

The Missions Link

South Carolina WMU
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“Empowering churches and believers to participate in fulfilling the Great Commission”

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From Jess:

Big Changes in our Missions Encounter & Annual Meeting

Our 2024 Missions Encounter and Annual Meeting will be on March 23-24 at Boiling Springs First Baptist Church.

Theme: Pursue His Passion

Date: March 22-23, 2024

Place: Boiling Springs FBC

Time: Friday from 6:00-8:00 pm and Saturday from 8:00-4:00 pm. (Friday pre-conference from 3:00-5:00 pm.)

Bible Study Leader: Andrea Lennon (Arkansas)

*Over 20 Breakout Sessions will be offered.

*IMB, NAMB, and SCBC representatives will speak.

Our target audience is all teens and adults who love missions. This event aims to give people the opportunity for missions involvement, missions awareness, and worship in a local church setting. We will meet on Friday and Saturday while hearing from missionaries, conducting WMU business, connecting with missions-minded friends, and attending engaging breakout sessions.

New this year

- ◇ Our meeting will begin on Friday afternoon and conclude on Saturday at 4pm.
- ◇ We will preregister for the meeting through our website. Preregistration is not required, but encouraged so we can be prepared for your attendance.
- ◇ You can also purchase your meal tickets through the website.
- ◇ We will be offering over 20 breakout sessions from which you can choose.

As associational leaders, begin now making sure that your people know about these changes for our Missions Encounter and Annual Meeting. Encourage them to gather their friends and plan to make a “girls weekend” road trip to Boiling Springs for this event. Watch for new and updated information on our website: scwmu.org/pursuehispassion.



Spring Meetings

We look forward to joining you at your Associational Spring Meeting. Please submit a date if you haven't already so that we can assign staff and missionaries to attend.

Please send your meeting details to Cynthia Oxford, cynthiaoxford@scbaptist.org.

Be sure to check the associational leaders private page on our website to find materials on planning and implementing your Spring Meeting. Those materials will be available the first week of January.



Let's celebrate what God is doing through WMU!

Focus on WMU Sunday

February 18, 2024

Check out page 53 in your *Missions Leader: WMU Planning Guide 2023-2024* for ideas!

For more information, email Hannah Smith hannahsmith@scbaptist.org

Exciting news!!

There are a lot of new and exciting things going on at Camp La Vida that you will want to be sure your churches know about. This will be an excellent opportunity to touch base with your children and students group leaders to be sure they are aware of all that Camp La Vida has to offer. If you have any questions, contact Cindy Skelton (cindyskelton@scbaptist.org) or Michelle Schultz (michelleschultz@scbaptist.org).

New Online Registration at Camp La Vida!



Camp La VidaSM is excited to use our updated registration and camp management system to improve efficiency and effectiveness. Our Bunk1 feature, which we have used for the last 10+ summers, will also be incorporated into this. This software will allow us to be cashless at camp, allowing parents to see real-time purchases at camp. When you register your child, you will give them spending money for the canteen/camp store/offering in an account. The money will be there for them when they make purchases at camp. If you are there for a Mother/Daughter camp or as a volunteer, you can put money in the system or use a credit card to purchase items or give offerings.

Camp La Vida is Now Hiring 2024 Summer Staff



Summer camp staff members make a difference in the lives of children and youth! Being on staff is hard work but the rewards are many! This year, Camp La Vida is hiring 30 staff. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in spending their summer serving at Camp La Vida, let us know.

Camp staffers serve as cabin leaders, cabin leaders-in-training, lifeguards, and a few other positions. These are residential, paid positions from May 28-July 26 with most weekends off.

Qualifications are: must be a rising college freshman and up, must be a mature Christian, must be an active member of a SBC church, and must have a love for children, youth, and missions.

An application is available online www.camplavida.org/staff. For questions, contact Cindy Skelton at the SC WMU office at 803.227.6208. References must be submitted along with the application as the application packet instructs. After submitting an application and receiving references, an interview will be scheduled. Interviews can be in person or through Zoom.

SUMMER CAMP 2024



WHO'S READY?

REGISTRATION OPENS DECEMBER 1ST !!!



camplavida.org/register

CAMP LA VIDASM WORKDAYS

Spend a day at camp helping prepare the grounds for the 2024 summer camping season.



November 18, 2023

March 2, 2024

April 27, 2024

For more information and to register, please go to: www.camplavida.org/volunteering

7th grade and up are welcome to participate!

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED

Camp La VidaSM

During each summer camp session, we enlist four to six volunteers who are skilled as a photographer, parent liaison, canteen/camp store worker, or maintenance worker to serve. Volunteers help in supportive roles so that camp staff can concentrate on our campers. All volunteers help with the setup and cleanup of the dining hall as well. The requirements are to be a Christian, have a desire to serve, and be a member of an SBC church. You cannot serve at the same time your child is at camp.

If you would like to volunteer and are not connected to a camper group, please contact Cindy Skelton at 803-227-6208 or cindyskelton@scbaptist.org.

SAVE THE DATE

Associational and Church Leadership Development

August 23-24, 2024

ASSOCIATIONAL AND CHURCH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL ADULTS WHO LOVE AND TEACH MISSIONS DISCIPLESHIP IN THE LOCAL CHURCH.

See you there!

LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

Begin now letting your church and associational leaders know about this training. Make sure they have it on their calendar and are making plans to attend. Understanding the role of WMU leaders is paramount in the excitement and success of our WMU groups.



Missionary Parents Fellowship Spring Meeting

Saturday, April 6, 2024
Pawleys Island, SC 29585

For more information, please contact
Cindy Skelton at 803-227-6208.

As you are talking with the people in your association, if you learn of those who are missionary parents, please make sure they know about this opportunity that is specifically for them to gather with other parents who are walking the journey of having children who are serving internationally. This group meets two times each year and their specific purpose is fellowship, support, and prayer. There is no meeting agenda, it is simply a time to gather with others who share the experience of children living overseas.



Missions Moment

with Hannah Smith, South Carolina WMU consultant

2024 Mother/Daughter Camps at Camp La VidaSM

June 21-22 & July 12-13

Moms in attendance at these Mother/Daughter camp sessions will have the opportunity to...

- learn about missions
- receive encouragement in their walk with Christ
- fellowship with other moms

Contact hannahsmithscbaptist.org with any questions

Weeks of Prayer

As we continue to support missions in North America, South Carolina, and around the world through the Weeks of Prayer, be sure to order your free materials to use during the year ahead.

You may order posters, envelopes, and prayer guides in one of three ways:

- Fill out the order form included in your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering materials for this year and return it to our office.
- Visit our website. <https://www.scwmu.org/sop>
- Call our office at 803.227.6205.

LEADERSHIP UPDATES

We want to make sure that you and your leaders never miss any important news!

Please make sure to provide our state office with updates anytime you have changes in your church or associational leadership!

Changes can be made by visiting www.scwmu.org/update-leadership, calling us at 803-227-6203, or emailing us at melaniebecht@scbaptist.org.

Thank you for helping us keep our information up-to-date!

New this year.....at two of our Mother/Daughter camp sessions we will have a session for just the mothers. We want to provide them time to fellowship together and learn about missions involvement for women through WMU.

Stay Connected

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