



The Kingdom Focus

Waccamaw Baptist Association

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Recently as I was reading, I came across an article by a secular journalist who wrote about 25 habits of exceptionally successful people. I believe that these habits are biblically illustrated and are habits that we need in order to be successful leaders. As you read this, you may be thinking *I'm not a leader of my church or in my church*. But let's be honest. You have influence over family, friends, co-workers and many other people. So, in essence, you ARE a leader. People are observing you and often emulating your behavior and habits. Therefore, as we journey through this life, we can strive to be successful leaders that exemplify the Lord Jesus.

What are these habits that characterize successful people? We are going to explore several of these 25 habits each month for the next few months.

First, successful people have definite pur-

pose. They know what their goals are, what they want to accomplish and they have vision. Proverbs 29:18 states that *"where there is no vision, the people perish"*. Knowing our purpose and maintaining vision keeps us focused and motivated and spur us on to finish the race successfully.

Second, successful people know their motives. Why do we do what we do? Examining ourselves closely will help us identify our heart motives. Jesus said *"thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these"* (Mark 12:30-31) Is our motive love? According to Jesus, everything in our life should rest on loving God and loving other people.

Third, successful people surround themselves with people smarter than them. They easily admit they don't have all the answers, recognize their limitations and are willing to seek out others for their knowledge and wisdom. They are not intimidated by those who have knowledge or skills that they don't, but choose to see them as someone who complements them. This is illustrated in the life of David, who though king of Israel, surrounded himself with counselors, military leaders and religious leaders. He wasn't afraid to lean on them when necessary.

Do you possess these habits? Habits are learned or developed. Set your heart to develop these habits in your life and the Lord will use them to mold you into a better, more successful leader.

Keep looking for new and exciting things from the Lord as we continue to seek Him in the coming days.

Tommy

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Important Dates:

- February 7—*Coffee, Cocoa, Chocolate and Conversations* (WMU event); Maple Baptist, 3 pm
- February 9 - Leadership Track meets—am and pm
- February 9-15—Focus on WMU week
- February 20—GA Brunch, Ocean View Baptist, 10 am
- February 26-27—**AUTHENTIC—Discipleship Training**, Palmetto Shores

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COASTLINE WOMEN'S CENTER UPDATE

Recent Stats for Coastline Women's Center:

Total Client Visits/Including returning clients: 767

Spiritual Discussion/Gospel Sharing: 400

Client New Believers: 10

Babies Born to date: 29

During this past quarter renovation was completed for the medical conversion. Insurance was obtained, and fundraising has begun for the new ultrasound machine.

Our yearly Spring to Life Gala is

March 3rd. We are currently taking sponsorships. We are also in need of table hosts or you may just attend as a guest. Please contact our office to reserve your seat or if you have any questions.

Life Abundantly,
Jeannie Smith

Coastline
Women's
Center
Founder/CEO



WMU NEWS

2016...Almost a month behind us, but ahead 11 months to be filled with traditions which inspire, challenge and educate.; occasions to share the Good News of Christ; and opportunities to develop and demonstrate the unique giftedness of individuals.

We encourage churches to engage the entire congregation in missions awareness and participation during **Focus on WMU Week February 9-15**. Maple Baptist will host "Coffee, Cocoa, Chocolate and Conversation" for Women on Mission and girls in grades 7-12 with the theme *All for You—Surrender•Sacrifice•Serve* to kick off and celebrate Focus on WMU. Guest speaker is Pam Plunkett, President of SC WMU. Bring a group from your church; let us know you're coming ~call Diane at 843-248-9358 by Feb. 2. There is no cost, but donations for missions will be accepted.

Children's groups are encouraged to participate in the association-wide project to collect paper products for the **2016 Children's Ministry Day**. Take these items to the GA Brunch on February 20.

On Sat., Feb. 20, at 10:00 a.m. girls in grades 1-6 and leaders are invited to **Bee...All For Jesus!** A brunch at Ocean View Baptist, 7300 N. Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach giving friendship and fellow-

ship for girls who are growing in faith to be all they can be for Jesus, and to live a missions lifestyle. **Mission:** New Directions Family Shelter.

Speaker: Family Shelter Director.

Donation: Paper products.

Day Experience: Tour of new facility and ministry, prayer for residents and staff after brunch. These things will be so very helpful:

1. **RSVP** to Debby Akerman at debakerman@aol.com or 843-236-1701 by Tues., Feb. 16.
2. **Bring** paper products to donate.
3. **Contribute** mini muffins or pastries to the brunch menu.

We welcome mothers and grandmothers to attend.

Mark your calendars: March 11-12, 2016. **WMU Missions Encounter & Annual Meeting** hosted by Ashley River Baptist Church. Plan to attend with a group from your church.

Mark your calendars for APRIL 4, Antioch Baptist Church, 5:30 p.m. for the **2016 Associational WMU Spring Meeting**.

Waccamaw WMU appreciates each of you as we continue to surrender•sacrifice•serve.

God Bless. **Peggy J. Jones,**
WMU Director

STAND STRENGTH TEAM

is coming to Aynor Middle School March 18-20, 2016 for school assemblies and FREE evening programs using feats of strength to illustrate the message of Jesus Christ. Grace Baptist Temple is sponsoring this event and needs your help. The STAND Strength Team will do school assemblies on Friday, then Main Events on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

The STAND Team is made up of many world class athletes that use their strength to convey a positive message! Dr. T. A. "Shrek" Nalian is 6-feet 4-inches tall, a power lifter and the founder of the team. Scott "Bulldog" Miller is a NAS Strongman champion and Vice President of the team. "Mighty" Joe Olinger is a powerlifter and works with at risk youth. Matthew "Animal" Lake is a world champion powerlifter.

Please consider partnering with GRACE to bring this outreach event to our community. Call Pastor Tom Lovern at 843-472-8972



AUTHENTIC-

Relationships

Raised to

A Higher Degree

This is a discipleship training workshop that WBA is offering to Pastors, Sunday School Teachers, Small Group Leaders and Discipleship Leaders.

This workshop will equip you to fulfill the command of Jesus in Matthew 28:19 to

"Go and make disciples..."

Fri./Sat. February 26-27, 2016

Palmetto Shores Church

Myrtle Beach, SC

Cost is \$25.00 per person.

To register or for more information, contact the WBA office.



BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY UPDATE

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16

Is college ministry worth it? Is college ministry at CCU worth investing in? Is God at work in this generation of college students? To each of those questions I would answer a resounding YES, and I would hope you would join me in that affirmation. God is indeed at work and He is changing lives, whether we always see it or not.

Almost two years ago, I began a mentoring relationship with a student at CCU named Nathan. Nathan had just trusted Christ for salvation and was trying to figure out what it looked like to follow Jesus. He was a faithful attendee to BCM and Bible study, and we hung out several other places as well. It was clear to me that God was shaping this young man for leadership and I was excited to see what

God was going to do through his life. However, Nathan told me mid-semester that he was transferring. Originally from Ohio, he was going to transfer to Ohio State to pursue a degree and be closer to family.

My immediate feelings were that of discouragement – "God, I need leaders like Nathan here. Imagine what you could do through him here on this campus," I muttered several times. However, it didn't take long for my view to shift. We actually had the opportunity to send Nathan out as a MISSIONARY. He was leaving one lost context for another, and how glorious that in this context, in this season Nathan met Jesus, and that had

prepared him for the next season of life.

So Nathan transferred and I helped him find some ministries to connect to at his new school, and we have kept in contact as the Lord has led. As we were kicking off our new semester this year, I got a text from Nathan. He keeps up with the ministry here and faithfully prays for it, but this text was a bit different. First a picture came through that showed him standing on a stage in an auditorium, and then these words came through:



Nathan sharing his story at Ohio State

"Hey David! Shared this with

Hal, but this past week I got the chance to share my story with hundreds of students and people at a concert hall here at Ohio State. Just wanted to let you know that hundreds of people wouldn't have heard the good word of the Lord of it weren't for you. You walking with me when I first came to know the Lord helped shape my life forever. Our Lord is alive and it was seen through people hugs and tears and smiles on Sunday night."

So let me ask you again – is college ministry worth it? You better believe it is. Because of your faithful support, because of your faithful prayers, because of your investment in the ministry at CCU, college students at Ohio State University got to hear the gospel through one of our own sent missionaries! Praise be to God. God is at work in this generation and I'm proud to partner with you to minister to college students at CCU and HGTC.

Praying and serving alongside you,
David Neace, BCM Director
davidneace@hotmail.com

WBA CHURCH NEWS

- ◆ **Myrtle Beach First Baptist**—Is searching for a FULL TIME YOUTH MINISTER. Seminary and experience preferred. Send resume to pastorbruce@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.
- ◆ **Sweetwater Branch Baptist**—Is having Valentine's Dinner and a Movie on Sat., February 13th at 6:00 p.m. Meal will be spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert and the movie *Fireproof* will be shown immediately following the meal. No charge but donations will be accepted and all proceeds will go towards the youth trip to WV. RSVP by February 10 to the church at 843-347-6644. This event is sponsored by the UNIT 3:16 Youth Group. Everyone is invited.

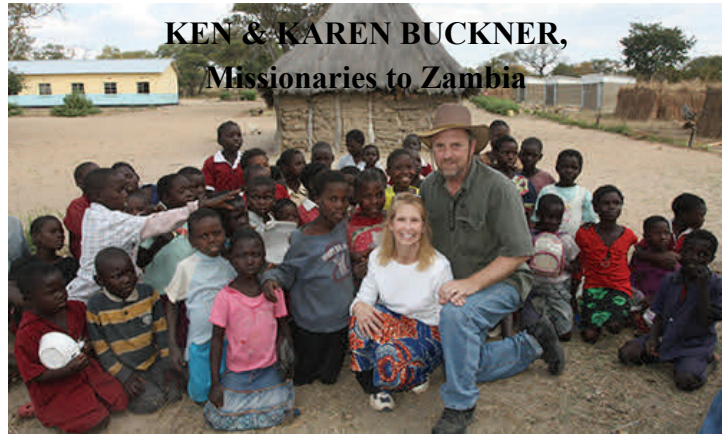


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OFFICE HOURS
 M—Th 8:30—4:00
 Friday—CLOSED



KEN & KAREN BUCKNER,
Missionaries to Zambia

Ken and Karen Buckner, Myrtle Beach missionaries to Zambia, Africa with Come Go With Us, are stateside and in our area. They are available to speak to your church or group about their work in Zambia. For more information or to schedule them to speak, you can reach Ken at 865-415-7098 or email him at ken@cgwu.org.

Come Go With Us is also having their annual fundraising event on March 5 from 4-8 p.m. at 700 North Ocean Blvd at the Hammerhead Grill adjacent to the Myrtle Beach Boardwalk. Cost is \$20 per person. There will be games (4-7 pm), food (5-7 pm) and a presentation (7-8 pm) about their ministry. Please RSVP to Ken Buckner at ken@cgwu.org or call 865-415-7098.



“Where there is no vision, the people perish.”

Proverbs 29:18

