



ALLENDALE-HAMPTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

IN GOD WE TRUST

GOD IS!! AND ALL IS WELL!!

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Associational Mission Strategist

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION NEWS

Rev. Dr. Tommy Kelly

The AMS Report Strategically Speaking

In September, significant changes will possibly be made to the Allendale Hampton Baptist Association. The annual meeting will be held at the Fairfax First Baptist Church on September 28, 2025. During this meeting, one will hear reports from associational committees as well as representatives from Connie Maxwell Children's Home, Charleston Southern University, and the South Carolina Baptist Convention. Also, some important changes will hopefully be made to the associational constitution.

These changes include a change in terminology from Director of Missions to Associational Missions Strategist as well as a change from quarterly to biannual Executive Committee meetings. Such actions will allow the association to conduct business in a more efficient manner as well as bring the association more in tune with the Southern Baptist Convention as well as the South Carolina Baptist convention. Although the Allendale Hampton Baptist Association has existed for almost seventy years, just existing is not what the associational founders envisioned for associational life. The new focus of the Allendale Hampton Baptist association should be to exist to change the surrounding cultures for Christ.

One change that will facilitate this essential change will be a new focus on the associational calendar. The associational advisory council will meet monthly with the exception of November and December. During these meetings, monthly events will be planned to engage the associational churches in mission and fellowship activities that promote harmony and cooperation within the association. These events will involve and highlight resources and opportunities available to the associational churches.

Several of these events are available in the last quarter of 2025. First, the Pastors/Wives Appreciation Banquet will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2025 at Varnville First Baptist Church at 6PM. Second Camp Jackson fun Day will be held on Sunday, November 9, 2025 from 1 PM to 4 PM at Camp Jackson. Finally during November, the Allendale Hampton Baptist Association will gather food staples and unscented laundry detergent for the Connie Maxwell Children's Home.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you and your congregations.

*In Christ,
Tommy Kelly*

Allendale Hampton Baptist Association Activities

Pastor Appreciation - October 23, 2025 @ Varnville First Baptist

Camp Jackson Fun Day - November 9, 2025 - 1 PM - 4 PM

Thanksgiving Pounding for Connie Maxwell Children's Home



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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THE AHBA OFFICE

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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.

The ABC Ministry Report



This article begins with a huge Thank You! Thank you to everyone who participated in ABC's very first Back to School Bash, held at Varnville First on Sunday, August 3rd. Approximately forty (40) Hispanic folks attended this event where they were given school supplies and a meal. Churches from all three associations donated school supplies for distribution free of charge. Thank you to everyone who donated supplies and food for this event, and a special thank you to Tommy Kelley and Varnville First for hosting it.

Looking forward, Nueva Esperanza will be hosting a Family Conference in September. Several churches will be participating. Please pray that this event will bring encouragement and growth to many Hispanic people. Pray also for Nueva Esperanza as the church makes plans for ministry in the coming year. As always, thank you for your prayers and support of ABC Regional Hispanic Ministries.

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

Mailing Address

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c/o Barnwell Bamberg Baptist Assoc.
PO Box 281
Denmark, SC 29042

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**Page 3**

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

DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING

Fall Training

Saturday, October 11, 2025

8:30 AM—4:30 PM

Concord Baptist Church

1012 Concord Road

Anderson, SC 29621

**If anyone would like more information, please contact
Don Blakeney @ 803-686-1560**

Associational Choir Presentation

On Sunday, September 28, at 2:30 p.m., the choir will present the cantata "The King Is Coming" for the Associational Annual Meeting at Fairfax First Baptist Church. We would like your choir and any other interested members to join us. If you call or text Mrs. Sandra Daubard, Associational Music Director, at 803-686-1669, she will get the music and CD to you. There will be a rehearsal on Wednesday, the 24th of September at 7:00 p.m. at Fairfax First. We hope you will join us as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and the promise that He will return for us...

THE KING IS COMING!!

Food Pantry/Clothes Closet - Lawtonville Baptist Church

196 E. 4th Street, Estill, SC 29918

Contact Ashley Lawton - 864-238-5058

Food Pantry - Nixville Baptist Church,

3915 Two Sisters Ferry Road, Estill, SC 29918

Contact: Joy Kircher - 843-575-2200

Church Contributions Received to Support the Association Budget -Budget Year 24-25

Allendale FBC	\$2,000.00
Beech Branch	1,157.88
Bethel	3,405.00
Brunson	2,375.00
Deep Branch	300.00
Fairfax FBC	4,000.00
Furman	500.00
Great Salkehatchie	1,000.00
Hampton FBC	1,025.00
Harmony	1,335.00
Hickory Grove	1,944.16
Hopewell	1,405.31
Lawtonville	1,000.00
Lower Three Runs	819.00
Mt. Arnon	616.39
Mt. Olive	343.13
Nixville	14,533.00
Open Arms Fellowship	1,500.00
Robertville	1,220.00
Sand Hill	1,000.00
Sandy Run	3,146.25
Stafford	1,500.00
Steep Bottom	1,750.00
Sycamore	600.00
Varnville	14,267.00
West End	2,190.96
Donation- Disaster Relief	2,705.00
Baptist Foundation	
Children's Camp 2025	2,000.00
Refund	59.68
Camp Jackson Fun Day	896.07
WWDOP	142.00
Samaritans Purse	1,200.00
ABC Christmas Outreach	200.00

Budget Receipts 2024-2025**Church Contributions Received To Date -**

August 26, 2025 - \$72,135.83

Needed to date 67,352.40

\$67,352.38 - \$5,612.70(mth.)

BRICK 2025**BUILDING RESTORATION IN CHRIST'S KINGDOM****CONSTRUCTION MISSIONS IN AIKEN**

BRICK missions reach out to local people with the love of Jesus through construction missions - They will be working in Aiken October 5th -11th

If you are interested in working with this group of people, please reach

out to Rev. Aron Winn, Pastor of Harmony Baptist Church at

803-943-8446, He will be glad to put you to work.

Brickmissions98@gmail.com

www.brickmissions.com

Church Contributions Received to Support Camp Jackson's Budget September 2024 - August 2025

Nixville	2,037.75
Stafford	1,000.00
Brunson	600.00
Mount Olive	135.00
Hickory Grove	1,011.05
Fairfax First	960.00
Steep Bottom	531.00
Donation	160.00
Sand Hill	120.00
Furman	300.00

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OFFICE HOURS - TUESDAY 1/2 day: Hours Vary
Wednesday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm - Thursday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

To receive your newsletter electronically, send email
 to ahba58@gmail.com

COATS FOR THE NEEDY

Open Arms Fellowship, working with the South Carolina Baptist Convention will be going back to New York City on December 5th and 6th to give out coats to those in need. Our goal is to send 300 coats. We need heavy winter coats and can take good condition used ones. We can also buy new coats from a wholesale company for \$20 per coat. We are inviting anyone from the association that would want to go to NYC and be a part of this mission to contact Pastor James. We also ask you and your church to consider giving to help buy coats. All the money received for coats will buy coats. It will not go towards paying for someone to go. You can send your gift to Open Arms Fellowship 402 Hoover St N, Hampton SC 29924 or call Pastor James at 803-480-0692. We need to have all the coats and money for the coats at the church by September 30th.

Thank You.

Food Giveaway Open Arms Fellowship Church

The Connexion - Cemetery Road, Varnville
 Every Monday Morning 9 am - 10:30 am
 Soup Kitchen every Thursday Evening
 Call the church at 803-943-0004

**GRASS MOWING SCHEDULE
FOR 2025**

August 30th - Bernie Smith
 September 13th - Randy Vaughn
 September 27th - Larry Barnes
 October 11th - Franklin Harriott
 October 25th - Gilbert Heape

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS****September 2025 Janie Chapman State Missions Offering**

- 1 **Labor Day Holiday**
- 7-14 **Season of Prayer for State Missions**
- 11 **Pastor's Luncheon—11:30**
- 16 **Newsletter Articles Deadline**
- 18 **AMS Fall Summit—SC Bapt. Building**
- 20 **Children's Missions Day**
- 24 **Advisory Board - 10AM - AHBA**
- 28 **ANNUAL ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING @ Fairfax First Baptist Church @ 2:30 pm**

October 2025

- 5 **Cooperative Program Sunday**
- 5-11 **BRICK—Aiken**
- 9 **Pastor's Luncheon - 11:30**
- 11 **Fall Disaster Relief Training (see page 3)**
- 12 **Pastor Appreciation Sunday**
- 16 **Newsletter Articles Deadline**
- 19 **Day of Prayer for Baptist Assoc.**
- 22 **Advisory Board - 10AM - AHBA**
- 23 **Associational Pastor Appreciation Dinner @ Varnville First Baptist**

November 2025 Shoebox Ministry/Prisoner Packets

- 2 **Hickory Grove 156th Homecoming @ 11:30 am**
- 2 **Daylight Savings Time Ends**
- 3 **Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer**
- 4 **Election Day**
- 9 **Camp Jackson Annual Fun Day**
- 10-11 **SCBC Annual Meeting**
- 11 **Veteran's Day**
- 13 **PRISONER PACKETS ARE DUE TO AHBA - NO LATER THAN 2 PM ON THIS DATE**
- 13 **Pastor's Luncheon @ 11:30 am**
- 14 **Newsletter Articles Deadline**
- 26-28 **AHBA Office Closed for Thanksgiving**
- 26 **NO Advisory Board Meeting**
- 27 **Thanksgiving Day**

**December 2025 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
11/30-12/7 - Season of International Missions**

Children's Summer Camp at Camp Jackson – July 28-30, 2025

What does it cost to put on a camp like the Kid's Camp at Camp Jackson?

This year we had fifty-six(56) children and about fourteen(14) adults most of the time. A few came to help but did not stay all night. I have been asked about the cost. Let me break it down for you. No camp costs, thanks to our Association.

The Association gave – Budgeted - \$1,000.

Stafford Baptist Church – Donated - \$1,000.

Hopewell Baptist Church – Donated - \$1,000.

The 56 children or their churches paid \$30 per child - \$1,680.

Total Income - \$4,680.00

The cost of everything \$3,441.96

Fish bait, water slide, musician, crafts, t-shirts to each child,

Plus some donated things not charged to us. Thanks for those gifts.

Balance in the Children's Camp Budget \$1,238.04

Thank you churches and donators for your generous support. It was worth every penny. If your church can help, please do. We are planning a trip this winter at Christmas Holidays. Pray for us. Join us.

Thanks again, Brother Tim



2025 Summer Camp at Camp Jackson, WOW!

The temperature was high, the moral was high, the Holy Spirit was working. You could ask for nothing better. The adult chaperones and the younger ones were top notch, with great attitudes: Galatians 5:22 was in full swing among all. The cooks were super, the food very good and plentiful. Our lifeguard at the pool was awesome, even in the scorching sun for hours, but the pool and the extra tall water slide kept the kids cool. Our speakers and teachers and craft workers poured on the theme, "READY". The T shirts carried the message, "READY FOR JESUS' RETURN" in big letters. You may think "Ready", really? It resonated with our kids. A whopping 27% made decisions for Christ. They became new children of God and our new Brothers and Sisters in Christ, and they are ready when Jesus comes back. Folks, Jesus is coming back (Acts 1:9-11) and (John 14:1-3).

What A DAY THAT WILL BE! Many will be overjoyed when we meet Jesus in the air.

The sad part of that day will be those who are NOT ready for Jesus' Return, they will be left behind.

On the day Jesus returns, it will be too late to prepare. The unprepared will not be able to ride on their parents or friends' coattails. They will not have time to get their lives right. (Matthew 24:40-41).

My prayer is that you get serious about your future, get ready for Jesus' return – He is coming back, that's for sure.

To help you get ready, read Romans 10:9-13 and do as it says –(no more preaching for now). Ha.

I know fifteen (15) young people who have experienced new life in Christ. They are being led daily by the Holy Spirit.

Here is the list and the churches that they attend. Pray for them as they mature. Pastors, let's get them baptized.

Sophie Rhodes (Stafford)

Evie Boleman (Stafford)

Samuel Herbert (Spirit of Life)

Crew McCrary (Furman)

Whit Polk (Varnville)

Lucas Mattie (Varnville)

Aubrey Thompson (Nixville)

Coleman Jarrell (Nixville)

Lilly Ginn (Nixville)

Sawyer Ginn (Nixville)

Nolina Begley (Deep Branch)

Cameron Higgins (Deep Branch)

M.J. Mayes (Deep Branch)

Aubree Jarrell – Rededication – was baptized at Sand Hill Baptist Church

If you haven't accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you are not "Ready" for the greatest event ever, Jesus' Return for His children. (All Believers). If you need help, call me, I will be more than happy to share with you.

Thanks to all, your brother in Christ, Tim - 803-942-0830