

**ALLENDALE-HAMPTON
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**
IN GOD WE TRUST
GOD IS!! AND ALL IS WELL!!

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Director of Missions

Associational Mission News

Rev. Darrell A. Smith

Christmas Thoughts

It is the time of the year for Christmas thoughts-the best kind: thoughts on the Lord Jesus Christ. What we think about influences us in many ways. So let's meditate on the birth of Christ. When was it first mentioned in Scripture?

The birth of Christ has its first mention in the Bible much earlier than some people may realize. It happened in the Garden of Eden. God spoke to the first couple, Adam and Eve. God spoke about the virgin-born Christ. He would be "her Seed" (Genesis 3:15). So Christmas is foretold by the Heavenly Father when the world population was two. There had just been the introduction of sin, and God pronounces judgment. At the same time He speaks of what the Incarnation will accomplish. Christ will defeat Satan and provide the atonement of my sins, yours, and of the whole world.

This was the first of many Old Testament prophecies of Christ's birth. God kept the prophecies coming over thousands of years. The Old Testament presents them and the New Testament writes of the fulfillment of every detail of every prophecy. The New Testament even teaches that the plan for Christ to come was in place before Creation (Revelation 13:8)!

Christmas can become even more deeply meaningful to us as we meditate on the prophecies of Jesus' birth and their fulfillment. Meditating on Scriptures can build you up. Try these:

Christ as heir to the throne of David-Isaiah 9:7 and Luke 1:32,33. Christ would be anointed and eternal-Psalms 45:6,7 and 102:25-27 and Hebrews 1:8-12. Christ would be born in Bethlehem-Micah 5:2 and Luke 2:4,5,7. Christ would be born of a virgin-Isaiah 7:14 and Luke 1:26,27,30,31. Christ would also come from Egypt-Hosea 11:1 and Matthew 2:14,15.

I need to meditate on God's Word every day. So do we all. Why not concentrate on Christmas by meditating on the Lord Jesus through the Word of God? May the Lord bless you, and use you to bless others in this Christmas season.

In His service,

Darrell



FROM THE STAFF - REV. DARRELL AND PATRICIA



CHAPEL AT CAMP JACKSON

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.

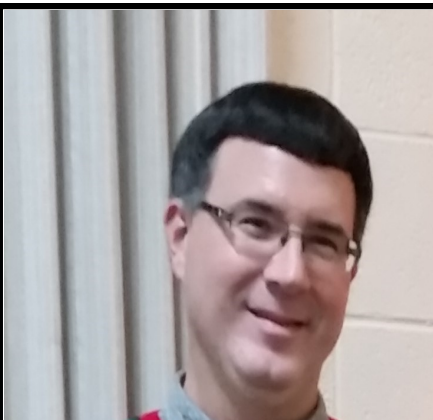
**TO MAKE RESERVATIONS
PLEASE CONTACT
THE AHBA OFFICE**

Telephone 803-632-1882

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**DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC,
THE CAMP HAD TO BE CLOSED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

We need volunteers to help with maintenance projects at Camp Jackson . If you are available and able to help please call Mr. Lonnie Russell, Camp Caretaker, at 803-842-1903 or Mr. Bernie Smith, Chairman of the Camp committee, at 803-942-2351 to volunteer. They will let you know what is needed and assign you a day and time to help.

**ABC Regional Hispanic Ministries Report**

Since my last article, we've had the joy of celebrating baptism at Nueva Esperanza. One of the new believers who was baptized returned to his home country only six days later. God's timing is perfect! We rejoice to see the ways God continues to work in spite of the unusual situation we are living in. We usually take advantage of the Christmas season for outreach, but this year will be different. Gathering large numbers of people together is simply not possible. Would you join us in praying that God

would show us new, creative ways to share the hope of Jesus? Pray also that those who have been participating in discipleship classes at Nueva Esperanza would discover how to put into practice what they have learned. 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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GA AND CA DAY**JANUARY 30, 2021 10AM-3PM**

SHAKE IT UP! FOR GA's, CA's, LEADERS & CHAPERONES
ST. ANDREWS BAPTIST CHURCH
230 BUSH RIVER ROAD, COLUMBIA, SC 29210

Enjoy Activities—Meet a missionary serving in Brazil/Charleston! Registration open now.
Go to www.scwmu.org/ShakeltUp to register.
Registration deadline is January 15, 2021.
\$12 a person - Includes lunch & activities

Church Contributions Received to Support the Association Budget

Allendale	\$
Beech Branch	285.90
Bethel	1,180.00
Brunson	375.00
Deep Branch	300.00
Fairfax FBC	656.16
Furman	
Great Salkehatchie	
Hampton FBC	
Harmony	419.00
Hickory Grove	
Hopewell	639.96
Lawtonville	
Lower Three Runs	230.00
Mt. Arnon	170.26
Mt. Olive	51.38
Nixville	1,468.00
Open Arms Fellowship	250.00
Robertville	500.00
Sand Hill	1,769.50
Sandy Run	619.98
Stafford	
Steep Bottom	681.89
Sycamore	
Varnville FBC	3,579.00
West End	168.17

Budget Receipts 2020-2021
Through the end of October
Church Contributions Received To Date -
\$13,344.20
Needed to date - \$13,332.90
Budget Requirements 2020-2021 -
\$79,997.42 - 6,666.45(mth.)

Bible Trivia (Answers found on page 4)

1. What was the two-letter name of Job's homeland?
2. Connect the Thots:
Fair Havens
Syracuse
Three Taverns
3. When Moses fled from Egypt, to what country did he go?
4. Match: Pool of Siloam...
a) where Jesus sent a blind man.
b) where Jesus sent a demon-possessed man.
c) where Jesus sent a woman who was bleeding.
5. What tribe of Israel, which could not occupy its allotted place in the Promised Land, took over somewhere else?



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

Christmas is the day that holds all time together.

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Office Hours -Tuesday 1/2 day: Hours Vary

Wednesday: 9:00am - 3:00 pm; Thursday: 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Answers to Bible Trivia
(From page 3)

1. Uz (Job 1:1)
2. stops on Paul's journey to Rome (Acts 27:1-8, Acts 28:12-14, Acts 28:14-15)
3. Midian (Exodus 2:15)
4. a (John 9:1-7)
5. Dan (Judges 18)

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Also, please let us know of address changes or if you wish to be removed from our mailing list.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 2020

- Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**
11/29-12/6 Season of Prayer for IMB
2 Office Closed
14 Newsletter Articles Deadline
23-31 Office Closed for Christmas Holiday
24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day
31 New Year's Eve

January 2021

- 1 New Year's Day—2021**
4 Associational WMU Mtg.—6pm—Associational office
15 Newsletter Articles Deadline
30 GA/CA Day —St. Andrews Baptist Church—Columbia

February 2021

- 1 Executive Committee Meeting—7pm**
8-14 Focus on WMU
13 Children's Mission Day
14 Valentines Day
15 Newsletter Articles Deadline
27 Women's Conference

All meetings and activities are subject to change due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Allendale-Hampton Baptist Association
Seafarer's Ministry

12-Churches Participated
300—Health Kits
186+ Extra Shampoo
346+ Crocheted Hats
\$1,031.00—Donated for the purchase of Bibles

This ministry was truly blessed by the generosity of so many people and churches in our Association. One person or one church cannot do it alone, but together we can carry out God's commission to disciple people of all nations, and offer hope to the world.

Thank you all for supporting this mission.

Shellie Ackerman

Pictured: Christopher Dale, Chaplain, Seafarer's Ministry, Charleston
Joan Brown, Varnville First Baptist Church



May the peace and hope of
Christ's birth
be with you now and in the days ahead...