

**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

Covid-19 and Love

Could these many months of Covid-19 be a time to think...pray...consider...evaluate ourselves as Christ's followers? And should we not do the same for the church we attend that belongs to Him? I believe the Lord would have us to use this pause, this interruption in our usual activity to think, pray, consider and evaluate who we are and what we do as followers of Jesus and as congregations.

Look through the Gospels. Everywhere you turn you find Jesus showing compassion to people. He fed the hungry. He healed the sick. He welcomed those despised by others. Read the story of Jesus and Zacchaeus in Luke 19:1-10. The crowd thought very little of Zacchaeus. They were quite perturbed that Jesus would invite Himself to stay at the home of a sinner. "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." I love that invitation! Jesus loved the sinner Zacchaeus. Jesus saw the hunger Zacchaeus had to know Jesus. He showed love, compassion, grace and mercy to Zacchaeus. And it wasn't just words. He showed it with His presence, time, choices (anyone would have been honored to host Jesus for lunch) and with bringing salvation to this seeker. Jesus went out of His way to reach this one.

As followers of Jesus we are to be like and act like Him (we can only do this in the power of His Holy Spirit). Are we doing this? Are we reaching out to those not like us who are in our community? Or do we save all our caring only for fellow church members? Are we examples of compassion, love, grace and mercy? What needs to be adjusted in our thinking and acting to become more like Jesus? Think about it. Pray about it.

Some many miles from here a family's porch was damaged and became unsafe. They were not church-goers and also could not repair their porch. Members of a nearby church showed up in their yard with tools and lumber. "Would it be alright if we helped you with this porch? We can fix it for free." Not only that family, but other families in the neighborhood were impacted by this act of kindness and caring. It opened the door to a readiness to hear the Gospel. This is one example of "love your neighbor."

Consider how the Lord can use you to love your neighbors that have not ever been to your church. Acts of compassion and kindness may open the door so they, too, can experience the love of Christ. And that's what we are here for.

In His service,

Darrell

Associational Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, February 1, 2021

At Fairfax First Baptist Church at 7:00 pm

Everyone is invited to attend, wear your mask and we will be social distancing inside the church.



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

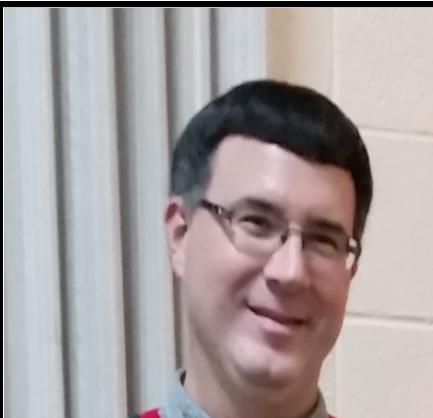
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**DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC,
THE CAMP HAS CLOSED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

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**

These past months have been times of joy and celebration, but also of loss and need. As in so many congregations, some of the members of Nueva Esperanza have lost loved ones. Others have struggled to find work, although we are thankful that this has not been the case for most. We have been limited in our outreach by the restrictions which are a reasonable response to the pandemic. As we have begun to plan for the new year, it is with feelings of uncertainty that we have asked the Lord to guide us. We rejoice, however, in those who continue faithfully to gather in worship. We rejoice in those who continue to reach out to their friends and neighbors. We rejoice in the opportunities to reach out to the farm workers who are returning to our area. Would you join me in prayer, not only for the Hispanic ministry, but for all our congregations? Ask the Lord

for his provision, his wisdom, and his guidance as we enter this new year with all its uncertainty. He knows what the future holds, and he has purposes for us to accomplish. 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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Moderator's Thoughts

Greetings,

Praying all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. The year 2020 brought on many changes and sacrifices in each of our lives and we are still facing difficulties but through God's love and guidance we will accomplish great things in 2021.

Greatness—Serving others for the glory of God. God's Church is not a building, but each of us working together to accomplish all we can for God. Please join me in making a commitment toward this end.

When talking about greatness, Chuck Swindoll list four (4) things to think about:

1. Genuine Unselfishness-a person who has greatness refuses to hold tightly to their possessions but has a unselfish attitude.
2. Willingness to Sacrifice for Others-steps in to help others without being ask, sees the needs of others.
3. Purity of Motive -never ask what's in it for me. No hidden agenda.
4. Restraint of Power - having power yet not using that power to threaten or control people just because they can. Uses that power wisely.

Let's encourage each other in 2021 to join together in a commitment to pray more, study God's Word more, worship more and serve more to accomplish Great Things for God in our Churches and the work of our Allendale-Hampton Baptist Association.

Blessings to Everyone,
Albert Sauls
Moderator

Church Contributions Received to Support the Association Budget

Allendale	\$
Beech Branch	449.34
Bethel	1,180.00
Brunson	625.00
Deep Branch	300.00
Fairfax FBC	1,312.32
Furman	250.00
Great Salkehatchie	900.00
Hampton FBC	1,100.00
Harmony	698.00
Hickory Grove	933.45
Hopewell	1,091.79
Lawtonville	
Lower Three Runs	398.00
Mt. Arnon	304.24
Mt. Olive	127.96
Nixville	2,988.00
Open Arms Fellowship	550.00
Robertville	500.00
Sand Hill	3,539.00
Sandy Run	2,171.18
Stafford	1,000.00
Steep Bottom	1,913.59
Sycamore	
Varnville FBC	6,219.00
West End	553.73

Budget Receipts 2020-2021
Church Contributions Received To Date -
\$29,104.60
Needed to date - \$33,332.25
Budget Requirements 2020-2021 -
\$79,997.42 - 6,666.45(mth.)

Bible Trivia (Answers found on page 4)

1. Where did Jesus pray the night He was betrayed and arrested?
2. Aaron died at
 - a) Mount Sinai.
 - b) the Mount of Olives.
 - c) Mount Hor.
 - d) Mount Everest.
3. What major body of water is less than twenty miles from Nazareth?
4. Match: Cush...
 - a) Egypt
 - b) Ethiopia
 - c) Assyria
5. What did Abraham name the place where God told him to sacrifice Isaac?

Focus on WMU

February 8-14, 2021

This is a time to be celebrating WMU and sharing what your WMU group has been doing over the past year. Some things had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic but I am sure that you were able to do some things. Share what WMU is all about and then share what you were able to accomplish. Use social media, church bulletins, newsletters, announcements, or PowerPoint. Let your children, youth, and adults help you to share. Use this as a time to present badges and other awards. Tell everyone what WMU is all about, do for others and share God's Word with the community around us. If the Associational WMU Team can help please do not hesitate to call me and we will be happy to work with you.

*HAPPY
VALENTINES DAY*

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February 2021

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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. Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-57)
2. c (Numbers 33:38)
3. the Sea of Galilee
4. c (Isaiah 20 NIV)
5. Jehovah-jireh: The Lord will provide (Genesis 22:1-14)

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

February 2021

- 1 **Executive Committee Meeting—7pm @ Fairfax First Baptist Church**
- 8-14 **Focus on WMU**
- 9 **ABC Board Meeting 10 am - Zoom**
- 13 **Children's Mission Day**
- 14 **Valentines Day**
- 15 **President's Day**
- 15 **Newsletter Articles Deadline**

March 2021

- Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**
- 7-14 **Season of North American Missions**
- 12-13 **WMU Annual Mtg. Simpsonville**
- 14 **Daylight Savings Time Begins**
- 16 **Newsletter Articles Deadline**
- 22 **Associational WMU Team Meeting @ 6pm @ AHBA—Brunson**

April 2021

- 2 **Good Friday**
- 4 **Easter Sunday**
- 10 **GA/CA Day @ Camp LaVida**
- 15 **Newsletter Articles Deadline**
- 17 **Camp LaVida Work Day**
- 19 **WMU Associational Spring Meeting @ Sand Hill - meal @ 6pm - Meet-7pm**
- 25 **Cooperative Program Sunday**
- 30-May 1—**Associational Leadership Training @ Camp LaVida**

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

**DON'T FORGET
 FEBRUARY 14TH**



2021 Children's Missions Day "SERVE WITH PURPOSE"

On February 13, or on a day which you choose, children in your church can demonstrate to their community the love of Jesus. Children's Missions day is a great way to get the children in your church motivated and engaged in mission action in their own community. What better way to get them motivated than to help them to see that they are joining thousands of other children across North America to minister to people with the love of Jesus?

Research the needs in your community and find ways children can meet those specific needs. We anticipate that many more lives will be impacted as children reach out in their communities with the love of Jesus. Tamra Bishop is the Associational Children's Leader. If you need help with ideas contact her at 803-632-2653 or Patricia Terry at 803-943-8332.

Pray for Children's Mission Day!!

Please join us to begin praying now for the children, parents, and leaders who will participate in Children's Missions Day on Saturday, February 13, 2021.

- Pray for the leaders and parents who are planning these events.
- Pray that the Lord will give leaders wisdom and creativity as they plan for safe ways to serve during the pandemic.
- Pray that each child who participates will learn the joy of sharing Christ's love with those who need Him. Pray for hearts and minds to be opened to the gospel.