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Laurens Baptist Association

Equipping Churches To Reach "Laurens Island"

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LBA NEWS

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The LBA Mission Center and Crisis Center will be closed November 27 for Thanksgiving and December 24-January 4, 2026 for Christmas/New Year Holidays.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

FALL TRAINING

NOVEMBER 1, 2025

MISSION FRIENDS
GA'S | AC TEENS | RA'S

Leader training is for all age levels in missions,
and a time to learn/share ideas with each other.

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

MARTHA FRANKS
COOPER DINING
ROOM

YOUTH LEADERS



APPRECIATION DINNER

Fellowship / Food / Discussion Groups
Encouragement / Sharing Ideas

Nov. 20, 2025 / 6:30 PM

Laurens First Baptist Church
300 W. Main Street, Laurens

RSVP by Nov 10 to
864-378-1666 (Reiny)

PASTORS' WIVES,
YOU'RE INVITED TO



DINNER *and* CRAFT *Party*

Hosted by:
Laurens Baptist Association

DATE & PLACE

NOVEMBER 18, 2025

START AT 6 PM | 30 RANCH ROAD, LAURENS

Kindly RSVP by 07 Nov to
864-378-1666 (Reiny)

PASTOR'S

Christmas BREAKFAST

DECEMBER 16 8:30 AM

*Join us for food, fun,
and fellowship!*

LBA Mission Center
80 Ranch Road, Laurens, SC

RSVP 864.378.1666 (Reiny)
by December 2nd

“Family Pictures”

“A picture is worth a thousand words.” I don’t know who actually said that first, but it has been often repeated. It is true in many ways. A simple snapshot can oftentimes display a thought or reality, that a speech cannot. This weekend my family had family pictures taken outside at our home. We had all the props set up for our photoshoot, an antique love seat, hay bales, a weathered fence backdrop, some beautiful fall flowers, and pumpkins. More about the pumpkins later. We had been trying to have some professional family photos done for a couple years and this last weekend was the day. All our immediate family was there along with Aurelia’s parents. The photographer took a myriad of pictures, some serious, some silly. Which brings me back to the pumpkins. You see, my daughter’s crew had carved pumpkins and lined them with black material so that they could all wear pumpkins on their heads for some of their pictures.

It is always great to have all the kids and grands home, but this date will be forever captured by the photos that were taken. These moments can never be relived but they can be revisited as we look back to that day. Each snapshot will in some way say something about our family. First, we are not a formal looking group. There were no tuxes or ball gowns, only jeans, hay, and a tattered fence. Second, my crew loves to have fun and make fun of each other. We don’t take ourselves too seriously, which was evident when their pumpkins were placed over the heads of my daughter’s crew. I’ve heard people call one another “pumpkin head” but I’ve never seen someone actually wear a pumpkin on their head. It was a great day of family fun that we will be able to enjoy for years to come as we reflect back on the snapshots that were taken.

In the same way that those photos are a reflection of our family, every church family has certain “snapshots” in time that say something about them. There are those moments when a certain ministry or service is a clear reflection of that family of believers. The way that we love our neighbors and community demonstrate to them that God loves and cares for them. It has often been said that we are the hands and feet of Jesus to the world. The “picture” we give of feeding the hungry and mourning with those who have lost loved ones are all ways we tangibly reflect our love and God’s grace to those in need.

Dr. David Jackson reminded us in his sermon at our annual meeting last week that we must learn to love one another (1 John 4:7, 20-21). The way that we engage and care for each other is a witness to the world. Jesus told his disciples that a true “snapshot” of those who would follow him would not be found in their choice of music or on their style of preaching, but instead it would be found in the way they loved each other. “By this all men will know that you are my disciples by your love one for another” (John 13:35). The love that we share for each other is the best picture that indicates that we are truly following Jesus.

Historically, we as Baptists haven’t always put our best foot forward in this regard. Too many times, we are more likely to be known for our church disputes and disagreements than we are for the love that we have for each other. This picture of ourselves that we live out before the world not only reflects poorly on us but is also a reflection on the God that we serve. The world already knows much about bitterness, unforgiveness, and self-centeredness. What they don’t know is what it looks like when a diverse group of people willingly choose to love each other in spite of their differences. This means that we have an opportunity to choose to love one another and by doing so, we are able to display the love that we have been shown by our Heavenly Father. So, we must ask ourselves what picture of God’s family we are showing to the world, the one that reflects our sinfulness or the one that displays God’s faithfulness?

The world needs to see the love of God in us now more than ever!

	Aug-Sept 2025	Thru 9/30/25	Thru 9/30/24
*Bar None Cowboy	25.83	147.78	369.21
Beaverdam	375.00	1,125.00	1,125.00
Bellview	4,395.87	18,979.07	15,658.36
Bethabara	0.00	0.00	150.00
Bethel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Beulah	1,613.68	7,204.10	7,187.43
Cedarwood	877.13	3,958.34	4,985.18
Chestnut Ridge	6,000.00	38,947.36	27,563.86
Clinton First	479.50	479.50	3,000.00
Community	300.00	2,400.00	2,700.00
Cross Hill First	815.00	3,232.00	2,972.00
Davidson Street	487.03	3,410.06	3,543.48
Durbin Creek	582.96	1,551.02	1,228.93
Eastside	333.30	1,499.99	1,499.99
**Fairview	375.00	625.00	---
Friendship	3,769.49	4,908.98	3,062.58
Gray Court First	200.00	400.00	200.00
Harmony	248.05	1,456.00	962.71
Henderson	415.91	2,602.96	2,355.39
Highland Home	0.00	750.00	750.00
Holly Grove	352.00	2,965.00	3,042.00
Hurricane	249.24	1,318.16	1,093.37
Joanna First	200.00	900.00	1,800.00
Lanford	250.00	1,125.00	1,125.00
Laurens First	3,376.82	13,719.93	18,309.52
Laurens Second	0.00	445.15	1,124.80
Lucas Avenue	291.67	2,602.59	2,746.49
Mountville	561.50	2,542.55	4,269.82
Mt. Gallagher	600.00	3,300.00	2,100.00
Mt. Olive	200.00	900.00	900.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	0.00	53.36
New Beginning	60.00	270.00	290.00
New Prospect	497.39	1,990.22	1,897.06
Northside	100.00	450.00	450.00
Pine Grove	689.25	2,947.81	3,224.92
Pleasant Grove	915.32	4,226.91	3,960.05
Poplar Springs	300.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Princeton	136.77	1,466.88	1,491.93
Rabun Creek	450.53	1,823.09	2,091.68
Rosemont	905.00	4,250.00	4,593.00
Union	0.00	2,074.47	4,151.02
Upstate Gathering	0.00	2,000.00	144.69
Warrior Creek	0.00	1,166.63	2,411.99
Waterloo	0.00	0.00	567.00
Wayside	106.92	521.04	446.03
Welcome	309.24	1,322.42	1,592.70
TOTAL	31,845.40	149,005.01	144,190.55

Thank you for supporting Associational Missions by giving at least 3% of your undesignated offerings.

* Other Church Starts **Watch Care

~Reiny

CRISIS CENTER

Hours of Operation

Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 am - 11:30 am

November

Tuesday, Nov 04 - Bellview

Thursday, Nov 06 - Rabun Creek

Tuesday, Nov 11 - Rosemont

Thursday, Nov 13 - Cedarwood

Tuesday, Nov 18 - Hurricane/Davidson St.

Thursday, Nov 20 - Martha Franks

Tuesday, Nov 25 - Holly Grove

****Thursday, Nov 27 - Closed
for Thanksgiving****

December

Tuesday, Dec 02 - Lucas Avenue

Thursday, Dec 04 - Highland Home

Tuesday, Dec 09 - Mt. Gallagher

Thursday, Dec 11 - Cross Hill

Tuesday, Dec 16 - Durbin Creek

Thursday, Dec 18 - Martha Franks

Tuesday, Dec 23 - Poplar Springs

****CLOSED Dec 24, 2025 - Jan 5, 2026
for Christmas & New Year Holidays****

**If your church cannot provide at least
3 volunteers, call Kay at 984-0123**

November Needs

Canned Vegetables & Canned Beans

December Needs:

Cereal, Oatmeal, Grits, Toilet Paper

**HomeLife, Mature Living, & Devotionals
are always needed**

Laurens Baptist Association

500 DJJ Packets

Due November 13
to the associational office



- ONE 4-6 oz toothpaste (no travel size)
- ONE adult toothbrush (factory sealed)
- ONE 3.2-6 oz bar of soap
- ONE 5" x 8" junior legal pad - white or yellow only
(no wire-bound books, composition books, journals, or Post-it notes)
- TWO first-class #10 Stamp-Embossed Envelopes
(#9 if #10 not available) from US Post Office (no regular stamps)
- TWO rolls of hard candy like LifeSavers, Mentos, or Breath Savers
- ONE gallon-size zipper bag - press and seal AND slider bags accepted

All items must fit in the zipper bag with the zipper closed securely.
DO NOT INCLUDE: washcloths, toothbrush holders, floss, combs,
or any item not on the above list.

Clemson / Carolina Challenge

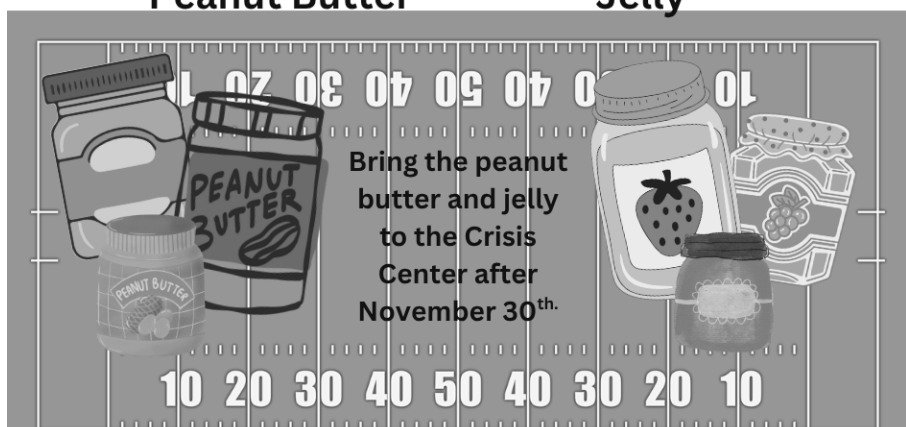


Peanut Butter

VS



Jelly



Bring the peanut
butter and jelly
to the Crisis
Center after
November 30th.

Please pray for The Master's Mission Team (a group of 9)
that will travel to Guatemala the first week of December
to hand out JOY bags and food bags. I am once again,
blessed to lead this team and to share God's Love.

Kay

CHURCH NEWS

Bethabara will have a "Thankfulness" Revival the week of Nov. 16-21, 6:00 pm nightly. They'll also have a "Beans & Greens" Dinner on November 25.

Cross Hill First will be presenting their annual Singing Christmas Tree with four performances on Sunday, December 7th at 11am and 6pm and Monday and Tuesday, December 8th and 9th at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

Welcome will host a listening session Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 4:30-6:00 pm, concerning a motion that will come before SCBaptist Convention messengers in session November 10-11, 2025 meeting at Taylors First Baptist Church. After years of prayer, research, and planning, the SCBMA and SCBaptist Convention Boards are unanimously recommending the sale of the SCBMA's two retirement communities (Martha Franks in Laurens and Bethea in Darlington) and a 12-month period of strategic planning to reimagine the ministry model. Come hear more about the reasons behind the SCBMA 2025 Refocus Proposal, ask questions, and pray with us for God's clear direction at this town-hall-style meeting. For a summary of the reasons behind this proposal, a forecast of what the future could look like, and a list of answers to FAQs, please visit www.scbaptist.org/scbma. You may also reach SCBMA at (800) 723-7242.

ABC's
For **Becoming**
a Christian

A - Admit

to God you are a sinner.
Repent and turn away from
your sin.

(Romans 3:23; Romans
6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19)

B - Believe

that Jesus is God's Son and
that God sent Jesus to save
people from their sin.

(Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12;
Acts 16:31; John 3:16;
1 Peter 3:18; John 14:16)

C - Commit

your life to Jesus.
Trust Him to be your Savior.
(Romans 10:13;
Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)



**Pastors' Book
Roundtable**

Nov 20th at 10:00 am
and

Dec 16th at 10:00 am
Contact Reiny Koschel
to participate.



Associational Staff

Associational Missionary

Reiny Koschel

Crisis Center Director

Kay Leagans

Office Manager

Lory Satterfield

MISSION CENTER HOURS

Monday-Thursday

8:30 am-4:30 pm

Lunch hour 12:30pm-1:30pm



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