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One Priority Briefing for Congregational Leaders from George Bullard

A Family of Congregations in the Midlands of South Carolina

One Priority

Starting and Strengthening Congregations to Serve as Vital and Vibrant Missional Communities.

Clay Smith and Casey Williams to Talk About Future Ministry This Thursday

This Thursday, October 29th 2:00 p.m. as the **One Priority Briefing Live!** pastors Clay Smith of Alice Drive Baptist Church and Casey Williams of North Trenholm Baptist Church will be talking about what ministry will look like in response to the pandemic by the Ides of March 2021 (March 15, 2021).

On this one-year anniversary, what will church ministry look like in these churches and how did these churches get there? What are the *open doors of opportunity* during the past year that actually enhanced their ministry? What are the challenges they still face?

Join us for this online video conference using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85604229802>

CMBA Annual Business Session Scheduled for Thursday, November 19th

In lieu of an annual associational meeting, CMBA will again this year hold a brief annual business session for the purpose of approving the budget for 2021, electing officers, and the Administrative Team (known as the Visionary Leadership Community). The meeting will also involve a review of the activities and progress of CMBA since October 2019 and plans for the coming year through October 2021.

When: Thursday, November 19th at 10:00 a.m.

Where: Online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81156129685>

Who: The pastor (or the pastor's representative) plus a layperson from each church

What: An agenda will be available and distributed the week of the gathering.

Lexington Baptist Church Now Church Network Connection

CMBA has two types of membership. One is a primary Church Member. In this case, CMBA is their primary or only associational relationship and they have the full rights and responsibilities as a member. The other is a Church Network Connection. This membership category is for churches who are a member of another association which they consider to be their primary associational relationship. They request to connect with CMBA out of an affinity relationship and common missional focus with CMBA congregations. Church Network Connection congregations can fully benefit from the services of CMBA but cannot serve as voting members of CMBA governance groups.

Lexington Baptist Church in Lexington, SC recently requested to become a Church Network Connection. Their request was approved by the Visionary Leadership Community on October 20, 2020. We welcome them as a Church Network Connection with our association.

Other Church Network Connection congregations are Alice Drive Baptist Church in Sumter, SC and Riverside Community Church in Columbia, SC.

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