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Senior Adult Outreach
Single Adult Outreach
Vacation Bible School

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Disaster Relief (Judea and Samaria)
Mission Trip Development (the ends of the earth)
Ordination
Petitionary Letters

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**Minutes of the 204th Missions Celebration (Annual Session)
 Tuesday, October 1, 2019
 New Hope Baptist Church**

Mrs. Carolyn Johnson, Associational Clerk

The churches represented at the Moriah Baptist Association Missions Celebration are listed below:

Church	No.	Church	No.	Church	No.
Beaver Creek	4	Lancaster 1 st	2	Springdell	6
Bethel	2	Lancaster 2 nd	8	Taylor's Grove	1
Bethlehem	4	Midway	1	Union	1
Calvary	1	New Hope	6	White Bluff	3
Camp Creek	3	New Horizon	1	White Springs	4
Covenant	1	Oakhurst	5	Subtotal	79
Ebenezer	2	Pleasant Dale	1	SCBC	1
Elgin	1	Pleasant Hill	1	No. Greenville	1
Haile Gold Mine	1	Rich Hill	5	Other	6
Heath Springs	1	Sand Hill	1	Total	87
Kershaw 2 nd	2	Sherwood	6		

Opening Remarks

The welcome was given by Rev. Steven Pace, pastor at New Hope. He read scripture from Psalm 145 and led in prayer.

Lamar Pope, associational worship leader led the session in the hymn called, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations." He is currently serving as music minister at Midway Baptist Church.

Enrollment of Messengers

Rev. Bill Truesdale, moderator called the meeting to order and asked the clerk for the adoption for the order of business, enrollment of messengers and visitors. The form for registration was provided in the program. These forms were then collected and given to the clerk.

Organizational Team Reports

- **Nominating Team**

The report from the Nominating Team is listed on pages 3-9 in the Book of Reports. Clerk Carolyn Johnson made a motion that the Nominating Team's recommendations be accepted. Motion carried.

- **Executive Team Meetings**

Clerk Carolyn Johnson moved that the Executive Team minutes be accepted as printed on pages 10-17 of the Book of Reports. Motion carried.

- **Memorials**

Rev. Mike Hammond stated that the memorials are found on pages 18-22 in the Book of Reports. He asked that we stand for a moment of silence, and he led us in prayer for the families who had lost loved ones in the past year.

- **Recognition of New Pastors**

Rev. Bryant Fersner recognized our new pastors from the past year.

The new pastors are

- ✓ Rev. Bobby Strother, Covenant
- ✓ Rev. Robert Potthoff, Eastside
- ✓ Rev. Adam Wright, Haile Gold Mine
- ✓ Dr. Larry Linderman, Temple

Ministry Team Reports

- **Prayer Team**

Rev. Bryant Fersner mentioned the fact that more is accomplished through prayer than we can imagine. He reminded us that the scheduled prayer rally for June 2019 was postponed because of a scheduling conflict. We are looking forward to the Prayer Rally returning in 2020.

Plans are to have weekly prayer time for America on each Wednesday, noon until 1:00 p.m. at the Mission Center leading up to the 2020 presidential election in 2020.

- **Church Health**

In the absence of Rev. Randy Mellichamp, co-chair, Denise Johnston shared about the Sunday School Leadership Development conference held at Covenant Baptist on August 24. She encouraged attendance at the 2020 conference. She also mentioned that she cares about the ministry assistants in the association, and the plans are for a Lunch-Spiration to be held at Second Lancaster on October 18. The luncheon was originally scheduled for Thursday, and she asked that it be changed to Friday so that those ministry assistants who are off on Friday could attend. She also encouraged the churches to pay for the ticket for their ministry assistant.

- **Outreach and Evangelism**

Rev. Brandon Helms expressed a concern for prayer for the Campus Ministry at USC-L. It is to be determined whether lunches or snacks will be provided for the students on their meeting dates.

He also extended an invitation to parents to enroll in the Grace-Based Parenting Conference on October 26 to be held at Second Baptist Church, Lancaster.

- **Organization Resources**

John Hess, treasurer, expressed his thanks to the churches of Moriah for their support of the ministries in our association. He encouraged increasing the support from our churches in order to reach the lost people in our association and county. He presented the 2020 proposed budget and moved to adopt the budget as shown on page 37. The budget passed by a voice vote.

- **Time, Place, Preacher**

Rev. Tommy Howell gave information regarding the 2020 Missions Celebration that will be on October 6, 2020 and is shown on page 39.

- **Associational Missionary's Report**

The first thing Rev. Fersner did was to express his appreciation to the staff for the service they render to the ministry of the association.

Rev. Fersner mentioned the following ministries in our association:

- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- The Connection at Countryside
- Senegal, Kristi Taylor
- Neighboring, Rev. Bryant Blakley
- WMU, Judy Sims (report on page 34)
- Literature Collection--it is reaching out to people in Southeast Asia
- Shirley Buckner, Disaster Relief Report (pages 30 and 31)
- The Three Sisters of the Laundry (Carolyn Summers, Judy Dingler, and Toni Flynn). They shared some of their experiences on mission. They also thanked Catawba Baptist Church's Vacation Bible School children for their monetary gift and detergent to be used in their ministry of laundry.
- Pattie Steen (soon to become Dr. Steen) reported on the Living Hope Counselling Center. The report is on page 46.
- Ismary Alvarenga gave a report on the El Camino Ministry (page 43 and 44). She thanked Moriah for its support and Patti and Glen Steen for their emotional support.

Rev. Fersner also recognized several others:

- The Women's Enrichment Center
- Rev. Catlin Rollings, USC-L and Victory Sports Camp;
- Joey Caskey, Camp Clyburn
- Sgt. Bill Murphy, Security
- Linda Shehane, Senior Adults (Report on pages 29, 30)
- Grief Support at Pleasant Dale
- Phillip Jewell, Camp McCall
- Mason Easterling, North Greenville University
- Beth Arant, Child Evangelism Fellowship at Pleasant Dale
- Bobby Howard, SCBC, Generations

Rev. Bill Truesdale reported that we did not have any recommendations from the Executive or Ministry teams. He then closed in a prayer and blessing for our meal. We adjourned for dinner.

Worship Hour

Lamar Pope, associational worship leader, began the worship hour with the hymn, "Share His Love."

Rev. Bryant Fersner welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

New Hope Baptist Church Choir sang two beautiful selections of music, which were enjoyed by everyone.

Rev. John Rogers brought a message of encouragement and inspiration from Haggai 1:1-5.

Rev. Bryant Fersner led in the benediction.

**Minutes of the Called Executive Team Meeting
Tuesday, January 7, 2020
Moriah Mission Center**

Rhoda Byrd, Associational Clerk

A called Executive Committee Team meeting was held on January 7, 2020 at the Mission Center for the purpose of introducing Dr. Joe Youngblood, President of Revival and Missions International (RAMI), as proposed Transitional Director of Missions for Moriah Baptist Association.

Rev. Bill Truesdale called the meeting to order.

Rev. Truesdale read from the Constitution and Bylaws:

Section III – Executive Team Leadership (A)

“The Executive Team shall be composed of all active pastors in the Association, Team Leaders, and one lay person from each church in the Association having been elected by the church to serve on the Executive Committee. The number present at any properly called Executive Team meeting shall be empowered to transact any and all ministry related matters presented for consideration at the meetings. Recordings of the proceedings shall be made by the Associational Clerk and submitted for the annual meeting”.

Section IV – Director of Missions (G)

“At the time a vacancy occurs in the position of Director of Missions, the Personnel Team shall recommend to the Association in Annual Session (or to the Executive Team in the interim) a qualified person to serve as Interim Director of Missions until such time another Director of Missions is called by the Association. The Interim Director of Missions shall perform the duties of the Director of Missions during this period. Any adjustments to the responsibilities will be recommended by the Personnel Team and approved by the Association or the Executive Team.

Rev. Randy Hatcher, Pastor First Baptist Church and Team Leader of Personnel Team, read from a Covenant Agreement (copy attached) regarding the Parameters of Responsibilities for the Transitional Director of Missions and the Parameters for Moriah Baptist Association's responsibilities.

1. RAMI will provide leadership to the Moriah Baptist Association on a daily basis. This shall include being assessable to the Associational Leadership Team and the Ministry Assistants of the Association on a daily basis.

2. RAMI will minister with the associational staff and leadership to plan and develop ministries and strategies to move the Association towards spiritual and biblical health. This aspect shall include but not be limited to the following:
 - a. Assist the Association to examine and refine its Vision Statement, Mission Statement and Core Value Statement. This shall include:
 - Assist the Association to align to the Vision Statement, Mission Statement, and Core Value Statement
 - Assist the Association in developing strategies to accomplish the Vision Statement, Mission Statement and Core Values Statement. This will result in a spiritual impact on the community, with the transforming power of the Gospel.
3. RAMI shall connect, care, coach and counsel the pastoral staff members of the churches.
4. RAMI shall serve as a consultant to the Director of Missions Search Team.

Rev. Hatcher then introduced Dr. Joe Youngblood using the introduction that had been provided to the Executive Team Members prior to the meeting.

Dr. Youngblood made the following remarks:

1. RAMI and Moriah need to define the purpose of the Association.
2. RAMI will work closely with the Personnel Team in finding a Director.
3. Need participation from the churches/pastors to impact the lost in the city/county. Lostness is invading us. It is our responsibility to reach these lost people.
4. How does the Association impact the local church?
5. How does the Association help local churches to win the lost and send disciples?
6. Prayer is the most important thing in our churches, and we need corporate prayer on a large scale in our Association.
7. Prepare for teamship in the Association.

Dr. Youngblood then asked for questions.

Rev. Thurman Johnson asked how much time Dr. Youngblood will spend in the office at Moriah. Dr. Youngblood lives in Graniteville (109 miles away). Dr. Youngblood said he will work whatever time it takes to get the job done. He will work with the local pastors and will set up meetings with them. He will be dividing his time between his work at the Mission Center and his ministry/preaching. He will be communicating with the pastors via cell phone and/or Facetime.

Rev. Jerry Broughton, Interim Pastor at Flint Ridge, said Dr. Youngblood will be leading a revival at Flint Ridge this month.

John Hess, Team Leader of Financial Team, said Dr. Youngblood comes highly recommended by Rev. Bryant Fersner.

Rev. Randy Mellichamp, Pastor at Camp Creek, thanked the Personnel Team for their dedication of the task of seeking an Interim Director. He said Dr. Youngblood is a straight-forward person--what he says, he carries through.

There were no more questions/discussion.

Rev. Truesdale then excused Dr. Youngblood and asked those in favor of extending the call of Transitional Director of Missions of Moriah Association to Dr. Youngblood to say "I". There was no opposition, so the vote was unanimous to call Dr. Youngblood effective January 8, 2020, at a salary of \$37,500 for one year beginning January 8, 2020 or until the calling of a new Missions Director.

Rev. Truesdale closed the meeting in prayer and the session ended.

(Covenant follows)

Covenant Agreement for The Moriah Baptist Association Transitional Director of Missions

This document shall serve as a covenant agreement between the Moriah Baptist Association and Revival and Missions International (RAMI), Dr. Joe T. Youngblood (Joe), President. This agreement will be for the position of Transitional Director of Missions.

I. The Parameters of Responsibilities

1. The role of the Transitional Director of Missions shall be primarily for Joe and RAMI to provide transitional leadership to the Moriah Baptist Association and to prepare the association for the calling of a permanent Director of Missions.
2. RAMI will provide leadership to the Moriah Baptist Association on a daily basis. This shall include being assessable to the Associational Leadership Team and the Ministry Assistants of the association on a daily basis.
3. RAMI will minister with the associational staff and leadership to plan and develop ministries and strategies to move the association towards spiritual and biblical health. This aspect shall include but not be limited to the following:

Assist the association to examine and refine its Vision Statement, Mission Statement and Core Value Statement. This shall include:

- a. Assist the association to align to the Vision Statement, Mission Statement and Core Value Statement
- b. Assisting the association in developing strategies to accomplish the Vision Statement, Mission Statement, and Core Values Statement. This will result in a spiritual impact on the community, with the transforming power of the Gospel.

4. RAMI shall connect, care, coach and counsel the pastoral staff members of the churches.
5. RAMI shall serve as a consultant to the Director of Missions Search Team.

II. The Parameters for Moriah Baptist Associations' Responsibilities

The Moriah Baptist Association covets to provide to Joe Youngblood:

A. Prayer Support

The Moriah Baptist Association and in specific its pastoral leadership, covets to pray on a regular basis for Joe and his ministry to and with the association, its pastoral staff members, and its churches.

*J.H. Paul
Randy Hatchel
1.7.2020*

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1.7.2020*

B. Leadership Support

The association leadership and in specific its pastoral leadership, covets to support the leadership of Joe, unless he:

- a. Provides unbiblical and/or unspiritual leadership
- b. Provides immoral and/or illegal leadership

C. Financial Support

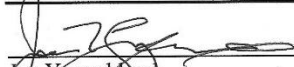
- 1. The association recognizes that Joe will provide the hours per week to fulfill the terms of this Covenant Agreement. There is no specific agreement as to the number of hours Joe will work each week. This time frame will include time for leadership activity, administrative activity, and travel to and from the association, prayer and ministry with the pastors of the association.
- 2. The association will provide a salary and travel expense of \$37,500 per year. Revival and Missions International shall receive a monthly check in the amount of \$3,125, at the end of each month.

III. Signature Agreements

The Moriah Baptist Association and Joe Youngblood further covet and agree:


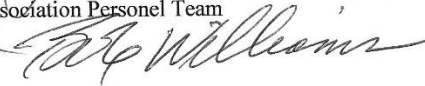
- 1. That this "Covenant Agreement" shall be for a period of ^{upto} one year beginning on January 8, 2019 and maybe extended by the mutual consent of the Moriah Baptist Association Leadership Team and Joe.
- 2. That this Covenant Agreement can be terminated:
 - 1. By the calling of the new Director of Missions
 - 2. By a thirty-day notice by either party

I accept this Covenant Agreement and agree to abide by its terms:


Joe Youngblood

1/7/2020

We accept this Covenant Agreement and agree to abide by its terms:


Members of the Moriah Baptist Association Personnel Team
Rev. Mike Hammond 
Sandra J. Reese
Rev. Gary Harris

**Minutes of the Called Executive Team Meeting
Monday, January 27, 2020
Moriah Mission Center**

Rhoda Byrd, Associational Clerk

The Executive Committee meeting was held on January 27, 2020 at the Mission Center. Rev. Bill Truesdale called the meeting to order.

Rev. Truesdale asked for prayer requests. After several requests were mentioned, Rev. Truesdale led in prayer for these requests as well asking for guidance in the Executive Committee meeting.

David Williams, filling in for Chuck Williams, Finance Chairman, called attention to the 2019 year-to-date report that was available to each team member (copy will be attached to these minutes for the record). David pointed out that the bottom line at the end of 2019 is \$124,694.82. David asked if anyone had a question. There were no questions or discussion. David asked that we continue to pray for Moriah. We have to be ready to accept change to grow the Association.

- Old business
 - Dr. Youngblood then asked for any old business. There was none.
 - New business
 - Dr. Youngblood spoke of his Restore Process that God gave him four years ago. He will be working with the Association as an outside consultant to help the Association transition to a Director of Missions (DOM). Dr. Youngblood's job is to help Association determine the purpose of the Association.

Dr. Youngblood has met with 12-15 pastors since he began his employment in January. Nothing in his meetings has been mentioned about the purpose of the Association. How can he help to restore the mission of the Association?

What are the priorities? What do the churches need from the Association? Right now, the Association is not designed to meet the needs of the pastors and/or churches. There is nothing in place to meet these needs; therefore, there must be definitive changes in the Association to meet these needs.

There are more lost people in Lancaster County than there are saved people according to Dr. Youngblood. We are failing to make disciples who will witness to the lost. There are a lot of ministries in place but are not reaching the lost. Many of our younger pastors have never been discipled, nor have many of them pastored a growing church. Many churches are able to maintain status quo but are not growing. Many of the smaller churches are on the decline. Preaching is paramount, but we are focusing too much on preaching, ministries, but are leaving out the discipling. We must get this program in our churches in order to be witnesses in the community/county.

Dr. Youngblood then asked "How do you measure participation in programs in the Association? Is it giving, pastors' fellowship meal, Executive Team attendance"? The primary means of measuring "Participation" is how many pastors/churches participate in these meetings. The question should be asked "How many churches are coming together to reach the lost in Lancaster County." We must be a light in the darkness to Lancaster County. Baptisms are in the decline. Most of the baptisms in the churches are the children/young people/grandchildren of the church going people. We must re-establish the Great Commission in the Association and in our churches.

Dr. Youngblood plans to meet with every pastor in the Association by end of March. By May, he should be able to finalize the plan that God has laid on his heart. In June and whatever time he has left, he will encourage the pastors/churches to get outside the walls of their church to reach the community/county.

Dr. Youngblood asked for questions. There were none.

Associational Missions Update

1. **Camp Clyburn** – No report
2. **521 Corridor** – Dr. Youngblood reported for Scott Shields. The 521 Corridor is made up of Moriah, York, and Chester Associations. This is more than planting churches, but to win the lost in these counties and develop the saved. Dr. Youngblood mentioned that "Onward Christian Soldiers" is rarely sung in the churches today. We need to come together to transform lostness and be in the army of God.
3. **Senior Adult Celebration** – No Report
4. **Disaster Relief** – Shirley Buckner asked for more young people to get involved. Gave a history of how the Disaster Relief came to be. She has been involved since the first, but now a lot of the people are getting some age on them and can't do the heavy lifting they once could. They minister not only to the physical needs but also share the love of Jesus with them.
5. **VBS Clinic** – No Report
6. **DNOW Weekend in March** --The theme is "No Apologies" (The weekend will be spent studying Apologetics). Speaker for the weekend is Sean McDowell; the band is Edenfield.

The churches from Moriah Association (and one from Rock Hill) that are already involved are:

Calvary (Rock Hill), Flint Ridge, Fork Hill, Hyde Park, New Hope, Oak Hill, Pleasant Dale, Second Baptist Lancaster, and Union.

We also anticipate having students from some of the lower income areas in Lancaster that will attend. Students will also have a mission project on Saturday in which they will partner with some local schools and other organizations to serve the community.

Rev. Jerry Broughton talked about the Sportsman's Banquet to be held on Saturday, March 28, 2020. This banquet will be at the Flint Ridge Baptist Family Life Center with doors opening at 3:00 p.m. and Fish and BBQ at 5:00 p.m. Rev. Scott Robinson will be speaking at 6:00 p.m.

There was no further business.

Rev. Truesdale closed the meeting in prayer and the session ended.

**Minutes of the Called Executive Team Meeting
Tuesday, September 8, 2020
Zoom or Moriah Mission Center**

Rhoda Byrd, Associational Clerk

Dr. Joe Youngblood welcomed the people who were present in the room as well as the people who were participating in the meeting via Zoom. He then turned the meeting over to Rev. Bill Tuesday, Moderator.

Rev. Truesdale called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

Annual Session Discussion

Dr. Youngblood has a conflict with the date for the meeting but will forego his previous commitment if this date stands. David Williams made a motion, seconded by Charlie Simpson to move the meeting to the first week of November.

The following options were presented for consideration:

Option 1: Have the Annual Session as usual with afternoon business session beginning at 4:30 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m., and worship hour beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Option 2: Have just an afternoon session at 4:00 or 5:30 p.m. with no meal or evening session.

Option 3: Have in-person and live streaming.

The meeting will be held at Hyde Park Baptist Church, Pastor Charlie Simpson said with Option 1. Their facility can accommodate 120 – 130 people doing social distancing. There was a discussion to have an evening meal with a business session following. Pastor Donnie Tillman recommended just an evening session with no meal. Denise Johnston and Shirley Buckner also commented in favor of this recommendation. Donnie made a motion and David Williams seconded to just an evening business session with no meal. This motion was approved.

Possible Merger of the Moriah Baptist Association and Chester Association

The Chester Association's Director of Missions is retiring at the end of the year. Dr. Youngblood has talked to the Moriah Personnel Team and the Finance Team, and both have given their approval to move forward with this merger. Dr. Youngblood ask for a motion from the Executive Team to move forward with this merger. There are about 30-35 churches in the Chester Association. If the merger takes place, Moriah will become one of the top ten associations in the state. There was a motion and a second, the motion was approved. The following people will serve as a Leadership Team for this merger:

- Rev. Randy Hatcher, Personnel
- John Hess Treasurer
- Sandra Reece, At Large
- Rev. Charlie Simpson, At Large
- Rev. Bill Truesdale, Moderator
- David Williams, At Large
- Dr. Joe Youngblood, Interim DOM

This team will be a part of a team drawing up the Constitution and Bylaws for the merger.

There was a motion and second to accept these people for the Leadership Team for the merger.

This Leadership Team will be meeting with the Chester Association Leadership Team to explore the merger. They will

1. Make a regional approach
2. Discuss church revitalization and church planning
3. Move Director of Missions to a full-time position with the possibility of having a church strategist

South Carolina Gospel Coalition (formerly the 521 Project)

There are three associations in South Carolina participating in this Coalition (York, Chester, and Moriah), and two in North Carolina (Union and Mecklenburg). The goal is to strengthen churches to revitalize and church planning.

1. Dr. Youngblood has been representing Moriah but would like to have the authorization from the Executive Team to continue in this position.
2. Make sure Moriah Association is interested in being a part of this discussion.
3. Look at finances to make sure we will have the money set aside for this project.

There are no specifics at this time as the project is still in the planning stage. A motion was made by David Williams, seconded by Charlie Simpson to proceed with the Coalition. Motion passed.

Restore Process

There was no report on the **Restore Process**. They are beginning to go into Phase 3 of this project, but the project was set by the Coronavirus. Pastors and staff assessment results will be handed out at the Annual Session.

The following was given as information:

1. Why does the association exist?
2. What are the priorities of the association?
3. What is the plan to accomplish this for Moriah Association?
4. The DOM is to assist the pastors of the association to focus on loving our Heavenly Father and our fellow man. Acts 1:8 will be used as the model for this as well as Acts 2:41-47.

Other Business

There was more discussion about whether it would be better to have the business meeting in the afternoon. After more discussion, the consensus was that most of the senior adult group would not participate in person due to the virus regardless of the time of the meeting. The meeting will stand to begin at 6:30 and will be on Facebook and Zoom for those not comfortable coming to the meeting. Charlie Simpson said their church can accommodate up to fifty people on Zoom.

Financial Report

Marty Haynes, Chairman of the Finance Team, gave the financial report to the Executive Team.

As of today, we have \$107,000 in non-designated cash funds. We are currently about fifteen percent under budget for the year, and church giving is approximately six percent lower from last year. With this in mind, we are limiting our expenses.

Our Finance Team approved the 2021 budget to mirror the 2019 budget minus some of the utility changes (telephone, insurance, etc.). Looking at the possibility of a merger between the Chester and Moriah Associations, we would like to present the 2020-2021 Budget to the Executive Team.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

2019 – 2020 Ministry Team Reports

Events Occurring within Moriah Baptist Association

Dr. Joe Youngblood

Interim Director of Missions/Associational Missionary

- **Carolina Gospel Coalition (formerly 521 Corridor)**

Dr. Joe Youngblood

The Carolina Gospel Coalition, formerly called the 521 Project is a Great Commission and Great Commandment cooperation project. The Moriah, Chester and York Associations in South Carolina along with the Union and Mecklenburg Associations in North Carolina have agreed to partner together, along with the South Carolina and the North Carolina Baptist Conventions to impact the counties of Lancaster, Chester and York with the gospel. The aim of the coalition is to impact spiritual lostness in the tri-county area through church revitalization and church planting.

The tri-county area is rapidly growing and thereby the percentage of spiritual lostness is rapidly growing. It is estimated that between 75-80 percent of the population does not know Christ as their Savior. The Carolina Gospel Coalition is a partnership cooperation designed to assist churches to move towards spiritual health and to plant new churches. The Great Commission of “winning the lost and developing the saved” is given to the local church, and the tri-county area needs healthy and vibrant churches to impact the spiritual lostness that is invading and engulfing the area. The Carolina Gospel Coalition is a cooperative evangelism and discipleship effort among the churches of the five participating associations to impact the lostness of Lancaster, Chester and York counties.

- **Empowering Team Leadership**

Dr. Joe Youngblood

The Empowering Team Leadership is a small group cohort that is designed to assist the participants with skill improvements in leading cultural change in their church and the development of leadership teams to fulfill the Great Commission. The Great Commission has two components which are:

1. Win the lost
2. Develop the saved



Participants have learned and developed leadership skills that have led to impacting the current culture of their church. The culture in most churches does not lend itself to implementing and doing a strategic strategy to accomplish the Great Commission. Participants have learned skills and proven practices that have equipped them to lead cultural change in the church without “blowing the church up.”

Participants have also learned skills and proven practices in developing teams of leaders and workers to fulfill the Great Commission through their church. A team will more often complete the Great Commission than a committee or individual. Participants have learned skills and practices that will lead to impacting the lostness of the Lancaster County.

The Empowering Team Leadership cohort began in September 2019 and will complete in December 2020.

A new leadership cohort will begin in January 2020 entitled, “Refocused: A New Way for A New Day.” This cohort will focus upon the development of leadership skills aimed at refocusing the church towards impacting the lostness of the community through new and innovative project following the impact of the coronavirus.

- **RESTORE Strategy**
Dr. Joe Youngblood

The Restore Project is an association revitalization project. The Moriah Baptist Association entered the project in February of 2020. The desired outcome of the revitalization process is to:

1. Restore the purpose of the association
2. Restore the priorities of the association
3. Restore the participation in the association
4. Restore the plan for the association

There are four phases to the Restore Revitalization Project. The first phase is in-person personal meetings with the pastors of the association. Phase one began in February 2020. Joe Youngblood, Interim Director of Missions, met in person with many of the pastors in February and March. After the coronavirus became a reality, he met with the remaining pastors via an internet meeting. The personal meetings with pastors were completed in April.

Phase two began in May, with small cohort meetings of pastors, pastoral staff members and lay leaders of the association. Small cohorts of three to five participants were held during the months of May through August. The participants completed an assessment of the Moriah Association and then participated in a discussion of the association. Each cohort meeting lasted about ninety minutes.

Phase three was held in August and September. Phase three used large cohort meetings of six to ten participants. The participants were made up of the pastors, pastoral staff members and lay leaders who participated in the small cohort meetings of phase two. The participants developed the proposed Purpose and Priority Statements. The Purpose Statement developed reads:

Purpose Statement:

The Moriah Baptist Association is a partnership of churches to assist churches to follow the Great Commission.

The Priority Statement reads:

Priority Statement:

The priorities of the Moriah Baptist Association are as follows:

- ◆ Cooperation
- ◆ Collaboration (co-laboring)
- ◆ Communication
- ◆ Care
- ◆ Equipping
 - ◆ Impact lostness
 - ◆ Develop the saved

If these two statements are approved by the association in the Annual Meeting at Hyde Park on November 5, then phase four will begin which will be to determine a plan to fulfill the Purpose and Priority Statements. If approved, phase four will begin in January 2021.

- **Chester/Moriah Associations' Marriage**

Dr. Joe Youngblood

In February 2020, Scott Shields, Association Liaison for the South Carolina Baptist Convention, convened a meeting with Ted Hodges, Director of Missions for the Chester Baptist Association and Joe Youngblood, Interim Director of Missions for the Moriah Baptist Association, to discuss the viability and possibility of a merger between the two associations. After this meeting, all three participants were led of the Lord to continue to meet, envision and discuss the viability of the merger. At total of three such discussion meetings were held. The conclusion was that God was leading Ted Hodges and Joe Youngblood to lead their respective associations to discuss the possible merger.

Ted Hodges met with the leadership of the Chester Baptist Association and Joe Youngblood held discussions with the leadership of the Moriah Baptist Association. Below are some of the following individuals and leadership groups of the Moriah Baptist Association met with to discuss the possibility of a merger:

- Bill Truesdale, Moderator of the Association
- The Finance Team
- The Personnel Team
- Pastors of the Association

All of the above and some others indicated that they believed God was leading to further discuss the possibility of a merger.

On Tuesday, September 8, 2020, Bill Truesdale, Moderator of the Moriah Baptist Association brought forth a recommendation to the Executive Committee to form a leadership team to begin formal discussions with the Chester Baptist Association for a merger. The following were elected by the Executive Committee to serve on the Merger Leadership Team:

- Rev. Randy Hatcher, Personnel
- John Hess Treasurer
- Sandra Reece, At Large
- Rev. Charlie Simpson, At Large
- Rev. Bill Truesdale, Moderator
- David Williams, At Large
- Dr. Joe Youngblood, Interim DOM

The two Merger Leadership Teams held a joint meeting on Monday, September 21 at the Moriah Baptist Association office. Scott Shields moderated the meeting. The primary focus of the meeting was to hear the testimonies of Randy Bradley, Director of Missions for the Three Rivers Baptist Association and Tom Capps, Associate Director of Missions for the Three Rivers Baptist Association. Randy and Tom each shared a testimony on the process, procedures, and results of the merger of the North Greenville Association, where Tom was the Director of Missions and the Greer Association, where Randy was the Director of Missions. These two associations merged in 2013, and it has been an extremely successful merger.

Ted Hodges and Joe Youngblood met on Thursday, September 24. The results of that meeting are:

1. To call the merger process a "marriage" instead of a merger. The name decided upon for the process is "Marriage of Chester and Moriah Baptist Associations."
2. To conduct on the second Tuesday of each month, with the exception for the month of December, to hold two meetings. At 9:00 am a Marriage Prayer Meeting will be held for all the pastors of the two associations. The purpose of the prayer gathering is to discern God's will and to build relationships between the pastors of the two associations. The second meeting to be held on each second Tuesday, will be for the two Marriage Leadership Teams in order to move forward with the possible marriage.

The first prayer meeting for pastors and the First Marriage Leadership Team meeting will be held on October 13, 2020 at Chester First Baptist Church. A verbal report will be given at the Moriah Baptist Annual Meeting on November 5, 2020 about the Marriage Leadership Team Meeting.

Church Health

, Co-Chairman
Denise Johnson, Co-Chairman

- **Sunday School**

Denise Johnston, Co-Chairman

The Moriah Association had hoped to offer some small group Sunday school training this fall. But, just as with many things, our plans were changed by the pandemic. Right now, many small group/Sunday school ministries look very different and some still may not have resumed.

I know at my own church, Second Baptist Lancaster, classes have resumed with many changes. Some small groups have had to be willing to move to a different time or different room on campus. My own Sunday school class is actually meeting outside at a nearby park.

I think that one of the main lessons that we will take away from 2020 is the fact we must be flexible and adaptable as the Body of Christ. The pandemic has not changed our mission. (It is one of the few things the pandemic hasn't changed!)

We must continue to seek ways to make disciples as we have been called to do. Our faith must be unshakable in our unchangeable God. He will show us what our small group/Sunday school ministries will look like moving forward. And if we are faithful disciple makers, we will be blessed to see lives transformed by the power of His Word!

Outreach and Evangelism

Rev. Brandon Helms, Team Leader

I would like to thank the members of the Evangelism Team for their diligent work over the past 12 months. Each one has dealt with the various changes in their ministries brought on by COVID and God has honored their work. Their reports follow:

- **Victory Sports Camps**

Rev. Catlin Rollings

Victory Sports was cancelled throughout the entire state this year due to COVID. In the place of victory sports, some ministry still took place. Several churches came together to share the gospel in Lancaster, worked at Christian Services and Kare. We actually made a couple

hundred hotdog plates for the Sheriff's Office, some of our sponsors, City and County Fire Departments, and the Lancaster County School District. The theme was: OUR YEAR TO GIVE BACK. We want to say thank you to all who participated, and all glory and praise goes to God. "It's not I that lives but Christ that lives in me."

- **Recreational Ministry—Camp Clyburn**
Joey Caskey, Coordinator



Well, this year began a little differently for Camp Clyburn.

In late February, we began thinking about the plans for the upcoming season. As the planning began, we had a group of guys asked us if they could use the fields for a fundraiser. At first, I said, "no way because the fields were not ready; and our exit road is almost washed away. This issue will have to be addressed first." The guys told us that they worked for the City of Lancaster and offered to repair the exit road at no expense to us, just for the use of the fields. What a blessing this was for Camp Clyburn! If we had to repair the road, the cost would have been between \$5,000-\$10,000. We would not have been able to take care of this issue, because we do not have that kind of money in Camp Clyburn's bank account. In the meantime, having the road issue taken care of, we still had a bigger problem with the electrical and wiring of the lights on the field. The Lord blessed us once again. We had another guy to step up and fix the wiring problem plus fix the lights that are over seventy feet in the air. He just asked for someone to pay for the lift for him to get up that high to repair the lights. That cost was \$2,500, and he bought all the material for lights and for other electrical problems, which amounted to approximately \$10,000.

The virus came on the scene and changed life as we know it. We also know that our God is in control, and He will direct our paths.

I have had many calls to use the fields, but the virus would not allow us to let others use them. Many lost souls come through our gates and fields at Camp Clyburn; and God willing, their lives will be touched by the Lord working through some of our leaders at Camp Clyburn.

Our financial report for 2019 follows:

**Moriah Baptist Association
Camp Clyburn Financial Information
September 2019-August 2020**

Balance Forward at 9.1.19			\$1,783.86
Income:			
Church Support			
Glenwood Heights	\$100.00		
Hyde Park	1,091.50		
Total Church Support		1,191.50	
Other Income			
Refunds from Duke Energy	238.06		
Total Other Income		238.06	
Total Income from All Sources			<u>1,429.56</u>
Total Income			<u>\$3,213.42</u>
Expenses:			
Duke Energy	\$1,268.32		
Grounds Maintenance	565.00		
Legal Fees	270.00		
Less: Total Expenses		\$2,103.32	<u>2,103.32</u>
Balance at 8.31.2020			<u>\$1,110.10</u>

- **2019—2020 Moriah Youth Basketball**
Sammy Macy, Coordinator



Moriah Basketball Purpose and Philosophy

Philosophy of the program:

1. Designed for Christian fellowship, recreation and outreach.
2. Designed for the development of the boys/girls in their game skills.
3. Designed for sharing the spirit of Christ, His love and mission with others and with sister churches through the boys, girls, ladies and men.

The league is open to any church of any denomination.

We have teams for boys and girls from 1st grade to 12th grade. Grades 1-6 allow boys and girls to play on the same team. Some churches allow older kindergarteners to play. For grades 7 to 12 boys and girls play in separate leagues. Churches may join together to form teams. **If your church has ONE PLAYER that wants to play, we will find a team for them.**

Scripture verses

Every player must learn a pre-assigned Bible verse each week. If all players on the team know the verse, the team gets 3 points to start the game. If a player does not know the verse, they must sit out the first period of the game and the team does not get the 3 points. The Bible verses are aimed towards leading someone to Christ.

There were ten teams playing in the league in two divisions. While this was our lowest number, we were highly successful.

Thank you to the following churches for the use of their gyms:

First Baptist, Lancaster
Flint Ridge

The league does not send paper copies of the schedules through the mail. The league has a website for better communications. All rules, meetings, schedules and league standings are posted on the site. Emails are used to send changes or answer questions and YES, the phones are used also.

The web site is www.leaguelineup.com/moriahyouthbasketball .
The website has had over 90,344 visitors.

Please email any questions or requests to moriahbb@yahoo.com . The League Coordinators come from church members, coaches, referees and pastors.

League Coordinators are as follows:
Jimbo Barton, Kershaw 1st Baptist
Johnny Cauthen, Transformation
Sammy Macy, Lancaster 1st Baptist
Brent Stogner, Springdell Baptist
Leon Wright, Faith Hope and Victory

Our financial information follows:

**Moriah Baptist Association
Youth Basketball
2019-2020 Financial**

Previous balance		\$1,529.39
Income	\$2,950.00	4,479.39
Less: Expenses	2,855.00	
Total Income		\$1,624.39
 Net Gain		 \$95.00

- **2019—2020 Senior Adult Ministry**
Linda Shehane, Coordinator



This past year was one unlike any other year we have experienced not only with our Senior Adults, but with everyone.

Let's just praise the Lord together for His goodness and mercy!

We were able to have one meeting this year before the pandemic began. On February 13, 2020, at Kershaw Second Baptist Church we held our Inspirational Meeting with Michael Shull speaking. We had a very good attendance.

We did have our Fall Festival scheduled for October; however, with the pandemic going on, we rescheduled it for February 21, 2021, with Shellem Cline as our special guest. He is a nationally recognized Christian Country/Positive Message artist who has performed on the professional level since 2012. You will be hearing more about him in the new year.

We are all looking forward to a much better year in 2021. God bless each of you and stay safe.

- **2019-2020 Singles and Single-Again Ministry**
Mable Peasley, Coordinator



Some years ago, the Moriah Associational Singles and Single Again group began meeting together with great results. However, through the years, attendance started to fall off. I was asked to consider taking the position of coordinator. I prayed about it and felt led to take over this ministry. On March 14, 2020, we held our first meeting with nine people attending. We had a lot of fun, good food, games and wonderful fellowship. At that meeting, plans were made to meet once a month on the second Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at the Mission Center. COVID-19 showed up, and we have not been able to meet, and no large group meetings can be scheduled for the remainder of the year. However, we are looking forward to the new year and seeing new and our former friends. Be sure to watch *The Lancaster News*, *The Messenger* (online), and your church bulletins for updates.

Until we can get together again, please stay safe and stay well.

God bless you all!

- **Vacation Bible School**
Myra Boone, Director

The 2020 Vacation Bible School Clinic was planned, and we were so excited because it was going to be a great clinic; however, COVID 19 put a stop to our plans.

The pandemic did not allow us to meet together to have our clinic. It was suggested that I do a virtual clinic, but I just could not get that worked out.

It is my prayer and I hope you will pray too that we will be able to have our Vacation Bible School Clinic in 2021 and that it will be our largest and best one ever.



- **Disaster Relief Team**
Shirley Buckner, Team Leader



Writing this annual report for the year 2020 is most difficult! This year has been like no other, just a "big blur" with many questions and few answers. Everything has changed since the first of March when COVID-19 got its grip on us. We cancelled our Disaster meetings for the months of February, May, and August, and the November meeting is in question at this time.

Back in the early Spring, the Disaster Office in Columbia asked for assistance in the upstate around the Greenville and surrounding area due to strong storms, high winds, and downed trees. Units would have to travel back and forth to work each day. The Moriah Team chose not to respond. There were other units closer to the area to assist with the recovery.

The annual Unit Leaders meeting was held on August 25, 2020, at First Baptist Church, Lake Murray. There were about ninety people who met at the church and ten of us attended by Zoom. The directors, Randy Creamer and Sue Harmon with several guest speakers, gave us lots of information and updates. We were asked to update our background checks and supply a new picture for our I.D. badge, and send this information to Columbia.

The Director of Disaster for Louisiana called during the meeting asking Randy if South Carolina could respond if they needed our help. One week later, they called asking for our help! They needed assessors and chaplains to assist in their recovery. They will also need chainsaws to help in the future. Moriah does not have the manpower for the long trip of eight hundred miles to assist. We will pray for the teams that will go to help, and we can give financially to support their recovery. Moriah wants to go and help when called, however, we need more hands and younger bodies to come on board to assist helping clients. Many of us are experiencing situations and the uncertainty in days to come due to COVID-19. Our team members are doing our best to abide by the requests and rules set by our state health officials. We are to remember the three "**W's**":

- **Wear** (mask),
- **Wait** (social distance)
- **Wash** (hands often) to do our part to stop the spread of the virus.

We pray it will disappear quickly so we can resume a normal life again, if possible. It may be a life we will not recognize, only God knows. However, we have hope for the future with our Lord Jesus Christ.

We can answer the call to help and assist right here in Lancaster. Every day we should reach out to someone who needs a phone call and pray with them and listen to them pray. We should let them know that God loves them and perhaps take them a meal. We can be God's ears and listen to their cries, and we can be God's heart to love them. We can assist hurting and suffering people, friends, and family right here in Lancaster, South Carolina.

Matthew 25:40 tells us, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did unto me." Please pray for our Moriah Disaster Relief Team and please answer the call to help others here in Lancaster.

Leadership Development Team

Rev. Bill Truesdale



- **Pastor's Small Group Encouragement/Accountability**

Rev. Bill Truesdale

This year, 2020, has been unlike any experience in many generations. In essence, the church staff are in uncharted territory! There is no longer a "way we've always done it" to do church successfully. In our Pastor's Small Groups, we share fresh ideas; we support and encourage each other; we pray for each other; and we fellowship with our "brothers in Christ"!

These two small groups are open to all lead and staff pastors. The meetings are held on Thursdays with the Kershaw-Heath Springs pastors meeting on the first Thursday in each month at 11:00 am at Kershaw Second Baptist Church, and the Lancaster pastors meeting on the third Thursday in each month at 11:00 am at the Mission Center. For those in attendance, we enjoy a lunch provided by the Association following the meeting. Come join us...you will be blessed and encouraged!

- **Retired Ministers**

Rev. Mike Hammond, Coordinator

This year has been very different to say the least.

Our retired ministers were only able to meet about two or three times this year. The Coronavirus really put a damper on not just our group getting together but all of us.



In the few times that we did get together, we shared prayer requests, praises, and good food. We usually have approximately twenty-to-twenty-five people in attendance. When we leave, we are full and happy to have been together. We are looking forward to the day when we can once again be together.

Our retired ministers' group is intended for retired

- Ministers and wives
- Minister's widows
- Ministers who are widowers
- Music ministers and wives
- Music minister's widows
- Music ministers who are widowers

If you are in one of the categories above, we extend an invitation to you (once we begin meeting again) to be a part of this very special group of men and women who love the Lord and enjoy spending time together. Most of the time, everyone brings a covered dish. However, sometimes a few of the ladies will prepare the meal and we don't have to bring anything...just come and enjoy. Watch *The Messenger* (online) for details.

Thank you to those of you who take the time to come and participate.

- **Men's Ministry**
Tim Hammond, Director



The pandemic has pushed men away from meeting in person and in groups. To that end an online Bible Study has been implemented. On Mondays an email and text are sent with a link to a video for that week. The men watch the video at their leisure and then meet Tuesday online using Zoom, the online conferencing tool, to discuss the scripture in the video. Thus far this method has proved successful with men from multiple churches participating. The chief benefit is flexibility, groups can meet whenever is best for them.

- **WMU (Women's Missionary Union)**
Judy Sims, Director



This year our WMU was only able to hold one event, and that was our Enlistment Party. Our event was at Pleasant Dale Baptist Church, and we want to thank them so much for hosting our time together this year. We had a very good turnout and we all had a good time praising the Lord together.

Thank you to all churches who helped make our year as good as it was.

Prayers are wonderful for us all in these very difficult times. Also, please remember to pray for our missionaries and all WMU as we try to get back to a normal time and life.

God bless each of you and your respective WMU group.

Organizational Resources

John Hess, Treasurer and Team Leader

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, everyone's life has been affected in some way. Our prayers go out to each family that has been directly impacted with illness or loss.



For months, churches have dealt with government mandates on meetings. Yet, in the midst of this trial, God has used you to continue His work. Thank you for your faithfulness. Although schedules have been interrupted, worshiping the Father has not. Creative meetings and broadcasting services have allowed most churches to stay connected.

Growth in the county continues to be strong. New families are moving into our area every day. And sharing the Gospel with them is our utmost priority.

The Association and the Finance Team thank God for your prayers and financial support as we work together to share Christ. Many of our partnerships and ministries have been delayed this year. Many others have had to "look" different. But the work has continued. Dr Joe has helped us move forward as he leads us.

As we begin the recovery, there is so much work to be done. We ask for your continued prayers and financial support.

How can your church help this next year? Consider increasing or beginning with 1%, 2%, or 3%. What may seem small to your church will multiply many times over as we join together.

Thank you, and God bless. Our 2021 proposed budget follows.

**Moriah Baptist Association
Balance Sheet
For the Year Ended August 31, 2020**

Assets

Current Assets

Regular checking account	\$107,223.44	
Money management account	2,600.66	
Disaster Relief check account	<u>18,874.45</u>	
Total Current Assets		\$128,698.55

Liabilities and Capital

Liabilities and Capital

Current Liabilities

Fed income tax payable	\$ 263.27	
SS tax payable	220.81	
Medicare payable	52.07	
State payroll taxes payable	125.59	
Retirement Plan Payable	<u>(2,000.00)</u>	
Total Current Liabilities		(1,338.26)

Long-Term Liabilities

Living Hope Counseling Fund	\$4,167.58	
Senior adult fund	606.06	
Bolivia trip fund	610.37	
Disaster Relief	<u>18,874.45</u>	
Total Long-Term Liabilities		<u>24,258.46</u> 22,920.20

Capital

Retained earnings	\$101,240.15	
Net income	<u>4,538.20</u>	
Total Capital		105,778.35

Total Liabilities and Capital		\$128,698.55
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**Moriah Baptist Association
2021 Proposed Budget**

	2020 Actual/ Estimate	2020 Budget	2021 Proposed Budget
Revenues:			
Church contributions—Moriah	\$114,500	\$114,500	\$114,500
Donations received—General Fund	1,200	1,200	1,200
Associational Assistance (SCBC)	5,000	5,000	5,000
Interest income			
Total Revenues	\$120,700	\$120,700	\$120,700
Expenses:			
Wages			
Transitional Director of Missions	\$31,500	\$31,500	\$31,500
Officer Manager	20,150	20,150	20,150
Part-time Support Staff	1,200	1,200	1,200
Payroll Tax	1,633	1,633	1,633
Office Manager Travel Expenses	600	600	600
DOM Travel	600	600	600
Personnel Bonuses			
Total Wages	61,083	61,083	61,083
Operations			
Building Maintenance	4,500	4,500	4,500
Custodial	2,600	2,600	2,600
Electricity	2,700	2,700	2,700
Natural Gas	2,400	2,400	2,400
Grounds Maintenance	1,000	1,000	1,000
Housekeeping Supplies	400	400	400
Property Insurance	4,330	4,330	4,590
Trailers Insurance	250	250	250
Telephone (three-year contract)	4,275	4,275	3,564
Water & Sewer	975	975	975
Office Machine Contract Lease	1,800	1,800	1,800
Office Machine Tax	300	300	300
Office Petty Cash	200	200	200
Office Supplies	2,500	2,500	2,500
Kitchen Supplies	800	800	800
PO Box Rent	135	135	135
Postage	1,600	1,600	1,600
Safety Deposit Box	150	150	150
Legal/Professional	3,500	3,500	3,500
Newsletter	2,500	2,500	2,500
Total Operations	36,915	36,915	36,464
Ministries			
Leadership Development	0	0	0
Church Health	6,000	6,000	6,000
Outreach & Evangelism	12,000	12,000	9,000
Acts 1:8	6,800	6,800	6,800
Prayer	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total Ministries	25,800	25,800	22,800
Total Expenses	\$123,798	\$123,798	\$120,347
Net Income (Loss)	\$(3,098)	\$(3,098)	\$353

**Moriah Baptist Association
2021 Proposed Budget**

Summary of Ministry Teams

		2021 Proposed Budget
Ministry Teams		
Prayer Team		
Associational Worship	\$1,000	
Total Prayer Team		\$1,000
Church Health		
Church Renewal	1,500	
Disciple Health	1,500	
Sunday School	1,500	
Pastoral Leadership Development	1,500	
Total Church Health		6,000
Outreach & Evangelism		
Campus Ministry	1,400	
Recreational Outreach	1,500	
Basketball Outreach	500	
Senior Adults	1,000	
Single Adults	200	
Vacation Bible School	1,000	
The Connection @ Countryside	2,400	
Hispanic Ministries	1,000	
Total Outreach & Evangelism		9,000
Acts 1:8		
Carolina Partnership Mission's Partnership	2,400	
Disaster Relief	1,000	
Mission Trip Development	1,000	
Mission Partnership: Kristi Taylor	2,400	
Total Acts 1:8		<u>6,800</u>
Total Ministry Teams		<u>\$22,800</u>

- **Personnel Team**

Rev. Randy Hatcher, Chairman

It was with great pleasure that the Moriah Baptist Association Personnel Team recommended Dr. Joe Youngblood as our Interim Director of Mission. The vote was unanimous. Dr. Youngblood began his duties on January 8, 2020.

Details are outlined in the January 7, 2020, Called Executive Team minutes published on pages 15-19 in the Book of Reports.

- **Time, Place, Preacher**

Rev. Tommy Howell

Due to the virus, our plans for 2019-2020 had to be altered. The date and time were moved to November 5, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., with three ways to attend the Annual Session: 1) In person at Hyde Park Baptist Church Family Life Center; 2) Zoom; and 3) Facebook Live, Hyde Park's Facebook page.

Details for the 2020-2021 are as follows:

Date: October 5, 2021

Time: 4:30 p.m. – Business Session
6:00 p.m. – Dinner
7:00 p.m. – Worship Hour

Place: Immanuel Baptist Church, Lancaster, SC

Preacher: Rev. Bryant Blakeley

Ministry Team Reports

- **Fellowship of Christian Athletes**

Rev. Randy Mellichamp / Rev. Catlin Rollings

To our friends and supporters at the Moriah Baptist Association,

I wanted to thank you for the continued partnership with the Moriah Baptist Association and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes of Lancaster County.



This past year has been one of the most unique and challenging years for ministry that we have ever experienced. Yet, ministry has not stopped in Lancaster County.

While our huddles (Bible studies) have stopped meeting at the school, we have been regularly having zoom meetings with our leadership and students. Our coach's ministry has grown greatly during this time. Since coaches now have time to work together and slow down during what would be training season, we have been able to build God's relationship with each of them and develop greater paths to ministry once school comes back. We now have six coaches disciplining seven other coaches. We hosted a nine-state virtual retreat for coaches and their spouses. Lancaster County had more coaches attend than any other state (twenty-six coaches and spouses). We have given away Bibles and are planning to host a one-day coaches summit for a five-county area. We also have trained and connected thirty-two character-coaching volunteers which lead team, school, and coach Bible studies. This is over half of all character coaches in the Charlotte-Metro. Ministry is still happening in Lancaster County!

Your support makes this happen. We thank you and the churches of the Moriah Baptist Association. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we move forward in the COVID world. We do not know what our environment in campus ministry will look like this year. However, we know that God is still moving and still in control.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Rev. Catlin Rollings

COVID 19 has definitely caused us to rethink how ministry is done and how it can be carried out. March 2020 was the first time we were not able to go into the schools and have FCA which was difficult, but it opened many doors to begin to truly invest in coaches. At this time, we currently can't go into the schools but are still able to minister to teachers and coaches through other avenues. God is still at work, but we must be on continual lookout for opportunities to work with administrators, teachers, students, and parents.

- **The Connection at Countryside**

Jason and Nancy Smith, Directors

We became the new directors of The Connection Ministry in October 2019. We were so blessed and happy that Hunter and Hannah Brown joined us as assistant directors.



- **October 26, 2019 Community Fall Festival**

Area churches provided games, a bounce house, a hayride and a meal while we met our new neighbors.

- **October 31, 2019**

On October 31, 2019, Hunter and Hannah handed out treats and met all our new neighbors!

- **November**

As a team we began praying about direction for the ministry. Thanksgiving and Christmas are our two biggest events, so we knew that we needed to just meet people, pray, and host these events seeking the Lord's Direction.

On November 24, we had a Community Thanksgiving meal. Members from Second Baptist Church and New Horizon Community Church served the meal. We hosted the meal at The Connection under a tent for the first time ever and asked our neighbors to bring a dish.

The Lord revealed to us that we needed to include our neighbors in more of the events and not just serve them and allow them to be a part of what God is doing in our community! We met over fifty new neighbors at this event. We went door-to-door in the community and discovered many of their needs for Christmas. Our new friends and neighbors were excited to learn about the ministry in our community.

- **December**

We had a Connecting Tree which is our version of an Angel Tree. The difference between the Connecting Tree and an Angel Tree is that each sponsor gets to meet their family in person. The local churches provided for over one hundred children in our community!

Many prayers were lifted in joy that they would be able to celebrate Christmas without the burden of finances being an issue. Some families continued contact with their sponsors. One small group even came back and provided a tree for their family and Christmas dinner! This particular family has become a bigger part

of our ministry; and their special needs child, Byron, constantly hangs out with us at the Connection!

- **January**

Finally, we had some time to plan and vision cast! Our first holidays back at The Connection were so busy. We did SO much groundwork to build relationships; and now, we just need to reach these neighbors with the Gospel!

One of the sponsors from The Connecting Tree provided the means for one of our students to go to winter church camp! We were surprised to learn at camp that this fourteen-year-old student had never ridden an escalator or been to a church setting before and that she had already had an abortion. The Lord has already revealed to us that many of the teenagers in our community actually do not have a real concept of Jesus or His teachings. This was brought to our attention over the course of this four-day camp. This young lady did not make a decision for Christ at that time, but she asked tons of questions and learned so much about Jesus! Unfortunately, her family got evicted from the trailer park and they moved away--another reminder that our work is *urgent*!

As a team, we went to an Evangelism Conference in Greenville hosted by Clayton King. We learned many new techniques for sharing the Gospel, and we met church planters from around the United States. From this trip and our prior experience in the community, we began a vision of having a small group that could possibly be a church in the future. We began family Bible studies on Friday nights and invited the community. We have to do Bible studies outside because we just do not have space for a large group. This setting can be very challenging especially with winter coming on, not to mention rainouts.

We have also begun discussions with one of our college students from church about becoming the incarnate missionary.

Hunter and Hannah lead a small group of college-age kids at New Horizon Community Church, and they began to encourage them to become a part of the mission field at The Connection.

- **February**

It rained every single night we had small group. And it's freezing!!! We decided as a team to move small group to Sunday afternoons.

René Martinez Cabrera signed a one-year contract to be the incarnate missionary at The Connection. He moved into the only trailer available at the time. The Lord gave us the trailer directly behind The Connection and directly beside a teenager that we have had a relationship with for over five years. This relationship began when we began picking this teen up for Awana Ministry at Crestview Baptist Church.

- **March**

At this time, still no members from our Community came to small group. However, we all have friends coming so we decided to put an emphasis on gospel sharing, a discipleship tool that we learned about at the conference. Pretty soon we had twenty-five believers coming for small group! We led our friends, Jared and Jennifer, to the Lord; and they started coming to small group as well.

The COVID-19 virus hit, and we were not sure what to do. We closed The Connection for two weeks. During this time period, we prayed and prayer walked many times trying to decide what else to do.

- **April**

We decided to do ministry anyway! We made decisions to do ministry outside and to social distance as much as possible.

During the summer, we partnered with Christian Services to feed over sixty kids lunch every single day. We also partnered with local churches and had a food drive in which we received enough food to feed fifty families. This was such a blessing to many of the families who were out of work due to COVID-19. WOW!

In April, we returned to small group meetings on Sunday afternoons. We began to call the meetings Family Bible Study.

William came back into our lives and what a blessing. We met William the last time we lived in this community. Unfortunately, he had made some bad decisions and turned back to life on the road. However, he called us and asked for another chance. He was living under a bridge. We, Jason, Nancy, and René, discussed possibilities for William, and we all agreed to let him live with René temporarily. He moved in and began coming to Family Bible Study.

- **May**

William made a decision to serve the Lord with his life. He repented of his past sins and wanted to be baptized! We had our first baptism ever at The Connection!! Previously, we usually held baptisms at one of our local churches.

The teenager that lived beside Rene started coming to our Family Bible Study. He is our first teen to routinely come to group!

- **June**

We met a twenty-one-year old young man who was homeless named TJ. He was a friend of William's, and René asked him to move in with him as well.

René hosted weekly Bible study for young men in the community! In one of these Bible studies, TJ acknowledged that only God could have sent him to a trailer park full of missionaries!! TJ started to come to Family Bible Study and accepted Christ as his Savior! Also, one of the college kids that came with Hunter and Hannah made a profession of faith as well! TJ and the college student were baptized at The Connection!

- **July**

In July, we had youth groups from our Association to host Vacation Bible School/Sports Camp. We had about fifty kids that attended the camp!

Lauren, one of our Connection staff, led a volunteer to the Lord at camp! The volunteers were really local teenagers giving time to teach sports with other students from their youth groups.

Hannah and Nancy led a kid's Bible study each week on Thursdays during the summer.

William has been learning more and more about Jesus, and now he is inviting people to Family Bible Study each week!

- **August**

TJ brought his girlfriend to the Bible Study to learn more about Jesus. Hannah and Nancy counseled her, and she accepted Christ as her Saviour. Hannah baptized her at The Connection.

We began to plan for the new school year, and we also hosted our first official board meeting as an official "non-profit." We began making plans for raising funds for the next year! Our board members include

Scott Robinson, Abney Baptist Church and Johnnie Howell, New Horizon Community Church; and Hanna Brown.

In our August Family Bible Study, we had sixteen kids and twenty adults in attendance. Praise the Lord! and we are rejoicing over the number of people from our community attending!

Our daughter, Jaycie, took over leading the children at Family Bible Study. In the Bible study, the children had many hard questions to ask Jaycie such as, "Do we all go to heaven?" or "How can we know the Bible is true?" or "Is there really a God? She had one little teen ask, "If we do not get saved, do we go to hell?"

William and Rene met a new friend, Jason, through the weekly Bible study, and began to counsel him. Jason and Rene explained the Plan of Salvation to him, and he professed his faith in Jesus Christ as well!

Homework Helpers will start on September 8, 2020. We will help students with virtual school and have Bible Study.

Thank you to the Moriah Mission Center and to all our local churches that faithfully minister to us at The Connection.

We love our Lord and His ministry at The Connection!

- **Tent Maker—West Africa Partnership**

Kriste Taylor—Senegal



Greetings from Senegal, West Africa!

I just spent my first summer here due to travel restrictions, and the Lord blessed me with good rest, cooler temperatures, and time to prepare for the new school year. While the whole world has been dealing with COVID-19, Senegal has handled the situation well. Our president immediately made decisions that allowed for people to be safe, but also maintain their welfare. The majority of people in Senegal live by their daily wages, so our

president was wise to close the extras while allowing the daily business person to continue without interruption. Of course, Dakar Academy did not fall in the "essential" category, so we were online from March 16 to the end of the year. Our plan is to re-open on September 3 with in-person instruction. Pray that we will be able to continue and complete a semester in our regular classes.

I was not able to make a village trip this year as the closures happened right before spring break, which is normally when I go. I have not heard from our friends in quite some time; the last I heard was that the Bandi were not ready to sustain the gospel through regular church meetings. Our leaders were still doing some event-driven evangelism, but they were discouraged by low attendance and internal power struggles. I believe our role now is to pray for those believers who do live among the Bandi and to ask God to raise up a mobilizer who can endure the apathy and motivate the people to come together as believers. I often wonder if I should give a year to live in the village to see if a more consistent presence would make a difference. Pray for wisdom and discernment as I have begun to ask God what's next.

I am grateful to the churches of the Moriah Association for your continued prayers and support, which have allowed me to live and work here. This partnership has been a blessing in my life, and I am confident that God will complete the work He has begun.

- **El Camino Community Outreach (Hispanic Ministry)**

Ismary and Wilfredo Alvarenga

"And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, And breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meal with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

Acts 2:46-47



El Camino Ministry

We want to give thanks to God for His grace and say, "Glory to God" for all He is doing in the El Camino Community.

Our sincere thanks to the Moriah Association for the support in being part of the spiritual growth of the people in our community and ministry. We see God moving in special moments, areas, and circumstances impacting our people, bringing salvation, spiritual growth, and obedience. Our hearts rejoice to see God at work in the lives of the people and seeing transformations.

Moriah Baptist Association and Lancaster Second Baptist Church Support

The El Camino Ministry began in our home September 18, 2013. By the grace of God, we grew so significantly that we needed more space. As we grew from birth, our next step was to meet at Moriah, and from Moriah to Second Baptist Church, Lancaster, and we are still growing. We want to thank both Moriah Association and Lancaster Second Baptist Church for their support so that we may continue to work together for the Kingdom of God.

We offer a couple of meetings:

Awakening Women—this group has not been able to meet so far this year because of COVID-19; however, we surely hope we can get back together real soon.

Sunday School in Spanish, Lancaster Second Baptist Church—
on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. until 10:45 a.m.

Prayer Meeting, Lancaster Second Baptist Church—6:00 p.m. until
7:15 p.m.

Fellowship on Fridays—in different homes where we apply “Simply the Story” Bible study lessons.

We praise God for His wonderful blessings!

- **Living Hope Counseling Center**
Dr. Patti Steen



What an incredible, but strange year this has been for all of us, but especially at the Counseling Center! We began the year by enrolling eight people affiliated with our association into the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary as students to study for a certificate in Biblical Counseling. The seminary afforded us a reduced rate which enabled these participants, as well as two IMB missionaries who partner with a local church, to take seven courses to train them in biblical counseling. Until the pandemic entered the US, the participants met once per month at the associational office to compare notes, ask questions, and receive some supplemental training. This extra time has been put on hold for the moment but will hopefully resume after Christmas.

The Counseling Center has also seen some changes due to the coronavirus. All counseling was done through virtual means, such as Zoom

or FaceTime for the months of March through May to protect the staff at Moriah as well as the counselees. While many other counseling centers have remained virtual, Living Hope now offers the choice of virtual or in-person counseling, providing the participants and counselor have no reason to suspect that they have or have been exposed to the coronavirus. The counselor takes ten minutes between each appointment to sanitize the surfaces and chairs to protect all who come. Masks are not required but may be requested or worn according to the desire of the counselee.

This year the Living Hope Counseling Center ministered to forty-one individuals/couples/families in the Moriah Mission Center office. Each person attended from one to twenty-three sessions during this year for an average of seven visits per person. These individuals represent twenty-three churches in our area. Eleven of these churches are a part of our association with other counselees coming from out of town or from another denomination. Five churches paid for at least one counselee to come to the counseling center. Another sister church donates to the counseling ministry monthly. Lastly, one individual gave a substantial gift to this ministry this year. We are so very grateful for those who support this ministry financially as it allows us to provide much-needed help to those who would otherwise be unable to afford it.

The counseling center will be evaluating the financial needs and policies over the next few months. We have had no rate increase since shifting the ministry to the Moriah Baptist Association over ten years ago and other supplies and materials have increased greatly. While our desire is that ministerial help be available to everyone who seeks it, we must also try to find a balance between what is desirable and what is needed. We will continue to provide the same rate to churches who are assisting their members with this access to this ministry.

Thank you, Moriah Association member churches, for your support, and most of all, for your prayers for this ministry. It is essential in our troubled world. What a privilege it is to be able to point people to the hope that does not fail or fade in difficult and uncertain days!

Memorials
September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020

Antioch

Edith Baker
Reggie Barnes
Charles Blackmon
Cindy Bowers
Donald Burks

James Dunkin
Samuel Evans
Wayne Kersey
Jerrina Mayson
John Newell

Beaver Creek

None

Bethel

Eleanor Caskey

Bethlehem

Bud Bailey
Monnie Deason
Mary Eudy

John L. Hudson, Jr.
Max Stogner

Calvary

Jimmy Taylor

Camp Creek

Lois Adams
Margaret Hinson

Jon Peigler

Carolinas Cowboy

None reported.

Catawba

None reported.

Center Grove

Rev. Sam Catoe

Charlesboro

None.

Covenant

Carolyn Breland
David Denyer
Richard Faulkenberry

Mary Helms
Robert Penegar
Logan Stacks

Crestview

Kate Adams
Milton Knight

Bobby Moore

East Side

None reported.

Ebenezer

R. H. Totherow

Elgin

Alvan Blackmon
Ann Blackmon

Bob Outen
Elves Ray

Flat Creek

Don Rutledge

Jabo Sims

Flint Ridge

Charles "Gene" Holden
Todd Mullis
Carolyn Phillips

Margie Stacks
Christine Wallace

Fork Hill

Greg Adams
John Marion Blackmon

Howard Faulkenberry

Friendship

Mac Breeden
Gerald Hyatt

Irene Payne
Manley Williams

Glenwood Heights

Wilie Mae Carnes

Johnnie Wright

Haile Gold Mine

Shirley Faulkenberry
Nadine Hinson

Betty Payne
Joe Phillips

Heath Springs

Ann Taylor

High Point

Evelyn Eudy

Hyde Park

Edward Barton, Jr.
Joe Humphries

Ruby Seymoure

Immanuel

Betty Clough
Pete Clough
Keith Copeland
Helen Hunter

Judy Outen
James Rushing
Maria Williams

Indian Land

None reported.

Jones Crossroads

None reported.

Kershaw Second

Catherine Horton
Joanne Owens
Scott Phillips
Paul Reeves

Annie Ruth Robinson
Frances West
Irbie Williams

Lancaster First

Rose Calder
Ann Cross
Mary Evans
Steve J. Ghent

Betty Munn
Patricia Price
Carolyn Taylor

Lancaster Second

Penny Bailey
Patsy Bailey
Bobby Baker
Linda Blackmon
Nancy Blackmon
Linda Efters
Virginia Faile
David (Bud) Hamrick
Mary Brown Hinson
Nancy Horton
Ben Johnson

Virgil Miles
Richard Miller
"Mickey" Camilla Phillips
Jason Pitts
Mickey Stacks
Charles Taylor
Robert Viola
Lenora Watts
Rosemary Whitlock
Andrew Yoder

LaRoca

None reported.

Midway

None reported.

New Hope

Eric Beckham
 Roy Boggs
 Anderson Bowers
 David Cauthen, Sr.
 Faye Cauthen

Lester Gene Culp
 Deborah Ferrell
 Dillon Knight
 Hazel Mitchel

New Horizon

None reported.

Oak Hill

None reported.

Oakhurst

None reported.

Pineview

None reported.

Pleasant Dale

Charles Hicks
 Voncille Hilton

Prentis Sledge
 Bonnie Watts

Pleasant Hill

Mary Cathern Baker
 Nadine Dixon

James Rollins

Pleasant Plain

Mikey Blackman
 Ronnie Blackman

Sheila Love
 Allen Napper

Rich Hill

Olin "Peanut" Bailey
 John Clyde Carnes
 Willene Clayton
 Jean Criminger

Bryant Criminger
 Paulette Faircloth
 Dennis Spivey

Sand Hill

None reported.

Sherwood

Joe Amason
 Wade Galloway

Betty Hartley
 Doris Hudson

Springdell

James Campbell
 Randolph Carnes

Charles Culp
 Linda McCurley

Spring Hill

Andy Anderson
Charles Baker
Nada Funderburk
Patsy Plyler

Billy Ray Roberts
Sally Roberts
George Sistare
Robert Williams

Taxahaw

None reported.

Taylor's Grove

Arlene Cleveland
Cynthia Hendrix
Lennie Terry, Sr.

Grover Wheeler
Bennie Wright

Temple

Annie Grace Boone

Jordan Hinson

Thorn Hill

Hazel Sowell

Union

Earl Alexander
Eva Alexander

Faye Clifton
Carol Kolb

West Side

Cecil Catoe
Nellie Catoe

Wilson Faulkenberry
Carol Robinson

White Bluff

Marion Payne

White Springs

William Blakely
Palmer Cook
Nadine Ghent
Doris Hudson
Edna Lisenby

Martha Roberts
Mary Seegars
Howard Sellers
Kevin Shute
Sue Stewart