

**SONNY NOBLIN LBA SCHOLARSHIP  
 2026-2027**

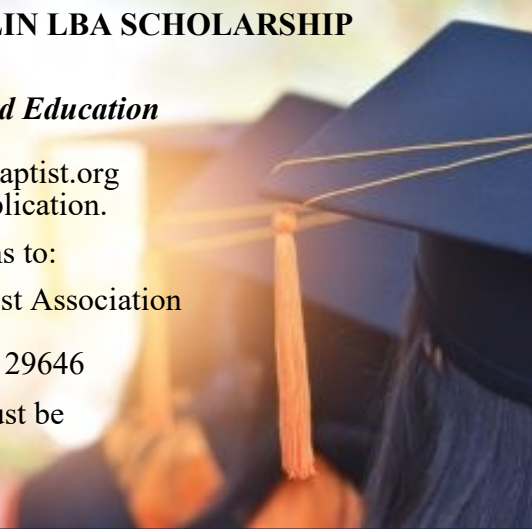
*Ministry-Related Education*

Visit [lakelandsbaptist.org](http://lakelandsbaptist.org)  
 to fill out an application.

Mail applications to:

Lakelands Baptist Association  
 232 Bypass 225  
 Greenwood, SC 29646

Applications must be  
 received by  
 June 30, 2026



**Bold Spring Baptist Church**  
*welcomes Rev. Frank Longshore*  
 as their new pastor

**ATTENTION CHURCHES!**



If you have current members or new members that would like to receive our newsletter, please send us their name and mailing address to be added to our newsletter distribution list and their email address to receive our email correspondence.

**The Seafarer's Ministry**

A continuous ministry collecting caps of any kind: new or gently used ball caps, stocking caps, knit or crocheted caps. These will be delivered to the Charleston Baptist Association for distribution by the Seafarer's Ministry. Please bring them to Lakelands Baptist Association.



*Harvest Seeds Ministry*

*Helping to Provide the Printed "Seeds of the Gospel" to the Ends of the Earth*

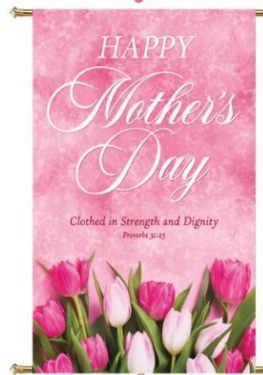
Please remember that the Association accepts used Sunday School literature and Bibles. We collect these continuously and Mr. Dan Grubbs does a great job of sorting similar items together and then loads it all up 3-4 times a year and delivers it to Harvest Seeds Ministry in Shelby, NC to be distributed worldwide to be reused.

## Mark Your Calendars

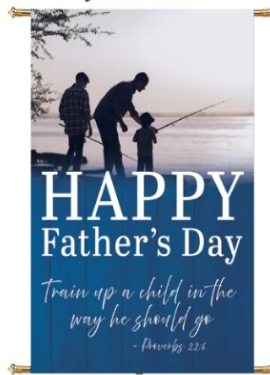
THE 156<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE  
 LAKELANDS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18  
 ABBEVILLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
 6:30 PM

**May 10**



**June 21**



**Please continue to pray for the following churches without pastors:**

**Due West, Harris, South Main, Turkey Creek, Walnut Grove, Winona, and Woodfields**

**JOINT LAKELANDS/LAURENS ASSOCIATIONS**



**Tuesday, May 12 at 11:30**  
**Disciples Trail on Lake Greenwood**  
604 Disciples Trail, Waterloo

The meal will be all you can eat baby back ribs, beans, cole slaw, etc. and the speaker will be Brian Saxon, with the SC Baptist Convention

**MONDAY, MAY 25, 2026**

**MEMORIAL DAY**

REMEMBER AND HONOR



*Connections Fellowship for Pastors*  
**Tuesday, May 26**  
**7:30am**  
**On The Run BBQ**

We meet monthly for breakfast and discussion and occasionally meet for dinner with our wives. Open to any pastors. Come join us!

**LBA Prayer Intercessors Meeting**

Tuesday, June 2 at 10:30  
Lakelands Baptist Association

Sandra Massey, Mary Hartley, Janet Vandiver, Christina Hjalmer, Bettie Rogers Ward, and Brenda Smith

**Women's Ministry Team Meeting**

Tuesday, June 16 at 12pm  
Location TBD

Tristy Rice, Amy Ricketts, Shaye Timmons, Connie Normand, Barbara Sprouse

**Ministry Wives Team Meeting**

Thursday, June 18  
Time and Location TBD

Diana Sullivan, Barbara Sprouse, Lisa Readett, Cindy Sprouse

*Connections Fellowship for Pastors*

**Tuesday, June 23**

**7:30am**

**On The Run BBQ**

We meet monthly for breakfast and discussion and occasionally meet for dinner with our wives. Open to any pastors. Come join us!

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE**

Remaining balance: \$218,501.91

*We are grateful for your continued support!*

**CHURCH POSITION OPENINGS**

For full job descriptions of open positions in our churches please visit our website at [www.lakelandsbaptist.org](http://www.lakelandsbaptist.org)

**Please let us know if we need to remove any filled positions from our website**

*Congratulations on your upcoming Retirement*

**Dr. Toby Frost**

**South Main Baptist Church**

TO EVERY THING THERE IS A SEASON, AND A TIME TO EVERY PURPOSE UNDER THE HEAVEN:

ECCLESIASTES 3:1

**“INDIVISIBLE”**

**A PATRIOTIC MUSICAL**

**Join us as we honor God, America, and our Armed Forces**

**McCormick First Baptist Church**

108 S. Oak Street, McCormick, SC  
(864) 852-2640

**Friday, July 3, 2026 @ 7 p.m.**

(an Ice Cream Social follows this presentation)

-and-

**Sunday, July 5, 2026 @ 11 a.m.**

## “Glorious Day!”

My new house has one thing going for it! Mine and Kim’s bedroom window looks out across our front field towards the eastern sky. From that vantage point, you can see about a four-hundred-yard stretch of field that I keep mowed and it’s beautiful...to me anyways, cause I love anything and everything country. I’m that guy that will take a long country road to get somewhere rather than an interstate ever time. I just love look’n at what God has made!

Anyways, back to my house. Look’n out across that field ever morn’n gives us a daily picture that sometimes I think God painted just for us. The sunrises are spectacular and I use them as my alarm clock, unless I have to get up beforehand. And then, late into the evening, that same view does it again, as we watch the moon rise in its various phases and times. Our window frames it just like a picture. I sent Chuck Sprouse a pic of one of those spectacular sunrises from my vantage point just to let someone else enjoy what we get to see each morn’n.

Speak’n of that rascal, ole Chuck and Cindy Sprouse became a gran’pappy and grandma last week... congrats! Actually, I think they are Pops and CiCi ...or maybe Cindy wants to be called Granny C...or not? Anyways, he’s been sending me pics of little Emily, so what goes around, comes around, as they say. So, I think I’ll light up his text line with pics of my 13 grand young’ns...one pic at a time. Well, actually, if I could get a pic of my 14<sup>th</sup> grand young’ns’ sonogram I’d include it as well. Yep, little Colt is on the way...gonna get dropped off by a stork at Addie and Andre’s house sometime this fall. I mean, what can I say...right?!

Anyways, every time I look out that front window and see God’s glory in the eastern sky, I think about the Bible verse that’s found in Psalm 19:1, “The heavens declare the glory of the Lord; the skies display the work of his hands.” And the wonderful thing is we all get to see the thousands of sunrises and moonlit skies over our lifetimes and rejoice in what God has made to display His glory. And then, I get to think’n that all of this spectacular beauty that we get to “ooh and aah” about is what is left of God’s original creation after Adam and Eve sinned, causing God to curse all that He had made. Can you imagine what it would be like if all of God’s creation was in its original, uncursed form? I mean, you talk about spectacular!

Now I don’t pretend to know what all was affected after

God cursed His creation, but I can only imagine and speculate. Like, I wonder if thorns were originally on rose bushes before the curse. I wonder if sand spurs were present before the curse. Or, I wonder if ticks and chiggers were present prior to the curse. The one thing I am fairly certain of is that the sweet gum tree definitely was a product of the curse...just say’n!

But, I do know that beautiful sunrises and moon lit skies obviously survived the curse, which makes me wonder what it will be like when God re-creates the new heaven and the new earth. That’s beyond me, but whatever it is, it’s gonna be spectacular and it will continue to display His glory in an even grander way, because it will not have been corrupted by sin.

So, in that text that I sent to Chuck, with a pic of the sunrise out my window, I found myself quoting an old hymn, which I still love. Remember this one, “Count your many blessings name them one by one...Count your many blessings see what God has done...and it will surprise you what the Lord has done!” So true! And one of my many blessings of late has been that I will soon finish up a three-month stint preaching at Harris Baptist while they sought out a long-term interim, which they have found. And in the process, over the past three months, I have had the privilege of taking them through the whole Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. I know I’ve enjoyed it and I think they have as well. Harris is a wonderful church filled with some awesome folks! As I close out my time there, my last two sermons will deal with the second coming of Christ and our eternal destiny...in a place that Jesus Himself called Paradise!

And, all this reminds me of Matthew 24:27, which states that Jesus will return for His Church in the eastern sky. Maybe that’s why God made the eastern sky so remarkably beautiful in our fallen world, maybe it’s a reminder of the beauty that will befall all of us when Christ returns for His Bride. And all I gots to say is, “Bring it on!” We know He’s coming; we don’t know when, but we know He’s coming. And until then, our role is simply to proclaim the good news of the gospel until He comes in all His glory! What a glorious moment that will be...beyond what we can ever imagine...which reminds me of another song. “What a day that will be, when my Jesus I shall see, as I look upon His face, the One who saved me by His grace!” (Jim Hill) Come Lord Jesus...come!



# How to Become a Christian

Jesus Christ was with God the Father before the world was created. He became human and lived among humanity as Jesus of Nazareth. He came to show us what God the Father is like. He lived a sinless life, showing us how to live, and He died on a cross to pay for our sins. God raised Him from the dead. Jesus is the source of eternal life. Jesus wants to be the doorway of new life for you. In the Bible, He was called "Lamb of God" (John 1:29). In the Old Testament, sacrifices were made for the sins of the people. Jesus became the sacrificial Lamb offered for our sin. Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6). He is waiting for you now.

Admit to God that you are a sinner. Repent, turning away from your sin. By faith, receive Jesus Christ as God's Son and accept Jesus' gift of forgiveness by dying on the cross.

Confess your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

You may pray a silent prayer similar to this as you call on God to save you.

"Dear God, I know that You love me. I confess my sin and need of salvation. I turn away from my sin and place my faith in Jesus as my Savior and Lord. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen." After you have received Jesus Christ into your life, tell a pastor or another Christian about your decision. Show others your faith in Christ by asking for a baptism by immersion in your local church as a public expression of your faith.

The Holy Bible, Book of Romans 10:9-13

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## 2026 LBA MISSION TEAM - CONSTRUCTION MISSION TRIP - EAST FLAT ROCK, NC

April 19 - 24

We had 35 on our mission team this year from 8 of our churches!

This is one of the larger teams we have taken on a mission trip in recent years. We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with the NC Baptists on Mission to help rebuild houses after Hurricane Helene's destruction of Western NC in 2024.

**Abbeville First/LBA:** David Little

**Abney Memorial:** Steve and Wanda Alexander

**Bold Spring:** Scotty Callan, Sherry Mullenix, Jessica Mundy, and Kim Willis

**First Mt Moriah:** Randy Day, Jerry Walker, John and Karen Reynolds

**Harris:** Jeff Auman

**McCormick First:** Glenn Wright, James Barber, George Long, and John Carpenter

**New Journey:** David McIntyre, Christy McClain, Larry McClain, Dennis and Adrienne Melton,

Toye Patrick, Tim May, Andy Bell, Laura Coggan, Debbie Britt, Patrick Sutton,

Roger and Cyndy Knight, Rusty Harvley, Stephen Lawson, Casey Harris, and Remington Clark

**Ware Shoals First:** Terry Powell and Tommy McClinton



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