

JOINT LAKELANDS / LAURENS
ASSOCIATIONAL

MEN'S RALLY

SEPTEMBER 14
6:45PM

DISCIPLE'S TRAIL
604 DISCIPLE'S TRAIL
WATERLOO

SPEAKER: CARL MARTIN
A BBQ MEAL WILL BE SERVED
PLEASE BRING YOUR APPETITE
AND A CHAIR!

Turkey Creek Baptist Church
welcomes
Rev. Michael Boyer
as their new pastor

Woodfields Baptist Church
welcomes
Rev. Bryan Heller
as their new pastor

SONNY NOBLIN
LBA SCHOLARSHIP
2026-2027

Ministry-Related Education

Visit lakelandsbaptist.org
to fill out an application.

Mail applications to:

Lakelands Baptist Association
232 Bypass 225
Greenwood, SC 29646

156TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LAKELANDS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

6:30PM

ABBEVILLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DJ HORTON

EVERYONE FROM OUR CHURCHES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!



2026

CHRISTMAS PRISONER PACKET MINISTRY

Packets due to LBA by NOVEMBER 19

S.C.D.C. APPROVED PACKING LIST

- (1) Black non-retractable pen
- (1) 5"x8" junior legal pad - yellow or white only
- (1) adult toothbrush - MUST be individually factory sealed
- (1) 4oz - 6oz toothpaste - NO toothbrush/toothpaste combo packs
- (1) 3.2oz - 6oz bar of soap
- (2) rolls of hard candy - LifeSavers, Mentos, or BreathSavers
- (2) first-class #10 Stamp-Embossed envelopes
- (1) gallon size zipper bag - press and seal or slider bags accepted

All items must fit in the zipper bag with the zipper closed securely.

DO NOT INCLUDE: washcloths, toothbrush holders, floss, combs, or any item not on the above list.

EXTRA ITEMS may be sent to NewSpring Church on Collection Day in a bag/box marked "extra items."

Associational Ladies Event

Thursday, November 5 from 6-8pm

Hosted by Ninety Six First Baptist Church

Speaker: Kelly Snelling Menu: grilled chicken, green beans, mac/cheese

More details coming in the Nov/Dec Lakelands Leader

Sponsored by the LBA Women's Ministry Team

Please continue to pray for the following churches without pastors:

Bold Spring, Due West, Harris, South Main, Temple, Walnut Grove, and Winona

SEPTEMBER

Pastor 2 Pastor

Tuesday, September 1 at 11:00 at LBA office

Speaker: Michael Goforth with Mission Aviation Fellowship

Followed by lunch out, Dutch-treat



LBA Prayer Intercessors Meeting

Tuesday, September 8 at 10:30

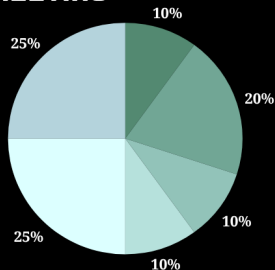
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Sandra Massey, Mary Hartley, Janet Vandiver,
Christina Hjalmer, Bettie Rogers Ward, and Brenda Smith

LBA BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

SEPT 8 AT 7PM
LBA OFFICE

Mark Hamm, Shane Sprouse,
David Clegg, Matthew
Thigpen, Chris Sullivan,
Matthew Woodyard,
Scott Smith (Moderator)



OCTOBER

Pastor 2 Pastor

Tuesday, October 6 at 11:00 at LBA office

Speaker: TBD

Followed by lunch out, Dutch-treat



Christmas Backpacks

The Christmas Backpacks Ministry exists to meet both the physical and spiritual needs of children and families in the Appalachian region and Upstate South Carolina.

Backpacks will be distributed to needy children and teenagers during events where the Gospel will be shared.

Visit scwmu.org/christmas-backpacks and click "Shop & Gather" for packing and ribbon-color instructions.

DROP-OFF DEADLINE TO LBA

Thursday, October 8



Church Position Openings
Are you the missing piece?



WMU Season of Prayer
for State Missions
&
Janie Chapman Offering
September 6-13

Associational WMU State Missions Meeting

Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00

Lakelands Baptist Association

232 Bypass 225 in Greenwood

Speaker: Chad Stillwell
SCBC Share Evangelism Team Leader



TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH IS SEEKING

Full-Time Pastor

We are members of the SBC and the Lakelands Baptist Association. We seek a man who preaches the inerrant Word of God, has strong, effective leadership skills, is dedicated, caring, and has vision and ability to lead a church forward. Email resumes and references to: tbcpsc26@gmail.com or mail to: Pastor Search Committee, Temple Baptist Church, 95 Saluda Street, Ninety Six, SC 29666

WEST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH OF GREENWOOD IS SEEKING

Associate Pastor of Family Ministries

The Associate Pastor of Family Ministries will provide pastoral leadership to the church's youth ministry (grades 6-12) and college ministry while equipping and encouraging parents as the primary disciplers of their children. This pastor will lead through biblical teaching, relational discipleship, pastoral care, leadership development, and intentional partnership with families.

The Associate Pastor of Family Ministries will serve alongside the Senior Pastor to help shepherd the congregation, strengthen families, and cultivate a disciple-making culture throughout the church. This position is pastoral in nature and is intended for someone who desires not merely to lead programs but to shepherd people.

Please visit <https://www.lakelandsbaptist.org/position-openings> for the full job description and how to apply.

Associational Executive Board Meeting

Monday, September 21 at 7pm

Lakelands Baptist Association office

As Pastors and LBA Executive Board members, we hope you will make a special effort to attend our board meetings to learn what's going on within the Association and share the reported information with your fellow church members.

We appreciate your continued support of this Association!



Connections Fellowship for Pastors
Tuesday, September 22 & October 27
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: \$201,403.52

We are grateful for your continued support!

Annual Church Profile "ACP"

should be available to complete online at sbeworkspace.com
SOON!

“Real Men!”

Well, reality hit me the other day. Kinda slapped me in the face if you know what I mean! I think we all have those moments in life where we take way too much for granted, until something happens that just kinda brings you back to thinking long and deep about life. I guess I have more than my fair share of those moments in my life, and I guess, though they rattle me to the core, I'm ultimately glad God reminds me of what really is important.

Last week I had the privilege of speaking at a senior luncheon at Abbeville First, a place where I know most of those good folks. And while I walked down memory lane a little bit, my goal was to remind them...and me, that no matter our aches and pains, disappointments and heartaches, gains and losses as we age, for the believer, the best is yet to come. Yep, each morning the Lord awakens us from our sleep, we are one day closer to Paradise, which Jesus and Paul both spoke of, and one day closer to seeing our Savior face to face.

It made me think of all the great men that the Lord put in my life along the way, and great women too, but young boys need old men, real men, in their lives to look up to. Look at our culture...drag queens, trans-everything, poo-pooing toxic masculinity, yada, yada, yada. Yep, makes me think how grateful I am that God put real men in my life to help me navigate a world devastated by sin and perversion.

One of those men was James Gray! He was “just” an usher at Warren Baptist Church. As a young boy, every Sunday he'd be at the front door of the church greeting my family as we arrived at church. He'd stick out his hand and take my hand and say, “Son, if you are gonna be a man, you gotta learn to shake a hand like a man. Now, look in my eyes, give me a good firm hand...” Wow! My first real lesson into manhood which nobody else bothered to teach me. It didn't matter so much then, but over the years I became forever grateful.

And as I grew, James Gray remained faithful at the door of that church. As a teenager, he knew I wanted to hunt, but my dad wasn't a hunter. Just so happened that he raised and trained both bird dogs and quarter horses. He asked me one day if I wanted to go with him on a quail hunt, and this was back in the days of actual wild quail. I quickly said, “Yes sir!” He went to all the trouble to load up two horses with all the gear, bird dogs with all the gear, and me with my Dad's double-barreled 12-gauge shotgun, and off we went. It was the most magical day I have ever had hunting. Riding on horseback, following the dogs as they skirted from cover to cover to find us a covey. And when they did, we got off the horses, dropped the reigns (did I mention he trained horses), approached those dogs, shot some quail, then back on the horses to do it all over again. Are you kidding me, that is what a young man's dreams are made of! The thing is, he didn't have to do any of it, but he, being a real man, wanted to help a young, shy boy learn how to become a real man. He taught me more about life than I could ever learn in school. Which is why my favorite say'n is (just ask Katelyn)...don't ever let school'n interfere with yore education.

And then there was Leonard Herd, my teenage boys' Sunday School teacher. I don't think he was very educated, except through the school of hard knocks. All I remember is that he drove a dump truck his whole life. But two things I'll never forget. First is that he constantly said, “Boys, you eat three meals a day, make sure you

read the Bible at least once every day.” And then, there was the backpacking trip he took us teenage boys on, up to the Appalachian Mountains. I don't remember much about that trip, except two things. First, we passed an old, crashed airplane wreckage, which I thought was way cool, and secondly, I'll never forget the feeling of freedom and my wonder at God's amazing creative powers in His creation of those beautiful, rugged mountains. He didn't have to take the time to invest in us boys, but he did and made an indelible impression on my heart and life.

And then I think, where are those kinda men today? Like Phillip Hodges who has passed now, but he took a liking to me and taught me old school stuff, like how to salt-cure a whole ham and how to be a better gardener. Or Ancil Porter, from my days in Aiken, a gentle giant who taught me more than I could ever say. And praise the Lord, a few of these guys are still around! Like Randy Day, Glen Wright, Jyll Maddox, Mike Hendrix, Buddy Cobb, the Sprouses, Jimmy, Stanley and Preston, Derrell Lockaby, and so many others, all real men who have made me a better man for knowing them and working alongside of them.

And then, there is of course, Tommy McClinton. Tommy is a real man's man, who has been a very humble and faithful work horse on so many of our mission trips through the years. Everybody loves and depends on Tommy. He reminds me of that old song, “Big, Bad John!” Tommy is in surgery right now as I write this, and we are praying for the best outcome. Tommy is the kind of man that when you are down in the trenches, you start looking for a man like him... strong as an ox, wise as Solomon, gentle as Jesus!

Yessir...real men who love Jesus and know real world stuff, are getting rarer. I get asked from time to time, from folks wanting to know, what makes the Lakelands Association so great. Always, I mean always, my answer is to lift up the Godly men who have led this association and their churches. Strong, Godly men make strong families, strong families make strong churches, strong churches make strong associations. I can only hope and pray that the Godly men still out there, will pass it on to the next generation, like Moses admonished the children of Israel to do. That's why our Men's Rallies are so important to this association, as we encourage our men to be all that God called them to be, and then to pass it on.

Seeing Big, Bad Tommy McClinton in the ICU the other day, with a big ole Tommy McClinton smile on his face, was my wake-up call, as it reminded me to be grateful for all the strong men God put in my life. From my childhood to today, I wouldn't be the man I am had not certain men been put in my life to mold me, make me, and at times to challenge me, to be all that I can be for the Kingdom.

Every day when I wake up, I get one day closer to Paradise. But before the Lord calls me home, I pray I will be to someone else what I just said about these men that God put in my life. And while I may never know if I did or didn't in this life, I pray the first words I hear in death will be, “Well done!” That will be enough for me! Gentlemen, if you are one of the real Godly, men out there for which I am referring, who pass on to the next generation what Biblical manhood looks like...I salute you! To God be the Glory!



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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A benefit concert for
Child Evangelism Fellowship
Lakelands District.

SG Singing Churchmen
IN CONCERT

Northside Baptist Church
409 Northside Dr. W
Greenwood, SC 29649

Thursday, September
10th at 6:45pm

A donation to
CEF Lakelands and its
Good News Clubs can be
made after the concert in
the lobby.

Child Evangelism Fellowship Lakelands District
1635 Cokesbury Rd./P.O. Box 50652, Greenwood, SC 29649
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CALLING ALL CRAFT VENDORS!

The Women's Prayer Ministry of
Harris Baptist Church is hosting the

Faithful Finds
CRAFT FAIR

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 10, 2026** **9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VENDORS OFFERING:

- ♥ Handmade Crafts
- ♥ Artwork & Woodworking
- ♥ Candles & Home Décor
- ♥ Jewelry & Accessories
- ♥ Crochet, Sewing & Fabric Creations
- ♥ Specialty Foods & Treats
- ♥ Unique Gifts & Boutique Items

- ✓ Indoor Booth Spaces Available
- ✓ Covered Outdoor Booth Spaces Available
- ✓ Family-Friendly Community Event
- ✓ Hosted by the Women's Prayer Ministry of Harris Baptist Church

For more information or to request a vendor application:

EMAIL US: harrisbaptistcraftfair@gmail.com **OR** **CALL SARA:** (864) 321-1620

Vendor spaces and performance spots are limited, so reserve yours today!

"Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." ~ 1 Corinthians 10:31