

The Digest

The purpose of the Screen Baptist Association is to assist and support the churches of the Association and to give focus and vision to missions objectives that will facilitate the fulfilling of the Great Commission. We serve in the Greater Summerville area of South Carolina.

The 73rd Annual Meeting of the Screen Baptist Association
Will be held on
Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 6:00 pm
At Summerville Baptist Church,
417 Central Ave.
Summerville, SC 29483

(There will be a meal served so please
RSVP to Screen@Screenbaptist.org by Oct. 24)



Deadline -October 25.

A team of 8 from Screen will be traveling to New York City to participate in this annual event partnering with North Carolina Baptists and the Metro New York Baptist Associations. North Carolina

will collect coats, and South Carolina will collect hats, gloves and scarves to be given away to those in need. Screen has decided to collect monetary donations and purchase all the hats, gloves and scarves in bulk to get the most for the money. If you would like to help with this ministry, you may donate online at www.Screenbaptist.org or send a check with Coats for the City in the memo (**you may also bring your monetary donation to Screen's annual meeting**)

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I recently attended a conference where I heard some staggering and alarming statistics about pastors. Here are just a few:

75 % of pastors report being extremely or highly stressed

78% were forced to resign from their church (63% at least twice) most commonly because of church conflict

90% feel fatigued and worn out every week

70% constantly fight depression

77% feel they do not have a good marriage

44% of pastors do not take a regular day off

80 % believe their pastoral ministry has negatively affected their families

Many church members and leaders fail to realize the pressure and stress that pastors are under, assuming they only really work a few hours each week. The truth is your pastor works really long days and hours ministering to people in addition to preparing sermons and a host of other church related responsibilities. This stress can lead to something called compassion fatigue which has several phases and manifests in multiple symptoms affecting them physically, mentally and emotionally. This may sound depressing, but the great news is YOU CAN HELP! Your pastor needs affirmation, appreciation and assurance just like everyone else – probably even more so. October is Pastor/Clergy Appreciation month and I am urging you to plan some ways the leadership and membership of your church can show your appreciation to encourage him. There are a myriad of ways to express your appreciation ranging from little or no cost to extravagant. The key is to encourage all church members to participate in some way. Need some ideas? Here are some to get you started thinking and planning:

1. **Write Lots of Cards/Letters**—Invite each church member to write and mail a personal note of encouragement and appreciation to the pastor during the month. Encourage gift cards to be included if possible.
2. **Customize a T-shirt**—Order a "Best Pastor in _____" T-shirt, cap or plaque, and present it with flourish.
3. **Create Original Art**—Laminate bookmarks created by the children in your church, featuring their art and signatures. Allow kids to present the bookmarks to the pastor personally.
4. **Place Your Church in a Frame**—Prepare a beautifully framed photo or painting of the church building. Even better: take a group photo of church members in front of the building. Use extra wide matting and ask every church member to sign the mat before adding glass.
5. **Gift him with a vacation**—Loan out your favorite vacation spot (cabin, camper, time-share) or give him and his family a fun getaway.
6. **Make a Video Presentation**—Create a presentation of photos and video of the pastor(s) in action during the past year. Set it to music and play it as a pre-service video.
7. **Give Public Thanks**—Take out a full-page ad in your local newspaper, featuring a photo of your pastor and a declaration of your church's love and appreciation. Even better: Add every member's signature on the ad.
8. **Do an Office Makeover**—Do a surprise office makeover, with the pastor's wife's input, of course. Consider fresh paint, updated décor, new furniture and even a computer or technology upgrade.
9. **Supply Favorite Things**—Think of one small thing your pastor enjoys, such as M&Ms, fishing lures, coffee, etc. Ask each member to bring that item on Sunday, i.e. one bag, any size, of M&Ms. Supply extras for guests or forgetful members.
10. **Celebrate 30 Days of Pastor Appreciation**—Use an October calendar to schedule volunteers for a month-long schedule of surprise treats. Each day of the month, the pastor will receive a surprise token of appreciation from a church member, committee or group within the church. The tributes can vary widely. Some ideas include: a balloon delivery, a shoe shine, an apple pie or a gift certificate. After a whole month of pleasant surprises, won't your pastor feel appreciated? And won't God be honored by your acts of love for His servant? Don't forget to include a sincere note with specific reasons you appreciate the minister's spiritual leadership, dedication, time and commitment.

The possibilities are endless. Whatever you choose to do, it will be greatly appreciated by your pastor and provide some much needed encouragement. I hope you will be intentional about finding ways to let your pastor know he is loved and appreciated during the month of October – but also year round as you have opportunity.

Blessings to you.

Tommy Richardson, AMS
Screven Baptist Association



2022 SC Baptists & Associational WMUs



Christmas Backpacks

ITEMS TO INCLUDE:

3 Winter Accessories - such as hats, scarves, gloves, warm socks

3 Pop Top Cans of Food - such as Vienna sausages, SpaghettiOs, ravioli, fruit (plastic fruit containers leak)

3 Other Food Items - such as wrapped hard candy like Jolly Ranchers and Blo-Pops, jerky, fruit snacks, breakfast bars, gum, sun-flower seeds, pop tarts in box (pop tarts without a box tend to get crushed)

NO PEANUT PRODUCTS, PLEASE!

An age appropriate Bible or Bible story book.

ALSO INCLUDE

FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN:

Hygiene Items - Place the following items in a Ziploc bag: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap or body wash, shampoo, brush or comb, washcloth

3 Fun Items - such as fleece blankets, stuffed animals, dolls, hair accessories, cars, crayons and coloring books, craft sets, puzzles, flash cards, card games like Old Maid or Go Fish

FOR OLDER CHILDREN/TEENS:

Hygiene Items - Place the following items in a Ziploc bag: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap or body wash, shampoo, brush or comb, wash cloth, deodorant

3 Fun Items - such as make-up, jewelry, fleece blankets, thermos, flashlights with batteries, drawing items, markers, colored pencils, adult coloring books, Sudoku, word find books, balls (deflated with pump), craft sets, card games like Uno or Phase 10

*******Please do not overstuff the bag.*******

We are taking extra clothing and feminine hygiene items, so do not include these in the backpacks. Do not attach items to the outside as they can get dirty, damaged, or separated from the bag.

LABELING THE BACKPACKS

Tie two ribbons securely to the backpack to indicate both gender and age of recipient.

Ribbon 1

Blue for a boy
Pink for a girl

Ribbon 2

Purple - K (ages 3-5)
Yellow - Grades 1-3 (ages 6-8)
Green - Grades 4-5 (ages 9-10)
Red - Grades 6-8 (ages 11-13)
White - Grades 9-12 (ages 14-17)

Backpack Info Continued....

- ◆ Backpacks need to be at least 17- 18 inches and packed EXACTLY by the instructions. The bags will be distributed to children in a school where they will see what others got in their bags, so they need to be as similar as possible.
- ◆ No clothing or girls hygiene items except what is listed.

Christmas Backpack Collection date will be
one day only at the Screven Office:
Thursday, October 6, 9am-4pm.



If you are unable to shop, but would still like to participate, we have **142 bags** that are **already packed and need a "sponsor" by making a monetary donation.**

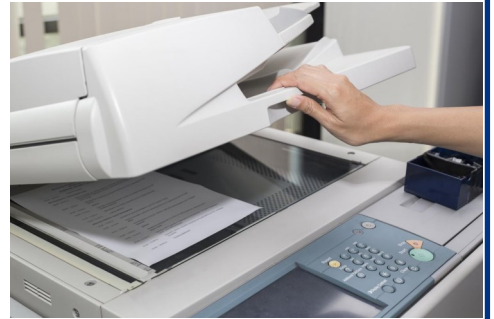
Please make check to Screven Baptist Association and mark on check Backpack Ministry.

Or you may give online through our website

www.Screvenbaptist.org

A team from Screven will be going to distribute the bags at local schools in Kentucky in December.

FREE COPIES! Call the office to schedule your time to make free copies, including color! Just bring your paper 843-871-2410.



A few Cases of **Hand Sanitizer, Hand Soap,** and some disposable masks are still available for your church to use in School Ministry or any other ministry that could use these supplies. Please call the office to arrange pick-up 843-871-2410.



Screven Baptist Associational
Missions Emphasis

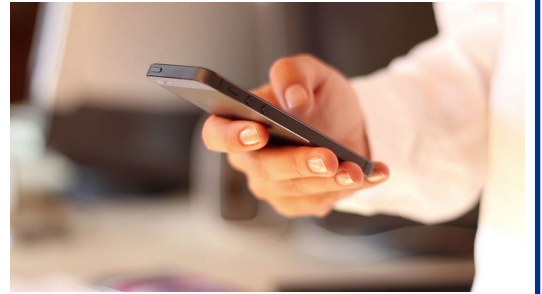
Tyner/Jackson Offering

Goal: \$18,000

Offering will be presented to the
Changed Lives Ministry, Moncks Corner, SC
A Faith-based rehabilitation facility
for Men and Women

AS of August, 2022
Screven has received
\$5,310.26
towards the goal! Thank you!

The Screven Office is not always staffed. Please call before you head out to see us. If you receive Susan's voicemail, please leave a message and she will return your call As Soon As Possible! Thanks!
843-871-2410 or 843-870-4550 cell



It's time for the ACP - The Annual Church Profile!

All forms are available and SBC Workspace is ready for your data. You may log into your SBC Workspace account to access the survey.

(as a member of the Screven Baptist Association, and to keep Tax exempt status, this is required by EVERY CHURCH to fill out and submit.)

Due Date is September 30, 2022

Please send us your Ministry Stories
and Pictures!
We want to share them
and Celebrate with you!
screven@screvenbaptist.org

Senior Pastors Wives
Let's CREATE and have
lots of fun
at our



**PAINT
PARTY**

Cost will be \$10
RSVP by Oct 9th to
Wendy Richardson
803-543-5668

Saturday Oct. 15th
9:00am
Creekside
Baptist Church
506 St. James Ave.
Goose Creek,
SC 29445
Brunch will be served

PIC•COLLAGE



October 17 Berkeley
November 21 Memorial
7 pm

Financial Report



Year to date as of August, 2022

Total Income	\$187,033.05
Total Expense	<u>\$138,546.65</u>
Net	\$48,486.40

Offerings to date through August 2022

Jan - Aug 22

Awaken Church of Charleston	666.00	Lydia	1,454.00
Berkeley	1,967.08	Memorial	4,125.33
Bethel	2,458.47	Miles Road	6,000.00
Beulah	0.00	Ministerio Hispano de la Ridge	0.00
Bonneau, First	787.86	Moncks Corner, First	6,750.00
Brookhaven Fellowship	1,000.00	Mt Olivet	3,931.92
Calvary Moncks Corner	10,199.00	Mt. Zion	862.00
Calvary Pregnall	0.00	North Trident	2,583.25
Chaparral	210.00	Oakbrook Fellowship	4,800.00
College Park	1,945.27	Old Fort	17,746.30
Cordesville, First	3,999.32	Old St. George	1,500.00
Corinth	1,400.00	Pleasant Grove	1,199.07
Cornerstone	1,200.00	Providence	2,979.96
Creekside	3,200.00	Reevesville	1,400.00
Crossroads	3,200.00	Ridge Baptist Church	3,700.00
Eutawville, First	1,549.00	Ridgeville	1,100.00
Faith	510.68	Salem Baptist Church	2,236.04
Gethsemane	6,301.95	Sandridge	1,536.00
Givhans	1,194.40	Santee Circle	1,210.86
Harleyville	3,912.86	St John's Bethel	6,164.00
Harristown Road	844.00	St Stephen, First	1,475.00
Holly Hill, First	6,959.89	St. Matthews	1,000.00
Hopewell	0.00	Summerville	37,031.53
Iglesia New Vision	0.00	Tall Pines	2,598.54
Jamestown	0.00	The Church at Cane Bay	1,200.00
Jedburg, First	7,445.76	The Journey Church	1,750.00
Knightsville	0.00	Trueway MB Church	0.00
Lighthouse Community	687.30	Wassamassaw	7,226.41
Limestone	1,834.00		<u>187,033.05</u>

THANK YOU!

We thank every church for their faithful giving and for your dedication to the work of the Screven Baptist Association.

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AND INTRODUCING Lifeway VBS 2023.....



Save the Date:
 Associational VBS Clinic
 Tuesday, March 7, 2023
 5:00 –9:00 pm

We are already working on the Screven Association VBS Leadership Team. We have several openings for the 2023 year. If you are a VBS enthusiast, please prayerfully consider joining with us. Here is what we need for the associational clinic:

- ◆ Missions Rotation Leader
- ◆ Crafts Rotation Leader
- ◆ Recreation Rotation Leader
- ◆ Kitchen Team-to prepare/serve/clean-up the snack supper
- ◆ Decorations Team– to make ahead of time and help set them up at the clinic
- ◆ Set-up/Breakdown Team– help with putting everything in place and taking it down

We are in the “training’ phase for our team....We will head to Ridgecrest in January for the Lifeway Preview Event, and reservations for the Leaders will be made by the middle of October So contact Susan ASAP! sharris@sbasc.org

We would like to develop some partnerships between larger churches and smaller churches in 2023 to help them facilitate a VBS. If your church would like to “go on mission” in your community to help a smaller church with VBS, please contact the Screven office ASAP. Or, if you are a church that would like to have VBS, but need help, contact the office ASAP, so the plans /partnerships can begin working on a plan.

