

# Santee Baptist Association

A network of Baptist congregations cooperating to share the transforming message of Jesus Christ.

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## Have a “Put On” Attitude

“So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father” (Colossians 3:12-17).

**These words stand out in these verses:** compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience.

**Compassion:** Sympathy says, “I hurt with you.” Empathy says, “I feel your pain.” Compassion says, “I’ll do anything I can to stop your hurt.”

**Kindness:** Love in action. Meeting the needs of others; physical, mental, emotional.

**Humility:** Admitting mistakes, sharing responsibility; sharing credit.

**Gentleness:** Strong strength. Handle people with care. Meekness is strength under control.

**Patience:** Putting up with those you’d like to put down.

“Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity” (v. 14).

**The Greatest Gift:** Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud, never haughty or selfish or rude. Love does not demand its own way. It is not irritable or touchy. It does not hold grudges and will hardly even notice when others do it wrong. It is never glad about injustice, but rejoices whenever truth wins out. If you love someone, you will be loyal to him no matter what the cost. You will always believe in him, always expect the best of him, and always stand your ground in defending him.” All the special gifts and powers from God will someday come to an end, but love goes on forever. It’s like this: when I was a child I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child does. But when I became a man my thoughts grew far beyond those of my childhood, and now I have put away the childish things. In the same way, we can see and understand only a little about God now, as if we were peering at his reflection in a poor mirror; but someday we are going to see him in his completeness, face-to-face. Now all that I know is hazy and blurred, but then I will see everything clearly, just as clearly as God sees into my heart right now. There are three things that remain—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

## VBS EXPO 2017 SC Baptist Convention

Impacting the next generation for Christ is what **VBS EXPO** is all about. Practical ideas with real solutions. VBSE Expo 2017 makes it easy for you to lead different. Choose from the many breakouts that will help you deepen and widen your success in reaching kids and families in your community.

There are **three locations and weekends** for your convenience. Gather your team and get ready to network with other leaders who are inspiring the next generation while learning to lead different.

**Costs:** Early Bird Registration: \$5 per person or \$25 per church.

Regular Registration: \$10 per person or \$40 per church.

Late/Door Registration: \$15 per person.

To register or for more info: [www.scbaptist.org/generations/children](http://www.scbaptist.org/generations/children)



### MARCH 4

#### Bushy Creek Baptist Church

Early Bird Registration by Feb 24

Regular Registration by Mar 14

### MARCH 18

#### East Cooper Baptist Church

Early Bird Registration by Feb 24

Regular Registration by Mar 14

### APRIL 1

#### North Trenholm Baptist Church

Early Bird Registration Mar 10

Regular Registration Mar 28

## 2017 SC Disaster Relief Training Events

Mark your calendar now for these 2017  
**DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING EVENTS!**

### One-Day DR Trainings

March 18 – Calvary Baptist, Florence

April 22 – First Baptist, Taylors

### Two-Day DR Training

October 13–14

White Oak Conference Center, Winnsboro

### Chaplaincy Training – tentative date

May 19–20 at White Oak Conference Center

Watch the website and Facebook for the latest info:

[www.scbaptist.org/dr](http://www.scbaptist.org/dr)

[www.facebook.com/scdisasterrelief](https://www.facebook.com/scdisasterrelief)

Class listings, schedule details, and  
online registration is available at

[www.scbaptist.org/dr](http://www.scbaptist.org/dr)



## HEALTH KITS

A tangible way to meet the physical needs of those in your community is through health kits. The health kits should be placed in a two gallon zip lock type bag and include the following items:



- 1 toothbrush
- 1 toothpaste (6 oz. or larger)
- 1 soap (4\*6 oz.)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 bath towel
- 1 comb

Scriptures and other gospel materials in the appropriate language can be placed in the health kits when distribution occurs.

As Scripture is shared and the gospel communicated, a meaningful mission support project (one that meets practical, physical needs) becomes a life-impacting mission action project (one that shares the gospel).

**Health kits are due at the association office on April 24.**

## 2017 Children & Youth State Bible Drill SC Baptist Convention

### CHILDREN & YOUTH STATE BIBLE DRILL

Saturday, April 22, 2017  
(for all associations)

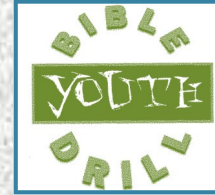
#### North Trenholm Baptist Church

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Columbia, SC 29206  
PH: (803) 787-2133



#### CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL

Registration at 9:00 AM  
Drills begin at 9:30 AM



#### YOUTH BIBLE DRILL

Registration at 1:00 PM  
Drills Begin at 1:30 PM

**Association Registration Due: Wednesday, April 12, 2017**  
**By mail, fax (803) 799-1044 or email: [scbibleddrill@scbaptist.org](mailto:scbibleddrill@scbaptist.org)**

## Minister's Conference by Dan Nichols

### February Minister's Conference (highlights)

On February 21, we kicked off the 2017 Minister's Conference season with a home-cooked brunch (courtesy of Joyce and Nancy), and a Large Church vs. Small Church panel discussion. The purpose of the panel discussion was to "identify the elephants", dispel myths, and create unity, commonality and understanding as we move forward together to advance the Gospel!

### Here are some of the questions we asked the panel:

What are the top myths of a larger / smaller church ministry? The culture often thinks bigger is better. How does that drive your thinking concerning your worthiness in ministry? What could the larger churches do to support the smaller churches and vice versa? All who were there were blessed by the discussion, the unity and love among the brothers in the room, the prayer at the end, and the delicious food! There is a tangible excitement and anticipation concerning the Lord's upcoming work in and through the Association!

### March Minister's Conference (preview)

Kevin Litchfield, our new Associational Missionary, will be "on the ground", and ready to meet with the pastors! The plan is for all the pastors in the Association to have a round table time with Kevin. We'll also plan to have food at the next meeting as well! So mark your calendars!

### Details: March 21

10am - Fellowship and food / 10:30am-11:30am - Round Table with Kevin

(If possible this month, try to connect with 3-4 fellow pastors in the association and invite/remind them to come!)

Press on!

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

Rev. Patrick Coffey	March 1
Rev. Charles Ahtonen	March 1
Rev. Jim Chandler	March 3
Rev. Larry Kennedy	March 20
Rev. Bob White	March 28

### Anniversaries

Rev. & Mrs. Robert Skinner	March 15
Rev. & Mrs. George Smith	March 17
Rev. & Mrs. Rusty Wilson	March 18

### Pastoral Church Anniversaries

Rev. & Mrs. Bob White	March 3
Rev. & Mrs. John Sorrells	March 9

## Upcoming Events

<b>Season of Prayer</b> North American Missions	March 5 – 12
<b>Ministers Conference</b> Assoc. Office, (breakfast included)	March 21
<b>SC WMU Missions Encounter</b> First Baptist, Boiling Springs	March 24 – 25
<b>Camp LaVida Work Day</b>	April 8
<b>Cooperative Program Day</b>	April 9
<b>Ministers Conference</b> Assoc. Office, (breakfast included)	April 18
<b>SBA WMU Spring Meeting</b> Providence Baptist	April 20, at 7:00 PM
<b>Age Level Leadership Retreat</b> Camp LaVida	April 21–22
<b>GA Super Saturday</b> Camp LaVida	April 22
<b>Health Kits</b> Due at the Assoc Office	April 24
<b>Mother's Day Offering</b> Ministries for the Aging	May 14
<b>Association Emphasis Week</b> Due at the Assoc Office	May 21 – 28

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