

The Kingdom Focus

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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

In the Book of Genesis the first thing we read is God creating earth and in it He placed a paradise called the Garden of Eden. We are told that God came into the garden walking and talking with Adam. In the Revelation the last place we read God creating is called heaven. This is a new paradise where God abides and there is no need for the sun because the Lord God gives the light. There is no more curse and the throne of God and of the Lamb are in it. In the first God visited, and in the second God abides. In the first there was a test for man, in the second there is rest for man. In the first Satan gained access and deceived, in the second Satan is destroyed and will never enter there. In the first man was cast out, in the second man is received through faith in the blood of the Lamb. In the first mankind is condemned to die, in the second mankind is redeemed to live. In between the Garden and Heaven Christ comes to seek and to save a lost and dying world. We are living in a world between the two; condemnation and eternal life. All of history is predicated on that one choice. The choice is still there for all to make, either choose Christ and life or condemnation and death. That is the message of the church that has not, and will not change. The work of the church is getting the message out for all to hear. That is our work, our message, and our labor in the Lord. How will we respond to the clear message God has given us this year? What can we do to plainly tell the story of God's grace and goodness through Jesus Christ?

We must make 2015 the year of going on the offense, instead of waiting in defense on an attack from the evil one. Our strategy is revealed in God's Word. Our strength is in the Holy Spirit. Our story is the Love of God in Jesus Christ. Through the many programs and mission opportunities our association is moving forward in the New Year. This is a joint endeavor involving the churches of the WBA and the resources offered by the WBA. Opportunities abound through the Hispanic Ministry as we continue to reach isolated families with the Gospel. There is always a challenge for the Baptist Collegiate Ministry and a need for the support and assistance of our local churches. The WMU reaches a wide variety from youth to seniors, and many special projects like "prisoner packets," and "mission events." Then there is the summer ministries that our churches along the coast activate each year. Right now we are still looking for a trailer to be used as the "Sun Burn" witness unit. Any donations toward acquiring this unit would be appreciated. Our hope is to have it running when the tourist season begins. You have a part and a place in these great ministries, and our prayer is that you'll respond willingly to the work of winning souls for Christ with your WBA this year.

Michael BeLue,
Interim DOM

2015 ANNUAL LITERACY MISSIONS CONFERENCE

March 7, 2015 Lexington, SC

Cost is \$20 per person and includes lunch. Find more information at <http://www.scbaptist.org/sending/missions/literacy-esl/>

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This Month's Prayer Focus:

**David Neace
and the BCM
Ministry**

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **February 8**—*WMU Tea for Two, Maple Baptist*
- **February 14**—*Children's Ministry Day, WBA office, 10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon.*
- **February 18-19**—*Loveloud State Evangelism Conference, Beach Church*
- **March 8**—*Operation Christmas Child Community Celebration Event; Surfside UMC; 3 p.m.*
- **March 14**—*Sunday School Training Conference, Socastee Baptist*

UPCOMING EVENT

“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 training.

For more information call the
church at 293-2762.

DISASTER RELIEF REGIONAL TRAINING EVENT

March 7, 2015

Hoffmeyer Road Baptist Church
2317 Hoffmeyer Rd., Florence,
SC 29501
Florence, SC

\$35 for returning volunteers
\$40 for new volunteers

Cost includes all training materials,
background screening, ID badge and
lunch.

For more information or to register,
go to:

[http://www.scbaptist.org/resources/
news/disaster-relief-regional-training-
2015/386/](http://www.scbaptist.org/resources/news/disaster-relief-regional-training-2015/386/)



The Buckners— Missionaries to Zambia

We will be in SC through Mar. 14, 2015. 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@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

2015 . . . A year filled with promise for untold opportunities not only to continue existing traditions but to work in new and different ways to inspire, challenge, and educate boys and girls, men and women and to share the good news of Christ!

February is known for Cupid and hearts and candy (chocolate and “candy hearts”) and roses and love! Love, after all, is the greatest gift (read John 3:16)!

Women and girls in grades 7-12, mark your calendars for **Sunday, February 8, 2015**, at Maple Baptist Church, **2:30 pm until 4:00 pm**, for the “**Tea for Two**” event as we kick off “Focus on WMU” February 9-15. Rev. Michael Belue will speak on the Project HELP social issue, PTSD. Save your seat(s): Call 248-9835 or 855-0787 by February 2. No cost but donations for missions will be accepted.

FEBRUARY 9-15 FOCUS ON

WMU WEEK – Churches are encouraged to engage the entire congregation in missions awareness and participation!

Plan now for participating on FEBRUARY 14 in CHILDREN’S MINISTRY DAY. – Why Participate in **Children’s Ministry Day**? Because . . . It’s **motivational!** Children see love in themselves and others as they join together in ministering to people! It’s **easy!** Tools for planning and promotion are in the Children’s Ministry Day Promotion Pack – – or children can participate in an Association-wide project sponsored by Waccamaw WMU (see below)! **It works!** Children make a difference in their communities because, working together, needs are met! Lives will be impacted as children reach out in their communities with the love of Jesus.

WMU invites all children in grades 1–6 to participate in “Packets for the Homeless.” Collect Vienna

sausage, peanut butter, and crackers. Deliver items to the WBA Office by Thursday, February 12 or bring them on Saturday, February 14. Help fill packets from 10:00 am until 12:00 Noon! Let us hear from you! 248-9358 or 855-0787.

Looking ahead: MARCH 1-8 SEASON OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS and THE ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

MARCH 20-21 WMU MISSIONS ENCOUNTER & ANNUAL MEETING hosted by Riverland Hills Baptist Church, Irmo, SC . . . plan to attend with a group of ladies from your church!!!

Waccamaw WMU appreciates each of you and your participating as we continue to **surrender, sacrifice, serve.**

God Bless.

Peggy Jones, Director

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

1 Thess. 1:9-10

This semester we are kicking off a series called

“Encounters,” where we will examine how people’s lives were changed simply by encountering the Savior Jesus Christ. We pray that through this series and the ministry of BCM on campus, we will see

students turn from their idols and to the God who can change lives! Will you pray with us for God to change lives this semester at CCU and HGTC?

We also will have the opportunity to attend Converge, a SCBC partner student conference. The conference will be held at Ridgecrest in North Carolina, and we are looking forward to take a small group of students. Thank you for praying for this event and thank you to those who have provided scholarships so students could attend! If

you would still like to donate to this, please contact the



WBA.

We are excited to announce that we will be having a Spring BCM fundraising golf tournament. Details are still being ironed out, but please pray about being involved in some way. Keep an eye out for details to be released soon, and if you would like to volunteer in any way, please contact me!

Thanks again for all your support. We covet your prayers as we beg God to do what only He can do in the lives of students this semester. Thanks for being a partner in the ministry with us!

David Neace, BCM Director

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CHURCH NEWS

Little River FBC—In 2014, donated 2,134 pounds of food to the North Strand Helping Hands Community Assistance Program.

Living Water Baptist—Will present an Easter presentation, “The Risen Christ” on Mar. 27, 28 and 29 at 7:00 p.m. each evening. Nursery is provided for each presentation.

Loris First Baptist—Has called a new full time pastor, Dr. Louis Venable. He began duties on January 11.

North Myrtle Beach FBC—Welcomes Dr. Wayne Brown as their Interim Pastor. He will begin duties on February 22

Sweetwater Branch Baptist—Will have a chicken bog lunch fundraiser on Friday, Feb. 6 to assist Krissy Collier during her battle with cancer. Plates are available from 11-3 and are \$7 each. Call the church office at 347-6644 to order tickets; Also will observe Baptist Women’s Day in the morning and evening service on Sun., Feb. 22.

Tilly Swamp Baptist—Is searching for a full time youth/assistant pastor. Please send resumes to

office@tillyswamp.org



Wednesday, February 18

Afternoon Session (2pm)

Ernie Perkins

Herb Reavis

Evening Session (6:30pm)

Herb Reavis

Richard Harris (SCBC Interim Executive Director)

Thursday, February 19

Morning Session (9:30am)

Richard Harris

Charles Roesel

Afternoon Session (2pm)

Charles Roesel

Evening Session (6:30pm)

Fred Luter (2013 SBC President)

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Treasurer—Shirley Rizzolino

OFFICE HOURS

M—Th 8:30—4:00

Friday—CLOSED

COASTLINE WOMEN'S CENTER UPDATE

As we reflect on Sanctity of Human Life month in January and anticipate our Spring to Life Gala on February 26th we would ask you to commit to praying for the life-saving ministry of Coastline Women's Center. We are asking God to lead more abortion determined women to our doors so that we can offer them the Hope they need to choose life for their babies. We need the body of Christ to stand firmly with us in our community to help us save unborn lives. We are grateful for each one of you!



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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COMMUNITY CELEBRATION EVENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 8
3:00 P.M.

Surfside United Methodist Church
800 13th Ave. N.
Surfside Beach, SC

Join the Coastal SC Area Team as we celebrate what God did in our area in 2014. We will reveal total number of shoeboxes for our area, the Carolinas, the U.S. and the world.

Light refreshments will be served.



“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. .”

1 Corinthians 13:13