

**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



You never know when you will encounter an “oinker!” I went to Betha Baptist Retirement Center to visit my ninety-year-old mother, June, who resides there. At the entrance I met a most unusual welcoming committee: this big pig! The photo doesn’t do him (or her) justice. The pig seemed full-grown, and

not that interested in me. But I was afraid of getting too near the beast. So I stood close to the sign and zoomed in for the photo. I have evidence that all kinds are welcome at our South Carolina Baptist ministry to seniors.

This got me to thinking about several things. **1.** You never know who you will run into. What I may think is a random encounter may not be one at all. The Lord uses people and situations to get our attention. Or something someone says may stay with you and impact your life. For example, when I was a stubborn teen and not close to the Lord, a big stranger asked me if I was a Christian. I said “Yeh,” but, with little enthusiasm. His one word reply has stuck with me for half a century. He replied, “Really?” I have thought about that encounter many times. And the reverse can happen. At any time, the Lord may want to use you to plant a thought in someone else’s heart. Look for those opportunities where God can use you!

2. You never know who may show up at your church. A stranger might just be brave enough to visit. It does take courage to go to a place that is strange to you. And a few seconds upon their arrival, they begin to sense if they are welcome or not. This is something you and fellow church members can prepare for. It is more important to relate well and genuinely to the visitor than most else you would do that Sunday. Don’t be the “oinker” who ignores the visitor!

3. You never know what surprises the Lord will allow into your life. We don’t know what is coming in 2021. We do know that the Lord uses people and situations to accomplish His purposes in and for our lives, and for others. May we be more sensitive to the Spirit’s leading, and be listening to Him more. Then our response to the surprises may glorify Him and be part of furthering His Kingdom.

Blessings in this new year,

In His service,

Darrell

**PLEASE READ THE CHALLENGE
ON PAGE 4!**



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.

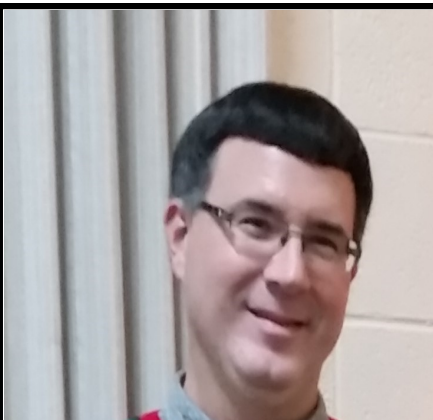
**TO MAKE RESERVATIONS
PLEASE CONTACT
THE AHBA OFFICE**

Telephone 803-632-1882

E-Mail: ahba58@gmail.com

**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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Girls in Action and Children in Action 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	381.39
Bethel	1,180.00
Brunson	500.00
Deep Branch	300.00
Fairfax FBC	984.24
Furman	250.00
Great Salkehatchie	
Hampton FBC	
Harmony	569.00
Hickory Grove	
Hopewell	868.90
Lawtonville	
Lower Three Runs	331.00
Mt. Arnon	170.26
Mt. Olive	51.38
Nixville	2,248.00
Open Arms Fellowship	400.00
Robertville	500.00
Sand Hill	1,769.50
Sandy Run	1,601.24
Stafford	1,000.00
Steep Bottom	1,685.53
Sycamore	
Varnville FBC	4,886.00
West End	292.82

Budget Receipts 2020-2021**Church Contributions Received To Date -
\$19,969.26****Needed to date - \$26,665.80****Budget Requirements 2020-2021 -
\$79,997.42 - 6,666.45(mth.)****Seafarer's Ministry Update and Thank You**

My friend, Christopher, wrote some really nice things about many of you! Twelve of our churches provided items and funds to the International Seafarer's Ministry in Charleston recently. Read this excerpt from ISM Chaplain Christopher Dale's letter.

"I want to thank you and the churches of your Allendale-Hampton Association for the tremendous amount of materials you all have donated. The 346 knitted caps have been added to the total number of Christmas caps that are already being given out (2730 given away so far), and the 300 travel kits and 187 bottles of shampoo will be given out starting in February. The \$1031 will go a long way in supporting the ministry's operating costs and Bible purchases so that we can continue to share the love of Christ with the sailors. It is good to know that there is such support for this ministry.

I would invite you or anyone else who would like more information about this ministry to check out our Facebook page or follow us on Twitter where I will be posting a number of pictures of the sailors receiving their travel kits: www.facebook.com/ISM.Charleston, or, twitter.com/ChaplainChris5. For more information about our ongoing ministry activities send me an e-mail at petros555@hotmail.com to be added to our quarterly e-mail newsletter distribution list."

Thank you, dear folks, for your great support of a fantastic ministry and mission outreach that touches people of 121 nationalities from around the world! Keep sharing the love of Christ!

Darrell

Bible Trivia (Answers found on page 4)

1. Complete the Scripture: In the beginning was the _____, and the _____ was with God, and the _____ was God.
2. What tiny seed did Jesus liken the kingdom of heaven to?
3. John said Jesus would baptize with the Holy Ghost and with
a) wine. b) fire. c) ashes. d) water.
4. What phrase completes the apostle Paul's quotation about suffering for Christ's sake: "For when I am weak...?"
5. Connect the Thots:
honor your father and mother
don't murder
don't covet



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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. Word, Word, Word (John 1:1 KJV)
2. mustard (Matthew 13:1-3, 31-32)
3. b (Matthew 3:1,11)
4. then am I strong (2 Corinthians 12:10 KJV)
5. the Ten Commandments (exodus 20:1-17)

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electronically, email
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of address changes or if
you wish to be removed
from our mailing list.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2021

- 1 **New Year's Day—2021**
- 4 **Associational WMU Mtg.—6pm—**
Associational office
- 15 **Newsletter Articles Deadline**

February 2021

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

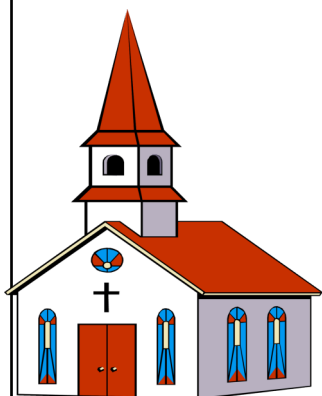
March 2021

- 7-14 **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**
Season of North American Missions
- 12-13 **WMU Annual Mtg. Simpsonville**
- 14 **Daylight Savings Time Begins**
- 16 **Newsletter Articles Deadline**

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

PRISONER PACKS
A HUGE "THANK YOU" TO ALL
CHURCHES THAT HELPED US
SURPASS OUR GOAL!!
OUR GOAL WAS 350
WE SENT 377 PACKS TO
COLUMBIA! PRAISE THE LORD

A CHALLENGE



At the quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee in November, Pastor Kevin Mims from Sandy Run Baptist challenged all churches within our association to give a one-time donation of \$750 in addition to the church's regular dues. Sandy Run and Steep Bottom have met that challenge. We ask that each church prayerfully consider this challenge. God will surely bless.

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.