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THE DIGEST

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**SURVIVING TODAY'S
STUDENT GENERATION...
AND THEIR PARENTS!**

A Youth Worker Training Event!

with

Steve Rohrlack

Youth Ministry Director

South Carolina Baptist Convention

7:00 pm

February 9, 2015

Jedburg First Baptist
121 Brewer Road
Just off Hwy 78
Summerville, SC 29483
Screvenbaptist.org

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From the Director of Church and Community Ministries

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Wow what a year 2014 has been! It was a year full of transition for the Screven office and staff. But as I reflect on what was, just for a moment, I quickly look forward. We must always be striving to look ahead for the next opportunity to help our neighbors, encourage strangers, and seek the lost. Jesus was always going forward in His ministry, and as January brings a new year, may you move forward in your ministry efforts also.

I am so thankful for all the outpouring of volunteers and response to needs that were coordinated through the Screven office for the months of November and December!

Screven churches collected over 750 prison packets that were delivered to St. Andrews Baptist Church in Columbia and added to the others collected around the state. In total over 25,000 packets were collected and will be distributed to every male and female inmate in South Carolina prisons.

Over 400 toys were collected by Screven churches for the MacDougal Toy Shop. Inmates got to pick out a gift for each of their children; it was then wrapped and mailed by the Screven volunteers. What a tremendous tangible expression of Jesus' love!

2 dormitories of MacDougall were treated to a wonderful home-cooked Christmas Dinner. It was provided, cooked and served by Screven churches. Afterwards, a Christmas program, singing of carols and gospel message was shared.

Several thousand shoeboxes were collected and sent around the world!

So what is next? That is up to you! We are not finished until next November.....The spring, summer and fall are filled with opportunities for you to serve!

There is a new **associational women's ministry** starting in February. This is not to replace, or compete with the current WMU ministry already in place. This new ministry is for those women that do not have WMU and want to be a part of a group that can grow spiritually as well as minister to others while making a difference in the communities in which they live. There will be a start-up meeting for those interested at the Screven office on Monday, Feb. 23, at 6:30 pm.

VBS Clinic plans and preparations are well underway. Many of the Associational Team Leaders attended the Lifeway VBS Preview at Ridgecrest in January and are excited to share with you what they learned. I am so excited for the opportunity to offer this training to the Screven churches. All of your VBS workers and leaders will benefit from this clinic, AND it is so much FUN! The clinic will be held on Tuesday, March 24th at 6 pm. Registration will begin at 5:30. The Location will be at Cornerstone Baptist Church, 888 Central Ave, Summerville, SC 29483. We will offer break-out sessions for Directors/Pastors, Music, Missions, Crafts, Kitchen Snacks/Celebration Night, Decorating Made Easy, Preschool, 1-2 grade, 3-4 grade and 5-6 grade (VBX).

There are several **sports camps** that have already been scheduled. We are looking for volunteers for each

of the camps! (Coaches for baseball, softball, basketball, soccer, and cheerleading, are needed as well as others for various jobs to help with each camp)

June 15-19, Bonneau

June 22-26, Holly Hill

July 20-24, Joint Air/Navy Base Charleston

July 27-31, St. George

June 15-19, College Park

Partnership with the Metro New York Baptist Association is in the works. Several churches and individuals will be traveling to New York City this summer, partnering with new church plants. August 7-15, the older youth from Givhans Baptist will be traveling on mission to work with Mosaic Church in Crown Heights, Brooklyn. They will be doing a variety of service projects and working directly among the people of Crown Heights, a very diverse culture. The pastor of Mosaic, Steven Stallard, will be speaking on March 1st, 7 pm at Sandridge First Baptist Church. All are invited to hear his message and what God is doing in New York through his work there.

Other mission trips will be scheduled at a later date. Please contact me if interested in going, partnering, or financially assisting with these new church plants. When we reach New York City, we are reaching the world!

School Partnerships are on the rise. Many of the churches are working in the local schools in a variety of ways to help students and the teachers to become more successful. Good News Clubs, Back-pack buddies, and a coat distribution are just a few ways Screven churches are making a difference in the lives of children.

Please contact me if you would like more information on any of the ministries mentioned or you would like to investigate other possibilities. Sharris@screvenbaptist.org or 843-871-2410

Men's Ministry Meeting

**Monday, February 16, 7 PM
Givhans**

**Monday, March 16, 7 PM
Sandridge**

**Monday, April 20, 7PM
Calvary (Moncks Corner)**

Ministers Conference

**February 3, 11 AM
FBC Bonneau**

**March 3, 11 AM
Miles Road**

**April 7, 11 AM
North Trident**



NIKKI R. HALEY, Governor
BRYAN P. STIRLING, Director

January 16, 2015

Screven Baptist Association
ATTN: Ms. Susan Harris
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Summerville, South Carolina 29483

Dear Screven Baptist Association,

On behalf of the inmates, we would like to thank you so much for the kindness shown during the Christmas season in preparing a wonderful, delicious meal, as well as your Christmas Gift Shop. Thank you so much for demonstrating a true Christmas spirit by your sacrifice. The men have expressed their appreciation for all that you have done.

During this time, many men experience loneliness, feeling they have been forsaken. But you have shown your friendship and devotion to serving the Lord and your fellow man.

We are praying that God will bless you with a Happy New Year!

In His service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Neal", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Lance Neal, Contract Chaplain



Screenen Baptist Association 2015 VBS Clinic

Free training workshop for all VBS leaders and workers

Tuesday, March 24, 6 pm (registration begins at 5:30)

Cornerstone Baptist Church

888 Central Ave., Summerville, SC 29483

Break-out sessions:

Director/Pastor	Music	Decorating Made Easy	Kitchen Tips (including Celebration Night)		
Crafts	Missions	Preschool-K	Grades 1-2	Grades 3-4	Grades 5-6 (VBX)

Fun, Food and Prizes!

This training event is packed with fun for all your VBS Leaders and Workers. Make plans now to attend.

Any questions call Susan at 843-871-2410.

Would you like to partner and share decorations with other churches? This will lessen the work and expense for all. Bring your VBS dates and we will help coordinate this.

Pastor/Staff Anniversaries February		Birthdays February
Marshall Locke Holly Hill	Clay Shook Memorial	Bobby Eubanks John Durham
Alan Bagwell Cordesville	Jim Moore Sangaree	
Brian Hunt True Way	Drew Stephens Ridgeville	

From the Director of Leadership Development

James Holliday

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I continue to be thankful for the privilege of serving the churches of Screven Baptist Association. I have always believed in cooperative ministry and I am more convinced than ever of the benefits of it. Cooperation means there is no competition but a willingness to come along side each other to help, encourage or strengthen.

One way I have been blessed to come along side our churches is through our Practical Ministry Training Class. This purpose of this class is to help sharpen the skills of those called to serve the local church. We had our first class on January 12, 2015. There were a total of fourteen in attendance. We had ten class members, three presenters, and myself in attendance. We already have 2 more that plan to be in the next class. The topic of this class focused on the inner spiritual life of the minister and his call to ministry. For a man to be used of God in the church, he first must be in a growing, vibrant personal relationship with the Lord Jesus. As someone said, we cannot lead where we haven't gone ourselves.

Our primary presenter was Dr. John Jenkins. John did a masterful job sharing well researched information vital to building and marinating that personal walk with the Lord. I was personally enriched as were those in the class. We are blessed to have such Leaders as Dr. Jenkins in our Association. John also asked two men that have had an impact on his life to join him in the last period of the class. Mickey White and Bill Archer shared their wisdom on the topic from their experience. They also shared issues that can kill a minister's effectiveness. It was great to glean from their many years of life experience.

Our next class will be held February 2, 2015 at 7 pm. The topic will be Sermon Preparation. I will be leading that session. Anyone sensing a call to ministry or a pastor or staff member that just want to sharpen their skills are welcome. Anyone wanting to attend will need to call the office and let us know they will be coming.

Along with organizing this ministry and preparation for it, I have been working on other projects and ministry. I have had the opportunity to meet with and encourage some of our servants in the Association. I also continue to edit and prepare material for leadership training as well as researching and reading works on Biblical Leadership. I have had the opportunity to attend several of our churches as well as speak in some. I am always ready and willing to assist our churches and leaders. It is a joy to serve the Lord alongside Bobby, Susan, and Mason through the Screven Baptist Association.

James Holliday

Director of Leadership Development

WMU FOCUS WEEK

February 9—15

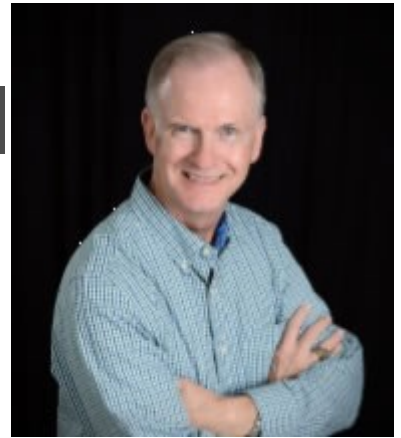
WMU Focus Meeting

February 7, 10 AM

Calvary, Moncks corner

From the Director of Missions

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The **financial status** of the association is good. In 2014, 57 churches contributed to our budget. Total budget receipts for 2014 were \$272,622.11 (an increase of \$6,756.82 from 2013). In addition, our churches contributed \$13,344.36 to the Tyner-Jackson Offering for Associational Missions. Contributions were distributed to disaster relief, Changed Lives Ministry, Community Impact for Christ, Salem Food Bank Ministry, Low Country Pregnancy Center, Eagle Harbor Ranch, World Friends, Katie's Crops, and Upper Dorchester County Community Ministries. Thank you for your faithful giving in 2014.

Leadership Development. One of our main goals is to develop and strengthen leadership skills with our pastors and staff. Our ICMP is continuing with several pastors and churches involved in intensive training to develop more healthy churches. In addition, we are beginning in January a Practical Pastoral Ministry Course for men who are called to ministry and need practical ministry skills. These ministry skills classes will be led by some of our experienced pastors in the association. They will provide some in depth classroom training to develop the skill set for future pastors. The classes will meet each once each month, except through the summer. James Holliday has developed the curriculum and enlisted the faculty. We are excited about the possibilities this class will produce.

The status of our **existing churches** is good. There are 8 churches without pastoral leadership. The following churches have called pastors since October 2014:

Gethsemane Reverend Robert Meade
Mt. Olivet Reverend Steve Boley

Reverend Billy Hill retired from Midway Baptist after 31 years as Pastor. The Pines Church is a new church meeting at Knightsville Elementary School. They had their first preview service December 7 with 45 in attendance. BJ Bethune is serving as their pastor.

2015 Mission Opportunities. Where is God leading your church to impact His kingdom? Here are some possibilities for you to consider.

New York City. Our association is looking to partner with a local Southern Baptist church in the largest and most important cities in the world. Our association is planning two trips later this summer. Contact Susan Harris at 871-2410 for more information.

Nova Scotia. Halifax is the largest city in Atlantic Canada. They are praying for 2 church planting teams to plant churches. Your church can be a sending church or a supporting church. No volunteer trips are planned for this summer. Contact Mason Van Tassel at 871-2410 for more information.

CHURCH WEB SITE

To date, four churches have taken the offer of a free web site. On January 29 we held a training meeting to help three of them get up to speed and initiate their presence on the World Wide Web.

In this age of technology, this is a great way for people to find and know what your church has to offer.

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Berkeley	825.70	8,257.25	Oakbrook, The Fellowship of	400.00	2,400.00
Bethel	315.51	3,486.44	Old Fort	3,837.00	44,016.05
Beulah	250.00	1,000.00	Old St. George	0.00	2,250.00
Bonneau First	1,000.14	7,993.84	Pleasant Grove	369.49	1,947.73
Brookhaven	1,500.00	1,500.00	Providence	432.90	3,183.96
Calvary, Moncks Corner	1,800.00	10,352.00	Reevesville	350.00	2,100.00
Calvary Pregnall	0.00	236.26	Ridge	0.00	2,900.49
Chaparral	60.00	360.00	Ridgeville	355.65	4,267.80
College Park	897.91	2,772.37	St. John's Bethel	385.41	4,241.23
Cordesville, First	836.46	7,759.63	St. Matthews	756.30	3,834.86
Corinth	200.00	2,400.00	St. Stephen, First	0.00	1,575.00
Crossroads	333.00	3,996.00	Salem	508.19	7,178.61
Eutawville, First	100.00	1,200.00	Sandridge	349.14	3,769.64
Faith	101.61	1,420.75	Sangaree Baptist Church	264.69	564.69
Flowertown	100.00	300.00	Santee Circle	138.17	1,763.67
Gethsemane	330.93	1,790.47	Summerville	2,867.96	29,601.44
Givhans	0.00	0.00	Tall Pines	395.00	5,158.00
Harleyville, First	410.79	4,358.47	Wassamassaw	1,604.16	9,754.99
Harristown Road	433.00	2,244.00	The Hub Church	0.00	250.00
Holly Hill, First	0.00	5,500.00	SCBC Contributions	0.00	3,220.00
Hopewell	0.00	0.00	Other	0.00	265.00
Iglesia Nueva Vision	0.00	0.00	Covenant Counseling/Rent	0.00	500.00
Jamestown	0.00	700.00	The Journey Church	1,250.00	5,000.00
Jedburg, First	2,220.35	13,137.46	The Pines Church	50.00	50.00
Knightsville	200.00	200.00	Solid Rock (Gilead Prop.)	800.00	8,800.00
Lighthouse Community	0.00	1,444.00	Cornerstone	200.00	800.00
Limestone	263.00	2,663.00	The Church at Cane Bay	0.00	2,322.00
Lydia	337.96	2,337.02	Ministerio Hispano de la Ridge	0.00	0.00
Memorial	1,749.94	7,000.00	Kingdom Blding Outreach	0.00	0.00
Midway	348.73	3,052.57	Bethel Baptist Ministries	0.00	0.00
Miles Road	0.00	2,000.00	Waypoint Community Church	0.00	160.37
Moncks Corner, First	742.52	8,930.84	The Hive Church	0.00	2,311.00
Mt. Olivet	0.00	2,484.91	Total Revenues	31,390.10	272,622.11
Mt. Zion	85.00	1,171.00	Total Expenses	26,715.81	258,311.88
North Trident	633.49	6,387.30	Aaron Tyner Offering	0.00	13,344.36