

CHURCH NEWS

Lucas Avenue is hosting a Holiday Craft Fair on November 4th from 9-3 pm.

Poplar Springs welcomed Steve McGaha, and his wife Charlette, as their new pastor.

Event Dates for November and December 2023

Nov 01 JOY Boxes & Bags are due to LBA
 Nov 06 Baptist Women's Day of Prayer
 Nov 07 Youth Minister's Appreciation Dinner
 Nov 09 Ministers Conference
 Nov 16 Minister's Wives Dinner & Craft Fellowship
 Nov 16 Prison Packets due to LBA
 Nov 23 Thanksgiving (LBA Office Closed)
 Dec 07 Ministry Assistants Luncheon
 Dec 14 Ministers Breakfast & Roundtable (8:30 am)
 Dec 25 **Christmas Day—Rejoice in Jesus' Birth!**
 Dec 25 - Jan 1 LBA Office Closed

**Lottie Moon
 Christmas
 Offering for
 International
 Missions**

**Week of Prayer:
 Dec. 3-10**

Pray and Give

**Pastors Conference
 November 9th
 at 10:30 AM**

**Speaker:
 Donald King, SCBC
 "Implementation: Moving
 from Planning to Doing"**

**No Pastors
 Conference in
 December**



BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD
 DAY of PRAYER

November 6

*Continue steadfastly in prayer,
 being watchful in it with
 Thanksgiving.*

Colossians 4:2

Associational Staff

Associational Missionary

Reiny Koschel

Crisis Center Director

Kay Leagans

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Crystal Goforth

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Lory Satterfield

MISSION CENTER HOURS

Monday-Thursday

8:30 am-4:30 pm

Lunch hour 12:30pm-1:30pm

Laurens Baptist Association

Equipping Churches To Reach

"Laurens Island"

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

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*May God's richest blessings be yours
 during the
 Thanksgiving & Christmas holidays*



Laurens Baptist Association Mission Center will be closed November 23th and December 25th-January 1st



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“Time Keeps on Slipping”

Time is one of those strange things in life. The younger you are, time seems to slow down because you are always anxious for the next thing: Christmas, turning 12, driving, high school graduation and so on. Since time is working against what you are looking forward to, it always seems to go painfully slow. Then somewhere along the way, it seems like the script get completely switched and time begins to pick up momentum and begins to work against you by going fast. As you become older, time once again is your enemy because we have much less than we did when we were younger, but now it is moving ever-increasingly faster because the amount of time you have left is quickly fleeting. Like the song from my younger days says, “Time keeps on slipping, slipping into the future...”

I can remember during my final basketball game as a high school senior. That season, we finally had a decent team and had a good regular season record. We were headed into the tournament and were ranked as the number 1 seed in our bracket. As a result, we were to play the bottom seed from another region. Things looked good for us. While we warmed up, we joked amongst ourselves about how small the other team looked and fully expected to run over them. Well, my last clear memory of that night is looking up at the scoreboard with only ten seconds left in the game and with us still being ten points down. It wasn’t until that point than I truly realized that we were really going to lose that game. Up until then, I just knew that we would pull out a win somehow, but time ran out and we had to shake all those little fella’s hands after having been handily beaten.

This past week I crossed a major milestone in my life. I crossed over to the age of 60. Crossing over sounds a little bit morbid I guess, but this marker seems much more significant than the others thus far. Now, for some of you younger folks that sounds as old a Methuselah, and for others who I appreciate more and more, I’m still a young man. Time is relative according to your own frame of reference and is indeed slipping, slipping...

I guess I have been thinking about time more and more these days. Turning 60 will cause you to reflect, but so does the world events of recent days. The brutality leading to the war in Israel, along with the ongoing war in Ukraine, coupled with some recent earthquakes, it can’t help but cause me to once again reflect on time. We have no idea how much time on this earth that we may have individually, or when God will begin wrapping things up in precise accordance to His timetable. It is too easy to live as if we will always have time to do the important things in life, but we know that is simply not the case. Paul challenged the Ephesians to, “redeem the time, because the days are evil” (Eph. 5:16). We can’t get more time, but we can leverage whatever time we have left for the Kingdom of God. Let’s choose to love and give more generously especially to the least among us, to express appreciation for kindnesses shown to us, to look for ways to show kindness even to those undeserving, and to share the goods news of Christ with those we encounter.

Time is easy to take for granted, in fact, it is easy to simply wish away time as we anxiously wait for the next thing. Yet, making an effort to be conscientious about each moment given to us can allow us to redeem our time. But much like my last basketball game, time will eventually expire for all of us here on this earth. We can choose to utilize whatever time we have in a way that honors the Lord and that demonstrates an appreciation for every good and perfect gift that the Father provides (James 1:17). Time is indeed “slipping, slipping into the future” but for now there is still some left for us to use for God’s glory and for others’ good. Let’s look for opportunities to do that!

Reiny

	Aug–Sept 2023	Thru 9/30/23	Thru 9/30/22
*Bar None Cowboy	0.00	351.71	306.98
Beaverdam	0.00	750.00	1,125.00
Bellview	3,337.41	13,150.50	13,100.41
Bethabara	100.00	450.00	450.00
Bethel	0.00	0.00	1,250.00
Beulah	1,307.77	6,035.34	6,603.57
Calvary	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cedarwood	799.36	4,304.04	4,828.68
Chestnut Ridge	2,842.04	21,412.09	35,203.99
Clinton First	1,000.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Community	600.00	2,700.00	1,900.00
Cross Hill First	958.00	3,101.00	2,108.00
Davidson Street	989.19	3,498.81	3,995.40
Durbin Creek	289.12	1,347.99	1,377.45
Eastside	333.30	1,499.99	2,250.00
Friendship	1,240.41	5,294.63	3,843.85
Gray Court First	0.00	200.00	200.00
Harmony	202.50	823.47	704.44
Henderson	364.82	2,312.39	2,889.39
Highland Home	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Hillicrest	466.20	2,012.10	1,649.79
Holly Grove	348.00	1,313.00	1,155.00
Hurricane	312.93	1,295.56	1,330.69
Joanna First	400.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Lanford	250.00	1,125.00	1,125.00
Laurens First	3,780.31	17,827.11	13,972.57
Laurens Second	516.28	920.49	200.00
Lucas Avenue	793.31	3,541.33	3,635.78
Mountville	820.74	3,681.02	4,179.35
Mt. Gallagher	600.00	2,900.00	2,700.00
Mt. Olive	200.00	900.00	900.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	147.08	173.79
New Beginning	90.00	345.00	325.00
New Prospect	751.57	2,367.20	2,853.72
Northside	100.00	450.00	450.00
Pine Grove	408.87	2,344.58	2,164.40
Pleasant Grove	533.63	3,635.50	3,776.84
Poplar Springs	166.66	666.64	666.64
Princeton	205.28	1,402.80	1,206.28
Rabun Creek	452.45	1,841.89	1,852.26
Rosemont	1,042.00	4,250.00	4,295.00
Union	0.00	2,954.34	625.43
Warrior Creek	1,858.53	4,269.80	2,388.60
Waterloo	60.00	270.00	270.00
Wayside	179.89	751.49	742.41
Welcome	427.16	1,458.40	1,329.00
TOTAL	29,127.73	137,202.29	143,404.71
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

November Schedule

Thursday, Nov 02 - Chestnut Ridge
Tuesday, Nov 07– Highland Home
Thursday, Nov 9 - New Beginning
Tuesday, Nov 14 - Pine Grove
Thursday, Nov 16 - Martha Franks
Tuesday, Nov 21 - Rosemont
Thursday, Nov 23—Closed for Thanksgiving
Tuesday, Nov 28—Rabun Creek
Thursday, Nov 30– Hurricane/Poplar Springs

December Schedule

Tuesday, Dec 05 - Lucas Ave
Thursday, Dec 07—Calvary/Cedarwood
Tuesday, Dec 12—Durbin Creek
Thursday, Dec 14—Cross Hill/Mountville
Tuesday, Dec 19—Bethel
Thursday, Dec 21 - Martha Franks
Tuesday, Dec 26—Closed for Christmas
Thursday, Dec 28—Closed for Christmas

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

Crisis Center Needs for November
Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Vegetables
Crisis Center Needs for December
Cereal, Oatmeal, Grits, Toilet Paper

HomeLife, Mature Living, & Devotionals

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.



As we come to the end of another year, I want to thank each one of my volunteers who have given so graciously of their time, talents and resources. You have made a difference in our community in so many ways. I look forward to continuing the Crisis Center ministry in 2024.

Love to you all,
Kay Leagans

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.

“JOY” - JESUS, ORPHANS & YOU

“JOY” Boxes are sent to Kentucky and Mexico
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 and “JOY” Bags go to Guatemala

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, PO Box 1565, North Myrtle Beach, 29598
Deadline for “JOY” Boxes: November 1, 2023

2023 PRISON PACKET LIST FOR DJJ

- 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)

PLACE ALL ABOVE ITEMS IN A ONE GALLON ZIPLOC BAG
ALL PACKETS DUE BY NOVEMBER 16, 2023