

GIVING & CONTRIBUTIONS MAY

Berkeley	944.77	4832.21
Bethel	196.00	1186.50
Beulah	0.00	600.00
Bonneau First	589.40	2444.95
Brookhaven	0.00	660.00
Calvary, Moncks Corner	1907.44	4291.16
Calvary Pregnal	214.23	1127.25
Chaparral	0.00	1100.81
College Park	0.00	984.36
Cordesville, First	716.04	4013.55
Corinth	200.00	1200.00
Crossroads	333.00	1665.00
Eutawville, First	50.00	300.00
Faith	126.52	690.86
Flowertown	0.00	0.00
Gethsemane	252.03	1418.47
Gilead	77.35	468.05
Givhans	0.00	0.00
Harleyville, First	303.12	1739.75
Harristown Road	0.00	893.00
Holly Hill, First	1950.00	3150.00
Hopewell	0.00	0.00
Jamestown	0.00	525.00
Jedburg, First	606.65	3138.87
Knightsville	0.00	600.00
Lighthouse Community	75.98	331.56
Limestone	218.00	1536.80
Lydia	150.79	909.25
Memorial	1166.66	2916.65
Midway	211.45	1061.53
Miles Road	0.00	0.00
Moncks Corner, First	0.00	6508.33
Mt. Zion	206.00	1080.00
New Journey	0.00	0.00
New Hope	0.00	0.00
North Trident	1938.38	4610.36
Oakbrook, The Fellowship of	250.00	1250.00
Old Fort	3552.35	19865.61
Old St. George	0.00	1000.00
Pine Grove	0.00	1766.57
Pleasant Grove	0.00	0.00
Providence	834.88	1865.78
Reevesville	175.00	700.00
Ridge	809.39	4173.63
Ridgeville	0.00	2093.21
St. John's Bethel	344.35	2728.77
St. Matthews	279.27	3164.07
St. Stephen, First	0.00	2292.61
Salem	440.78	2608.46
Sandridge	278.67	1470.03
Sangaree Christian Fellowship	0.00	0.00
Santee Circle	948.34	6027.33
Summerville	2053.36	11979.22
Tall Pines	322.00	618.00
Wassamassaw	610.00	3050.00
SCBC Contributions	0.00	3100.00
Cross Anchor Church	0.00	0.00
International Baptist Church	50.00	250.00
Connie Maxwell /Rent	0.00	1500.00
The Journey Church	600.00	1200.00
Grace Point Church	100.00	300.00
Total Revenues	24082.20	128987.56
Total Expense	17177.79	116987.89
Aaron Tyner Offering	223.42	1423.59
Aaron Tyner Expense	4500.00	12823.54

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Gethsemane—welcomes their new Interim Pastor, Rev. James Melton.

Givhans—Philip Melton has resigned as Pastor.

Memorial—Seven members of MBC traveled to Managua, Nicaragua to work with the Orpha Network in that city and a twelve member team will be traveling to Moscow, Russia to continue construction on Golgotha Baptist Church. Also, Grayson Jordan a student in our church, will be working with Cross Point Church in Clemson in order to establish a new work in Hilton Head/Bluffton area. In May MBC baptized six new believers.

Ridgeville—VBS Avg. Attendance 64, and 6 decisions to follow Christ. \$439 was collected for missions to be used in Screven Association.

St. Stephen First—VBS Avg. Attendance, 58.

Wassamassaw—Pastor Fritz Young is retiring from the pastorate after over 25 years of ministry at WBC. The retirement will be effective August 31. He and Carlene will continue to live in Goose Creek and he will be available for pulpit supply and special pastoral ministries after this date. Also, both the International Mission Board and North American Mission Board recently notified WBC that they had the highest per capita giving for Screven Association both to the Annie Armstrong and Lottie Moon Mission Offerings in 2007.

MINISTERS' CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES

1991—Michael Atkinson, Summerville
1995—Eric Lethco, Old Fort
1999—Bert Fersner, Summerville
2000—John Jenkins, Calvary MC
2001—Brian Benedict, Ridge

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NEW HISPANIC MINISTRY OF SUMMERVILLE

BLOCK PARTY

Saturday, July 12, 2008

12:00 PM—5:00 PM

**Ridge Baptist Church
2168 Ridge Church Rd.
Summerville, SC**

Gently used toys & clothing, hot dogs, chips, and bottled water needed. Please drop your donations off at Ridge the week prior to the Block Party. If you can volunteer to help or if you speak Spanish and can attend the Block Party please call Brian Benedict at 873-4262.

MUSIC & FUN

Live Music and Fireworks

**Saturday, July 12, 2008
6:30—until**

**Pleasant Grove Baptist
10360 Hwy 78 E
Summerville
871-2362**



BETH MOORE, LIVING PROOF LIVE SIMULCAST

Friday August 1—Sat. August 2

Summerville Baptist

**Friday 7:30 PM—10 PM,
Saturday 9:30 AM—1:00 PM
Tickets \$30 thru the end of June
\$35 July 1 until the date of Event**





**FROM THE DIRECTOR
OF MISSIONS**

Bobby Bailey
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In Tolkien's novel The Fellowship of the Ring, the queen brings Frodo and Sam to a basin of water. Many things are revealed in the mirror—the past, the present and the future. The conclusion is that even the wise cannot always predict the future. Projections about the future are sometimes risky.

What about the projected future of the New Testament church? If the American church continues to do ministry as it has in recent years, what will happen? **Projection 1:** The number of people attending church on any given Sunday will decline from 17.5 percent in 2005 to 14.7 percent in 2020 (David Olson, The Crisis in the American Church). **Projection 2:** Approximately 55,000 churches will close between 2005 and 2020. While population numbers will increase, the number of people in regular worship attendance will decrease. Is it possible for churches that are plateaued and declining to grow and flourish again? I believe the answer is YES. Then what must we do to reverse these current trends of decline?

Our greatest challenge is to refocus our primary passion on Jesus. The early first century Christians were constantly reflecting on Jesus' words and actions. What I am seeing in many of our churches is an inadequate understanding of basic Christian theology and limited knowledge of Jesus. The power that God is prepared to unleash through His church is the message of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.

Not only do the powerful words and actions of Jesus no longer play an important role in many of our churches, but we have also allowed a shallow and narrow understanding of the message and mission of Jesus to persist. The focal point has become the fulfilled life of the believer rather than fulfilling the mission of Jesus to a lost world. We have moved away from the focus that Jesus is the cornerstone of His church. When the church aligns itself with the Word of God and allows the Holy Spirit to empower it, God will again transform our communities and set people free from the power of Satan and deliver them from bondage.

I believe the best days of God's church in America lie ahead of us. God is preparing us in the midst of our trials and struggles to herald the Good News. While the projections for our future are discouraging, God's church has a long history of renewal. There is a simple answer: "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes" (Rom. 1:16).



Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, July 28, 2008

Men's Ministry Meeting

Monday, July 21, 2008

First Baptist Jedburg

First Baptist Jedburg

7 PM

7 PM

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**FROM THE DIRECTOR
OF CHURCH & COMMUNITY**

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**Stewards
of Children**

We know that children are very important to all of us. It is very important that we protect our children. But consider this. Did you know that 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually abused before their 18th birthday? Has your church done enough to protect it's children? We have gone into partnership with **Darkness to Light** (a national non-profit founded in Charleston whose mission is to reduce the incidence of child sexual abuse by shifting the responsibility from children to adults) with the primary focus on bringing the **Stewards of Children child sexual abuse prevention training to churches in our Association.**

We will be conducting these training programs in the following areas of our association.

- August 5 Memorial Baptist Church 1:00—4:00 PM
- August 12 First Baptist Holly Hill 6:00—9:00 PM
- August 19 North Trident Baptist 6:00—9:00 PM
- August 26 Moncks Corner First 6:00—9:00 PM

Registration is required 5 days prior to the training date. The cost of the training will be \$12—this includes a workbook and the "7 Steps to Protecting our Children".

If you have any questions contact Brenda at (843) 871-2410

**Attention All Church Clerks, Secretaries,
and Ministry Assistants!**

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

Annual Church Profile TRAINING

Our Theme for 2008: Christmas in August!

When: Tuesday, August 5, 2008

Time: 10 AM-12 Noon

Where: Screven Office Building

Lunch Provided and lot's of prizes.

Please RSVP for lunch (843) 871-2410

A learning atmosphere of fellowship and fun. It's time where old friends get to see one another and new friends are made. We go over changes that have occurred since last ACP and any problems that you may have experienced. We also want this to be a time that we can express our appreciation and provide encouragement.



**FROM THE DIRECTOR
OF LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

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Since assuming my position as Director of Leadership Development for Screven, I quite naturally have spent a great deal of time thinking about the nature of leadership. I wish now I had thought more about it while engaged in pastoral ministry before I retired, but as they say, "better late than never."

Where does leadership begin? I think a good beginning is when we have a vision or a specific direction from God for our ministry. I know we hear about vision all the time, but it is essential to know what God wants us to do. Obviously we can't lead unless we know where we are going and we can't know where to go unless God reveals it to us.

Let me suggest a few ways to evaluate whether or not the vision we have is of God.

1) God's vision will always be larger and grander than anything we could imagine on our own. The disciples must have been staggered when the risen Christ gave them the great commission. "To the whole world" surely seemed impossible to them, but it also drove them to prayer, challenged their assumptions and caused them to trust in the power of God more than they ordinarily would have. If a vision can be accomplished by our own resources it is not of God.

2) God's vision will always be costly to achieve. Jesus' vision was the kingdom of God and the price He had to pay was His death on the cross. Just as the prophets before His coming were often rejected and killed and His disciples after Him were likewise killed, we will also have to be willing to sacrifice to achieve His vision for us.

3) God's vision will always focus on the salvation of the lost and the needs of the world because God does not give self-serving visions. Ministry honors God when it gives and serves, because that's what Jesus came to do. If a seed does not die it will never produce any fruit. It's not about how much we can keep but how much we can give away.

It is exciting, costly and rewarding to live out the vision God reveals to us.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



**"How People
Learn"**

Associational Sunday School Workshop
Thursday, August 7, 2008

Crossroads Community Church,
505 Gahagan, Summerville

6:30—8:30 PM

Church Treasurer's Conference

Saturday, August 9, 2008

White Oak Conference Center, 9 AM—2:45 PM.

\$25 Reg. Fee

Call Jackie McNeal, SCBC, 800-723-7242

