

OCBA

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WMU NEWS...

Thank you for donating health kits! Twelve of our churches participated in this mission (Mizpah, Providence, Neeses, Two Mile Swamp, Bull Swamp, New Hope, Fellowship, Cameron, Double Branch, North First, Ebenezer, & St. George). To date, we have collected 209 health kits. Distribution is as follows:

Orangeburg County Council of Aging
Calhoun County Council of Aging
Samaritan's House

BLOCK PARTY TRAILER RENTALS

Contact us to reserve!

Check out our website for all the items included

(www.oc-ba.org)

\$200 donation

Happy Birthdays!

July 29th – Rev. Henry Cooper
(Gethsemane)

July 30th – Rev. Ben Harr
(Willow Swamp)



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## Pastors Church Anniversary

2006 - Rev. Alan Woodward  
(Canaan Baptist)

2016 – Rev. Wayne Ellis  
(Double Branch)

## OCBA Fall Meeting

**New Date & Time!!**

**Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Meal begins at 6:00 PM**

**More details to come...**





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|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Beaver Creek..... \$0.00  | Double Branch.....\$703.00      | New Hope.....\$1587.27                      |
| Bethany.....\$1000.00     | Ebenezer .....\$8100.25         | North First.....\$375.00                    |
| Bethel.....,\$600.00      | Edisto.....\$200.00             | Northside.....\$1800.00                     |
| Bowman.....\$1100.00      | Ellore.....\$5108.73            | Orangeburg First.....\$350.02               |
| Branchville.....\$3239.61 | Fellowship.....\$0.00           | Providence.....\$0.00                       |
| Bull Swamp.....\$481.11   | Fellowship of Praise.....\$0.00 | Rivelon.....\$1415.51                       |
| Calvary.....\$3000.00     | Four Holes.....\$0.00           | Rowesville.....\$300.00                     |
| Cameron.....\$1850.00     | Gethsemane.....\$600.00         | St. George.....\$5698.20                    |
| Canaan.....\$919.00       | Highland.....\$810.76           | St. Matthews 1 <sup>st</sup> .....\$4200.00 |
| Congaree.....\$1520.98    | Mizpah.....\$959.75             | Salem.....\$1050.00                         |
| Cope.....\$0.00           | Mt. Carmel.....\$0.00           | Two Mile Swamp.....\$300.00                 |
| Cornerstone.....\$1800.00 | Mt. Tabor.....\$4000.00         | Willow Swamp.....\$2232.13                  |
| Covenant.....\$200.00     | Neeses.....\$0.00               | Total: \$55,501.32                          |

## Is Freedom Free?

Some say freedom is free but it is not cheap. Below is an article from the internet that reveals the costly price our fore fathers had to pay for our freedom. **Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence?** Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War. They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. **What kind of men were they?** Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists, eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantations owners. Men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton of VA, a wealthy planter and trader saw his ships swept from seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts and died in rags.

Thomas McKeam was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him and poverty was his reward. Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.

At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson Jr noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson family home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed and Nelson died bankrupt. Frances Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months. John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields & gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forest & caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart.

Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates. Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild-eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight, and unwavering they pledged "For the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of the divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor." They gave you and me a free and independent America. The history books never told you a lot about what happened in the Revolutionary War. We didn't fight just the British. We were British subjects at the time, and we fought our own government! Some of us take these liberties so much for granted, but we shouldn't. Remember: Freedom is Never Free!



We are grateful to  
those who gave their  
lives for our freedom  
and peace.

We are thankful to  
those who have served  
and are serving in our  
armed forces to  
maintain our freedom  
and peace.