

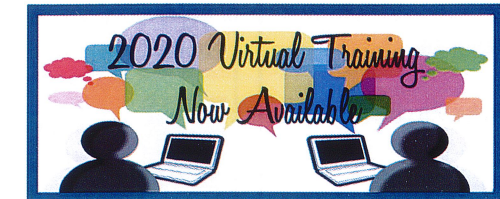
## CHURCH NEWS...

### Union Baptist Church

Welcomes new pastor  
Heath Bowie and wife Denise,  
beginning August 23, 2020

### Wayside Baptist Church

Welcomes back Pastor Scott  
Brewington and wife Christy,  
beginning September 6, 2020



Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the  
Associational WMU Fall Training has  
been cancelled. Since we can't meet in  
person, we are offering virtual leadership  
training through the South Carolina WMU  
@ scwmu.org

The first section of training is for all  
WMU leaders. The second section  
includes training for the different WMU  
group(s). From preschoolers through  
adults and general WMU, you will find  
something to help as you lead in making  
disciples who live on mission.

#### QUESTIONS?

Contact: Amanda Suarez  
Associational WMU Director  
@ 864-923-3038

### Associational Staff

Associational Missionary  
Reiny Koschel

Crisis Center Director  
Kay W. Leagans

Office Manager  
Deborah W. Adams

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### MISSION CENTER HOURS

Monday-Thursday...8:30 AM-4:30 PM  
Lunch Hour...12:30 PM-1:30 PM

[www.laurensisland.org](http://www.laurensisland.org)  
[www.laurensbaptistassoc.org](http://www.laurensbaptistassoc.org)

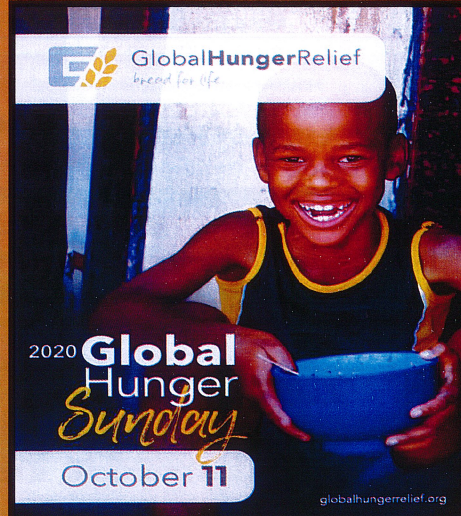


### Disaster Relief Training

Unfortunately, due to circumstances  
beyond our control, the October 10, 2020  
Disaster Relief Training has been  
cancelled.

#### Questions?

Contact Phil Bryson @ 864-682-2511



ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILES  
WILL BE READY FOR PICK UP AT  
THE MISSION CENTER ON  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020

COMPLETED ACP'S ARE DUE BY:  
OCTOBER 22, 2020



2020 Season Of Prayer  
For State Missions  
September 13-20, 2020

## ABC's For Becoming A Christian

### A – Admit

to God you are a sinner.  
Repent and turn away from  
your sin. (Romans 3:23 & 6:23,  
I John 1:9; Acts 3:19)

### B – Believe

that Jesus is God's Son and  
that God sent Jesus to save  
people from their sin.  
(Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12;  
Acts 16:31; John 3:16;  
I Peter 3:18; John 14:16)

### C – Commit

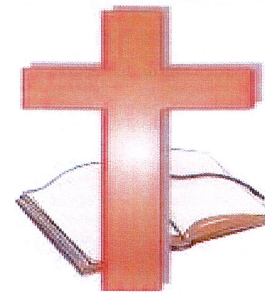
your life to Jesus. Trust Him to  
be your Savior and Lord.  
(Romans 10:13;  
Matthew 16:24;  
Luke 9:23)



October  
Cooperative Program Month

NEWSLETTER  
Laurens Baptist Association  
Post Office Box 745  
Laurens, SC 29360  
(864) 984-0123

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## Equipping Churches To Reach “LAURENS ISLAND” Laurens Baptist Association

Churches Working Together For HIS Kingdom, By HIS Power, For HIS Glory

## LBA NEWS

[www.laurensbaptistassoc.org](http://www.laurensbaptistassoc.org)  
[www.laurensisland.org](http://www.laurensisland.org)



Special Speaker: Daniel Ritchie

Author & Speaker: *My Affliction For His Glory*

SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:45 PM

Disciple's Trail Retreat Center  
Waterloo, SC

Bring a Lawn Chair, a  
Friend, and an Appetite

This is a FREE event, but there will be a donation basket available to help cover  
the cost of the meal. For more information call 984-0123.

\*MASKS & SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED\*

## Worship Together — Separately Sunday, October 18th

Shared Theme: RECLAIMING HOPE, PROCLAIMING CHRIST

Shared Emphasis: Revival and Renewal

Shared Text: Romans 8:18-25

\*One Body, Multiple Locations

Since the decision was made to postpone our Associational Revival, the LBA  
Outreach Team is encouraging our churches to join together in this shared  
worship emphasis during their regular service just prior to our annual meeting.

Thursday, September 3rd at 9:00 a.m. we would like to invite any of our pastors who  
would like to participate in this united emphasis to join in a collaborative discussion of  
the Romans 8:18-25 text. We will share ideas, observations, discuss the passage  
together and learn from each other. Then, each pastor will decide how they will  
present the text to their individual congregation on October 18th.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

09/07/20

Labor Day...Office Closed

10/05/20

LBA Team Leader Reports Due

### Executive Board Meeting

Monday, September 22, 2020

Tuesday 10:30 AM

(\*Note Time Change)

LBA Large Conference Room

(A light lunch will be provided.)

All pastors plus 1 representative  
from each church are invited  
and encouraged to attend.

## 2020 FALL SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, October 20  
Northside Baptist Church  
818 Northside Church Road  
Laurens, SC

Guest Speaker: Stephen Splawn, SCBC

PRE-SESSION MUSIC: 6:45 PM  
MEETING: 7:00 PM

All pastors and messengers  
are encouraged to attend.

## PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH OCTOBER 2020



“Enough”

How much is “enough”? “Enough” is one of those elusive words that can often be interpreted differently depending on the person who is defining it. The word itself implies that something is adequate or sufficient. A cook may wonder if there is an adequate amount of food for a particular group and ask if it will be enough. A family may look at their budget and ask if the money available is enough for their planned vacation. “Enough” may not be easily determined by some objective understanding, but it can be intuitively known in specific circumstances. For instance, when does a parent know when to announce to their children that they have, “had enough”? In that situation, you can’t punch a value into a calculator to know that it has been reached, but there will be no question when “enough” has been attained!

Trying to decide how much is enough can be a perplexing riddle to answer. When it comes to homemade ice cream, how much is enough? Is enough when you have received a sufficient taste to enjoy or when your stomach begins to hurt (asking for a friend)? Each of us may gauge “enough” in very different ways. For some “enough” means to have just a sufficient amount to survive. For others, having enough means to have a sufficient amount to live comfortably far beyond survival. Every person makes these determinations each day and some fail miserably when “enough” is applied to ice cream (and you know who you are). But enough about “enough.” You can decide whether we just hit your threshold of “enough”, or if your cup has long been running over...

The other day as I was driving to work, I was listening to a podcast that was talking about the many things in our culture which have been turning or have already turned against the traditional Christian values that most of us have grown up with. Cases were mentioned where churches were not allowed to meet because of virus fears, while Casinos were allowed to operate much like normal. There was a story about transgender activism and how those who choose to identify as a gender different from what their biology clearly reveals were being allowed to utilize the restroom facilities of their choice. The blight of abortion was also mentioned where any limitation on this horrific killing of the unborn was being sheltered under the guise of a supposed Constitutional right. It seemed overwhelming at the time and my thoughts quickly led me to say that I had “enough.” The assault on Christian and even common sense values is in full swing and it seemed that long-held traditional values are losing ground from every direction. The America that I have taken for granted was changing right before my eyes.

In light of all this discouraging news, I began to ask myself the important question, “Is the Gospel enough?” Since our nation was founded, Christianity and traditional values were overwhelmingly supported and encouraged by our governmental system and the culture as a whole. As those supports have been steadily withdrawn, it can begin to feel like Gospel truth is in a losing battle. But, even if our government or culture were to no longer support any of our Christian values and heritage, do I really believe that the Gospel can flourish without these supports? The answer to that question is paramount in revealing what we truly believe about the truth and power of the gospel. My point is not to suggest that we quit fighting for those values, but instead that we consider our response if that battle is lost in our society. Does the gospel need the endorsement of a government or culture to thrive? I hope the negative answer to that questions is clearly obvious, but I must admit that at times I/we may act as if it were necessary. I needed to remind myself that Christianity was born at a time where Caesar was considered divine, sexual deviancy in all forms was rampant, babies were murdered at the whim of their fathers, and to be Christian meant to be an enemy of the state. With all that cultural opposition and governmental oppression, the good news of Jesus Christ flourished and actually began to transform the culture -- not the other way around.

The Gospel has always been and will always be “enough”, but I fear that we have not always lived as if that were true. The Gospel is adequate, sufficient, and the power of God unto salvation for all who believe (Romans 1:16). We have enjoyed encouragement and freedom like few others in human history to share the gospel, and for the most part we have not. Too often instead of sharing it, we have relished in our opportunity to enjoy it with minimal cost and shown it to be of minimally valuable. Perhaps without the general support of our culture we will recover the sufficiency of the Gospel’s true value and will begin to share it as the only cure for our sick culture.

We may never have enough money or ice cream, but we can rest assured that the Gospel will always be enough to accomplish its purpose! The question becomes, will we live like it is truly enough or only bemoan that our culture no longer does?

Reiny Koschel

General Church Contributions:

	JUN / JUL 2020	2020 YTD	2019 YTD
*Bar None Cowboy	58.59	124.90	239.58
Beaverdam	375.00	750.00	750.00
Bellview	3,400.26	9,237.62	10,887.18
Bethabara	100.00	350.00	350.00
Bethel	250.00	750.00	750.00
Beulah	1,375.73	5,382.55	5,758.01
Calvary	394.10	648.78	672.81
Cedarwood	1,112.12	4,001.01	3,980.64
Chestnut Ridge	4,694.46	13,501.02	13,423.79
Clinton First	1,016.66	3,558.31	3,558.31
Community	600.00	1,400.00	1,200.00
Cornerstone	100.00	350.00	350.00
Cross Hill First	840.00	1,980.00	2,220.00
Davidson Street	1,419.51	3,160.48	2,768.74
Durbin Creek	489.55	1,026.59	1,104.07
Eastside	500.00	1,750.00	1,750.00
Family Of God	574.31	1,893.85	1,686.19
Friendship	1,618.80	3,160.16	2,891.07
Gray Court First	50.00	150.00	300.00
Harmony	270.18	572.76	589.44
Henderson	762.44	2,196.52	2,008.56
Highland Home	500.00	500.00	1,000.00
Hillcrest	464.73	1,436.87	1,448.93
Holly Grove	1,184.00	1,658.00	1,678.00
Hurricane	257.24	891.42	841.29
Joanna First	400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
Lanford	250.00	875.00	875.00
Langston	0.00	0.00	0.00
Laurens First	3,653.69	13,712.18	13,870.73
Laurens Second	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lucas Avenue	1,501.67	3,389.04	3,239.21
Mountville	0.00	2,079.65	2,936.89
Mount Gallagher	600.00	2,100.00	2,100.00
Mount Olive	200.00	700.00	700.00
Mount Pleasant	165.16	254.55	350.77
New Beginning	158.00	319.00	365.00
New Prospect	634.16	2,219.56	2,374.75
Northside	100.00	350.00	350.00
Pine Grove	972.27	1,770.09	2,029.70
Pleasant Grove	965.92	3,005.75	2,870.91
Poplar Springs	166.66	499.99	666.64
Princeton	407.57	875.57	677.35
Rabun Creek	480.42	1,606.71	1,422.83
Rosemont	1,055.00	3,460.00	2,690.00
Union	171.58	479.83	451.47
Warrior Creek	1,066.65	2,877.37	2,716.97
Waterloo	60.00	240.00	175.00
Wayside	119.23	371.25	366.06
Welcome	476.00	1,202.00	1,089.00
TOTAL	\$36,011.66	\$104,218.38	\$105,934.89

\*Other Church Starts

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Thank you for supporting Associational Missions by giving at least 3% of your undesignated offerings.

MINISTER’S CONFERENCE

September 10, 2020  
10:30 AM

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION



Ministry In A Pandemic:  
Strategies For Ongoing  
Engagement & Reopening

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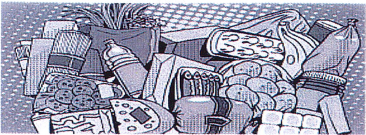
MINISTER’S CONFERENCE



October 8, 2020  
10:30 AM

Dr. Diduit,  
Preaching Professor,  
Anderson University

CRISIS CENTER



September Schedule

Tuesday, September 01 - Lucas Avenue

Thursday, September 03 - Cedarwood

Tuesday, September 08 - Mount Gallagher

Thursday, September 10 - Calvary/Hurricane

Tuesday, September 15 - Bethel

Thursday, September 17 - Martha Franks

Tuesday, September 22 - Durbin Creek/  
Friendship

Thursday, September 24 - Poplar Springs/  
Eastside

Tuesday, September 29 - Highland Home

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October Schedule

Thursday, October 01 - Welcome

Tuesday, October 06 - Bellview

Thursday, October 08 - Mountville/Clinton 1st

Tuesday, October 13 - Henderson

Thursday, October 15 - Martha Franks

Tuesday, October 20 - Cornerstone/Eastside

Thursday, October 22 - New Beginning

Tuesday, October 27 - Rabun Creek/  
Davidson Street

Thursday, October 29 - Hillcrest

If your church cannot provide at least  
3 volunteers, call Kay at 984-0123.

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September Crisis Center Needs

Flour, Cornmeal, Baking Mix, Jiffy Mix

October Crisis Center Needs

Canned Vegetables, Canned Beans,  
Coffee, Tea

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HomeLife, Mature Living, and  
Devotional Magazines  
are always needed.

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HOURS OF OPERATION

Tuesday & Thursday  
9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

*"I was hungry and you fed me,  
I was naked and you clothed  
me. Truly, I say to you, as you  
did it to one of the least of these  
my brethren, you did it to me."  
MATTHEW 25: 35-40*

“JOY” - JESUS, ORPHANS & YOU

“JOY” BOXES & “JOY” BAGS!!

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“JOY” Boxes To: Sierra Madres in Mexico and Kentucky

“JOY” Box Contents:

Each box should have a toothbrush, toothpaste, soap (in zip lock bag),  
comb/brush, socks, gloves, knit hat, scarf, crayons, coloring book,  
pencils/pens, paper, toy, hard candy (in zip lock bag), chewing gum.  
Please include \$5.00 Per “JOY” Box to cover shipping costs.  
A gospel tract will be included.in every box in the native language.

Donations are also accepted.

Make Checks Payable To: The Master’s Mission

DEADLINE for “JOY” Boxes: November 5, 2020

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“JOY” Bags To: Ukraine & Guatemala

\$2.00 Per Bag

This money will be used to purchase gifts for the children  
of Ukraine & Guatemala.

Donations are also accepted.

Make Checks Payable To: The Master’s Mission

Deadline For “JOY” Bags: October 19, 2020

Thanks to all the churches  
that donated to the Crisis Center  
in July.

2020 PRISON PACKET LIST For DJJ



- 1 - Toothpaste (4 to 6 oz.)
- 1 - Adult Toothbrush (Factory Sealed)
- 1 - Bar Of Soap (3.2 to 6 Oz.)
- 1 - Writing Tablet (40 to 50 Pages)  
(5” x 8” Mini-Legal Pad) (No Wire Bound or Composition Notebooks or  
Post-It Notes)
- 3 - First Class Stamp-Embossed # 10 Envelopes  
(Purchased from U. S. Post Office)
- 2 - Rolls Of Candy (Lifesavers, Mentos, BreathSavers Type)  
(No Smarties, Rolos, Necco Wafers, Sweetarts, TicTacs, Starburst)

PLACE ALL ABOVE ITEMS IN A ONE GALLON ZIPLOC BAG

ALL PACKETS DUE BY NOVEMBER 19, 2020

(NO PENS For DJJ)

From a thankful inmate:

**“A care package ministers to the spirit of a man or  
woman in prison. Many inmates have no one in the  
free world. You may be the only person or group who  
displays any concern or regard for such an individual  
all year long...in doing a care package ministry, you  
tell people that you care, and that gives hope.”**