



## FROM YOUR DOM

### WANTED: PEOPLE WITH KINGDOM FOCUSED PASSION

What will the year 2017 hold and what will be the direction and focus of the Waccamaw Baptist Association? I see 2017 as a year that we as an association can come together as the body of Christ to gain ground for the kingdom of God by loving people where they are and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with them.

In the book of Nehemiah we read of the strategy Nehemiah used to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. That same strategy will work for us as an association to take Horry County back for Christ and make our association great again. In these chapters we see that the people had a mind to work. In response to Nehemiah's short but impassioned speech (vs. 17-18), the people in unison joined hearts and hands to complete the task. The people also had a mind to witness. They had been blessed by God to return to their home land and wanted others to know that their God was working in their lives and in their country once again. Notice also that the people had a mind to worship. In chapter 8, the people told Ezra to read God's Word to them, and when he opened the book, they worshiped. Lastly, the people had a mind to war. With enemy threats being thrown at them, the temptation was to fear. However, instead of giving up or giving in, they strapped on their weapons and worked anyway- ready to defend the wall, the city and the people if need be.

We as an association can follow these same four strategies, and if we do,

will see God bless in the work just as He did for the Israelites in Jerusalem. If we are going to build the Kingdom in this association, we need to have a mind to work, and then join together, working side by side. We also need to have a mind to witness causing people to acknowledge the presence and power of Jesus our words and our actions; we need to have a mind to worship- *really* worship in spirit and truth, and when we do, Jesus will be exalted and others will be drawn to Him; and we need to have a mind to war. We need to be ready to do some heavy spiritual battle on our knees if we want to see souls saved and the enemy pushed back and out of this county.

If we are going to build the kingdom in Horry County and beyond, we need to work side by side, standing in the gap, starting right where we are within our own families and communities until the entire county is reached. We need Christ followers who are ready and willing to work, witness, worship and war.

Are YOU ready? Are YOU willing? The fields are white unto harvest. I am looking forward to joining together with you to fight for and to build the Kingdom of God right here where we are in 2017!

God bless you as you pray and plan for a productive year.

Your Co-laborer in the Lord,  
Tommy Richardson, DOM

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#### *Important Dates:*

- **January 5—Prayer Boot Camp, SCBC**
- **January 16—WBA office closed for Martin Luther King Jr. day**
- **January 20-21—ABIDE Men's Prayer Retreat**
- **January 23—WBA Winter Quarterly Meeting, Buck Creek Baptist Church**
- **January 28—WMU Book Study, FBC North Myrtle Beach**

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## ABIDE—A MEN'S PRAYER RETREAT

Mark your calendars for **ABIDE, the WBA Men's Prayer Retreat**. It is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, January 20-21, 2017 at the FFA Camp in Cherry Grove and you do not want to miss it! All men are invited to attend...bring your men's ministry group...bring unsaved friends or family members...This is going to be a great time of joining together with other men to seek the Lord in prayer, so please plan to attend and bring at least one person with you. Cost is \$30 per person and includes lodging, food and materials. **Register by Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**. This will be a great opportunity for your men's ministry group. Flyer and registration can be downloaded from our website under *Upcoming Events*, or call the association office for more information.



## WMU NEWS

A new year, a fresh beginning! **January** is an excellent time to pause, to ponder, to obligate ourselves and commit to follow His example; to step into the world around us; to cultivate relationships; and create opportunities to demonstrate **BY ALL MEANS** the love of Christ through service in **2017**. Often in the silence of a new year, especially after the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, we naturally think about the future but are drawn to reflecting on the past year, its achievements, failures, and methods by which greater success could have been achieved.

**As we think about 2016**, what will we do differently in 2017? How will changes measure up to anticipated success? How can we cultivate relationships that will provide opportunities to serve in order to show Christ's love to others? What events will utilize giftedness and benefit everyone?

Will we continue the great heritage left us by the women of yesteryear who, led by Maud Mayo Snider of Conway First Baptist Church, blazed

a trail to be on mission for Christ? Mrs. Snider and the women who joined her were instrumental in forming the Waccamaw Woman's Missionary Union in January 1909. The rich heritage and great legacy of those strong, godly women continues today as women in the 74-plus churches of Waccamaw Baptist Association come together to follow in their footsteps.

If you are not already a part of Waccamaw WMU, think about joining us as we fulfil the 2016-2018 emphasis: "...to step into the world around us; cultivate relationships; to create opportunity to demonstrate **BY ALL MEANS** the love of Christ through service in 2017!" Let us continue to fulfil the Waccamaw WMU purpose "...to inspire, educate, and challenge women, boys, and girls..."

**Save the Date** for these events happening locally in 2017:

**28 January. Association-wide Emphasis Book Study**, First Baptist North Myrtle Beach, led by Joy and Wayne Brown; 9:00 am registration, \$5.00 for event cost; \$15.00 to purchase emphasis book; 9:30 am book study; 11:00 am

refreshments; 11:30 am book study; 12:45 pm, concluding prayer. Lunch on your own; shopping, etc. in the afternoon.

**12 February. Association-wide "Tea for Two Praying Together"** @ Maple Baptist to kick off Focus on WMU, 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm. Bring your special tea cup and an extra to exchange with a prayer partner selected at the Tea.

**18 February. Association-wide "In Loving Color"** @ Hickory Grove Baptist, GA Brunch & Children's Ministry Day. 9:00 am - 12 noon, Project: Conway Manor (visiting and praying for Conway Manor Residents, gifting them with coloring books and pencils from each GA). GA groups are asked to bring a plate of pastries, muffins, finger food or fruit.

Thank You for stepping into the world around us, creating relationships, and creating opportunities to serve, thus showing Christ's love!

God bless,  
Peggy Jones, WMU Director

## BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY UPDATE

As we kick off another year, it signifies a new semester for students as well. The memories of last year are fading away and students have made patterns and lifestyle choices that will affect their next months at school. We are praying that God intersects the lives of these students and that He is made known at CCU. Will you join us in praying for contacts to be made, relationships to be built, and for the Gospel to be shared? Also pray that God would do what only He can do and change lives this semester at CCU.

We are also in need of churches to join us closer in partnership. We are looking for people to walk with us on mission and to

help provide encouragement as we seek to reach campus. This might look like prayer walking, focusing on college students, providing oversight on the advisory team, or even recruiting folks for the fundraising golf tournament. Where is God calling you to get connected? Will you pray to see if God would have you walk alongside us?

Thanks again for all you do to make college ministry possible!

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

- ◆ **Garden City Baptist**—Has called Jordan Gandy as their full time permanent pastor. Jordan previously served as their associate pastor.
- ◆ **Green Sea Baptist**—Is searching for a Part Time Music Director. Resumes can be mailed to PO Box 125, Green Sea, SC 29545 or emailed to [gsbc2@sccoast.net](mailto:gsbc2@sccoast.net).
- ◆ **Sweetwater Branch Baptist**—Will host Baptist Men's Day on January 29. Also, will have Mark La-

nier as their special singing guest on February 5 at 6:00 p.m. Baptist Women's Day will be February 26.

- ◆ **Tilly Swamp Baptist**—Is prayerfully searching for a Youth Pastor. For detailed information got to the WBA website and click on Job Postings under the *Ministries* tab
- ◆ **Timberlake Baptist**—Is in need of a PT bookkeeper. Send resumes to [scornell@timberlakechurch.net](mailto:scornell@timberlakechurch.net). Or mail to Timberlake Baptist Church, 9850 Hwy. 707, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

## WINTER QUARTERLY MEETING

Monday, January 23, 2017

### Buck Creek Baptist Church

11483 Hwy. 905 N  
Longs, SC 29568

Meal at 6:00 p.m.  
Pre-session music at 6:45 p.m.  
Meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
(\$5 per person,  
payable at the door)

Everyone is welcome to attend, but only those messengers voted on by their church are eligible to vote on business matters.

*Want to share something going on at your church? Email it to [diane@waccamawbaptist.org](mailto:diane@waccamawbaptist.org) by the 15th of the month for the next month's edition.*

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*Food for Thought.....*



HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?

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OFFICE HOURS

M—Th 8:30—4:00  
Fri—Sun CLOSED

**THANK YOU NATHAN WHITAKER**  
**of Forestbrook Baptist Church!**



**Thank you Nathan for going the extra mile to clean the exterior and to do some general maintenance on the Outreach Trailer. It is very much appreciated!!**

“And they said, Let us rise up and build.  
So they strengthened their hands for  
this good work.”

Nehemiah 2:18

