

CHURCH NEWS

Davidson Street welcomes a new student minister, Jimmy Tobias.

Clinton First is seeking a Director of Children's Ministries. Qualifications include BS in Early Childhood Education: preferred OR at least 5 years experience in children's ministry. Contact the church office at 864-833-2578.

Cross Hill First will celebrate their 144th homecoming October 8, 2023 with special music at 10:00 am by the Faith Home Choir followed by 11:00 am homecoming service with former pastor Brett Davis as guest speaker.

Mount Pleasant welcomes Rev. Joshua Harris as their full time pastor. They will also have Revival on September 3-6 at 6 pm. Dr. Ben Carper will be the speaker.

New Beginning is prayerfully seeking a Bi-Vocational Pastor. Please send resumes to: vjern@yahoo.com or PO Box 32 Waterloo, SC 29384.

Union will host a Revival with Evangelist Billy Sampson and family on Sunday, October 29th at 11 am, Monday - Wednesday at 7 pm. They will also have a Family Fall Festival 'Hallowed Halls' on October 29th from 5-7pm.

Welcome - Rev. Don Peake is taking a group to Belize on a Mission Trip in January 2024. Contact him at donwpeake@gmail.com or call/text 872-3080.

Event Dates for September and October 2023

Sept 04 Labor Day - LBA Office Closed

Sept.10-17 Season of Prayer for State Missions

Sept 11 Combined Hogfest at 6:45 pm

Sept 14 Ministers' Conference at 10:30 am

Sept 19 Executive Committee at 11:00 am

Sept 28 Connie Maxwell Items due to LBA Office

Oct 01 Cooperative Program Sunday

Oct 02 Trustee /Budget/Nominating and Team Leader Reports

Oct 9-10 Pastors' Retreat

Oct 17 Annual Meeting @ Beulah Baptist Church

Oct 19 Pastor's Book Roundtable at 10 am

Oct 19 Money Due for "Joy" Bags

Associational Staff

Associational Missionary

Reiny Koschel

Crisis Center Director

Kay Leagans

Administrative Assistant

Crystal Goforth

Financial Secretary

Lory Satterfield

MISSION CENTER HOURS

Monday-Thursday

8:30 am-4:30 pm

Lunch hour 12:30pm-1:30pm

Annual Church Profiles

Due October 17, 2023

Website for reports:

https://www.sbcworkspace.com

You will need your SBC ID with Username and Password that you may obtain from the LBA office.

ACP Statistics Report and WMU Supplemental Survey need to be completed and submitted by 10/17/2023. The Church Leadership Report is an open report and can be updated as needed.

If you need any help, we will be glad to assist.

ABC'S OF 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)

Janie Chapman

Offering for State Missions

WHAT'S NEXT

September 10th-17th

www.sbcmu.org/jco

Season of Prayer for SC State Missions & Janie Chapman Offering

NEWSLETTER

Laurens Baptist Association

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Laurens Baptist Association Office Closed

For Labor Day

HAPPY LABOR DAY

Laurens/Lakelands HOGFEST

PULLED PORK

BAKED BEANS

JOIN US FOR A MEN'S NIGHT

SPONSORED BY THE LAURENS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Special Speaker: Seth Buckley

"Fire Pit Ranch"

SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:45 P.M

Disciple's Trail Retreat Center

Waterloo, SC

Bring a Lawn Chair, a Friend, and an Appetite

DESERT PUDDIN'

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

LBA WMU Fall Training

Lucas Avenue Baptist Church

101 Lucas Avenue, Laurens

September 9, 2023

10:00 am -11:30 am

CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER

Laurens Baptist Association

For HIS Kingdom, By HIS Power, For HIS Glory

Executive Board Meeting

September 19

11:00 am

LBA Conference Room

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

OCTOBER

Pastor Appreciation

MONTH

Let your pastor know how much you appreciate him. Look for ways to express that appreciation to him and his family.

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, October 17

6:45 pm - Pre-session Music

7:00 pm - Meeting begins

Beulah Baptist Church

1762 Greenpond Rd, Fountain Inn

All pastors and messengers are encouraged to attend.



“Time to Die”

Death is one of those things that most of us really don’t want to talk much about. When you are younger, it is easy to assume (often wrongly) that you will have many years ahead to take care of all that dying stuff. Death is something that we don’t want to think about, especially when it concerns us or the ones we love. I heard a story one time about three friends who were talking about what they wanted said about them at their funerals. The first said, “I want them to say that I loved my wife and kids well.” The second one said, “I want them to say that I was a great philanthropist, always giving to the community.” The last guy paused and contemplated a bit, finally he said, “I want them to look into the casket at me and exclaim, ‘look he’s moving.’” When it comes right down to it, we really don’t want to face death. Like the third guy, we sometimes may just find ourselves hoping that we will keep moving and cheat death. But we know better, and Scripture affirms, “it is appointed unto men once to die and after that the judgement” (Heb. 9:27).

I have heard a number of preachers through the years make the statement at a funeral that, “death is a part of life.” I emphatically disagree with that statement and also believe that Scripture validates death as the enemy of life and not simply a part of it. Death was never supposed to have raised it’s ugly head at all. It is true that death has become a staple at the end of our physical life because of sin, but it is nonetheless the enemy of life from the beginning. Yet, God has used the result of sin, death, as the gateway to eternal life. In fact, when He sent Jesus to the cross to die, He forever conquered death in a way that does indeed offer eternal life to all who believe.

This past week we have enjoyed gathering together people from a number of our churches for our annual Laurens County Revival. Although I must confess that I am always a bit disappointed in the number who choose to participate, those who attended were blessed this year to have Dr. Ron Lynch sharing with us. His ministry is called “Life out of Death Ministry” and very appropriately so. For those who attended, Ron used Scripture to really challenge and reorient our thinking regarding what revival really entails, and what we will have to do to experience it. He not only told us that we should plan for our death, but he told us that if we are a believer, it has already happened. The first night he asked us pointedly, “When did you die?” Not, “when will you die?” Or, “Are you prepared to die?” But, “When did you die?”

You see, the Bible clearly tells us that anyone who has been saved by the blood of Jesus has already died. An oft quoted, but frequently not really pondered verse is, “I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: And the life that I now live in the flesh I live by faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me” (Gal. 2:20). For every believer, our death has already occurred when Jesus died on the Cross. Ron mentioned that we often talk about the first aspect of the cross in that Christ died for us, but we reflect far less frequently on the second aspect, of our death that we died with Him. Now you may be thinking that while these truths are very important from a theological perspective, they really don’t have practical impact on “real” (as in non-spiritual) life. But when we think that way, we would be terribly wrong. You see, when we live the crucified life, we will no longer be engrossed on making sure that people treat us right, or spend so much time fuming over how our reputation has been tarnished, or whether we have enough money to accomplish what we want. Ron reminded us that dead people have “no rights, no reputation, and no resources.” Instead, we can live our lives in a way that our “real world” bodies, living in the “real world” serve as a conduit through which the living Christ lives through us! Every part of our body has the opportunity to function through the power of the resurrected Christ in us, as opposed to the sinful life of us.

A death is required in order for a life to be resurrected. Now it may not be palatable for most of us to stop and consider the different aspects of our eventual death, but it is absolutely imperative that Christians significantly ponder the reality of the impact of our death with Christ. Jesus isn’t bargaining with us to consider dying with Him, He requires it of all who follow Him. To be unwilling to die, is to be unable to live. The only way that Christ’s life can be lived in and through us, is if we choose to die and experienced His resurrected life in us. This is one of the most liberating truths. We know longer have to grit our teeth and try to live the best we can for Christ (because that is impossible, exhausting, and worthless), but I must be willing to die so He can live His life through me. The sooner we realize we can’t live for Christ in our own strength, the sooner Christ can begin to live His life through us. But it all starts with our death. So, when did you die?

|                  | Jun-July 2023 | Thru 7/31/23 | Thru 7/31/22 |
|------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| *Bar None Cowboy | 0.00          | 351.71       | 306.98       |
| Beaverdam        | 375.00        | 750.00       | 750.00       |
| Bellview         | 3,056.77      | 9,813.09     | 9,782.79     |
| Bethabara        | 100.00        | 350.00       | 350.00       |
| Bethel           | 0.00          | 0.00         | 750.00       |
| Beulah           | 1,062.86      | 4,727.57     | 5,231.51     |
| Calvary          | 0.00          | 0.00         | 0.00         |
| Cedarwood        | 990.44        | 3,504.68     | 3,947.87     |
| Chestnut Ridge   | 8,967.87      | 18,570.05    | 22,936.53    |
| Clinton First    | 1,000.00      | 3,500.00     | 3,500.00     |
| Community        | 600.00        | 2,100.00     | 1,400.00     |
| Cornerstone      | 0.00          | 0.00         | 0.00         |
| Cross Hill First | 753.00        | 2143.00      | 1,517.00     |
| Davidson Street  | 660.35        | 2509.62      | 2,776.58     |
| Durbin Creek     | 254.52        | 1,058.87     | 1,048.84     |
| Eastside         | 333.34        | 1,166.69     | 1,500.00     |
| Family of God    | 0.00          | 0.00         | 7,800.49     |
| Friendship       | 925.96        | 4,054.22     | 2,562.24     |
| Gray Court First | 0.00          | 200.00       | 200.00       |
| Harmony          | 171.27        | 620.97       | 506.35       |
| Henderson        | 554.53        | 1947.57      | 2,436.59     |
| Highland Home    | 500.00        | 1,000.00     | 1,000.00     |
| Hillcrest        | 340.05        | 1,545.90     | 1,265.45     |
| Holly Grove      | 255.00        | 965.00       | 1,067.00     |
| Hurricane        | 306.52        | 982.63       | 1,057.39     |
| Joanna First     | 400.00        | 1,400.00     | 1,400.00     |
| Lanford          | 250.00        | 875.00       | 875.00       |
| Laurens First    | 2,688.86      | 14,046.80    | 10,514.96    |
| Laurens Second   |               | 169.12       | 404.21       |
| Lucas Avenue     | 729.60        | 2,748.02     | 2,691.05     |
| Mountville       | 734.98        | 2860.28      | 3,463.56     |
| Mt. Gallagher    | 800.00        | 2300.00      | 1,800.00     |
| Mt. Olive        | 200.00        | 700.00       | 700.00       |
| Mt. Pleasant     | 72.08         | 147.08       | 173.79       |
| New Beginning    | 80.00         | 255.00       | 230.00       |
| New Prospect     | 288.97        | 1,615.63     | 2,219.56     |
| Northside        | 100.00        | 350.00       | 350.00       |
| Pine Grove       | 420.07        | 1,935.71     | 1,685.30     |
| Pleasant Grove   | 824.91        | 3,101.87     | 2,956.14     |
| Poplar Springs   | 166.66        | 499.98       | 499.98       |
| Princeton        | 256.39        | 1,197.52     | 658.10       |
| Rabun Creek      | 613.33        | 1,389.44     | 1,463.49     |
| Rosemont         | 746           | 3,208.00     | 3,340.00     |
| Union            | 1,238.19      | 2,954.34     | 625.43       |
| Warrior Creek    | 0.00          | 2,411.27     | 2,388.60     |
| Waterloo         | 60            | 210.00       | 210.00       |
| Wayside          | 160.42        | 571.60       | 566.80       |
| Welcome          | 314.12        | 1,031.24     | 903.00       |
| TOTAL            | 32,521.18     | 108,074.56   | 123,995.53   |

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

CRISIS CENTER

Hours of Operation

Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 am - 11:30 am

September Schedule

Tuesday, September 05 - Beaverdam

Thursday, September 07 - Holly Grove

Tuesday, September 12 - Bellview

Thursday, September 14 - Union

Tuesday, September 19 - Clinton First

Thursday, September 21 - Martha Franks

Tuesday, September 26 - Cornerstone

Thursday September 28 - Henderson

October Schedule

Tuesday, October 03 - St. James

Thursday, October 05 - Hillcrest

Tuesday, October 10 - Welcome

Thursday, October 12 - New Prospect

Tuesday, October 17 - Laurens First

Thursday, October 19 - Martha Franks

Tuesday, October 24 - Friendship

Thursday, October 26 - Laurens Second

Tuesday, October 31 - Warrior Creek

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

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Crisis Center Needs for September

Flour, Cornmeal, Baking Mix, Jiffy Mix

Crisis Center Needs for October

Canned Beans, Coffee, Tea

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HomeLife, Mature Living, & Devotionals are always needed.

The Crisis Center is in need of plastic grocery bags. If anyone would like to go grocery shopping on Tuesdays or Wednesdays, please call Kay at 864-981-1084.



Clemson/Carolina CHALLENGE



Clemson Fans - collect peanut butter

Carolina Fans - collect jelly

Bring the peanut butter and jelly to the Crisis Center after November 25, 2023.

Items Need for Connie Maxwell - Due at LBA by September 28th

Bath Soap/Body Wash - Beaverdam, Bellview, Bethabara, Bethel

Dish Detergent - Beulah, Calvary, Cedarwood, Chestnut Ridge

Facial Tissue - Clinton First, Community, Cross Hill First

Shampoo - Davidson Street, Durbin Creek, Eastside

Conditioner - Friendship, Gray Court First, Harmony, Henderson

Toothpaste - Highland Home, Hillcrest, Holly Grove, Hurricane

Toothbrushes- Joanna First, Lanford, Laurens First

Deodorant - Second, Lucas Avenue, Mount Gallagher, Mount Olive

Bathroom Tissue –Mt Pleasant, Mountville, New Beginning, New Prospect

Paper Plates - Northside, Pine Grove, Pleasant Grove, Poplar Springs

Paper Towels - Princeton, Rabun Creek, Rosemont, Union

Dinner/Lunch Napkins - Warrior Creek, Waterloo, Wayside, Welcome

“JOY” JESUS, ORPHANS & YOU

“JOY” Boxes are sent to Kentucky and Mexico

“JOY” Bags go to Ukraine and Guatemala

Each box should contain a toothbrush, toothpaste, comb/brush, socks, gloves, knit hat, scarf, crayons, coloring book, pencils/pens, toy, hard candy (in zip lock bag), & chewing gum

Please include \$7 per “JOY” Box to cover shipping

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 1, 2023

2023 PRISON PACKET LIST FOR D J J

1Toothpaste (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) (5x8” Mini-Legal Pad) (No Wire Bound or Composition Notebooks or Post-it Notes) NO PENS FOR DJJ

3 Stamp-Embossed # 10 Envelopes from US Post Office

2 Rolls of Candy (Lifesavers, Mentos, Breath Savers type) (No Smarties, Rolos, Sweetarts, TicTacs, Starburst)

PLASE ALL ABOVE ITEMS IN A ONE GALLON ZIPLOC BAG ALL PACKETS DUE BY NOVEMBER 16, 2022

Goal: 500

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