



The Missions Link

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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.

Exciting news!

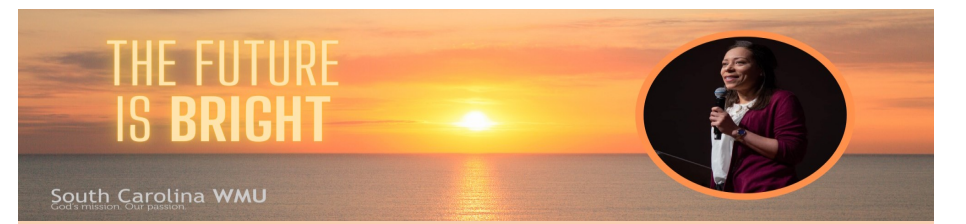
New Online Registration at Camp La Vida!

Camp La VidaSM is going all online and cashless starting December 1 for the 2024 summer and beyond. You will be able to register your group or your children from anywhere with Internet access. Once you create an account, register and pay a deposit or in full through a credit card, debit card or e-check you will get an instant confirmation and can send another parent a cabin mate request for their camper. As time gets closer parents can fill out the other forms online and it will store your information securely, and from year-to-year you just update your information.

Camp La Vida 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 be incorporated in this as well. This software will allow us to be cashless at camp which will allow parents to see in real time purchases at camp. When you register your child you will give them spending money for 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 will be able to put money in the system or use a credit card to purchase items or give offering.



Jess Archer, Executive Director-Treasurer
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Happy New Year! I am so excited to be with you here in South Carolina for over a year! My first official day as executive director-treasurer was on January 1, 2023. I have enjoyed getting to know our team in the office, exploring Columbia, traveling throughout our beautiful state, and meeting you! I can't wait to see all God does in and through South Carolina WMU! I know the Lord has many beautiful things in store for us, and I am thankful He has called me here.

We have various events this year, but I want to focus on our Missions Encounter and Annual Meeting on March 23-24 at Boiling Springs First Baptist Church (BSFBC).

Details:
Theme: Pursue His Passion
Verse: John 3:16-17
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 are 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 at BSFBC on Friday and Saturday while hearing from missionaries, conducting WMU business, connecting with missions-minded friends, and attending engaging breakout sessions.

We want to challenge adults and teens to strengthen their faith and find their place in missions according to God's plan for their lives. Praying, giving, learning, and participating in various missions opportunities are essential.

Don't miss this time of inspiration! We are going to have an excellent meeting and breakout sessions! Plan now to attend!



WHY IS THE EASTER OFFERING NAMED FOR ANNIE?

In 1895, an offering was first collected for the work of the Home Mission Board. In 1934, this offering was renamed the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions to honor the work of Annie Armstrong as a tireless advocate for giving, praying, and going to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with those who did not know Him.

SBC churches annually observe the Week of Prayer for North American missions to pray for missionaries, their ministries, and their families. Prayer fuels spiritually sustaining missionaries in places where the gospel is greatly needed but often opposed.

The official date is the first Sunday in March through the second Sunday. This year it is March 3-10, 2024. Your church can choose this date or another time during the Easter season to participate. The offering goal for this year is \$70 million. Download the *prayer guide* to follow along daily—www.anniearmstrong.com.

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Let's celebrate what God is doing through WMU!

Focus on WMU Sunday

February 18, 2024

Check your *Missions Leader: WMU Planning Guide 2023-2024* for ideas!

Do you want to get your students involved in missions?



All of our student missions groups use the same curriculum. For more information about available resources or starting a group, contact our student consultant, Lauren Morris, at laurenmorris@scbaptist.org.

MISSIONS JOURNEY: Students

EMPOWER AND EQUIP your students to discover their own roles as disciples of Jesus who live on mission.



VIDEO-DRIVEN
Experience video messages from missionaries on the field



BIBLICALLY-BASED
Discover how Scripture shapes each missionary's ministry



COMMUNITY-BUILT
Create plans to meet the needs in your own community

SUMMER CAMP 2024

WHO'S READY? **REGISTRATION OPENS DECEMBER 1ST!!!**

camplavida.org/register

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.

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!

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.

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 hannahsmithescbaptist.org with any questions

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.

Missionary Parents Fellowship Spring Meeting

Saturday, April 6, 2024
Pawleys Island, SC 29585

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

LEADERSHIP UPDATES

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.

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

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