

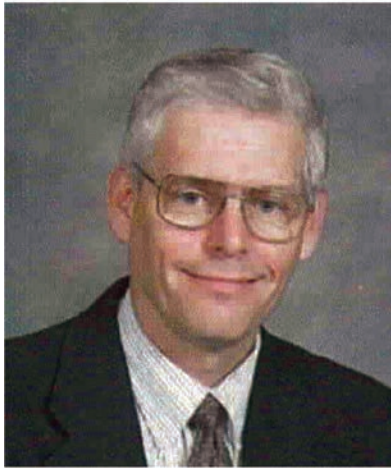


The Messenger

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The Moriah Baptist Association Welcomes Dr. Joe Youngblood

We at Moriah are so very happy to extend a warm and hearty welcome to “Joe” (this is the way he wants to be addressed) to our Moriah Association. Joe will be providing transitional leadership to our Association as we prepare to call a permanent director of missions.

One of his visions is to lead our Association through the RESTORE process which will help us to define and establish a clear vision for Moriah.

Just a few of his goals are to examine and refine Moriah’s Vision Statement, Mission Statement, and Core Value Statement and develop strategies that will help us to reach these goals.

Joe’s contact information is as follows:

Moriah.....803-283-8409

Cell:.....803-215-3841

Please remember to pray for Joe as he leads our Association.



**2020 Vacation Bible School Clinic
Covenant Baptist Church
165 Manor Road
Lancaster SC 29720**

**March 30, 2020
6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.**

The theme of our VBS week is “Concrete & Cranes”. In our clinic, we will have leaders available to share information for each age level. We will pray together for our Bible Schools and offer ideas and encouragement to each leader.

Refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting.

Don’t miss the opportunity to meet and share with the leaders in other churches in our Association. You will be glad you came!

We look forward to seeing you on the 30th at Covenant!



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OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday
8:30am - 2:30pm
Friday - Closed

Moriah's Inclement Weather Schedule



As we begin the winter months, there may be periods of inclement weather. Our office will follow the Lancaster County School District's policy on weather-related days. The office will be closed on the same schedule as the schools. If school is cancelled, due to weather issues, all meetings for this day and evening will be rescheduled. If schools are released earlier than the usual schedule, the office will close at the same time and all meetings for the remainder of the day will be rescheduled. If school openings are delayed the Mission Center will open at the same time as the schools and all meetings for that day and evening will be held unless there are other weather-related issues.



Victory Sports Camp

Rev. Catlin Rollings
Brad Kirkley

VICTORY Sports CAMPS

July 20th-24th, 2020

Andrew Jackson Middle School
Grades (completed) 1st through 6th

Come and have a blast for the week learning more about
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL, FOOTBALL, SOCCER BASKETBALL OR CHEERLEADING, VOLLEYBALL
After lunch stay for an afternoon of games, bible stories and other great fun!

Daily Schedule:
8:45 am - Registration & Sports Camp
Noon - Lunch Provided For All Campers
1:00pm - Bible Stories & Games
4:00 pm - Pick-up

Cost: \$25 (scholarships available)
Make Checks payable to:
Pleasant Dale Baptist Church or PDBC
Memo Line: VSO and Child's Name

Mail registration to:
Pleasant Dale Baptist Church
133 South Potter Rd.,
Lancaster, SC 29720

Contact Brad Kirkley 704-361-4815 or
Catlin Rollings 803-804-4320
Sponsored by churches in Lancaster County



VICTORY Sports CAMPS

July 6th-10th, 2020

Barr Street School and Buford High School
Grades (completed) 1st through 6th

Come and have a blast for the week learning more about
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL, FOOTBALL, SOCCER BASKETBALL OR CHEERLEADING, VOLLEYBALL
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The Lord has blessed Victory Sports Camp in Lancaster/Buford the past several years. From the beginning, God opened a door for the camp to take place in Lancaster in two different places the same week. We have been able to share the Gospel with many kids and families and disciple and build countless relationships over the years. High school and middle school students as well as college students and adults get the privilege of investing in elementary age kids the entire week. We are also able to invest in each other.

In 2020 Victory Sports will do three camps in Lancaster County. Lancaster, Buford, and Kershaw. Please be in prayer for this ministry as we seek to Glorify God in all that is said and done.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank The Baptist Foundation of South Carolina for their generous grant of \$2,000 to be used for our Kershaw Area Victory Sports Camp. Thank you for being our partner.

Around the Association...



March 1-7	Youth Week		
1-8	Week of Prayer—North American Missions—Annie Armstrong		
5	11:00 a.m.	Kershaw Area Pastor's Small Group, Kershaw Second	
7	TIME CHANGE		
12	10:00 a.m.	Leadership Empowerment Track, Mission Center	
13-15		DNOW Weekend, Lancaster Second	
17	Noon	Retired Ministers	
19	11:00 a.m.	Lancaster Area Pastor's Small Group, Mission Center	
20		First day of Spring	
29		Substance Abuse Prevention Sunday	
April	Baptist Doctrine Study Emphasis Month		
2	11:00 a.m.	Kershaw Area Pastor's Small Group, Kershaw Second	
9	10:00 a.m.	Leadership Empowerment Track, Mission Center WMU Ministry Kits due at Moriah	
10		Good Friday	
12		Easter Sunday	
13		Baptist Doctrine Study Sunday	
13		Mission Center closed in observance of Easter	
16	10:00 a.m.	Finance Team, Mission Center	
	11:00 a.m.	Lancaster Area Pastor's Small Group, Mission Center	
19		SBC Seminary Sunday	
21	Noon	Retired Ministers	
26		Cooperative Program Sunday	
28	10:00 a.m.	Executive Team Meeting, Mission Center	

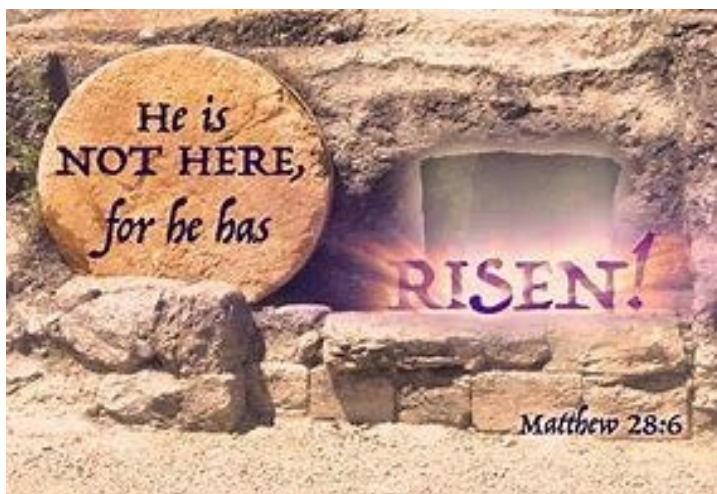
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March 7, 2020

The actual time change is at 2:00 a.m. on March 8, however, most of us like to change our time on Saturday. Don't be late for church!

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Happy Easter

In observance of Easter, the Mission Center will be closed on April 13.

Look who's having a birthday...

March

- 7 Danny Threatt
Michelle Taylor
- 8 Janice Baker
- 10 Tony Shehane
- 11 Wayne Sanders
- 17 Lesley Saxon
- 18 Gail Hammond
- 22 Richard Rape
- 24 Hannah Dutton
- 25 David Petro
- 29 Casey Swails
- 31 Ariel Swails
Beth Center



April

- 1 Cheryl Fox
- 1 Brian Saxon
- 2 Ben Metcalf
- 5 Beth Neal
- 6 Rebecca Benson
- 9 Randy Mellichamp
- 10 Hunter Harmon
- 12 Todd Rudisill
- 12 Rhonda Joyner
Lewis Starnes
- 13 Amy Starnes
Carsen Taylor
- 14 Buddy Rutledge
- 22 Jimmy Kirk
- 23 Cathy Warren
- 23 Robin Helm
- 26 Jimmy Fox
- 27 Lynn Carnes
- 27 Mike Hammond
- 28 Martha Jean Green



March

- 3 Chris & Sona Terry
- 8 Charlie & Shelley Simpson
- 15 Trent & Myra McLaughlin
Tony & Linda Sessions
- 17 Bobby & Carol Joyner
- 30 Ronnie & Gloria Boone

April

- 1 Daniel & Emily Porter
- 6 Lamar & Donna Whisennant
- 25 Bryant & Roseanne Fersner

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Gospel Chalk Talk Carolina Cowboy Church

6:30 p.m.
Thursday
April 30, 2020



GOSPEL CHALK TALK

For more information, contact
MIKEK4MLM@WINDSTREAM.NET
OR CALL 704-578-0035

All are welcome to attend. Our address is
2738 Catawba River Rd, Fort Lawn, SC

Sunday, January 26, 2020
Riverland Hills Baptist Church
Irmo, SC
3:00pm



SC BAPTIST
ALLSTATE

Baptist AllState
Chorus, Orchestra & Worship Band
Worship Concert

This event is made possible through the Cooperative Program Ministry support of our local churches and was held at Riverland Hills Baptist Church. Lancaster County was well represented in this event.

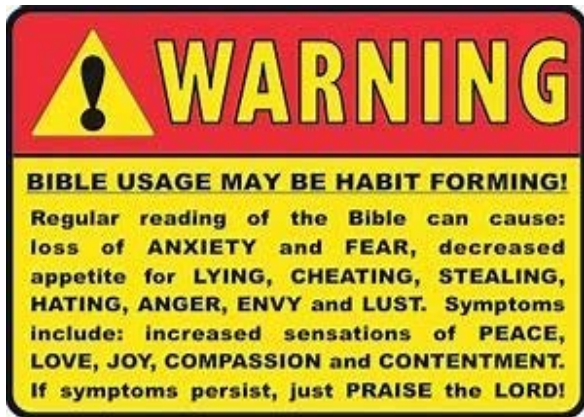
The students from Glenwood Heights were Morgan Porter and Ashton Porter.

The students from First Baptist were Kenzie Blankenship, Christopher Cole, Killian Cole, Kiernan Cole, Jadon Cross, Jasmine Cross, Aaron Cross, Joshua Cross, and Violet Still.

Good job students!



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In Christ Alone
my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song

Endowment Updates

John & Barbara Platt

Barbara Haire

Year Ended: December 31, 2019

(Fair Market Value)

John & Barbara Platt.....\$25,596.49
Barbara Haire..... 2,807.63

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Disaster Relief Team

Shirley Buckner, Director

DISASTER RELIEF TRAININGS

Summerville - March 14, 2020
Easley - April 18, 2020



Our next meeting is scheduled for May 17 at 7:00 p.m. We would encourage you to come if you feel Disaster Relief is a place that you would like to serve.

Our team is always ready to come and speak to a group at your church. We would love to share how the Lord uses us to help people in their times of need.

If you have any questions about our ministry, please call the Mission Center at 803-283-8409.

DNOW 2020

Rev. Brandon Helms

Theme: No Apologies

Guest Speaker: Sean McDowell

Worship: Edenfield

Second Baptist Church

Lancaster, SC

Dates: March 13-15, 2020

Cost: \$50 per person

DNOW (Disciple NOW) is a weekend geared to challenge and grow students in an area of discipleship. This year we will focus on Apologetics. Students need to be able to defend their faith now more than ever; this weekend is designed to help them in this journey. Sean McDowell is a nationally recognized speaker, author, and professor in the area of Apologetics and is excited to join us for DNOW 2020. For more information on Sean, visit his website, seanmcdowell.org.

Joining us again this year to lead worship is Edenfield. This group has a great heart for worship and students. For more information or to register your group, contact Brandon Helms at 803-283-2015 or by email at

brandon.helms@lancastersbc.org.

Organizational Resources

John Hess, Treasurer

	2019		2018	2020
	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>January</u>
Antioch	\$100.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$100.00
Beaver Creek	0.00	911.04	979.42	176.00
Bethel	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Bethlehem	551.58	8,018.41	7,883.91	959.48
Calvary	310.00	4,030.00	3,110.00	0.00
Camp Creek	166.67	1,833.37	1,666.70	0.00
Carolinas Cowboy	0.00	711.47	299.30	0.00
Catawba	20.00	240.00	800.00	0.00
Center Grove	0.00	1,436.74	1,460.65	0.00
Charlesboro	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Covenant	370.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	330.00
Crestview	100.00	1,100.00	1,500.00	100.00
Eastside	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
Ebenezer	41.61	1,010.95	1,026.00	43.77
Elgin	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
Flat Creek	100.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	125.00
Flint Ridge	125.00	1,500.00	3,857.21	125.00
Fork Hill	114.03	1,209.58	1,758.54	147.15
Friendship	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Glenwood Heights	166.66	1,333.28	749.97	83.33
Haile Gold Mine	0.00	600.00	800.00	400.00
Heath Springs	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
High Point	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00
Hyde Park	314.22	4,413.51	3,613.75	1,229.30
Immanuel	0.00	2,940.89	2,754.71	293.62
Indian Land	0.00	1,252.10	1,254.00	0.00
Jones Crossroads	75.00	975.00	725.00	50.00
Kershaw 1st	0.00	100.00	100.00	—
Kershaw 2nd	0.00	2,000.00	1,925.00	400.00
Lancaster 1st	662.00	7,730.00	6,715.00	824.00
Lancaster 2nd	2,233.80	14,486.37	11,436.30	0.00
La Roca (Mission)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Midway	0.00	4,746.54	3,804.75	1,182.39
New Hope	276.20	3,870.08	4,025.54	525.94
New Horizon	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Oak Hill	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Oakhurst	126.48	1,749.99	1,716.50	148.77
Pineview	0.00	3,499.76	3,062.13	201.73
Pleasant Dale	166.67	2,325.04	1,833.37	166.67
Pleasant Hill	239.40	2,383.96	2,553.66	230.52
Pleasant Plain	159.29	2,173.09	2,000.00	209.00
Rich Hill	895.00	6,008.40	5,370.00	447.50
Sand Hill	458.11	5,309.82	4,840.95	548.72
Sherwood	50.00	600.00	600.00	50.00
Springdell	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	500.00
Spring Hill	0.00	6,912.04	6,035.69	1,425.84
Taxahaw	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
Taylor's Grove	120.00	1,073.30	1,082.63	120.00
Temple	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
Thorn Hill	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Union	0.00	780.00	2,425.44	780.00
Westside	147.00	1,893.42	2,514.66	308.00
White Bluff	213.24	2,493.90	2,303.83	143.40
White Springs	50.00	350.00	275.00	0.00
Grand Total	\$8,351.96	\$117,802.05	\$113,259.61	\$13,875.13

Gifts to Moriah: Basic, 3%; Glory, 4%; Hallelujah, 5%.



Pastor's Small Groups—Encouragement/Accountability

Rev. Bill Truesdale, Facilitator

These small groups are open for all lead and staff pastors.

The Kershaw-Heath Springs Meeting is the first Thursday in the month, and the Lancaster meeting is the third Thursday at 11:00 a.m., with lunch following. The meeting dates are listed below:

- March 5** Kershaw Area, Kershaw Second
- 19** Lancaster Area, Mission Center
- April 2** Kershaw Area, Kershaw Second
- 16** Lancaster Area, Mission Center



Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Rev. Randy Mellichamp, Director

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Lancaster County has seen amazing strides over the past school year. Our partnership with the Moriah Baptist Association has produced amazing relationships with schools, administrators, coaches and students. This past semester, our huddles have grown at each campus. Currently, Andrew Jackson High and middle schools are meeting each week at 35-40 every week. Indian Land High and Middle have strong huddles at 35-40 attendees as well. Lancaster High has been averaging 45 students per huddle with South Middle beginning this year at 25-30 students involved. Buford Middle has been one of our strongest huddles in the Charlotte Metro Region averaging 160 per huddle. Buford High has averaged 55-60 students per week.

The amazing hidden fact on these huddles is that each of them are led and organized by students in the schools. They are sponsored by a Christian teacher (or several teachers) who want to see the Gospel spread in the schools. They are supported by administrations at each school that want to see the ministry of FCA grow because they know what the Gospel gives students and how that can help their schools.

The gifts of the Moriah Association provide Bibles for coaches and students, resources to train student leadership, and support for the individual schools as they minister. Your support allows this ministry to flourish. Lancaster County is led by some of the most amazing staff and volunteers in the North and South Carolina Region. Many of those staff and volunteers are people from this association of churches. This partnership is more than just financial support as people, staff, and churches have stepped in to make sure the Gospel is spread throughout our schools.

Thank you, Moriah Baptists, for your prayers, involvement, and sponsorship. God is working in the schools of Lancaster County. We still have much more work to do but we are thankful for Christians who would rather get in the game than try to coach from the stands. We love and appreciate you!

There are so many people out there who will tell you that you can't. What you've got to do is turn around and say "watch me."

Opportunities within the Association

● **Retired Ministers/Wives Luncheon**

Mike Hammond, Coordinator

Luncheon Dates

Noon ... March 17
April 21

● **Prayer Corner**

Please pray for the churches without pastors in Moriah. They are as follows:

Beaver Creek	Jones Crossroads
Catawba	Spring Hill
Charlesboro	White Springs
Flint Ridge	



● **New Hope Baptist Church** is seeking a full-time Director of Youth & Children. Details related to the position and how to apply can be found at:

[www.https://www.newhopebc.net/employment-opportunities](https://www.newhopebc.net/employment-opportunities)

● **Lancaster Second** is seeking a full-time Pastor of Pastoral Care and Senior Adults. Please email resume to:

Pastoral.Care@LancasterSBC.org

● **Oak Ridge Baptist Church, Kershaw** is prayerfully seeking a full-time Pastor. We are a Southern Baptist Church and active in the Kershaw Baptist Association. Please mail resume to 603 Oak Ridge Church Rd, Kershaw, SC 29067 or email to

oakridge.baptist@yahoo.com

● **Bethel Baptist Church** is seeking a part-time music director. If interested, please send resume or inquiries to the email address below:

slanglin67@gmail.com

● **Union Baptist Church** is seeking a **Worship Leader/Minister of Music**. If you would be interested, please email resume to

mtaylor@lancastersc.net

or mail to
Micky Taylor

3838 Joshua Tree rd. Lancaster SC. 29720

Principle Function: The minister of music is responsible to the pastor for planning, conducting, and promoting of the music and worship programs of the church.



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WMU

Judy Sims, Director



As you read this edition of **The Messenger**, we will have already had our first event—The WMU Enlistment Party that was held at Pleasant Dale Baptist Church. We had a very good turnout and we were all blessed by having come together.



Our next event will be preparing the Ministry Kits for local charities. The kits should include the following:

1 factory-sealed toothbrush, 1 (6 Oz.) tooth paste, 1Bar (4.5 oz.) bath soap, 1 washcloth, 1 bath towel, 1 comb. The kits are due at Moriah on April 9.

Our Spring Meeting is scheduled for April 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Oakhurst Baptist Church, Heath Springs.



**2020 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
National Goal: \$70 million**

Annie Armstrong was unstoppable in her passion for missions!

Today, over \$1 billion has been given through The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. All gifts—100%—support thousands of missionaries in church planting and compassion ministries across the United States and Canada.

Lives are changing as a direct result of our support of North American missions through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.