



SCBEST Spring 2016 Newsletter

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SPRING CLASSES UPDATE:

High school classes are meeting daily for Woodruff students at First Baptist Church and Dorman students at the Spartanburg County Baptist Network office. Rev. Andrew Shull, is the lead Bible teacher for about a dozen high schoolers from Woodruff, and Larry Whitfield – member at First Baptist Spartanburg North – teaches our Dorman class. There are also classes currently for students at Anderson Mill Elementary, Pauline-Glenn Springs Elementary, and Mary H Wright Elementary. We project that at least 15 classes will be meeting in the fall of this year.

THE NEW SCBEST BOARD:

We welcomed five new board members on February 9th at our first board meeting for 2016: Beau Long, Linda Miller, Butch Rambish, Dr. Kay Woodward, and Treasurer Dan Moore who has served previously. The newly elected chairman is Frank Tiller. Troy Bridges will continue to serve as vice chairman and Ramona Eubanks as board secretary. Stan Case rounds out the membership of nine. We want to express our appreciation to Mike Parks and Derrick Smith for their service on the board!

OUR ANNUAL PASTOR'S LUNCHEON:

Our annual SCBEST Pastors' Luncheon was held on March 3rd at the Select Restaurant, in Spartanburg. Keynote speakers included Pastor Jim Geyer of Summit Church who has helped with the Woodruff High School class; Adam Siskey, preteen pastor at The Mill and Bible teacher for Dawkins Middle School; Jessica Rider, SCBEST Executive Director; and Emily Schafer, Executive Director for 3Degrees Mentoring. The SCBEST staff has already begun following up on the pastors who were in attendance to discern if more partnerships can be secured with schools in their area. If you have interest in that regard, please give us a call at the office: 864-573-8583 and ask for John or Jessica.

BUS ALERT!!

Recently, our SCBEST bus barely made a return trip from Dorman High School and had to be taken for repairs. In addition, more requests are coming from churches who are willing to host Bible classes but lack school-approved busses to transport the public school students. We are *grateful* to the Baptist Foundation of South Carolina for a \$2,000.00 check sent last month towards the purchase of a new bus. Please pray with us for the raising up of additional financial resources so that this need can be met. In the effort to reach more public schools, we do not want Bible teaching to be restricted due to problems with transportation. Thank you!!



BOARD MEMBER BIO:

One of our new board members is Beau Long, an active member at Roebuck Baptist Church. He is Director of Federal Projects for Crop Production Services. He grew up in the Presbyterian Church but was truly led into a relationship with Christ Jesus during his college years by the pastor at Roebuck Baptist, Dr. W. H. Clapp, where his future wife, Lisa, was a member. Early on, Beau was a detective for Spartanburg County's Sheriff's Department with a focus on motorcycle gang activity. One major setback was when he and Lisa were on motorcycles and were stuck by a car, causing major injuries to Lisa. That episode brought a renewed dependency on the Lord for both of them. Beau helps with music at his church's worship services and he is also President of the local Optimist Club. SCBEST is excited to have Beau bring his talents and gifts alongside our efforts to reach Spartanburg County's public schools with the Gospel!



Make sure to check out our newly renovated website too!!!

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SPARTANBURG COUNTY GIVING DAY

Tuesday, May 3rd, 2016 has been designated as Spartanburg County's Giving Day. On that day, everything that is donated to SCBEST through their site will be partially matched by the Foundation. So that makes May 3rd a great time to donate towards SCBEST! Please check the website: www.supportspartanburgcounty.org for all the details and mark MAY 3, 2016 on your calendars!! THANK YOU in advance for your support that day.

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