



**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



THANK YOU!

Thank you to every church and each individual who contributed to the new vinyl siding of the association office building. The exterior now has a beautiful and fresh look. Your contributions certainly exceeded our expectations!

Thank you to our Chairman of the Property Committee, Larry Barnes, for all your efforts!

A Machine on Mission

It was a different kind of mission trip. Early October I responded to the call for Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Chainsaw teams. Besides myself and a chaplain, nearly everyone else who went with us were first-timers who were trained a year earlier. Our destination was Horsham, Pennsylvania. Hurricane Ida had spawned tornadoes that caused a lot of damage.

Those guys may have been new, but they knew what it took to get much more done on a disaster relief trip: a Bobcat. I barely knew what it was, much less what it could do. It's like a small bulldozer. And with an expert operator, it was a machine on mission. I was used to carrying branches or rolling small but heavy sections of tree trunks at a rather slow pace. The Bobcat could move in minutes what it would take several of us an hour to move by hand.

Why was this machine such a big deal? It was because our mission was actually people, not downed trees. We went to Pennsylvania to share the love of Christ and to relate to people. Without a Bobcat, we may have encountered five or so families. Instead we were able to help nearly a dozen families, each time seeking to be a witness.

With the other disaster relief teams also working in the Horsham area over a period of weeks, a total of twelve persons prayed to receive Jesus!

I am reminded that the mission for every believer is always people. Machines and other things can be useful tools, but people reach people. Let's be faithful to the mission that Jesus has given us.

Darrell



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.

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

Have you heard of the Day of the Dead, or *el Día de los Muertos*? It's a traditional celebration in Mexico which coincides with All Saints Day on the Christian calendar. The Mexican celebration is a blend of Aztec customs, such as building altars for the dead and putting out food for them, with the Christian remembrance of the souls who have passed on. It serves as an illustration of the blending of pre-Hispanic and pre-Columbian customs with Christian traditions. October 31st, the day previous to the Day of the Dead, is another celebration. It is Reformation Day, the day we remember Martin Luther's nailing of his Ninety-Five Theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg. The Reformation was a call to return to the Scriptures as the church's guide. Although cultural customs may be interesting and have value as reflections of human desires and aspirations, it is the Scriptures that must guide our beliefs and practices. Would you join me in praying that many more would come to know the Christ who has conquered death and follow him as he is known through the Scriptures?

Submitted by Tony Hancock, Director of Hispanic Missions
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MODERATOR'S THOUGHTS
"Which Direction Should One Turn?"
 By REV. Dr. Tommy Kelly

When one comes to a stop at a crossroad, they must make a decision of what direction to follow. Some may turn to the left. In many Protestant denominations, a left turn to a more liberal, secular humanistic approach to ministry and Biblical interpretation has resulted in declining church membership and an elevated view of humans. This results in a diminishing holiness of God and Biblical authority.

If one turns to the right, this is a representation of a legalistic, extremely fundamental point of view. Such a view may result in one inserting one's own bias into a Biblical interpretation. For example, a male may interpret I Corinthians 11:14 as a reason to have one's hair cut over his ears. Yet, short hair in the Biblical era was shoulder length for a male.

In some instances, the traveler may turn around and travel back to their original starting point. However, nostalgia is a characteristic of a plateau or declining church. When a church focuses upon a former minister or a previously successful era, they shift their focus away from following God's direction to an earthly fantasy that will never happen. Yet, most declining or plateauing churches are unfortunately caught up in nostalgia.

If one proceeds straight, they will have a future destination as an ultimate goal. Jesus stated in Luke 9:62, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God" (RSV). Therefore to be the Christians God intends, one must focus directly upon God's direction. To look backwards or to the right or the left would be in direct opposition to God's intended plan.

CHRISTMAS PRISONER PACKETS

**THESE PACKETS NEED TO BE DELIVERED TO THE AHBA
 ASSOCIATION OFFICE NO LATER THAN
 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021.**

"A care package ministers to the spirit of a man or woman in prison. Many inmates have no one in the free world. You may be the only person or group who displays any concern or regard for such an individual all year long...in doing a care package ministry, you tell people that you care, and that gives hope." **THIS IS NOT A CHRISTMAS GIFT! IT IS A MINISTRY GIFT!** Our Bible tells us that we are to minister to those in prison.

ITEMS NEEDED IN EACH PACKET:

- ONE black non-retractable pen (no wire clips, no other color ink)
- ONE writing tablet no larger than 5 1/2" x 8" (no wire bound books, or composition books)
- ONE adult toothbrush (individually factory-sealed, no multi-packs)
- ONE 4 oz to 6oz toothpaste (no travel size)
- TWO rolls of hard candy like LifeSavers, Mentos, Breath Savers (NO Smarties, Sweetarts, Necco Wafers, Rolos, Starburst, TicTacs)
- THREE first-class #10 STAMP-EMBOSSSED ENVELOPES (from US Post Office NO regular stamps, no other size envelope)
- ONE gallon size zipper bag (no other size bags accepted)
- ALL ITEMS MUST FIT IN THE ZIPPER BAG WITH ZIPPER CLOSED SECURELY
- DO NOT INCLUDE: washcloths, toothbrush holders, floss, combs.

**Church Contributions Received to
 Support the Association Budget**
 End of the Year (2020-2021) Total Receipts
 72,528.25 - Amount Needed \$79,997.42
New Budget Year (2021-2022)

Allendale	\$
Beech Branch	105.90
Bethel	
Brunson	250.00
Deep Branch	
Fairfax FBC	656.16
Furman	
Great Salkehatchie	
Hampton FBC	
Harmony	223.00
Hickory Grove	776.68
Hopewell	479.61
Lawtonville	
Lower Three Runs	150.00
Mt. Arnon	117.44
Mt. Olive	119.45
Nixville	1,813.00
Open Arms Fellowship	300.00
Robertville	
Sand Hill	1,775.75
Sandy Run	571.21
Stafford	
Steep Bottom	439.10
Sycamore	
Varnville FBC	2,268.00
West End	326.46
Donation	

Budget Receipts 2021-2022
Church Contributions Received To Date -
\$10,371.76
Needed to date - \$6,666.41
Budget Requirements 2021-2022 -
\$79,996.92 - 6,666.41 (mth.)

*I will praise
 the name
 of God
 with a song,
 and will
 magnify him with*

THANKSGIVING

Psalms 69:30



*Thank you for your
 contributions to the
 association!*

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Office Hours -Tuesday 1/2 day: Hours Vary

Wednesday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm; Thursday: 9:00 am-3:00 pm

**QUARTERLY EXECUTIVE BOARD
 MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY,
 NOVEMBER 1, 2021 AT
 FAIRFAX FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT
 7:00 PM.**

WE THANK YOU FOR SERVING AS
 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS!

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 re-
 moved from our mailing

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

- Shoebox Ministry/Prisoner Packets
- Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer TBA
- 1 Executive Committee Mtg. 7pm
- 1 Church Profile due to AHBA
- 2 Election Day
- 7 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 7 Hickory Grove Homecoming—Rev. R.P. Hodge will deliver the message and they will have special music. Everyone is invited.
- 7 Great Salkehatchie Homecoming
- 8-9 SCBC Annual Mtg.—Columbia
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 14 Bethel Baptist Homecoming
- 14 Sycamore Baptist Homecoming
- 14 Mount Arnon Homecoming
- 14-20 Shoebox Collection Week
- 17 Newsletter Articles Deadline
- 18 PRISONER PACKS DUE TO AHBA
- 22-26 Office Closed –Thanksgiving Holidays
- 25 Thanksgiving
- 28—Dec.5 Season of IM (study, prayer, offering)
- 30 IMB Mission Study—AHBA 6:30
- Bring Cookies for cookie exchange

December

- Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 7 Hispanic Christmas Outreach Program
- 16 Newsletter Articles Deadline
- 22-Jan3 Office Closed for Christmas
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 New Years Eve
- 1/1 New Years Day

**HISPANIC CHRISTMAS OUTREACH
 PROGRAM TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7,
 2021 @ 6:00 PM @ Allendale First Bapt.
 MORE INFORMATION TO COME.**



First Baptist Church of Varnville

recently donated several boxes of
 new coats and blankets to
 Appalachian Outreach in Jefferson
 City, Tennessee. This donation
 helped start off the area's annual
 winter coat drive for a number of
 counties in Eastern Tennessee.

Hickory Grove Baptist Church made a contribution of \$303.00 to
 the Brunson Elementary School to buy needed supplies. The
 contribution was generated during revival. Thank you to
 All who contributed for Gods Blessings to the children .

