

Santee Baptist Association

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

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Your Unique Vision by Kevin Litchfield

I have been reading a book lately called Church Unique by Will Mancini. One section jumped out at me. I believe it is one of our deepest traps among churches and leaders. The trap of copying other leaders or churches instead of leading in a way that is Unique to your church and ministry. Listen to what he says: "Leaders in the vortex of the 'VISION VACUUM' clamor for the right tools, programs, and resources to propel their church forward... The result is massive cloning and a glut of photocopied vision in the body of Christ..." Mancini says though there is a better way. A better way of leadership includes the discipline of careful observation and vibrant imagination, and demanding collaboration that forges a UNIQUE VISION based on what God is uniquely doing in each church's unique context... Until leaders not only embrace uniqueness but celebrate and leverage it, they will miss out on God's best for their ministry. The answer is having a vision that oozes, that is original, organic, zeroed in, and extravagant. When leaders start thinking clearly, engaging locally, focusing redemptively, and risking boldly, their church becomes an unstoppable force and an irresistible influence."

May we be Kingdom people who seek the eyes and ears of Jesus..

"Seek the Kingdom of God[a] above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need." Matthew 6:33 NLT



Welcome Kevin Litchfield by Aaron Reed

In the 16th chapter of the book of Mark our Lord gives Christians, Churches and Associations our marching orders when He states in verse 15 that we are to "go into the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation". On February 9, 2017, we as an association called Reverend Kevin Litchfield to be our Associational Missionary to lead us as an association and to challenge us as churches to fulfill this command by Jesus. Kevin is originally from South Carolina having grown up in the Monks Corner area of our state. He is married to Penny, who he met while serving in Maine. They have two children, Faith and Caleb. Kevin arrived in Sumter the first week of March and hit the ground running with meeting pastors and lay people from our association. Kevin's heart is for missions and after spending time with him you will discover that telling others about Jesus isn't something he just talks about, it is how he lives his life. Once Kevin and Penny are settled in we will have an open house to officially welcome them here. Until then, take any opportunity you have to either call him or stop by the Santee Baptist Association office to meet him and welcome him to Sumter. I know he is not only excited to be here, but is also excited to see what God does next in Sumter, Lee and Clarendon counties.

April Ministers Conference by Dan Nichols

Question: What do the Mayor, the Sheriff, and the Director of United Ministries have in common?

Answer: They're all planning to be at our next Minister's Conference in April!

That's right, they're coming to engage in a round table with the pastors of our Association, to help us gain insight into the needs of the community, so we'll be better able to serve and assist! Please mark your calendars now, and plan to attend!



Tuesday (the day after Easter Monday) April 18

Beginning with breakfast @ 10:00 AM

Ministers Conference @ 10:30 AM

With Special Guests: our Mayor, Sheriff, and Director of United Ministries

March Minister's Conference Recap: March 21st we had our first Minister's Conference with our new Associational Missionary, Kevin Litchfield. Most of you have had a chance to connect with Kevin (based on the number of breakfast, coffee, lunch, and dinner appointments he said he's had!), but if you haven't I encourage you to connect with him. He has a heart for Christ and a passion for seeing God at work in and through this community! This was the largest Minister's Conference I can remember, with many of our churches being represented. Kevin gave out a free book for everyone who came, shared his heart and vision, and gave everyone access to an incredible tool to use to gain insight into your church's community, to better assist you in how to minister to them. Joyce and Nancy provided a delicious home-cooked breakfast again! We recognize that some of our pastors are bi-vocational, or otherwise may not have been able to attend. But we'd like for everyone to gain access to these resources. So please contact Kevin to get these fantastic resources!



Bucket Project Update by Jennifer Kolb

South Carolina participated with Baptist Global Response to provide Hospice Care Buckets to help families care for those with HIV AIDS. Buckets were collected at the SC WMU Missions Encounter, March 23-24, 2017 at Boiling Springs First Baptist Church.

I am delighted to report our association provided 15 buckets! THANK YOU to all who participated in this project!

WMU Spring Meeting

Thursday Evening, April 20, 2017

Ladies, mark your calendar for April 20, 2017 and make plans to attend the Santee Baptist Association WMU Spring Meeting. Come & join us for an evening of fun, food, fellowship and WMU updates!

Hosted by:

Providence Baptist Church
2445 Old Manning Rd
Sumter, SC 29150



Registration begins at 6:30 pm
Meeting begins at 7:00 PM

Please invite your pastors to come with you to support Rev. Kevin Litchfield, our new Associational Missionary

For questions or more info, contact: Karen Rivers at
(803) 458-4562

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.

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



Cost: \$100 (First-Time) / \$50 (Alumni)
Register at: www.scbaptist.org

Band of Brothers is designed for pastors who are in need of developing allies for their ministries. Participants will begin the process of discovering how God has uniquely made them for His purpose. It is also the foundation on which a pastor can build a cluster group of brothers centered on fellowship, trust and the sharpening of pastoral leadership skills.

While the important subjects will be covered during the event, you will have fun just hanging out and encouraging one another. You will build relationships that hve the potential to last a lifetime.

2017 SC Disaster Relief Training Events

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



One-Day DR Trainings

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

www.facebook.com/scdisasterrelief

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

www.scbaptist.org/dr

SANTEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

NEW Office Hours:

Mon: 8:30 – 12 PM

Tues: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Wed: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Thurs: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Fri: Office is Closed

Email: info@santeebaptist.org

Web: santeebaptist.org

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Rev. John Sorrells April 18
 Rev. Charles Owens April 29

Anniversaries

Rev. & Mrs. Neal Sweet (Jessica) April 5
 Rev. & Mrs. Mark Barnett (Doris) April 15

Pastoral Church Anniversaries

Rev. & Mrs. Larry Fraser (Rebeka) April 7
 Rev. & Mrs. Charles Owens (Cindy) April 11
 Rev. & Mrs. Esta Gilley April 11
 Dr. & Mrs. Kevin Litchfield (Penny) April 15
 Dr. & Mrs. Ron Taylor (Debbie) April 21

Upcoming Events

Camp LaVida Work Day April 8
Cooperative Program Day April 9
Ministers Conference April 18
 Assoc. Office, (breakfast included)
SBA WMU Spring Meeting April 20, at 7:00 PM
 Providence Baptist
 Registration @ 6:30 pm / Program @ 7 pm
 Please invite your pastors
Age Level Leadership Retreat April 21–22
 Camp LaVida
GA Super Saturday April 22
 Camp LaVida
Health Kits April 24
 Due at the Assoc Office
Mother's Day Offering May 14
 for Ministries for the Aging
 Please order envelopes for
 Special Mother's Day Offering
Association Emphasis Week May 21 – 28
Duffel Bags & Bible for Foster Children July 2017



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The month of July we will be collecting Duffel Bags and Bible for Foster Children. There will be more information in the Mission Links News from the State WMU office in Columbia.