

The Kingdom Focus

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FROM THE NEW DOM, TOMMY RICHARDSON

I am so excited about joining the WBA team and look forward to working along side of its churches and Leaders. The early church was a church that had power and purpose in everything they did, as I reread the book of Acts, God continues to challenge me. So lets take a moment and look at the early church.

The Bible Says "And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." (Acts 5:42)

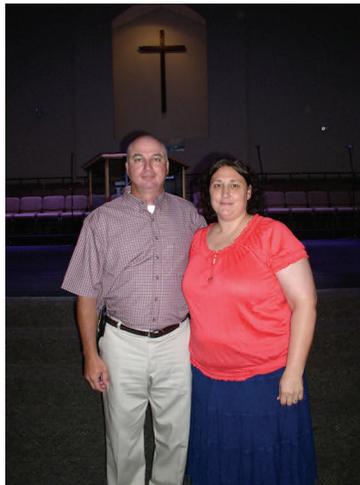
John Butler shares some thoughts on this passage that should challenge us. He says, "this verse describes the excellence of the disciples' witness in the days of the early church. They preached Jesus Christ consistently, courageously, and correctly."

The consistency of the disciples preaching is seen in at least three ways in our verse. First, "daily." The disciples preached Jesus Christ every day. Thus they were faithful day after day. They were not once-a-week wonders, but lived for Jesus Christ every day. That is the consistency we need to have in our faith and service. Second, "ceased not." The disciples were not quitters when the going got tough. They kept preaching Jesus Christ and living for Jesus Christ regardless of difficulties. Few are faithful like that in our churches today. Third, "every house." No matter whose house the disciples were in, they talked and walked Jesus Christ. They were consistent in life and lip for Jesus Christ. This is the only kind of ministry that has true value.

"In the Temple." The Temple was the place where the disciples were experiencing much hostility and opposition. They had even been arrested several times in the Temple for preaching Jesus Christ. But they still preached Jesus Christ there.

Many will proclaim Jesus Christ in a sympathetic situation; however, few will do it when opposition is great. But the disciples were fearless in their faith; they declared Christ courageously when opposition and danger was great.

"Jesus Christ." In the original language of the Scripture, it says, "Jesus the Christ." Not only did they declare Jesus as Savior from our sins, but also



they proclaimed the fact that Jesus was "The" Christ. The word "Christ" means Messiah. The Jews had rejected Christ as their Messiah. But the disciples had their theology correct and proclaimed that Jesus was The Messiah. Our ministry will be worthless if we do not have the correct message. Doctrine is vital to a good ministry. Zeal is not enough; you must also know the truth to be a good witness.

If we, the WBA, are going to reach our area and our world, we need to quit talking about doing church and start being the church. Working together as an association is very important to fulfill the great work and task before us.

Praying for you all,
Tommy

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**This Month's
Prayer Focus:
Tommy
Richardson,
DOM**

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **June 13**—State Day of Prayer, Charleston Coliseum
- **June 21**—Father's Day
- **July 2**—WBA office closed for Independence Day
- **July 20**—Summer Quarterly Meeting at Forestbrook Baptist Church

UPCOMING MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Jamaica Mission Trip

September 21-26 or October 26-31, 2015

Travel to Jamaica to bring the message of Jesus through various ministries. Everyone welcome, all ages, no previous mission trip experience required.

Cost just \$399* per person plus airfare Includes excellent accommodations (private room), meals, bathrooms and showers; Planning, set-up, directing, coordinating leading and facilitating all activities; airport transfers and transportation in Jamaica

Led by Dr. Tom Sees,
Pastor of Rising Sun Community
Church in Myrtle Beach.

Call 843-293-0015 or email risingsun-communitychurch@sccoast.net

NEW in the MEDIA CENTER

Breath—The Life of God in Us

a 6 session lecture study by Beth Moore on the work and power of the Holy Spirit

Breathe—Making Room for Sabbath

a 5 session study by Priscilla Shirer about setting aside busyness and building margin into our lives

Call the WBA to reserve one of these studies.

STATE DAY OF PRAYER

The Response South Carolina: A Call to Prayer For a Nation In Crisis

Governor Haley has called our state to a day of prayer, fasting, repentance, and seeking God's face.

* Saturday June 13, 2015, North Charleston Coliseum,
* 9:00-10:00 Youth Rally, Music geared towards youth

* 10:00-4:00 Time of scripture reading, prayer, worship

For more information go to:

www.theresponsesc.com

NEWS FROM WACCAMAW WMU

To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under the heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1 (KJV)

As summer approaches, Waccamaw WMU encourages Waccamaw Baptist Association boys, girls, youth, men, and women to take advantage of these opportunities:

* Camping at Camp McCall for boys; Camp LaVida for girls!

* Mission trips, locally, within the state, nation, or abroad. "Be on mission" by praying for those who will be going to various places to serve.

Waccamaw WMU is grateful for the National Day of Prayer opportunities to gather in May for the specific purpose of praying for our state, nation, and world. We appreciate individuals who prayed for our churches, pastors, our Association, and one another through "Prayerwalking the Association" on Monday, May 18. A special "thank you" to Eunice Williamson, Rev. Mark George, and Rev. Mike BeLue!

We encourage you: Plan for your church to attend The Response SC Day of Prayer June 13, 2015, North

Charleston Coliseum <http://theresponse.com>.

"*Bloom Where You're Planted*" gave opportunity for learning, fun, fellowship, and building relationships. Girls in grades 1-6 (Girls/Children in Action), 8-12 (Acteens), their mothers, and leaders enjoyed this event hosted by Maple Baptist on Sunday, May 31. The missions project was for benefit of Camp LaVida.

As you plan ahead for late summer and fall, consider these events:

"*Walking the Talk*" - date to be determined; praying for CCU students, faculty, staff, and campus.

Emerge, Friday-Sunday, August 7-9, 2015, Camp La Vida (has heat & air), Winnsboro. Enlist associational and church leadership team members who will be serving during 2015-2016. Registration (non-refundable) on-line or by mail only \$75.00 per person by August 3; \$85.00 thereafter. Guest Speakers: Edna Ellison, author, and IMB Missionaries; Worship Leader, Ashley Adams, Minister of Music and Education, Hemingway First; World Crafts Party, and Cultural Experience. Call SC WMU 1 800 723 7242 ext 8524 for special needs, etc. Registra-

tion includes program fee, meals, and lodging.

Carolina Women, October 16-17, 2015, Fort Caswell Baptist Assembly, Oak Island, NC. Cost: Early Bird, \$88.00; after August 1, \$98.00 (includes lodging, meals, and program fee. Non-refundable but transferable to another person. Time: registration opens 3:00 pm on Friday; event concludes Saturday, 4:00 PM. Guest speakers: Debby Akerman and Phyllis Elvington; Crosswalk; Beth Greer. Register online at www.wmunc.org. Questions? Contact donnabritt@scwmu.org.

If you cannot attend *Emerge*, make plans for church leadership training by Waccamaw WMU on Monday, August 17, First Baptist Church, North Myrtle Beach. Details to follow.

Plan to attend: The WMU Missions Celebration and Annual Meeting June 14-15 in Grove City, Ohio, and the Southern Baptist Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

Enjoy your summer! Enjoy being on mission for Christ, wherever you are!

Peggy Jones,
WBA WMU Director

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Do you know Nathan? Nathan is a student at Coastal Carolina University who has just completed his sophomore year. Nathan is from the Pee Dee and comes from a church background. I tried to get connected with John during his freshman year, and we had several conversations and he participated in many BCM activities. At the beginning of this year, however, Nathan became much more involved. Nathan began showing up faithfully each week and participating in almost everything we did.

Nathan then decided to travel with us as we went to the Converge Collegiate Weekend. It was during this February weekend that Nathan trusted Christ for salvation. Though he was raised in church, and though he was familiar with biblical foundations, Nathan expressed that he had never truly trusted Christ for salva-

tion. Nathan's life will forever be changed because of your investment in the ministry of Baptist Collegiate Ministry.

Other students at CCU also came to faith this year, and you through your prayers and investment are a part of their stories! Thank you so much for all you have given to invest in the ministry. Join me in rejoicing in the Lord and giving thanks for what He has done! Also please join me in praying as we prepare for another year of ministry ahead.

One tangible way you can help connect students in your churches who are graduating and attending college is by taking a moment and visiting sbcem.org/transitions and fill out the excel spreadsheet. The five minutes this might take you are absolutely critical in the life of your students. If we can connect students with local ministries on the college campus, these students will have a greater chance of continuing in their faith! You can also email me the information if you prefer to do that. Thank you so much for being a partner in the ministry!

David Neace,
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VOLUNTEER AT THE SUNBURN UNIT

The summer season is gearing up and our NEW Sunburn Unit will begin operation on Saturday, May 30! This ministry is an incredible outreach of the association as hundreds of tourists are reached each summer by volunteers working through the sunburn unit. There is always a need for volunteers to work the unit and it is a great opportunity for the local church to get involved in missions on a local level. If you would like to schedule some folks from your church to serve at the unit, call Martha Bullard at 843-995-1320.

CHURCH NEWS

Hickory Grove—Has called Lee Singleton as their Interim Pastor.

Homewood Baptist— Will host the Super Summer Lawn Chair Festival this summer on the 2nd

and 4th Saturday evening of each month from June through September. Begins at 7:00 p.m. There will be a variety of groups including Beyond the Ashes, Mended Wings, Rivertown Boys, Day Seven and more. Free popcorn and snow cones. Hot dog meal available for \$1. Great opportunity to invite friends and family that don't attend church. For more information call Pastor Jim Evans at 365-3403.

Langston Baptist— Will host Refresh Men's Retreat featuring Rev. Danny Singleton; June 6 beginning at 6 p.m., Meal at 7 p.m., Session at 8 p.m. June 7 at 10:30 a.m. Admission is free but an offering will be taken for the speaker.

Pine Grove Baptist— Has called John Holmes as their full time pastor.

Tilly Swamp Baptist— Will have VBS June 14-19 from 6-9 p.m. each evening. The VBS theme is *To The Edge*. For more information, call the church office at 399-6151.

HONOR AND CELEBRATE FATHERS

on Father's Day
Sunday, June 21, 2015



The imprint of the father remains forever on the life of the child.
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OFFICE HOURS

M—Th 8:30—4:00
Friday—CLOSED

COASTLINE WOMEN'S CENTER UPDATE

CALLING ALL MINISTRY PARTNERS!!!! Coastline needs 2 churches per month to sign up to participate in our Baby Bottle Campaign! Pastors, it couldn't be any easier to help us save unborn lives in our community than to allow your body of believers the opportunity to support women who fearfully find themselves in an unplanned pregnancy. Coastline Women's Center is a literal mission field. Not only are we working to save the lives of babies, but we are working to eternally save the lives of the moms and dads through sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. What outreach could be closer to the heart of God than His own creation?



Please call or email Executive Director Lori Meetre at

lori@coastlinewomenscenter.org or 843-591-5244 to choose your month of participation and further the Kingdom of God one life at a time!

Lori Meetre,
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Coastline Center gladly accepts donations of new and like new baby items. Drop off items Monday, Wednesday or Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

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C.A.P.

Churches Assisting People is in need of summer food donations. Would you consider having C.A.P. as a mission project of your VBS?

THINK 3%

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



*"You rule over the surging sea; when its waves mount up, you still them."
Psalm 89:9*