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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY 2 Marshall Still, Retired Associate Pastor

MAY 3 Tony Carter, Pastor, Hilda First

MAY 9 Jeffrey Ray, Pastor, Healing Springs

MAY 10 Harry Warren, Pastor, Reedy Branch

MAY 12 David Buwalda, Youth Minister, Williston First

MAY 28 Charlie Lucas, Retired Pastor, Bamberg First

JUNE 27 Ken Frederick, Blackville First



MAY 16: Tom & Crystal Baker, Elko

MAY 25: Darrell & Cathy Smith, BBBA

MAY 29: John & Marni Nixon, Retired Pastor
and Wife

JUNE 14 David and Tracy Turner, Pastor and Wife,
Mt. Calvary

Thank you for your
support of
associational missions!

How Personalizing the Nursing Home Experience: a Support-Givers Guide Has Helped Me

As you may know, nearly all visits to nursing homes were cut off for about a year due to Covid-19. I could not give my ninety-year-old mother a hug for over a year. Just recently visits have resumed on a limited basis. I learned several ways I can make visits more meaningful for my mother.

The chapter on providing stimulating activities helped me see a number of new ways I could make each visit more rewarding to Mom. The chapter on meaningful gifts gave me several ideas about what to bring to Mom. The chapter on emotional and spiritual awareness was full of suggestions that could bless Mom. I learned many ways to be a better support-giver.

How this Support Givers Guide Could Help You

The chapters I already mentioned can help anyone improve their nursing home ministry or visitation. But this book is also the clearest, most practical and wisest guide for families who will be putting a family member in a facility. It is a great guide from preparing for this change, to considerations for selecting a facility, to how to work with the facility as a support-giver, to a tremendous checklist as you compare different facilities, and more. Do contact our office to get your copy or copies!

Darrell

On a recent Sunday, the WMU group at Nueva Esperanza sold taco plates in order to raise funds for missions. As we sat around after the service eating tacos, one couple spoke up to describe how much we need these times of fellowship. Across all ethnic groups, the social isolation of the past year has produced a craving for companionship.

This need is especially acute within the Hispanic community. Many Spanish speaking folks are far from their extended families, and they feel isolated from the larger community around them. In that situation, one of the things we can offer them is Christian fellowship.

Over the years, several folks who have come to know the Lord at Nueva Esperanza have described the important role that the church's fellowship played in drawing them to hear the Gospel. As we begin to have more opportunities for fellowship, would you pray with me that we would plan events wisely and execute them well in order to strengthen the bonds of Christian love within and outside our congregation? As always, thank you for your prayers and support of ABC Regional Hispanic Ministries.

Tony Hancock, Director of Hispanic Missions





THE CONNECTION

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Barnwell-Bamberg Baptist Association

May -June 2021



MAY

May 3 9:00 AM
Pastor's/Minister's Conf., Camp Hi-Ki-Pen

May 12 8:00 AM
Food Pantry Community Distribution

May 17-19
Hispanic Ministry Health Kits Due at BBBA

May 18 6:45 PM
Brotherhood Supper Meeting, Seven Pines

JUNE

June 9 8:00 AM
Food Pantry Community Distribution

June 14 9:00 AM
Pastor's/Minister's Conf., Williston FBC



Our Recycled Literature Global Ministry Has Expanded!

We send to India and Africa the used Sunday School literature, Bibles, and Bible study resources you bring to the association office. Millions of believers in those parts of the world can read English but do not have access to a copy of God's Word, and their pastors need Bible study resources. Now church music can also be donated. We just ask that you pack the donations in boxes that can be shipped. For details contact Mary at the association office. Thank you for sharing the Word of God!



Ministry Kits for ABC Hispanic Ministry Due May 17-19 at the BBBA Office

Include one of each of the following: bath towel; wash cloth; factory sealed toothbrush; 6 oz. toothpaste; 4.5 oz. bar of soap; and a comb. Place items in a sealed two-gallon Ziploc bag. Thank you!

Special Offer for Nursing Home Ministries and for Families Who May Need to Select a Nursing Home or Already Have a Family Member There

An excellent resource to help you and others do well with the nursing home experience is available from your association office. This short book is authored by a retired nurse who also experienced being a support-giver to her mother-in-law who resided in a nursing home. This book has helped me (Darrell)! Read more about it in my article on the back page. Contact the association office to get all the free copies you need.



Ministers' Meeting

9 AM May 3 Camp Hi-Ki-Pen
9:00 AM June 14 Williston FBC

Minister's discussions of The Anatomy of a Revived Church are ongoing. Join in the evening or morning sessions any time by contacting Darrell Smith.



BRAZIL MISSIONS PARTNERSHIP

Prayer Concern
Pray for translators who also have a good understanding of the Bible for the next mission trip.



BROTHERHOOD SUPPER

Preacher: Rev. Rommie Martin
6:45 PM May 18
Seven Pines Baptist Church

