# The Link

December 2025

## Christmas Greetings!

An Angel of the Lord spoke to Joseph and said of Mary, "and she will bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins." Matthew 1:21.

So simple a verse, yet so powerful! He is the reason we celebrate along with other Believers every year! This revelation of the birth of the Son of God brings hope, promise, and security to all who will trust in Him.

Happy Church Anniversary!

1989 – Rev. Scott Alewine Covenant Baptist 2024 – Rev. Dan Zeigler, Congaree Baptist

As God gave us this marvelous gift in Jesus, so we too must share Jesus with the lost and dying world around us. This is the goal of our churches... This is the goal of our joining together as an association. Many churches working with each other to spread the Gospel can make a difference in our communities.

In this season, will you commit to taking the Gospel to the lost and dying? Will you reach out to the needy? Will you join with another congregation to strengthen the proclamation of the Word? With each gift that is given, and with each gift that is received, remember and give thanks for the greatest Gift of all... our Lord and Savior!

In Christ, Clark

For all Pastors and wives... just a friendly reminder of the Pastors' Christmas party on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM at the home of Clark & Allison. We kindly ask that you RSVP by Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> to Clark (803-860-1559). Address is 683 Butler Street, St. Matthews.

#### Church Contributions Year-To-Date

Beaver Creek	\$2000.00
Bethany	\$1250.00
Bethel	\$900.00
Bowman	\$2200.00
Branchville	\$4955.40
Bull Swamp	\$782.46
Calvary	\$5500.00
Cameron	\$2775.00
Canaan	\$4149.97
Congaree	\$2580.98
Cope	\$0.00
Cornerstone	\$3300.00
Covenant	\$100.00
Double Branch	\$1227.77
Ebenezer	\$3940.50
Edisto	\$400.00
Elloree	\$10,308.49
Fellowship	\$0.00
Fellowship of Praise	
Four Holes	
Gethsemane	\$1100.00
Highland	\$1993.00
Mizpah	\$3226.00
Mt. Carmel	\$400.00
Mt. Tabor	\$2000.00
Neeses	\$1572.60
New Hope	\$2960.24
North First	\$562.50
Northside	\$3300.00
Orangeburg First	\$1372.17
Providence	\$2000.00
Rivelon	\$3439.79
Rowesville	\$0.00
Salem	\$633.00
St. George	\$10,592.13
St. Matthews	
Two Mile Swamp	\$450.00
Willow Swamp	
Dr. Porter Memorials	
Total:	\$104,044.60

Final Count of Prisoner Packets will be given in next month's newsletter. We thank each of you that were able to donate to this worthy mission!



### West Virginia Christmas Mission

The group will be going to WV December 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>.

Prayers appreciated!

Thank you for your continued support!! A total count of donations will be in next month's newsletter.



## **Pastors Christmas Gathering**

All pastors and their spouse are invited to the home of Clark
& Allison on Thursday, December 18th, @ 7:00 pm

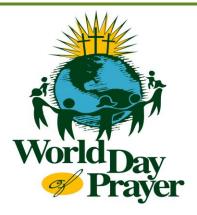
Looking forward to a great night of fellowship!

683 Butler Street / St. Matthews SC

Thank you for your continued support of OCBA Missions! Our office will be closed Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. Wishing you a Christmas season filled with the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ!

### **DAZZ** of Orangeburg

DAZZ of Orangeburg is asking churches to participate in their Baby Bottle project in January. January is Sanctity of Human Life Month. DAZZ will provide the bottles to the churches and churches will distribute one per family. The families collect coins, cash, or checks in the bottles over a two week to one month period and then return to the church. Each church can count the money or bring to DAZZ for counting. This is a great way for DAZZ to raise funds. If your church would like a speaker to come, please contact Faye Hill at 803-937-3010.



This year's Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer was held on Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We had 19 attendees and collected \$180 for the

Baptist Women's Alliance.

# Triple A Recognition

Orangeburg Calhoun Baptist Association has received *Triple A* recognition for 2024-2025. The time our WMU has invested using Triple A indicates the importance the WMU Leadership Team has placed on planning and evaluation. We will be recognized at the SC WMU Missions Encounter & Annual Meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup>-21t at Pinecrest Baptist Church in Charleston.

A Big THANK YOU to Mrs. Kaye Rutland, our Association WMU Director, and her Leadership Team: Mary O'Cain, Susan Goodwin, Donna Sanford, Linda Coleman, and Grace Shirer!