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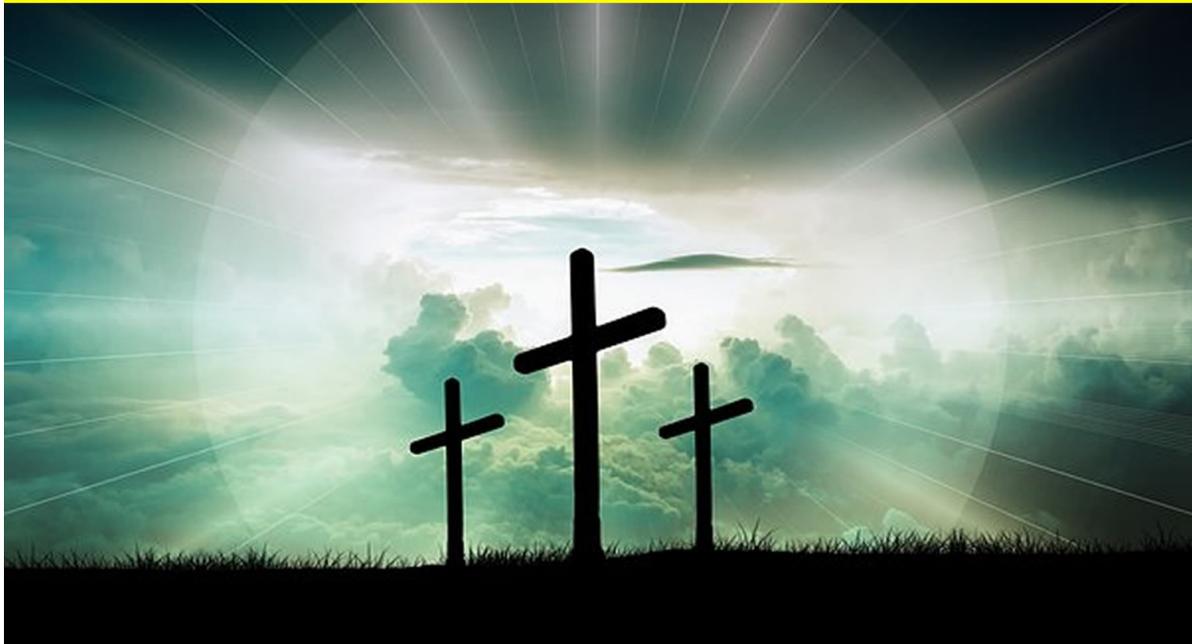


THE DIGEST

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From the Director of Church and Community Ministries

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On Tuesday, March 13, 2018 Screven presented the Associational VBS Clinic and Preview at First Baptist Church, Moncks Corner. This year's Lifeway theme is **GAME ON!** Gearing up for life's big game based around 2 Peter 1:3. Over 25 volunteers representing 11 churches in the association prepared, served and led the clinic. I wish I knew how long the association has been offering the preview, but I am sure for at least 15 years and I think this year was the best! There were over 150 registered attendees this year



from 26 different churches and I'm quite sure there were more that were not registered. I am so proud of the break-out session leaders. They prepared months in advance to help new VBS leaders as well as the veterans. This is a free resource for your church. Our goal is to help you and your VBS team members to be better equipped in presenting the gospel using the Lifeway material: Ultimately leading to more salvations and possible decisions to choose vocational ministry.



If you missed it this year, make sure you have your team there next year. We are already making plans for 2019! If you would like to serve in any capacity on the Associational VBS Team, please contact me. We always need more help decorating, serving refreshments, leading break-out sessions and clean-up! Thank you to all who served in 2018 and to First Baptist Moncks Corner for hosting the clinic again this year. The Associational VBS Team will continue to pray for all the VBS's that will take place this summer.

We will have the WMU spring conference on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at Calvary Baptist Church in Moncks Corner. The theme is **Into the World** and a missionary will share her testimony. Registration will begin at 9:30 am with the meeting starting at 10 am with lunch to follow. All churches are encouraged to attend.

Sports Camps on the schedule thus far:

June 8-9, Soccer Camp, Lindera Plantation, Cane Bay

June 11-15, Sports Camp and VBS, Bonneau Recreation Center, Bonneau

If you would like to help with these or a new sports ministry, please contact me. There are many options for this type of outreach.

Looking forward to serving with you!

Blessings,

Susan Harris



The Marks of a Healthy Church from Acts 2

1. They were Devoted. Vs. 42

A. They were devoted to the Apostles doctrine. They listened to and followed the Apostles Biblical teaching faithfully.

B. They were devoted to fellowship. Their fellowship involved sharing in the Holy Spirit (Phil. 2:1), co-operation in the work of the gospel (Phil. 1:5) and caring for those in need (2 Cor. 8:4; 2 Cor. 9:13). They were devoted to loving and caring for one another.

C. They were devoted to the ordinances. They regularly and consistently observed the Lord's Supper and baptized new believers.

D. They were devoted to prayer. Acts 4:23-24 Prayer was their first response to any need. Prayer for them was fervent, corporate and effective!

2. They were in Awe of What God was doing. Vs. 43

A sense of reverential fear permeated the church. The mighty power of the Holy Spirit was so evident that their hearts were quieted and yielded. John Phillips says, "The church does not instill much fear today. . . We have forgotten the divine injunction 'Be ye holy; for I am holy' (I Peter 1:16). We have forgotten the believer's body and the corporate body of the church are like the Temple of the Holy Spirit."

A. The Early Church was holy, fresh, and pristine in purity. Those within feared lest they defile and disgrace it. Those without feared becoming a part of it unless they were washed clean by the blood of Christ.

B. The Early church had power!! The leaders and believers were in a position spiritually of having the power of the Holy Spirit poured out upon them. They were people of obedience, purity, and faith!

3. They were United. Vs. 44, 46a

They were a Christian family. They had a deep bond in which they lived each day in mutual help and apart from the world. They loved each other as Jesus loved them. They were united as one as the Father and Son are united as one. Their unity was undefiled with selfishness.

4. They lived Sacrificially. Vs. 45

They saw themselves as stewards of what they had and freely shared what they had with fellow believers in need. It was not communism, not done out of constraint, but willingly out of the heart. It was the body at work. The eye, foot and hand taking care of each other.

5. They were Spiritual. Vs. 46

Every aspect of their lives was lived in obedience to and fellowship with the Holy Spirit and one another. They didn't just serve the Lord on Sundays, they were 7 day a week Christians.

6. They were Joyful. Vs. 46b-47a

There was no complaining, no criticizing, no envy, no strife. The fruit of the Spirit was evident everywhere. A clear evidence of the Spirit being in control

is joy. They were people filled with joy daily, and especially when they met together to worship. This had to be very attractive to others in the community.

7. They were Successful. Vs. 47b Souls were being saved, *daily!*

A. They had favor with God. The Lord was blessing their faithfulness and obedience.

B. They had favor with Men. Their love, unity, fellowship, care and generosity was infectious! Why were they successful? They were a church still infatuated with Jesus, their first love.

William Macdonald: The most notable thing about the life of the early Christians was their vivid sense of being a people of God, called and set apart. The Christian Church in their thought was a divine, not a human, institution. It was founded and controlled by God, and even the world was created for its sake. This conception...controlled all the life of the early Christians, both individual and social. They regarded themselves as separate from the rest of the world and bound together by peculiar ties. Their citizenship was in heaven, not on earth, and the principles and laws by which they strove to govern themselves were from above. The present world was but temporary, and their true life was in the future. Christ was soon to return, and the employments and labors and pleasures of this age were of small concern. . . . In the everyday life of the Christians the Holy Spirit was present, and all the Christian graces were the fruits. A result of this belief was to give their lives a peculiarly enthusiastic or inspirational character. Theirs were not the everyday experiences of ordinary men, but of men lifted out of themselves and transported into a higher sphere."

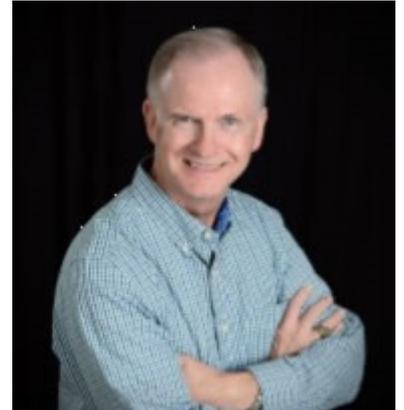
IS YOUR CHURCH A HEALTHY CHURCH?

Santee Circle Community Church has an immediate need for a gently used 15-passenger van. Our present van has reached the end of its usefulness and is our primary means of transporting children and youth that do not attend church regularly from surrounding underserved neighborhoods on Wednesday nights. Please contact the church office (843) 899-5912 or Wayne Ahl (843) 870-1570.

From the Director of Missions

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A Message of Personal Thanks. I want to thank you for your prayer concerns about my recent eye surgery. I had two earlier surgeries, one last December and the other in January to remove some corneal lesions from both eyes. Both of these surgeries were necessary to prepare both of my eyes for cataract surgery. I had the cataract removed from the left eye on March 6. Recovery has gone well. I am scheduled to meet with my surgeon on April 26 to discuss removal of the cataract in my right eye. I am grateful for your continued prayer support.



Recent Associational Gatherings. Our association sponsored “Developing a Powerful Prayer Ministry in Your Church” March 12-13 at Journey Church in Ladson. Rick Fisher Vice-President of Blackaby Ministries International led this conference that was designed to help pastors, staff, and laypersons develop the ministry of prayer in their churches. This corporate prayer gathering challenged us in seeking God, worshiping Him in spirit and truth, confession of sin, and praying for one another. We were encouraged to seek God’s perfect plan and then follow obediently. Thirty-five people from twelve churches participated in this two-day conference.

Another gathering was our **Associational Vacation Bible School Clinic** held on the evening of March 13 at First Baptist Moncks Corner. Susan Harris, VBS Team Leader, led 150 participants from twenty-five churches in an exciting prayer and preparation time for upcoming Vacation Bible Schools. It was a great time of fun and learning about sharing the love of Jesus through VBS.

Churches with New Pastors. Knightsville Baptist Church called Reverend James Holliday as their new pastor. James will continue to serve as our part time Director of Leadership Development. Also, North Trident Baptist Church called Reverend Nathan Morton as their new pastor. He will begin his duties in May.

Baltimore Mission Trip. Eight people from three of our churches will lead a mission trip to Baltimore, MD May 9-13. Team members are Randy and Karen Burns (Old Fort), Harry and Nadine Hanner (Brookhaven), Alex Meade (Providence), David Mullenix (Providence), and Bobby and Mary Ellen Bailey (Old Fort). This team will work with Agape Praise Fellowship, a new church start in Baltimore, MD. The team will host Teacher Appreciation Days at Patterson High School and Essex Elementary School. The team will assist Pastor Nehemiah Cole and his team in student ministry, prayer walking, and community evangelism.

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DID YOU KNOW?

<http://www.screvenbaptist.org> ,The Screven Baptist Association web site has information regarding the various ministries of the Association, a calendar of events and meetings, pictures and videos, schedule for the men's ministry meetings, a page where you can download past Newsletters, a classified page where you can advertise personnel or other church needs, a listing of all the churches, etc.

Log on and check it out! The opening page shows slides advertising meetings and events, click on the slides to get more information.

If your church needs a web site, we can do that too.

Men's Ministry Meetings

7PM

January 15 Cordesville First Baptist
February 19 Givhans Baptist
March 19 Sandridge First Baptist
April 16 Changed Lives Ministry
May 21 Calvary Moncks Corner
June 18 First Baptist Bonneau

July 16 New Journey Community Ch
August 20 FBC Holly Hill
September 17 Cornerstone
October 15 Berkeley Baptist
November 19 Memorial Baptist
December no meeting

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Beulah	0.00	0.00	Oakbrook, The Fellowship of	200.00	400.00
Bonneau First	528.25	528.25	Old Fort	2,981.00	8,411.45
Brookhaven	0.00	1,000.00	Old St. George	500.00	500.00
Calvary, Moncks Corner	747.00	1,730.00	Pleasant Grove	192.38	352.31
Calvary Pregnall	0.00	0.00	Providence	200.00	458.73
Chaparral	30.00	60.00	Reevesville	200.00	400.00
College Park	0.00	709.42	Ridge	0.00	0.00
Cordesville, First	516.97	1,146.56	Ridgeville	308.98	617.96
Corinth	200.00	400.00	St. John's Bethel	362.72	847.12
Crossroads	400.00	800.00	St. Matthews	208.33	416.66
Eutawville, First	130.00	260.00	St. Stephen, First	0.00	520.66
Faith	111.27	228.78	Salem	922.99	922.99
Gethsemane	97.73	97.73	Sandridge	0.00	0.00
Givhans	0.00	0.00	Sangaree Baptist Church	0.00	0.00
Harleyville, First	287.40	749.16	Santee Circle	0.00	167.00
Harristown Road	0.00	487.00	Summerville	2,040.28	5,286.73
Holly Hill, First	1,133.34	1,133.34	Tall Pines	230.00	559.00
Hopewell	0.00	0.00	Wassamassaw	1,063.75	2,127.50
Iglesia Nueva Vision	0.00	0.00	Endowment Funds	0.00	801.77
Jamestown	0.00	175.00	The Journey Church	0.00	0.00
Jedburg, First	419.21	921.69	Compass Church	0.00	0.00
Knightsville	264.78	514.37	Creekside Church	100.00	100.00
Lighthouse Community	0.00	281.00	The Pines Church	0.00	0.00
Limestone	162.00	325.00	Solid Rock Ministries	800.00	2,400.00
Lydia	228.39	574.64	Cornerstone	150.00	300.00
Memorial	458.32	916.64	The Church at Cane Bay	150.00	150.00
Midway	958.71	958.71	Ministerio Hispano de la Ridge	0.00	0.00
Miles Road	0.00	0.00	Trueway Missionary Baptist	0.00	0.00
Moncks Corner, First	750.00	1,500.00	Total Revenues	18,510.15	43,928.69
Mt. Olivet	0.00	0.00	Total Expenses	23,310.79	52,772.64
			Tyner-Jackson Offering	0.00	0.00