

The Kingdom Focus

Waccamaw Baptist Association

Local Church Members Do Missions in Mexico

Esperanza Mission began more than 50 years ago in Nogellara (pronounced No-ga-letta), in the mountains of Mexico, outside of Monterrey. A young couple felt God's call to the mountain villages and began to share the love of Christ through medicine and children's programs. 50 years later, six churches are thriving, with locally trained pastors. That young missionary couple's son, Mark (the Music Pastor of the church I pastored in Florida), grew to love the Lord and answer God's call to that

same mission field. He and his wife Vickee have been in the field full-time for more than ten years now, serving the local churches with financial and logistical support. More than 100 churches and individuals support the work being done there.

Four of us from Grace Baptist Temple - Kelsey Belamy, Elizabeth Hardwick, Jacob Hill and I - met a group of 14 people from the

church I pastored in Florida and flew to Mexico. We spent 7 days doing construction projects in the morning; painting, drywall work, putting in ceilings, etc. Our afternoons were spent doing VBS in the village church. God blessed and we got a lot of work done and made some great relationships with the local village children! This was my fifth trip and Elizabeth and Jacob spent four weeks here last summer, so we were able to rekindle many relationships, and see the long-term work God continues to do in the mountain villages.

Chaplain
Eddie Hill



WBA SHOWER TRAILER WELL USED THIS SUMMER

The WBA Shower/Laundry trailer has been well used this summer at Pawleys Island Community Church, one of our member churches.

Over a period of 12 weeks, 150 students and team leaders used the

showers six days of each week for a total of between 850-900 showers total.

With this being one of the hottest summers on record, they are grateful that the trailer was available for them to use.



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Important Dates:

- **September 7**—WBA office closed for Labor Day
- **September 8**—Leadership Track classes begin
- **September 12**—"Pray Radically" Mission event for children
- **September 15**—WBA office closed for Mission Training
- **September 13-20**—Season of Prayer for State Missions
- **September 19**—"Down by the River" Retreat (WMU)
- **September 29**—"Every Believer a Witness" Pastor Training Clinic at Jamestown Baptist

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FROM YOUR DOM

I was visiting one of our churches this week and the pastor talked about being faithful and God brought this verse to mind. *His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord.* (Matthew 25:21)

This verse is repeated in verse 23. When a verse is repeated, we need to pay close attention; for when God repeats, it indicates importance. And what these verses talk about is very important, for they talk about faithfulness. Few things are so important in our character as faithfulness. Lack of faithfulness means lack of character. In our verse are three truths about faithfulness.

Review of faithfulness. This verse

comes from a parable about a man who left on a journey. Before he left, he gave some money to some of his servants. When he returned, he reviewed their stewardship of the money. This parable is a picture of the activity of the Lord. He has given each of us gifts and responsibilities. When He returns, He will check up on our faithfulness. If Jesus were to check on your church or our Association could He say we have been faithful with what He has blessed us with?

Revealer of faithfulness. *"Thou hast been faithful over a few things."* Faithfulness was demonstrated by how these men handled a few things. "Few" here means things of small significance. These men were faithful in small matters. Our faithfulness is revealed in how we do in small matters. If you cannot be faithful in small matters, you will not be faithful in big matters. We need to be reminded that small things are just as important as

big things. Are you faithful in the small things that God has given you do?

Reward for faithfulness. *"I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord."* It pays to be faithful. The world may mock it as unimportant, but God does not. If you want rewards from God, be faithful. If you want promotion in God's service, be faithful where you are now even though it is a small place of service. If you want to know something of the joy of the Lord, be faithful. Real joy does not come without faithfulness. Let's work together to be faithful to what God has for us as an association. I can't wait to see what big things God is going to do through our association, but let's remember to be faithful in what ever He allows for us - big or small. Thanks for your prayers and partnership.

Tommy

WMU NEWS

WMU of Waccamaw appreciates the warm hospitality of First Baptist Church of North Myrtle Beach! We were nourished, body and soul, by the delicious food, inspiring music, knowledge, and prayer! **"Come to Light"** was the theme for the 2015 Fall WMU Training held on Aug. 17. We were blessed beyond measure by program participants through their leading and teaching! We thank those who participated and attended, without whose dedication and commitment our efforts to serve are to no avail!

Through the 2014–2016 emphasis **All for You**, WMU® leads 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).

Waccamaw WMU commits to follow the lead of WMU® and to fulfill our purpose set out in January 1909: "... to inspire, challenge, and educate boys, girls, young people, and women, thus stimulating a missionary spirit through prayer, study, and an increased knowledge of the Bible."

Waccamaw WMU will sponsor two events in September! On Saturday, Sept. 12, 10:00 am–1:00 pm, "Pray Radically", a missions education experience, will be held at North Myrtle Beach Parks and Sports Complex. **Children in grades 1-6, their leaders, and youth (parents are welcome)** will enjoy a cookout, games, fellowship, earn a badge, and raise money through the "Walk-a-thon for Janie" to kick off the Season of Prayer and the Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions. No charge for lunch or admission fee to park; but leaders are encouraged to have children participate in the "Walk-a-thon for Janie." So we can prepare for you, let us know you're coming! Call 248

-9358 by Sept. 4; or call 855-0787 if you miss the deadline.

Women (and men) are invited to join together on Saturday, Sept. 19, as Debby Pace of Buck Creek Baptist Church leads "Both Feet In" (written by Bud Fray, retired IMB missionary) at Kingston Presbyterian Church. Registration opens at 9:30 am; lunch (\$10.00 payable at door) at noon. For details and to RSVP, call 248-9358 by Sept. 12 or 855-0787 thereafter.

We welcome Dr. Tommy Richardson as he begins serving as Director of Missions for Waccamaw Baptist Association. We joyfully anticipate what God will do through him and his family. As individuals and churches **surrender, sacrifice, and serve** during this new church year, Waccamaw WMU wishes bountiful harvest and 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! God Bless. **God Bless.**

Peggy J. Jones, WMU Director

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY UPDATE



God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

School has started, and the campus has activity again! We are in the process of trying to connect with students, and we appreciate your prayers as we try to engage students. Our prayer is that students would see the Lord as good and understand His gospel! We are praying for the gospel to penetrate hearts and for lives to be changed.

We are so grateful for the folks who came on the first Monday of August to prayer walk the campus. Prayer is vital to what we do, and I believe there is no

better way to understand the campus of CCU than to be on the campus seeing the mission field. If you would like to setup a prayer walk with your church, I would be happy to accommodate you and set something up!

This year we have moved our mid-week gathering to Tuesday and we have moved it to a location more central to campus. Our hope is to remove some barriers to reaching students. Along with our mid-week gathering, we still plan on having small group Bible studies and other complementing events. We are so thankful for your partnership in the gospel and your prayers!

If you would like to join the prayer

text group, we would love for you to join the team. With the text group, you will receive a couple texts a month asking you to pray for something specific. To join, simply send a text to the number 81010 with **@prayer15** as the text message.

We believe the Gospel changes lives, and we are excited to see that happen this year among college students! Thank you for your partnership!

Praying alongside you for college students,
David Neace
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WBA CHURCH NEWS

- ◆ **Good Hope Baptist**—Is seeking a PT Youth Director. Must have a sense of a call and spiritual gifts to minister to youth, and be a mature Christian who can plan, organize and facilitate youth events that include discipleship and evangelism. Prefer someone in Horry County. Send resumes to Good Hope Baptist, 6101 Privetts Rd., Conway, SC 29526 or email to John Sullivan at pas-tor@goodhopebaptist.com.
- ◆ **Murrells Inlet FBC**—Is offering a Conference on the study of Revelation Sep. 25/26. Cost is \$60 for both days. Call 843 -947-0847 for more information.
- ◆ **NMB First Baptist**—Is searching for a Minister of Youth and Recreational Activities. This person will lead youth worship including Bible studies. Must have good people and administrative skills. Submit resumes to office@fbenmb.com.
- ◆ **Socastee Baptist**—is looking to call a FT music/youth pastor. Send resumes to Dr. Micah Lane, 3690 Socastee Blvd., Myrtle Beach SC 29588
- ◆ **Wannamaker Baptist**—Is seeking an organist/pianist. Please contact Brian Ling for more information. 843-798-0150.

COASTLINE WOMEN'S CENTER UPDATE

God is doing some exciting things! This quarter we celebrated three babies born from within our parenting program called Earn While You Learn! Other great news, a mom and dad both receiving mentoring made a decision to say "I do" this past week before their baby was born! The mom received Christ and both mom and dad are now attending church.

God provided a Medical Director and the resources to send us off to medical training in September! In addition, a

local physician group donated some furniture pieces for our medical room. Each day we are getting closer and closer to providing ultrasound and we are jumping up and down with excitement as the Lord moves on behalf of Coastline Women's Center.

Thank you for your support and may your hearts be encouraged as you join with us to save many lives!

Life Abundantly,
Jeannie Smith, Founder/CEO

2015 ACPs HAVE ARRIVED!

Pastors or Church Clerks may pick up ACPs anytime. Office hours are M-Th, 8:30 am—4:00 pm.

CHURCHES PROTECTING CHILDREN

Learn how to provide a secure environment where children are protected from anyone who may mean harm to them.

Thu., Sept 17, 2015
10 am—12 noon
Florence Association office
2208 Pamplico Hwy.
Florence, SC 29505

Topics will include abuse prevention, basics for security, developing policies to reduce the risk of abuse and a suggested process if a convicted sex offender wants to attend your church.

There is no cost to attend, but you are asked to register in advance. To register, contact Sue Harmon at 803.227.6149 or sueharmon@scbaptist.org.



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OFFICE HOURS

M—Th 8:30—4:00

Friday—CLOSED

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES.....

BAND OF BROTHERS—Will meet September 14-16 at White Oak Conference Center. Band of Brothers is designed to develop and promote pastors cluster groups. For more information or to register, go to <http://www.scbaptist.org/ministries/pastoral-ministries/band-of-brothers/>

EVANGELISM TRAINING—The WBA will host **“Every Believer a Witness”**, an Evangelism Training program sponsored by the SC Baptist Convention on Tuesday, September 29 at Jamestown Baptist Church in Conway. This all day training is **for pastors**. It is free and lunch will be provided. A flyer has been emailed to each church.

SIMPLY THE STORY CONFERENCE & TRAINING—October 5-9, 2015—Experiencing scripture through discussion; Inductive Bible Study Oral Style. Built on the foundation of “storying,” STS adds the dynamic of training storytellers to dig deeply into a Bible story and to discover spiritual truths for themselves. Go to www.simplythestory.org for more information. Cost, times and location coming soon.

SCBC PASTORS WIVES RETREAT—Breathe 2015 is for all pastor/staff wives whose husbands serve in a SC Baptist church. Oct. 9-11 at White Oak Conference Center. Cost is \$50. Find more info or register at <http://www.scbaptist.org/breathe-retreat/>.

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH— Make plans now to honor and recognize your pastor during the month of October.

COASTAL REGION CHAPLAIN’S TRAINING CONFERENCE— Thursday, Oct. 22 from 8:30-4:00 at J. Reuben Long Detention Center. Training is free and lunch is included. Must register by Oct. 1. Contact Rose Headley at 843-915-7975 or headleyr@horrycounty.org to register.

“He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.”

Daniel 2:21

