

BARNWELL-BAMBERG  
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- 12/11 Ima Jean Still  
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- 12/16 Mike Reid  
*Pastor, St. John's*
- 12/25 Diane Carter  
*Pastor's Wife, Hilda First*
- 12/28 Tony Hancock  
*Director of Hispanic Missions  
And Pastor, Nueva Esperanza*
- 12/31 Alvin Jeffcoat



- Pastor, Hunter's Chapel*
- 12/10 Scott and Sonya Brown  
*Min. of Music and Wife, Hagood Ave*
- 12/18 Ken and Lynn Catoe  
*Retired Pastor and Wife, Hagood Ave*
- 12/19 Tony and Diane Carter  
*Pastor and Wife, Hilda First*
- 12/20 Jamie and Amanda Wooten  
*Pastor and Wife, Winfield Heights*
- 12/28 Andy and Hazel Sandifer  
*Pastor and Wife, Govan First*

**"FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS"**

**FROM  
THE  
DOM**

Many of us have great concern: for our country's situation; for the difficulties facing our churches; and, simply, for our future. A Bible book that helps us gain perspective during difficult times is Esther. Have you read it lately? What the Jews were faced with during the rule of a Persian king almost 500 years before the birth of Christ makes our troubles seem minor. The king agreed to a plan to "destroy, kill and annihilate all the Jews-young and old, women and little children-on a single day, the thirteenth day of the twelfth month..." (Esther 3:13). But God had a plan for His people. His plan included Queen Esther to risk her life to plead for her people. Esther's cousin, who raised her, encouraged her by writing "And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?"

Take heart, Christian! You are a child of the King! He has you and me here for "such a time as this." Christmas reminds us that God completes His plan of redemption, and He uses regular people to do it. He does today! I have seen many examples of believers stepping up. We had a remarkable time of encouragement November 17 at our Brotherhood Supper. Pastor Tony Carter preached the Word and we worshiped the Lord together as we brought coats for the needy. Food drives abounded in our two counties. With our community ministry at The Baptist Food Pantry, we received over 6,000 pounds of food a month from the Food Bank since October. We had a bunch of volunteers (from Denmark, Hilda, Blackville First Baptist Churches, Ghents Branch and Seven Pines, to name a few) to help bag all that food. It filled our building. And we gave a witness to Jesus to those who received food! Look for how God wants to use you in these times.

In His service, *Darrell*



**Hispanic  
Ministry**

Since my last article, we've had the joy of celebrating baptism at Nueva Esperanza. One of the new believers who was baptized returned to his home country only six days later. God's timing is perfect! We rejoice to see the ways God continues to work in spite of the unusual situation we are living in. We usually take advantage of the Christmas season for outreach, but this year will be different. Gathering large numbers of people together is simply not possible. Would you join us in praying that God would show us new, creative ways to share the hope of Jesus? Pray also that those who have been participating in discipleship classes at Nueva Esperanza would discover how to put into practice what they have learned. As always, thank you for your prayers and support of ABC Regional Hispanic Ministries .

Submitted by Tony Hancock, Director of Hispanic Missions  
ABC Regional Hispanic Ministries



**Merry Christmas  
&  
Happy New Year!**



# THE CONNECTION

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Barnwell-Bamberg Baptist Association

December 2020

*Christmas*  
Eve Service

Join FBC Barnwell  
for this special service.

**VETERANS PARK, BARNWELL**  
Stand or bring a camp chair  
**DECEMBER 24TH**  
6:00-6:45 PM




*Denmark First*  
Rollins Brass Ensemble  
Christmas Concert  
Sunday, December 13th at 10:00 AM

*Blackville First*  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:00 PM

*Williston First*  
Christmas Eve Carol and Candlelight Service  
6:00-7:00 PM in the Worship Center



**SPRING BRANCH  
BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Outdoor Santa Event  
for Children  
Church Softball Field  
Saturday, December 19  
2:00—4:00 PM



**Celebrate Recovery**

Celebrate Recovery held at and supported by Hagood Baptist Church will be restarting on January 8 at 6:30 PM. People with a passion for adults, children, and teens are needed to help with this ministry. Training will be provided. We would love to get into all the churches in the association and announce the reopening and need for help. With the impact of Covid 19 there are a lot of people dealing with depression, suicide, and grief. At Celebrate Recovery they can find that healing. We have a 15 minute presentation prepared with a ministimony included. Our goal is to heal the whole family. Contact Amber Still (803)671-4636 or Jason Still (803)591-8070 if you need more information or to set up a date and time for them to come. If they don't answer please leave a voicemail or send a text.

Your friend in Christ, Jason Still  
Celebrate Recovery Ministry Leader



The members of Nueva Esperanza will be selling genuine Mexican tamales and hot chocolate to raise money for foreign missions! Come enjoy a Latin American Christmas tradition on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the parking lot of Tacos Don Ramon, 1503 Jackson Street, Barnwell. Tamales are \$2 each, or 6 for \$10.

**THIS MONTH'S EVENTS**

**DECEMBER**  
**November 27—December 6**  
Season of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

**December 7-9**  
Community Coat Drive

**Monday, December 7** **7:00 PM**  
Ministers and Wives Christmas Party at Barnwell First

**December 16**  
Food Pantry Open

Pastors Small Groups begin book discussion of Thom Rainer's *Anatomy of a Revised Church* on Tuesday, January 5. You can attend at 9:00 AM or 7:00 PM.

**Join us for a Christmas Drive-In Special**



Drive-In and enjoy the show!  
We will take you on the journey of Jesus' birth!

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
8744 Marlboro Ave.  
Barnwell, SC

**Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**At 6:00 PM**