April 21, 2014

Juniper Bay Baptist Church
5265 Juniper Bay Road
Conway, SC 29527

Meal begins at 6:00 p.m.
(\$5.00 charge for the meal,
payable at the door)

Pre-session Music begins
at 6:45 p.m.

Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Community Prayer Event
Thursday, May 1, 2014

Myrtle Beach Speedway
455 Hospitality Lane
Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

Join us for a time of prayer
for our communities, cities,
county, state and nation.

Pre-prayer music begins at 6:45 p.m.
Prayer begins at 7:00 p.m.
Gates open at 6:30 p.m.



Attention Pastors

Just a reminder... Spring Time is coming and many of our elderly church members may need assistance cleaning yard debris or light construction around their homes. The "Disaster Relief" Trailer is available for your Men's Fellowship to take on such projects. Please call the WBA office to schedule a time we can bring this equipment to your church for your men to inspect and become familiar with its use. Having the trailer on site during your Men's Fellowship meeting may increase interest and result in outreach to the community. We're ready to assist and support your ministry by bringing this equipment to your location or the project you pick. So call the WBA to book a date for the men of your church to view this valuable resource.

NEWS FROM WACCAMAW WMU

Spring is a season of growth not only in nature but spiritual growth as well. Spiritual growth comes through prayer. If possible, we ask that you mark your calendars and make a special effort to attend **National Day of Prayer** events planned for this area; if you cannot attend, then by all means lift up our nation, its leaders, and its families in prayer wherever you may be.

SPRING WMU MEETING will be held on **Monday, April 7**, at **Myrtle Beach First Baptist Church**. Make plans to attend this meeting, the purpose of which is to inform members of Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) about missions education in the association; to increase awareness of Southern Baptist missions, emphases, and goals; to strengthen fellowship; and to conduct the business of associational WMU. Schedule: Meal at 5:30 pm; Meeting from 6:30 pm to

8:15 pm. (\$5 charge for meal, payable at the door). In keeping with the 125th anniversary of national Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) this year's theme is Celebrate, Connect, Commit! On the program are State Representative Sandra Tapp; Guest Missionaries: Gerard and Iris Honeycutt; Director of Missions Mike Belue; WMU members, and ALT members. RSVP to Diane at 248-9358 or to Peggy Jones at 855-0787; a love offering for bunk beds at Camp La Vida will be taken.

WE NEED YOU! Come join us and other volunteers from all over South Carolina for the 2014 Camp La Vida Work Day, Saturday, April 12, beginning at 8:30 am. Volunteers needed, adults and youth 7th grade and up! Lunch and refreshments provided. For more information and to register, call Peggy by

March 20th (855-0787).

HEALTH KITS should be delivered to the Association Office between **April 14 (Monday) and April 17 (Thursday) from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**. These kits will be used for local missions and others in need. Call Diane at 248-9358 with any questions. The standard health kit should include toothbrush; toothpaste; soap; washcloth; bath towel; and comb. All items should be placed in a 2-gallon Ziploc type bag.

The "GA Tea" will be held on Sunday afternoon, April 27, at **Cedar Grove Baptist Church**. Details will follow, but mark your calendars and make plans to attend this festive occasion for all girls (both GA's and prospective GA's) in grades 1-6, their leaders and mothers! Edith Glasgow, GA Consultant, is planning a special program for this event!

Peggy J. Jones, WMU Director

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.

Proverbs 27:17

It is hard to imagine that April is already here, which means Spring Break has come and gone for the college students. For many of the students, they have less than five weeks left until their summer officially starts. While the semester has gone by quickly, I am so encouraged by what the Lord is doing on campus and in the lives of college students. Will you please join me in praising God and thanking Him for working in the lives of collegians?

At the end of February, we held our first "A Meal and A Message" night. We wanted to create an environment in the context of a Thursday night where students had the opportunity to fellowship around a meal and at the same time interact with the local church. Our students were so blessed by the ministry of North Conway Baptist Church and Maple Baptist Church, as they served so well. We shared a meal together and then I was able

to share a message continuing in our Gospel series. Our students shared positive feedback, and we are going to try to have another one of these nights in April.

During March we started two specific initiatives with the hopes of helping to make disciples. First, I began a guys' breakfast Bible study on Monday mornings at 7:30am. I wanted to see how many guys would dedicate themselves to meeting for fellowship and the Word in the early mornings to begin their week, and I have been so blessed to spend time with a handful of guys each week. We have been studying a psalm a week, praying for one another, and simply enjoying a time of fellowship. We also have a similar girls' Bible study that has been ongoing, which is led by Meghan Carnes.

We have also launched Life Transformation Groups, which consist of three students who commit to meet together once a week for prayer, accountability, and Scripture encouragement. We are praying that these groups help to

'sharpen' each student and encourage them to begin a new group with unbelievers or unconnected believers on campus. Will you please join me in praying for these specific outlets of ministry? Please pray that God would continue to teach us what it means to be disciples of Jesus, and then how to best make disciples in the context of collegians at CCU and HGTC.

David Neace, BCM Director
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COASTAL BCM

Don't have Phone Tree? Here's an alternative:

With HTC Mass Announcement you can reach everyone in your prayer chain at one time, or contact your entire membership about events and reminders. There is no additional equipment to purchase. Simply upload your contact list via Web, record your message via phone and then set the time that you want your members to be contacted. HTC Mass Announcement plans start as low as \$35 per month. Call HTC at [843-839-2651](tel:843-839-2651) for more information.

WBA CHURCH NEWS

Aynor First Baptist—Has called Michael McGirt as their new full time Pastor. He began duties on March 9.

Forestbrook Baptist - is prayerfully seeking God's man to fill the position of part-time Worship Leader. The position is a salaried position of the church, ranging between \$25,000 and \$27,000. The position is to lead the body in all aspects of Music Ministry as we seek to praise our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, through blended music and song. Must at all times meet the requirements for a church leader as described in the Bible, specifically those of 1st Timothy Chapter 3. Deadline for submission is April 25, 2014. For more information, or to submit a resume, contact seniorpastor@forestbrookbaptist.org.

Living Water Baptist - Presents the Easter Drama "There Stands a Cross" April 11-12 at 7:00 p.m. and April 13 at 6:00 p.m.

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.

NOW SCHEDULING THE OUTREACH TRAILER



THE OUTREACH TRAILER will be **AVAILABLE** for checkout **beginning May 1**. Call now or check the calendar on the website to schedule. If the day you are interested in is

available, download a reservation form, fill it out and fax or email it to the office to confirm your reservation. Please don't forget to send in the \$100 fee as well. Be sure to review the instruction video on the website.

THANK YOU to those churches who donated funds to refurbish the trailer.



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OFFICE HOURS

M—Th 8:30—4:00
Friday—CLOSED

COASTLINE WOMEN'S CENTER UPDATE

Greetings From
Coastline,

We have been so blessed already this year with the support from the community. We now have beautiful shelving that was much needed installed into our Donation room to hold all our goodies for Abigail's closet. This was a gift from Tilly Swamp Baptist, thank you! We have also enjoyed the fellowship of new visitors that have been stopping by to get familiar with us and our services. I do believe God is going to do greater things this year! Please cover our leadership in

prayers as we seek the Lord and His direction regarding our growth. Also cover our volunteers, families, and clients in your prayers. This month we witnessed to an abortion minded client. After counsel, she chose to keep the baby and accepted Christ! What a Praise! But it does not stop there, the battle continues and our prayers must maintain.

Thank you for all your support! Be encouraged as you all seek to serve our Lord, Jesus Christ

Jeannie Smith,
Founder/CEO

NEED A QUIET LOCATION FOR A SMALL GROUP RETREAT?

A mountain house in Banner Elk, NC is available to small church or mission groups of 12 people or less for a reasonable fee. House is available April through September. For more information or to schedule, call Ms. Mickey Hyman at 238-0146 or email her at maryjhyman@aol.com.

THINK 3%

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



"He bestows rain on the earth; he sends water upon the countryside."

Job5:10