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1815 TWO HUNDREDTH ANNUAL SESSION 2015

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
1426 GREAT FALLS HIGHWAY, LANCASTER, SC
OCTOBER 6, 2015

4:30 p.m. Business Session; 6:00 p.m. Dinner; and 7:00 p.m. Inspirational Worship Hour

Guest speaker: Dr. Carlisle Driggers, Former Executive Secretary Treasurer, South Carolina Baptist Convention. Dr. Driggers' roots are in Lancaster County on land where the Pizza Hut now sits.

Special music will be provided by Moriah Vocal Ensemble.

We are celebrating our two hundred years of missions and ministries to Lancaster County and surrounding areas. We are having a traditional Thanksgiving meal catered by Cromer's of Kershaw. Tickets will be available from September 1 through September 29. The cost of the tickets are \$9.00 and can be picked up at the Moriah Mission Center.

Reflections from Bryant...

What is a Baptist association? This was the question posed two hundred years ago in 1815, and it is still a legitimate question two hundred years later in 2015. The Moriah Baptist Association is a collection of like-minded Southern Baptist churches in Lancaster County with an agreed-upon mission and vision. We are a catalyst for cooperation, a trademark of who we are as Southern Baptists. The purpose for our existence has not changed over the years. Our goal is to remain missional and kingdom-focused, serving our churches by enabling and empowering each church individually and our churches collectively to carry out our divinely appointed task more efficiently and expeditiously.

We come to our Two Hundredth Anniversary honoring the foundational leaders upon whom we build, never forgetting the cornerstone, our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. He has survived the test of time and Moriah Baptist Association has survived that test. Yet, our best days are not behind but ahead of us. We are in the process of developing new Christ-centered, culturally relevant priorities and strategies. Our goal is to empower our churches to carry out the Great Commission, the standard by which our effectiveness and value to God's Kingdom is measured.

How old is our Moriah Baptist Association? It is two hundred years young. By utilizing innovative methods, current technology, and operating our ministries and missions from the perspective of contemporary paradigms, we are young. Our task is to continue creating a culture of collaboration, spiritual and relational vitality, and an enduring sense of unity within the Association. As we remain conscious of our rich heritage, we continue to be forward focused so that God's Kingdom might come on earth as it is in heaven. May God grant us the wisdom and courage to cooperatively seek His Kingdom.



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Friday - Closed



Look Who's Having a Birthday...

September

- 4 Rev. Bobby Joyner
- 10 Heather Burley
- 11 Donna Taylor
- 14 Glenn Steen
- 17 Bryant Fersner
Joy Schwartz
Kelly Clark
- 22 Rev. Rusty McAlister
- 25 Tina Hough
- 26 Stephanie Rollings
- 29 Carolyn Johnson
Rev. James Adams

October

- 2 Sean Stroud
- 6 Kathy Welch
- 14 Rev. Buford Hayes
- 17 Macy Mullis
- 21 Rev. Kenneth Adams
- 24 Phyllis Coppedge
- 29 Polly Adams
- 30 Amanda Adams
- 31 Vicki Mackey

Happy Anniversary to you...



September

- 7 Sean and Bre Stroud

October

- 13 Rev. and Mrs. Rusty McAlister
- 27 Rev. Benny & Ms. Green
- 28 Gary and Rhonda Joyner

Moriah's 200th Anniversary Partial History Book

In honor of Moriah's 200th Anniversary, Rev. Mike Hammond and his historical team members are compiling a partial history of our heritage. More information will follow soon.

Victory Sports Camp

Catlin Rollings, Coordinator

Victory Sports Camp was a huge success this summer. Between the old Barr Street Facility and Buford High School I believe there were 30 or so kids who professed Christ as their Lord and Savior. That is awesome. We were able to minister to about 70 kids at each location which means 140 kids were exposed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Those 140 kids probably told their families what they learned. Therefore a lot of families in Lancaster were exposed to the Gospel.

We want to first off praise the Lord for allowing this to happen in Lancaster. We saw Him open doors, close doors, minister to children, students, adults, and Lives were changed for eternity.

We also want to thank Hope on the Hill, Buford High School administration, sheriffs office, student workers, adult workers, youth pastors, churches, individuals and businesses who helped make all this possible the week of July 5th-10th, 2015.

Lord willing, it looks like we will be doing Victory Sports again next summer. Please be in much prayer for this ministry.

Fall Pastor's Gatherings

Bryant Fersner

- Church Safety Seminar (September)
Our Moriah Association is partnering with the Lancaster County Sheriff's Department to conduct a comprehensive workshop on church safety. Two officers from our Sheriff's Department attended a Southeastern Regional Sheepdog Safety training conference in Charleston in August. Hopefully we will be able to set a date for training soon.
- NAMB Luncheon with Michael Lewis, Executive Director, Pastoral Care and Development (Charley's, October 23, Noon). He leads the Pastor for Pastor's Initiative. This is a joint meeting of Moriah, Chester, and York Associations. Seating is limited, so call the Mission Center today to sign up.

... Around the Association



September

- 7 Labor Day—Mission Center Closed
- 9-12 Senior Adult Mission Trip to E-Islip NY
- 12 8:30 a.m. Single's Prayer Breakfast
- 14-16 Band of Brothers
White Oak Conference Center
- 15 Noon Retired Ministers Luncheon
- 16 1:15 p.m. Senior Adult Leadership Team Meeting
- 21 9:00—11:00 **New** Leadership Track, Cycle 2, Chester Association Office, Richburg
7:00 p.m. Executive Team Meeting—Mission Center
- 22 9:00-11:00 Leadership Track, Mission Center
- 24 Senior Adult Fall Festival—Camp Clyburn—
Bring a dessert for every 8-10 people at tending from your church. Tickets are \$5.00 and must be picked up at Moriah by September 17.
11:00 a.m. Concert
12:00 p.m. Cook Out at Camp Clyburn
9-11:00 a.m. Chester /Moriah/York Reconnect Retreat

October

- 4 Soul-Winning Commitment Day
- 6 **200th Annual Session**
4:30 p.m. Business Session
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Inspirational Worship Hour
- 11 World Hunger Sunday
- 12 Columbus Day
- 19 9:00 a.m. Leadership Track, Cycle Two, Chester Association, Richburg, SC
- 20 Noon Retired Ministers and Wives Luncheon
- 23 Noon Pastors luncheon at Charley's, Michael Lewis NAMB Luncheon
- 31 Time Changes—**back one hour**

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Recycled Literature—Were we surprised!!!

Our churches gave between 75-100 average size boxes of literature that will be recycled to reach people groups around the world.

Thank you to David Williams and Pastor Bobby James † (Oakridge Church, Kershaw) for their help.

Our next collection month is November 2015.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Tony Pope

We are truly excited about what is in store of the ministry of FCA this next school year. We will host our first banquet September 29 and it will be held at Second Baptist Church - Lancaster. This event will be held in order to bring recognition to what God is doing in and through the ministry, as well as to raise financial support for FCA. With a greater number of financial partners, we are able to reach a larger number of students and coaches with the Gospel and provide resources in order for them to grow in their personal relationship with Jesus.

This school year will also begin the ministry on the campus of USCL. What truly excites me about this opportunity is that it will be completely student led. There are a number of students who are willing to embrace their role in leadership and to lead their fellow classmates on this journey of faith. Through this ministry, there will be opportunities for worship, discipleship, and fellowship on and off campus.

We are also excited about the coach's Bible study that will pick back up at the beginning of the school year. This year we will be focusing on helping the coaches become "3-Dimensional" coaches. Most coaches are very good at coaching in the first dimension, the physical, but we want them to have a greater understanding of the impact they are having on the players. In order to do so, we strive to guide them to coaching the athlete's mind and heart as well; that is why we offer the coaches' Bible study once a week on campus.

Please be in prayer for the ministry of FCA as we seek "to see the world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes."



Reminder:

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour!

Organizational Resources

John Hess, Treasurer

	<u>July 2015</u>	<u>YTD 2015</u>
Antioch	\$100.00	\$700.00
Beaver Creek	0.00	722.68
Bethel	250.00	750.00
Bethlehem	624.21	5,031.79
Calvary	320.00	2,240.00
Camp Creek	249.87	720.93
Catawba	150.00	450.00
Center Grove	253.95	911.22
Charlesboro	0.00	0.00
Covenant	300.00	2,100.00
Crestview	0.00	600.00
Eastside	0.00	0.00
Ebenezer	25.00	55.00
Elgin	0.00	300.00
Flat Creek	50.00	350.00
Flint Ridge	125.00	875.00
Fork Hill	174.54	1,399.95
Friendship	0.00	583.31
Glenwood Heights	166.66	300.00
Haile Gold Mine	0.00	600.00
Heath Springs	100.00	0.00
Heath Springs 2nd	0.00	0.00
High Point	0.00	0.00
Hyde Park	296.58	1,976.47
Immanuel	0.00	906.15
Indian Land	0.00	0.00
Jones Crossroads	50.00	250.00
Kershaw First	200.00	1,400.00
Kershaw Second	200.00	1,400.00
Lancaster First	571.00	4,454.00
Lancaster Second	913.50	5,481.00
Midway	0.00	3,180.00
New Hope	293.92	2,214.86
New Horizon	0.00	0.00
Oak Hill	500.00	1,000.00
Oakhurst	121.61	966.23
La Roca (Mission)	0.00	0.00
Pineview	102.07	824.75
Pleasant Dale	83.33	549.98
Carolinas Cowboy Mission		68.76
Pleasant Hill	195.36	1,230.23
Pleasant Plain	0.00	309.00
Rich Hill	447.50	3,132.50
Sand Hill	132.77	1,073.92
Sherwood	707.00	2,465.00
Springdell	0.00	1,000.00
Spring Hill	1,341.57	4,161.45
Taxahaw	0.00	0.00
Taylor's Grove	83.33	583.31
Temple	0.00	62.47
Thorn Hill	0.00	1,000.00
Union	169.22	1,929.97
Westside	209.92	1,613.43
White Bluff	304.94	1,662.54
White Springs	0.00	0.00
Grand Total	\$9,812.85	\$63,585.90

Gifts to Moriah

3% Basic; 4% Glory; 5% Hallelujah

Treasurer's Update

John Hess, Treasurer

We are already at the end of summer! I trust each of you have had a wonderful time spent with your family during the "traditional" vacation time. As our schedules return to normal, I encourage each of you to read through The Messenger and see what God has been doing through your prayers and contributions to the Association. God is accomplishing the Great Commission here and all around the world—and you are a part. Thank you.

Many churches have started their 2016 budgeting process as well. I ask you to prayerfully consider your church's financial commitment to the Moriah Association. Through your support ongoing training and missions work is completed. Also, please be in prayer for Pastor Bryant and all the Team Leaders, as much planning is ongoing. As the Finance Team begins the process of budgeting for 2016 your prayers are cherished.

This month's financials continue to show your faithfulness. In Christ thank you.

Reconnect Retreat

Reconnect Retreat on September 24-25, Quality Inn, Richburg. Dr. Francois Carr will again be our facilitator. Cost is \$50, however, scholarships are available. We need to know if you would like a room for the night. Contact our Moriah Office (283-8409) or Ted Hodges, DOM, Chester Association to register. Ted's email is thodges@email.com.

Summer Missions

Let us know of local, state, North American, and International trips you church participated in this summer. We would to compile a list of the places and people groups our Moriah churches touched.

Connie Maxwell Senior Adult Day— October 8, 2015

Mark your calendars for this year's Senior Adult Day on October 8 at Connie Maxwell in Greenwood! Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude at 3:00 p.m. with a variety of activities on campus and on the farm. Dr. Carlisle Driggers is the guest speaker and you will also enjoy musical entertainment. Pre-register on line at www.conniemaxwell.com. Cost is \$25 per person which includes lunch. You may also call 864-942-1400 to register.

Transformation Church, E-Islip, New York

Update from Jamie Rogers

Wow! It's been a BUSY summer. Our first mission's team arrived on June 6th, and since then we've only had one week without any teams here to serve. It has been a busy summer, but it's also been a good one. A ton has happened, so I'll do my best to catch you up.

With the arrival of mission's teams comes opportunities to engage our community with the gospel. The teams that have come up have performed a number of different tasks that we pray will result in people all over Long Island coming to faith in Jesus. The activities in which these teams have engaged range from handing out lunch bags to day-workers at Home Depot, to chopping down trees on our church property, to painting buildings on our property, to putting on and assisting with six different Vacation Bible Schools, performing baseball camps & day camps, and the list could go on & on. We know of five students that accepted Jesus as Lord & Savior this summer! That is AWESOME!

We also got to baptize our first New Yorkers this summer as well. Most of you know I get to preach every Sunday at our church's Farmingdale location. This allows me to have a steady place of ministry in which I get to build relationships with different people, many of which are coming to Christian services for the first time! On Father's Day we baptized 14 people at an evening service, eight of which were introduced to Jesus here at the Farmingdale campus! 12 of the 14 of these candidates were not in any church service 6 months prior to being baptized. THIS is why we came up to New York, and why many of you support our ministry. We believe God will continue to bring people to Himself!

Our plan is to put ourselves in as many places to give ourselves as many opportunities to share the gospel where it's needed with as many people as possible. That's why we do the things we do here on Long Island. Just about everybody around us needs to hear the good news of the gospel of Jesus, but we still have to be strategic with our plans. That's why we are excited about starting our ministry on the campus of Hofstra University this September, and we also eagerly anticipate the beginning of our very own church plant in Baldwin, NY this fall. We have a start date for that work: November 7th, at 5pm!!! We feel God is leading us to begin with a Saturday evening service. We have a small team that attends our Farmingdale campus who are planning on going over and helping us start Crossroads Church of Long Island—Baldwin campus on that night. Pray the people we reach out to will come to our services, and that we would begin with a good

foundation. We want people to come for these first services, but we plan on being around for a **long** time!

Our family is doing well. Tasha and the children got to go back to SC for two weeks at the beginning of July. We are all traveling back there in August. Right now we are scheduled to be in the Kershaw area on August 18, Hermitage Baptist August 19, Willow Ridge Church (Lexington) on August 23, and Hagood Avenue Baptist in Barnwell on August 26. I will post times on Facebook, so make sure to check back there for more detailed information.

The children are growing like weeds! School starts back for them this Monday (August 10). We've been so busy we haven't been able to enjoy our great Long Island summer, but we plan on remedying that in these next few weeks (We've only been to the beach three times!). One of the things we are looking forward to this school year is learning Spanish. I am taking the children through Rosetta Stone's program to do this. That's right, I am going to try to learn it with them! I sincerely ask you to pray for us in this. There is a big percentage of Spanish speakers in the area near where our church plant will be. We see this as a gospel issue that we learn this new language.

We want to thank you all for your continued support of us. Many of you pray for us EVERYDAY, and we can't say thank you enough. Many of you support us financially as God has lead you to do, and we thank those of you who support us financially in an ongoing manner. We couldn't do what we do here without any of it. Thank you all for being willing to trust God with the money He has given to you. We've also been honored to have several teams from SC come up and serve with us this year. We have four more teams scheduled to come up in the next two months. It's always good to hear those familiar accents!

Feel free to keep up with us on our website, transformli.com. You can find out about supporting us financially there, and I'm going to try and do a better job of blogging about what God is doing up here as well. You can listen to my messages at the Farmingdale campus on the website there, crossroadsli.org

Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Psalm 37:4 (KJ)



Opportunities within the Association

- **Retired Ministers/Wives Luncheon**

<u>Luncheon Date</u>	<u>Confirmation Date</u>
September 15	September 8
October 20	October 13

- **Prayer Corner**

Please pray for the churches without pastors in Moriah. They are as follows:

Catawba	Haile Gold Mine	Sand Hill
Covenant	Heath Springs	White Springs

Christian sympathy is extended to the Martha Anglin family (Pastor Steve Anglin's mother).

- **Basketball**

Sammy Macy, Leader

There were 44 teams playing in the league in six divisions from 21 different churches. This was highly successful. **We had over 16,000 people pay to attend the regular season games plus the tournament last year.**

Thank you to the following churches for the use of their gyms:

Covenant	Flint Ridge	Hyde Park
Kershaw 1 st	Lancaster 1 st	

- **Senior Adult Fall Mission Trip**
September 9—12

Eight of our senior adults will be traveling to Rec- oncile, Rev. Jamie Rogers' church in E-Islip, New York for a mission trip. Please be in prayer for these seniors: Brenda and Tim Shuler, Janet Catoe, Sara Steele, Linda Morgan, Sandy Blackmon, Kelly Reed, and Bryant Fersner, Association Missionary will be leading the group.

- **Disaster Relief Team Meeting**
Shirley Buckner, Director

If you are interested in being part of a team to assist others in times of need or crisis in their lives...we need you!! Please join us November 17 for a meeting at the Moriah Association Office at 6:00 p.m. We look forward to meeting you.



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- **WMU**

Judy Sims, Associational WMU Director

We have had a great year so far! Our ministry kits helped so many organizations in our County. We received 225 bags which were given to ten different organizations in Lancaster County.

Upcoming WMU Events:

- **November 2** — Baptist Women Day of Prayer, New Hope Baptist Church 7:00 p.m.
- **November 19** — Prisoner bags are due at the Associational Office

Thank you for all you do for our Lord and the Association. God bless you all!

Week of Prayer for State Missions
and
Mrs. Janie Chapman offering
For State Missions

Goal: \$1,850,000

In 2015 our Moriah Association received \$2,500 which was utilized for local missions.