

Connecting Churches for Kingdom Potential



Strengthening Leaders: CBA Couples Retreat Recap

February 15th-17th of this year, 30 ministry couples of the CBA were able to take part in the Replenish Couples Retreat in Myrtle Beach. The Replenish couples retreat exists a part of the CBA's commitment to strengthen leaders. The retreat has allowed couples to get away and reconnect with God, ministry friends, and each other.

Couples enjoyed several days of rest, encouragement, and rejuvenation. The first evening started with with a catered meal, dance lessons, and an encouraging message from Mark and Jenna Hallock of Denver, Colorado. Over the two days, Mark and Jenna spent their time encouraging couples in both areas of professional and personal care.







"I cannot overstate how special the Replenish retreat has been for my wife and me. It's amazing how you planned so many details (shag dancing, journals, delicious food, s'mores kits, beautiful worship...)"

-CBA Pastor

Pastors Retreat Opportunity Fall 2024

The CBA is sponsoring another week at The Retreat at Church Creek this fall: September 9-12 another 15 leaders will be invited to participate.

Please communicate with Clay Jernigan to learn more

about reserving a spot:

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Pastors Lowcountry Boil & The Retreat at Church Creek

The strength and vitality of church leaders is significantly tied to the strength and vitality of the church. In January, 15 CBA pastors participated in a personal retreat together at the Retreat at Church Creek (www.retreatatchurchcreek.org).

During the same week, 30 other CBA pastors came to join for lunch and learn more about the retreat center. The goal was to provide a space to personally refresh and to encourage leaders to consider and initiate a personal growth development plan for their spiritual, physical and emotional vitality. Leaders commented about how life giving this time was as they met together over dinner to openly share about blessings and burdens and pray for one another.





Disciple Making Lab for Churches & Marketplace Leaders

Questions that every church leader asks themselves either regularly or occasionally: Is the discipleship strategy our church is engaging working? Do we need more clarity on how to reach people in your specific context? Do the members of our church see themselves as everyday missionaries? Nine Charleston Baptist Association churches have engaged in this year long process of in person workshops and cohort zoom sessions.

Additionally there are 5 marketplace teams that are learning ways together of how to impact customers, staff, clients and associates with Gospel conversations and discipleship. The objective is for members to live as everyday missionaries and to invite their pastors to help equip them in being the church everyday. We are thankful for the great investment being mad by Saturate ministries led by Pastor Jeff Vanderstelt (author of Saturate and Gospel Fluency). This learning lab is purposed to help leaders identify their church's unique strengths and missional signature within their circle of influence.



SAVE THE DATE: Gather your church team and join us for a few rounds at **TOPGOLF on Tuesday, May 7th** at 9:30 AM. Brunch will be provided for your team, and you'll have a chance to meet with other church leaders around our city. There is no cost for this event, but we would ask you to register. Registration will be available soon on our website.

We are excited to spend this time with pastors and church teams!

MULTIPLYING CHURCHES



Mosaic: Church Planting in Greater Charleston

Mosaic is our association's newly adopted identity for our church planting pathway that includes both conventional and unconventional strategies of planting the Gospel, engaging the harvest and advancing the Kingdom through new work in Greater Charleston. Like international missionaries who enter other countries need innovative expressions of church planting so does Greater Charleston need innovative expressions due to the diversity of the demographics and growing unchurched populations. CBA leadership and messengers approved a strategic budget of \$100,000.00 to support, strengthen and adopt micro church planting that is to be administered through the CBA Admin Team.

Tyler Brown and Allan Albisu are leaders and new micro-church plant works that have been approved for funding in 2024. Tyler and Allan and their families are harvest missionaries with the mission's organization: No Place Left: www.noplaceleft.net

Creekside Church (SBC Church of Screven Baptist Association) serves as their sending church and Lead Pastor David Barton is in a strategic partnership with them through evangelism training, outreach and discipleship strategies.

Tyler and Allan reside in the Summerville area and both have been engaging with unchurched people from the Peninsula as well as in their neighborhoods. Already a significant number of people have been transformed by the Gospel, baptized as Christ followers and formed communities of disciples who are making disciples. Additionally, Tyler has consulted with our CBA Staff Team regarding equipping leaders in utilizing resources from the International Mission Board such as 4 Fields, 3 circles and 411 Gospel conversation trainings. Tyler and Allan are serving as an equipping resource for strengthening other leaders and churches with these tools & resources.





Pray Charleston Initiative: Thursday, April 25

"There has never been a spiritual awakening in any country or locality that did not begin in united prayer" A.T. Pierson, 20th century American pastor **Pray Charleston** is a city wide movement, connecting prayers from the past with prayers for today. Our goal is to call churches to pray 24/7 for our city. Each church would select one calendar day per month, committing to pray monthly on that day for a 24 hour period. Our greatest desire is to reach every man, woman, and child in Charleston with the gospel of Jesus Christ. To do that we need every church in our city united in prayer.

Lead Pastors are invited to join an initial "kick off" lunch gathering on Thursday,
April 25. For more information and to register please visit:

www.praycharleston.com

CYPRESS WORKSHOP APRIL 16, 17 - Restoration Church





Register at: www.cypressproject.org/ event-registration

This 8-hour workshop will help your team look beyond the latest program to focus on establishing strong missional DNA in your church. Hosted by some of our partner churches. and led by Cypress alumni, you'll be learning directly from seasoned church planters who live out the "every man, woman, and child" vision. We'll explore foundational elements of Cypress to cultivate and contextualize the principles that will help your church make and mobilize missionary disciples.

PARTNER MINISTRIES OF THE CBA



God has been doing amazing things this semester at CofC and The Citadel. We have been going through a series called sexual brokenness and its been so heartbreaking to see the amount of students enslaved to pornography and how it is ruining their lives. Praise the Lord though He provides freedom and that we have students that trust us with sensitive things in their lives. We are preparing to go on two Spring Break trips. CofC is taking a road trip to visit other ministries across the country and share the Gospel on campuses and The Citadel is traveling to Washington DC to build some Church relationships where cadets will be pursuing careers. It is a busy and chaotic time but God is working and we really need your prayers!



WMU Spring Meeting & Salad Supper

Thursday, April 25, 2024 6 - 8 p.m. Ft. Johnson Baptist Church Fellowship Hall 1473 Camp Road Charleston, SC 29412

The Salad Supper will return this Spring! Come discover what missions opportunities are available for the women in your church.

Our guest speaker will be new to Charleston, Pastor Jeremy Simmons of Sauldam Baptist Church in Ravenel. Our theme is *Pursue His Passion* based on John 3:16-17. Details on registration will be sent to churches!



We began giving away Christmas caps in October and continued several months until we ran out in mid-January. The Seafarer's Ministry received these caps from over 100 churches, individuals, and associations. The total number received and given away for 2023 is 14,221. Thank you one and all for your partnership in International Missions to the men and women who visit our city aboard ships.

For other stories, more pictures and a day to day look at our ministry, check out our Facebook page at <u>ISM Charleston</u>. To talk about opportunities to get involved contact Christopher Dale at 843-200-1903 or by email at petros555@hotmail.com. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.



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- Mission Charleston
- · Charleston BCM
- North American Mission Board
- South Carolina Baptist Convention
- South Carolina WMU
- International Mission Board
- International Seafarer's Ministry
- South Carolina Disaster Relief

Visit our website to learn more about CBA Partner Ministries.

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DATES

• April 13 LBCC Symposium (Northwood Church)

• April 16-17 Cypress Workshop (Restoration Community Church)

• April 23 Executive Committee Mtg. (CBA office)

• April 25 Pray Charleston Initiative Lunch (CBA office)

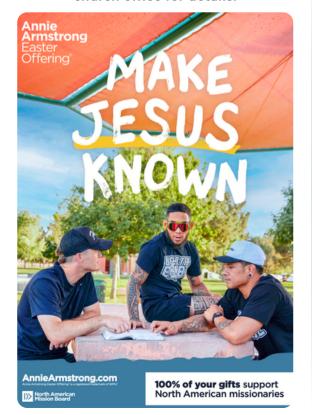
• April 25 WMU Salad Supper (Ft. Johnson Baptist Church)

• May 7 TopGolf with Church Teams

Visit out website EVENTS page for ongoing updates!

www.charlestonbaptist.net/events

Give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering This Month! Contact your church office for details.



CBA Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 23 at 11 AM

Our Spring Executive Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 23rd at 11:00 AM at the CBA Office. Pastors and Executive Committee members should plan to attend this important time to hear church updates, CBA initiatives, and financial reports.

<u>Lowcountry Biblical Counseling Center Symposium</u>
Northwood Baptist Church - April 13th

Register at: https://www.lcbcc.org/hth

Healing the Hurt:

God's Help for Overcoming Trauma Abuse and Crisis

Time: Sat., April 13th 9am-1pm with optional lunch and breakout sessions after

Location: Northwood Baptist Church 2200 Greenridge Rd, North Charleston, SC 29406 and Online

HEALING THE HURT

A Bi-Lingual Symposium

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Faith-Informed Trauma Counseling

