



# The Messenger

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## **No Foolin', Miss Judy Hammond has Left the Building!**

Office Manager for 15 years, Judy Hammond retired on March 31, 2021. Her years of dedicated service were recognized in an event hosted at the Moriah Association building. Due to the pandemic, many friends celebrated via Zoom. A few colleagues were invited to speak at this special occasion.

### *Retirement Celebration for Miss Judy Hammond*

*April 1, 2021*

- ◇ Welcome— Dr. Joe Youngblood, Interim DOM
- ◇ Dr. Dale Roach, Former DOM
- ◇ Bryant Fersner, Former DOM
- ◇ Rev. Bill Truesdale, Moderator, Moriah Baptist Association
- ◇ Rev. Mike Hammond, Historian, Moriah Baptist Association
- ◇ Closing remarks— Dr. Joe Youngblood

*Miss Judy, words are not enough to express how much you will be missed!  
You always brightened everyone's day with your smile and sweet demeanor.*

*You served the Lord well during your 15 years of ministry here.*

*Your work for the Kingdom is not yet complete.*

*We know that He has wonderful plans for your next season.*

*Know that as you go, our deep and heartfelt gratitude goes with you.*

*We love you and will continue to pray for you!*



*-Moriah Baptist Association Staff and Leadership*

**Meet Denise Johnston  
the new MBA Office Manager**



Denise has served in several local churches over the past 20 years or so. She served on staff at Lancaster Second Baptist Church as the Sunday School/LifeGroup Director for 15 years. She has also served as a Ministry Assistant for Bethlehem Baptist Church and is currently serving in that capacity for Calvary/La Segunda Bautista. Denise has been involved with the Moriah Association serving as Clerk and then as Co-Chair of the Discipleship Team. She says, "I am so excited about this opportunity. The Lord is working in the churches of the Association and I want to serve and equip them in every way the Lord allows me to do so. I am looking forward to working with the Ministry Assistants and Pastors in our churches."

Denise and her husband, Kirk, have been married for nearly 32 years. Kirk is the Park Manager of Andrew Jackson State Park. They have 2 married (twin) sons, Joshua and Matthew. Joshua and Darcy are in the process of moving to San Francisco and Matthew and Amelia live nearby in Rock Hill.



**Meet Milbry Johnson  
MBA Hostess/Housekeeper**

Milbry has been keeping the folks safe at the Mission Center since it reopened in 2020. She takes sanitizing very seriously! She also keeps the building clean and the front entrance looking great. She is an avid gardener and loves to bake!

Milbry and Thurmond, a retired pastor, have been married for 52 years. She has 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren!



Milbry presents a special gift to Judy

**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 Denise at the Mission Center via email at denise\_moriah@comporium.net. We will begin notifications by email. If you do not have access to email, please let her know by calling 803.283.8409.



**Our Sisters of the Laundry**

Carolyn Summers

"Our Sisters of the Laundry" gave their Kentucky Disaster Trip presentation at Camp Creek Baptist on Sunday, March 23.

This area of Floyd County, Kentucky was devastated by heavy rain in early March. A wall of water at least 25 feet high came rushing down the mountain flooding homes and vehicles in a very poverty-stricken area. A lot of these people lost everything they owned. Toni and Carolyn worked with other SC Disaster Teams doing Mudout. Judy did the important job of washing our muddy clothes and keeping G.A.P.'s lodge clean for the teams. Our Church gave a "love offering" to help these folks. Over \$2000 have been received to send to our NAMB missionary John Morris at God's Appalachian Partnership (G.A.P.) to help spread God's love.

The "Sisters" are available to speak at your Church or organization.



Call the Moriah Association for details.

Thank for your prayers as we continue to do God's will in our lives.

*Carolyn,  
Judy, &  
Toni*

**The Connection Ministry**  
Jason and Nancy Smith  
Directors



**The Connection  
is located at  
1305 McIlwain Rd.**

There are always many needs at The Connection. We hope in this post pandemic season you and/or your church might be interested in taking a part in our ministry here at The Connection.

This summer, we are specifically looking for groups that would be willing to host a backyard Bible club or VBS type event. We are open to having groups come in to host Block Parties as well.

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.

Jason: 843.680.0209

Nancy: 803.287.0150



**Pastor's Small Groups—Encouragement/Accountability**  
Rev. Bill Truesdale, Facilitator

These small groups are open for **all** lead and staff pastors. These groups meet year round. Please join in when your schedule allows.

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:

- June 3** Kershaw Area, Kershaw Second
- 17** Lancaster Area, Mission Center

**Prayer Opportunities**

**Moriah's Churches without Pastors**

- Beaver Creek      Oakhurst
- Jones Crossroads      Spring Hill
- Temple

- **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

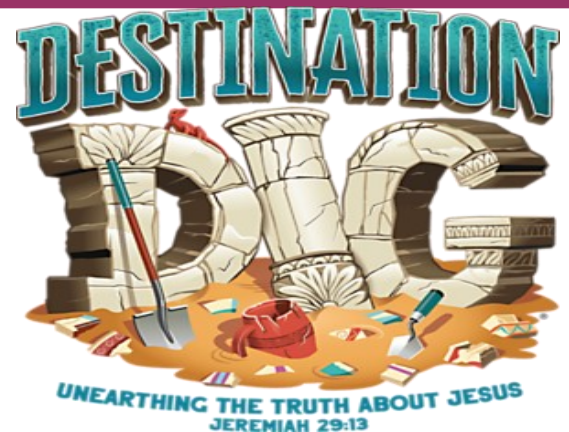
[oakridge.baptist@yahoo.com](mailto:oakridge.baptist@yahoo.com)

- **New Hope Baptist Church** is seeking a Music Director to lead the choir, praise team, and congregation. The position is bi-vocational/ part-time consisting of approximately 8-10 hours per week. Those feeling the leading of the Holy Spirit, please send resumes to: Attention: Personnel Committee 3731 Lynwood Dr. Lancaster, SC 29720.

[newhopesbc@comporium.net](mailto:newhopesbc@comporium.net)

- **White Springs Baptist Church** is seeking an accompanist. The position consists of playing Sunday morning, Sunday afternoon/evening, and possibly Wednesday night. This is a paid position. Please contact John Davis at 803-283-3616.

[wsbchurch@comporium.net](mailto:wsbchurch@comporium.net)





Organizational Resources

John Hess, Treasurer

|                    | 2021               |                 |                   |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
|                    | 1st Quarter        | April           | YTD thru April    |
| Antioch            | 300.00             | 100.00          | 400.00            |
| Beaver Creek       | 137.00             | 72.00           | 209.00            |
| Bethel             | 0.00               | 250.00          | 250.00            |
| Bethlehem          | 2,174.29           | 708.38          | 2,882.67          |
| Calvary            | 0.00               | 0.00            | 0.00              |
| Camp Creek         | 0.00               | 500.00          | 500.00            |
| Carolinas Cowboy   | 0.00               | 0.0             | 0.00              |
| Catawba            | 60.00              | 20.00           | 80.00             |
| Center Grove       | 323.11             | 463.94          | 787.05            |
| Charlesboro        | 0.00               | 0.00            | 0.00              |
| Covenant           | 990.00             | 330.00          | 1,320.00          |
| Crestview          | 300.00             | 100.00          | 400.00            |
| Eastside           | 0.00               | 0.00            | 0.00              |
| Ebenezer           | 61.15              | 29.18           | 90.33             |
| Elgin              | 0.00               | 0.00            | 0.00              |
| Flat Creek         | 375.00             | 250.00          | 625.00            |
| Flint Ridge        | 375.00             | 0.00            | 375.00            |
| Fork Hill          | 577.97             | 242.79          | 820.76            |
| Friendship         | 0.00               | 0.00            | 0.00              |
| Glenwood Heights   | 166.66             | 166.66          | 333.32            |
| Haile Gold Mine    | 200.00             | 0.00            | 200.00            |
| Heath Springs      | 0.00               | 0.00            | 0.00              |
| High Point         | 0.00               | 0.00            | 0.00              |
| Hyde Park          | 557.64             | 387.12          | 944.76            |
| Immanuel           | 1,064.24           | 0.00            | 1,064.24          |
| Indian Land        | 0.00               | 0.00            | 0.00              |
| Jones Crossroads   | 150.00             | 50.00           | 200.00            |
| Kershaw 1st        | 0.00               | 0.00            | 0.00              |
| Kershaw 2nd        | 630.00             | 210.00          | 840.00            |
| Lancaster 1st      | 1,225.00           | 521.00          | 1,746.00          |
| Lancaster 2nd      | 3,642.99           | 0.00            | 3,642.99          |
| La Roca (Mission)  | 0.00               | 0.00            | 0.00              |
| Midway             | 1,147.55           | 0.00            | 1,147.55          |
| New Hope           | 877.48             | 274.36          | 1,151.84          |
| New Horizon        | 0.00               | 0.00            | 0.00              |
| Oak Hill           | 0.00               | 0.00            | 0.00              |
| Oakhurst           | 324.47             | 119.85          | 444.32            |
| Pineview           | 256.07             | 114.02          | 370.09            |
| Pleasant Dale      | 333.34             | 166.67          | 500.01            |
| Pleasant Hill      | 584.95             | 178.08          | 763.03            |
| Pleasant Plain     | 672.96             | 203.54          | 876.50            |
| Rich Hill          | 607.50             | 303.75          | 911.25            |
| Sand Hill          | 2970.49            | 471.24          | 3,441.73          |
| Sherwood           | 150.00             | 50.00           | 200.00            |
| Springdell         | 0.00               | 500.00          | 500.00            |
| Spring Hill        | 0.00               | 1,444.92        | 1,444.92          |
| Taxahaw            | 0.00               | 0.00            | 0.00              |
| Taylors Grove      | 360.00             | 120.00          | 480.00            |
| Temple             | 0.00               | 0.00            | 0.00              |
| Thorn Hill         | 1,500.00           | 0.00            | 1,500.00          |
| Union              | 780.00             | 0.00            | 780.00            |
| Westside           | 194.00             | 100.00          | 294.00            |
| White Bluff        | 408.19             | 165.75          | 573.94            |
| White Springs      | 50.00              | 25.00           | 75.00             |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>\$24,527.05</b> | <b>8,638.25</b> | <b>\$33165.30</b> |

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

A Word from the Treasurer...

This year has started off providing us further encouragement as we face unprecedented times. God never changes and nothing catches Him by surprise. Not even a pandemic will slow His plan of the gospel being shared and the lost coming to know Him.

Dr. Joe and your association are hard at work equipping pastors, ministering to our community, and moving forward with intention and vision as God leads. Thank you for your faithfulness in prayers and giving. We ask for your continued support as we serve together.

John Hess, Treasurer



Around the Association...

June

- 10** 10:00 AM Refocus Group Finale—Mission Center
- 14** Flag Day
- 20** Father's Day
- 20** **Baptist Men's Emphasis**
- 27** **Mission Dignity Sunday**
- 28** 11:00 AM **LITERATURE PICK UP AT THE MISSION CENTER**
- 29** 12:00 Noon Mission Center closes for 4th of July Holiday
- 30** Mission Center Closed
- July 1** Mission Center Closed

