



Screven Baptist Association
many churches, one mission.



THE DIGEST

Volume LIII Issue 7

September 2015

Celebrating our Partnership in the Gospel

Philippians 1: 3,5 I thank my God ... because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

*66th Annual Meeting
Screven Baptist Association*

October 27, 2015

Cordesville First Baptist Church

I AM NOT ASHAMED
OF THE GOSPEL FOR IT
IS THE POWER OF
GOD FOR
SALVATION!
ROMANS 1:16

From the Director of Church and Community Ministries

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The summer proved to be a really “hot” one for me, but I survived! I was so privileged to see God at work through so many different people during VBS and Sports Camps across the Low Country! I saw many lives that were changed, now forever, and that will have eternal life. Praise the Lord! Many partnerships were formed, new life-long friends were made, and a new start to life for many of those that participated in the summer ministry opportunities. I have truly been blessed to serve alongside some of the most wonderful people! Thank you to everyone that gave their time, supplies, money, and prayer to support the sports camps, block parties and VBS! I look forward to what God will have us do next summer.

Although the summer was busy, another season is starting and the clock is ticking.....It is now time to shift focus and begin preparations for the fall and Christmas season ministries. Schools are now in full swing and many households are back to a busy schedule. Please remember to pray daily for our teachers that are educating our children. I would encourage you to adopt a school, class or teacher to offer support in any way you can. Sometimes just simple gestures of kindness go a long way! Anyone that is able to read can be a great asset to our schools by volunteering to read to the students. Statistics tell us that if a child is not reading at grade level by the third grade, that child has a high risk of not finishing school, possibly leading to a life of crime and imprisonment. Several of the schools across the state that have partnerships with churches have seen an increase of test scores, a greater morale, and better behavior from the students. What a wonderful place to show Jesus’ love by simply reading to the children! “Let the little children come to Me, and don’t stop them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” (Luke 18:16 HCSB)

WMU has a fall leadership conference scheduled for Saturday, September 26. (More details elsewhere in the Digest). I would encourage all members of WMU to attend. The Associational WMU team is planning a great morning for you. If you are interested in starting a WMU in your church, you are invited to come too!

October 1 the Coastal Center in Ladson will host their Annual Games Day. This is a special event held for the residents to participate in outside games and have their families for a day of fun! The Coastal Center is a residence for mentally and physically challenged individuals. Screven Association has been asked to participate again this year by cooking and serving lunch to everyone, about 400 people. The Coastal Center is also looking for some balloon artists to tie balloons that day as well. If you would like to help, please contact me ASAP.

Now is the time to start collecting your Toys for the Toy Shop at MacDougal Correctional Facility and the items needed to put in the prison packets that will be distributed throughout South Carolina to men’s and women’s facilities. A list of items will be posted on our website. Please adhere to the size, quantity and type items required for the prison packets. Do not add anything extra. Because these packs are distributed in masses, the packets must all be the same. Prison Packets and Toys are due into the Screven office on Monday, November 23. Thank you in advance for your response to this ministry!

December 1, Screven Association will host the MacDougal Toy Shop. This is a wonderful opportunity to minister to the inmates and their families by providing a toy for their children at Christmas. We need NEW, UNWRAPPED toys for children ages birth to 15. (The older ages are where we really run short on gifts.) If you would like to serve at the toy shop, please let me know ASAP, I have to turn our list of volunteers into MacDougal by September 15th. Because we are only allowed a certain number to enter the facility, please make sure you can commit to serving that day. We help the inmates select an age appropriate gift, wrap it, and then ship it to his child. This is a big production and takes each volunteer. Screven churches provided over 400 gifts for children last year! WOW what an outpouring of Jesus love! Thank you to each of you that purchased gifts, and served!

I look forward to serving Him together!

Blessings, Susan Harris

Leadership Training for All WMU Members

ALL FOR YOU

Surrender • Sacrifice • Serve

Saturday, September 26, 2015

Gethsemane Baptist Church

1446 State Road, Summerville, SC 29483

Registration 9:00 AM, conference begins at 9:30

Lunch \$7 pay at door but please call Angela Meade
843-425-0997 or 843-761-3234 to make reservations

Other Questions contact Pat Pierce 843-336-3766

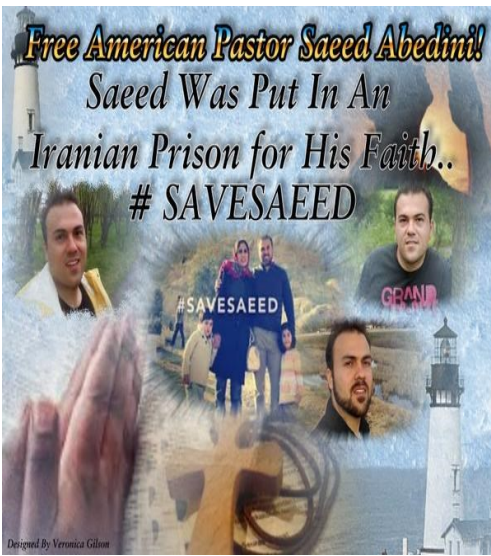


ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Review Workshop
With Dot Whitemire

Summerville Baptist Church
September 3rd, 5-9pm

Contact Linda Hargett for more info—843-696-0940



Saeed Abedini is an American Pastor who has served 3 years of an 8 year sentence in one of Iran's most brutal prisons. His only crime was sharing his Christian faith.

Pastor Saeed has stood as a face for the growing persecution of Christians around the world. Prayer vigils will be held on September 26, 2015. Join us as we gather together in solidarity with our persecuted brothers and sisters.

7:00 P.M.

Calvary Baptist Church
 1555 South Live Oak Drive
 Moncks Corner, SC 29461

For more information call (843) 291-8316

Acts 12:5 – Peter therefore was kept in prison, but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

You are invited to **Baptist Women's**



World Day of Prayer

Monday, November 2, 2015

9:45 AM

Summerville Baptist Church
 417 Central Ave
 Summerville, SC 29483

Lunch will be served

(offering for BWA Women's

When we rise up He shines through

Ministers Conference
 September 1 11AM
 Fellowship of Oakbrook
 October 6. 11AM
 Wassamassaw

Men's Ministry Meeting
 September 21, 7PM
 Harleyville
 October 19, 7PM
 Berkeley

Teaching Methods

I have been thinking about different approaches to teaching. Anytime a group meets together to study the Bible there needs to be preparation and thought given on creative ways to engage the group. I have found that adults especially learn best when they are able to participate in the learning process. The more our senses are stimulated in a study the more we are going to get out of it. With that in mind, I would like to share the following methods and challenge all involved in teaching and learning to try different ones to keep things fresh and to engage the group to make things interesting and profitable.

Brainstorming: Announce the question or topic to be "stormed." Members make as many informal suggestions as possible, not waiting to be called on. No criticism of suggestions is allowed. List suggestions on board; when all are in, have class evaluate and discuss the ideas. This method loosens up the group, involves nonparticipants, and produces new ideas.

Buzz Groups: Divide the class into groups, with from three to six persons, depending on size of class, in a group. Appoint a leader for each group or let groups select own leaders. Assign a topic to each group. Several or all groups can discuss same topic if necessary. Allow 5—8 minutes for discussion in the groups, then reconvene entire class and get reports from group leaders. Jot findings on board for discussion by entire class. Many persons are freer to express themselves in small groups, so this method provides maximum participation and interaction.

Discussion: Not to be confused with Question and Answer. In discussion, members react not only with the teacher but with one another. Usually discussion is started by the teacher's asking a question to which there is more than a single acceptable answer. ("Where was the Sea of Galilee?" is hardly a discussion question!) A student will respond to a question, someone else may disagree with him, and a third person may have additional comments. The teacher is responsible for starting the discussion, keeping it "on track" by asking leading questions as necessary, and summarizing it after contributions cease. If a discussion gets out of hand and rambles, much of its value is lost.

Group (or Class) Bible Study: Each person should have his Bible open. Ask questions that will help the class learn what the passage you are studying says. Encourage sharing of insights as group discusses the interpretation of the passage and its application to current needs. Always summarize findings. This method makes students think; it shows them how to study the Bible on their own; and it increases participation and involvement

Listening Groups: Same as Buzz Groups, except that each group is assigned a topic to listen for as someone reads a selection of Scripture or something else, or discusses a subject. When the class is reassembled as a whole, group leaders report and then the entire class evaluates the reports

Neighbor Nudging: Like Buzz Groups, except that there are only two people, sitting next to each other, in each "group." In couples' classes the neighbors can be man-and-wife teams, or you may want to have the men on one set of teams and the women on another. (If a person is left out in the pairing off, assign him to one of the twosomes.) This method makes it easy for bashful persons to participate. However, since there are no group leaders, it may be hard to get some "neighbors" to speak up in the general session following the nudging.

Question and Answer: Teacher asks questions and students answer them. Makes for good interaction between teacher and students. Teacher should word questions carefully in advance. Imprecise, confusing questions will be the death of this method, which provides involvement, guides group thinking, and keeps the class on the assigned topic, preventing "wandering."

This is not an exhaustive list of methods but I hope enough to spark creativity and increase interest in Studying God's Word.



2016 VBS Preview

January 8-9, 2016 (Friday - Saturday)

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\$70 per person by Oct 15, \$60 for 3 or more from same group

register at: <http://www.lifeway.com/Event/Leadership-Event-VBS-2016-Preview-Ridgecrest-NC-1>

(If you would like to serve on the Association VBS Team, please contact Susan Harris ASAP 843-871-2410 so we can get registered to attend, deadline is Oct. 15!!)

Happy New Year WMU!!

Five members of the Associational WMU Leadership Team was able to attend EMERGE at Camp La Vida for training in August. We came back with lots to share and we will be doing that on September 26 at the Fall Leadership Training. The meeting will take place at Gethsemane Baptist Church, Summerville, SC with registration at 9:00 am. We are expecting to see many of you there, please call ahead for lunch reservations. It is for everyone involved in WMU. We came back encouraged and are excited about this new church year for our churches and for WMU. We are anticipating a growth in the churches that already have a WMU program and also for new startups for those of you who have put off doing so. We want to help you get started and are available with information and encouragement. No church is too small to have a WMU. Please let us help!

Pat Pierce- Screven WMU Director

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Pleasant Grove Baptist Church

“Interim Nursery Director”

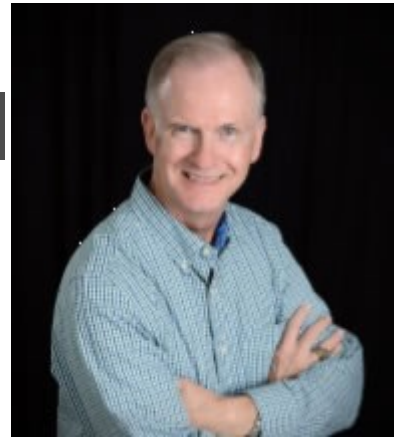
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, located in Summerville, is seeking someone who desires to love and nurture children in the Spirit of Christ during our Sunday service.

Experience in children's ministry is preferred but not required. Experience in the position of nursery director, nanny, caretaker, etc. is a must, as you will be handling young children and assisting others to do the same.

If you are interested in being of service, and for job description, please contact the church office at 843-871-2362, or Email Dylan at dgunnels1776@gmail.com

From the Director of Missions

Robert Bailey bbailey@screvenbaptist.org



This article is paraphrased from a blog written by Eric Geiger of Lifeway.

Pastor Appreciation Month occurs in October of each year. Not every church expresses appreciation for their Pastor in October. It seems better to me to express such appreciation to a Pastor and his family on an ongoing basis, not just once a year. In fact, it is an imperative from God's Word.

“Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. . . Obey your leaders and submit their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you (Hebrews 13:7, 17).

What should we give to our Pastors?

Pray for them. The greatest gift you can give your pastors is prayer. Pray that God will keep them to Himself, pure and holy (1 Timothy 3:2). Pray they will persevere in life and doctrine. As you pray for your Pastor, you will find yourself loving them more and criticizing them less.

Imitate their faith. Our Pastors are not perfect men. But they are to live holy lives in response to the grace of God. So this means we should learn from our Pastors, and we should put into practice the faith we see displayed in them.

Follow their leadership. God's Word says we are “to obey our leaders and submit to their authority” (Hebrews 13:17). God, in his sovereignty, places pastors in places of leadership in His church. The Lord gives them unique gifts and passion for the churches they serve and communities they serve in. When we are led by godly Pastors who preach and teach the Word of God, we should follow.

Help them love their families well. Pastors must be able to love and lead their own families well if they are to lead their churches. You can help your Pastors love their families well by not putting unfair expectations on them that would cause them to neglect their families if they lived up to all your expectations. Don't expect him to accept all your invitations so that he can give more to his own family. Let's encourage, love, and support our Pastors as they faithfully fulfill their ministries.

Pastor/Staff Anniversaries September

Randy Sorrow—Old Fort

Philip Melton—Jedburg

Pastor/Staff Birthdays September

Michael Atkinson—Summerville

Philip Melton—Jedburg

Chris Wiser—Chaparral

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Hopewell	0.00	0.00	Other	0.00	0.00
Iglesia Nueva Vision	0.00	0.00	Covenant Counseling/Rent	0.00	0.00
Jamestown	0.00	525.00	Endowment Funds Interest	0.00	795.95
Jedburg, First	1,247.55	7,913.72	The Journey Church	0.00	2,500.00
Knightsville	180.15	1,995.44	The Pines Church	0.00	369.49
Lighthouse Community	0.00	170.00	Solid Rock (Gilead Prop.)	800.00	5,600.00
Limestone	244.00	1,825.00	Cornerstone	100.00	700.00
Lydia	213.56	1,942.45	The Church at Cane Bay	350.00	2,450.00
Memorial	416.67	2,500.02	Ministerio Hispano de la Ridge	0.00	0.00
Midway	286.89	1,353.22	Trueway Missionary Baptist	0.00	0.00
Miles Road	0.00	0.00	The Hive Church	0.00	620.00
Moncks Corner, First	612.19	4,471.46	Total Revenues	22,268.51	155,714.98
Mt. Olivet	0.00	853.28	Total Expenses	20,135.27	153,589.17
Mt. Zion	93.00	732.00	Tyner-Jackson Offering	3,712.82	4,529.22



Legacy Leadership Conference

Featuring Pastor Johnny Hunt & Pastor Dhati Lewis

Legacy Leadership Conference is a gathering of local church leaders to be equipped and inspired to lead our churches toward deeper health and greater multiplication. This happens when the gospel is going forth to all nations and to every generation.

Join Pastor Johnny Hunt, Pastor Dhati Lewis, and other local pastors and leaders to discuss how we can strengthen our current generation of leaders and develop the next generation of leaders.

Tickets are \$10 and include lunch. **The FIRST 200** to register receive two books: Next by William Vanderbloemen & Warren Bird and Leaders Who Last by Dave Kraft.

Will **you and your congregation** join us on September 30 for a City-Wide Pre-Conference Worship Gathering at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church?

And then will **you and your team** join us for the Legacy Leadership Conference on October 1? **We hope to see you there!**

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And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. – 2 Timothy 2:2

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SCHEDULE:

◆ PRE-CONFERENCE WORSHIP GATHERING

Wednesday, September 30 at 6:30pm

Testimony: Pastor Dhati Lewis Blueprint Church, Atlanta

Message: Pastor Johnny Hunt First Baptist Church, Woodstock

◆ LEGACY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Thursday, October 1 at 8:30am

SESSION 1

Leveraging Gospel Legacy - Pastor Johnny Hunt

PANEL DISCUSSION 1

The Leader Around You: Passing the Baton

Pastor Augustus "Robie" Robinson

& Pastor Larry Goss Mt Moriah Baptist Church

Pastor Greg Surratt & Pastor Josh Surratt Seacoast Church

Pastor Curt Bradford & Pastor Joe Still Riverbuff Church

LUNCH

Lunch is included in the cost of your ticket and will be provided by the conference.

SESSION 2

Unleashing Gospel Leaders - Pastor Dhati Lewis

PANEL DISCUSSION 2

Developing the Next Generation of Leaders

Pastor Johnny Hunt FBC Woodstock

Pastor Dhati Lewis Blueprint Church

Pastor Greg Surratt Seacoast Church