

Santee Baptist Association

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

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Devotional Thought

"Put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with Him is full redemption! (Psalm 130:7)

In her book, *When Wallflowers Dance*, Angela Thomas writes, "Redemption is God bringing good out of bad, leading us to wholeness, and the experience of God's amazing power. Redemption means that out of our greatest pain can come our most profound personal mission in life."

I believe there are Christians who are forgiven, and are still lying on a bed of affliction; always returning to the point of their failure. Although they have been forgiven and released by God through the authority of Jesus, they continually struggle with freedom; questioning, "Has God truly forgiven me?" The reality is: He has forgiven them. Still others struggle with picking up the pieces of their broken lives. Caught up in their failures; they remain captive to their past; returning to a point in time where they failed God. The world will say, "You made your bed; now lie in it." But Jesus says, "Your sins are forgiven. Take up your bed and walk!"

Then, your heart will sing, Hallelujah! I am redeemed, Jesus set me free!

Through confession and invitation, Jesus will bring health, healing, and wholeness to your soul. When you look to Jesus and call on Him, He will take what the enemy tried to use to destroy your faith and give you a stronger faith so you can proclaim God's mercy, grace, and faithfulness to others!

SBA Office Hours:

- Mon:** 1:00 – 4:00 PM
Tues: 9:00 AM – noon
1:00 – 4:00 PM
Wed: 9:00 AM – noon
1:00 – 4:00 PM
Thurs: 9:00 AM – noon
1:00 – 4:00 PM
Fri: 9:00 AM – noon

Email:

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Ministers Conference by Dan Nichols

Large Church vs. Small Church. Fellow Pastors, on Tuesday, Feb 21 we will have our first **Minister's Conference** (pastor's meeting) of 2017. We will be having a panel of pastors from both large and small churches in our association, in what should prove to be a very insightful, yet light-hearted discussion, building unity and common direction as we enter into this new and exciting season of the Santee Baptist Association!

DETAILS: Tuesday, Feb 21

10-10:30 - Home cooked brunch! (and fellowship)

10:30-11:30 - Panel discussion (meeting)

Call a couple of pastors and bring them with you!

Press on!
Dan



HEALTH KITS

A tangible way to meet the physical needs of those in your community is through health kits.

These health kits are due at the association office on April 24. 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



WMU Celebration & Salad Supper

FEBRUARY 16, 2017

**GUEST SPEAKER: Donna Britt, WMU
Associate South Carolina WMU**

Ladies, mark your calendars now and plan now to join us for an evening of fun, good food, Christian fellowship and WMU updates! Everyone is asked to bring your favorite salad such as: fruit, chicken, pasta, etc. Beverages and crackers provided.

SOMETHING NEW THIS YEAR! A WORLD CRAFTS PARTY!

You will be able to purchase unique products made by women from all over the world Great mission support project!

Hosted by Grace Baptist Church
219 W. Calhoun Street, Sumter, SC 29150

Registration at 6:30 pm

Meeting begins at 7:00 PM

For questions or more info, contact:

Karen Rivers at (803) 458-4562

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



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

Creative MINISTRIES FESTIVAL

March 10 – 11, 2017

Rawlinson Road Baptist, Rock Hill SC

**TRAINING WORKSHOPS FOR: DRAMA, PUPPETS, CLOWNS
INTERPRETIVE MOVEMENT & OUTREACH**

Bring your team, learn new pieces, perform with your group, & showcase what you learned at the community block party.

Friday Evening: 7:00 pm Performance Showcase

Saturday Schedule:

- 8:30 am Registration begins
- 9:00 am Opening Worship
- 9:40 am Conference 1
- 10:45 am Conference 2
- 11:50 am Lunch (on your own)
- 1:15 pm Conference 3
- 2:25 pm Closing Challenge
- 3:30 – 5:30 pm Block Party

Cost: \$35 per person by 2/10/2017 / \$45 per person after 2/10/2017

Group discount for 10+: \$5 per person

\$50 per person at the door. *No refund after 2/17/2017
Requests must be received in writing by 2/7/2017*

More Information: www.creativeministriesfestival.org or www.scbaptist.org/worship or call Worship & Music office, 803-227-6168



Crisis Closet

By Lamar Atkins

The Crisis Closet has need of the following: men's pants sizes 30–34; men's shirts, 30 – 36; and boy's shirts, 2T – 4T & 5. Also: 33 gallon or less trash bags, toilet tissue, and paper towels.

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Tuesday: 9:00 -11:00 am
Receives clothing

Thursday: 9:00 to 11:30 am
Opened to the public

Address: 36 Artillery Drive

Phone: (803) 775-3147

Grace Baptist Church has the Crisis Closet for the month of February.

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

6515 North Trenholm Road
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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Rev. Marion Zeigler	February 5
Rev. Pete Mixon	February 10
Rev. Rusty Wilson	February 11
Rev. Robert Skinner	February 26
Rev. Dan Barber	February 27

Anniversaries

Rev. & Mrs. Paul Goff	February 14
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Pastoral Church Anniversaries

Rev. & Mrs. Charles Ahtonen	February 2
Rev. & Mrs. Bill Bennett	February 4
Rev. & Mrs. Dan Barber	February 20

Upcoming Events

Executive Team Meeting	February 9
Focus on WMU Week	February 13 – 19
WMU Celebration & Salad Supper Grace Baptist	February 16, at 7:00 PM
Children's Ministry Day	February 18
Office Closed President's Day	February 20
Ministers Conference Assoc. Office, (breakfast included)	February 21
Season of Prayer North American Missions	March 5 – 12
Ministers Conference Assoc. Office, (breakfast included)	March 21
SC WMU Missions Encounter First Baptist, Boiling Springs	March 24 – 25
Camp LaVida Work Day	April 8
Cooperative Program Day	April 9
SBA WMU Spring Meeting Providence Baptist	April 19, at 7:00 PM
Age Level Leadership Retreat Camp LaVida	April 21–22

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