

Carolina Baptist Association

November 2025 Newsletter



CAROLINA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

LIFTING HIGH THE CROSS OF CHRIST TOGETHER

From the DOM

My bride and I have been blessed with the privilege of staying a few days in Billy & Ruth Graham's Cottage in Montreat, NC. Just the anticipation over the last few months as this time was approaching was somewhat overwhelming. Sure enough, when we walked in the door we knew that we had arrived at a haven of peace and rest. The home was built in the early 1900's and occupied by Billy & Ruth Graham until 1957. It's where they raised their 5 children. We were greeted by dozens of their books, lots of family photos and a very humble abode. The truest evidence of that was when we walked into the kitchen and saw a small 20" "apartment size" electric range. And the entire house repeats that simple, humble, quaint atmosphere. Dr Graham's study upstairs still feels as though he had studied here recently. Pastors and wives, you too can enjoy this "free" retreat. Go online to BillysHomePlace.org and make an application. You will be refreshed.

I'd like to give a HUGE praise to God and thanks to our associational youth ministry team. The recent Youth Rally was tremendous! 300+ in attendance, great fun, awesome worship led by the Jamestown Baptist Youth, and a clear gospel message by SC Baptist Assoc. Exec Director Lee Clamp. Kids were SAVED and CALLED to Vocational Ministry! 🙌🙌 Thank You Jesus!! It was a great evening of Ministry!!!

Now to the HIGHLIGHT of our Association. Our CBA Annual Meeting was just completely fabulous and on point! We had right at 100 in attendance with 12 pastors and 17 churches represented. I'm told that that far exceeds any CBA meeting in years. WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER! Our Theme was Gospel Passion & Partnership. We heard from nearly a dozen ministry partners from all across Horry County and beyond. Good News Club, Meals on Wheels, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Impact, Coastline, Lifeline Women's Center, Christian Adoption, Coastal Bible, Jesus Loves You Project and a few others ALL challenged us with opportunities to PARTNER with them and join in the great harvest of souls that many of them are experiencing. Most every one of them were begging for "the Church" to come join them so these new converts could be brought into a local church.

We also received reports from many of our associational teams with stories of wonderful ministry that's taken place all year long. We adopted our 25-26 budget and rejoiced that this current year's income already exceeds next year's budget! Thank you churches for your faithful giving.

We were also blessed with a number of our SC Baptist Convention staff with us. Nathan McCarthy, President and CEO of our Baptist Foundation, brought us encouraging news regarding investment and lending opportunities. James Nugent, from our Church Strengthening Team, challenged us with a message reminding us of our mandate to be Salt & Light.

And then we were also blessed, ministered to, and led in worship by Russell & Kristi Praise Ministry and a powerful message from Evangelist Ron Lynch.

THANKS to all who were in attendance and to Lawndale Baptist for hosting us and feeding us well!!!! I trust we were challenged and changed because of our gathering TOGETHER!!

There is a lot coming in this new year in the life of the CBA. LET'S GO!!!

I am honored to be Your DOM,
Mark George

Annual Church Report

The SC Baptist Convention is requesting each of our churches to complete the ACP (Annual Church Profile) ASAP. However, we have until the end of the year to get the ACP complete. Last year our association only had 15% of our churches participate. This year we'd like to see that number grow to at least 35%. The ACP is now completely ONLINE at <https://sbcworkspace.com/account/login>. If you don't know what the ACP is, need your login information, or some other assistance, please contact scott@carolinabaptistsc.com. Thank you!

Save the Date

- Sunday, December 7, 2025 - CBA CAROL SING
- Tuesday, January 20, 2026 - CBA Executive Meal & Meeting at Berea Baptist. Dinner at 6 with the meeting to follow
- Tuesday, February 10, 2026 - Constitution & ByLaws Workshop
- Saturday, April 11, 2026 - Deacon Training led by Dr Tony Wolfe our SC Baptist Exec Director
- October 2-11, 2026 - CBA Wide Simultaneous REVIVALS

For more details on all these forthcoming gatherings call Mark George.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for our churches seeking a Pastor: Bayboro, Mt. Vernon, Mt. Zion, Oakey Swamp, Pleasant Grove, Sharon, and Springfield.
- Pray for our DOM, pastors, and churches, and church leaders as we work TOGETHER to fulfill the Great Commission.
- Pray for increasing obedience, holiness, and bold witness empowered by the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for awakening in our churches.

“We can convert our unceasing thinking into unceasing prayer by making our inner monologue into a continuing dialogue with our God, who is the source of all love.”

- Henri Nouwen



Homecoming
**CHERRY HILL
BAPTIST CHURCH**

NOVEMBER 2, 2025

10 am with the Royal Decedents singing
Brother Jeff Blanton guest preacher
Dedication of our remodeled fellowship hall
Dinner after the service





Please Join Us For

HOMECOMING

Celebrating 105 Years

Live Oak Baptist Church

1080 Live Oak Church Road - Loris, SC 29569

November 2, 2025 10:00 am

Special Singing -Sonny Clardy

Guest Speaker - Rev. Roger Chestnut

Lunch following the Morning Message

Church News

Live Oak

November:

2nd: Homecoming. Our speaker is Rev. Roger Chestnut, former pastor; singing by Sonny Clarady. Come join us in worship and fellowship. Lunch will be served.

5th: Our annual Operation Christmas Child shoebox drive. 7 PM in fellowship hall.

9th: Veteran's day service. AM services.

18th: Ladies Bible Study @ 6:30 PM

25th: Thanksgiving Service @ 7 PM. A special time for everyone to give a testimony of their blessings.

30th: Youth Services. Our youth conduct Sunday services and they do a great job. Thank you to all our youth.

30th: Hanging of the greens @ 6 PM. Adorning our church for Jesus' birthday.

Macedonia Baptist Church

Harvest Day Celebration- Sunday, November 9th, 2025

Special Singing with Glory Bound Quartet

There will be a meal to follow the service.

We invite everyone to join us!

Mt. Leon Baptist Church

Special Events:

Annual Turkey Shoot

November 7 & 8 and 14 & 15

We will have a concession stand

Golf Tournament

Saturday, November 22

Registration at 8am followed by a 9am shotgun start

Sunday:

Sunday School - 9:45-10:45 AM

Call to Worship - 10:45 AM

Sunday Evening - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: Prayer Meeting @ 7:00 PM

Weekly Schedule:

Monday - Men's Meeting @ 7:00 PM

Tuesday - Ladies Meeting @ 7:00 PM

Thursday - Round Table Bible Study @ 7 PM on the Book of Revelation

All meetings are held in the Fellowship Hall

2nd Thursday Rocking Seniors

10-12 PM - Time for devotional, fun, games, and lunch provided

New Home

Sunday, November 23 @ 6 PM - Thanksgiving Praise Service & Pie Fellowship

Oakey Swamp

November 9 - Veterans Day Service

November 11 - WMU/Brotherhood - join us for food and fellowship with one another!

Help Wanted!

Camp La Vida is hiring! We are asking you to help us identify qualified young women in your church and association to serve at Camp La Vida over Summer 2026. For more information please go to camplavida.org/staff.



Do you have a high school senior or college student you think would be a good candidate for SummerSalt/KidSalt staff? Have them apply by going to summersalt.org!

From October 1 to December 1, SummerSalt/KidSalt online applications will be available for qualified young people to apply. This process includes completing the online application, providing three references (pastoral, personal, and professional), and participating in a 45-minute interview with our senior leadership team between December and January.

SummerSalt/KidSalt staff members earn \$245 a week, and interns receive \$185 a week during the summer. Their lodging and most of their meals are covered too! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Bryant Laird at bryantlaird@scbaptist.org.

HOSTED BY:
SANDY PLAIN BAPTIST CHUCH
6824 SWAMP FOX HWY. E.
TABOR CITY, NC 28463

SOUTHEASTERN BIBLE CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 2ND - 6TH

REFRESHMENTS:
6:00 P.M. NIGHTLY

SERVICES:
7:00 P.M. NIGHTLY



SUNDAY
SONG SERVICE BY:
THE WILLING HEARTS



MONDAY
REV. TOMMY BATTEN
CAMP BRANCH
BAPTIST CHURCH



TUESDAY
REV. JEFF STOCKS
CEDAR GROVE
BAPTIST CHURCH



WEDNESDAY
REV. JOHN ROBBERSON
PALMYRA
BAPTIST CHURCH



THURSDAY
REV. DYLAN POWELL
GLOBAL BAPTIST
CHURCH

WMU CONFERENCE

Save the Date!

- Christ-centered
- Good food
- Sweet fellowship
- Worshipful music
- Challenging and encouraging teaching

**FREE
ENTRY!**



MARCH 10, 2026

DINNER AT 6:00 PM

PROGRAM AT 7:00 PM

PLEASANT UNION BAPTIST CHURCH
2940 MINNICK RD, AYNOR, SC 29511

SINGER
ADDIE NORRIS

GUEST SPEAKER
MELISSA NOBLES



For more information please contact Sandy Jenkins at
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Coats for the City is a powerful evangelistic outreach in partnership with the **North Carolina and South Carolina Baptist Conventions** along with the **Metropolitan New York Baptist Association**, happening **December 5–6, 2025**, in New York City. Each year, Coats for the City brings together churches to distribute thousands of new and gently used warm winter coats across the city – not just meeting physical needs, but opening doors for **sharing the hope of the gospel** with those who need it most.

For more information about making coat donations or to volunteer for the trip, go to <https://ncbaptist.org/ministries/coats-for-the-city/>. You can also contact Tim Rice at timrice@scbaptist.org.



I want to share with you about a resource I think is fantastic for kids—it's called Mission Kid. Mission Kid is a 5-session curriculum that Captivates kids with short, age-appropriate videos to connect them with the needs of orphaned and vulnerable children around the world. It's never too early to start connecting children with God's heart for the fatherless, and this is a great toolkit with prepared materials. It's always free to access at <https://lifelinechild.org/mission-kid/>.

Is your family ready to do more? We are always looking for faith-filled families who are willing to open their homes to children and youth in vulnerable situations—from just around the corner or around the globe. There are so many children in need of families, and if God has placed adoption on your heart, we'd love to talk more! You can reach out to us or find out more at <https://lifelinechild.org/adoption/>.

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