



HOPE

IN ISOLATION

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH
NOVEMBER 1, 2020

BE JOYFUL IN HOPE,
PATIENT IN AFFLICTION,
AND FAITHFUL IN PRAYER
ROMANS 12:12

IDOP

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)

LBA NEWS



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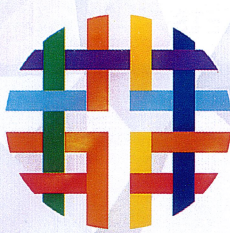
Churches Working Together For HIS Kingdom, By HIS Power, For HIS Glory

Thursday, November 26, 2020
Office Closed In Observance of Thanksgiving

December 24, 2020 - January 1, 2021
Office Closed In Observance Of Christmas
& The New Year








BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD DAY of PRAYER

Life! MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020
Standing together, unified
amidst our beautiful diversity!

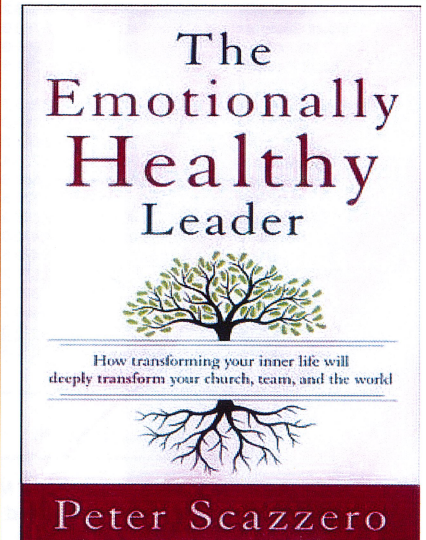


ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE

ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILES
WERE DUE OCTOBER 22, 2020

ARE WE MISSING YOUR
CHURCHES ACP???

November 01 - Daylight Savings
Time Ends
November 09 - SCBC Pastors'
Conference
November 09 & 10 - SCBC Annual
Meeting
First Baptist Church/Columbia, SC



The Emotionally Healthy Leader

How transforming your inner life will
deeply transform your church, team, and the world

Peter Scazzero

Pastor's Roundtable Discussion

“The Emotionally Healthy Leader” Book Study

Thursday, November 19th @ 10 AM
Lunch Will Be Provided Following Discussion

Thursday, December 17th @ 10 AM
(After Pastor's Breakfast)
No lunch

RSVP Reiny at 984-0123 to reserve your place and book.

Associational Staff

Associational Missionary
Reiny Koschel

Crisis Center Director
Kay W. Leagans

Office Manager
Deborah W. Adams

MISSION CENTER HOURS

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

www.laurensisland.org
www.laurensbaptistassoc.org

A Great *MultiFide* + You

November 29 - December 6

2020
WEEK OF PRAYER
for
INTERNATIONAL
MISSIONS

NEWSLETTER

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PASTORS' WIVES FELLOWSHIP DINNER

The LBA Leadership Development Team
will be hosting a Fellowship Dinner for
all our Pastors' Wives & Staff Wives
on Thursday, November 12, 2020
6:00 PM
Laurens Baptist Mission Center
With
“Truth Be Told Art”

Join us to paint something
beautiful with
God's Truth on it!

Please RSVP Deborah @ 984-0123
no later than November 5, 2020




Ministry Assistant's Luncheon

December 3, 2020
11:45 AM - 1:30 PM

RSVP: Deborah @ 984-0123

Deadline:
November 26, 2020

“Three-Legged Race”

Remembering childhood games will either bring great memories into your mind or may haunt you all through adulthood. One of the games that we would often do at picnics or at School field day is the dreaded three-legged race. If you have participated in one of those races you will likely understand how it can quickly become “dreaded.” In this game, two people are partnered together and their two adjoining legs would be tied together to produce...you guessed it, a third leg. Now the premise is quite simple and the result is usually very entertaining. Once the participants legs are tied together and the gun sounds, they simply take off running to the finish line. It sounds soooo simple....

The problem is that as you began running, if one of the partners is a little slower or faster than the other, their legs would get tangled up and they would crash to the ground. This of course, was exactly as intended and was great entertainment for the crowd and potentially great frustration for the runners. When they would fall, they would often battle each other getting back up and try to reposition each other to start running again. Many times, one of the attached runners would become frustrated and begin to try and drag their “partner” along, but to no avail. That lack of progress, the falls, and the frustration produced great laughs for the onlookers, and that was really the point of the game.

Real progress was not made by the attached runners until they intentionally chose to work together, with each one watching the other person’s steps so that they could synchronize them with their partner. Winning this race was not dependent upon an individual’s athletic ability or running speed, but the willingness to coordinate with their partner to make progress. As long as the individuals tried to run their own race, they would spend far more time on the ground than they would moving toward the finish line. The laughing onlookers were the winners when runners chose not to work together, no matter how much of an effort the individual runners made.

The truth is that as followers of Christ we are tied together with other believers by the scarlet thread of the blood of Jesus. Like it or not, we are hitched together through Jesus. God has “tied” us together in the church and then has commanded us to run the race. The Scriptures talks about this journey of life as a race (Hebrews 12:1; 2 Timothy 4:7; 1 Corinthians 9:4) and that race is not meant to only be run individually, but with others in the body of Christ. Running that race “tied together” in unity is the best way to reach the goal. Paul refers to this attachment together as the “Unity of the Spirit,” and then proceeds to remind us that there is ONE body, ONE Spirit, ONE hope, ONE faith, ONE baptism, ONE God (Ephesians 4:3-6). I can’t help but think that all this “One” talk might be significant, hmmm. This oneness and connectedness is imperative to understand theologically. If you are connected to God, you are connected to other believers.

So, since we are attached together, now we have to decide how we will run. To often, individuals in the church choose to run as if it is only an individual race and the result is always the same—a lot of falling all over each other. We can accept that we are indeed attached together in Christ and choose to run in cooperation with others, or we can become the laughing stock to a watching world. In a three-legged race, the falling down and the laughing bystanders is the primary aim of that race, but in the Christian race the stakes have eternal consequences.

So get tied in, accept it, and choose to carefully and strategically run together in unity with other believers under the Lordship of Jesus! The finish line is drawing nearer every day.

Reiny Koschel

General Church Contributions:

	AUG / SEPT 2020	2020 YTD	2019 YTD
Bar None Cowboy	41.25	214.90	324.63
Beaverdam	0.00	750.00	1,125.00
Bellview	3,143.93	12,381.55	13,637.88
Bethabara	100.00	450.00	450.00
Bethel	250.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Beulah	1,419.58	6,802.13	6,995.35
Calvary	0.00	648.78	672.81
Cedarwood	1,307.03	5,308.04	4,761.31
Chestnut Ridge	0.00	13,501.02	15,134.03
Clinton First	1,016.66	4,574.97	4,574.97
Community	400.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Cornerstone	100.00	450.00	450.00
Cross Hill First	300.00	2,280.00	2,700.00
Davidson Street	449.03	3,609.51	3,505.01
Durbin Creek	276.48	1,303.07	1,413.58
Eastside	500.00	2,250.00	2,000.00
Family Of God	566.02	2,459.87	2,237.43
Friendship	1,505.00	4,665.16	4,314.47
Gray Court First	0.00	150.00	300.00
Harmony	175.95	748.71	756.75
Henderson	424.02	2,620.54	2,473.08
Highland Home	1,000.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
Hillcrest	381.75	1,818.62	1,817.45
Holly Grove	452.00	2,110.00	2,054.00
Hurricane	267.95	1,159.37	1,142.96
Joanna First	200.00	1,600.00	1,800.00
Lanford	250.00	1,125.00	1,125.00
Laurens First	3,296.83	17,009.01	17,314.45
Laurens Second	400.00	400.00	0.00
Lucas Avenue	524.93	3,913.97	4,021.07
Mountainville	1,458.64	3,538.29	3,676.64
Mount Gallagher	600.00	2,700.00	2,700.00
Mount Olive	200.00	900.00	900.00
Mount Pleasant	0.00	254.55	350.77
New Beginning	50.00	369.00	470.00
New Prospect	634.20	2,853.76	3,053.25
Northside	100.00	450.00	450.00
Pine Grove	270.97	2,041.06	2,264.57
Pleasant Grove	767.67	3,773.42	3,608.76
Poplar Springs	166.66	666.65	833.30
Princeton	0.00	875.57	970.95
Rabun Creek	469.23	2,075.94	1,820.78
Rosemont	1,010.00	4,470.00	3,467.00
Union	0.00	479.83	451.47
Warrior Creek	0.00	2,877.37	2,716.97
Waterloo	60.00	300.00	225.00
Wayside	109.46	480.71	460.93
Welcome	160.00	1,362.00	1,335.00
TOTAL	\$24,805.24	\$129,072.37	\$130,656.62

*Other Church Starts

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



Minister's Conference
November 5, 2020
10:30 AM
Cliff Marshall
SCBC Church Planting Team
“Lessons From Church Planting In A Post COVID World”



Minister's Conference
Christmas Breakfast
December 17, 2020
8:30 AM

CRISIS CENTER



Tuesday, November 03 - Laurens First

Thursday, November 05 - Laurens Second & New Prospect

Tuesday, November 10 - Warrior Creek

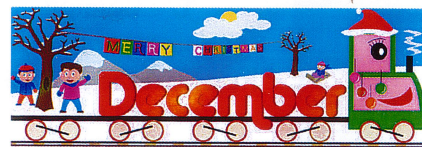
Thursday, November 12 - Chestnut Ridge

Tuesday, November 17 - Northside & Friendship

Thursday, November 19 - Martha Franks

Tuesday, November 24 - Union & Rosemont

Thursday, November 26 - Closed For Thanksgiving



Tuesday, December 01 - Bethel

Thursday, December 03 - Cross Hill First & Hurricane

Tuesday, December 08 - Lucas Avenue

Thursday, December 10 - Cedarwood & Calvary

Tuesday, December 15 - Mount Gallagher

Thursday, December 17 - Martha Franks

Tuesday, December 22 - Durbin Creek & Highland Home

Thursday, December 24 - Closed For Christmas

Tuesday, December 29 - Holiday

Thursday, December 31 - Holiday

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

HOURS OF OPERATION

Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

November Crisis Center Needs
Canned Vegetables, Canned Beans

December Crisis Center Needs
Cereal, Oatmeal, Grits, Toilet Paper

Needed: HomeLife, Mature Living, & Devotional Magazines

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)

GOAL: 400 PRISON PACKETS

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.”

2020 CLEMSON / CAROLINA CHALLENGE

The game may be cancelled, but the challenge is still on!



Jelly



Peanut Butter

Bring the **peanut butter & jelly** to the Crisis Center on November 30, 2020



Connie Maxwell Children's Home
P.O. Box 1178
Greenwood, South Carolina 29648-1178
1 (864) 942-1400 • 1 (800) 868-2624 • Fax 1 (864) 450-9304
www.ConnieMaxwell.com

September 29, 2020

Laurens Baptist Association
PO Box 745
Laurens, SC 29360-0745

Dear Friends at Laurens Baptist Association:

On behalf of Connie Maxwell Children's Home, I would like to thank you for your recent in-kind gift of paper products, personal hygiene items, and dishwashing liquid.

Since our organization was founded in 1892, our mission has been to care for children while developing and strengthening positive relationships in a Christian environment. Over the years we have helped children and families to heal and learn to forgive. To continue our work this year, we have served children on five campuses statewide in addition to our Foster Care Program and our Family Care Program. This is only possible because of thoughtful contributions from people like you.



Donations for the Laurens Baptist Crisis Center (Food, Clothing, Furniture, Etc...) will only be taken on Tuesday & Thursday, between 9 AM and 11:30 AM