

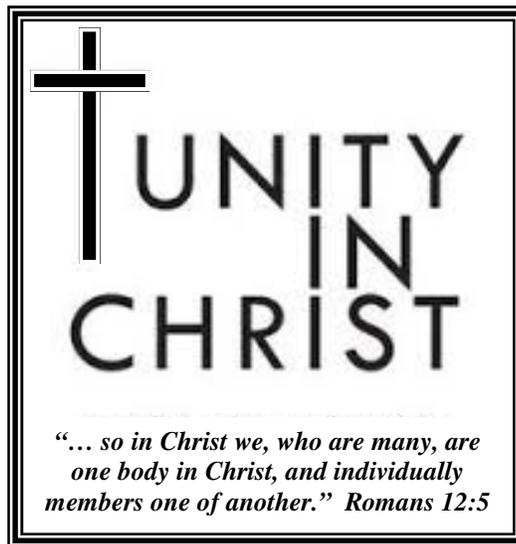
Santee Baptist Association

EXECUTIVE MEETING

August 8, 2017

WORKING TOGETHER IN

CLARENDON, LEE, AND SUMTER COUNTIES



SANTEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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Moderator: Pastor Kevin Massey

SANTEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Executive Meeting
Hosted by New Salem Baptist Church
August 8, 2017

Fellowship Meal.....6:30 – 7:00 PM

Business.....7:00 – 7:10 PM

Praise & Worship.....7:10 – 7:20 PM

Presentation

Dan Nichols Family7:20 – 7:40 PM



Steven Hendricks Family7:40 – 8:00 PM



Closing Prayer

Thank you to all for joining us for this celebratory occasion!

SANTEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATIONAL NEW BUSINESS RECOMMENDATION

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In order to continue to move the Santee Baptist Association forward, the Moderator would like to recommend that the current Associational By-Laws be reviewed and revised to set the framework for the Santee Association to become a more effective ministry organization.

In order to accomplish this goal, all previous committees would be dissolved and a new committee, comprised of our local pastors, would work diligently to present any revisions or changes to the full association at our Fall Annual meeting.

The committee would consist of:

Bill Langford, Chairman
Mark Partin, Alice Drive
Larry Frazier, Bethel Baptist
Mike DeCosta, Clarendon Baptist
Kevin Massey, Ex-Officio New Salem
Kevin Litchfield, Ex-Officio Assoc Missionary

SANTEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY REPORT

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It has been an exciting few months of Ministry here at Santee Baptist Association. One of the areas of focus has been building relationships with the pastors that make up our 50 churches. The Lord has allowed me to personally connect with 40 of our 50 pastors. Many of these conversations have revolved around the purpose of Santee Baptist Association, the “WHY” question. I have shared that *our primary purpose is to serve our churches by resourcing, encouraging, and praying for the senior pastor and his staff and in that process helping them develop an Acts 1:8 mission strategy.* In those conversations I have shared that God has not called the association to shepherd their sheep, but to stand in the gap for them. From a business perspective I shared with them that the pastor and his staff are our primary customers. I shared with them that the association does not own ministries. The churches own them. The association exists to serve our pastors; not the other way around. This single purpose will be the driving force behind all decisions made from an associational level.

Over these last few months the Lord has led us into a partnership with some of the churches and church plants in Cleveland Ohio. This past May, 10 pastors representing 9 churches traveled to Cleveland for a *Catch the Vision Tour*. Out of that trip a June mission trip to Cleveland emerged where 23 people representing 5 of our churches and 3 other denominational churches participated. In a few weeks 7 other pastors representing 5 of our churches will be traveling to Cleveland for a North American Mission Board sponsored Vision tour. In the last 3 months, over 25% of our churches have visited Cleveland. It’s clear that God is at work, and it will be interesting to see what the Lord is going to do through this partnership.

Over these last 3 months, thanks in a major part to the Janie Chapman State Mission Offering, these pastors have been able to visit Cleveland at little financial cost to them or their church. Through a mission request process with the South Carolina Baptist Convention, over 13,500 has been given to the Santee Baptist Association. Not only that, but in our May and August Vision Tour, the North American Mission Board provided us with over 3000 dollars in support. Thank You! Thank You!!!

Mark your calendars now for **October 9** for our *139th Annual Meeting/Mission Celebration* in Summerton. It will be a great time for all our churches to celebrate together all that the Lord has done. It will be a great time for everyone to see visibly who we are and why we exist.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Litchfield
Associational Missionary

SANTEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
August 8 Executive Board meeting 2017

APRIL

Receipts	
Beginning Balance	18,988.42
Income	12,081.17
Expenses	14,833.42
End of April Bank Bal	12,065.89
Regular Savings	89,529.24

MAY

Receipts	
Beginning Balance	14,998.21
Income	10,158.31
Expenses	19,351.89
End of May Bank Bal	3,230.80
Regular Savings	89,529.24

JUNE

Receipts	
Beginning Balance	7,488.01
Income	18,767.74
Expenses	13,855.78
End of June Bank Bal	8,438.80
Regular Savings	89,529.24

The finance committee would like to thank the churches for their increase in giving to the Santee Baptist Association.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roy Perkins
Talmadge Tobias
Jimmy Saunders
Nancy Baker

SANTEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 13 Executive Board meeting 2017

The Santee Association Executive Meeting was held at the associational office on April 13, 2017, at 7:00 PM.

Kevin Massey, moderator, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Mark Barnett opened the meeting in prayer and shared a devotion on peace.

Devotional:

We live in a world of unrest. “For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6).

Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

⁶“The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play by the cobra’s hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper’s den. ⁹They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰“And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious.”

The Old Testament Book of Isaiah is full of prophecies in which we are told about the Prince of Peace. The times of peace are getting shorter and shorter. Our world is filled with trouble, bitterness, and unrest. If God didn’t want peace He would never have sent His son.

Our church families and our world desire to pray for peace and harmony. Christ is the only answer. The only answer to world peace is the return of Jesus Christ. The only way to achieve peace is through Christ. (Isaiah 11:5-10).

Lessons to learn about peace (Three R’s):

1. Jesus is Righteousness. Sin brought unrighteousness and failure.
2. Mankind needed to be redeemed. Jesus is the Redeemer.
3. Jesus will bring Reconciliation.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS:

Associational Report: Kevin Litchfield showed us a map of the Tri-County area listing all the churches in our association. He has enjoyed meeting pastors and praying for them. He met with Gary Hollingsworth this morning and is excited and anticipating what God is going to do in Sumter. He said if there is a need in your church please text, call, or stop by for a visit.

Kevin shared about upcoming opportunities for our association of churches:

1. **Vision Tour**, May 15 – 18: Ten or eleven of our pastors will be going to Cleveland, OH. Our State Convention is footing the bill.
2. **Mission Tripp Opportunity:** Last two weeks of June we will have two opportunities for a mission trip to Cleveland, OH for ages 12 and up. Ministry opportunities include prayer, construction, VBS, and sports camps. The cost is \$199 and includes everything. Included is a fun day for the young, young at heart, and old: roller coaster ride or visit an Amish County.

Kevin mentioned the WMU Spring Meeting, April 20, was not for women only. He encouraged pastors to come see what God is doing through WMU.

He encouraged us to call and pray for Steve Hendricks who is transitioning to move his family to Columbia to be with his dad.

He exhorted us to walk in step with God because He is continually leading and guiding us.

Treasurer Report: Roy Perkins reported in January, February, and March there were lots of expenses. He is delighted to announce church giving has increased and people are excited about God is doing. He informed us the lease on our office printer is running out. A decision will be made concerning whether or not to renew the lease or lease a newer copier. He encouraged us all to pray for our churches. Overall we have \$20,000 in savings as of March 1.

Minutes of Meeting: Kevin Massey noted the February 8 Executive Meeting Minutes were in the Book of Reports. Mark Barnett made a motion the minutes be approved. Aaron Reed seconded. A yes carried.

Sunday School Report: Bob White stated this is an exciting time in our association. We have a new staff, new vision and a new day. He is excited about what God has in store for us as we move forward. He mentioned that a questionnaire would soon be sent out to our churches asking about help and training for our teachers, leaders, or for those who would like to have leadership training. His desire is to provide the best possible training for the association as a whole.

WMU Report: Jenny Kolb said health kits are due to the associational office April 24. She also reminded us the office hours have changed to Tuesday – Thursday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM; Monday, 9 AM to noon. She mentioned the new prison mission’s project. Items can be taken to the associational office. We have someone who has agreed to take the items to the prison. They are in need of shirts, pants, and shoes of all sizes.

Seminary Extension: Stewart Lane said God has blessed him and Libby in the extension ministry these 25 years; however, evaluation is needed to sort out what the next step should be. He recently met with Kevin Litchfield to explore other ministry opportunities. Dr. Lane and Libby are missions minded and evangelistic. He shared all the extension has meant to students and pastors through the years. He feels he and Libby need to spend more time with children, grand children, and great grandchildren. He requested prayer for God’s guidance. Dr. Lane closed his report with this poem: *“My heart leaps up when I behold a rainbow in the sky: So was it when my life began; So it is now I am a man...”*

Personnel Report: Aaron Reed references page 12 in Book of Reports. The Personnel Team makes the following request:

In compliance with Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code, the Personnel Team recommends that we accept the following Request for Housing Allowance Designated for 2017 for Kevin Litchfield. We resolve that \$24,000.00 of his total compensation is deemed as “housing allowance.”

Crisis Closet: Lamar Atkins reported the following: Total families served this time period: 319. Total of burned out families served: 5. Children who were provided school uniforms: 6 or 7 from Chestnut Oaks Middle. Clothes provided to Lee Co. Clothes Closet (Rev. Eddie Thomas): 1 Truckload. Provided clothes for our local homeless clients: 5. The Crisis Closet is in need of men's Clothing: pants size 32-36, and tennis shoes. He wished for more involvement from our youth saying perhaps they could work at night. The Crisis Closet will need a new drop box. Lamar asked if any of the pastors had a men’s group that would want to build one.

Strategic Planning: Lamar said the team will be sending out a letter asking churches for information about mission projects or trips they plan to make. (Pg. 15, Book of Reports). With this information, they hope to create a database of mission opportunities in which we can share and work together as a body of Christ. This data will provide opportunities for all our churches to become involved in missions in a personal way. A copy of the letter is provided in this report. For a GPSW system for Sumter County contact Lamar.

Mission Trip: Sammy Thompson shared about his mission trip to Nigeria this past March. He was delighted to share they were doing mission work like Jesus. God provided opportunities to share the gospel of Jesus Christ through radio and in the local schools. 291 souls were saved. Please be in prayer for him as he is going to London in May and to Scotland later in the year.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kevin Massey referenced page 12 in the Book of Reports:

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Someone asked if that was enough. Kevin Litchfield stated it was as he got a good deal on his home. The allowance will be updated every year. A motion of approval was made and carried.

Kevin Massey reminded us of the following:

1. WMU Spring meeting next Thursday, April 20, at Providence Baptist, 7 PM
2. Minister's Conference, next Tuesday, April 18. Pre-time for pastors breakfast at 10 AM. Meeting following at 10:30 AM with special guests, the Mayor, the Sheriff, and the Director of United Ministries, to see how we can connect.

He reminded us: It's not what we do in our church, but what we do for the kingdom.

A motion was made to adjourn by Bob White and seconded by Aaron Reed.

CLOSING:

Prayer was requested for Rusty Wilson who is ill and for Tim who is in Afghanistan.

Charles Ahtonen closed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Arnold for Nancy Baker
Clerk

SANTEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION WMU REPORT

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APRIL: We held our annual WMU Spring Meeting hosted by Providence Baptist Church. We had 68 in attendance with 18 churches represented. We collected an offering of \$212.70 to be used by any WMU lady/ladies who want to go on a mission trip planned by our Santee Association or State WMU Organization. We had some Mission Friends, GA's and RA's as our guests. Our missionary speakers were Clay and Kathryn Weeks. Our State guest was Sandra Tapp from the State WMU Office.

We participated in the Bucket Ministry, a state mission project, which included health items for patients with Aids in Africa. There were 10 churches that participated and prepared 10 buckets.

We had 16 churches participate in our Health Kit Ministry. They prepared and donated 750 health kits. Pastor Charlie Ahtonen and Roy Perkins delivered 422 kits to Cleveland, OH and the Mission Trip Team gave them out to the Homeless people. Thank you churches for your hard work.

None of this would have been possible without your help. "A JOB WELL DONE". The rest of the kits will be given out locally. If you didn't get a chance to help us this year, we certainly can use your help next year. As this is an annual project. We will distribute the rest of the kits to the carnival workers and other needs in the area.

At our Executive Meeting in April I mentioned a new mission project that The Associational WMU Leadership Team was ask to help and support. This was a Clothing Ministry for Lee County Correctional Institution. The Team met and put out a call for help with the pastors and WMU Organizations in the churches. Words can't express the gratitude and love of your willingness to help. We had an overwhelming support from our WMU ladies and pastors that we had to put a hold on this project until next spring. The inmates and Staff are busy sorting, sizing and setting up a cloth closed for the inmates. "A BIG THANK YOU"!

April 30, 2017 the WMU hosted a "Drop In" for the Litchfield Family. They got to meet a lot of our Santee Church members. They are very appreciative of your support. Please keep their family in your prayers as they serve as our Director of Missions Family.

MAY: In may we collected our annual Mother's Day Offering to help support our Ministries of Aging, We have had 7 churches that participated to date donating \$1956. This will help with The Bethea Home and The Martha Frank Home.

JUNE: We participated in the Baby Bottle Boomerang. We collected over \$17,000. with 21 churches participating. This helps support the Pregnancy Crisis Center.

JULY: We are participating in the Duffle Bags and Bibles Ministry. We are collecting duffle bags and Bibles that will be given to the Foster Children locally and all over South Carolina.

AUGUST: The WMU Organizations (Mission Friends, GA's, RA's and Acteens will be participating in The Christmas in August. They will be collecting items for designated Missionary Christmas List to be used in their ministry. In the areas where God has called them to serve.

The Association WMU Leadership Team is available to help serve the churches in any way to help in missions. Our WMU objectives are:

- * Pray for Missions.
- * Engage in mission action and witnessing.
- * Learn about and support missions.
- * Develop spiritually toward a mission's lifestyle.
- * Participate in the work of the church and denomination.

Our theme this year is "By All Means" and our watchword is "I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings. (I Cor. 9:22b-23)

Pastors "Thank You " for your support with the WMU in your churches. It takes all of us working together to share the Love of Jesus.

In His Service,

Jennifer Kolb
Associational WMU Director

SANTEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
CRISIS CLOSET REPORT
August 8 Executive Board meeting 2017

In this report we served the community for 12 days for this time period as we were closed for Easter Week. During this period we were able to provide for clients from Sumter, Clarendon, and Lee counties. This report is from April 3, 2017 though June 30th 2017.

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Total families served this time period: 272
Total of burned out families served: 1
Children who were provided school uniforms: 0 (Chestnut Oaks)
Clothes provided to Lee Co. clothes closet (Rev. Eddie Thomas): 1 truckload
Provide clothes for our local homeless clients, in with totals: 3

During this time period a devotion was provided before we served our clients as we presented Gods' message and love for our community. We would like to thank the many workers and churches that provided volunteers that served this quarter.

Our volunteers came from:

St. James UMC
St. Johns Holiness
Westside Baptist
Shaw Heights
New Life Baptist
Pinewood Baptist

For the three months we show that the following churches are listed to serve.

July: Northside Baptist
August: Sumter First
September: Bethel and Dalzell

At this time we are in need of several items:

Men's Clothing: still need the sizes 32-36 along with men's work and tennis shoes
Children: girls & boys pants size 3T to size 16
Bathroom supplies: hand soap, bowl cleaner, disinfectant spray, toilet paper for the center

At this time I would like to give a big thanks to Gene Boykin and the Westside Brotherhood who moved and completely rebuilt the drop box for the Crisis Closet in May. It no longer leaks and saves our donations from getting wet during rainy days.

As we continue to minister to the needs of our three counties we would love to open up different ways to minister. I am asking for our mature adults or youth groups to take on mission projects with us that could be for one or two days a month or one week a month. Also we could have alternative time frames for service. Again thank you for caring as you have done in the past and keep us in your daily prayers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lamar J. Atkins
Interim Director