

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. Dr. Tommy Kelly

The Interim Report

It is difficult to fathom that 2023 is almost over. Thanksgiving has passed, churches are celebrating the Advent season, and a new year eagerly looms on the horizon with many new opportunities. It seems that time moves faster the more one ages. Yet, several matters still need the attention of the AHBA family in 2023.

First, thank you again for your confidence placed in me for this season as the AHBA Director of Missions. It is a humbling experience to know that the AHBA family has such confidence and faith in me to complete this God-ordained task. Also, I deeply appreciate the AHBA Executive Board vote to approve my contract for the duration of my service to the AHBA in this interim position. I covet your prayer's daily.

Second, I had wonderful experience at the Hickory Grove Baptist Church Homecoming service on November 5, 2023. Rev. R P Hodge did a wonderful job calling the church to be an Acts 29 congregation. The fellowship meal was superb and the members as well as were exceptionally friendly and cordial. This an outstanding example of the gifts and talents on display at an ABHA church.

Finally, I would like to wish all of the AHBA churches and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The last four months have been a pleasure to serve the AHBA churches. This Advent season, may the communities surrounding our AHBA churches hear the good news-"A Savior is born, He is Christ the Lord". Merry Christmas!

In Christ,

Tommy Kelly





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

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Is it time for your church to have a Prayer – Retreat?!

Consider utilizing your own Camp Jackson. It is a beautiful, quiet, country setting where you can get close to God and the wonderful nature He has given us.



In my last article, I shared with you our plans for a visitation program at Nueva Esperanza. The first night of the program, we were able to visit five homes. As a result, one of the people with whom we spoke visited Nueva Esperanza's service the following Sunday. Praise the Lord for this encouraging response! Please continue to pray for us as we visit more homes in the community and share the Good News. As you read this article, our annual Christmas outreach in Allendale will be approaching. Every year, we invite folks from surrounding communities to attend a Christmas party with refreshments and gifts. In the midst of the celebration, the highlight of the evening is the presentation of the Gospel. Would you pray that everyone present would clearly understand the true meaning of Christmas? Pray also that there would be some who would surrender their lives to Jesus that evening. Pray that we would see eternal spiritual fruit from this event. As always, thank you for your prayers and support of ABC Regional Hispanic Ministries.

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ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." (Luke 19:10)
"Therefore go and make disciples." (Matthew 28:19)

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ABC Hispanic Christmas Outreach

Will be held on Wednesday, December 6th at 6pm at the
Allendale First Baptist Church.

We need gifts for all ages, babies, children, youth, adult men,
adult women. Please bring them to the association office no later
than Tuesday, December 5th.

Children's Christmas Caroling

will be held at the Gazebo in Hampton on
Thursday, December 14 beginning at 6:00 PM.

Come out and bring your children.
Let them join in the singing.



Church Contributions Received to Support the Association Budget Budget Year (2023-2024)

Allendale FBC	\$
Beech Branch	203.41
Bethel	525.00
Brunson	450.00
Deep Branch	300.00
Fairfax FBC	984.24
Furman	250.00
Great Salkehatchie	
Hampton FBC	
Harmony	349.00
Hickory Grove	
Hopewell	1,772.65
Lawtonville	
Lower Three Runs	158.00
Mt. Arnon	203.66
Mt. Olive	113.46
Nixville	3,404.64
Open Arms Fellowship	300.00
Robertville	
Sand Hill	
Sandy Run	516.41
Stafford	
Steep Bottom	450.00
Sycamore	
Varnville	3,839.00
West End	627.39
Donation	100.00

Budget Receipts 2023-2024

Church Contributions Received To Date -
November 30, 2023 - \$14,546.86
Needed to date \$19,373.25
\$77,493.04 - \$6,457.75(mth.)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

As a Drop off Center for Operation Christmas Child,
Varnville First Baptist Church collected 2,939 Shoe Boxes
during National Collection Week.
We would like to thank all who took part in this mission effort.
Robert Brown

Church Contributions Received to Support Camp Jackson's Budget September 2023 - August 2024

Nixville	877.00
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NIXVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH AT 3915 TWO SISTERS FERRY ROAD, ESTILL, SC HAS A BLESSING BOX WITH NON-PERISHABLE FOODS. PLEASE VISIT WHEN YOU HAVE A NEED AND WE PRAY YOU WILL BE BLESSED.

ASSOCIATION VISION STATEMENT

The Allendale-Hampton Baptist Association exists to assist churches to evangelize the lost, disciple the Saints, and facilitate Mission Endeavors.



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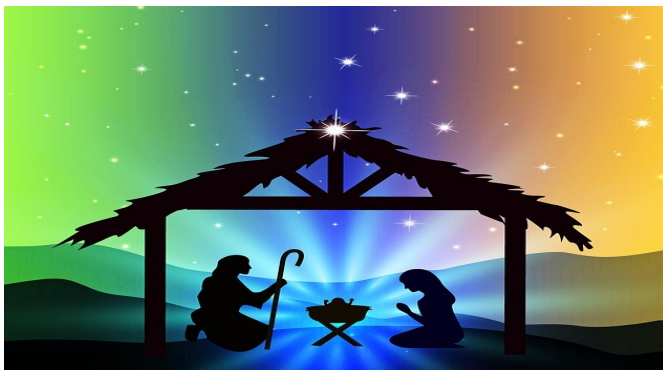
December 2023

OFFICE HOURS - TUESDAY 1/2 day: Hours Vary
Wednesday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm - Thursday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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

Allendale Hampton Baptist Association**Office Closing**

The office will be open on Monday and Tuesday, December 18th and 19th. We will be closed for Christmas Wednesday, December 20th - Monday, January 1, 2024.

Follow the Star: A Celebration of Nativities

Allendale Presbyterian Church, 230 Flat Street, invites you to:

Follow the Star: A Celebration of Nativities on Wednesday, December 13th.

Join us anytime between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Parking is available next to and in front of the church.

Handicapped parking is available.

After viewing the nativities, please join us for refreshments across the street at Allendale First Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall.

This is a casual event, and all are welcome!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**December 2023**

- Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 6 Hispanic Christmas Outreach— Allendale First
- 3-10 Season of International Missions (study, prayer Offering)
- 11 **Newsletter Articles Deadline (EARLY) DUE TO OFFICE CLOSURE**
- 14 Children's Christmas Caroling @ Hampton Gazebo @ 6pm
- 21-Jan 1 **AHBA Office Closed for Christmas**
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 New Years Eve

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024**January 2024**

- 1 **Holiday**
- 2 AHBA office reopens
- 15 **Newsletter Articles Deadline**
- 23 Pastor's Meeting @ AHBA—10:00 AM
- 24 Advisory Board meets @ 10 am @ AHBA office

February 2024

- 5 Executive Committee Meeting @ AHBA-7:00PM
- 14 Happy Valentines Day
- 15 **Newsletter Articles Deadline**
- 18 Focus on WMU Sunday
- 19 President's Day

March 2024

- Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 3-10 Season of Prayer - North American Missions
- 10 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 22-23 WMU Annual Meeting @ Boiling Springs
- 29 GOOD FRIDAY
- 30 EASTER SUNDAY