

# The Kingdom Focus

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

In the April meeting the Waccamaw Baptist Association Churches approved the names to serve on the "Director of Missions Search Committee." The next big step for the committee is to organize in prayer as they solicit resumes of candidates. Please pray for the members of the search committee and the great work they are undertaking. Also, we officially added a new church under the Watch Care of the WBA. The "Come as You Are Bible Fellowship," led by pastor Monty Hamilton is an exciting addition to the work of evangelistic soul winning in our community. Continue to pray for Pastor Monty and this new church.

It's that time of year once again for Vacation Bible School. One of the great opportunities our churches have each year to reach out into the community with the Gospel of Christ. Reports show that in 2013, 46 of our churches conducted a VBS. Of that, there were 138 commitments to Christ recorded. Throughout the Southern Baptist Convention VBS accounted for approximately 80,000 professions of faith. This year's VBS program promises to be one that will be fun and interesting for all age groups. The theme this year is: "Discover, Decide, Defend."

### Royal Ambassador News

The annual associational Royal Ambassador Racer Event was held Saturday March 15, 2014. North Conway Baptist was the host church. Thank you, Pastor Dr. Jeff Gaskins, for your church hosting and for your strong support of Royal Ambassadors in your church and in the association.

These young Royal Ambassadors will be the leaders of tomorrow, ("I will do my best"). When we as men and women of God, invest our best today in their growth and development according to God's word, ("We will do our best"), then their best we can expect tomorrow, 2 Corinthians 5:20, the RA Motto.

There were near **150** attendees. It's always a delight for the leaders to see so many dads, moms and grandparents who give support to the RA Organization.

What can we say about the faithful, trusted, tried, and proven Royal Ambassador leaders! I take liberty once again to say

The theme gives VBS teachers plenty of material to reach our children, youth, and adults with the "Good News."

Just in time for the summer we have the "Outreach Trailer" ready for use in our churches. Thanks go out to the twelve churches that graciously gave to ensure this ministry continues. Also, thanks to the men from Langston Baptist church that came to the WBA and took their time to clean, repair, and refit the trailer with the new equipment. Please assist us in maintaining all of this equipment so that our churches can continue using this resource well into the future. When you call to set a date for using the trailer make sure to fill out the form and follow the policies and procedures that have always been in place. Inside the trailer is a new binder with instructions for setting up and breaking down the new equipment. If you haven't started, plan and book the trailer today.

The "National Day of Prayer" this year is Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. We are participating by conducting our public prayer event at Myrtle Beach Speedway. Our start time will be at 7:00 PM and conclude at 8:00 PM. We encourage everyone to come out and be a part

thank you to all men (and ladies) who lead or assist in any way during the year in the Royal Ambassador Organization. A huge thank you to the RA leaders (Jamie, Mike, Ned, Scott and all your helpers) of North Conway Baptist for the great job. Mission completed!! The task was not easy but the joy, excitement and enthusiasm of the event was evident.

Also all contributions and donations of food and beverages for breakfast, cold sodas and water for the day was greatly appreciated.

**ALL** Royal Ambassadors who attended and participated in the event was a winner". That is the truth. Being a Royal Ambassador, if we make the promise and keep it; "I will do my best", there are no losers. It's the speed of the racer, the highest number that shows up on the electronic scoreboard that determines who receives the Award. We did present a trophy to the builder/owner of the racer with the highest number in speed (Continued on page 4)

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of the event that has such a great impact in heaven and on earth. It is our opportunity to show our neighbors and nation that we practice prayer. We don't know how much longer our nation will support a day of prayer, but we must show by our attendance that we do. Please come and pray.

Mike BeLue,  
Interim DOM

### This Month's Prayer Focus:

Pray for  
David Neace,  
BCM  
Director

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 1—National Day of Prayer, Myrtle Beach Speedway, 6:45 pm
- May 18-24—Season of Prayer for Association Missions
- May 26—WBA office closed for Memorial Day

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR ASSOCIATION MISSIONS

**MAY 18—24, 2014**

### **PRAYERGUIDE . . . .**

Day 1 - May 18 ...for wisdom

1 Kings 3:6-14

Day 2 - May 19 ...for boldness

Acts 4:23-31

Day 3 - May 20 ...for health

2 Kings 20:1-11

Day 4 - May 21 ...for grace

2 Corinthians 12:8,9

Day 5 - May 22 ...for prosperity

Psalm 1:1-3

Day 6 - May 23 ...for all people

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Day 7 - May 24 ...for the Father's glory  
John 17:1-28

**Martha Compton**

**Offering Goal:**

**\$9,125.00**

**(73 churches x \$125.00 each)**

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

### Community Prayer Event

Thursday, May 1, 2014

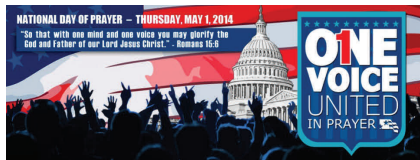
Myrtle Beach Speedway  
455 Hospitality Lane  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

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.



## VOLUNTEER at the SUNBURN UNIT



Volunteer a few hours of your time this summer to hand out water, sunscreen and an encouraging word to tourists. This is a unique opportunity to reach out to those who visit our area from all over the country and world.

Contact Martha Bullard today to schedule a time for you and/or your group to serve. You can reach her at 995-1320.

## NEWS FROM WACCAMAW WMU

An evening prayer of trust in God is set out in Psalm 4. Verse 1 (KJV) reads "Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

May is the season not only of spring flowers brought by April showers; it is the Season of Prayer as well!

Waccamaw Baptist Association will host once again the **National Day of Prayer** at the Myrtle Beach Speedway. Mark your calendars and make a special effort to attend and participate in the Waccamaw Baptist Association's **National Day of Prayer** scheduled for **6:30 P. M., Thursday, May 1, 2014**, Myrtle Beach Speedway. Call Diane at WBA, 248-9358.

The National Day of Prayer event will set the tone for the *Season of Prayer for Associational Missions and the Martha Compton Offering* May 18-24, 2014.

Waccamaw WMU invites churches to "Prayerwalk the Association" on Monday, May 19. Will you take time from your busy schedules to pray

on-site for our Waccamaw Baptist Association Director of Missions, staff, and ministries? Four (4) one-hour Prayerwalks are planned, beginning at 9:00 A. M. Please come and pray, laying hands on the Association, staff, volunteers, and the ministries which form an integral part of Associational missions. We seek your prayers for the entire Association and the people whose lives are touched and changed through ministries provided.

Established in 1997 to honor Martha Compton who served within the Association and First Baptist Myrtle Beach alongside her husband, Dr. Carl Compton, the Martha Compton Offering for Associational Missions provides individuals, churches, classes, groups, and age-level organizations throughout Waccamaw Baptist Association opportunity to participate in missions through prayer, giving, and doing.

The 2014 goal of \$125.00 per church has been established, carrying out the celebration of the "125<sup>th</sup>

birthday" of national WMU, established in 1888. Leaders of age-level organizations are encouraged to establish their own goals and to plan a hands-on missions project for their groups. Please share your group's activities and success with Waccamaw WMU.

As Waccamaw WMU celebrates this milestone, we invite all Baptist and collegiate women, and girls in grades 7-12 to the "125<sup>th</sup> Celebration Tea" at Maple Baptist Church on **Sunday, May 4, 2014, from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm**. Debby Akerman is guest speaker; reserve your seat and a copy of her book by calling 855-0787 (Peggy) by April 30.

As we conclude the year-long 125<sup>th</sup> celebration, we commit to assure that The Story Lives On. As Girls in Action celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> year, let us remember ~ ~ ~ "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations."

We appreciate each church, its members, and everything that is done in furtherance of fulfilling the Great Commission. Thank you!

Peggy J. Jones, WMU Director

## BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

*May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rile the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth. Psalm 67:3-4*

Thank you for your prayers this semester as we have pursued the Lord and prayed for college students to see the Lord high and lifted up. As the psalmist writes, we want the peoples to praise God and sing for joy because of the incredible salvation found in Jesus Christ. You play an integral part in that coming to reality on the campus of CCU and HGTC, so thank you for your gifts, your time, and your prayers. They have made a difference in the lives of college students this year – praise God!

As we finish the semester, we will be saying goodbye to several students as they graduate and/or transition to another school. We recognize that while this may be the end of our time here, God has prepared them and will use them as missionaries in another context. So truly, you will never know the full

extent of your faithful dedication to BCM here because God is going to use these students all over the world to impact the nations with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

A special thanks goes out to Maple Baptist Church and North Conway Baptist Church who partnered with BCM to provide a couple meals to our students on special fellowship nights this semester. This is something that we feel opens more doors to the campus, and we look forward to having a couple more of these next year. If you would like to help in any way, please let me know! If there is a way I can serve your church or come and share about what God is doing on campus, I would also love to partner with you in that way.

Praying alongside you for college students,

*David Neace, BCM Director*  
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The registration process at the RA Racer Derby. See page one and four for the complete story.

## 2013 VBS STATS

46 WBA member churches conducted VBS in 2013 with a total enrollment of 6342. Langston Baptist had the highest enrollment at 523. VBS is reaching children for Christ. Plan your VBS today! If you need help, call Ina Bullock at 365-3888.

## RA RACER PHOTOS



**Crusaders Division Winners**

**Lad Division Winners**



## NOW SCHEDULING THE OUTREACH TRAILER



**THE OUTREACH TRAILER** is now **AVAILABLE** for check-out. Call 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.

We are asking that churches who use the trailer make an extra special effort to take good care of the new equipment.

**THANK YOU** to the men from Langston Baptist who came out and helped organize and load the new inflatables onto the trailer. We are indeed grateful!



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**OFFICE HOURS**

**M—Th 8:30—4:00**

**Friday—CLOSED**

## RA NEWS Continued from Page 1

on the electronic scoreboard and to the builder/owner of the racer voted by judges to be the most "unique racer" in both the Lad and Crusader division.

The winners are:

**Lad Division** (Grades 1-3);

**1st Place**-Ashton Roushlang.-North Conway Baptist

**2nd Place**-Nathon Gilreath.-

North Conway Baptist

**3rd Place**-Wyatt Moore-

North Conway Baptist

**Most Unique Racer**-

Thomas Cox-

**Crusader Division** (Grades 4-6)

**1st Place**-Brandon -Pleasant Meadow Baptist

**2nd Place**-Bradon Barnett.-

Oakey Swamp Baptist

**3rd Place**-Aaron Ford-

Pleasant Meadow

**Most Unique Racer**-Will

Ropp.-Ocean View Baptist

**Congratulations** young

men of tomorrow. We love you guys and are very proud of you. Keep up the good works and always "do your best". Thanks again RA leaders for your faithfulness in missions education. Your most important rewards are "out of this world".

Do you as a pastor and/or church leader find that your church - especially your children and youth department) -is not measuring up to what you would like it to be in membership, missions, outreach, evangelism, discipleship, and giving? You may want to consider "Missions Education". To receive information and learn more about Mission Friends; (preschool age, co-ed) Girls in Action; (girls grades 1-6), Acteens; (girls grades 7-12) Royal Ambassadors; (boys grades 1-6),

Challengers; (boys grades 7-12) call Diane at the WBA Office 843-248-9358 or Mickey Hyman, 843-238-0146.

These organizations have been tested, tried and proven to work in the areas mentioned for well over one hundred (100) years, leading boys and girls to Christ, teaching them, and giving them opportunities to use their skills to participate in the "Great Commission". It takes hard work and much commitment on the part of the adult leadership, but isn't our children and youth worth our hard work and commitment to see spiritual growth and development learning about and participating in the work of the church, and to the "uttermost parts of the world"? I know they are! Yours in Ambassadorship, Mickey Hyman, WBA RA Consultant



*Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.*

*Luke 12:27*