



## **CAROLINA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**LIFTING HIGH THE CROSS OF CHRIST TOGETHER**

### **From the DOM**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! I believe we are in for a Great Year in the Carolina Baptist Association! 2025 has been a good year! We're seeing an association come back to life! Great connections are being made. Churches are being helped. Our youth events were well attended. Our annual meeting went very well. Pastorless churches are being trained to search for their next pastors. And even the giving to the association is on an upswing. THANKS!! God's at work in the CBA, BUT the work is GREAT! As the population in our county continues to boom, we've got WORK to do! Let's make 2026 a record-breaking year in reaching people, seeing folks saved and baptized, and in strengthening our churches, especially those that have seen some times of struggle.

We have several opportunities coming in the near future. You can see more details in this newsletter about our:

- **Palmetto Family Council Free Lunch on January 5**
- **Quarterly Meeting on January 20**
- **Bylaws & Constitution Workshop on February 10**
- **Brotherhood Rally on February 17**
- **WMU Conference on March 11**
- **Deacon Training on April 11**

PLEASE make all your folks aware of these events, encourage their participation, and keep these gatherings in your prayers.

Regarding our Quarterly Board Meeting, please note that we voted to move our board meetings out into our churches. This will afford us the opportunity to visit some of our churches and provide a better venue for some good fellowship around the dinner tables beginning at 6 pm. We will then enter our meeting at 7 pm. Each quarter, we will have a guest speaker. Our January meeting includes a presentation from Benji Hutson, who serves part-time with our SC Baptist State Convention, about the opportunities and resources available to us to Strengthen our Churches and how to partner with some of our smaller, struggling churches. We will meet on **Jan. 20th at Berea Baptist: Dinner at 6, Meeting at 7.**

I believe the highlight of our 2026 year will be our **Simultaneous Revivals on Oct. 2-11.** PLEASE get with me regarding your church's participation, dates, preacher, etc... Much more information will be forthcoming as we begin making preparations for these meetings.

Have I told you recently how much I appreciate the privilege of serving alongside you as YOUR Director of Missions? I DO! I believe that God has used my entire ministry journey to prepare me for THESE DAYS. And having my open heart surgery back in July, my surgeon said she thought she got me 20 more years. Should the Lord tarry in His calling all of us home, I'm believing that He's got His hand on us for some great and productive days of ministry TOGETHER.

Blessings,  
Pastor Mark

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“Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.” - Philippians 1:27

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## Save the Date

- Tuesday, January 5 - Pastors' Lunch provided by Palmetto Family Council at El Cerio in Conway at 11:30 AM.
- Sunday, January 18 - Sanctity of Life Sunday
- **Tuesday, January 20 - CBA Quarterly Executive Committee Meeting hosted at BEREABAPTIST. Dinner at 6 PM and Meeting at 7 PM. Pastor Benji Hutson will speak on “Strengthening Churches.”**

(NOTE THE NEW VENUE - all of our Quarterly Meetings in 2026 will be hosted in one of our churches with a meal, fellowship, and a guest speaker). Please make every effort to be present and BRING FOLKS with you.

- Tuesday, February 10 from Noon-3 PM **OR** 6-8:30 PM (Repeat) - Bylaws & Constitution Workshop at the CBA Office led by Steve Rohrlack from the SC Baptist Convention. A meal will be provided at both meetings. RSVP by Thursday, February 5 to Mark at [mark@carolinabaptistsc.com](mailto:mark@carolinabaptistsc.com).
- Monday-Thursday, February 16-19 - PASTOR'S RETREAT at the Retreat at Church Creek on John's Island, SC. NO CHARGE! Contact Mark for information and registration. Limited to 15 pastors.
- Tuesday, February 17 - Brotherhood Conference at Pleasant Union Baptist Church. A meal and fellowship will be 6-7 PM. At 7 PM the service begins with special singing by the Willing Hearts and a message by Preacher Benji Hutson.
- Thursday, February 26 - SC Baptist IMPACT Gathering at Shandon Baptist in Columbia, SC. Registration required. Contact CBA office for details or go to [impact.scbaptist.org](http://impact.scbaptist.org)
- Tuesday, March 10 - WMU Conference at Pleasant Union Baptist Church. Dinner is at 6 PM and the program begins at 7 PM. Addie Norris will provide special music followed by speaker Melissa Nobles. For more information, please contact Sandy Jenkins at [blessedjenkins@sccoast.net](mailto:blessedjenkins@sccoast.net) or 843-742-3598.
- Saturday, April 11 from 8 AM-noon. Deacon Training led by our SC Baptist State Executive Director, Tony Wolfe. Location to be determined.
- October 2-11, 2026 - CBA Wide Simultaneous REVIVALS

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

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## Prayer Requests

- Pray for our churches seeking a Pastor: Bayboro, Lawndale, Mt. Vernon, Mt. Zion (Interim Pastor - Chip Hannah), Oakey Swamp (Interim Pastor - Lebron Crisp), Pleasant Grove (Interim Pastor - Chris Faircloth), Sharon, and Springfield (Interim Pastor - Travis Helton).
- Pray for an AWESOME year in our association and churches as we work together to seek the lost and disciple the saved!
- Pray that upcoming events would be a blessing and well-attended.



# CHURCH AMBASSADOR NETWORK OF SOUTH CAROLINA

AN INITIATIVE OF PALMETTO FAMILY COUNCIL

Palmetto Family Council, the voice for biblical values in South Carolina, is excited to announce the creation of the ***Church Ambassador Network***. We want to develop a thriving partnership between government and church leaders to bless the people of our state. We believe pastors can have a transformational, gospel-centered impact on state government. God created the church and government. There are problems the church is uniquely equipped to handle that the government can't, and the government can do things the church can't. When both work together according to God's design, the result is a blessing for all the people of our state. The Church Ambassador Network exists to bring the shepherds of government and the shepherds of the church together to solve problems neither can fix alone. We will minister to our government leaders as people, as shepherds, and as partners locally, relationally, theologically, and practically. We are part of a nation-wide network in 21 states bringing the gospel to bear on the great issues affecting the building block of society, the family. We are Christ-centered, non-partisan and evangelical. You can learn more at this link [CAN](#). We would like to share more about this visionary new initiative at a free luncheon with evangelical pastors in your area. Would you join us for lunch on **Monday, January 5 at 11:30 AM at El Cerro Mexican Restaurant at 101 Rivertown Boulevard, Conway**? Please respond by email to Al Phillips at [al@PalmettoFamily.org](mailto:al@PalmettoFamily.org).

Till All May Know,

Al Phillips

Church Ambassador Network

[WWW.PalmettoFamily.Org](http://WWW.PalmettoFamily.Org)

Our Vision – A South Carolina where God is honored, religious freedom is preserved, families thrive, and life is cherished.

*In Concert*  
*Friday, January 9, 2026*  
*7:00 PM*  
*Berea Baptist Church*  
*4287 Joyner Swamp Rd*  
*Galivants Ferry, SC 29544*

*The Inspirations*

[TheInspirationsQuartet.com](http://TheInspirationsQuartet.com)



Come and join us for the  
Carolina Baptist Association

## **QUARTERLY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**JANUARY 20, 2026**

Dinner at 6 PM and Meeting at 7 PM.  
Pastor Benji Hutson will speak on  
“Strengthening Churches.”

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Hosted by Berea Baptist Church

4287 Joyner Swamp Rd  
Galivants Ferry, SC 29544



# BYLAWS & CONSTITUTION WORKSHOP

**FREE!**

**FEBRUARY 10, 2025**

**TWO REPEAT SESSIONS:**

**\* NOON - 3 PM      \* 6:00 - 8:30 PM**



**CBA  
OFFICE**

**LED BY STEVE ROHRLACK  
SC BAPTIST CONV.**

**FOR MORE INFO CONTACT  
MARK@CAROLINABAPTISTSC.COM**

# BROTHERHOOD

## Conference



Guest speaker

**BENJI  
HUTSON**



Pleasant Union Baptist Church  
2940 Minnick Rd  
Aynor, SC 29511

**FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

**6-7 PM** - Food & Fellowship

**7 PM** - Special singing by the Willing  
Hearts and a message by  
Pastor Benji Hutson.



# 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  
[blessedjenkins@sccoast.net](mailto:blessedjenkins@sccoast.net) or (843) 742-3598

# DEACON TRAINING



Saturday  
April 11  
8:00 AM - Noon

SAVE THE DATE!  
Location TBD

SPEAKER

**DR. TONY WOLFE**

Executive Director,  
SC Baptist State Convention



Sponsored by the Carolina Baptist Association

## 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](http://camplavida.org/staff).



## IMPACT 2026

Thursday, February 19, 2026

Shandon Baptist Church • Columbia, SC

Join us for a powerful day of equipping and inspiration at **IMPACT 2026**, a one-day event designed to help church leaders identify those called to ministry, break new ground in disciple-making, shape congregations with purpose, and work diligently in advancing God's Kingdom.

We're excited to welcome **Dr. Jamie Dew** (New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary) and **Dr. Hershael W. York** (The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary) as our featured speakers, with worship led by **Criston Moore** from **The Grove Community Church** in California.

**AMS Leaders:** Register FREE with code **IMPACTAMS** — or bring a group of 10+, and your registration as the group leader will automatically be free.

For more information or to register please go to [impact.scbaptist.org](http://impact.scbaptist.org).



# SHEPHERD

## RESTORE

**February 26 - 28, 2026**

**Sonesta Resort, Hilton Head**

**\$299/couple**

Pastoring is a sacred calling, yet it is often challenging. When God called you, he called you to the front line of a spiritual war. Unfortunately, too many ministry couples become casualties of the war. Come be encouraged and strengthened to continue in the fight to advance the Gospel. We are excited to have Dr. Chuck Lawless, Dean of Doctoral Studies and Vice-President of Spiritual Formation and Ministry Centers at Southeastern Seminary, lead a time of encouragement as he challenges couples to keep growing in their love for Christ and each other as they continue fulfilling God's call on their lives. We hope you will return to your church restored and ready to serve the Lord and his people.

***\*This retreat is for Senior Pastors and their wives.***

For more information or to register please go to [www.scbaptist.org/events/restore/](http://www.scbaptist.org/events/restore/)



# BCMGO 2026

## **BCMGO 2026 applications are live!**

If you know of an 18-24 year old student or SCBaptist church member who is looking to spend their summer on mission, we'd love to hear from them. Visit our website to learn about the opportunities and to apply. BCMGO offers both short-term and full summer mission opportunities in both domestic and international locations.

For more information please visit [www.scbaptist.org/bcmgo](http://www.scbaptist.org/bcmgo).

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## **Church News**

### **Mt. Leon Baptist Church**

#### **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 from 10-12 PM - Time for devotional, fun, games, and lunch is provided.

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