

# 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 approaching six months since the AHBA asked me to serve as Interim Director of Missions. Throughout this period, I have tried to improve the relationship between the AHBA churches and the associational office. Patricia and I correspond with each other several times weekly to insure messages are answered and requests are addressed in a timely manner. It is blatantly apparent that the AHBA consists of wonderful Christian servants laboring in God's vineyard.

One such area where Christians are laboring would be in churches without pastors. Please be prayerful for these congregations as they seek God's will for this next chapter in their lives. However, two congregations, Fairfax First Baptist and Steep Bottom Baptist have recently called pastors. Fairfax First Baptist has called James Davis and Steep Bottom has called Louis Hart as pastors to their respective churches. The ABHA family welcomes these men and their families to their respective churches.

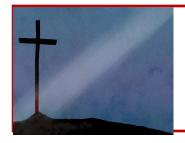
Also, all pastors and AHBA executive board representatives are asked to mark their calendars and attend the quarterly AHBA executive committee meeting on February 5, 2024. The meeting will be held at 7 PM in the AHBA building. During the meeting, I would like to discuss with the church representatives the possibility of improving these meetings to be more informative as well as educational for each church.

Prior to this meeting, Phyllis and I will have attended the South Carolina Director of Missions Retreat. I am confident that I will have some new ideas and thoughts to share with our association. Thank you for allowing us to represent the AHBA in this important capacity. Also, thank you for your confidence in me to serve as your Interim Director of Missions during this season.

God bless you all. May we serve diligently until Christ returns!

In Christ,

Tommy Kelly



FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON,

SO THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT PERISH

BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE!

JOHN 3:16



**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
LONNIE RUSSELL @803-842-1903
OR
THE AHBA OFFICE

Telephone 803-632-1882 E-Mail: ahba58@gmail.com

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.



By the time you read this article, farm workers will have begun returning to work in our area. Smaller numbers arrive in January, with progressively larger groups into the spring. Outreach to farm workers is both a blessing and a challenge. Every year, circumstances are different. Locations change. Some workers return, while others are new. Schedules vary wildly. In some cases, we have Bible studies at 9:00 p.m. in order to accommodate workers who have just returned from the fields. In the midst of all these challenges, however, there are great opportunities. Every year, some workers decide to follow Christ as Savior. Others who are already believers are encouraged in their faith. There are many opportunities to demonstrate Christ's love, including through health kit distribution and help with other practical needs. As we prepare for another season of outreach to farm workers, would you pray that God would grant us effectiveness in ministry? Pray that we would locate all the groups of workers who are present in our area. Pray that we would share the Gospel in ways that they can understand. Pray that those who are already believers would grow in their faith. As always, thank you for your prayers and support of ABC Regional Hispanic Ministries.

Submitted by Tony Hancock, Director of Hispanic Missions ABC Regional Hispanic Ministries thancock@lowcountry.com

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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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### **HELLO AND WELCOME TO NEW PASTORS**

Rev. James Davis
Pastor at Fairfax First Baptist Church
Called as Pastor in January, 2024

Rev. Robert "Louis" Hart
Pastor at Steep Bottom Baptist Church
Called as Pastor in January, 2024

Pastor Deanie Hutto
Pastor at Mount Arnon Baptist Church
Called as Pastor in July, 2023

Rev. Christopher Mills
Pastor at Robertville Baptist Church
Called as Pastor in September, 2023

Please welcome these pastors and their families to the Allendale Hampton Baptist Association. We will be praying for all of you.

### **MARCH 2024**

# ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR OFFERING

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

MARCH 3-10, 2024

"MAKE JESUS KNOWN"

#### YOUTH EVENTS FOR AHBA

Rev. Howard Black, the Youth Leader for the association has announced several events for youth from all over the association beginning with:

PIZZA AND PRAISE on February 25, 2024 that will be held at Sand Hill Baptist Church. This begins at 5:00 pm.

COFFEE AND WORSHIP will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024.

The time and location to be determined.

SERVE will be held the week of June 23rd—28th, 2024. This an-

nual event will be held again at Sand Hill Baptist Church.

More information will be announced at a later date.

For more information you may contact AHBA @803-632-1882 or

Rev. Howard Black @803-842-2102

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

Allendale FBC	\$
Beech Branch	410.92
Bethel	1,140.00
Brunson	750.00
Deep Branch	300.00
Fairfax FBC	1,375.36
Furman	250.00
Great Salkehatchie	
Hampton FBC	1,050.00
Harmony	620.00
Hickory Grove	
Hopewell	1,772.65
Lawtonville	1,000.00
Lower Three Runs	292.00
Mt. Arnon	465.52
Mt. Olive	211.96
Nixville	5,511.00
Open Arms Fellowship	600.00
Robertville	200.00
Sand Hill	
Sandy Run	1,113.73
Stafford	1,500.00
Steep Bottom	750.00
Sycamore	
Varnville	6,631.00
West End	1,056.09
Donation	100.00
Baptist Foundation	3,840.00

Budget Receipts 2023-2024 Church Contributions Received To Date -January, 2024 - \$30,940.23 Needed to date \$32,288.75 \$77,493.04 - \$6,457.75(mth.)

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

 Nixville
 1,123.00

 Stafford
 1,000.00

 Brunson
 2,265.00

 Mount Olive
 45.00

# **ASSOCIATION VISION STATEMENT**

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

# **ALLENDALE-HAMPTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

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Address Service Requested

February 2024



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.

The Quarterly Allendale Hampton **Executive Committee Meeting will be held on** Monday, February 5th at the Association office in Brunson beginning at 7:00 pm. Please make certain that your church has representation.

# Camp La Vida is now Hiring! **STAFF FOR 2024 SUMMER CAMP**

# **Camp Staff Positions**

All positions work with campers.

- Cabin Leaders
- Cabin Leaders in Training
- Lifeguards
- Sales/Food Service Assistants

# Qualifications

A staff member must be a:

- Mature Christian
- Rising college freshman or older
- Active member of a Southern Baptist church
- Love for missions, children & youth

# **Employment Dates**

May 29 - July 26

www.camplavida.org/staff

CAMP LA VIDA 218 LA VIDA ROAD WINNSBORO, SC

> PAY STARTS AT \$210/WEEK ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT: Cindy Skelton, Camp Program Director at 803-227-6208

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

February	/ 2024
5	Executive Committee Meeting @ AHBA-7:00PM

8 Pastor's Meeting - Lowcountry Seafood - 11am

14 **Happy Valentines Day** 

15 **Newsletter Articles Deadline** 

18 **Focus on WMU Sunday** 

19 **President's Day** 

25 Youth Event-Pizza & Praise @ Sand Hill @5pm

28 Advisory Board meets @ 10 am @ AHBA office

# March 2024

#### **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering** 2 Camp LaVida WORKDAY—9:00-5:00

3-10 Season of Prayer - North American Missions

6 Nominating Com Meeting @ AHBA @ 10 AM

10 **Daylight Savings Time Begins** 

15 **Newsletter Articles Deadline** 

22-23 WMU Annual Meeting @ Boiling Springs

27 Advisory Board meets @ 10 am @ AHBA office

28 Wild Game Banquet - more info to come

29 **GOOD FRIDAY** 

31 **EASTER SUNDAY** 

#### April 2024

16 **Newsletter Articles Deadline** 

24 Advisory Board meets @ 10 am @ AHBA office

# May 2024

4 Youth Event—Coffee & Worship TBA

5 Homecoming @ Brunson Baptist Church

6 Executive Board Meeting - AHBA- 7:00 pm

12 Mother's Day

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15 **Newsletter Articles Deadline** 

22 Advisory Board meets @ 10 am @ AHBA office

27 **Memorial Day** 

## June 2024

9-10 SBC Annual Meeting - Indianapolis, Indiana

23-28 **SERVE**-Youth Event-@ Sand Hill-more info TBA