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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.

Ask Our Family of Congregations to Pray for Your Congregation

Do you have a prayer request to share with the CMBA *Family* of congregations? [Click here](#) to complete a brief form to let us know how we can pray for your church. Your prayer request can be for the CMBA Team only or can be shared with our CMBA *Family* of congregations and beyond.

One of the great benefits of membership in a Baptist association is that as a *Family* of congregations, we can pray for the joys and sorrows, opportunities and challenges, open doors for new ministry and doors we wish would open but remain closed.

A *Family* of congregations cares for one another, celebrates with one another, and inspires one another. Yet too often, we keep what is going on with our own congregation a secret. As a Baptist association, we believe in the power of prayer and desire that ultimate every congregation is praying for every other congregation that God's will might be done in their life and ministry.

Upcoming Events To Move Forward Our One Priority

Church Planting Fellowship: Initial gatherings of a Church Planting Fellowship will be held on Wednesday, September 28th by videoconference. One will be at 3:00 p.m. and the other at 7:00 p.m. For more information and to get the connection information contact Robbie McAlister at 803.315.2741.

The Denominee Journey: Beginning on Tuesday, October 5th at 2:00 p.m. and many Tuesdays for the rest of the Fall is a series of videoconferences on The Denominee Journey in which CMBA is involved. This journey, led by Future Church Company founded by Will Mancini, serves as a succession plan for the next dimension of strategies to empower CMBA congregations as we move toward our next executive director. The presentation part of these sessions will be approximately 22 minutes and followed by dialogue. The presentations will be posted to the CMBA website and social media.

CMBA Annual Meeting: The annual meeting is Thursday, October 7th at 6:00 p.m. at Cedar Creek Baptist Church, 1920 Cedar Creek Road in Blythewood. The agenda includes: a recognition and reception for Cathy Locklear on her retirement following more than 20 years of service to the association; a process report from the Executive Director Search Committee chairperson, Jacob Helsley; essential business, such as approval of officers and the budget for the next year; and recognition of new congregations received into the association.

Church Multiplication Collaborative: Wednesday, November 17th at the SC Baptist Convention building for pastors interested in sponsoring a new congregational expression. Out of this event, a Church Multiplication Cohort will be formed, composed of pastors interested in pursuing sponsorship of new congregations.

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