

**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

A CLEAR VISION FOR A NEW ERA

Nobody noticed, but I have new glasses. How could anyone notice when I choose the same style and color for many decades? So, no compliments from anybody. Not even insincere compliments. The doctor examined my eyes and gave me a different prescription. With my new glasses I drive better. I can read the highway signs before it is too late to make that turn! I did need my vision adjusted. Thank God for clear vision.

I have been listening to and talking with pastors and church leaders from at least five counties. They are rock-solid believers in and proclaimers of God's Holy Word. They love their church members and they care about their communities. They are very concerned about those who do not know Jesus. And they know that we have entered a new era. Change is accelerating. Many leaders are saying we need a clear vision for a new era.

They are right. Individual believers need a clearer vision concerning following Jesus today. Churches need a clearer vision about what the Lord wants to do in them, with them and through them. Allendale-Hampton Baptist Association also needs a clear vision for a new era.

So leaders in our association are in a process of discussing what a clearer vision would be for us now in this new era. We are calling the process a "Vision Committee." I believe the results of this process will be more effective ministry and missions. I am grateful for each leader who has invested time, thought and prayer in this process. I am all for a clearer vision. I want it as much as anybody. Pray for us as we seek it, share it and implement it. You may also become aware of new opportunities to serve and be on mission for the Lord! New eras can have challenges. But new eras also have opportunities. We know this because the Lord is not finished with us!

Do you need your vision adjusted?

Darrell



**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
FAIRFAX FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021 @ 7:00 PM
PLEASE SHOW SUPPORT FOR THE
ASSOCIATION WITH YOUR ATTENDANCE**



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

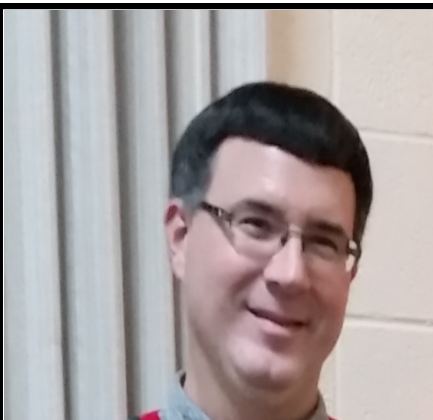
Friday – Sunday for \$300

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**

**CAMP WILL BE RE-OPENING ON MAY 1
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BOOKING
SOME TIME FOR YOUR CHURCH OR
GROUP, PLEASE GIVE US A CALL!**

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

On a recent Sunday, the WMU group at Nueva Esperanza sold taco plates in order to raise funds for missions. As we sat around after the service eating tacos, one couple spoke up to describe how much we need these times of fellowship. Across all ethnic groups, the social isolation of the past year has produced a craving for companionship. This need is especially acute within the Hispanic community. Many Spanish-speaking folks are far from their extended families, and they feel isolated from the larger community around them. In that situation, one of the things we can offer them is Christian fellowship. Over the years, several folks who have come to know the Lord at Nueva Esperanza have described the important role that the church's fellowship played in drawing them to hear the Gospel. As we begin to have more opportunities for fellowship, would you

pray with me that we would plan events wisely and execute them well in order to strengthen the bonds of Christian love within and outside our congregation? 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

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Moderator's Thoughts

We had our second AHBA Vision meeting. We had good ideas and comments. I know things are tight now but our service for our Lord is needed now more than ever. The Allendale - Hampton Association was started in 1958. The AHBA exists to assist churches to evangelize the lost, Disciple The Saints and assist in Mission Endeavors. Matthew chapter 28 verses 19 and 20 should be the template for us as a church and association. I encourage you in these hard times to rally behind our Lord and Savior to honor him in all we do. Please consider being part of the new vision for this association.

Yours in Christ,
Butch Sauls

Property Committee Report

Larry Barnes, Chairman

Lots of grounds work has been going on over the last few weeks and we appreciate everyone that has spent any time helping. We should begin replacing the siding in a week or so. If anyone would like to help just contact me, Larry Barnes at 803-842-0788. We will also need some help redoing the flower beds. And it is not too late to sign up to help with grass cutting.

Some Teams have reached out to help at Connie Maxwell Children's Home in Orangeburg. It is not too late to sign up. A list of the jobs that will need to be done is grass cutting, pruning bushes, weed eating ditches, around trees and buildings, edging sidewalks, spraying weed and grass killer in ditches, and cutting off low branches.

Church Contributions Received to Support the Association Budget

Allendale	\$ 1,200.00
Beech Branch	786.36
Bethel	1,760.00
Brunson	1,000.00
Deep Branch	300.00
Fairfax FBC	2,624.64
Furman	250.00
Great Salkehatchie	900.00
Hampton FBC	1,100.00
Harmony	1,180.00
Hickory Grove	933.45
Hopewell	1,827.79
Lawtonville	1,000.00
Lower Three Runs	612.00
Mt. Arnon	442.58
Mt. Olive	258.54
Nixville	5,394.00
Open Arms Fellowship	1,500.00
Robertville	500.00
Sand Hill	5,308.50
Sandy Run	3,087.94
Stafford	1,000.00
Steep Bottom	2,557.03
Sycamore	300.00
Varnville FBC	9,593.35
West End	1,127.78
Donation	100.00

Budget Receipts 2020-2021

Church Contributions Received To Date -
\$46,643.96

Needed to date - \$53,331.60

Budget Requirements 2020-2021 -
\$79,997.42 - 6,666.45(mth.)

Bible Trivia (Answers found on page 4)

1. What type of tree does the love-smitten woman of the Song of Solomon compare her man to?
2. What metal, used to sharpen other like metal, does Proverbs compare to friends?
3. Connect the Thots:
Amos's vision of a basket
love, joy, peace, etc.
the tree of the knowledge of
good and evil
4. What herbs did Jesus say the Pharisees tithed?
5. What part of a dead donkey did Samson use to kill one thousand enemy Philistines?

Mother's Day Annual Offering

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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. apple (Song of Solomon 2:3)
2. iron (Proverbs 27:17)
3. fruit (Amos 8:1; Galatians 5:22-23; Genesis 2:17, 3:3)
4. mint, anise, & cummin (Matthew 23:23 KJV)
5. a jawbone (Judges 15:14-16)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2021

- 3 Executive Com Mtg. 7:PM
- 4 ABC Quarterly Meeting—AHBA – In-person or Zoom 10:00 am
- 6 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
- 9 MOTHER'S DAY
- 15 Mother's Day Offering
- 15 Associational Leadership Development, Saluda River Baptist
- 17 Newsletter Articles Deadline
- 31 MEMORIAL DAY

June 2021

- 14 Flag Day
- 15 Newsletter Articles Deadline
- 20 Father's Day
- 20 Baptist Men's Emphasis
- 27 Missions Dignity Sunday
- 28 Associational WMU Team Mtg.—6pm @ AHBA Office
- 30 HEALTH KITS FOR HISPANICS DUE TO ASSOCIATION OFFICE

July

- 4 Independence Day
- 5 Independence Day Observed
- 26 - 28 Children's Camp @ Camp Jackson

GRASS MOWING SCHEDULE

The grass mowing at the AHBA has begun. If you are interested and willing, and able please send me a text, email, or phone call and signup to help. We will greatly appreciate your assistance. Thank you to the ones that have volunteered.

Connie Maxwell Children's Home - Orangeburg

Also this summer, we will be putting a team together to go to Connie Maxwell Children's Home in Orangeburg. If anyone would like to team up they can call Larry Barnes at 803-842-0788.

GRASS CUTTING SCHEDULE

MAY 8TH - BERNIE SMITH
 22ND - RANDY & TAMRA BISHOP

JUNE 5TH – DANNY PULASKI
 19TH - BUTCH SAULS

IF THESE DATES ARE NOT SUITABLE, PLEASE CONTACT PATRICIA AT THE ASSOCIATION OFFICE. THANK YOU!

Happy  Mother's Day

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