



Associational Mission Strategist

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION NEWS

Rev. Dr. Tommy Kelly

**The Interim Report**

**The Most Important Event in History**

Throughout one’s academic career, they will take a variety of courses. These courses will be grouped into different disciplines such as English, mathematics, science, and history. History can be subdivided into world history, American history as well as a particular state history. Yet, the most important historical event is labeled within Christian theology as redemptive history.

Redemptive history is derived from the idea of God’s giving His unique Son, Jesus Christ as humanity’s savior. This concept was shown during Passion or Holy Week. It is the events from Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem until Christ’s resurrection. These events are continually celebrated by Christians throughout the world.

Yet, many people have allowed secular practices to infiltrate the church as well as culture to cloud the true meaning of Easter. One example is, even though many people attend church on Easter, they focus more on the latest Spring fashion than the resurrection. While purchasing and wearing new clothes is essential, Easter Sunday’s focus should be on Christ. During Christ’s crucifixion, the Roman soldiers gambled for His garments under the cross.

Another benign practice that clouds Easter’s true meaning is the Easter bunny idea. While it is biologically impossible for rabbits to lay eggs, children hiding eggs is harmless as long as adults shift the celebration’s focus to Christ’s sacrificial death and resurrection. Although I do not feel that hiding eggs or wearing new clothes harms one Christian witness, it must not be the primary focus of Easter for any believer. The most important event in history must be preserved for a lost world to meet the living, true Savior, Jesus Christ.

*In Christ,*

*Tommy Kelly  
 Hebrews 11:1;6a*

**HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE!**

**CHRIST IS RISEN! HALLELUJAH!**



**Bridge Builders - Grace Baptist Summer Camp 2025**  
**To Be Held at Varnville First Baptist Church Monday - Friday**

<b>June 9 - 13th</b>	<b>16 - 20th</b>	<b>23rd - 27th</b>
<b>July 7 - 11th</b>	<b>July 14 - 18th</b>	<b>21st - 24th</b>

**Registration and Camp time to be announced.**



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**

**LONNIE RUSSELL @803-842-1903**

**OR**

**THE AHBA OFFICE**

**Telephone 803-632-1882**

**E-Mail: ahba58@gmail.com**

**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**



What is a disciple? I am sure most of us could define the word. A disciple is a follower, an apprentice, one who learns from the teachings and example of another. Jesus called us to go and make disciples. The Great Commission is not simply a call to belief, but a call to discipleship. Making disciples is challenging when you do not have very much time with the folks you are discipling. That is the case with many of the farm workers to whom we minister. As transient workers have begun to return to our area, we have shared the gospel with them. We also seek to help those who believe to grow into strong disciples. Would you join me in praying that we would be effective in helping many to develop the habits of discipleship? Pray that those who have believed in Christ would move beyond spiritual infancy and grow into mature followers. Pray that those disciples would make other disciples. As always, thank you for your prayers and support of ABC Regional Hispanic Ministries. Let me close with this question: Are you a disciple?

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

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 ABC Regional Hispanic Ministries  
 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**

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

**SENDING MISSIONARIES:**

Out of the 7.6 billion people in our world today, 3.2 billion have little to no access to the Gospel. 81% of the world's Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus do not personally know a Christ-follower. What will it take for every life to be saturated and transformed by the Gospel? Every church, every size, everywhere embracing and employing an Acts 1:8 mission strategy - sending workers and making disciples in our state, our country and around the world.

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

Allendale FBC	\$2,000.00
Beech Branch	753.63
Bethel	2,165.00
Brunson	1,250.00
Deep Branch	300.00
Fairfax FBC	2,359.60
Furman	
Great Salkehatchie	1,000.00
Hampton FBC	1,025.00
Harmony	71.00
Hickory Grove	848.76
Hopewell	
Lawtonville	1,000.00
Lower Three Runs	422.00
Mt. Arnon	331.86
Mt. Olive	258.89
Nixville	7,538.00
Open Arms Fellowship	750.00
Robertville	600.00
Sand Hill	
Sandy Run	1,530.22
Stafford	1,000.00
Steep Bottom	1,000.00
Sycamore	300.00
Varnville	8,217.00
West End	1,363.35
Donation- Disaster Relief	2,705.00
Baptist Foundation	
Children’s Camp 2025	
Pastoral Ministries	
Camp Jackson Fun Day	896.07
WWDOP	142.00
Samaritans Purse	1,200.00
ABC Christmas Outreach	200.00

**Summer Staff Wanted Camp La Vida, Winnsboro, SC**  
**We are looking for college-aged students and high school junior & seniors, fun, talented, passionate, creative, willing to learn, missions-focused, dedicated, & kid-friendly.**  
**For more information, contact Cindy Skelton at**  
**cindyskelton@scbaptist.org    www.camplavida.org/staffapps**

**Camp La Vida Summer 2025**

**Join us for an unforgettable summer where Missions are explored, friendships form, Memories are made and relationship with Christ grows! REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**  
**www.camplavida.org/register**

*It has been several years since we have had a Jump Start Clinic in our Association for Vacation Bible School! If you are a director for Bible School and would be interested in having one this year, please let me or Patricia know. These clinics are a great way to interact with other directors and exchange ideas. We also have Lifeway material available for you to inspect. However, if you don't use Lifeway material, don't let that stop you from attending. We always have a good time with games, lots of laughing, fellowship and refreshments!! You can contact me via email at [clerk032002@gmail.com](mailto:clerk032002@gmail.com), or by phone call or text at*

*803-686-1195. We look forward to hearing from you soon.*

*Mary Jean Carlson, Associational Vacation Bible School Director*

**Budget Receipts 2024-2025**  
**Church Contributions Received To Date -**  
**March 2025 - \$41,871.38**  
**Needed to date \$39,288.90**  
**\$67,352.38 - \$5,612.70(mth.)**

Lawtonville Baptist Church of Estill celebrated its 250th anniversary with an event held 11:00 AM Sunday, March 2, 2025. This historic celebration was not a traditional Sunday Service. First established in March 1775 under a different name and at a different location, Lawtonville Baptist church has transformed but persevered to celebrate its Bicentennial in 1975 and now marked its grand 250th Anniversary this year. The church is now considered the oldest active Baptist church in modern-day Hampton County.

The Pastor is Rev. Francis Asbury Lawton IV.

Lawtonville Baptist Church is located at 460 Fourth Street, Estill, SC at the corner of Lawton and fourth Streets.

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

Nixville	1,055.75
Stafford	
Brunson	120.00
Mount Olive	45.00
Hickory Grove	189.50
Sand Hill	
Varnville	
Fairfax First	360.00
Steep Bottom	341.00
Donation	160.00

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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](mailto:ahba58@gmail.com)

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS****April 2025**

- 1-2 Spring Revival Services-Brunson Baptist
- March 31 - April 2 @7:00 PM - Rev. Allan Kircher
- 6-9 Revival - Bethel Baptist - see sidebar
- 9 AHBA Cantata Rehearsal - Fairfax First—7pm
- 10 **Pastor's Luncheon**
- 13 Palm Sunday
- 13 Associational Easter Cantata - Fairfax First 6pm
- 16 **Newsletter Articles Deadline**
- 18 Good Friday
- 20 EASTER SUNDAY
- 23 **Advisory Board - 10AM - AHBA**
- 26 Camp La Vida Work Day

**May 2025**

- 5 Executive Board Meeting @ AHBA Office 7PM
- 8 **Pastor's Luncheon**
- 11 **MOTHER'S DAY**
- 15 **Newsletter Articles Deadline**
- 26 **MEMORIAL DAY**
- 28 **Advisory Board - 10AM - AHBA**

**June 2025**

- Bridge Builders Varnville First - 9-13 16-20 23-27
- 10-11 SBC Annual Meeting—Dallas, Tx
- 12 Pastor's Luncheon 11am
- 15 **Father's Day**
- 16 **Newsletter Articles Deadline**
- 22-27 **VBS - Bethel - 6-8:30 pm**
- 25 **Advisory Board - 10AM - AHBA**
- 26 Health Kits for ABC due to AHBA by 2:30pm

**July 2025**

- 4 Independence Day
- Bridge Builders Varnville First - 7-11 14-18 21-24
- 10 Pastor's Luncheon 11am
- 13-18 **BRICK—Allendale**
- 16 **Newsletter Articles Deadline**
- 23 **Advisory Board - 10AM - AHBA**
- 28-30 Children's Summer Camp @ Camp Jackson

**Associational Easter Cantata**  
**Sunday, April 13, @ 6:00 pm**  
**At Fairfax First Baptist Church**  
**"BECAUSE HE LIVES"**

Will be presented by choir members of the  
 Associational Churches. Please come join  
 us. Rehearsal will be Wednesday night,  
 April 9th at 7:00 pm

Call or text Mrs. Sandra Daubard  
 803-686-1669

for copy of music and CD  
 Email: [melody4745@yahoo.com](mailto:melody4745@yahoo.com)

Bethel Baptist Church Revival - April 6-9,  
 Sunday Morning @11:00 am  
 Monday-Wednesday evening @ 7:00 pm  
 Speaker—Pastor Robert Culbertson  
 April 6, Sunday evening @ 7:00pm -  
 Youth Praise & Worship, food and fun!  
 Worship Leader-Chance Brabham

**GRASS MOWING SCHEDULE FOR 2025**

April 12th - Franklin Harriott  
 April 26th - Gilbert Heape  
 May 10th - Danny Pulaski  
 May 24th - Bernie Smith  
 June 7th - Randy Vaughn  
 June 21st - Larry Barnes  
 July 12th - Franklin Harriott  
 July 26th - Gilbert Heape  
 August 9th - Danny Pulaski  
 August 23rd - Bernie Smith  
 September 13th - Randy Vaughn  
 September 27th - Larry Barnes  
 October 11th - Franklin Harriott  
 October 25th - Gilbert Heape

