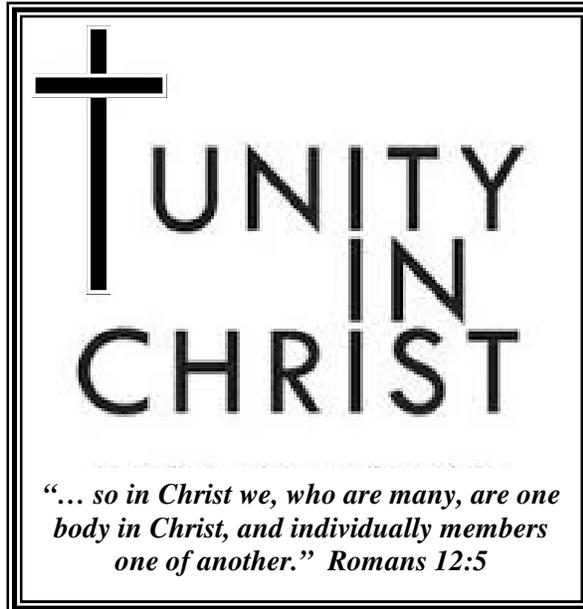


EXECUTIVE MEETING
April 13, 2017

WORKING TOGETHER IN
CLARENDON, LEE, AND SUMTER COUNTIES



SANTEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
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Moderator: Pastor Kevin Massey

SANTEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

April 13 Executive Board meeting 2017

Registration

Welcome & Call to Order

Rev. Kevin Massey

Devotion & Prayer

Rev. Mark Barnett

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ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY REPORT

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I want to first start off by saying a Big THANK YOU! You all have made The Litchfield family feel very welcomed. Many of you have lifted daily prayers for my family especially my children. Faith and Caleb are making progress in their transition. Penny has been busy by emptying and finding homes for countless boxes and bins. As for me, there has not been a day that I have not praised Jesus that He brought me here- to this position in Sumter.

This first year is about building relationships and changing the ministry culture of the Santee Baptist Association. While I have a long way to go, this past month I connected with over **80%** of our churches. The touches have ranged from a simple call or a text to a personal visit. I have also been able to worship either in a Sunday or Wednesday service or a special service in **12** of our churches.

This summer the association will be offering 2 mission trips to Cleveland Ohio. The dates of these trips are **June 19-25** and **June 25- July 2**. Monday and Sundays will be travel days. The cost per person for the trip will be **\$199**. If you have a desire to participate, there will be a place of ministry there for you. Our larger team will be divided into several ministry teams: Prayer, VBS, Sports, Construction, Servant evangelism, health clinic, and Block party Teams. If you are interested, please call me on my cell phone at 440-476-0541.

Please pray for our Pastor/Staff Vision Tour to Cleveland on **May 15-18**. 11 of our pastors/staff will be attending representing 10 of our churches. Pray for safety and Crystal clear clarity on what a partnership with Cleveland might look like.

Please pray for:

- 4 pastor-less churches: FBC Manning, Turbeville, Home Branch and Lakewood Baptist.
- Steve Hendricks as he Transitions from Second Manning to the Columbia area.
- Incredible Resurrection Sundays for our churches
- Increased Unity among our churches and pastors
- Kingdom eyes and hearts
- Prayer Centered pastors and Churches
- Fruitful summer ministries

Once again thank you. I really feel like I have come home.

Associational Missionary
Kevin Litchfield

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

JANUARY

Receipts	\$ 7886.65
Expenses	\$ 2943.97
Springmaid Receipts	\$ 16,641.00
Springmaid Expenses	\$16,641.00
End of January Bank Bal	\$ 29,992.86
Regular Savings	\$ 69,509.00

FEBRUARY

Receipts	\$ 11,763.80
Expenses	\$ 4,264.91
End of February Bank Bal	\$ 17,985.65
Regular Savings	\$ 69,509.00

MARCH

Receipts	\$ 12,352.98
Expenses	\$ 14,959.43
End of March Bank Bal	\$ 15,569.53
Regular Savings	\$ 89,517.28

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, and Nancy Baker

Santee Association Executive Meeting Minutes, February 8, 2017

The Santee Association Executive Meeting was held at the Associational Office on February 8, 2017, at 7:00. There were 54 in attendance.

After registration Kevin Massey, moderator, welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed thankfulness for such a good crowd.

Kevin called the meeting to order and shared a devotional about the power of prayer and how we are to come before our Father with innocent, childlike trust, and a pure heart.

Devotional:

Three P's to remember as we come before our Lord:

1. Presuming Attitude – Believe God hears and will answer. “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 18:3). At the end of our life we want to be able to say like Paul, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. (2 Timothy 4:7).
2. Power of God – Have believing faith in the almighty power of God. “But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him” (Hebrews 11:6).
3. Passionate love for God – Have passionate love for God and people. Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 19:14). Come before the Father, fully trusting and fully engaged. The love of God changes us on the inside; that change is manifested by our character.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS:

Treasurer Report: Roy Perkins went over the 2016 financial report and gave the report for January 2017. He expressed thanks to the churches who gave to the association last year and encouraged the churches who had not given to pray about an amount to give during this new year.

Minutes of Meeting: Kevin Massey noted that the minutes from the November 1 Annual Meeting were in the Executive Meeting Book of Reports.

WMU Report: Jennifer Kolb expressed how greatly appreciative she was of the churches who gave to the Nichols Project. Within a two weeks time enough was collected to fill a bus, a van, and a car from front to back. She was overwhelmed at the generosity of our churches in the association.

Seminary Extension: Dr. Stewart Lane stated that the seminary report in the Book of Reports was brief and to the point and encouraged all to read over it.

Crisis Closet: Lamar Atkins reported the Crisis Closet served 269 families from November 2016 through January 2017. For the next three months the following churches are listed to serve – February: Grace, March: Alice Drive, April: Long Branch & Westside.

Strategic Planning: Lamar stated the Strategic Team will meet the first Tuesday in March. Currently they are looking at missions within our churches dealing with local, state, national and foreign missions programs.

ACP Report: Kevin Massey expressed thanks to Joyce for the Executive Book of Reports and made mention that the summary information for the ACP year 2016 was in the back of the booklet as well as the general financial information.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sammy Thompson shared that he had resigned from Lakewood Baptist church as the Lord was leading him into evangelism and missions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Aaron Reed, Chair of the Personnel Team reported on the process of the personnel team's search for our new Associational Missionary. Many have asked why it has taken so long. Aaron gave the following three reasons:

1. The personnel team had to determine if it were financially possible to hire someone.
2. A meeting was held with the Finance Committee. It was decided it was necessary to build up the financial base. Aaron was happy to report the Santee Baptist Association is now in good financial order.
3. The team also got side tracked because Shirley Hunt retired in May 2016. The personnel team then spent time creating a job description and responsibilities for the position of Office Manager.

He thanked Joyce for her help in creating the job description for the Associational Missionary and for posting it online with the Southern Baptist Convention's website.

The team spent much time before the Lord as they went over the resumes. The selected 10 and individually narrowed it down to the top four most qualified. However, Kevin Litchfield was always their first choice. After a number of interviews, and a meet and greet with the pastors, and later a meet & greet with the executive teams, it was determined the Lord was leading us in the direction of selecting Kevin Litchfield as Associational Missionary.

Pastor Reed recommended that we vote by ballot as to the selection of Kevin Litchfield as our new Associational Missionary. He stated if the vote was affirmative, Kevin was ready to start by April.

He also state that a background check had been done through Protect My Ministry and Kevin's credit history was checked as well. Phone calls to his friends, co-workers, and boss; all highly recommended him for this position.

Fifty ballots were unanimously cast in favor of hiring Kevin Litchfield. Everyone at the meeting was full of excitement over the selection of our new Associational Missionary.

Jim Johnson made a recommendation that the next Executive Meeting be held at the Associational office on April 13 at 7 PM. The motion was made and seconded.

Aaron thanked Jim Johnson and Kevin Massey for the way the executive meetings have been handled.

A motion was made to adjourn by Jimmy Saunders and seconded by Eugene Moiser.

Jim Johnson closed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Baker
Clerk

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

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This is an exciting time in our association. We have a new staff, new vision and a new day. I am very excited to about what God has in store for us going forward.

In my last report I promised that there would be a survey sent out to all the churches asking about Sunday School in your church. These surveys are in the mail. Please make sure that these surveys are filled out and sent back to me. This will help us provide the best possible training for the association as a whole. I am in the process of getting the best possible people to provide training through videos that will be available on our website.

Kevin and I met several weeks ago and shared many ideas about how to help our churches grow through Sunday School and about training our people to be the best they can be as teachers of the Word of God.

In Christ,

Robert G. "Bob" White
Santee Baptist Association Sunday School Director.

ASSOCIATION WMU REPORT DEC 2016 - MAR 2017

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December 4-11, 2016 was our *Season of Prayer for International Missions*. We prayed for our International missionaries and their families as well as the work that they are doing in the areas where God has placed them. We also promoted our *Lottie Moon Christmas Offering* the month of December.

We prepared *Christmas Prisoner Packets* that was turned in December 5th and taken to St. Andrews Baptist Church. Our goal that was given to us by the State WMU was 600 and we collected 603. We just barely reached our goal. If you are looking for something to help with for Christmas I ask that you pray about this ministry. This is the only Christmas gift that a lot of these prisoners ever receive. This is a way that they may receive any Christian witness that can change their lives. We had 23 churches in our Association that participated.

December 23, 2016 we participated in the *Nichols Project* helping collect food, cleaning supplies and Christmas presents for the people. We filled Santee Baptist bus, their van and a car loaded with these items. There were 9 churches that participated and 12 people that went and worked.

February 13-19, 2017 was our *WMU Focus Week*. Our churches with WMU did an emphasis on our Missions Organization during this time. We would like to get more of our churches involved in mission education with our preschool, children, youth and our adults. There is a lot to be done and we sure could use your help. Our Missions Leadership Team is there to help you.

February 16, 2017 we had our annual *WMU Celebration and Salad Supper* hosted by Grace Baptist Church. We had 69 in attendance with 16 churches represented. Our guest speaker was Donna Britt from the State WMU office. She spoke about the *Bucket Ministry Project: Hospice Kits*. Our goal was to complete 10 buckets and we collected 15 buckets. We had 8 churches participated along with the personnel in the Associational Office. We also had a *World Craft* party and our meeting.

February 18, 2017 was our *Children's Ministry Day*. Our children in the mission organization were involved in doing something special for shut-ins, first responder, police and assisted living patients.

March 24-25, 2017 was our *Annual State WMU Conference*. We carried our buckets for them to be delivered. We had 275 Buckets that was collected in Boiling Springs plus what was taken to Anderson SC from all over the state of SC. We had 9 ladies from our Leadership Team and churches to attend the meeting.

Please remember that our *Ministry Health Kits* are to be turned in by April 24th to the Associational Office.

May 14, 2017 is the date we will be receiving our *Mother's Day Offering*. This helps with the Ministries for the Aging assisted living facilities. I hope that the churches and pastors in our Association are promoting this ministry.

The month of July we will be promoting the *Duffel Bags and Bible Ministry* for the Foster Children in South Carolina. You will be receiving more information about this in the Mission Link Newsletter from the State WMU.

New Mission Project: The chaplain at one of the prisons called me and asked if the WMU would help them with a much needed project. He said that they are in need of good used men clothing of all sizes and shoes. He says that when the men are released that they nothing to wear and it would be much appreciative if we would help them. I discussed this with the Leadership Team and two of the ladies said that they very much agreed with this for they knew first hand of what the chaplain was saying. Pastors, if you would pass this on in your churches I would appreciate it. They can take the items to the Associational Office and we have someone who has agreed to take the items to the prison. They can use shirts, pants, shoes, and new underwear and socks of all sizes. Please be in prayer about this. Thank you and may God continue to bless each of us as we continue to serve Him wherever he places us.

The **Santee Association WMU Annual Meeting** is April 20, 2017 at Providence Baptist Church. We are inviting the Mission Friends, GA's, RA's, Children In Action, Acteens, RA Challengers, Youth on Missions, Women on Missions, Brotherhood and our ministers and their wives to attend. The Leaders of the children are asked to attend with the children.

The Association WMU Leadership Team is available to help serve the churches in anyway 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 missions 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 WMU in your churches. It takes all of us working together to share the Love of Jesus.

In His Service,
Jennifer Kolb
Association WMU Director

SEMINARY EXTENSION REPORT

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God has blessed Libby and me in our ministry here at Santee Baptist Association in Sumter SC; however, there comes a time when an evaluation is needed to sort out what the next step should be. A meeting was held with our new Associational Missionary, Kevin Litchfield to explore other Ministry opportunities in our area. Seven or eight interesting Ministries were brought forward to consider; however, with my 90th birthday on September 18, 2017 and Libby's on October 11, 2017 there comes another option to consider and that is spend more time with our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

We have been blessed to participate in the lives of over 500 students who have reached different levels in their studies and have reached different levels of success in their various Ministries and we will continue to affiliate with them in different ways in the future.

What we ask of you is to pray for us in this decision making as we ask God to provide guidance for us so that we will continue in His Will. For it is in Jesus name that we ask this.

Amen.

Rev. Dr. Stewart Lane, Director,



Santee Seminary Extension Institute

PERSONNEL REPORT
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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.”

Effective immediately the hours of the Association office being open has been changed. We will no longer be open on Fridays.

Associational Office Hours:

Monday	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Tuesday	8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Wednesday	8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Thursday	8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Friday	Office Closed

Respectfully,

Aaron Reed
Diane Sandy
Bill Bennet

CRISIS CLOSET REPORT

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In this report we served the community for 14 days (Thursdays) for this time period . During this period we were able to provide for clients from Sumter, Clarendon, and Lee counties.

This report is From January 5, 2017 though March 30. 2017

Total families served this time period: 319

Total of burned out families served: 5

Children who were provided school uniforms: 6 or 7 Chestnut Oaks Middle

Clothes provided to Lee Co. clothes closet (Rev. Eddie Thomas): 1 Truckload

Provide clothes for our local homeless clients, in with totals: 5

Each week a devotion was held with our clients as we discuss 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

Grace Baptist

Alice Drive Baptist

New Life Baptist

Sumter First

Home Branch

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

April : Long Branch and Westside

May: Shaw Heights and Graham

June: Pinewood and Crosswell

At this time we are in need of several items:

Men's Clothing: pants size 32-36, shoes-tennis

Children: pants girls & boys size 3T to size 14

Bathroom supplies: hand soap, bowl cleaner, disinfectant spray

As we continue to serve the needs of our three counties we could still use additional churches to minister or youth groups to take on a mission project with us. Again thank you for caring as you have done in the past and keep us in your daily prayers.

Interim Dir. Lamar J. Atkins

4/13/2017

STRATEGIC STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT

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The team has been meeting and reviewing what we know as current mission activities within several our church with the association.

At this time we know of current endeavors:

- Alice Drive Baptist: endeavors to Haiti in June, NYC in July, NYC in Sept. Honduras in Oct. and Haiti again in Nov.
- Westside Baptist: is planning a summer mission program to Ireland
- New Salem: hopes to have a partnership to West Virginia for VBS this summer.
- Santee Association: plans a mission trip to Cleveland this June.

Thus we know that there may be others churches that will be carrying out some form of local, state or national/international mission programs. We are asking through a letter for information on present and past mission projects with which they have been involved. With this information, we 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.

The Committee continues to meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 3:30 PM and again we covet your prayers as we discuss the needs and welfare of our association.

Lamar J. Atkins-Chairman

Our members are:

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April 13, 2017

RE: Missions Report, April 13 Executive Board meeting 2017

Dear Pastor,

In August, 2016 the Santee Baptist Association Strategic Study Team presented the Core Values at the Associational Meeting. The values were approved by the association's executive board. As a natural progression from this meeting, the team is currently looking at how to best involve all of our churches in the area of missions and mission programs. We would like for you to share information regarding your church's mission endeavors across all areas: local, state, national, and international. With this information, we hope to create a database of mission opportunities in which we can all work together as the Body of Christ.

As we all seek to work toward fulfilling our part of the Great Commission, it is important that we work together as an association. Sharing information on mission projects, trips, and partnerships will enable us to form a clear vision for missions as an association. It will also provide an opportunity for our smaller churches to possibly join a mission trip with a larger sister church, allowing those who have a passion for mission work to become involved in a personal way.

We look forward to hearing from you about the exciting ways that your church is striving to reach the lost for Christ and working together to create even greater opportunities in the area of missions.

Please provide this to us by forwarding information to the Association Office or by emailing me at my address provide below;

Sincerely Yours,

Lamar J. Atkins-Chairman
Email: lj48@ftc-i.net