



Screven Baptist Association  
*many churches, one mission.*

# THE DIGEST

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June 1 - July 31

READYCHURCHES  READYHARVEST

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few." - MATT. 9:37



**SCREVEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**2015 Tyner-Jackson  
Associational Missions Emphasis**

**2015 Goal - \$13,000**

# From the Director of Church and Community Ministries

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Today I am reminded how thankful I am to be a part of the Screven Association. As I look at my calendar with very few empty days between now and September, I am in awe of the support the churches are giving each other and working together to bring others to know Christ. Whether it be through VBS, Sports Camps, Mission Trips, Summer partnerships and other ministries, God's people are stepping up to the plate as He commands. We are to make disciples as we go....so every day as we live life on the go...we have an opportunity to minister to others.

I am truly thankful for :

- ◆ the volunteers that have come forward to fill the open spots in the sports camps and VBS in the Association.
- ◆ for the financial gifts that have been received to help support the cost of these ministries.
- ◆ for the snacks/water/Gatorade that has been collected to meet some of the physical needs of the campers and leaders. But
- ◆ most of all that we serve a God that will supply all of our needs!

You will see the camp dates and places printed elsewhere in the Digest, and there are **still vacancies to be filled**. Please be in prayer for those people to come forward. Please pray for all of the summer ministries of our churches. These may be the only chance some will hear the gospel.

So if your calendar looks like mine, remember to slow down and look for opportunities to minister as *you go*....and to not neglect your personal time with God.

If you have pictures of your VBS, Camps, or other ministries, please send me a few. Thanks!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DATES

Berkeley Baptist Church	July 19-23	Midway Baptist Church	July 20-24/6:30-8:30 pm
Bonneau First Baptist	June 7-12/6PM	Miles Road Baptist Church	July 1 - Aug 12 (Wed. evenings)
Calvary Moncks Corner	June 15-19	Moncks Corner First Baptist Church	July 19-24/6-8:30 pm
College Park Baptist Church	June 15-19/6-8PM	North Trident	July 13-17/6:30PM-8:30PM
Cordesville First Baptist Church	June 7-11	Old Fort Baptist Church	June 15-19/8:45AM-12:15PM
Cornerstone Baptist Church	June 22-26/5:30 - 8:30PM	Old St George Baptist Church	June 7-11/6-8:30pm
Eutawville First Baptist Church	June 7-11	Providence Baptist Church	June 22-26/6-8:30pm
Gethsemane Baptist Church	June 15-19	St John's Bethel Baptist Church	June 7-12/6-8:30 pm
Harristown Road Baptist Church	June 15-19	Sandridge FBC	July 20-24
Holly Hill First Baptist Church	June 22-26/1-4pm	Summerville Baptist Church	June 8-12/9am-12 pm
Jedburg First Baptist Church	June 8-10/6-9PM	Trueway Missionary Baptist Church	June 15-19/6:30pm
Memorial Baptist Church	July 22-26/8:30AM-noon	Wassamassaw Baptist Church	June 8-12/9am-12 pm



**Sports Camp Dates in the Screven Association that will need volunteers:**

**June 15-19, College Park Baptist Church, 4pm-6pm (followed by supper and VBS ending at 8:00pm)**

**June 22-26, Holly Hill, 9am-12 noon (followed by lunch and VBS ending at 4pm)**

**July 6-10 at the Bonneau Recreation Center, 9am-12 noon**

**July 20-24, Joint Base Charleston, 9am-12 noon**

**July 27-31, St. George Middle School, 9am-12 noon (followed by VBS ending at 4pm)**

**Coaches needed for: Baseball and T-Ball; Volleyball ; Soccer; Basketball; Cheerleading  
(even if you are not athletically inclined...we have a spot for you to help!)**

**The children will range in age from 5k-6th grade and be split into groups accordingly.**

**Older youth 10th grade and above can participate as an assistant coach, helper or in other various positions/jobs. (water person, transportation of sports equipment, leading a devotion, guiding children through the daily routines etc.)**

**For more info or to volunteer**

**Please contact Susan Harris 843-871-2410**

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# **THE RESPONSE:**

*a call to prayer for a nation in crisis*

**Saturday, June 13, 2015 North Charleston Coliseum**

9:00 – 10:00 Youth Rally, music geared towards youth

10:00 – 4:00 Time of scripture reading, prayer, worship

- No preachers pontificating or politicians grandstanding, logos and egos are checked at the door in a posture of humility and holiness. Won't announce names or affiliations as people come up (given 45 seconds)
- No lunch break, but people can walk about. Fasting encouraged if people choose, but concessions available for those that choose, diabetics, children, etc
- Evangelical Christians only to lead in program
- Not a political event, Governor will welcome and maybe pray or give testimony
- Build prayers around segments (Repentance, Reconciliations, Revival, Reformation, Refreshing)
- Will follow the Joel 2 model with 2 Chronicles 7:14 in mind
- For the people of God (pastors, leaders of the country, the church itself)
- Holy Fast and Sacred Assembly (key words Holy, sacred, weeping, mourning, repentance)
- Representation of Everyone (multi-ethnic, non-denominational, multi-generational)
- Joel emphasized it was a top priority (he asked all plans be put on hold and "blow the trumpet", it's not a gathering of convenience or recreation. It's one that reflects repentance, responsibility, and priority)
- Prior to: 21 days prior will begin sending emails for a new prayer points for nation and seeking SC specific prayer focuses
- After: Continue to move the body of Christ forward in prayer, follow-up emails, prayer for the next state
- Paid for, and planned by American Renewal Project, a 501c3 whose vision is to move the nation towards Judeo-Christian beliefs, one of those is to be physically and spiritually involved in prayer and seeing Holy Spirit move

Website is [www.theresponsesc.com](http://www.theresponsesc.com) with registration, prayer resources, general info, promotion resources, etc.

## Screven Baptist Association Calendar

June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 June	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 4:00PM· · Sports Camp- College Park 7:00PM Men's Ministry - Miles Road	16 · · · Sports Camp- College Park	17 · · · Sports Camp- College Park	18 · · · Sports Camp- College Park	19 · · · 6:00PM Sports Camp-College Park	20
21	22 9:00AM· · Sports Camp-Holly Hill	23 · · · Sports Camp-Holly Hill	24 · · · Sports Camp-Holly Hill	25 · · · Sports Camp-Holly Hill	26 · · · 12:00PM Sports Camp-Holly Hill	27
28	29	30				

**For more detail on Calendar items go to the Screven web site and click  
on the Calendar tab— <http://www.screvenbaptist.org>**

**Ministers Conference**  
**No Meetings during the Summer**  
**months**

**Men's Ministry Meeting**  
**Monday, June 15, 7PM**  
**Miles Road**

## Sunday School: Is it still relevant?

I've been thinking about Sunday School. I am reminded that Dwight L. Moody began ministry by starting and running a Sunday School. His school was designed to reach those who generally went untouched and unreached by existing churches. This Sunday School ministry helped launch a ministry by Moody that would touch people around the world. In fact, his legacy lives on at Moody Church and Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois today!

Some would say that the day of Sunday School is in the past. It is true that in many cases the original zeal and purpose for Sunday School has been forgotten. It is so easy for us to do something for so long that we lose awareness of its intended purpose. To do something just because we have always done it is not inspiring, wise or effective. For Sunday School to be effective we must have a clear purpose and a clear vision of what could be accomplished. Moody, it is said, was not the likeliest of men to be in ministry. However Moody saw the unreached and uncared for masses of needy children and he devised a strategy and cast a powerful vision that led to a Sunday School of 650 children and 60 volunteers in just a year.

I believe this is the time to look around us and see the unreached masses and devise a strategy and cast a fresh vision for Sunday School to reach the unreached. Recently I read a study by the South Carolina Baptist Convention called *Missional Landscape of the South Carolina Baptist Convention*. I was stunned to learn that we Southern Baptist's are reaching only 3.85% of the population in the Low Country. That means we are NOT reaching 96.15% of the population. It is true that there are other evangelicals reaching people in the Low Country but together we are reaching only a small percentage of the overall population. As the various new industries bring more people into our area, the number of unreached will only increase.

I believe with a renewed purpose, strategy and vision, Sunday School could be a powerful tool our existing churches could utilize to reach many who are without a relationship with Jesus. We would need to build our strategy around the realities of our times. Research tells us that young adults are looking for community, good Biblical teaching and a safe place for their children among other things. To reach these young adults, how we organize and conduct our adult classes will have to be modified.

We could reimagine Adult Sunday School as a place not only to study the Bible, but a place where new people are sought out and welcomed. A place where intentional structure is in place to foster building meaningful relationships. A place that is filled with love, acceptance and joy. A place that not only prays for and gives to missions, but where every class is involved in real tangible hands on mission in the community. Sunday School could also be a vehicle for the caring ministry of the church for its people. The possibilities are only limited by our lethargy, complacency and willingness to just do what we do because we have always done it that way. We need to open our eyes and see that the fields are white unto harvest and to be willing to do everything we can to modify, reimagine and rebuild our Sunday Schools to reap the harvest. We at the Association stand ready to come along side and help any church that is desiring to reimagine, and cast fresh vision for Sunday School ministry.

### CONGRATULATIONS !

**To: Adrian and Charlie Swain  
(Church at Cane Bay)  
on the birth of their son, Lincoln ,  
on May 10th**

**To: Will Browning (Journey Church)  
on receiving his Doctor of Ministries  
from Southeastern Seminary**



# Joint Base Charleston Sports Camp

## Sponsored by Screven Baptist Association

Monday-Friday, July 20-24<sup>th</sup>, am-12 noon

This will be for children that have completed 5k- 5<sup>th</sup> grades.

This sports camp will be operated like a VBS but geared to an all sports theme and we will use the Mega Sports Curriculum that will present the gospel message.

We will need coaches that will instruct basic skills and drills in three, 30 minute intervals with breaks in between.

Coaches are needed for: **T-Ball Baseball Basketball Soccer Cheerleading**

- \* 1-2 Pep Rally Leaders-to get the kids excited about the day, and promote each days Bible Truth, lead in singing fun songs. Opening Rally and Halftime Rally will also have videos to use.
- \*10-15 Huddle Coaches- share the gospel message of the day with the children that will be divided according to age in each sport. (We have material for you to use) There will be 2 ten minute huddles per day, per sport, per age group. Huddle coaches will also help the main coach with behavior guidance.
- \*5-6 Snacks and Water Team-There will be several breaks for water and snacks to be given to the children and adults throughout the morning.

All volunteers will need to have a background check run through Lifeway, and whatever the Joint Base will require. We request volunteers be at least a high school junior.

Screven Association will be collecting individually wrapped snacks and powdered Gatorade to use at the camp. If you would like to collect these items, it will be greatly appreciated, or you may contribute to the sports camp fund.

If interested in helping with the Mega Sports Camp please contact Susan Harris at

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### Pastor/Staff Anniversaries June

**Jerry Styles**  
**Corinth**

**John Jenkins**  
**Calvary MC**

**Stan Cruse**  
**Oakbrook**

**Dennis Carter**  
**Bonneau First**

**Jeff Johnson**  
**Eutawville**

**Chris Wiser**  
**Chaparral**

# From the Director of Missions

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The concepts of transformation and church complement each other and connect to each other. But when you put together the occurrence of transformation and the people of God called the church, the result is awesome. The result is transformation and church the way God designed them to be. We are supposed to see the evidence of transformation in churches, but too often we see only stagnation. God's plan is that "we all, with unveiled faces, are reflecting the Lord's glory, and are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit" (2 Cor. 3:18). That means that we as individuals and "we all" as the church are supposed to see this transformation. Transforming "with ever-increasing glory" should be a normal occurrence, but too often it is the exception.

I have spent most of my adult life serving church churches as a pastor and Director of Missions. During those years, I have watched God transform people with the power of the gospel. Transformation is at the heart of God's mission to humanity. He delights in moving us from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light. And then He delights in empowering and directing us as agents in His kingdom. We, the body of Christ, are God's chosen method to deliver the message of transformation to our families and neighbors both in the local community and around the world. Delivering the message is our mission.

There is a problem, however. Rather than being missionaries for Christ going into our communities and the world, we have some groups content with programs and activities. God calls us to make a transformational impact on the world, not provide a circus of activity for ourselves. To make this transformational impact, we must engage in His mission for His glory and on His terms. We must move beyond entertaining the members and into engaging Christ's mission.

God is not finished with His church. Paul writes to the church at Philippi, "I am sure of this, that He who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Phil. 1:6). And we are partners with Him in His work of grace that brings transformation. The greatest result is to hear that the gospel is being more widely told and people are turning their hearts to follow Christ.

We are excited about what God plans to do with the churches of Screven Baptist Association. We are saying to our churches and to our leaders, "God is not done with you yet." We are asking God to give us transformational churches.

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## Thank You for Your Faithful Financial Support!

	APRIL	YTD	APRIL	YTD
Berkeley	875.55	4,431.00	4,503.18	15,584.63
Bethel	346.56	1,239.96	500.00	1,000.00
Beulah	0.00	250.00	210.68	507.75
Bonneau First	554.43	1,079.92	297.70	738.85
Brookhaven	0.00	0.00	175.00	525.00
Calvary, Moncks Corner	1,798.00	3,297.00	0.00	1,140.20
Chaparral	30.00	120.00	366.83	1,471.49
College Park	737.03	737.03	422.73	1,441.30
Cordesville, First	885.31	2,106.49	339.04	874.76
Corinth	200.00	800.00	659.00	1,975.00
Crossroads	333.00	1,332.00	667.00	2,058.11
Eutawville, First	100.00	400.00	305.70	867.69
Faith	136.63	608.30	0.00	400.00
Flowertown	0.00	150.00	208.32	651.27
Gethsemane	181.24	642.46	2,850.43	10,032.78
Harleyville, First	440.51	1,532.91	181.00	467.00
Harristown Road	474.00	474.00	802.08	3,208.32
Holly Hill, First	500.00	2,500.00	0.00	795.95
Jamestown	175.00	525.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
Jedburg, First	1,313.26	4,233.97	87.56	295.16
Knightsville	520.37	1,206.87	800.00	3,200.00
Limestone	270.00	1,035.00	100.00	400.00
Lydia	274.50	1,189.96	350.00	1,400.00
Memorial	1,250.01	1,250.01	0.00	620.00
Midway	485.74	881.16	29,722.29	89,698.03
Moncks Corner, First	971.18	2,220.43	24,251.60	89,119.39
Mt. Olivet	853.28	853.28	0.00	501.15
Mt. Zion	128.00	411.00		
North Trident	612.44	2,485.02		
Oakbrook, The Fellowship of	200.00	800.00		
		<b>Total Revenues</b>	29,722.29	89,698.03
		<b>Total Expenses</b>	24,251.60	89,119.39
		Tyner - Jackson Offering	0.00	501.15