



THE CONNECTION

Barnwell-Bamberg Baptist Association

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May 8

Mother's Day

May 9

9:00 AM

Pastor's/Minister's Conf., Nueva Esperanza

May 15-22

Associational Emphasis Week

May 17

6:45 PM

Brotherhood Supper Mtg., Friendship

Leadership Track, AHBA Office

May 25

8:00 AM

Food Pantry Open, Assoc. Office

May 30

Memorial Day (Office Closed)

Associational Emphasis Week and Offering May 15-22

As the Barnwell-Bamberg Baptist Association:



We believe in the Great Commission

We believe in the local church

We believe we are more effective together

Therefore, we are an association of local churches intentionally partnering together in missions, starting churches, strengthening churches, and developing leaders.

Pending approval of constitutional changes during our September 18 annual meeting we will forge ahead with open teams composed of men and women who are passionate about fulfilling our mission.



June 13

9:00 AM

Pastor's/Minister's Conference,
Winfield Heights

June 14-15

SBC Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO



BROTHERHOOD SUPPER MEETING

6:45 PM TUESDAY, MAY 17

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

SPEAKER: REV. MATT THOMAS

Thank you,
men, for responding
to the call for yard
work at the associa-
tion office!



PASTOR'S CORNER

Minister's Conference

9:00 AM May 9, 2016

Nueva Esperanza, Ehrhardt

Mark Cook, Heritage Keepers

Pray for:

- ◆ An area crusade to reach the lost
- ◆ Hundreds of laborers to do the work of hosting a crusade
- ◆ The Lord to raise up prayer warriors and leaders for the crusade



The Baptist Food Pantry needs:
Canned meat, fruit and vegetables
Rice, pasta, soups, etc.,
And empty bags. Thank you!



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OFFICE HOURS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY 2

Marshall Still, Retired Associate Pastor

MAY 4

Aubree Kuriger, Youth Minister's Wife, Hagood Ave.

MAY 9

Jeffrey Ray, Pastor, Healing Springs

MAY 10

Harry Warren, Pastor, Reedy Branch

MAY 28

Charlie Lucas, Pastor, Bamberg First



MAY 16: Tom & Crystal Baker, Elko

MAY 25: Darrell & Cathy Smith, BBBA

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

MAY 30: Tom & Travis Terry, Retired Pastor
and Wife

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION NEWS

So what good is an Association of Baptist Churches? Since May 15-22 is our Baptist Association emphasis, let's explore this question.

- ◇ **We can do much more together than we can do each on our own.** For example, it takes almost one hundred churches in three associations to support ABC Regional Hispanic Ministries. Each church's support of Tony Hancock and Hispanic missions is very important. Thank you for what you do. Many churches have had special offerings for ABC. No one church in our area could do what we are doing together to reach Hispanics.
- ◇ **We can be encouraged to attempt great things for God.** An area crusade is a fitting example. We are in conversation with Evangelist Rick Gage about what it takes to host an area crusade. It will be a huge undertaking. Hundreds of laborers are needed. Many thousands of dollars will have to be raised. Our association is taking the lead, but other churches beyond BBBA can pitch in. The results could be hundreds of individuals receiving Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Because we have a united mission we are willing to go down this road. And we believe the Lord is leading us.
- ◇ **Associations help us realize that churches are on the same "team" and are not competitors.** We can help each other be more successful in Great Commission efforts. Fellowship increases. Isolation can decrease. A few years ago, I hosted a series of pastor's group meetings. From this came about at least one deep friendship between pastors. One told me, "I now have a close friendship with a pastor that before the meetings, I just did not know." In an association, help/encouragement/support, etc., is available, local, and by someone you know and trust.

Your association is here to help you. Many of our pastors are ready to help a fellow pastor. Churches find that working together adds encouragement and strength. I desire to be a help however I can. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as director of missions. Yes, BBBA is good for all of us.

Darrell



Hispanic Ministry

Our ministry to Hispanics has an unsung, unappreciated hero. It has opened many doors for evangelism, helped people feel appreciated and even improved their physical well-being.

Which hero am I referring to? The humble health kit, of course! Every year, missions-minded ladies (and some men!) in our churches provide Ziploc bags filled with helpful gifts for farm workers— a towel, washcloth, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste and comb. We distribute approximately one thousand (1000) of these kits every twelve months to folks who arrive to work on farms. In addition to these helpful items, each person receives a Scripture portion or evangelistic tract. Proverbs 18:16 says the following: *Giving a gift can open doors; it gives access to important people!* (NLT) The gift of a health kit truly does open doors; it offers many opportunities for conversations about spiritual matters, it demonstrates sincere concern for those who receive it and it reinforces the evangelistic events we hold in the camps.

Thank you to all of you who provide us with health kits! You are truly a vital part of the ministry. We use health kits on an ongoing basis, so if you turn them in to your associational office late, rest assured that they will be put to good use!

As always, thank you for your prayers and support of ABC Regional Hispanic Ministries.

Tony Hancock