



# THE DIGEST



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

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

June 15-19, College Park Baptist Church, 4pm-6pm  
(followed by supper and VBS ending at 8:45pm)

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

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  
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# From the Director of Church and Community Ministries

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Since January, lots of wonderful things have been happening in the Association. In January, several Associational VBS Team Leaders attended the Lifeway VBS Preview at Ridgecrest. Wow, such an inspiration and we all came back full of excitement and ready to lead the Associational clinic. The clinic was held, March 24 and hosted by Cornerstone Baptist. What an awesome night! In attendance was 158+ and 26 churches were represented. It was such a wonderful night of learning, sharing, fellowship and fun preparing for our roles to lead VBS this summer. Plans are already underway to improve and add more break-out sessions for next year. If you would like to host the clinic or serve on the Screven VBS Leadership team please contact me. To host the clinic we will need a church that has at least 6-8 rooms for break-out sessions. There will be several sessions offered that will NOT be theme specific, so if you do not use Lifeway VBS material, you may still attend and benefit from the 2016 clinic.

Also a “round table” discussion was held February 23 as in inquiry to starting a new women’s ministry for the Screven churches. We had 15 women from 7 churches represented and will have a follow up meeting soon. It was unanimous that we need to connect with the younger generation, and will brainstorm to come up with suggestions to make that connection. If you have any ideas, or would like to be a part of the group next meeting, please let me know.

A new children’s ministry program was started at the Joint Base Charleston in February by Rebecca Sherman from Calvary Baptist Moncks Corner. She leads the children of the service men and women that attend bible study on Thursday nights. More help is needed with this ministry as it is growing and it is a large age spread. The children are 3-12 in ages. Also, the base has requested help in feeding the bible study group. As of now it is about 30, but anticipates growth. If you would like to provide a home cooked meal for our service men/women please contact me at the Screven office ASAP. What a wonderful opportunity to serve our armed forces and our Lord!

WMU has also been busy. The Focus Week meeting was held at Calvary Moncks Corner on Feb. 7, with approximately 45 in attendance and 10 churches represented. A challenge was given to find your ministry passion and do it! A yummy soup and cornbread lunch was enjoyed with fellowship afterward. Several of the Associational WMU Leadership Team and other WMU members attended the state meeting at Riverland Hills Baptist Church in Irmo and came back inspired and encouraged! WMU sponsored a ministry fair on April 11<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Harleyville First Baptist. The theme was Reaching Lostness! This was a wonderful event with 13 local ministry partners present displaying pictures and information of each ministry and how we can help reach the lost. Before the fair, we heard from Cam Dunson, serving as IMB missionary here in the US. She and her husband are looking for unreached and unengaged people groups that are migrating to the US. This is a new concept and approach to international missions without leaving the US. There were 68 in attendance with 24 churches represented. A fantastic morning was followed by a great lunch and fellowship.

Whew, where has the time gone! Summer is just around the corner, and that means lots of children will be out in your neighborhoods. Are you ready for them? Have you thought about the opportunity you have to teach them about Jesus, and just to love on them? Many of the children that you will see playing in the streets and parks do not have the home-life you and I may have had. More than ½ of the children come from broken homes. So many kids do not know who Jesus is. You could change that statistic, and change a life forever! There are numerous and creative ways to reach out to these children, here are just a few.

Hosting a VBS in your church, a backyard, a local park, or recreation center. VBS does not have to follow a traditional 1 week for 3 hour schedule. It can be used in any time frame you have available. If your church has not scheduled some sort of VBS, and would like more info on how to start, please contact me ASAP. God will use whatever time and place we give Him!

Sports Camps-this is a unique way to combine something that is familiar with children and families and the gospel message in a “non-threatening” atmosphere. Screven has 5 camps scheduled around the lowcountry and still has need for more volunteers. Coaches and assistant coaches are needed for all sports, and other general volunteers are needed for presenting the gospel message, water and snack team, registration, first aid, etc., which requires NO athletic ability. Locations and dates are as follows:

June 15-19, 4-6 pm, College Park, Ladson (VBS 6-8:45)

June 22-26, 9am-12pm, Holly Hill (VBS 1-4pm)

July 6-10, 9am-12pm, Bonneau

July 20-24, 9am-12pm, Joint Base Charleston

July 27-31, 9am-12pm, St. George (VBS1-4pm)

Individual snacks, powered Gatorade and bottled water are needed for each of the camps.

Support a Mission Team. Many Screven churches are planning mission trips this summer and also Screven will be taking 2-3 teams to New York by the end of the year. Would you please pray for the all teams and those they will encounter? Would you like to go? Or perhaps you would like to financially support a team member? Any of these ways would be a blessing! If you are interested in **going** to New York, please contact me ASAP as travel dates and locations are being scheduled according to the number of interested persons.

So what are your plans for the summer to reach the lost? Please feel free to contact me regarding any of the ministry opportunities mentioned in this report or any other opportunity you would like to explore.

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Blessings,

Susan Harris

## Equipping Leaders “so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.”

**Ephesians 4:11-16 (NLT)** <sup>11</sup> Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. <sup>12</sup> Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. <sup>13</sup> This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. <sup>14</sup> Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won’t be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. <sup>15</sup> Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. <sup>16</sup> He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

**2 Timothy 2:2 (NLT)** You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.

These Scriptures contain the guiding principles I use in the work I am privileged to do on behalf of Screven Baptist Association. I believe every follower of Christ would want their church to be “healthy and growing and full of love.” Jesus Himself told us that the principles of love and unity would be the apologetic most effective in convincing a lost and skeptical world that Christianity and salvation are true. For our churches to be healthy growing and full of love, we need leaders that understand for themselves the Biblical principles and possess the ministry skills to lead our churches to that outcome. That is why we seek to come along side our churches to train and equip leaders. This is part of the process of discipleship.

We are continuing our efforts through the Practical Pastoral Ministry class. It has been exciting and rewarding to see men avail themselves to better understand God’s principles of ministry and leadership. Most of the participants are bi-vocational. We have some very faithful, obedient and committed men seeking to sharpen their skills. They are worthy examples to the believers!

In the last three sessions we covered sermon preparation and delivery and philosophy of ministry. Sermon preparation and delivery is a crucial component in the disciple making process. The clear and practical delivery of God’s Word is needed to fulfill the admonition of 2 Timothy 4:2(NLT) “Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching.” The church grows and matures spiritually when a steady diet of God’s word is consumed and obeyed.

We were particularly blessed to have Dr. Eric Lethco, pastor at Old Fort Baptist, lead our session on pastoral philosophy of ministry. Dr. Lethco did a masterful job drawing from Scripture and his many years of experience detailing what Biblical pastoral ministry is. He helped the class to discern between Biblically mandated ministry versus human expectations and how to manage them. He also dealt with some of the ethical issues in ministry. It is such a joy seeing God use our pastors to help train others with such enthusiasm and expertise. We are blessed in Screven to have many great leaders and pastors.

God is at work in Screven Association! What a joy to be part of His work together!

## Screven Baptist Association Calendar May 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday 1 May	Saturday 2
3	4	5 11:00AM Minister's Conference Jedburg First Baptist	6	7	8	9
10	11 7:00PM Pastoral Ministry Course	12 8:00AM CCC Board Screven	13	14	15	16
17	18 7:00PM Men's Ministry Summerville Baptist	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED	26	27	28	29	30
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**For more detail on Calendar items go to the Screven web site and click on the Calendar tab— <http://www.screvenbaptist.org>**

**Ministers Conference**  
**May 5, 11 AM**  
**Jedburg First Baptist**  
**Rev. Stan Cruse**  
**“How we do sports ministry”**

**Men's Ministry Meeting**  
**Monday, May 18, 7PM**  
**Summerville**  
  
**Monday, June 15, 7PM**  
**Miles Road**



1 Peter 3:15

## Joint Base Charleston Sports Camp

Sponsored by Screven Baptist Association

Monday-Friday, July 20-24<sup>th</sup>, 9am-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.

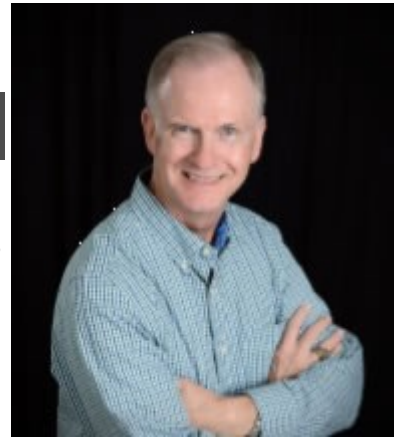
All volunteers will need to have a background check run through Lifeway, and whatever the Joint Base will require. We request volunteers be at least a high school junior.

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.

Please contact Susan Harris if interested in helping with the Mega Sports Camp at 843-871-2410, 843-870-4550 or [sharris@screvenbaptist.org](mailto:sharris@screvenbaptist.org).

# From the Director of Missions

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**Our focus.** Our association spends a lot of time and energy “Serving” our churches in program and support roles that hopefully results in Great Commission efforts (Matthew 28:19-20). However, the real focus of associational ministry is in three other areas: Starting, Strengthening, and Sending.

**Serving the Churches (Serve)**

**Starting something new (Start)**

**Strengthening something struggling (Strengthen)**

**Partnering with someone else (Send)**

If we are going to penetrate lostness with the gospel, healthy, established churches must partner with new church planters to **start new churches** in unchurched areas of the Charleston tri-county area. A recent article appeared in the February 23, 2015 edition of **The Post and Courier** newspaper: **Some 75,000 people are expected to flood Berkeley County’s mega developments.** The three developments are Nexton, Cane Bay, and Carnes Crossroads. The growth in population makes it one of the top growth areas on the East Coast. To keep up with the growth of new people in our area, more than 100 new churches would need to be planted in the Low Country over the next 15 years just to keep reaching the same percentage of the population.

Our association is committed to **strengthening our existing churches.** We exist to serve our churches, to be obedient to the Great Commission. We seek to help our churches develop strategies for making disciples who reproduce more disciples. We want to see our churches impact their communities with the gospel of Jesus and be salt and light in their neighborhoods.

Our association is also committed to developing local, national, and international partnerships and **sending out individuals and mission teams** into the harvest with the gospel. We believe that every church member is a disciple who is called to be a missionary. Our associational staff is ready to connect each church with an opportunity to partner locally, nationally or internationally. I encourage you to pray about your church’s involvement.

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Limestone	280.00	765.00	Solid Rock Ministries	800.00	2,400.00
Lydia	416.47	915.46	Cornerstone	100.00	300.00
Midway	0.00	395.42	The Church at Cane Bay	350.00	1,050.00
Moncks Corner, First	612.55	1,249.25	The Hive Church	0.00	620.00
Mt. Zion	99.00	283.00	<b>Total Revenues</b>	19,424.95	59,975.74
North Trident	525.88	1,872.58	<b>Total Expenses</b>	18,634.99	64,867.79
Oakbrook, The Fellowship of	200.00	600.00	Tyner - Jackson Offering	0.00	501.15