

THE LINK

August 2025

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!

14th- Rev. Ryan Tucker
Orangeburg First

CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES

Rev. Randy Lucas (2001)

Salem

Rev. Henry Cooper (2007)

Gethsemane

Dr. Billy Hurst (2018)

New Hope

Rev. Robbie Carroll (2021)

Mizpah

Rev. John Sharp (2022)

Beaver Creek

WMU NEWS

August 22-23: Send Relief- Serve Tour (Columbia SC) Register now to bring a group from your church to partner with other SC Baptist churches. (www.sendrelief.org)

August 24: Global World Hunger Sunday. Resources can be found online at globalhungerrelief.org.

Sept. 7-14: Season of Prayer for State Missions. Janie Chapman Offering resources can be found online at www.scmu.org/jco

Sept. 16: Associational WMU Fall Training: at New Hope Baptist Church / 6:30 pm. "Bring a salad and learn"

September 10-21: Made for More (teen girls) at Camp LaVida. Check it out online at www.scuwmu.org/madeformore.

September 20: Children's Missions Day. Go to wmu.com/cmd to find suggestions and ideas.

Three of the greatest priorities of the church are worship, Bible study, & prayer. The primary purpose of worship is to encounter God. Worship can renew, encourage, inspire, and heal. Effective worship can redirect our lives, clarify our values, and add meaning to our existence. Bible study is how we prepare for life's emergencies and gain wisdom for more effective service to our Lord. Prayer is not a fringe benefit for the Christian. It's a necessity. If God is to work, there must be prayers by His people. Blessings will flow according to the amount of time you spend in prayer.

Messengers to Our Semi-Annual Meetings shall be:

1. The pastor or interim pastor of a member church.
2. For the first \$500 or fraction thereof in undesignated offering given to OCBA, each church will receive three (3) messengers (pastor plus two members).
3. One additional messenger elected by the church for every additional \$500 in undesignated offering given to OCBA after the first \$500 in undesignated offering.
4. The minimum number of Messengers per church shall be three (pastor plus two members).
5. The maximum number of Messengers per church shall be eleven (pastor plus ten members).
6. The Credentials/ Church Relations Director will resolve any conflict concerning the seating of Messengers

Beaver Creek	\$1000.00
Bethany	\$750.00
Bethel	\$600.00
Bowman First	\$1100.00
Branchville	\$3165.45
Bull Swamp	\$559.37
Calvary	\$3500.00
Cameron	\$1850.00
Canaan	\$2549.40
Congaree	\$1755.24
Cope	\$0.00
Cornerstone Community	\$2100.00
Covenant	\$100.00
Double Branch	\$726.53
Ebenezer	\$3940.50
Edisto	\$200.00
Elloree First	\$7561.04
Fellowship	\$0.00
Fellowship of Praise	\$0.00
Four Holes	\$4900.00
Gethsemane	\$700.00
Highland	\$1315.00
Mizpah	\$1712.40
Mt. Carmel	\$400.00
Mt. Tabor	\$2000.00
Neeses	\$774.56
New Hope	\$1938.71
North First	\$375.00
Northside	\$2100.00
Orangeburg First	\$1080.52
Providence	\$0.00
Rivelon	\$2450.12
Rowesville	\$0.00
Salem	\$633.00
St. George	\$7922.90
St. Matthews First	\$6000.00
Two Mile Swamp	\$300.00
Willow Swamp	\$2929.19
 Total:	 \$68,988.93

Thank You for Your Continued Support of Our Missions!!

This is the time many churches begin work on their annual budget. How does your church financially support the Association?

Deacon Training

RSVP by October 1st / \$10 per person

Hosted by Elloree First Baptist
www.fbcelloree.com / 803.897.2773

Saturday, October 18th 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
 Lunch @ noon

Led by Dr. Tony Wolfe, SCBC Executive
 Director-Treasurer and curriculum's author
 (book provided)

Pastors encouraged to attend!

OCBA Annual Fall Meeting

Please mark your calendars & plan to join us at **St. Matthews First Baptist Church** on **Thursday, October 23rd 2025**. Fellowship meal will begin at **6:00 PM** with business meeting and time of worship following. Our guest speaker of the night will be **Rev. Robbie Carroll (Mizpah Baptist)**. More details about the meal will be coming soon so please check our website and your email. Details about Messengers can be found on the first page of this newsletter.

SAVE THE DATE

ST GEORGE BAPTIST CHURCH
PRESENTS OUR 2025
HOLIDAY MARKET

BENEFITS: Lottie Moon Christmas Offering



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Calvary Baptist Church hosts

DISCOVER

JOY

**Women's
Conference**

**Saturday,
September 13th**

9am-3pm

Calvary Baptist Church
594 Calvary Church Road
Neeses, SC 29107



Keynote Speaker
Veridee Hand

One day conference for women (13 years & older) featuring:
Find Joy, Rejoice Joy & Live In Unstoppable Joy • Overflow Groups
Christ-centered worship • Lunch & Treats Vendors



Register with
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BAPTISTM @ THE EDISTO

Sunday, August 10th

4:00 PM

Sponsored by Providence Baptist

Location: Arts Center Shelter

All Churches Welcome! Contact Dr.

Kimmett Lott with questions

803-917-2630

Guest Speaker: Rev. Kenny Peele

Special Music: Brantley Brown

Annual Church Profile



Information is the heartbeat of ministry.
Without you we skip a beat.

Reminder: ACP's will NOT be mailed to churches. We are now all online!

If your ACP Contact Person has any questions, please contact Jennifer at 803-971-0767.

Sign-in and password for each church is the same as prior years. If you have misplaced yours, please contact OCBA.

It's that time of year again, folks! We are encouraging each church to start using Workspace for entering your statistical data & leadership updates.

****Reminder that leadership changes can be made *anytime* throughout the year. 2025 reports should be available online by September 1st.**

All ACP statistics need to be completed by Thursday, November 20th.

Please contact Jennifer at Association office if you have any questions.