

The Kingdom Focus

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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

In I Corinthians 16: 1, the early church joined together to provide for the Saints at Jerusalem. In Acts it is evident that the churches shared resources and letters that would be used to increase the body of believers. One of the first things the church recognized was pooling meager resources resulted in greater work being accomplished. From then until now it makes sense that churches working together brings a synergy that individual churches can never achieve. The idea of churches cooperating to support missions locally, nationally, and internationally is not a Southern Baptist idea, it is Biblical.

The history of Southern Baptist is replete with churches that for a variety of reasons have decided to go it alone. Some wanted complete control over how, when, and where missions were supported. Others sited doctrinal differences that they could not reconcile. Time and circumstances have taken a toll on these once vibrant ministries. For whatever reason, the vision and vitality they enjoyed faded with time. There is an old African proverb; "When you run alone you run fast. When you run together you run far." The Bible teaches us to run together. By sharing resources our efforts go further and last longer than if we try to run alone. That is the reason behind working cooperatively in our missional efforts.

I would like to encourage our pastors and church delegates to attend

our July Quarterly meeting at North Conway Baptist Church. The SCBC has offered our association of churches a great opportunity, but it comes with a few challenges. At the Quarterly Meeting we'll discuss all of the pros and cons of this offer and outline the way ahead for our churches to consider. We need your insight, advice, and support before moving forward. Please mark your calendar for July 21, 2014, and make plans to attend. Sea Palms Ministry still needs churches to provide meals for the summer "Life Guard Ministry." If your church can provide a meal on Tuesday evening please contact Ms. Karon Mitchell directly about details, place, and time. With school out church summer programs to reach young people are happening now. Please check with us if you want to request use of the Van or Block Party Trailer. Most have already scheduled their date, but there are a few openings later in the summer. We are here to serve you, as you serve others, by serving Christ.

Mike Belue
Interim DOM



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This Month's Prayer Focus:

Pray for
Nancy Neece
WBA Financial
Specialist

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS:

- July 7—WBA office closed for Independence Day
- July 21—WBA Summer Quarterly meeting, North Conway Baptist
- July 26—One Church, One God Event, Old Piggly Wiggly Parking lot, Conway

Disaster Relief Assessment Team Called to Alabama

May 4 through 9, 2014 twelve people were contacted to handle assessment work for the flood at Baldwin County in Alabama.

The following people responded: Legrand Floyd, Billy Rogers Sherwood Hayes and Tony Cox. We had the pleasure of working with three Chaplains. They were a blessing because of the flood. I was advised that these people received 21.8 inches of rain in twelve hours.



Thank you, DR Team, for your faithfulness!



Water was up to roofs... one house had a boat on the roof. We received a greater blessing than the people did that we helped.
Legrand Floyd, WBA DR Director

NEWS FROM WACCAMAW WMU

The Baltimore Harbor Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland, was host for The Woman's Missionary Union Missions Celebration and Annual Meeting June 8-9, 2014.

"Go Forward" was the theme used by Woman's Missionary Union to end its year-long "125th Celebration" and to challenge us in continuing the legacy of missions education, mission action, and missions passion.

Debby Akerman, elected for her fifth and final year as national WMU President, introduced the 2014-2016 WMU Watchword emphasis: "All for You: Surrender. Sacrifice. Serve" based upon Mark 8:34: Then He called the crowd to Him along with His disciples and said: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.'

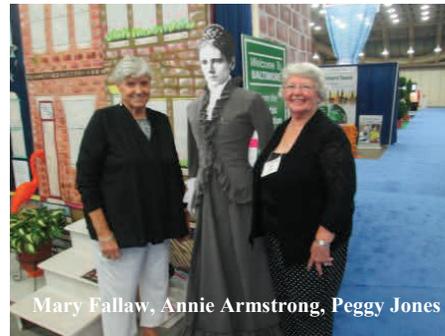
Speaking of the Project HELP: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Debby Akerman said, "PTSD is not just a military issue." She noted there

is potential for PTSD from any sudden or long-term trauma, including battles of wars, school and mall shootings, terrorist attacks, hurricanes

and tsunamis, fires and car wrecks, home invasions, and abductions.

Beatrice Zoma, president of WMU's sister organization in Burkina Faso, Africa, and Kathy Shafto, missionary in Burkina Faso, brought greetings.

Rosalie Hunt, author and outgoing recording secretary, gave monologues



Mary Fallaw, Annie Armstrong, Peggy Jones

of Ann Baker Graves and Kathleen Moore Mal-lory, two former WMU executive directors: Taylor and Susan Field have served as missionaries on the Lower East Side of Manhattan for 28 years, "and WMU has been with us the whole time," Taylor Field said.

A tour of five areas related to the life and work of "Miss Annie" in Baltimore and the church and resting place of Lottie Moon in Crewe, Virginia, brought a sense of gratitude for the rich heritage through the labors of foremothers of WMU; a realization that Miss Annie's beloved city and Lottie's China have changed in modernization but not in the needs of people; a resolve to continue building the legacy; a commitment to participate more boldly in the new Watchword emphasis.

Will you commit to participate more boldly?

God Bless.
Peggy J. Jones



Peggy Jones with Beatrice Zoma, Kathy Shafto

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?”

“Or who has given a gift to him, that he might be repaid?”

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Romans 11:33-36

We serve a great and awesome God, and in all we do, we must seek His glory. I want to think great thoughts of God and expect Him to move in mighty ways, but not so that BCM can make a great name for itself on the campus of CCU. I want to see God made famous on the campus of CCU for His glory and His renown! As you partner with us, I hope you will continue to pray for this very thing, that students would see this great God, follow Him, and worship Him with their lives.

Though it is summer, we are in the process of connecting with many new students who are enrolling at CCU. The Lord has already been opening doors, as we have been granted access to setup a table at all the freshmen and

transfer orientations information fairs. We have already made several connections with freshmen and their parents and we are excited to continue to meet students over the course of the summer. Thank you for praying for us as we invest in this opportunity.

WE NEED YOU – YES YOU!

Please encourage your church, your pastor, and the parents in your church to visit sbccampusconnect.net to fill out information on your students who are going to college. This information helps BCM directors all around the country to connect with students who are making the transition to college. Please send everyone you know to the site, and please pray for ministers to help bridge the gap between youth and college.

Praying alongside you for college students,

David Neace, BCM Director
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UPCOMING JULY QUARTERLY MEETING

Please mark your calendars for the next Waccamaw Baptist Association Quarterly meeting. We have some very important topics to discuss and decisions to make at this meeting. We must hear from our churches in order to proceed with the best possible decisions. One item is to read, and review the proposed budget for 2015. Another item is a report from the DOM Search Team about the selection process and opportunities offered the WBA by the SCBC. Remember: **North Conway Baptist Church, July 21, 2014 at 6 PM for Dinner and 7 PM for the Meeting.**

Michael BeLue
Interim Director of Missions

SUPER MONDAYS AT LIVING WATER BAPTIST

Join Living Water every Monday evening in July and August for some great preaching!

Living Water Baptist Church
1569 Hwy. 9
Longs, SC 29068
Revival through
God's Holy Word

July 7—Dr. Jeff LaBorg

July 14—Rev. Mike Stone

July 21—Dr. Junior Hill

July 28—Dr. Herb Reavis

August 4—Dr. Johnny Hunt

August 11—Dr. Robert Smith Jr.

August 18—Dr. Phil Hoskins

August 25—Dr. Bob Pitman

All services begin at 7:00 p.m. Nursery is provided. For more information, call the Church office at 399-5833.

IMB Missionaries Available to Speak at Your Church or Group

IMB missionaries Jeff and Cyndi Chestnut serve the Sub-Saharan African Peoples. They are currently based in Johannesburg, South Africa but have previously served in Ethiopia and also in Israel. They will be living in our area until January 2015 and are available to come speak at your church about how God is moving in South Africa. They would love to come share with your youth, children's groups, VBS, WMU/Brotherhood group or during a regular service.

You can reach them at 843-246-9759 or email them at jbchestnut@bigfoot.com or cyndichestnut@hotmail.com.



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OFFICE HOURS

M—Th 8:30—4:00

Friday—CLOSED

One Church— One God Call To Worship

Mercy Baptist Church is one of four local churches sponsoring a new “Call to Worship” in our area. Their theme is “One Church, One God” and intend to cross ethnic and denominational boundary lines to reach our community for Christ. The sponsoring churches and pastors are: Mercy Baptist, (David Avant), Hickory Grove (Robbin King), Jerusalem Chapel, (Robert Gabriel) and New Horizon (Roger Black).

They recently had meetings June 1-4 with 150-180 people present each night. Each pastor spoke on one of the

nights and their church provided music. There were five people saved during the meetings.

A community block party event is planned for July 26 in the parking lot of the old Piggly Wiggly building on 4th Avenue in Conway from 5:00 until 10:00 p.m.

The next series of meetings is planned for September, but the dates have not been confirmed yet.

If you and/or your church would like to get involved or find out more, contact Pastor David Avant at 251-3602 or email him at crosslife@live.com.

Church Treasurer’s Conference

Saturday, August 2, 2014
SCBC Building
Columbia, SC

9 am—2:45 pm
(Registration begins at 8)
Cost is \$25.00

Topics Include:

- *Understanding 501C(3) status
- *Receipts
- *Disbursements
- *Selecting a Treasurer
- *Safeguarding Church Assets
- *Accounting/Record keeping
- *Developing a Biblical Concept of Money

For all church treasurers and church financial leaders

Register online at SCBC.org
or call 1-800-723-7242
Deadline to register is July 28.



*So if the Son sets you
free, you will be free
indeed.*

John 8:36 (NIV)