

The Kingdom Focus

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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

Isaiah 55: 11, “So shall My Word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I send it.” No matter the course of the New Year we can rely on God’s Word to be steadfast and sure. Expectation, anticipation, and appreciation are feelings associated with the start of a New Year. There are expectations that may or may not be realized through the course of the year. Many things we’d like to accomplish but some that will not be accomplished. There is anticipation because with a new year comes change, and change stirs our emotions and challenges us to new beginnings and an opportunity for a fresh start. Then at the New Year we look back in appreciation for all the blessings that were and are ours. Just recount what God has done in and through His church where you’re a member. We can relive the blessings that we have shared as Christians worshipping and working together. Remember the prayers and petitions that we’ve laid on the altar seeking mercy and grace from our loving and forgiving God. I’m reminded of the old hymn, “Blessed Be the Ties That Bind,” as we look back at the unity of effort in reaching the lost through this year. Countless souls were saved this year because of your faithful, fervent prayers and labor for the Lord. Our churches assisted in sending over 18,000 Shoe Boxes for “Operation Christmas Child.” Together we sent close to 800 Christmas Packets to prisoners, and several churches came together to provide Christmas presents for 35 children of the WBA

sponsored Iglesia Bautista Berea church plant. Surely, our foundation on the Word of God is steadfast in these turbulent days.

Thinking about the challenges of the New Year can be over whelming, but we cannot rest on last year’s accomplishments. The world is in great need, our nation is in great need, and our community is in great need of the Savior. There is so much that needs to be done and we know that “only that which is done for Christ will last.” We are called to be good stewards of God’s Word in the New Year. In II Kings 22: 8-10, there is an interesting story. When Josiah became King he ordered the Temple to be cleaned and in the course of cleaning someone found the “Book of the Law” that was lost among things scattered in the Temple. Then Josiah ordered the “Law” be read in the hearing of the people. Sadly today God’s Word is lost in many churches on Sunday morning. As stewards of the Word we must work to reclaim and restore that which is lost in the world today. The very foundation of our faith is Jesus Christ as revealed in God’s Word. The reason for our being is bound up in our relationship to Christ and our reliance on His Word. Any accomplishments we make this year, any progress for the Kingdom of God depends upon our trusting in and following God’s Word. As we hold fast to the Word of Truth we can expect God’s favor, and anticipate God’s grace to accomplish His work. His Word will accomplish His will as we work.

Michael BeLue, Interim DOM

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This Month’s Prayer Focus:

DOM Search Team

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **January 1**—WBA office closed for New Year’s
- **January 14**—PTSD Conference, Wampee Baptist, 7 p.m.
- **January 19**—WBA office closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- **January 20**—Pastors Cluster Group meeting, Juniper Bay, 9-11 a.m.
- **January 26**—Winter Quarterly meeting, Tilly Swamp Baptist, Meal at 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m.



Praying that you will make Jesus the center of your life and ministry and that you will have a blessed and joy-filled year!

Association Staff and Leadership

UPCOMING EVENT

“Coping with PTSD”
(Post Traumatic Stress Disorder)

Plan to attend the
“Coping with PTSD” Event
Wednesday, January 14, 2015
7:00 pm at
Wampee Baptist Church
9530 Highway 90, Longs, SC

Located across from
North Myrtle Beach
Christian School
Rev. Mike Belue,
Conference Leader

Open to Churches,
Schools, and the Public

For more information, call the
church at 399-4646.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING CONFERENCE

Led by the
SC Baptist Convention
Socastee Baptist Church
3690 Socastee Blvd.
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

Saturday, Mar. 14, 2015

9:00 a.m.—Noon

Registration begins at 8:30 with a
light Continental breakfast
There will be age-specific
classes for all levels.
Everyone is invited to attend.
There is no charge for this train-
ing.

For more information call the
church at 293-2762.

The Buckners— Missionaries to Zambia

*We will be in SC from Jan. 10 -
Mar. 14, 2015.* Over the past year
or so, we have developed this con-
cept 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@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

January . . . Defined in the En-
carta World English Dictionary as
the first month of the Gregorian
calendar, lasting 31 days, it is a
time to begin afresh or to contin-
ue an existing endeavor.

We are grateful to churches
and individuals for fulfilling the
purpose of WMU: to inspire, chal-
lenge, and educate children,
youth, men and women.

December was filled with joy
and blessing as gifts were shared
through various ways, including
Operation Christmas Child,
Christmas Prisoner Packets in
Columbia and locally, Iglesia Bau-
tista Berea, the Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering, and other lo-
cal ministries. Thank you for
making these projects success-
ful!!! We are grateful and praise
God for all good gifts!

Just as snow enhances the ap-

pearance of a bleak winter land-
scape, **January 2015** brings op-
portunity to begin with fresh ide-
as, greater resolve, and renewed
attitude. Will you **inspire, chal-
lenge, and educate** as we contin-
ue to **surrender*sacrifice*serve**
during 2015?

“Coping with PTSD” is oppor-
tunity to learn more about PTSD
(post-traumatic stress disorder)
as **Rev. Michael Belue** leads an
event focusing on this social issue.
Plan to attend this event hosted
by **Wampee Baptist Church**, on
**Wednesday, January 14, at 7:00
pm**. This event is free and open to
everyone. For additional infor-
mation call Wampee Baptist
Church at 833-399-4646 or Marti
at 843-902-3191.

“Tea for Two” is an occasion
for women and girls in grades 7-
12 to celebrate missions, to kick

off “**Focus on WMU Week**,” and
to fellowship with one another.
Join us for this event hosted by
Maple Baptist Church, on **Sun-
day, February 8, from 2:30 pm
until 4:00 pm**. **There is no cost,
but donations for missions will
be accepted. Reserve your
seat(s) by February 2:** call Diane
at 248-9358 or Peggy at 843 855-
0787.

Waccamaw WMU extends best
wishes for a new year filled with
peace (**surrender**), love
(**sacrifice**); joy (**serve**). **Thank
you, Churches and our Associa-
tion Missionary**, for the support
and cooperation you give
Waccamaw WMU, all to the Glory
of God!

God Bless.

Peggy Jones, Director

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas celebrating the Light of the World and our Prince of Peace! Thank you for your support of BCM during 2014 and we look forward to a great year of ministry during 2015!

As we begin a new semester, there will be incredible opportunities to reach new students with the Gospel. Please pray for us as we seek to reach students with the life changing message of Jesus Christ. This semester the new student union is opening, and we are praying that it will be great place to

connect with students and build Gospel relationships.

Our first gathering of the semester will be Thursday, January 15, and we would covet your prayers for this time. A lot of students will be setting patterns for the semester and we would love to see students commit to a time of ministry! We also will again partner with other BCMs in the state of the Converge Conference. This year it will be held in Ridgecrest, N.C. If you would like to help scholarship students, please email me for information. We also hope to host a fundraising golf tournament this Spring for the ministry, so be on the lookout for more information on this! We would love for your church to get involved!

Thanks so much for your continued support - both financially

and through prayer!

May God do great things this year with our college students.

David Neace, BCM Director
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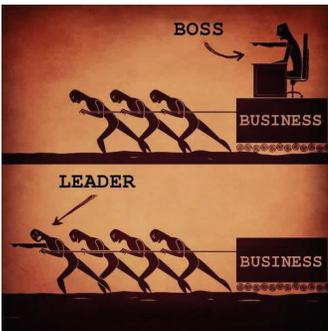
THINK 3%

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

Thank you, WBA churches, who are already giving this much.

JUST FOR PASTORS

All pastors are invited to be part of a newly formed cluster group which will meet the third Tuesday of each month beginning in January 2015 at Juniper Bay Baptist Church, 5265 Juniper Bay Road, Conway. The focus of this cluster group will be two fold: first, pastors need relationships with other pastors. This will help us be partners in the Kingdom's Word. Secondly, we will be specifically focusing on leadership skills and development. Joe Youngblood of the SCBC will be our facilitator but driven by our needs as pastors. The time is 9 - 11 AM. There is a financial cost to cover the materials. If you have any questions please call James A. Way, pastor of Juniper Bay at 843 - 344 - 0770, or Joe Youngblood at 803 - 215 - 3841. There are a limited amount of scholarship funds to help cover the \$300 per church cost. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, January 20, 2015 from 9 - 11 AM.



2015 Revive This Nation Program

Revive This Nation is a historic program aimed at serving Southern Baptists as a catalyst for revival. For more than fifty years, students and professors have spent Spring Break preaching revivals and ministering in churches across this nation. God has blessed this effort with more than 14,000 people coming to know Christ. From street corners and front doors to pulpits and pews, we continue to have one aim: preaching the Word and reaching the world. We prayerfully anticipate God's continued faithfulness in reaching the lost as our students and faculty prepare to preach revivals across the country on March 8-11, 2015.

Here are some of the general features of the Revive This Nation Program:

- ◆ Southwestern Seminary recruits churches to hold revival meetings in the spring and pays for the roundtrip transportation for preachers to these churches.
- ◆ The host church provides meals, lodging and local transportation for the student while they are on the ground.
- ◆ Revival meetings generally begin on Sunday morning and end on Wednesday evening March 8-11, although alternative formats are available if this schedule is not an option.

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OFFICE HOURS

M—Th 8:30—4:00

Friday—CLOSED

COASTLINE WOMEN'S CENTER UPDATE

As we celebrate Sanctity of Human Life during the month of January, let us be mindful of the unborn lives who may be jeopardy and the women who need to be educated to choose life through Coastline Women's Center. Our mission is to transform the lives of those we serve by sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, upholding the sanctity of human life and dealing with the impact of unplanned pregnancy and abortion on women and men. If you would like to stand with us to save unborn lives in our community, we would love to have you participate in our baby bottle campaign which provides the funds

needed to reach women and men in Horry County.



Please contact Lori Meetre to get your baby bottles today!

Coastline Women's Center gladly accepts donations of maternity clothes, baby clothes, diapers and other baby supplies. Lori is also available to speak to your church or women's group. Call the center at 488-9971 for more information.

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- ◆ The preacher partners with the pastor to engage lost people from the host community in evangelism during the weekdays.

Our ambition is to partner with as many local churches as possible in proclaiming the gospel to the lost. We would be honored if you would assist us in our goal by informing the local associations and churches in your area of this opportunity. **In order for a church to sign up, they will need to fill out the Church Application Form, available online at <http://www.swbts.edu/rtn>.**

If you, or someone you wish to refer to us, need any further information or require any assistance, please contact the Church Ministry Office at Southwestern at 817-923-1921, ext. 6330, or by e-mail at rtn@swbts.edu.



"Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them."

Isaiah 42:9