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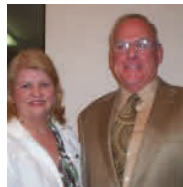
As we approach the Thanksgiving and Christmas season our churches will celebrate by providing the Gospel message that “Jesus is the reason for the season.” While the world sees this season as a holiday for entertaining and indulging we’re devoted to holding fast to the true meaning of worship and rejoicing that Christ has come. Our prayers are always that this season will bring a harvest of souls for the Kingdom of God.

We’re also looking forward into the New Year and the many opportunities ahead. There are several things that I’d like to make everyone aware of that need our attention. First, as you know the WBA supports and assists Hispanic Ministry in our area. Right now Pastor Abiel is conducting regular worship services and Bible classes for a group of families. Realizing that many of these families will have very little during Christmas Pastor Abiel is asking if any churches in the WBA would be able to assist by providing Christmas gifts, toys etc., for these children. There are approximately 30 children from ages 3 to 12 years old. The Hispanic ministry is growing thanks to Abiel’s hard work and the support of several of our churches, and we’d like to make this Christmas special for these families and children. If you can help please

drop any gifts off by the WBA before December 15th.

Also, after years of ministry at the beach the “Sun Burn Trailer” has finally given out; broke down. Now the most economical thing to do is replace it. The ladies that provide ministry out of this trailer all summer long reach hundreds each year with the Good News, bottled water, and sun burn lotion. Our hope is that this opportunity for ministry can continue without interruption. If anyone knows of a used trailer that would be suitable to replace the old one please contact us at the WBA with the information. We have volunteers ready to prepare the replacement for service and all we need is to locate a reasonable trailer. Any ideas and assistance with this would be greatly appreciated. Finally, for Christians this time of year provides an opportunity to give so that others may know the joy of this season. Let’s not forget our commitments to “Lottie Moon Christmas Offering,” “Operation Christmas Child,” and the many church sponsored food pantries within the association. The needs are great, but the blessing is greater.

Mike Belue
Interim DOM



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This Month’s Prayer Focus:

Pray for
Peggy Jones,
Association
WMU Director

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS:

- November 3—Baptist Women’s World Day of Prayer, Pleasant Meadow Baptist Church, 5:30 p.m.
- November 10—WBA office closed in observance of Veteran’s Day
- November 11-12—SCBC Annual Meeting, Shandon Baptist, Columbia
- November 17-24—National Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child Shoe box gifts.
- November 25—Prisoner Packets due to WBA
- November 27-28—WBA office closed for Thanksgiving

COME TO BETHLEHEM OUTDOOR EVENT

Come to Bethlehem is an outdoor live re-enactment of the events leading up to the birth of Jesus Christ.

We will have dozens of actors, sheep, camels, horses, a Bethlehem village and more. Everything is free and open to the public. Drive-through or walk-through.

December 5 and 6
6:30 - 9:00 PM

Betha Baptist Retirement
Community
157 Home Avenue
Darlington, SC

Donations will be accepted and will be given to The Lord Cares Ministry in Darlington.

For more information please visit the following Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/CometoBethlehem>

KEN & KAREN BUCKNER, MISSIONARIES TO ZAMBIA

We are coming to America seeking support for our personal needs and to support our BUSH MINISTRY work. *We will be in SC from January 10 - March 14, 2015. Traditionally, we seek to visit churches to present our case to a church body for the purpose of gaining regular monthly financial support.* While we are still in need of increasing our current levels, our biggest need is for our ministry activities to be sponsored. Over the past year or so, we have developed this concept of ***supporting a BUSH TRIP.*** This is a great way for a class or small group to get together and sponsor a particular trip. ***In 2015 we expect to take around 30-35 BUSH TRIPS at an average cost of \$300 - \$450 per trip. We would love to speak to your church or small group and are now scheduling dates!*** We would love to share our vision with your church and/ small group and have you partner with us in the ministry of Come Go With Us. Contact me at Ken at ken@cgwu.org to find a date we can come share with your church or small group how you can be a part of the CGWU ministry!



NEWS FROM WACCAMAW WMU

North Conway Baptist Church and Maple Baptist Church joined **Waccamaw WMU Leadership** in providing a meal on October 30 for “Meal and Message” at Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) at Lackey Chapel on campus at Coastal Carolina University. It is always a blessing to fellowship with BCM students and leaders.

We encourage all churches to participate in the “We’re Here for You” celebration on Saturday, November 8, to benefit CAP. Deliver non-perishable food items to the Association Office from Monday, November 3, to Thursday, November 6, between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm.

Baptist Women are invited to a special event on Monday, No-

vember 17, with special guest speaker David George, WMU Foundation President. Call 855-0787 by Nov. 10 for details & to reserve your seat!

The goal for 2014 Waccamaw Christmas Prisoner Packets has been set at 1000. We encourage all churches to participate in this ministry, which touches the lives of countless men and women within South Carolina prisons, giving them hope at Christmas! **Packets should be taken to the WBA Office Monday and Tuesday after Thanksgiving.** Join volunteers to sort the bags and share fellowship with others in Columbia on Monday, December 8. For information, call 855-0787.

Baptist Women’s World Day of Prayer is open to all Baptist Women! We invite you to join us to pray with women throughout the world! **Dinner at 5:30 pm (\$5.00 payable at the door); program begins at 6:30 pm on Monday, November 3, at Pleasant Meadow Baptist Church. Debby Akerman is guest speaker; reservations are required. Call Diane at 248-9358 by October 27.**

We appreciate each of you and all you do as, individually and corporately, we surrender, sacrifice, and serve to bring glory and honor to God.

God Bless.

Peggy J. Jones, WMU Director

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. Mark 1:16-18

It is the desire of BCM to see students at Coastal become disciple-makers. Over the last several weeks, I have been trying to walk students through foundational truths of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, and one of the best ways to define a true disciple of Jesus is to examine his initial call to the original disciples. In verse seventeen Jesus provides not only the call to be a disciple, but who He intends to make them to be.

First, Jesus calls them to follow. To see CCU students become disciple-makers, first they need to be following Jesus. Would you pray with me that students would see Jesus for who He is and follow Him as Lord? Second, a true disciple of Jesus is being changed by Jesus. Jesus says that he will make a disciple become something he wasn't originally. Would you pray that students would seek to be changed by Jesus. On a college campus it is easy to simply advocate behavior modification, but ultimately that is not what Jesus calls us to. Jesus is in

the business of changing lives, and we are crying out for that with students. Third, Jesus says that a true disciple is a fisher of men. In order for the disciple-making process to continue, disciples must become fishers of men. I am convinced that the greatest way to reach college students is college students. Would you pray that as we pour into students, they in turn recognize the call to make disciples and begin winning their friends to Christ?

As we enter into the last few weeks of the semester, we have several things coming up and ways for you to pray. We have one more Meal and a Message night, which are great ways for students to invite others for a time of fellowship. We also have our Fall Retreat coming up. Will you pray that students grasp the foundations of how to study the Word of God? Also if you would like to provide a scholarship for a student, please let me know as we have several students who will be in need.

Praying alongside you for college students,

David Neace, BCM Director
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CHURCH NEWS

Buck Creek Baptist - Celebrated its 53rd Annual Homecoming on Oct. 12 with over 200 people in attendance. Their own Pastor Larry Allen delivered the morning message of "Looking Back, Moving Forward." They concluded with the dedication of their new fellowship building and a covered dish lunch.

Greenwood Baptist - Has called Randy Zurcher as their new pastor. He began duties on Oct. 5.

Juniper Bay Baptist - Is collecting ink jet and toner cartridges of all types. Please contact Pastor James Way at 397-2787 for more information.

Surfside FBC—Students will be going to Zambia on a mission trip and are working to raise funds. They are selling Christmas trees, wreaths

and garland. Go to www.Christwalks.us/mtt or call 844-HE-WALKS to see options and to order. They also will have a fundraiser at Simply Southern Smokehouse on Joe White Blvd across from Toys R Us on Nov. 15 from 11 am—9 pm. Students will be busing tables for tips. Come out and support these students.

Sweetwater Branch Baptist—Will have Midnight Cry in concert on Nov. 9 at 6 p.m.; Will have a Turkey Shoot on Nov. 21-22 to raise funds for assisting Austin Lynne Smith with medical expenses due to cancer. The shoot begins at 5 pm on Friday and at 10 a.m. on Sat. Ammunition provided. \$4.00 per shot. Hot dog meal also available for \$5 donation.

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.

Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week November 17-24, 2014

Drop off your shoe box gifts at one of 7 locations in Horry County:

- North Strand Community Church (Little River)
- Seacoast Vineyard Church (Myrtle Beach)
- Carolina Forest Community Church
- North Conway Baptist Church
- Surfside United Methodist Church
- First Baptist Church Murrells Inlet
- Green Sea Baptist Church (NEW Site this year)

You can visit <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/drop-off-locations/>

to find days and times or other locations.





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OFFICE HOURS

M—Th 8:30—4:00

Friday—CLOSED

COASTLINE WOMEN’S CENTER

This previous quarter has been an exciting time at CWC! It has been a time of healthy transition as we move forward to grow the ministry of Coastline. Jeannie is progressing beautifully in her pregnancy. Lori Meetre has joined Coastline alongside Jeannie and Carter as Executive Director of Center Services.

This quarter we have had 80 client visits where we ministered the hope of Jesus Christ. We had 3 clients make a profession of faith! This is a local mission field. We had 2 clients change their mind from abortion to parenting! Lives are being saved physically and for eternity!

We are currently preparing for our Spring to Life Gala to be held February 26th at Barefoot Conference Center. Our prayer is that through this evening we will be able to raise enough funds to become a medical clinic and begin to offer free ultrasounds to women. Statistically, greater than 88% of women who see their babies on ultrasound

will choose life! Please contact me if you would like to be a part of this life saving event!

Please keep us in prayer as we continue to reach these women one at a time to educate, offer the hope of the Gospel and save unborn lives in our community.

For His glory,
Lori Meetre, Director



Blessings to you and your family for a Thanksgiving filled with family, fun, fellowship, joy and Jesus.



THINK 3%

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



Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; Be thankful unto Him and bless His name, for the Lord is good.

Psalm 100: 4-5