

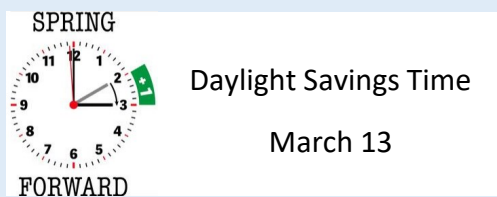
CHURCH NEWS

Davidson Street welcomes Jeff & Sheri Easter in concert Sunday, May 1 at 11:00 am. A love offering will be received.



Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

March 6-13



Associational Staff

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Reiny Koschel

Crisis Center Director

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MISSION CENTER HOURS

Monday-Thursday

8:30 am-4:30 pm

Lunch hour 12:30pm-1:30pm

ABC'S FOR BECOMING A CHRISTIAN

A—Admit

to God you are a sinner.
Repent and turn away
from your sin.

(Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23;
1 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;
1 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)

Laurens Baptist Association

Equipping Churches To Reach

“Laurens Island”

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

LBA NEWS

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Laurens Baptist Association Men's

HOGFEST

JOIN US
FOR A
MEN'S
NIGHT

PULLED
PORK

BAKED
BEANS

Special Speaker: Seth Buckley

Director of Leadership Development, Fire Pit Ranch

March 3rd, 6:45 P.M.

Beaverdam Baptist Church

1555 Beaverdam Ch. Rd., Mountville, SC

BANANA
PUDDING

COLE
SLAW

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

MANDATORY ANNUAL



TRAILER TRAINING

Thursday, March 17, 2022 @ 6:30 PM
LBA Mission Center

**THIS IS A REQUIRED ANNUAL TRAINING
FOR ALL CHURCHES THAT WISH
TO USE THE BLOCK PARTY TRAILER
AT ANYTIME IN 2022.**

Each church **MUST HAVE** at least one
representative **THAT WILL BE PRESENT**
during use of the Block Party Trailer
to attend this meeting.

Pastor's Roundtable Discussion

“Rediscovering Discipleship” Book Study

Thursday, March 24th
10:00 am
Thursday, April 21st
10:00 am

Lunch will be provided
following discussion

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

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Laurens Baptist Associational Prayer Revival

An Appeal to Heaven for Spiritual Awakening

New Prospect Baptist Church

4996 HWY 221, Laurens, SC

March 20—23, 2022

6:30 PM Nightly

A called gathering for prayer led by
those within our Association for the
purpose of seeking God's face for our
Families, Churches, and Nation

“If my people, who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray...”

(2 Chronicles 7:14a)

SPRING 2022 ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING

April 26th

6:45 pm - Pre-session Music

7:00 pm - Meeting Begins

Pastors will receive messenger cards via email

Rumors

“Rumor has it” is how some shady conversations begin. The dictionary folks (whoever they are) define a rumor as, “a circulating story of uncertain or doubtful truth.” Some rumors can take on the force of legend. Samuel Clemmons, the oft quoted writer better known by his pen name Mark Twain, made a statement something like, “The Report of my death was an exaggeration.” Apparently, rumors had been circulated by some newspapers which reported that Twain was near death in London. Twain having the unique opportunity to comment on the rumors of his own demise, responded in another newspaper with a note that ended with the above clarification. That quote has been expanded and adjusted in a number of ways through the years, but I guess that’s what often happens when it comes to unverified stories, they take on a life of their own and then we have what we call a rumor.

Rarely do rumors begin in a way that may speak with kindness or flattery about a person. Oh, I guess its possible, but most rumors that I have heard through the years are usually of the type where someone has been caught doing something they shouldn’t, not something that’s good. Afterall, catching someone doing something good is not near as exciting and is hardly worth repeating...that is the nature of too much of network news and rumor mill, they tend to want to focus on the negative and not the positive. Can you hear people sharing the scandalous rumor that they heard regarding a particular husband who had done something wonderful for his wife, as opposed to the one that they “hear” has cheated? Unfortunately, negative rumors seem to garner much more traction than do the complimentary. I guess its just another unfortunate reality of our fallen condition.

This past week, we witnessed through our own televisions Russia’s war against the people of Ukraine. It was something that we feared would happen as we heard that hundreds of thousands of Russian troops have been amassed along the border. I have some affinity with the people there as I have taken four mission trips through the years to that country with Darrell Rooks and *The Masters Mission*. Not only that, but I have grandparents who came to America after having resided in the Odessa Region of Ukraine. My ancestors were Germans who resettled in the Ukraine before coming to America. I say all that to say that we definitely need to pray for these people, especially those believers that remain faithful to the Savior in light of all that they will experience.

The magnitude and scope of an invasion of a sovereign European nation has not taken place since World War II. Now there are many things that may be passing, or have passed through our minds as we have watched this situation unfold. Being a novice history buff (or at least a wannabe), I can’t help but see so many resemblances to what took place when WW II and the beginnings of Hitler’s rampage across Europe. Now, I am not suggesting that Putin’s intent is to do the same, but I also think we shouldn’t assume he isn’t. One cannot help but wonder what are the possible ramifications from Russia’s actions and how they will impact our world in the days ahead.

As I was thinking about all of this, I couldn’t help but think of Jesus’ prophecy regarding his return in which he said there would be, “Wars and rumors of wars” (Matt. 24:6). Now one must be very careful not to interject our current circumstances and assume that it is a fulfillment of a specific prophecy. Many a Bible student has made that mistake and casted confusion on what God’s Word did say. Yet, I believe every present life situation is an opportunity to reflect on “what if” this was the beginning of what Scripture has revealed regarding Jesus’ return. If this was God’s sovereign plan unfolding before our eyes, I cannot help but consider what my response should be? When I ask myself that question, I am left with the same answer that I should have had prior to any of these events unfolding. My calling on this earth is to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of God! Yes, no matter whether there are actual wars raging or rumors swirling, my ongoing marching orders are to advance God’s Kingdom. Nothing has changed in regards to what Jesus told his followers to live and do. Each of us is called to live our lives for the advance of God’s Kingdom and not any earthly kingdom. There is great comfort in this. Whether the rumors are about us or about impending wars, our mission and directive from our Savior remain unchanged. “Go into the world and make disciples of all nations...” (Matt. 29:19). The marching orders are clear, it is yet to be determined if our obedience will be likewise.

	Dec 2021	YTD 2021	YTD 2020
*Bar None Cowboy	0.00	289.28	359.99
Beaverdam	375.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Bellview	2,885.42	18,630.25	17,684.60
Bethabara	50.00	600.00	600.00
Bethel	250.00	1,875.00	1,125.00
Beulah	605.17	8,429.99	9,334.37
Calvary	0.00	0.00	648.78
Cedarwood	603.91	7,460.45	6,774.63
Chestnut Ridge	2,579.08	39,888.31	15,550.63
Clinton First	500.00	6,000.00	6,100.00
Community	200.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
Cornerstone	0.00	450.00	600.00
Cross Hill First	450.00	3,385.00	3,390.00
Davidson Street	854.52	5,634.57	4,955.30
Durbin Creek	140.16	2,023.25	1,559.41
Eastside	250.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Family of God	165.45	2,965.07	3,272.65
Friendship	1,257.29	5,961.69	4,665.16
Gray Court First	200.00	500.00	350.00
Harmony	167.94	1,031.34	1,085.04
Henderson	199.97	3,412.53	3,065.05
Highland Home	500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Hillcrest	194.58	2,340.03	2,472.41
Holly Grove	210.00	2,130.00	2,633.00
Hurricane	302.51	2,053.74	1,797.79
Joanna First	200.00	2,400.00	2,200.00
Lanford	125.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Laurens First	5,238.03	25,675.55	22,152.28
Laurens Second	0.00	200.00	400.00
Lucas Avenue	906.33	6,018.70	6,078.48
Mountville	488.00	6,375.86	4,572.97
Mt. Gallagher	300.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
Mt. Olive	100.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	565.37	254.55
New Beginning	40.00	553.75	524.00
New Prospect	317.08	3,804.96	3,805.00
Northside	50.00	600.00	600.00
Pine Grove	560.24	3,554.16	2,696.92
Pleasant Grove	360.52	5,093.17	4,927.30
Poplar Springs	166.66	1,083.30	833.31
Princeton	0.00	1,990.45	1,551.99
Rabun Creek	167.29	2,280.59	2,920.54
Rosemont	585.00	5,780.00	5,725.00
Union	220.12	817.15	905.72
Warrior Creek	1,213.45	4,547.66	4,652.10
Waterloo	30.00	360.00	390.00
Wayside	68.86	858.67	711.92
Welcome	286.00	1,770.86	1,972.00
TOTAL	24,363.58	204,590.70	171,097.89

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

Minister’s Conference

Thursday, March 10th
10:30 am

Thursday, April 7th 10:30 am

Dr. Nathan Finn
North Greenville University

CRISIS CENTER

Hours of Operation
Tuesday & Thursday

March

Tuesday, March 1 - Warrior Creek
Thursday, March 3 - New Beginning
Tuesday, March 8 - Chestnut Ridge
Thursday, March 10 - Rosemont
Tuesday, March 15 - Union
Thursday, March 17 - Martha Franks
Tuesday, March 22 - Hurricane
Thursday, March 24 - Family of God
Tuesday, March 29 - Eastside/Northside
Thursday, March 31 - Durbin Creek

April

Tuesday, April 5 - Lucas Avenue
Thursday, April 7 - Cross Hill
Tuesday, April 12 - Calvary/Bethel
Thursday, April 14 - Poplar Spring/Cedarwood
Tuesday, April 19 - Mt. Gallagher
Thursday, April 21 - Martha Franks
Tuesday, April 26 - Highland Home

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

March Needs

Juice, Dried Beans, Rice

April Needs

Cooking Oil, Toilet Paper

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

Thank you to the
fifteen churches that
collected food items for
Souper Bowl 2022!!

Laurens Baptist Crisis Center
celebrating 30 years of ministry
1992 - 2022

THEN
4
LBA Churches
gave regularly

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NOW
29
LBA Churches
give regularly

Crisis Center
Workday

VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED
March 21
9:00 - 11:30

SAVE THE DATE

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF LETTER CARRIERS
Stamp
Out
Hunger
FOOD DRIVE

May 14, 2022

WMU Spring
Association Meeting

Thursday, April 7, 2022
6:00 pm

Bellview Baptist Church
757 Bellview Church Road
Laurens, SC

MOVE FORWARD.
Together.

2022 SC WMU Missions Encounter & Annual Meeting
March 25-26 • First Baptist Church, Goose Creek

Missions speakers, a national WMU representative, SCBC Staff,
conferences, missions opportunities - we will have it all!
All we need is you!