

The Kingdom Focus

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LIFEGUARD/BEACH SERVICE/BEACH PATROL SUPPER SUMMARY FOR 2014

2014 was a great summer for the Lifeguard/Beach Service Suppers! We added an extra supper for total of 11. The way the calendar fell, we felt we needed to do that. Thank those of you who pitched in with \$\$ to make that happen. We served over 900 suppers to guys and girls from 9 states and 2 countries. In years past, we had more states but most USA kids are from our area. The two countries, were Czech Republic (30+) and Slovakia (7).

Thank you 1st Baptist NMB for providing the fellowship hall each Tuesday night and 4 Sunday School Classes - Friends In Christ, Kindred Spirits, In Focus and The Faith Hope & Love Class for 3 suppers! Also, thank you Wampee Baptist, Buck Creek Baptist, Faith Baptist (Aynor), Jamestown Baptist (Conway), North Strand Community Church, Living Water Baptist and The NMB Optimist for providing wonderful meals.

Once again, McDonalds gave a coupon (140) for every worker! These were coveted prizes!

Several restaurants donated food: Applebees Neighborhood Grill, Logan's Roadhouse, Outback Steak House, Sticky Fingers BBQ, The Grill House and The Shack - we appreciate you! Thank you also to Domino's for big discount for our pizza party!

Since we have zero budget....thank you to Friends In Christ, Adult Workers, Kindred Spirits and Faith, Hope & Love SS classes for monies. Also,

thank you to several individuals: McSwain, Sapp, Plummer, Whitlach, and Reavis. We spent carefully and purchased prizes for suppers and took sandwich wraps to the NMB Lifeguards when they were competing in the Lifeguard Competition which was held in NMB this summer.

Many of you were faithful to take bottles of water and snacks to the beach for YOUR lifeguard. They do report to me when you do that! They are thrilled to be thanked. To those who prayed for safety on the beach - THANK YOU! We had many rescues this summer. Overall a safe summer.

To faithful helpers - John Gambrell, Matthew Gambrell, Gerald Smith, and Heather Holt - I couldn't do it without you!

Don't forget you can go to the church web site www.fbcnmb.com or face book to view and copy photos. Click on Ministries and then Lifeguard Dinners.

Contributed by Beady Moore



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This Month's Prayer Focus:

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS:

- September 1—Labor Day, WBA office closed.
- September 4—Chaplain's Training at J. Reuben Long Detention Center
- September 11—Listening Session with Jim Austin
- September 15—17—Band of Brothers, White Oak Conference Center
- September 16—Ministers' Fellowship. University Baptist, 10:30 a.m.
- September 20—WMU Down by the River retreat, Kingston Presbyterian Church

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

2 Corinthians 9: 15: *“Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift.”*

This is the theme for this year’s “Season of Prayer for State Missions and the Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions, Missions Education, and Great Commission Living.” Every day is a good day to reflect on God’s goodness, His grace and mercy toward us. Our God is a giving God and that truth is demonstrated in Scripture and in history. God’s willingness to freely give is also demonstrated in our individual lives. To live a Christ-like life that reveals to others our commitment and concern we too freely give. It is more than simply giving thanks for what God has done and is doing for us; it is actively giving of our time, talent, and resources. We are given the opportunity to assist in the building of God’s Kingdom by supporting

Colligate Ministry, Missions Mobilization Groups, Disaster Relief, and many other State Missions. If you are interested in having someone come and speak in your church about “State Missions” please contact us at the association.

Also October 12th is “World Hunger Day,” and we are given another opportunity to help meet the need for the basics of life, food. Here are some facts: 15 million, or approximately 20%, of children in the United States live in poverty. It is estimated that during 2013, 42 million people live in households that it sometimes were unable to acquire enough food because of insufficient money. What are Southern Baptist doing about the plight of hunger in North America? Over \$1.1 million in domestic hunger funds

was distributed to 1300 hunger ministries in the US in 2013. Many churches in our association already have working food banks, but we could use many more. Consider starting this ministry in your area. Lead your church in gathering an offering for the SBC world hunger fund. Plan events that promote and provide for hunger needs in our community and beyond. In Scripture we are given the story of Elijah and how God sent ravens to feed him by the brook. After that God used Elijah to provide for a woman and her son. So the question is, how has God met my need, and how can I meet the need for others? Please consider these import ministries this fall and in so doing reach many more with the message of hope in Christ Jesus.

Mike BeLue
Interim DOM

NEWS FROM WACCAMAW WMU

At its 2014 Fall Training hosted by Ocean View Baptist Church on August 11, national WMU President Debby Akerman gave the interpretation of the 2014-2016 theme **All For You**, Rev. Michael Belue led a conference on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and consultants led training conferences for leaders of age-level organizations. More than 65 representing 14 churches attended; a love offering of \$341.00 was taken for Loaves and Fishes “Red Door Missions House.”

In 2014–2016, WMU® will lead Christ followers to

- surrender completely by denying self;
- sacrifice willingly by taking up their cross;
- serve intentionally by following Christ into their community, state, and world.

Watchword: “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’ “ (Mark 8:34 NIV).

2014 Emphasis Book: *Secrets to Surrender* by Debby Akerman

Waccamaw WMU is sponsoring these events in September: Make plans to attend one or both! On Saturday, September 13, 11:00 am-3:30 pm, a missions education experience, “Priceless,” will be held at Huntington Beach State Park. **Children in grades 1-6, their leaders, and youth (parents are welcome)** will enjoy a cookout, games, fellowship, earn a badge, and “Walk a Mile” for Janie to kick off the Season of Prayer and the Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions. **For**

details and to RSVP, call 248-9358 by September 4. No charge for lunch; admission to park: \$3.00 for children; \$5.00 for adults.

Women are invited to join together on Saturday, September 20, as Debby Akerman, president of national WMU, shares “Secrets to Surrender” at Kingston Presbyterian Church. Cost is \$15.00; Registration begins at 9:30 am, with lunch at 11:30 am. **For details and to RSVP, call 248-9358 by September 12.** Books will be available for purchase and signing by the author.

As individuals and churches surrender, sacrifice, and serve during this new church year, Waccamaw WMU wishes great joy in all that will be undertaken. Contact us at 248-9358 through the Association Office (248-9358) if there is any way in which we can help you!

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

School has officially started and we are busy trying to connect with students all over the campuses. Our desire and prayer is that students would see the Lord as trustworthy and faithful! We are praying the Gospel would go forth and students would respond in faith. Would you please join us in praying for these students?

As school began, we have the opportunity to connect with students on several levels. I, along with a couple BCM leadership students, signed up to volunteer to help students move in. This was an incredible opportunity to serve and get to know freshmen. We also took part in Club Recruitment Day, and on a sweltering August day, we handed out hundreds of sno cones to stu-

dents. While students were waiting in line, we had BCM students positioned to have conversations with them. We were able to make several great contacts during this time.

Our Thursday night gatherings have officially begun and we are excited to see not only what God is going to do through our large group times, but also we anticipate great things in our small group Bible studies and other events as well. Thank you so much for your incredible support, and please continue to pray for us as we seek to follow the Lord in everything we do!

Praying alongside you for college students,
David Neace, BCM Director
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LIFE CHAIN

A national event to promote a prayerful pro-life witness.

Sunday, October 5, 2014

2:00—3:00 p.m.

Corner of Hwy. 501 and 16th Avenue in Conway. Meet at 1:45 in the Belk parking lot. Signs are furnished. For more information, call Brenda Brown at 234-0918.

ACP'S ARE DUE OCT. 2

LISTENING SESSION

with

Dr. Jim Austin

Thursday, September 11, 2014

10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon, followed by lunch (no charge)

FBC Myrtle Beach

500 4th Ave. N., MB, SC 29577

Open to all pastors, staff and church members

There is no charge, but please call Catherine Renfro at 803-227-6039 to register.

WBA CHURCH NEWS

- **Aynor FBC**—Will celebrate their 100 year anniversary beginning on Oct. 11 with games and food for everyone from 5-8 p.m. Revival services will begin on Sunday, Oct. 12 with Michael McGirt speaking at 11 a.m., followed lunch; Rev, Lebron Crisp will speak at 6 p.m., and Dr. Jeff LaBorg will be speaking on Mon. and Tue. At 7 p.m.
- **Good Hope Baptist Church**—Is seeking a PT Youth Director to lead the middle & high school students. Will plan, organize and facilitate a weekly evening youth event that includes discipleship and evangelism. Responsible to teach students during the Sunday School hour and to plan and carry out youth events and outings. Must have the sense of a call, and spiritual gifts to minister to youth. Must be a mature Christian who is able to share his testimony of a personal saving experience with Jesus Christ. Salary to be discussed. Must be in agreement with the Baptist Faith and Message 2000. Contact John Sullivan at 843-902-7405 or email him at pastor@goodhopebaptist.com.
- **Living Water Baptist Church**—Is accepting applications for a part-time Ministry Assistant. Send resumes to LWBC: Personnel Committee, 1569 Hwy 9 E, Longs, SC 29568
- **Spring Branch Baptist Church**—Will be having Homecoming on October 12. Former Pastor John Elvington will be speaking. Worship service begins at 10:45 a.m. Lunch will be served immediately following the service.



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OFFICE HOURS

M—Th 8:30—4:00

Friday—CLOSED

**COASTLINE
WOMENS CENTER**

Hello from Coastline
Women's Center!

Pictured below is Melissa
Giorgio holding baby Alex!
He and his mommy visited
us to say Hello and tell us
how much they miss us.
Mommy is just enrolling
back into our parenting pro-
gram after giving birth.
Mommy states" my favorite
thing about coming here is
how you all stop and pray
for us".



**OPERATION
CHRISTMAS CHILD**

You are invited to join us
for our

Fall Kickoff Event

**Tuesday, September 23
7:00 p.m.**

**Seacoast Vineyard Church
504 27th Avenue N.
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577**

Learn the Journey of a
Shoebox, meet the local
OCC area team and pick up
resources for this year!
Questions? Call Diane at
the WBA office.



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Dr. Micah Lane, Pastor
of Socastee has pub-
lished a book entitled
**God's Will For You,
Discovering Your Desti-
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able through Lifeway
Stores, but is also availa-
ble at a discounted price
of \$10 if purchased di-
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You may contact him at
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*I tell you, open your
eyes and look at the
fields! They are ripe
for harvest.*

John 4:35