

Carolina Baptist Association

September 2025 Newsletter



CAROLINA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

LIFTING HIGH THE CROSS OF CHRIST TOGETHER

From the DOM

Schools are back in session. Summer is soon behind us, and Fall is right around the corner. What does all this mean?? LOTS!

- Fall means "Revivals". Let us know your revival plans!
- Start of a new church year! New leadership, new visions, new mission opportunities. New, New, New. Isaiah 43:19
- Some new pastors: Lebron Crisp has been called as Interim at Oakey Swamp. Chip Hannah has been called as Interim at Mt. Zion. I am SO glad that churches are seeing the value in having an Interim Pastor instead of simply doing a "preacher parade" week by week. If your church is seeking a pastor, I'd be honored to assist your search committee in that process by offering training and assistance throughout the journey.
- The Community Block Party is set for Sat. Sept. 13th at Red Bluff Cross Roads 3-6pm
- CBA Youth Rally is set for Sat. Oct. 18th. More info forthcoming soon.

- CBA ANNUAL MEETING: "PASSION & PARTNERSHIP" is set for SUNDAY, Oct. 26th at Lawndale. Registration and Worship led by Russell & Kristi begins at 3pm.
 - Session 1: 3:30-5:30, which will include reports, business, ministry partners' presentations, and an address from James Nugent from our SC Baptist Convention.
 - Dinner served 5:30-6:15
 - Session 2: 6:15-7:30 will be filled with Worship led by Russell & Kristi, a Season of Prayer for our Association and Revival, followed by a timely message from Evangelist Ron Lynch.

YOU REALLY DON'T WANT TO MISS our Annual Meeting. I'm trusting it to be one of the best and attendance to break all records! MOST pastors have agreed to turn out their evening service in order that their folks come be a part of Who we are as Partners in The Gospel. Let's pack out Lawndale Baptist and CELEBRATE who we are as Carolina Baptist Association.

One final word: Also what comes with a new church year is a new budget. I'm asking you and challenging you to include and/or increase your investment in our partnership as an association of churches. I believe there is 'new value' in the CBA as we see God moving in our midst. Many of our churches do support the CBA on a monthly basis either with a percentage of their undesignated offerings (3% used to be that 'standard') or with a set amount monthly. WHY? Because we are Better Together. We can do more Together. Our Local Mission Impact, our Cooperative Strength, the Encouragement and Accountability that comes in fellowship and pastoral care, and most importantly the Biblical Model given the early church in Acts 13-15 & Phil. 4. The early church practiced partnership in the Gospel - churches working together to send, support, and sustain mission efforts. YOUR local association continues this model today by promoting unity & cooperation. Focusing on opportunities for community engagement, meeting needs and addressing spiritual opportunities. Giving to YOUR local association is Kingdom work closest to home. WE NEED EACH OTHER. The work is Great. The influx of people continues to flood in. We've got Work to Do and we can only do it if we do it TOGETHER... with Passion and in Partnership.

I am Your Director of Missions (and loving serving alongside you FOR the Kingdom!)

Mark George

NC Mission Trip Report

This summer, the Carolina Baptist Association team embarked on a mission trip to North Carolina to do Disaster Relief at the Rebuild Center in Spruce Pine, NC. The area had been devastated by Hurricane Helene on September 27, 2024, leaving destruction and loss in Asheville, Spruce Pine, Chimney Rock, Lake Lure, Burnsville, and many surrounding

communities. Guided by faith and a desire to serve, our team arrived ready to help wherever we were needed.

From the very first day, everyone jumped in with energy and purpose. The ladies worked alongside Ms. Linda and Ms. Shelley—painting, preparing showers, organizing supplies, and handling many small but important tasks that made a big difference for the local team. The men focused on finishing a new deck for a pastor, learning new skills and forming strong bonds with other volunteers.

One unforgettable moment happened while the team was working at a campground that had flooded the previous September. Eight men, sensing God's leading, carried 300 feet of maritime rope and used it to rescue forty people trapped on RVs and other dangerous spots during the storm. Even though they had known rain was coming, they could not have anticipated the lives they would save. This was a true example of divine intervention and God's perfect timing.

Each day brought new opportunities to serve. The ladies spent time trimming and cleaning the yard for a gracious woman in her 90s, making sure everything was neat and bagged. The men continued work at the campground, partnering with other groups and building meaningful relationships. Later, the ladies joined them so the entire team could work side by side—a time that was both productive and uplifting.

In between the hard work, the team also enjoyed moments of fellowship and fun. Meals were a joy, filled with great food and laughter, and the opportunity to meet other volunteers from different groups made the experience even richer. These moments of connection, shared stories, and lighthearted fun helped everyone recharge and strengthened the sense of community on the trip.

Another highlight was building a wheelchair ramp for a gentleman on hospice, giving him safe access in and out of his home. The women learned to use drills and tools while the men patiently guided and encouraged them. The joy on the family's faces and the prayers shared made every moment worthwhile. Even when a day ended early, the team sought out more ways to serve—building a small back porch for a woman in need.

During downtime, we gathered to share experiences from each day and reflect on how the trip had changed our perspectives. Life can change in a moment, and hearing everyone's stories reminded us of God's presence in every step we take. These moments, full of laughter, reflection, and encouragement, will stay with us forever.

Throughout the week, we were blessed by powerful testimonies. Ms. Linda shared how God had brought her through challenges stronger than ever, and Chris testified to overcoming a

30-year habit through God's power. These moments reminded everyone that while we were rebuilding homes, God was also rebuilding hearts and lives—including our own.

This mission trip was more than a week of physical labor—it was a week of spiritual renewal, divine appointments, fellowship, and seeing God at work in ways beyond our understanding. We returned home tired in body but full of faith, gratitude, and joy, knowing we had been part of something far greater than ourselves.

We would like to extend our deepest thanks to everyone who supported this mission trip. If you prayed for us, donated, or gave financially to make this possible—thank you, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your support not only helped rebuild homes, but it also allowed us to share the love of Christ and witness His power in amazing ways.

In Christ,
CBA Mission Team

Prayer Requests

- Pray for our churches seeking a Pastor: Bayboro, Pleasant Grove, Oakey Swamp, Mt. Zion, Springfield, and Oak Dale (interim Michael Lee).
- Pray for our DOM, Mark George, as he continues to recover from quadruple bypass surgery. Praise the Lord that Mark has started spending some time in the CBA office and is getting more active everyday!
- Pray for our DOM, pastors, and church leaders as we work TOGETHER to fulfill the Great Commission.
- Pray for our youth and children as they have started a new school year. Pray for our kids and school staff each day as they face many challenges in our schools. Pray that more of our youth will hear the good news of Jesus and be saved.

*"Prayerlessness is my declaration of
independence from God."*

- Daniel Henderson



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WITH GAMES, FOOD, CHRISTIAN
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GOSPEL PRESENTATION & MORE



**Saturday, September 13, 2025
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

7160 Hwy 905, Conway, SC 29526
Time: 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM



FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL BRENDA AT 843-340-8922

CBA/SC Baptist Foundation Lunch Meeting

Wednesday, September 17 from Noon - 2 PM at Dale's Seafood

We've invited the SC Baptist Foundation to come share with us all the ways they can help serve us and our churches. They are providing a free LUNCH MEETING on Wednesday, Sept 17th from Noon to 2 at Dale's Seafood in Tabor City. **Please RSVP to Mark at Mark@CarolinaBaptistSC.com or at 843-957-4719.** You're welcome to bring a key leader or two with you. A number of our churches are benefiting from their services and many individuals (including Jackie and me) are extremely appreciative of the fine services they provide for us personally.

Here's a snapshot of the services they provide:

- **Investments tailored for churches** – we work with churches to help them think about the purposes of the excess (or earmarked, cemetery, scholarship...) funds God has entrusted to them and develop a strategy for investment. Our investment offerings are tailored for churches and we have investment options for short-term investing (such as building funds) and long-term investing (cemetery or contingency funds). In many cases, such as a cemetery fund, we help churches develop a strategy to produce annual income for future needs. We also offer CD-type instruments for churches that are more conservative in their investment mindsets.
- **Lending** – we offer lending services for SC Southern Baptist churches. Our lending ministry is truly a ministry and we spend a lot of time consulting with churches, regardless of whether they use us as their lender. We like to work with committees as early as possible so that they can understand what they can reasonably afford. (It's always good to know what you can afford before talking to the architect.)
- **Capital Campaigns** – through our campaign services, we can help churches with a customized strategy for raising funds.
- **Generosity** – we provide "legacy" talks to help church members consider ways to give to their churches both today and tomorrow. As you are aware, we provide estate planning services to help families with their personal planning for their loved ones and the Lord's work.

Our services are shared through a biblical lens. Our goal is to help God's people understand how God has provided resources so that Kingdom work can be advanced. When we follow His vision and are faithful with His resources, He gets the glory.

For more information you can visit the Foundation website at mybfsc.org.

We look forward to having you join us. Let Mark know if you have any questions.

Church News

Live Oak Baptist Church

September 7 - Grandparents Day

September 16 - Ladies Bible Study @ 6:30 PM

September 21-24 - Revival with Rev. Sam Moore with special singing each night. Everyone is cordially invited to come worship with us.

So thankful that one of our young children, Adalyn Harrelson, accepted Jesus as her Savior!

Macedonia Baptist Church

Welcome new member Mr. Gary Smith.

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

Mt Zion Baptist Church

We have called Reverend Chip Hannah as Interim Pastor

Joint Revival with Dogwood Hill from Sunday, Sept 7 thru Wednesday, Sept 10 (all services at Mt. Zion)

Sunday Night, Sept 7 (6 PM)– Rev. Kyle Powell
Monday Night, Sept 8 (7 PM)– Rev. Will Renfrow
Tuesday Night, Sept 9 (7 PM) – Rev. Benji Hutson
Wednesday Night, Sept 10 (7 PM) – Rev. Dylan Powell

Harvest Day Sunday - Sept 28
Guest Speaker – Rev. David Watts
Special Singing – Unity Quartet
Lunch and fellowship following service

Pleasant Union Baptist Church

Revival - October 5-8

Rivertown Boys - October 19 @ 6pm

Everyone welcome!

United Missionary Baptist Church

Revival @ United Missionary, 6920 Hwy 90, Longs, SC 29568

October 5th @ 6:00 pm - Rusty Brown
October 6th @ 7:00 pm - Billy Roy Carol
October 7th @ 7:00 pm - John Holmes
October 8th @ 7:00 pm - J. T . Adams

There is also special singing each night!

Homecoming will be October 12th at 10:00 am!

When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and
through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest
through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame
kindle upon thee. - Psalm 43:2

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 or (843) 742-3598**



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/>.

Lifeway Groups Essentials Training

Lifeway is bringing its *Groups Essentials* training event back to South Carolina in September 2025! This free two-day conference is designed for Sunday School and group ministry leaders, including directors, pastors, and ministers of education, especially those who have been serving for five years or less. Participants are asked to attend both days of the event.

Dates: September 15-16, 2025

Location: First Baptist Camden

Cost: Free (participants cover travel and lodging)

Don't miss this valuable opportunity to grow in leadership and strengthen your ministry!

For questions, contact Bobby Howard at bobbyhoward@scbaptist.org or 803-227-6055



SBC Worship is a digital hub with resources to equip and encourage your worship ministry, happenings, and highlights from around the SBC, and songs rooted in God's word for your congregation.

While not an official entity of the denomination, SBC Worship seeks to build a trusted home for community and development across the convention for the men and women co-laboring to lead the bride in Christ-centered, biblical worship.

The **SBC Worship community is free to join** at www.sbcworship.com.



ONWARD

ONWARD 2025 Worship Conference

Nov 10, 2025

Church at The Mill, Moore SC

Event Cost:

\$49 by September 1

\$59 by October 1

\$69 after October 1

Buy 4 registrations, get 1 Free

No refund after November 1, 2025

Main Speaker & Worship Leaders

Dave Aubrey - The Way of Worship

Laura Story - Worship Leader, Singer & Songwriter

Jordan Kauflin - Pastor, Musician & Songwriter with Getty Music and Sovereign Grace Music

[Register Now](#)

Reminders:

- New email addresses:
 - Mark George, DOM - mark@carolinabaptistsc.com
 - Scott Eaton, Ministry Assistant - scott@carolinabaptistsc.com
- We hope to have monthly newsletters published and distributed at the beginning of every month. Please submit any news or events by the 20th of each month for the upcoming month. You can submit your items to scott@carolinabaptistsc.com. Please be sure to include your church name. Thanks!

Pastor Search:

Position: Pastor

Church: Oakey Swamp Baptist Church

Location: Conway, South Carolina

Employment Type: Full-Time

Position Overview:

The Pastor serves as the spiritual leader of the church, providing vision, guidance, and pastoral care to the congregation. This role involves preaching, teaching, counseling, and overseeing church operations in alignment with biblical principles and the church's mission.

Key Responsibilities:

Preaching & Teaching

- Prepare and deliver biblically sound, engaging sermons weekly.
- Lead bible studies and discipleship programs to encourage spiritual growth.
- Attend church-wide activities and events.

Pastoral Care

- Provide counseling and spiritual guidance to individuals and families.
- Conduct weddings, funerals, baptisms, and other pastoral services.
- Visit and pray with members, especially those in crisis or homebound.

Leadership & Vision

- Collaborate with church leadership to develop and implement the church's vision and goals.
- Mentor and equip lay leaders for ministry roles.

Administration & Operations

- Oversee church administration and ensure smooth day-to-day operations.
- Work with the finance team to manage the church budget responsibly.

Community Engagement

- Represent the church in the local community and foster relationships with other organizations.
- Lead outreach and evangelism efforts to grow the church's impact.

Qualifications:

- A deep, personal relationship with Jesus Christ and a commitment to biblical teaching.
- A degree in theology, ministry, or a related field.
- Demonstrated experience in pastoral leadership.

- Strong communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills.
- Alignment with the beliefs and values of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Preferred Attributes:

- Compassionate and approachable demeanor.
- Ability to lead, inspire and motivate others.
- A heart for missions and community outreach.

Benefits

- 1. Salary:** Competitive compensation based on experience and church size.
- 2. Housing Allowance:** Tax-free allowance for housing expenses, as permitted by law.
- 3. Paid Time Off:** Vacation days, sick leave, and personal days.
- 4. Continuing Education:** Funding for conferences or workshop.
- 5. Ministry Resources:** Funding for books, software, and other tools for pastoral work.

Application Process

Interested candidates should submit the following:

- 1.** A cover letter expressing interest in the position and calling to pastoral ministry.
- 2.** A current resume with ministry experience and education.
- 3.** Three references (at least one pastoral or ministry-related).
- 4.** A link to recent sermons (if available).

Please send documentation to: oakeyswampbaptist@sccoast.net

Complete the [Prospective Pastor Survey](#)

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