



# THE CONNECTION

Barnwell-Bamberg Baptist Association

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### April 5

Assoc. VBS Clinic, Mt. Olivet, 6:00 PM

### April 10

Cooperative Program Sunday

### April 11 9:00 AM

Pastor's/Minister's Conf., Olar FBC

### April 11-13

Band of Brothers, White Oak

### April 12 6:00 PM

Spring WMU Meeting, Ashleigh Leadership Track, AHBA Office, 9:00

### April 13 7:00 PM

Royal Ambassador Field Day, Hagood Avenue (Make-up: April 20)

### April 18-20

Hispanic Ministry Kits Due at Assoc. Office

### April 26 7:00 PM

Executive Committee Meeting, BBBAO

### April 27 8:00 AM

Food Pantry Open, Assoc. Office



## COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

*Thank you for supporting missions by giving through the CP!*

Associational VBS Clinic

6:00 PM April 5

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church

WMU® Spring Meeting

6:00 PM April 12

Ashleigh Baptist Church

### Men's Ministry Prayer Retreat

Friday, April 15-Saturday, April 16

Camp Jackson, Allendale

Friday Dinner @ 7 PM then Worship

Saturday Breakfast @ 7 AM then Worship

Music by John Rutland

Option to Stay Overnight at Camp

Register by April 10: call 803-943-8726 or 803-842-1903. \$20 per person

### Ministry Kits for ABC

### Hispanic Ministry Due April 18-20 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. These kits are effective ministry and evangelism tools.



### May 17 6:45 PM

Brotherhood Supper Mtg., Friendship

## Priscilla Shirer

### Live Simulcast

9:00 AM-4:30 PM

Saturday, April 23



Barnwell First Baptist

Free Admission-Lunch is \$5

Purchase luncheon tickets by April 21

ROYAL AMBASSADOR FIELD DAY

7:00 PM APRIL 13

HAGOOD AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH



PASTOR'S

CORNER

### Minister's Conference

9:00 AM April 11, 2016

Olar First Baptist Church

### Executive Committee Meeting

7:00 PM April 26

Association Office



### Spring CAMO for Men and Boys

April 23 in The Merge

Two-Time World Archery Champion

Don Raley

4:30 PM-Archery Demonstration for boys 16 and under

6:00 PM-Fish Fry & Fixin's

6:45 PM-Speaker Don Raley

\$8 Tickets \$10 at the Door

Boys 7 years old and under free

Call Craig Martin 803-645-1656 or Barnwell FBC @ 259-1128

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Wednesday 9:00 AM-12:00 PM



APRIL 2

Troy & Charlotte Peterson, Pastor & Wife, Spring Branch

APRIL 5

Ken and Beverly Sandifer, Retired Pastor & Wife

APRIL 7

Mark and Bobbie Epperson, Pastor & Wife, Mt. Olivet

APRIL 11

Jeff and Joy Ray, Pastor & Wife, Healing Springs

APRIL 15

Mike and Linda Reid, Pastor & Wife, St. John's

APRIL 19

Bob and Linda Scroggs, Pastor & Wife, Ashleigh

APRIL 24

Bert and Wanda Baynham, Pastor & Wife,  
Long Branch

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

*April 16 Beverly Sandifer, Retired  
Pastor's Wife*

## ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION NEWS

♦ **DON'T THROW IT AWAY!** The used Sunday School literature at church can have a powerful impact in India or Africa in the grateful hands of a believer who can't afford to buy any study material. Have some old Bibles you have replaced? Send your old Bibles and Sunday School literature to the association office. Volunteers carry boxes to Shelby, NC. It is trucked to the coast and shipped overseas. It is hard to imagine being a believer for many years but never having a Bible of your own to read. This is true of millions of our brothers and sisters in Christ. My mother is selling her house in Beaufort. As I helped prepare the house I found several Bibles I will donate. Don't throw it away or stow it away! Give the Word to believers who are hungry for it.

♦ **PRAYER POINTS** Please join us in prayer for the following:  
1. The effort to restart Oak Grove Baptist Church  
2. The vision to host a crusade in the Bamberg area  
3. A Spirit-led movement of making disciples (see Tony's article below)  
4. Encouragement and support for our pastors  
5. Increasing support of missions through Cooperative Program giving

When I attended the Disaster Relief Chaplains training in March I heard that Mud-Out teams from twenty states helped in the aftermath of South Carolina floods. Now there is a great need in Louisiana. Mud-Out training will be offered April 16 in Anderson. Go to [scbaptist.org](http://scbaptist.org) for information and to register.

*Darrell*

In Matthew 28:19, Jesus tells us to go and make disciples. This is the church's mission, until Christ returns. But what does it mean to make disciples? What is a disciple? A disciple is a follower, someone who learns from another through instruction and imitation. The goal of being a disciple of Christ is to be like him. At Nueva Esperanza Baptist Church, one of our goals is to see more people become true disciples of Christ.



Several years ago, one of our members - an older brother in Christ, who is now in his eighties - began to go with me as I would visit farms and camps where people lived. As he observed the way I shared the Gospel and interacted with people, he began to do the same thing.

Some time later he became our church's evangelism director. Now as he spends time with others, he models for them how to share the Gospel and be on mission in daily life. Over the past few weeks we have begun a weekly class to train disciples, with thirteen or fourteen participating each week. Several have shared how they, too, have been sharing the Gospel with coworkers, medical personnel and others they meet on a daily basis. In some cases, it's a result of seeing the example of our evangelism director.

This is simply the product of doing life together and following Christ's example. Would you join me in praying for these leaders who are growing as disciples of Christ? Pray that each one would catch a vision for discipling someone else, as Jesus taught us to do. Let me ask you this: who are you discipling?

*Tony Hancock*

*Director of Hispanic Missions, ABC Regional Hispanic Ministries*