

Mildred S. Smith Offering for Local Missions in the Kershaw Baptist Association

We know Scripture teaches us that missions begins at home! The Great Commission tells us that our efforts are to start in Jerusalem, then Judea, then onward. Indeed, our community and county are our Jerusalem, so let us be obedient and make a good effort to reach the lost here, then spread out as God leads.

The Mildred S. Smith offering does just this. Named after a local Southern Baptist who was diligent for many years in serving the Lord locally, we collect this offering to be used for local mission efforts, only. Up until recently, this offering was used for new church plants. Now, it will be used for any and all local evangelistic outreaches.

Together, our 49 churches and thousands of church members, from Elgin to Bethune and Bishopville to Kershaw, strive to reach the thousands who do not know Jesus Christ. With over 60,000 local residents, half who do not know Jesus, we have a big work to do.

This year, we will use this offering to provide a "Thank You" luncheon in August to the many well-deserving teachers and staff of Kershaw County Schools. This is but one effort we are making to connect our churches to our schools, the students, their families, teachers and staff.

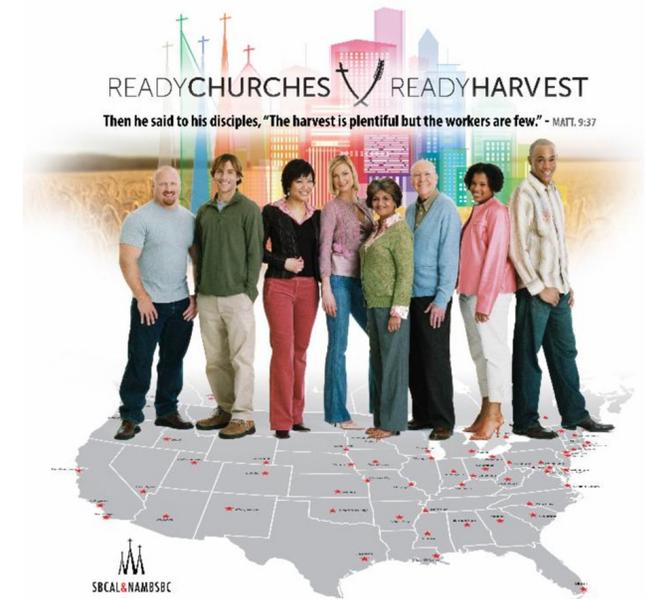
**2016
WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR
ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS**

*"Then He said to
His disciples, The
harvest is plentiful,
but the workers are
few."*

Matthew 9:37

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For Associational Missions and the Mildred S. Smith Offering for Local Missions



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We are better, together!

Day One: Sunday

(Proverbs 22:6)

Pray for your local school. Pray for the students there, some of whom live in single-parent homes or in impoverished conditions. Pray for their families. Pray for the teachers, staff and administrators, including custodians and cooks. Pray that your church and the churches of the KBA will be filled with compassion to care for, serve and reach all of our schools for our Lord.

Day Two: Monday

(Matthew 25:31-46)

Pray for the ministry of the Sacks of Love. These sacks provide food for needy children on the weekend when they may not have food. Pray that the families see this as an act of Christ-like love by the churches. Pray that churches do not weary in this well-doing and that other churches will join in this wonderful work.

Day Three: Tuesday

(1 Peter 3:8)

Pray for the health of your church. Pray for peace and harmony to prevail. Pray that your pastor and church leaders strive to provide the very best in New Testament worship, discipleship, fellowship, evangelism and missions. Pray that all our local Baptist churches can work more closely together in accomplishing the Great Commission.

Day Four: Wednesday

(Matthew 28:16-20)

Pray for the new KBA outreach ministries at the Carolina Cup and Colonial Cup. Pray that you and your church will embrace godly changes that need to take place to reach the new generations, wherever that may take us. Pray that we never change the message of the Gospel, but we're always open to new methods to 'reach the lost at any cost.'

Day Five: Thursday

(James 1:27)

Pray for the KBA Home Repair Ministry. Pray that as we repair the homes of the underprivileged, we will show the love of Jesus and be able to share the Gospel. Pray that more churches, including yours, will join in this acute effort and funds will be provided for the many needs.

Day Six: Friday

(1 Corinthians 9:22,23)

Pray for your church and the churches of the KBA that we'd be able to use the keen interest in various sports to reach the lost. Pray for the KBA baseball clinic, the KBA track meet and the various hunting/fishing outreaches. Pray that our pastors and staff would have open doors to the sporting events and teams to serve as chaplains.

Day Seven: Saturday

(Matthew 16:18)

Pray for possible church planting efforts in our community. Pray that the Holy Spirit will lead KBA leadership to the right place and know the right timing of the next church plant. Pray that the Holy Spirit will be working in the life of the church planter God is preparing to lead this work.

Day Eight: Sunday

(James 5:16)

Pray for your associational missionary, Ron Underwood, and your KBA ministry assistant, Kathy Hall. Pray that God will provide them vision, wisdom, zeal and teamwork to pursue the very best in missions, church and pastor support, that the ministry of the KBA is effective, impacting, Christ-honoring and greatly blessed by God.

Churches of the Kershaw Baptist Association

(See Day Six)

Abney, Kershaw	New Hope, Camden
Antioch, Camden	Oak Ridge, Kershaw
Beaverdam, Cassatt	Open Arms, Kershaw
Bethany, Westville	Pine Grove, Lugoff
Bethune, Bethune	Pisgah, Rembert
Buffalo, Kershaw	Pleasant Hill, Bethune
Calvary, Bishopville	Providence, Kershaw
Camden First, Camden	Red Hill, Camden
Cassatt, Cassatt	Refuge, Kershaw
Cedar Creek, Bishopville	The River, Camden
Cornerstone, Camden	Sand Hill Heights, Elgin
The Crossings, Elgin	Shamrock, Bethune
DeKalb, Camden	Southside, Camden
Emmanuel, Camden	Springvale, Lugoff
Faith, Bishopville	Timrod, Bethune
Flint Hill, Camden	Trinity, Lugoff
Fox Hill, Lugoff	Wateree, Camden
Freedom Outreach, Cassatt	
Friendship, Lugoff	
Harmony, Bethune	
Hermitage, Camden	
Hillcrest, Elgin	
Lake Wateree, Ridgeway	
Lakeview, Camden	
Laurel Hill, Kershaw	
Lucknow, Camden	
Lugoff First, Lugoff	
Malvern Hill, Camden	
Mizpah, Camden	
Mt. Olivet, Camden	
Mt. Pisgah, Jefferson	
Mt. Zion, Camden	

