



**ALLENDALE-HAMPTON
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**
IN GOD WE TRUST
GOD IS!! AND ALL IS WELL!!

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Director of Missions

Associational Mission News

Rev. Darrell A. Smith



Easter is Over...but it's Not!

Many folks celebrate Easter as a holiday, then, on to other things. For a disciple of Jesus, Easter is over, but it's not. There is definitely life after Easter. There is life because of Easter! The resurrection of our Lord Jesus is the pivotal event of all time.

On the cross Jesus gave Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sin of mankind. He bore my sin and yours on Calvary. He paid the penalty of death for sin. When Jesus was resurrected He demonstrated His power over sin, death, hell, Satan...everything. Jesus is alive and Lord of all! Our response should be like that of Thomas, when he was finally face to face with the resurrected Christ. Thomas said, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). The Lord's reply to Thomas

speaks to believers down the centuries: "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

One of the great chapters in the Bible is John 11, when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. It is one of my favorite accounts of what Jesus said and did. Four days after Lazarus died Jesus arrives on the scene. The sisters, Martha and Mary, were grieving and many were there to offer comfort. Jesus came to give more than comfort. He came to give life. Jesus told Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

What Jesus asked Martha is also a question for us today. We demonstrate our belief that Jesus is the risen Lord who saves to the uttermost by our words, our actions, our attitudes, our love, our worship, and so much more. For us believers, Easter is more than a holiday, it is a holy day. And our lives after Easter should reflect the holy light of Jesus. Shine into the darkness of this world that needs the Savior! Every Sunday we celebrate and worship the risen Lord Jesus. Every day we have the opportunity to share our peace, joy and hope. The resurrection of Jesus changes everything. Do you believe this? Then let's live like Easter's not over.

In Christ,

Darrell



CHAPEL AT CAMP JACKSON

CAMP JACKSON

For churches within

Allendale-Hampton Baptist Association

Outdoor USE ONLY - Free

There is a small cost for overnight stays or if you want to use the dining hall or pool because of the cost of air-conditioning/heating and electricity. If you have up to 25 people, you can use the dining room and 1 dorm

Friday – Sunday for \$300

If you have more than 25 people the cost would increase.

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS

PLEASE CONTACT

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OR

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Is it time for your church to have a Prayer-Retreat?! Consider utilizing your own Camp Jackson. It is a beautiful, quiet, country setting where you can get close to God and the wonderful nature He has given us.

ABC Regional Hispanic Ministries Report



I'm writing this article during Easter week, the time when we as believers remember Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross and celebrate his resurrection from the dead. As is the case with many holidays, the way Easter is celebrated in Latin American countries is different from the way we celebrate it in the United States. For example, Easter eggs are not a traditional part of the Easter celebration in most parts of Latin America. Although chocolate eggs are available in stores, most children do not grow up participating in Easter egg hunts. For many people, Holy Week (*Semana Santa* in Spanish) is a time for getting away. Beaches and resorts fill up across Central and South America as people take advantage of the good weather and time off work. Although customs are different from one place to another, the truths of Christ's death for us on the cross and his resurrection from the dead are the same everywhere. Would you join me in praying that many more Spanish-speaking people would come to understand the true significance of what Jesus has done for us? Pray that many more would trust in his death alone for forgiveness, and live in the light of his resurrection. As always, thank you for your prayers and support of ABC Regional Hispanic Ministries.

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Submitted by Tony Hancock, Director of Hispanic Missions
ABC Regional Hispanic Ministries

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MODERATOR'S THOUGHTS

By Rev. Dr. Tommy Kelly

Changing The Way One Prays

When I first became a Christian, I prayed differently than I do presently. During my formative spiritual development, I prayed to God in almost demanding demeanor. I would expect Him to fulfill my request because I was a Christian. This idea was evidence that my spiritual depth was shallow.

As I matured spiritually, my prayer life changed drastically. Rather than demand God alleviate any crisis, I began to ask what was God trying to change in my life. Was God trying to speak to me through a specific situation? What was He trying to change in me through the circumstances I encountered?

Another personal change in my prayer life came when I began to pray for my enemies. While everyone has been slighted by another person, it is one's Christian responsibility to pray for our enemies. It is easy to pray for family and friends. However, creating a forgiving atmosphere and attitude is characteristic of Christian maturity.

As the celebration of Christ's resurrection has recently happened, His statement on the cross for His' executioners looms. He said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34)(KJV). If Jesus practiced forgiveness, then His followers should also be forgiving. Forgiveness is an attitude and an action but it is what separates Christians from the world.

In Christ,

Tommy Kelly

Church Contributions Received to Support the Association Budget New Budget Year (2021-2022)

Allendale	\$	
Beech Branch		568.34
Bethel		1,800.00
Brunson		1,075.00
Deep Branch		300.00
Fairfax FBC		2,787.68
Furman		250.00
Great Salkehatchie		900.00
Hampton FBC		1,041.00
Harmony		779.00
Hickory Grove		776.68
Hopewell		793.99
Lawtonville		
Lower Three Runs		485.00
Mt. Arnon		354.44
Mt. Olive		230.50
Nixville		7,998.00
Open Arms Fellowship		1,250.00
Robertville		500.00
Sand Hill		5,327.25
Sandy Run		2,141.47
Stafford		1,000.00
Steep Bottom		1,708.25
Sycamore		
Varnville FBC		9,795.00
West End		1,077.48
Donation		114.66

Budget Receipts 2021-2022
Church Contributions Received To Date - \$43,023.74
Needed to date - \$46,664.87
Budget Requirements 2021-2022 - \$79,996.92 - 6,666.41 (mth.)

VBS 2022

If your church is having VBS this year, please call or email the Association office with the dates as soon as possible.

TO ALL THE MOTHER'S IN OUR ASSOCIATION! WE LOVE YOU! MAY GOD BLESS YOU!



Brunson Baptist Church prepared 45 homemade spaghetti plates with the fixings & homemade cookies for the Salk students to enjoy a well cooked meal. The students had devotion with Rev RP Hodge. The young adults are the "Future leaders of the Churches" so pray for them.

ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." (Luke 19:10) "Therefore go and make disciples." (Matthew 28:19)

Association Vision Statement

The Allendale-Hampton Baptist Association exists to assist churches to evangelize the lost, disciple the Saints, and facilitate Mission Endeavors.

Thank you for your contributions to the association!

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Wednesday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm; Thursday: 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Help Us Economize - To receive your newsletter electronically, email ahba58@gmail.com Also, please let us know of address changes or if you wish to be removed from our mailing List.

**MINISTRY HEALTH KITS
 DUE TO THE ALLENDALE-HAMPTON
 BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OFFICE
 JUNE 30th**
PLEASE INCLUDE IN A TWO-GALLON ZIPLOCK BAG
I TOOTHPASTE (6 OZ OR LARGER)
I TOOTHBRUSH
I SOAP (4.5 OZ)
I WASHCLOTH
I BATH TOWEL
I COMB
OUR GOAL FOR THIS YEAR IS 300 BAGS
PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR GOAL
WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP.

Allendale-Hampton Baptist Association
Quarterly Executive Meeting
Monday, May 2, 2022
Brunson Baptist Church 7:00 pm
PLEASE JOIN US! SUPPORT YOUR ASSOCIATION!

**MOTHER'S DAY ANNUAL OFFERING MAY 1-31
 FOR SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTIST
 MINISTRIES OF AGING**

“SCBMA believes in honoring the Biblical command to care for and honor our senior adults. Funds received through the Mother's Day Offering are used exclusively for providing lifelong housing and care for qualified retired pastors, missionaries, and their spouses who have faithfully served the Lord and have exhausted all funds for basic living expenses in retirement. God has used the generosity of His people to allow these senior adults to remain in our communities and receive the care that they need. Please prayerfully consider continuing this legacy through your gift. “

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May
 2 Executive Committee Mtg.—7pm
 6 National Day of Prayer
 8 Mother's Day Mother's Day offering
 15 **HOMECOMING @ SAND HILL**
 17 **Newsletter Articles Deadline**
 17 Program Committee Mtg.—10Am
 30 **Memorial Day**

June
 14 **Flag Day**
 16 **Newsletter Articles Deadline**
 19 Father's Day
 Baptist Men Emphasis
 26-7/1 **SERVE.2022 -hblack@fca.org**
 30 **HEALTH KITS DUE TO AHBA**

July
 4 **Independence Day**
 15 **Newsletter Articles Deadline**
 21 **ABC Quarterly Meeting 10:00 am**
 24-28 **Sand Hill VBS**

August
Christmas in August
 1 **AHBA Executive Board Meeting 7:00pm**
 8 **Pastor Summit**
 8 **WMU Team Meeting -6pm—AHBA**
 14 **ABC Hispanic Day of Prayer**
 17 **Newsletter Articles Deadline**
 20 **WMU Associational Church Training**
 9 - 12am

GRASS CUTTING SEASON IS HERE!!
IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP CUT THE GRASS AT THE ASSOCIATION OFFICE DURING THIS YEAR PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE OR SEND A EMAIL AND LET US KNOW. A LIST WILL BE POSTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER MONTHLY,
GILBERT HEAPE - MAY 7, 2022
DANNY PULASKI - MAY 21, 2022