



# The Kingdom Focus

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## Waccamaw Baptist Association

### FROM YOUR DOM

**T**his month I want to continue to explore the habits that characterize exceptionally successful people. These habits can be found in the lives of godly men and women throughout the Bible. I believe that those who strive to develop these habits will, over time, become very successful leaders in their church and realm of influence. As you read, ask yourself if you have these habits.

Extremely successful leaders **possess powerful charisma**. Webster defines charisma as personal magnetism and charm or the quality of being able to win the devotion of large numbers of people. Charisma is not necessarily inherent, but can be developed over time. It really just involves the simple practice of listening closely to whoever you are speaking with and being sympathetic to their perspectives. Look at the life of Joseph in the book of Genesis. Joseph was charismatic in his passion for serving God and doing what was right, in his personality and in his pardon for others who sought evil against him. We see how God blessed him and elevated him to a high level of leadership. He can do the same with us.

Successful leaders are also **focused**. They focus their attention and energy on whatever they are working on and don't let people or things distract them from the task. Jesus was focused on the cross. The cross focused Him on the Father's Will, the Fallen World and the Forgiving Way. He let nothing deter Him from finishing the work He came to do. Jesus completed

the Father's will. He said in John 17:4 "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." He provides forgiveness for sin, paying the penalty and providing redemption for sinful man. He never lost sight of what He came to do.

Highly successful leaders **learn from their mistakes, failures and poor choices**. They don't view them as humiliating but as worthwhile life lessons for themselves and for others. David is a great example of someone who learns from his failures. After lusting after Bathsheba and committing adultery with her, leading Uriah to get drunk to try to cover up his own sin, sending a letter to Joab to have Uriah killed, and losing sight of his wrongdoing, David learned a valuable lesson. You can't hide your sin forever. It will be exposed and have serious, often long lasting consequences. We don't see him make this same mistake again in the scripture. Instead we see him praising God, saying, "As for God, His way is perfect." (2 Samuel 22:31).

Leaders who are successful also **accept responsibility for the mistakes of those who serve under them**. Rather than pointing out the mistake or failure in public and blaming them, they take personal responsibility for it. Then privately they address the matter with the individual. The people that serve with and under a leader become a reflection of that leader over time. Therefore it is important that leaders

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#### *Important Dates:*

- July 4—WBA office closed for Independence Day
- July 19—WBA Summer Quarterly meeting, Pine Grove Baptist, Conway
- July 25-29—Camp Waccamaw at the FFA Camp in Cherry Grove

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## COASTLINE WOMEN'S CENTER UPDATE

Dear Friends,

The 4th of July probably means more to pro-lifers and all true patriots than any date in modern history. On this day in 1776, our Founding Fathers declared "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Our guarantee to every person's right to life was violently taken from our unborn children in the vicious *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973. My mind drifts to the precious unborn. What about their freedom and right to life? They cannot speak and fight

for themselves. We must speak and fight for them. Our Founding Fathers called on God for their victory over evil, so do we call on God. Hear us, O Lord, as you heard them.

Thank you for your support and prayers,

Life Abundantly,  
Carter and Jeannie Smith



Coastline  
Women's  
Center

## 6th ANNUAL BENEFIT RIDE FOR DISABILITY & SPECIAL NEEDS

Saturday, July 30, 2016

Start/Finish: 250 Victory Lane,  
Conway, SC 29526

Registration: 8:30-9:50 am

\$20 per rider/driver; \$10 passengers  
Cars Welcome

Proceeds from this benefit ride will help enhance the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities, Autism, and head and spinal cord injuries.

For more information contact Yvonne Salinger at 843-349-7237

Sponsored by Crossway Church, Loris.

## NEWS FROM WMU

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

What are you doing this summer? Will you be "on mission" by praying at home or abroad for missions; engaging in mission action and witnessing; learning about missions; supporting missions; developing spiritually toward a missions lifestyle; participating in the work of the church and denomination?

Whatever you're doing this summer, know that as you are **praying, engaging, learning, supporting, developing, or participating**, you are part of "...what churches do in keeping with the commission of their sovereign Lord to extend their ministry (mission action) and witness beyond themselves to bring all persons to Christ and to glorify God..." According to national WMU, "...the primary focus is on those persons outside the walls of the church who have no affiliation with the church and have no relationship with Jesus Christ." Thus, WMU's objectives as set out above are the practical expression of being involved in the mission of God.

The first Central Committee in the South, the forerunner to South Carolina Woman's Missionary Union (SC WMU), was organized at Society Hill in 1875; at

Greenville in 1902, the South Carolina WMU was organized; and in January 1909, Waccamaw WMU was established. Since its inception, the sole purpose of WMU has been missions. **Throughout the years, organization names have changed, new ministries have begun, but the missions message has remained the same.** WMU continues to seek innovative and creative ways to involve more individuals, families, groups, and churches in missions by helping them find their place in missions and passing on that passion for missions to future generations.

Waccamaw WMU appreciates churches participating in the Season of Prayer, Study, and Martha Compton Offering for Association Missions May 15-22. We regret having to postpone the "Afternoon Dessert Party" honoring pastors' wives and kicking off the Season for Association missions; **but we continue in prayer** for the Good Hope Church Family and the Ford Family in the loss of Amelda.

At the 2016 Missions Celebration and Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, national WMU adopted the 2016-2018 emphasis **By All Means** and challenged Christ followers to follow His example; step into the world around them; cultivate relationships; and create opportunities to demon-

strate the love of Christ. As you plan ahead for summer, plan to participate in these events:

**"MissionsFest" in Spartanburg July 16-20 (call 1 800 723 7242, SC WMU)**

**"Walking the Talk" August 4** praying for Coastal BCM & CCU students/faculty/staff  
**Emerge, Friday-Sunday, August 5-6, 2016, Camp La Vida.** Encourage associational and church leadership team members who will serve during **2016-2017** to attend and be equipped for the new year in WMU. Registration (non-refundable) for Emerge is **\$50.00 per person**; deadline for registration is **July 28, 2016**. Registration received after the deadline will be **\$60.00 per person**. **Reservations made there after only by mail and online will be accepted.**

As we conclude the 2014-2016 emphasis, Surrender\*Sacrifice\*Serve, let us continue to Serve not only Him but others whom God places in our path, all to His glory.

God Bless.  
Peggy J. Jones, WMU Director

## BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY UPDATE

*And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed. Genesis 2:25*

**S**hame – college students live it, experience it daily, and even bring it on themselves with decisions. However, shame was not God’s intention for our lives, and ever since the Fall in the garden of Eden, He has been on a rescue mission restoring people to Himself. What was lost in the garden can be found again in Christ Jesus, and we desperately want students to experience this. Will you pray this month as we anticipate the largest freshmen class at CCU coming in a little over a month?

Will you pray that God does a mighty work in the lives of college students? Will you pray for Gospel appointments and Gospel conversations?

Though it is summer, we are in the process of connecting with many new students who are enrolling at CCU. The Lord has already been opening doors, and we will be connecting to new students at orientations in July. We have already made several connections with freshmen and their parents and we are excited to continue to meet students over the course of the summer. Thank you for praying for us as we invest in this opportunity.

WE NEED YOU – YES YOU!

Please encourage your church, your pastor, and the parents in your church to visit [sbccampusconnect.net](http://sbccampusconnect.net) to fill out information on your students who are going to college. This information helps BCM directors all around the country to connect with students who are making the transition to college. Please send everyone you know to the site, and please pray for ministers to help bridge the gap between youth and college.

Praying and serving alongside you, David Neace, BCM Director  
[davidneace@hotmail.com](mailto:davidneace@hotmail.com)



## WBA CHURCH NEWS

- ◆ **Good Hope Baptist**—Invites you to join them for VBS July 10-13 from 6:00—8:30 pm each evening. Classes for all ages children and adults. Meal served each night at 6 pm.
- ◆ **Salem Baptist Church**—has an opening for a Part Time Secretary (20 hours per week). Previous clerical experience including Microsoft Office and Quickbooks required. Salary based on experience. Please email a letter

of interest along with resume to: [sbcre-sumes3985@yahoo.com](mailto:sbcre-sumes3985@yahoo.com).

- ◆ **Sweetwater Branch Baptist**—Is having a picnic on July 2 at 5:30 p.m. to celebrate July 4th. They are also having VBS beginning June 23 at 6:00 p.m. with Kickoff, then meeting June 24-29 from 6-9 pm. Meals will be served and everyone is invited. The theme this year is “Ocean Commotion”. On July 24 at 11:00 a.m. The Anchormen will be singing. Everyone is welcome.

## WBA SUMMER QUARTERLY MEETING

Tuesday, July 19, 2016  
**Pine Grove Baptist Church**  
5010 Old Reaves Ferry Road  
Conway, SC 29526  
Meal begins at 6:00 p.m.  
(\$5, payable at the door)  
Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.  
The 2017 WBA proposed budget will be presented for discussion.

Please note change to **Tuesday** for this meeting.



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

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set the example that they want others to follow. Adam blamed Eve for the fall in the garden instead of taking the blame himself. We see this in his profession, in his pride and in his practice. We also see Eve following his [poor] example by blaming the serpent rather than taking responsibility for her own actions.

Exceptionally successful people also are **willing to praise the accomplishments of others**. They are content with who they are and do not feel a need to receive praise from others. Instead, they are able to recognize the good work of others and recognize and praise them for it. This inspires those serving under the leader and helps build strong, long lasting relationships. Paul in several of his writings would praise his team members. This can be seen in his endorsement of them, his encouragement to them and his excitement about them and the work they were doing.

Do you possess any of these habits? These are things that strong, successful leaders do on a daily basis without even thinking about it. They have become habits- a way of life. With practice you can develop these habits too, spurring you on to more effective leadership. God bless you as you strive to become a Christ-like leader in your realm of influence.

Your Co-laborer for our Lord,

*Tommy*

*“For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.*

*Romans 12:3*