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FROM YOUR DOM

"Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Everyone that is of the truth heareth my voice." (John 18:37)

As we approach the Christmas season let's remember the true reason for the season. Our verse comes from the first crucifixion trial of Christ in Pilate's court. Pilate is questioning Christ about the charge that He is a king. The answer Christ gave is most instructive. **Person of Christ.** *"To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world."* Here is a great statement of the dual-nature of Christ. *"Born"* represents His humanity while *"came"* speaks of His Deity, for it speaks of His pre-existence. Often in Scripture the humanity and Deity of Christ are given side by side. As an example, Luke 8:22-25 records Christ sleeping on a boat (which is human) but waking to stop a storm with His Word (which is Deity). Christ is both man and God. **Purpose of Christ.** *"That I should bear witness unto the truth."* Christ's purpose was to give witness of the truth about the most important matters of life, such as, heaven, hell, salvation, God, and holy conduct. No witness is more important. Man needs to know the truth about these things more than anything else. And Christ is the greatest Witness of the truth ever to be given to mankind. **People of Christ.** *"Everyone that is of the truth heareth my voice."* The people of Christ are attracted to spiritual truth, to the Word of God. One can easily discern the real and phony Christians in church by how they respond to the preaching of the Word of God. The genuine Christian (those that are "of the truth") responds enthusiastically to the preaching of the Word, but phony Christians are not very interested in the Word of God. Their interest in church is not spiritual. They may be interested in church activities, especially the social activities; but they are not interested in the Word of God. What are your interests?

As you ponder on these thoughts, let's celebrate the birth of the King this year together. I hope each of you and your churches have a blessed Christmas and a great start to 2018. It's been a Joy to serve you as your DOM.

Thanks
Tommy



Important Dates:

- December 21—Leadership Track meets
- December 10—17—DOM out of office on vacation
- December 25-January 1—WBA office closed for Christmas and New Year's
- January 15—WBA office closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. day
- January 21—Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- January 22—WBA Association meeting at High Point Baptist

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CREATING A SENDING CULTURE across the street and across the world

February 22, 2018

Riverland Hills Baptist Church, Columbia, SC

Featuring speakers J.D. Greear, and Jimmy Scroggins,
and Thomas Keys III as the worship pastor

Find more information or register here: <http://www.scbaptist.org/impact/>

WMU NEWS

This season of “GIVING THANKS” and CELEBRATING” (Thanksgiving and Christmas, respectively) presents occasion **By All Means** to follow His example, to step into the world around us, to cultivate meaningful relationships; and to create opportunities to demonstrate the love of Christ.

Waccamaw WMU is grateful to each person, group, and church within WBA who has supported missions projects of WMU throughout the year. Most recently, it is the “Appalachian Christmas Backpacks” project. For this partnership between South Carolina WMU and Appalachian Regional Ministries (ARM), more than 1450 backpacks were put together in Waccamaw, delivered to Shandon Baptist Church in Columbia, and transported to collection points for distribution for Christmas at various events to children in Ohio. **Thank you!**

We are grateful to women from churches within Waccamaw Baptist Church who gathered for the Baptist Women’s World Day of Prayer at Jamestown Baptist Church on November 6, 2017, to pray with and for women around the world. This year’s **Arise, Shine** theme focused on communities being transformed. We were encouraged by Ephesians 5:15-20 and challenged to have as our daily prayer Isaiah 61:1-3. We thank guest speaker

Debby Akerman and program participants Beverly Lee, Tammie Powell, Mary Grace Kelly, Eunice Williamson, Rachel Allen, Katrina Cox, and Peggy Jones and Jamestown for hosting us.. A love offering of \$160.80 was taken for benefit of the Baptist Women’s Department and North American Continental Union, and non-perishable food items were donated for the “We’re Here for You” Thanksgiving Food Drive. **Thank you!**

We are grateful for Christmas Prisoner packets prepared by churches within Waccamaw Baptist Association, giving hope to individuals incarcerated locally and in the state prison system. It is always a blessing to participate in this ministry project. Through the generous giving by churches within Waccamaw, we are able to bring a glimmer of light to those greatly in need. **Thank you!**

We are grateful to churches and individuals for providing “**An Appalachian Christmas for Families in Kentucky**” as another way to demonstrate the love of Christ. **Thank you!**

We are grateful for these opportunities **Upcoming in 2018:**

Saturday, January 27 - A Morning of Caring when Dr. Jeff Gaskins will lead in unleashing the power of compassion through The Care Effect by David Crosby. Registration, 9:00 am; program, 9:30 am until 12:30 pm. Host: First Baptist North Myrtle Beach;

\$15.00 per person. Pre-order a book for purchase, \$15.00 each and RSVP by January 18: pjjones@sccoast.net or phone: 843 855 0787.

Sunday, February 11 - “Tea for Two Stirring Friendships” with Dr. Edna Ellison at Maple Baptist Church to kick off Focus on WMU Week. Registration 3:00 pm; program, 3:30 until 4:30 pm. Bring your own cup and saucer for your tea and, this year, a spoon to exchange with a prayer partner. Cost: \$15.00 per person; books in the “Friendship” series by Dr. Ellison will be available for purchase; RSVP by February 5: pjjones@sccoast.net or phone: 843 855 0787.

Saturday, February 17 - GA Brunch and Children’s Ministry Day. “G Serve” - Registration 9:30 am; program, 10:00-Noon, at Buck Creek Baptist Church. Cost: \$5.00; Missions Project: North Strand Housing. RSVP by February 14, 2017: debakerman@aol.com

Thank you again for your support during 2017; may your Christmas be filled with peace, joy, and love. We pray God’s blessing for confidence, faith, hope, love, trust, and great accomplishments in 2018! To God be the Glory! God bless,
Peggy Jones, WMU Director

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY UPDATE

So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the town and were coming to him... Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

John 4

The end of the semester is upon us and an interesting semester it has been. As students return from Thanksgiving, they only have a week and a half until the onset of finals. As they process this semester in various locations, we are praying that many have had a

moment just like this Samaritan woman who encountered the Christ and left changed – so changed she told everyone about it! We are praying students leave their false gods behind and tell the world about Jesus who can satisfy their deepest desires.

As we reflect on this semester, it is fair to say it has been a roller



coaster of momentum and emotion. We got off to a slow start with some changes on campus, location issues, hurricane evacuations, and other things. However, we have seen students simply buy in to what the Lord is doing and we have been building momentum over the last couple of months. We just returned from our Fall Retreat, which was an awesome experience. We had 25 students share that time together! Thank you to those who provided

scholarships to help students attend that weekend.

As we make plans for next semester, here a couple of things to keep on your radar. First, we are already signing students up for Converge – the statewide gathering of BCM students here in Myrtle Beach. The weekend itself is somewhat costly, but vital to the cooperative effort across the state, so if you would like to scholarship a student or two, please contact David. Second, we are trying to connect churches to provide meals for students on Tuesday nights. This is a great, easy way to serve students on their turf and their time. If you would be willing to sponsor a night either via a donation or by bringing food, please contact David. Third, we also are making plans for the annual golf tournament fundraiser, so be on the lookout for that information! Thanks for being partners in ministry!

Praying alongside you for college students, David Neace, BCM Director davidneace@hotmail.com

WBA CHURCH NEWS

- ◆ **Langston Baptist**—Invites you to attend their annual Christmas drama *The Gift* on Dec. 1 & 2 at 7 pm and on Dec 3 at 6 pm. Includes indoor live nativity. Free admission but a donation of one canned food item is suggested.
- ◆ **Loris FBC**—Invites you to their Live Walk-Through Nativity on Dec. 15, 16 and 17 from 6-9 p.m. It will include caroling, live animals, drama, choir and hot cocoa. For more
- ◆ **North Conway Baptist**—Presents "A Hometown Christmas" on Sunday Dec. 3 at 6:00 p.m. on the corner of 2nd Ave. and Laurel Street. The choir will present music and there will be a live nativity by the NCBC youth.

Also will present the musical "Christmas in Kids City" by Kidz Praiz on Sun., Dec 10 at 6:00 p.m.. Refreshments will follow.

- ◆ **Tilly Swamp Baptist**—Will have Special Guest Speaker Rafael Cruz (father of Ted Cruz—Sen –TX and Director of Grace for America) on Sunday, December 10 at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

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

SAVE THE DATE!

2018 WINTER ASSOCIATION MEETING

Monday, January 22, 2018

High Point Baptist Church
6923 Juniper Bay Road
Conway, SC 29527

Meal at 6:00 p.m.
Pre-session music at 6:45 p.m.
Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Put this date on your calendar and plan to join us to find out what is happening in your association.



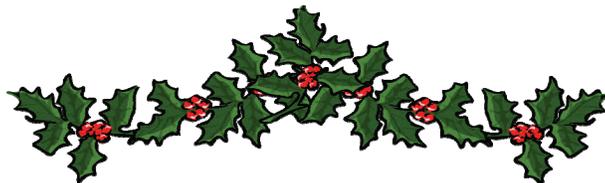
The
Waccamaw
Association Staff
would like to wish you
a Merry Christmas filled
with blessings as we celebrate
the birthday of our Lord . It is our
prayer that Christ would be the center
of all that you do during this Christmas season.

Zelda Hucks

Diane Hutto

David Neace

Tommy Richardson



For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

Season of Prayer for International Missions
December 3-10, 2017
Offering Goal: \$160 million



HERE'S THE IMPACT YOUR CHURCH MAKES:

100% of gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering fund IMB missionaries who are making disciples and multiplying churches among unreached people and places.

Reported from 2015:

- Over 2.8 billion people have little to no access to the gospel.
 - 1.9 MILLION *heard the gospel*
 - 175,290 *new believers*
 - 15,058 *trained pastors*
 - 6,138 *new churches*

WBA STUDENT MINISTRY UPDATE

Student Leadership Weekend

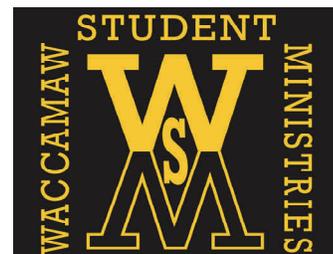
Reason: Students will be challenged to take more leadership roles at their homes, church, and schools. They will be trained in skills to help them accomplish the goals God has for them.

Date: March 23rd-25th

Deadline: March 5th (Forms and money)

Place: Camp Pinehill Bennestville, SC

Cost: (Yet to be finalized, but should be around \$50. All meals included, with t-shirt and work book).



Camp Pinehill for Children (1st-5th Graders)

Camp Pinehill is a week long camp run by the Pee Dee Baptist Association. The week includes Bible studies, worshiping, swimming, fishing, kayaking, archery, crafts, music, volleyball, challenge course, and meeting new friends. More information is available at www.camppinehill.org.

Date: June 25th-29th

Deadline: June 4th (Forms and money)

Place: Camp Pinehill Bennestville, SC

Cost: \$180 plus canteen money

High Ropes course for those 12 and older \$30

Camp Pinehill for Children (6th-12th Graders)

Camp Pinehill is a week long camp run by the Pee Dee Baptist Association. The week includes Bible studies, worshiping, swimming, fishing, kayaking, archery, crafts, music, volleyball, challenge course, and meeting new friends. During youth week students are split into tribes and have challenges they must win for their tribe. More information is available at www.camppinehill.org.

Date: July 30th - August 3rd

Deadline: July 9th (Forms and money)

Place: Camp Pinehill Bennestville, SC

Cost: \$180 plus canteen money

High Ropes course for those 12 and older \$30

All forms are available by emailing me (btimney@waccamawbaptist.org) or the association office. Medical release form MUST be notarized with the seal embossed. If you would like to sponsor a student for any trip, please send checks to the association office with attention to student ministries. As always if there is anything I can do to help your church's children or youth ministry please let me know.

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Treasurer—Shirley Rizzolino

OFFICE HOURS

M—Th 8:30—4:00
Fri—Sun CLOSED

COASTLINE UPDATE

MERRY CHRISTMAS from the staff
and volunteers of
Coastline Women's Center!



WE NOW HAVE TWO LOCATIONS:

1607 Ninth Avenue
Conway, S.C. 29526
843-488-9971
Hours of Operation: Mon., Wed., Thurs. 9-5
Tuesday 1- 6

3926 Wesley Street, Unit 303
Myrtle Beach, S.C. 29579
843-236-0350
Hours of Operation: Thursday and Friday 9-5
Tuesday 1- 6

Our Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 3325
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**For unto you is born this day in the
city of David a Saviour, which is
Christ the Lord.**

Luke 2:11

