

# Be Transformed

SUWANNEE MISSIONARY  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

February 2024

Joining God on Mission Together.

GRACE, *mercy* and  
PEACE from *God* the Father  
and from  
Jesus Christ, the Father's Son,  
will be with us in  
*truth and love.*

2 John 1:3, NIV



Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples! (Psalm 105. 1)

Our personal relationships with Him are reinforced when we make this type of conversation a routine. The body of Christ is encouraged and our faith is reinforced when we remind each other of the wonderful deeds of our Lord and Savior. Here are a few of His deeds that are currently in progress. Know that the Lord, the Master, and Creator of all that exists, the One in whom all things are held together, is at work in this moment through His body declaring His glory.

Grace and peace to you today as you follow Jesus,

Andy

Missions/Evangelism Workshop Weekend: February 16 – 18 Gospel partners from Idaho are joining us this weekend to celebrate what God is doing to draw others to Himself in Boise and Soda Springs, Idaho.

Mobile Dental Mission: February 24 (Screening Day), March 18 – 23 (Mission Week) A great group of leaders is organizing volunteers to share Christ as we meet physical needs through this wonderful ministry. We are praying for over 100 new friends to receive dental care and be introduced to Jesus through during this annual outreach.

Callie Jordan Memorial Student Missions 5K: March 02 This event has something for everyone. Runners, joggers, and walkers are invited to participate in the race. If you only run when you're being chased, join us for hot dogs, burgers, and s'mores! Bring friends who need Jesus, there will be a gospel message and great music by a variety of local musicians.

Student Mission Interns It is exciting to see God calling high school and college students to this role. This is the first year we have verbal commitments for six students by the first of February. The Marines are "looking for a few good men." We are looking for a few good students to complete our team. Applications must be in by February 15. Students can call or text Andy at 386.249.2982 to learn more.

Idaho/SMBA Missions Partnership

Ø Leadership Training at Soda Springs (April 04 – 09): David Garrett (AMS, Middle Florida Baptist Association), Bruce Wehner (Pastor, Rocky Sink), and I will provide leadership training to the Caribou Bible Church family. Pray with and for us as we serve and lay a foundation for the July Mission Adventure.

Ø Caribou Baptist/SMBA Mission Partnership (July 05 – 11): The SMBA will assist Caribou Bible Church with discipleship training and children's outreach. Mission volunteers will include disciple-making mentors, student missionaries, and helpers.

Ø Basque Church Plant Mission Partnership (July 12 – 19): Mission volunteers will spend the week serving alongside church planters Matthew and Bethany McDonald hosting community events in the park, prayer walking, and sharing Christ through conversational evangelism.

Night of Praise: April 14 Area churches are invited to come together for an evening of praise and worship. Choirs and praise teams from local churches will lead in congregational worship. The gospel will be shared through preaching. We will worship and celebrate our God together.

**2024 Student Mission Internships:** We are looking for several more student mission interns to complete our 2024 team. A copy of the 2024 SMI job description/covenant is attached. Please pray over and share this with your student ministry and encourage candidates to contact Andy at 386.249.2982 or by email at [andy@smba.life](mailto:andy@smba.life).

For the past couple of months, Orchard Community Church has been building a response team here at our location to serve children and families, primarily in the foster care system, using a connection technology called **CarePortal**, which connects churches to needs in our community, and ensures that they are legitimate, as they need to be entered by advocates and agency workers.

You may have been a part of our team fulfilling a request recently!

This Sunday, February 4th, after second service, we are holding an Orchard response team training for the established team. This training can also serve as an informational to ask questions, and find out how you, too, can get involved!

We will be going over:

- how the foster system is structured,
- how CarePortal is a tool for churches to bring the love of Jesus to people who are disconnected from community;
- and stories of families we have served previously!

It's super easy to get involved! If you would like to learn more, please join us this Sunday at noon (lunch will be provided), or reach out to me or Pastor Matt anytime!

"Pure and undefiled religion before God the Father is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained from the world."

James 1:27 (CSB)







**Caribou Bible Church**

## **SODA SPRINGS, IDAHO MISSIONS/EVANGELISM TEAM**



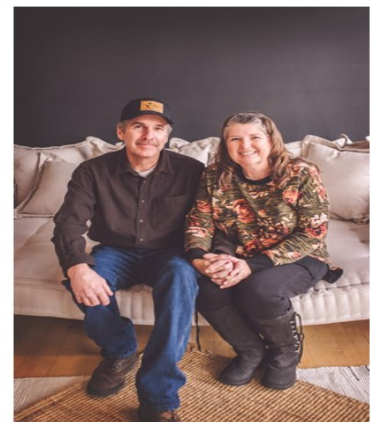
**Jeff and Hallie Uskoski**

Jeff and Hallie have lived in Caribou County for 12 years. Jeff teaches at the high school and serves as a bi-vocational pastor. Hallie is a cancer nurse and ministers to people through some of their toughest times. Their story includes answer God's call to move intentionally to a highly Mormon community, years of trial and struggle, and now seeing God moving in amazing ways in people's lives. Come hear their stories of seeing many who had given up on faith start finally understanding the gospel of the TRUE Jesus.



**Dean and Janice Ozburn**

Dean and Janice have both been born and raised here in Caribou County. Both grew up in LDS households and had no church experience outside the LDS faith for the first 40 years of their lives. Both of them have an amazing testimony of how God has won their hearts. Come and hear their story of trial, tragedy, and eventually triumph and freedom through a relationship with the Jesus of the Bible.



**Casey and Tami Gini**

Casey and Tami have lived in Caribou County for a year. They lived for most of their adult lives in San Diego before Casey retired from the police department in SD. Casey and Tami have lived most of their adult lives apart from Christ, until Jesus came in and changed everything. Their story of Jesus life transforming work in their lives and marriage will be encouraging and inspiring to all.

# JOIN US



## *Missions/Evangelism Workshop*

Suwannee Missionary Baptist Association

**Feb  
17  
2024**

9:00AM - 12:00 PM

First Baptist Church

401 W. Howard St.  
Live Oak, FL 32064

**Five breakout sessions to challenge us and answer the question,  
How Can I Be On Mission In Idaho?**

For more information: 386-362-1110  
office@smba.life

**#1**

Jeff & Hallie Uskoski-  
Sharing Jesus with  
LDS Friends

**#2**

Dean & Janis  
Ozburn-  
My Faith Journey  
from LDS  
to JESUS

**#3**

Casey & Tami  
Gini-  
Surviving the  
Street My  
Journey to JESUS.

**#4**

Matthew  
McDonald-  
Extea Update  
Sharing Jesus with  
Catholic Friends.

**#5**

Steve  
Thompson-  
Conversational  
Evangelism



# Association Wide Missions Celebration

Hosted by: First Baptist Church, Live Oak

## Guest Speakers:

Jeff Uskoski, Caribou Bible Church, Soda Springs, ID

Matthew McDonald, Extea Church Planter, Boise, ID

You are invited to an evening of Worship and Missions information.

Matthew McDonald will share the progress and challenges of the

Extea Church Plant. Jeff Uskoski will share the story of Caribou Bible

Church in Soda Springs, ID

**Sunday, Feb.18, 2024**

**6:00pm - 8:00pm**

401 W. Howard St.

Live Oak, FL 32064

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT SMBA Office

386-362-1110 or [office@smba.life](mailto:office@smba.life)

**Suwannee Missionary Baptist Association**



# FREE Dental Care

Registration Day and  
Screening Day February 24 2024  
8:30 a.m.

Westwood Baptist Church  
920 11th Street SW ~ Live Oak, Florida 32064



Florida Baptist  
Convention

*Right Beside You.*

## EXTRACTIONS & FILLINGS ONLY

The mobile dental mission serves those who have no dental insurance and fall under the 200% poverty level



+1 (386) 438-3250



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Baptist Association

# 4TH ANNUAL CALLIE JORDAN MISSION FUND

## LIGHT UP THE NIGHT 5K FUN RUN & WALK



REGISTER ONLINE  
BY SCANNING  
THE QR CODE  
BELOW



OR REGISTER  
ON RACE DAY

5K RACE 5:30 PM \$25 UNTIL FEB 25TH

1 MILE KIDS GLOW RUN 6:30 PM \$5



AWARDS & PRAISE IN THE PARK  
6:45-9:00

SATURDAY  
MARCH 2ND, 2024

HERITAGE PARK  
LIVE OAK, FL

KIDS GLOW  
RACE & FUN ZONE

LIVE PRAISE  
& WORSHIP

HAMBURGERS &  
HOT DOGS FOR DONATION

FIRESIDE  
SMORES

FOR INFORMATION CALL 386.362.1110 OR EMAIL MISSIONS@SMBA.LIFE



# Volunteer Opportunities

Many of you have asked how you can help the day of the Race & Celebration and we are thankful for your willingness. A few serving opportunities include but are not limited to:

## **Pre-Race Prep & Setup**

Swag Bag Fill-up (sometime during the week prior to the race)  
Race Registration, Fun Zone and Pavilion Table, Chair, and  
Tent Setup (Saturday morning)  
Bounce House Setup (Saturday Morning)  
Race Route Decor and Signs (Saturday Afternoon)

## **Runners Area**

Runner Registration (2 shifts 4:30-5:30, 5:30-6:30)  
Runner Swag Bag Handout (2 shifts 4:30-5:30, 5:30-6:30)  
Start/Finish Line & Run Path Helpers for Kids Glow Run (6:30-7:00)

**Celebration Area** (1 hr rotations starting 5:00-9:00) T-Shirt Sales  
Children Glow Stations & Craft Booths Bounce Houses  
Firepit & Smore Making  
Praise and Worship Music (looking for performers - 2 songs per person/group)  
A rotation of times will be available for those of you that can't stay  
the entire duration of the event.

Please contact Amanda Jordan at 865-282-9409 by call or text to let us know by **Monday February 26th** which area you would like to help so we can plug you in.

**LET'S SERVE & REACH OUT TO OUR  
COMMUNITY TOGETHER!!!**

# Spanish Church Plant FBC, Live Oak

Wednesday 5:00 - 5:45

Prayer

Bible Study 6:00-7:00

Sunday Worship 5:30



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**Gospel Oneness**

Amanda Jordan

## Community Feeding Ministries



- \* **Feeding Ministry**
- \* First Baptist Live Oak Food Ministry
- \* Call LOVE Inc. for an appointment.
- \* Volunteers needed weekly

\* **Mt. Gilead Food Ministry**  
2nd & 4th Sat 7:30 ~ 10:00  
(18305 56th St. Gary Watson: 386-209-4252)

**O'Brien Baptist Food Ministry**  
3rd Tuesday 10:00 ~ 1:00  
9544 E. CR 349, O'Brien, FL  
Keith Jones: 352-210-2219