



The Kingdom Focus

Waccamaw Baptist Association

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“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

2016. A New Year. New possibilities. New opportunities.

So often we want to settle into the past and remain content with all that has already been accomplished. We shrink back from stepping out of our comfort zone into the new and unknown. We argue that this is what we have always done and this is the way we have always done it. But the fact is that though God remains the same, and His purpose remains the same, strategies to achieve that purpose may change. God, in His infinite and perfect knowledge, knows that sometimes it takes something NEW!

The old just doesn't seem to be getting it done. There are still multiplied thousands of lost and unchurched people in our area

and what we are currently doing isn't reaching them, leading them to Jesus, or discipling them. God is declaring some **new things** for our communities, for the Waccamaw Baptist Association, for our member churches, and for you as a born again believer. Leave the past in the past. Reach for the new.

What are the **new things**?

Maybe it's a new LOOK at the lost surrounding us- a refocused look; a reformed look; a refreshed look. A look that will see the hopelessness of the lost and spur us on to actively offering them the hope that is in Jesus.

Maybe it's a new LOVE for Jesus – a passionate love; a powerful love; a purposeful love. Love that will consume us and move us from apathy to action.

Maybe it's a new LEVEL of service in the Kingdom – a selfless level; a sacrificial level; a servant's heart level. A level of service that will

shout to the world that your life is not your own, but the Lord's.

The possibilities are endless. What will be the NEW in 2016 for the Waccamaw Baptist Association, for your church and for you? Will it be a new vision or dream?

Where is God taking you this year? Clearly He is declaring **new things**. I challenge you to think like the apostle Paul when he wrote in Philippians 3:13 *“but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before.”* Resting in the past and on the old won't cut it. It's time to open our eyes and our ears to see and hear the **new thing** God is declaring, take it to heart and hit the ground running for Jesus in 2016!

Blessings to you and your family for an exciting, **new thing** from God this year. Let's celebrate the **new thing** in 2016!

Tommy

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Important Dates:

- **December 31**—WBA office closed New Year's
- **January 12**—Leadership Track meets
- **January 18**—WBA office closed for Martin Luther King Jr. day
- **January 25**—WBA Winter Quarterly meeting at Antioch Baptist Church, Gallivants Ferry
- **January 25-29**—Simply the Story Training at White Oak Conference Center

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COASTLINE WOMEN'S CENTER UPDATE

Happy New Year!

On January 13, 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation designating January 22 as the first National Sanctity of Human Life Day. (January 22, 1973, was the day the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion-on-demand in all 50 states.) Churches around the United States use the day to celebrate God's gift of life, commemorate the many lives lost to abortion, and commit themselves to protecting human life at every stage.

Today, churches continue to recognize the third Sunday in January as Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. In our new year 2016, the date will be January 17. It is my prayer that you will take a moment on this Sunday to honor Life. If you would like to have some bulletin inserts or have a speaker from Coastline please contact our office.

Life Abundantly,
Jeannie Smith

Coastline Women's Center
Founder/CEO

WANT TO TEACH ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE?

Are you interested in training to teach English as a Second Language to Internationals and starting an ESL ministry at your church?

Contact the WBA office if you are interested. If there is enough interest, we will plan to schedule an association training.

WMU NEWS

January 2016 . . . The beginning not only of a new month, but symbolic of beginning anew and afresh, a whole year lying ahead in which to surrender, sacrifice, and serve. How will you take advantage of this new year to begin afresh? Perhaps there is a ministry you worked with in years past; perhaps God has put upon your heart to begin something totally new and different, involving others who would come alongside. WMU of Waccamaw is grateful to churches and individuals for fulfilling the purpose of WMU: to inspire, challenge, and educate children, youth, men and women. Whatever your situation and wherever God is leading you, we pray this new month and year will be productive, joyful, and rewarding.

December and 2015 is now a "flurry" of memories of joy and blessings because of gifts shared, including health kits, mission trips, Operation Christmas Child, Christmas Prisoner Packets, seasons of prayer and offerings for local, state, national, and in-

ternational missions, and other ministries. Thank you for your participation in various ways. We are grateful and praise God.

Waccamaw WMU continues to focus on the social issue, PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder). On Sunday, January 24, 2016, from 3:00 pm until 4:00 pm, Rev. Brandon Blair will be guest speaker at Wampee Baptist Church. The event is free and open to everyone. Call Wampee Baptist Church at 833-399-4646 or Marti at 843-902-3191.

"Coffee, Cocoa, Chocolate, and Conversation" is occasion for Women on Mission to celebrate missions and begin "Focus on WMU Week." Join us for this event hosted by Maple Baptist Church on Sunday, February 7, 2016, from 3:00 pm until 4:30 pm. Guest Speaker is Pam Plunkett, President of South Carolina WMU. There is no cost, but donations for missions will be accepted. Reserve your seat(s) by February 2: Diane at 843 248-9358 or Peggy at 843 855-0787.

The 2016 Children's Ministry Day

missions project will be a collection of needed items (list provided later) for New Directions, a new family shelter in Myrtle Beach. Groups are asked to bring the items to the GA Brunch (formerly the GA Tea) hosted by Ocean View in February. The 2016 GA Brunch is scheduled for Saturday, February 20, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.; the theme is "Be....All 4 Jesus". We hope combining Children's Ministry Day with this GA event will afford opportunity for fellowship among GA groups and a missions experience to learn about the shelter, to visit to the shelter to pray, and to bless the shelter with our donations. Also, this visit to the family shelter will meet the requirements for the I Pray or I Give steps in the GA Journey achievement plan for Girls in Action

We pray for continued blessings within Waccamaw as we continue to surrender, sacrifice, and serve.

God Bless.

Peggy J. Jones,
WMU Director

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY UPDATE

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10-11

Happy New Year from BCM! We hope the Christmas season was wonderful for you and your church family. My prayer is that the message of Christmas drives us into the New Year thinking about how we can share the good news of Jesus. My prayer for this year is that the Savior redeems college students, and that more and more students call Him Christ the Lord this year. Will you join me in

praying for that as well?

This will be our second semester using the name "Ignite" on campus and we are looking forward to building momentum in the days ahead. Hopefully as more and more people become aware of the opportunities to connect, we will be able to reach, connect, and train more disciples. We will kick off the semester with a leadership planning day, followed by a fellowship, and club recruitment will happen on the 13th of January. Please lift all of these up in prayer as we try to intersect with the patterns of life of students who are not connected with our ministry.

At the end of January, we will also

participate in Converge again. Converge is a gathering of college students from across the state of South Carolina. This is a great opportunity for our students to retreat and grow closer to the Lord. If you would like to participate in sending a student, scholarships are always helpful. If you are interested, please email me for more information.

Thank you so much for your continued support and partnership in the ministry of reaching college students for Christ.

Praying and serving alongside you,
David Neace, BCM Director
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WBA CHURCH NEWS

- ◆ **Forestbrook Baptist**—Presents a FREE Church Safety and Security Seminar on Saturday, Jan. 30 at 10:00 a.m. For more information call 704-431-4323. Register online for this seminar at www.CarolinaTac.com.
- ◆ **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 pastor@goodhopebaptist.com.
- ◆ **Myrtle Beach First Baptist**—Is searching for a FULL TIME YOUTH MINISTER. Seminary and experience preferred. Send resume to pastor-bruce@fbcmb.com
- ◆ **North Conway Baptist**—Is prayerfully searching for a full time Associate Pastor. The ministry description for this position can be found on our church website at www.northconwaybaptist.com. Please send résumé either to 1608 Sessions Street, Conway SC 29526 or email them to ncbc@sccoast.net. Deadline for receiving résumés is March 31, 2016.
- ◆ **Wampee Baptist**—On Sunday, January 24th. from 3:00 to 4:30 PM Pastor Brandon Blair, minister of youth at Langston Baptist, will be speaking at Wampee Baptist Church on PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder). We encourage you to attend to learn more on this critical topic that is affecting so many individuals and families. Open to the public.

SHADE TREE MINISTRIES

Need a respite? This ministry service is absolutely free to pastors, missionaries and church leaders. There is no hidden agenda. We simply offer a place of care and rest for those in ministry. Please review the testimonials on the website. Also, for additional references, please contact David Shirley, DOM, Beaverdam Association at 864-882-7070 or Monty Hale, Director of Pastoral Ministries for the SC Baptist Convention at 1-800-723-7242

(montyhale@scbaptist.org)

Check out the details on our website at www.shadetreeministry.org

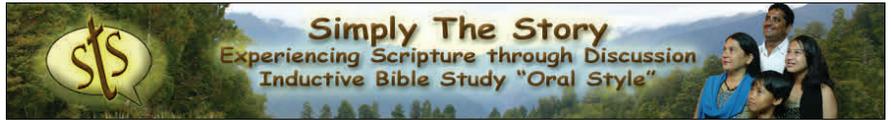


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OFFICE HOURS
 M—Th 8:30—4:00
 Friday—CLOSED



Incredibly 80% of the world cannot or does not prefer to learn from reading.

“SIMPLY THE STORY” LEADER TRAINING

January 25-29, 2016

The leader training will equip you to train others at your church. Upon completion of the two and a half day leader training, you will participate in the Jan 27-29 training to practice training others.

**“SIMPLY THE STORY”
 PRACTITIONER WORKSHOP**

January 27-29, 2016

- Equip believers to share Biblical truth
- Equip teams for short term mission trips (locally, nationally and globally)
- Witness naturally at work
- Enhance local ministry in the church

Both events are at White Oak Conference Center in Winnsboro, SC. Register online at www.scbaptist.org. Click on calendar, select event to register.



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Isaiah 42:9

