

Laurens Baptist Association

Laurens Baptist Association Equipping Churches to Reach "Laurens Island"

Churches Working Together For HIS Kingdom, By HIS Power, For HIS Glory

LBA NEWS

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ASSOCIATIONAL WMU SPRING MEETING

YOU ARE WELCOME!

REFRESHMENTS
WILL BE
PROVIDED

Monday
March 2, 2026
6:00 PM

Cross Hill First Baptist Church
761 N. Main Street
Cross Hill, SC 29332



Enjoy a missions speaker and
fellowship with other ladies!

Open to all Women and Girls
WMU OF THE LAURENS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Laurens Baptist Association Men's

HOOFFEST

JOIN US
FOR A
MEN'S
NIGHT



SPONSORED
BY THE
LAURENS
BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

BAKED
BEANS

PULLED
PORK

Speaker: **Dr. Tommy Richardson**

Pastor, Fishing guide, and Fishing tournament director

March 17th, 6:30 P.M

Beaverdam Baptist Church

1555 Beaverdam Ch. Rd., Mountville, SC

Bring a Friend
and an Appetite!

DESSERT
PUDDING

COLE
SLAW

This is a FREE event, but there will be a donation basket available to help cover the cost of the meal. For more information call 984-0123

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

LBA MISSION CENTER

30 Ranch Rd, Laurens

APRIL 27, 2026

11:00 AM

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE
PASTORS & 1 ELECTED LAY MEMBER
FROM EACH MEMBER CHURCH



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864-984-0123



Associational Mission Trip

July 19th - 24th

"Helene" Affected North Carolina

Hendersonville Area

Disaster Relief type ministry

Only 30 spaces available

Minimum age is 13

Join us for an introductory meeting on
April 23rd at 6:30 pm at the
LBA Mission Center.

Associational event calendar is now on our website,
www.laurensisland.org, click on the 'calendar' tab.
Printed copies are also available in the office.

CRISIS CENTER

Hours of Operation

Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 am - 11:30 am

March

Tuesday, 3 - Friendship

Thursday, 5 - Chestnut Ridge

Tuesday, 10 - Bellview

Thursday, 12 - Rosemont

Tuesday, 17 - Rabun Creek

Thursday, 19 - Martha Franks

Tuesday, 24 - Hurricane

Thursday, 26 - Cedarwood

Tuesday, 31 - Holly Grove

April

Thursday, 2 - Second

Tuesday, 7 - Lucas Ave.

Thursday, 9 - Highland Home

Tuesday, 14 - Mt. Gallagher

Thursday, 16 - Martha Franks

Tuesday, 21 - Durbin Creek

Thursday, 23 - Cross Hill

Tuesday, 28 - Davidson Street

Thursday, 30 - Poplar Springs

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

March Needs

Juice, Dried Beans, Rice

April Needs

Cooking Oil, Shortening, Toilet Paper

HomeLife, Mature Living, & Devotionals
are desperately needed



*Thank
You!*

To all the churches
that participated and
donated food items for
Souper Bowl 2026!

DISCIPLE'S TRAIL RETREAT CENTER VOLUNTEER WORKDAY

March 28 * 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

We're looking for volunteers to help during our upcoming
workday! If you're available to serve, please contact the LBA
Mission Center at 984-0123 so we can plan accordingly.

If this date doesn't fit your schedule but you'd like to serve,
let us know – we're planning additional workdays
and would love to include you.

We appreciate your willingness to help!



LAURENS COUNTY
ONE NIGHT

Approximately 350 youth and adults gathered at the Laurens
County AG Center the evening of February 22nd to enjoy games,
inflatables, fellowship, and worship led by Electric City Collective.
Jody Jennings challenged the students to choose to follow Christ
or not to follow Him; it's one or the other. 15 individuals
responded to the gospel during the invitation!
Please remember these in your prayers.

ALL GLORY TO GOD!

2026 Missions Encounter & SC WMU Annual Meeting

March 20-21 | Pinecrest Baptist Church, Charleston

An event for all who love missions to strengthen their faith
and find their place in missions

Visit www.scwmu.org/goboldly for more information.

“Called Out”

Perhaps some of you had a similar experience growing up. In most cases, when my mom called for me, she would simply use my abbreviated name, “Reiny.” But during certain times - usually associated with an unfinished task, a disrespectful remark, or a call from a teacher - she chose to call me by my full given name: “Reinhold Marvin Koschel!” I knew that when the call included my full name, problems were coming my way. And if my middle name was added - it may very well have been time to administer last rites.

You see, my parents gave me this very German-sounding name not for everyday use, but for the purpose of putting it on my birth certificate - or announcing that I was about to have a near-death experience. When my parents called me out using my full name, it was a clear indication that my day was not going to end well.

There were a few times during my school days when I was called out for doing something well, but on way too many occasions I was called out for talking too much, trying to get a laugh, or... well, I think you get the point. Everyone likes to be recognized for positive achievements, but being called out for less-than-positive actions was never pleasant. Unfortunately, I was one of those kids who never quite figured that out early enough to save some wear and tear on my backside - or possibly preserve any vestiges of my full good name.

One encounter I recall rather vividly took place when I was in junior high at church camp. I don’t specifically remember what I may have done at that particular time, but I do remember one of the teachers from another school pulling me aside. Instead of castigating me for whatever it was I had done, she chose to tell me that she believed I had great potential and that God would use me in a significant way one day. I don’t remember her name or even the school where she taught, but I do remember her kind words of encouragement to me as a young man. She called me out and saw something in me that most others didn’t - including myself.

One of the challenges we are facing across our denomination today is that fewer and fewer young men and women are responding to the call of God on their lives. There is a shortage of young men responding to God’s call to pastor churches, and others to serve as missionaries or in other vocational ministries. I do not believe for a second that God is calling fewer people to serve Him, but I do fear that we, as the church, are not being as zealous in encouraging, equipping, and leading these young people to recognize His voice when He calls.

Jesus called out His twelve disciples (Matt. 10:1-4). He called out the seventy-two to go into the villages ahead of Him (Luke 10:1). He called out an ex-demoniac to return home and share what Jesus had done for him (Mark 5:19-20). Each call was personal and specific, yet each was different. God continues to call people to serve Him today, and we as the church must continue to disciple them and provide opportunities for them to respond to His specific calling on their lives. Some He will call to serve vocationally, some bi-vocationally, and others He calls to serve faithfully in whatever vocation they find themselves.

So, whether it is a rambunctious young person who finds himself in hot water too often, the gifted and compliant child, or an adult at mid-life or retirement, God is still calling people to serve Him. Let me encourage those of us who serve in our churches to look for opportunities to let this generation know that we still serve a God who calls out those who will serve Him with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. The church needs the next generation of pastors, missionaries, and church leaders to respond to His call.

Each of us can help call out the called, and we can respond to His call yourself. Either way, may God find us listening - and obediently responding - when He calls.

Reiny

	Dec 2025	Year End 2025	Year End 2024
*Bar None Cowboy	15.68	263.48	473.31
Beaverdam	375.00	1500.00	1500.00
Belview	2,810.6	24,772.52	22,242.08
Bethbara	-	-	150.00
Bethel	-	-	-
Bethel	1,823.08	9,792.84	9,494.77
Cedarwood	751.39	5,843.73	7,065.19
Chestnut Ridge	3,000.00	47,947.38	34,343.88
Clinton First	-	479.50	3,000.00
Community	600.00	3,800.00	3,800.00
Cross Hill First	845.00	4,813.00	4,425.00
Davidson Street	970.40	5,254.22	5,387.87
Durbin Creek	284.30	1,928.71	1,802.29
Eastside	188.87	2,000.00	2,000.00
Fairview	125.00	1,000.00	-
Friendship	-	4,908.98	3,082.58
Gray Court First	-	400.00	200.00
Harmony	208.80	1,773.85	1,279.89
Henderson	188.37	3,286.27	3,312.42
Highland Home	375.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Holly Grove	1,188.00	5,188.00	3,835.00
Hurricane	224.44	1,958.81	1,707.42
Joanna First	-	900.00	2,100.00
Larford	125.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Laurens First	1,015.51	7,800.00	23,929.28
Laurens Second	185.75	751.01	1,124.80
Lucas Avenue	583.34	3,789.27	3,500.03
Mountville	884.70	3,873.88	5,428.20
Mt. Gallagher	300.00	4,200.00	2,400.00
Mt. Olive	100.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Mt. Pleasant	-	-	53.38
New Beginning	80.00	380.00	380.00
New Prospect	201.78	2,584.87	3,274.48
Northside	50.00	800.00	800.00
Pine Grove	497.77	3,997.87	4,548.14
Pleasant Grove	519.98	5,528.50	5,180.08
Poplar Springs	100.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Princeton	134.92	1,948.72	1,917.82
Rabun Creek	503.45	2,532.30	3,041.54
Rosemont	500.00	5,580.00	5,883.00
Union	-	2,494.04	5,208.75
Upstate Gathering	-	2,000.00	144.89
Warrior Creek	-	1,188.83	3,527.33
Wayside	102.28	741.49	817.83
Welcome	490.41	2,184.43	2,310.57
TOTAL	19,495.00	114,885.74	119,220.98

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

* Other Church Starts

Church News

Bellview Ladies Extravaganza welcomes Audrey Broggi on March 13 in their family life center at 6:30 PM. Please call (864) 682-2786 for tickets (\$25.00). Come enjoy a meal, music, fellowship and an encouraging message.

Lucas Avenue will host Kingdom Heirs & Redeemers of Faith on March 21 at 6:00 PM. Please call (864) 237-3214 for more information & tickets.



Anna Armstrong Public Offering

YOUR GENEROSITY IS
more than a gift

Week of Prayer for
North American Missions
MARCH 1-8



Disaster Relief Spring Training 2026
Saturday, Mar 14, 2026 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM EDT
Spartanburg First Baptist Church, Spartanburg

**Registration deadline
MARCH 2 @ midnight**

PASTOR TRAINING

APRIL 16th

Dr. David Jackson
NAMB Church Replant Specialist
"Falling in Love with Jesus (Again)"

****more info to come shortly****



Block Party Trailer Training
March 24th | 6:30 pm
LBA Mission Center
This is our required annual training for churches wanting to use the Trailer in 2026.

Associational Staff

Associational Missionary

Reiny Koschel

Crisis Center Director

Kay Leagans

Office Manager

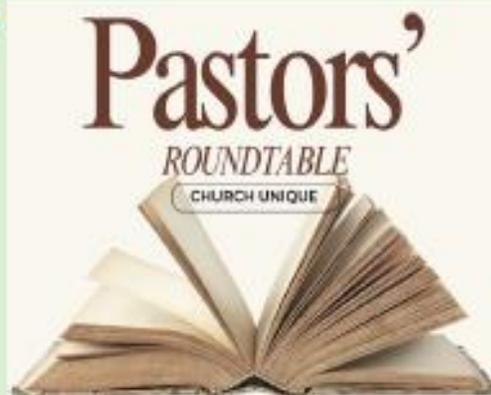
Lory Satterfield

MISSION CENTER HOURS

Monday-Thursday

8:30 am-4:30 pm

Lunch hour 12:30pm-1:30pm



Pastors'
ROUNDTABLE
CHURCH UNIQUE

March 26th & April 23rd
10:00 am

Lunch provided following the discussion.
RSVP Reiny if you would like to participate

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)

March 8th

Turn your clocks
forward 1 hour
before going to
bed Saturday night



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