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IN GOD WE TRUST
GOD IS!! AND ALL IS WELL!!

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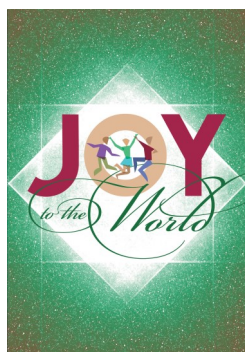
Director of Missions

Associational Mission News

Rev. Darrell A. Smith

“Are you ready for Christmas?” You might be asked that question this month. You may be the one who asks it. How can we be better prepared to worship, to experience awe in His presence, to realize more deeply the real meaning of the birth of our Savior?

1. You can be ready, spiritually, for Christmas. And we should be! Good Advent devotionals are a help. Read all the verses of several Christmas carols. Meditate on their meaning. Then sing them to Emmanuel, the Lord Jesus.
2. Read and meditate on Old Testament Scriptures which are prophecies of the coming Messiah. Then read their fulfillment in the New Testament. Meditate on and pray about what you read.



Genesis 3:15 and Galatians 4:4

Micah 5:2 and Luke 2:4-7

Isaiah 9:7 and Luke 1:32-33

Isaiah 7:14 and Luke 1:26-31

Jeremiah 31:15 and Matthew 2:16-18

Hosea 11:1 and Matthew 2:14-15

(There are many more prophecies)



3. Pour over the New Testament passages that relate the Christmas story. Stop often to think and pray. Read Matthew 1:18-2:18 and Luke 1:1-2:38 several times in December. Include other passages, such as John 1:1-18, John 3:16, Galatians 4:4, Philippians 2:5-11, Hebrews 1:1-4 and Revelation 5:1-14. These passages speak to why the Lord came to live among us as a human, being fully God and fully man.

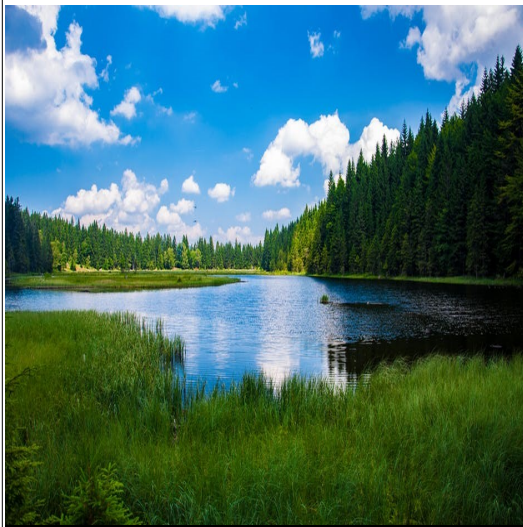
I want to be ready for Christmas. I realize that it comes down to abiding in Christ, abiding in His Word, praying without ceasing, walking in the Spirit and seeking His face. Let's be ready. Darrell

**THE INTERNATIONAL MISSION STUDY FOR 2019 WILL BE HELD AT THE
ALLENDALE-HAMPTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OFFICE ON MONDAY,
DECEMBER 9, 2019 AT 6:30 PM. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME JOIN US.**

REV. DARRELL SMITH WILL BE LEADING THE STUDY.

WE WILL HAVE A COOKIE EXCHANGE THAT NIGHT AS WELL!

Please bring 4 dozen cookies. Preferably homemade and all the same kind. If you want to bring more that is fine. If you don't have time to bake any then you can bring some good purchased cookies. You will need to bring an empty container or tray as you will be going home with a tray/container of assorted cookies to have throughout the holidays. We will also be sending you home with a tray that you will deliver to a group in the community who may be working during the holidays such as law enforcement, hospitals, EMS, etc. This will actually give each of you an opportunity to do a mission action/personal witnessing when you deliver your cookies.



CAMP JACKSON For churches within Allendale- Hampton Baptist Association

Outdoor USE ONLY - Free

There is a small cost for overnight stays or if you want to use the dining hall or pool because of the cost of air-conditioning/heating and electricity. If you have up to 25 people, you can use the dining room and 1 dorm Friday – Sunday for \$300. If you have more than 25 people the cost would increase.

**TO MAKE RESERVATIONS
PLEASE CONTACT
THE AHBA OFFICE**

Contributions Received to Support the Association Budget

Allendale	\$
Beech Branch	198.45
Bethel	1,600.00
Brunson	375.00
Deep Branch	300.00
Fairfax FBC	984.24
Furman	
Great Salkehatchie	
Hampton FBC	
Harmony	124.00
Hickory Grove	
Hopewell	708.53
Lawtonville	
Lower Three Runs	240.00
Mt. Arnon	137.81
Mt. Olive	55.63
Nixville	1,542.00
Open Arms Fellowship	
Robertville	
Sand Hill	1,769.50
Sandy Run	611.43
Stafford	
Steep Bottom	483.30
Sycamore	
Varnville FBC	3,766.00
West End	369.78
SC Baptist Convention	
Pastoral Ministries	
Camp Jackson	300.00
Children's Ministry	60.00
Baptist Foundation	
Duffle Bags	100.00
Men's Ministry	
Evangelism Conference	
Global Hunger	80.00
Minister Development	
Mission Development	
Disaster Relief	
Hispanic Christmas Party	200.00
On-Mission Celebration	
WMU - Mission Activity	20.00
VBS Fund	
Seafarer's Ministry	1,515.00
Mobile Mission Unit	
BWWDOP	137.00
Evangelism-Wild Game Banquet	
Youth	
Health Kits	
ABC Regional Hispanic Min.	
Miscellaneous	
Christmas Backpacks	
Copier	

ABC Regional Hispanic Ministries Report

Growing up on the mission field in Peru, our Christmas celebration was unique in some ways. For example, our traditional Christmas Eve meal was ceviche – a cold dish made of raw fish, onion and lime juice. It was always hot at Christmas, since summer comes in December south of the equator. Of course, Christmas can be rather warm in South Carolina, too! Though the details were sometimes different, what we celebrated was the same. Christmas is all about the birth of the Messiah who came in human flesh to rescue us. As we head into the Christmas season, we have planned several outreach events to share the true meaning of the holiday. Our annual Christmas party in Allendale is just one of the ways we will be sharing Christ's love this holiday season. A couple of years ago, a child accepted Christ at that year's party. This child was baptized not long after. Please join me in praying that she would be joined by others this year. Would you join me in praying that many lives would be eternally transformed as they hear the message of God's love at Christmas?

As always, thank you for your prayers and support of ABC Regional Hispanic Ministries.

Submitted by Tony Hancock,
Director of Hispanic Missions
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Bible Trivia

Answers found on page 4)

1. What does Romans 1 say reveals the invisible attributes of God?
2. Once you stop living for sin, you are guided by
 - a) your minister.
 - b) your Sunday school teacher.
 - c) your friends
 - d) the Holy Spirit.
3. What two things will you find if you live in the Spirit?
4. God promised the Israelites
 - a) forty acres and a mule.
 - b) a land flowing with milk and honey
 - c) straw for bricks
 - d) great riches
5. What does Psalm 103:17-18 say is everlasting to those who keep God's covenants?

**WATCH-
WORD:**
"My dear friends, stand firm and don't be shaken. Always keep busy working for the Lord. You know that everything you do for him is worthwhile". (1 Cor. 15:58 CEV).

Budget Receipts 2019-2020 - \$15,677.67
Budget Requirements 2019-2020 - \$88,009.66 - 7,331.14(mth.)
Needed Per month to date - \$21,993.42

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6 NIV



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WHHS FCA

invites area churches to help sponsor
breakfasts for
Wednesday morning
Huddles (school-wide Bible
devotion and fellowship time). Forty to
sixty students and staff typically attend.
For questions or more information about
volunteering, please call or text
Chrissy Terry, 803-842-9260.

ALLENDALE-HAMPTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

presents a **WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020

SPEAKER, VOCALIST, CONFERENCE LEADER

BETH GREER FROM LEXINGTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

THEME: "REFRESH US, LORD"

WHERE: VARNVILLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

TIME: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (REGISTRATION BEGINS AS 9:30 AM) WITH COFFEE AND PASTRIES

REGISTRATION FEE \$10.00 (INCLUDES LUNCH - 12:15 - 1:00 PM)

ALL LADIES ARE INVITED.

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER BY CALLING

PATRICIA TERRY @ 803-943-8332 OR 803-632-1882

DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING IS TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020

Pastor's Small Groups

Your copy of Bill Elliff's The Presence Centered Church is at the association office. How can I best get your copy to you? After the holidays, R.P. and I plan to launch pastor's small groups to read and discuss ministry implications and applications and biblical principles presented in this book. We will have at least one evening group for bi-vocational pastors and one morning group for other pastors. I hope you can join in; we need each other! Let me know if you would consider being part of a discussion group.

Wild Game Banquet Decision Counselors

If the Lord brings about a great harvest at the March 14, 2020 Wild Game Banquet, we will need more men to serve as decision counselors. I can go to your church to train your men as decision counselors in less than an hour. Would you help us be ready for what the Lord may do? Let me know when you want me to come to train your men in January or February. Please join me in preparing for a great harvest. We can have one hundred or more prepared decision counselors if each church supplies some men for the task. Together we can be prepared for the harvest.

"Building Powerful Ministry Teams" Conference

In 2020 the training for pastors (or pastors and their key leaders) will be "Building Powerful Ministry Teams" led by Rev. Bert Ross, and will be held at Camp Jackson from 9 am to 3 pm on the first Tuesdays of February, March and April. Bert served as a leader in the South Carolina State Convention for several years. Before that, he served at the North American Mission Board training pastors and leaders across the country. Materials for the conference are \$35. Contact Rev. Darrell or the association office to register.

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Office Hours -Tuesday 1/2 day: Hours Vary

Wednesday: 9:00am - 4:00 pm; Thursday: 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Answers to Bible Trivia
(From page 2)

1. the creation of the world (Romans 1:20)
2. d (Romans 8:1)
3. life and peace (Romans 8:6)
4. b (Exodus 3:8)
5. His mercy

Help Us Economize

To receive your newsletter electronically, email ahba58@gmail.com Also, please let us know of address changes or if you wish to be removed from our mailing list.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 2019

- 1-8 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**
Season of Prayer for International Missions
- 3 Christmas @ Camp La Vida
3 Hispanic Outreach Party - 6 pm @ Allendale First Baptist
8 Christmas Concert with Frank Cannon @ Sand Hill Baptist - 5:00 pm
9 International Mission Study - AHBA Office
6:30 PM - Cookie Exchange
12 Newsletter Articles Deadline
24-1/2 Office Closed
24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day
31 New Years Eve



HISPANIC CHRISTMAS OUTREACH
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019
ALLENDALE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
BEGINNING @ 6:00 PM

If you would like to donate gifts (new and unwrapped) for the children or help with providing food please

Contact: Teri Winn @ 803-943-6218 or
Patricia Terry @ 803-943-8332

CHRISTMAS
CONCERT 2019

DECEMBER 8TH @
5:00 pm

SAND HILL BAPTIST
CHURCH
FRANK CANNON
IN CONCERT



Sandy Run Baptist Church
Adult Choir
Will Present
"The Greatest Story Ever Told"
December 1, 2019
5:30 PM

2100 Sandy Run Road
Hampton, South Carolina



January 2020

- 1 New Years Day
6 WMU Associational Team Meeting - 6pm @ AHBA office - Brunson
9 ABC Quarterly Meeting - 10 am - Hampton First Baptist
17 Newsletter Articles Deadline
25 **WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 10-2 @ VARNVILLE FIRST BAPTIST - REGISTRATION @ 9:30 - BETH GREER - SPEAKER**

February

- 3 Executive Board Meeting—7PM - AHBA
4 Building Powerful Ministry Teams - Camp Jackson
10-16 Focus on WMU
14 Valentines Day
15 Children's Mission Day
17 Newsletter Articles Deadline