



The Messenger

A Bi-Monthly Publication of the Moriah Baptist Association

Volume 53, Issue 2
March/April 2021

Moriah Baptist Association
914 West Meeting Street
Lancaster, SC 29720

Mailing Address

PO Box 1042
Lancaster, SC 29721

Staff

Interim Director of Missions

Dr. Joe Youngblood
joeyoungblood18@gmail.com

Office Manager

Judy Hammond
Judy_Moriah@comporium.net

Office Telephone

803-283-8409

Office Fax

803-283-8400

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.
Closed on Friday

*Best Wishes and
Much Happiness
to
Mrs. Lois Lucas
Upon Her
Retirement
1988—2020*



Mrs. Lois has been a faithful supporter and volunteer for the Moriah Mission Center for over thirty-two years. Along with her humbleness and unselfish attitude, she always did much more than was required of her. Over the years, she has made Moriah a better place to work and share the love of Jesus. Everyone who entered the Mission Center always enjoyed speaking with her. And, if she was not in the office, they wanted to know where she was. Mrs. Lois always had a kind word for our visitors.

Thank you, Mrs. Lois, for your years of dedication and service to Moriah and to our Lord.

We will treasure and love you always. God bless you as you begin your new journey.

(See Page 2 for more coverage regarding Mrs. Lois)

Mrs. Lois continued

Pastor Bill Truesdale presented Mrs. Lois with a plaque that thanked her for her thirty-two years of loyalty and dedication to the Moriah Mission Center.



Miss Judy Hammond presented Mrs. Lois with a Citizens watch as a token of Moriah's love and appreciation for her years of service.



Dr. Joe Youngblood also presented Mrs. Lois with a gift card for her and her family to go out to eat once COVID subsides.



Mrs. Lois commented that she had really enjoyed being at Moriah for all these years.

God bless you Mrs. Lois! We will miss having you at the Mission Center.

Executive Team Meeting
April 27, 2021
Moriah Mission Center
10:00 a.m.

Leadership Opportunities for Pastors



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 4** Kershaw Area, Kershaw Second
- 18** Lancaster Area, Mission Center
- April 1** Kershaw Area, Kershaw Second
- 15** Lancaster Area, Mission Center



He is Risen

DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM.

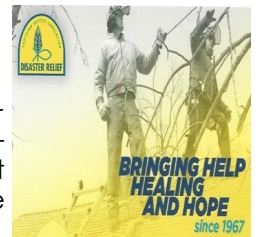
Rejoice in the resurrection of

Jesus Christ.



Disaster Relief

Shirley Buckner, Director



Until this virus subsides, our Disaster Relief Team will not be meeting. I do hope and pray that it will not be too long before we can get together once again. Please do all you can to stay safe.

If you have an email address, would you please notify Judy at the Mission Center at 803-283-8409. We will begin notifications by email. If you do not have access to email, please let her know.

The Connection Ministry
Jason and Nancy Smith
Directors



There are always many needs at The Connection. We hope in this coming year that you would be interested in taking a part in our ministry here at The Connection. You can contact Jason or me if you would like to explore what you or your church family could do to help us.

Thank you for your interest and your prayers for this ministry.

You are a blessing to us, and we covet your prayers as we continue to strive to proclaim the gospel to our community.

God bless each of you.



Our deepest sympathy is expressed to ...

Kathy Blackmon, daughter; and Donnie and Lisa Waldrop, son and daughter-in-law in the passing of Pastor Don Waldrop. He was one of Moriah's retired ministers.

His daughter-in-law, Lisa, is the ministry assistant at Sherwood Baptist Church; and his daughter, Kathy, was a former ministry assistant in one of our local churches.

Pastor Steve Anglin, pastor at Bethel Baptist Church, in the loss of his father Eugene W. Anglin.

Mrs. Shelley Simpson's (Pastor Charlie's wife at Hyde Park) mom, Mrs. Margaret Parker.

God bless each of you.

Prayer Opportunities

Moriah's Churches without Pastors

- Beaver Creek
- Center Grove
- Charlesboro
- Oakhurst
- Spring Hill

- **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

- **Flint Ridge Baptist Church** extended a call to Pastor Jerry Broughton as their pastor, and he accepted the call. We are so happy for the church and Pastor Broughton. We gladly welcome you and your family to our Moriah Association.

- **Jones Crossroads Baptist Church** extended a call to Pastor Danny Workman as their pastor, and he also accepted the call. We are so glad for the church and Pastor Workman. We gladly welcome you and your family to our family at the Moriah Association.

Marriage/Merger of The Chester and Moriah Associations

- **Pastor and Mrs. Casey Swails** (Crestview) are the proud parents of ...

Haddon Guy
9 pounds and 8 ounces
21 1/2" long
Born January 19, 2021



- **The lostness in South Carolina and America**

Organizational Resources

John Hess, Treasurer

	2020		YTD
	Eleven Mos.	December	
Antioch	\$1,100.00	\$100.00	\$1,200.00
Beaver Creek	895.00	165.00	1,060.00
Bethel	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Bethlehem	7,589.56	952.70	8,542.26
Calvary	500.00	300.00	800.00
Camp Creek	500.01	0.00	500.01
Carolinas Cowboy	105.52	300.00	405.52
Catawba	220.00	20.00	240.00
Center Grove	1,553.69	0.00	1,553.69
Charlesboro	0.00	0.00	0.00
Covenant	3,630.00	370.00	4,000.00
Crestview	1,100.00	0.00	1,100.00
Eastside	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ebenezer	387.50	56.02	443.52
Elgin	500.00	0.00	500.00
Flat Creek	1,375.00	125.00	1,500.00
Flint Ridge	1,250.00	125.00	1,375.00
Fork Hill	2,172.56	194.13	2,366.69
Friendship	0.00	0.00	0.00
Glenwood Heights	833.30	83.33	916.63
Haile Gold Mine	800.00	200.00	1,000.00
Heath Springs	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
High Point	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hyde Park	4,032.43	838.34	4,870.77
Immanuel	2,563.71	277.80	2,841.51
Indian Land	700.00	400.00	1,100.00
Jones Crossroads	500.00	100.00	600.00
Kershaw 1st	200.00	0.00	200.00
Kershaw 2nd	2,200.00	200.00	2,400.00
Lancaster 1st	7,127.00	1,237.00	8,364.00
Lancaster 2nd	12,989.13	1,180.83	14,169.96
La Roca (Mission)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Midway	6,635.15	0.00	6,635.15
New Hope	3,275.66	291.52	3,567.18
New Horizon	0.00	0.00	0.00
Oak Hill	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Oakhurst	1,373.95	220.41	1,594.36
Pineview	1,326.33	206.32	1,532.65
Pleasant Dale	1,833.37	333.34	2,166.71
Pleasant Hill	3,433.33	214.28	3,647.61
Pleasant Plain	2,362.36	251.98	2,614.34
Rich Hill	3,485.00	607.50	4,092.50
Sand Hill	6,608.52	393.74	7,002.26
Sherwood	550.00	50.00	600.00
Springdell	1,000.00	500.00	1,500.00
Spring Hill	2,953.56	0.00	2,953.56
Taxahaw	0.00	0.00	0.00
Taylors Grove	1,320.00	120.00	1,440.00
Temple	500.00	0.00	500.00
Thorn Hill	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Union	780.00	0.00	780.00
Westside	1,609.00	239.00	1,848.00
White Bluff	2,310.26	180.28	2,490.54
White Springs	275.00	25.00	300.00
Grand Total	\$98,955.90	13,058.52	\$112,014.42

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

As promised...
"Our Sisters of the Laundry"



On the Road Again...



Toni Carolyn Judy

Toni, Carolyn and Judy donated their time and efforts to the cleanup and recovery efforts relating to Hurricane Sally. These ladies left on a short notice because their services were certainly needed down in the greater Pensacola area. They left on September 20, 2020 and returned on October 1, 2020. The "cup of cold water" they gave in Jesus' name helped hundreds of people at a time when many of the people were in denial, shock, or overwhelmed with feelings of helplessness. Their response with helping, healing, and hope with good quality work and great attitudes left a positive, lasting impression in the minds and hearts of the residents in that community. The people saw Jesus in action, wearing a yellow hat and sporting a smile!

Our Sisters of the Laundry also thanks the children of Catawba Baptist Church for their donations of money and laundry detergent.

Rev. Jim Locke, Senior Pastor at Hillcrest Church in Pensacola, had this report to share:

"...a total of 1,225 jobs were completed by 768 disaster relief team volunteers, many who served for more than one week (as our ladies did). During the 45-day response, 200+ Gospel presentations made, 52,000+ meals served, and 500+ laundry loads washed. Perhaps the most important statistic recorded was that 28 professions of faith were made."

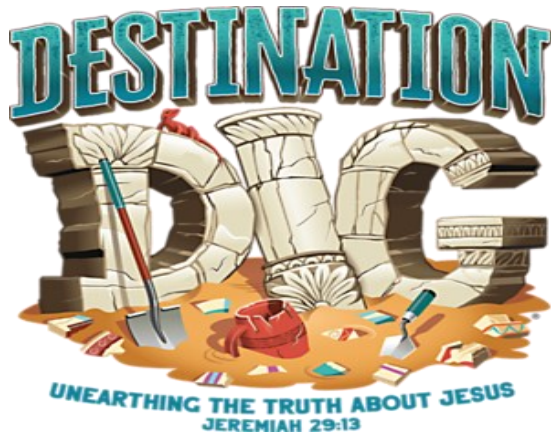


Praying with a victim



A glimpse of the devastation





Vacation Bible School Clinic

Myra Boone, Director

Pleasant Dale Baptist Church

April 14, 2021

6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

“Director’s Only”

Because of the impact COVID has had on Lancaster County, we will be having a “Director's Only” training this year. Social distancing will be in place and everyone is asked to please wear a mask. Please call me for details and to register for the clinic. My number is 803-288-0689.

By this time next year, I hope we will be able to hold a normal VBS clinic where all workers will be able to attend.

Please do everything you can to stay well and safe. God bless each of you.

<<<<>>>>

**Endowments
Year Ended 2020 Information**

- John & Barbara Platt \$26,643.13
- Barbara Haire 3,073.77

Around the Association...



March 2021		
4	11:00 a.m.	Kershaw Area Pastor's Small Group Meeting, Kershaw Second
11	10:00 a.m.	Thursday Refocus Group—Mission Center
7-14		Week of Prayer—Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Youth Week
16	10:00 a.m.	Tuesday Refocus Group—Mission Center
18	11:00 a.m.	Lancaster Area Pastor's Small Group—Mission Center
21		Church Planting Emphasis Sunday Substance Abuse Prevention Sunday
25	3:30 p.m.	Finance Team Meeting
April		
1	11:00 a.m.	Kershaw Area Pastor's Small Group Meeting, Kershaw Second
4		Easter
5		Easter Monday—Moriah Closed
8	10:00 a.m.	Thursday Refocus Group—Mission Center
11		Baptist Doctrine Sunday
14	6:30—8:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School “Director's Only” Clinic, Pleasant Dale
15	11:00 a.m.	Lancaster Area Pastor's Small Group Meeting, Mission Center
18		SBC Seminaries Sunday
20	10:00 a.m.	Tuesday Refocus Group—Mission Center
25		Cooperative Program Sunday
27	10:00 a.m.	Executive Team Meeting, Mission Center

*I will praise You, Lord,
with all my .
I will tell all the miracles
You have done.
Psalms 9:1*



March 14, 2021

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Update

Pastor Randy Mellichamp, Director

**“And you must love the Lord your God
with all your heart, all your soul,
all your mind, and all your strength.”
(Mark 12:30)**

In his letter, Shane Williamson, President/CEO of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, said:

“When the Fellowship of Christian Athletes selected Mark 12:30 as our 100% theme verse for last year, we didn’t know how much of our hearts, souls, minds, and strength we were going to need to face the challenges 2020 threw at us. The year forced us to our knees as we committed to rally together 100% for God’s work.

“Even though 2020 was a year of unprecedented challenges, God still led us to victories. Join us to celebrate these highlights:

- ⇒ 29,429 individuals made faith decisions. We praise God that eternity now looks different for these coaches and athletes because you (Moriah) invested in them through FCA.
- ⇒ Amidst times for global shutdown, FCA was still able to hold 332 camps, impacting 24,452 in attendance. 193 camps were conducted in the US and 139 were held internationally.
- ⇒ Certified Huddles increased to 20,948.
- ⇒ 83,942 people attended an FCA Fields of Faith event in 162 locations.
- ⇒ FCA distributed 101,049 Bibles, as we pursue our goal to put the Word of God into every coach’s and competitor’s hands and disciple them in His way. God used us all to continue engaging, equipping, and empowering coaches and athletes to impact the sports world for Jesus Christ. Yes, you were part of this work.”

In Lancaster County, we have experienced the difficulties of the Covid shut down as many of you have. Schools have been closed to our volunteers and staff coming onto the campus. Therefore, our staff have doubled down on reaching coaches and teams like never before.

This season, FCA established an E3 initiative. E3 stands for Engage, Empower, and Equip. We have engaged coaches with the Gospel. We have empowered them to have Gospel conversations, and equipped them to start new Gospel conversations and Bible studies.

We have had 15 new coaches in E3 and it has resulted in the hiring of our first women’s ministry staff member, Susan Scott. Susan is a retired teacher from Buford Middle and currently a coach at Buford High.

You and your church can support us through two ways. First Prayer. We need your prayer to continue this ministry. The world around us is changing and it will become more and more difficult to share the Gospel in our schools as we move forward. Second, join in our 2020 Challenge (Yes, 2020 because we are trying to do something positive with those numbers). Each of our staff members are looking for 20 new donors to give \$20 per month to aid their ministry as we move forward. We have staff at all Lancaster High Schools and are looking forward to beginning a new Urban ministry position at Lancaster High this year. We need you to help these ministries continue growing.

Lancaster County leads the Greater Charlotte Area in volunteers, Bible Study attendance, and ministry growth on campuses. Help us continue this growth.

FCA is one of the ministry partners that Moriah supports on a monthly basis. Pastor Randy Mellichamp of Camp Creek Baptist Church is our leader for the area. If you or your church would like to invest in this worthy cause, please contact Randy at 803-804-6379.



WMU

Judy Sims, Director



WMU®
missions for life®

This year our families and our WMU family will once again face many challenges.

Going forward in 2021, we will not be having our Spring meeting because of the virus. Also, we are not accepting Ministry Kits at the Mission Center. However, if your group would like to go ahead and do the kits, you could always do them on an individual church basis and deliver them to charities in your church's area. If you should choose to do the kits, would you let Judy at the Mission Center know how many your group does. Her number is 803-283-8409. Remember, the kits should include:



- ◆ One factory-sealed toothbrush
- ◆ One six-ounce tooth paste
- ◆ One 4.5-ounce bar of soap
- ◆ One bath towel
- ◆ One wash cloth
- ◆ One comb

I hope everyone will stay safe and well.

Let's all pray for each other. Maybe it will not be too long before we can meet together once again. I long for the day.



Annie Armstrong in the 21st Century

National Goal: \$70 Million



It is inevitable that every year when a Southern Baptist church promotes the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions, someone will ask, "Who is

Annie Armstrong?" Some may even quip, "Isn't Annie paid off yet?" There have been several people who have actually asked the North American Mission Board for Annie's contact information so they could invite her to speak to their church.

Having Annie Armstrong speak to one's church is no longer a possibility. Annie Armstrong was born in 1850 and died in 1938.

For those Southern Baptists who are well versed in the elements of North American missions, Annie Armstrong is a woman whose boldness and commitment to missions during her lifetime serves as a model for today.

Her legacy is timeless because it is one of fervent advocacy for taking the gospel to all people and supporting those who were doing just that.

A faithful children's Sunday School teacher in her beloved Eutaw Place Baptist Church in Baltimore, Annie loved and took seriously her charge to share the story of Christ with all people, but her commitment to children was especially strong. She knew they would grow up to be the Christian leaders of the future and that their value as such could not be taken for granted. She worked with the Home of the Friendless, a shelter for destitute children, teaching Bible lessons on Sunday afternoons. Once, a young man who had grown up in the Home of the Friendless came to Annie and gave her money to use "in making persons happy [at] Christmas." The young man claimed that "no one knew better how to do this than [Miss] Annie."

Her strong commitment to taking the gospel to Native Americans and immigrants came as a result of listening to missionaries' stories about the needs of these groups. She personalized that commitment by serving her church and leading women to minister to immigrants arriving at the Baltimore pier. She also traveled to Indian Territory to minister personally to the Native Americans. While she could not be hands-on all the time, she encouraged women to make up boxes of supplies for missionaries in order that they could be better equipped to take the gospel to all people. She also served as the first corresponding secretary of Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) which began in 1888. She did her job wholeheartedly and without pay. Writing about her work, Annie said: "I am more and more persuaded that all that is required of those who have the work in charge is faithful seed sowing. The harvest is bound to follow. . . . No matter how heavy the burden, daily strength is given, so I expect we need not give ourselves any concern as to what the outcome will be, but think 'go forward.'"1

Annie indeed "went forward" with her support of missions. Her capacity to write letters has been well documented. She wrote literally thousands of letters every year, and in one year alone that number topped 18,000! She was perhaps one of the best friends a missionary could have, because when Annie was made aware of a missionary's need, she did all she could to see that need was met. She went on several mission trips, and spoke in churches to spark the interest of women to take seriously a commitment to missions and support Southern Baptist missionaries. It was fitting that the offering which benefited the missionaries she so dearly loved and supported was named in her honor in 1936.

Annie Armstrong died in 1938, and her tombstone reads, "She hath done what she could." The question for all Southern Baptists is, "Have we been faithful to do the same?"

1. Sorrell, Bobbie. Annie Armstrong; Dreamer in Action, □ 1984. Broadman Press, Nashville, Tenn., p. 155