

The Link Newsletter

Sandy Creek Baptist Association
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Friday 9:00 am.—12:00 pm.
Other Hours by Appointment

An Association Of The Future; Rooted In Our Heritage And Growing Toward God's Design



258th Session Fall Gathering Sandy Creek Baptist Association

"An Association Of The Future; Rooted In Our Heritage And Growing Toward God's Design"

Eric Davidson, Associational Missionary
Andy Siegner, Moderator
Vice Moderator
Kay Cook, Treasurer
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"START SOMETHING NEW"

Sunday Evening October 23, 2016
Emmaus Baptist Church

Hebrews 12:1

"...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us" NKJV

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| 4:15 | Registration | |
| 4:45 | Pre-Music | |
| 5:00 | Call to Order | Andy Seigner |
| | Scripture & Prayer | |
| 5:05 | Welcome | Steve Moore |
| | Program Team | Andy Siegner |
| 5:10 | Praise & Worship | Congregation |
| 5:15 | Treasurer's Report | Kay Cook |
| | Nominating Team Report | Rodney Staley |
| | Other Reports / Business | |
| 5:25 | Registration Report | Nancy Evans |
| | Mission Reports | |
| 5:30 | Missions Fair & Snack Supper | Fellowship Hall |
| 6:30 | Celebration Worship | Sanctuary |
| | Welcome & Prayer | Eric Davidson |
| 6:35 | Kenya Baptist Theological College | |
| 6:50 | Praise & Worship | Congregation |
| 6:55 | Missionaries | Aaron and Shpresa Smith |
| 7:15 | Praise & Worship | Congregation |
| 7:20 | Speaker | Timmy Blair |
| 7:50 | Benediction | |

FALL GATHERING - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FOOD - to eliminate lines and, most importantly, to allow for more time to be invested in the "Missions Fair", a "brown bag" snack supper and bottle of water will be provided for attendees. Each "brown bag" will contain a sandwich (several varieties), chips, and a desert. The bags will be on several tables around the fellowship hall and available whenever convenient. This is very different from previous meetings; our reason for gathering is not for the food.



CHILDREN - childcare will be provided for birth through kindergarten, and staffed by qualified and certified workers.

FELLOWSHIP & WORSHIP - we are *not* asking our churches to cancel their Sunday evening services, but rather to move their services and join several hundred brothers and sisters in Christ from some 11,000 members and 48 churches in our Association. We will experience beneficial fellowship, new and creative missions and ministries opportunities, and inspiring and uplifting worship.

PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23rd!

October 1, Juniper Springs Baptist Church (852 Buckhorn Rd, Sanford) will host their 3rd Annual Women's Retreat featuring Phyllis Elvington, beginning at 8:30am—1:30pm. Cost is \$15.00. Please pre-register by calling Joy Hackney at (919)499-3354.



A lite breakfast during registration and Lunch will be provided. Door prizes throughout the day! Come join us for a day of fun, fellowship and blessings! Remember your Bible.



Brush Creek Baptist Church, (5345 Airport Rd, Bear Creek) invite you to join them Sunday October 2nd, for a One-Day Revival Event, at 11:00 AM, and 6:00 PM, with Rev. Ken McRae. The Men of Faith Quartet will be there Sunday for the evening service. A nursery provided. All are welcome.

Hunt Springs Baptist Church (1557 St Andrews Ch Rd, Sanford) will be exercising their renewed hope, by following up their home coming, "Home Gathering", October 2, at 10:30am, with Revival, October 9-11. Everyone is welcome to come worship with us. The revival theme will be "Renewed Strength". Service times are Sunday at 11:00am, and Sunday night through Tuesday night at 7:00pm. Chance Walters will be the guest speaker. Special music will be provided each service. We look forward to worshipping with you.

“Your Missionary’s Musings” for October

Collaboration and God’s Grand Design from Lead Like Jesus

“It would have been much more streamlined for Jesus to save the world on His own. Instead, He chose to accomplish His mission through the messy process of collaborating with imperfect humans. Through His three-year discipleship of 12 ordinary men, and again in His long-term empowerment of the Church, Jesus modeled the importance of collaboration in leadership. Through collaboration, we uphold God’s grand design for us to live and thrive within community. And as leaders, genuine collaboration shows others we value their God-given talents and unique insight as critical to our collective success. *We affirm that we are better together than we are on our own.*”

Seven Phrases that Kill Collaboration

If we truly believe in the power of collaboration, we’ve got to start acting and communicating in ways that foster true cooperation and innovation. And that means we must eliminate any language that reflects an anti-collaborative mindset.

1. “That’s never worked before.”

Ok, so an idea or approach didn’t work in the past. But what’s changed since the last time we tried? Have circumstances evolved? Do we have new people or resources available that we didn’t have before? Learn from the past, but also learn to recalculate and adapt based on the present circumstances.

2. “That will never work.”

A close cousin to “That’s never worked before,” is any language that squelches the exploration of new ideas that seem too difficult, outlandish or unorthodox at first glance. Significant innovations often come as the result of crazy ideas taken seriously.

3. “I’ve got this fantastic idea I want to run by you!”

One less obvious barrier to collaboration is unbridled excitement and bias toward our own ideas. When we come to a conversation already sold on the merits of our own approach, we may be less open to valid questions, potential obstacles or even alternate ideas raised by other parties.

4. “Got 5 minutes to brainstorm?”

While well-intentioned, this oft uttered phrase (or similar variants of it) rarely results in the brilliant results its speaker hopes to achieve. Collaboration is generally a slow, messy process, and any last minute short-cuts to achieve it are likely to leave participants dissatisfied or even frustrated.

5. “That’s not your concern.”

It’s crucial to have clearly defined roles and responsibilities in an organization. However, limiting individuals to only having opinions and suggestions within those boundaries stifles teamwork and innovation. It could also potentially silence warning bells from team members who spot legitimate issues that need to be addressed.

6. “We don’t have the [people, process, time, expertise] for that.”

Yes, in order for collaboration to truly succeed, you must take realistic stock of whatever resources are at your disposal. However, collaboration is hampered when people only see obstacles instead of opportunities. It’s okay to identify the things you *can’t* change, but then focus the bulk of your thinking and energy changing the things you *can*.

7. “But what if [insert calamity here] happens?”

Just as it’s good to take realistic stock of your resources, it’s also wise to identify the potential pitfalls. But don’t let fear of the unknown or the fear of failure prevent you from considering new ideas or moving in the direction you need to go.”

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you! Eric

“Church Revitalization Conference”

**will be held October 16-17 at Mt. Olive Baptist
(5043 Mt. Olive Ch. Rd., Pittsboro).**

Dr. John Ewart, professor at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, will be the guest speaker. Dr. Ewart will be speaking on Sunday and Monday at 7:00 pm.

There will **NOT** be a lunch meeting on Monday as was previously announced.

Dr. Ewart is Professor of Church growth and Evangelism, Fletcher Professor of Missions and Pastoral Leadership, Associate Vice President for Global Theological Initiatives, and Director of the Spurgeon Center.

**Please mark your calendar with the above dates,
and plan now to attend one or both of the sessions!**

REACHOUT CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER

**“Empowering women and men to make
informed, life affirming choices.”**



Ministry Update

We’ve had 2 more babies safely delivered since our last LINK article! Our hearts are full as we see women come through our doors wondering how they are going to bring a child into their world and then, witness a transformation from fear to hope and then to joy. Make no mistake, many of our clients are facing very difficult situations...We are humbled to think that we are part of that transformation. Praise You Jesus – for only You can accomplish these things!

The Banquet

Speaking of good things, our Banquet on Thursday, October 13 is quickly filling up. I do hope you have made your reservation with us (reservations and tickets are required). If you are making plans to attend, please do not wait until September 29th (our RSVP deadline). Let us know...give us your names to receive your tickets. It looks like our cap of 100 guests will easily be met...when we meet that number, we will have to close the invitation. (919-777-0236)

Prayer Requests

Please pray for moms with newborns. Pray for more tests, abortion vulnerable clients. Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel, softened hearts and open ears – Spirit led responses to all truth shared.

We are getting short of Car Seats. We need new or gently used, clean and less than 3 years old...We are required to be sure of that age and that there are no recalls on them.

Please pray for the Banquet. The evening to bring God glory and those attending to respond as the Spirit prompts.

In His Service, Barbara Flag

ROC Pregnancy Center —
507 N. Steele St. Rm 306
Sanford, NC 27330

Hours of Operation:
Monday—Thursday: 10am - 3pm
Phone: (919) 777-0236

| CHURCHES | August | YTD |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Antioch | \$ - | \$ 250.00 |
| Bear Creek | \$ 100.00 | \$ 600.00 |
| Bennett | \$ - | \$ - |
| Bethany | \$ - | \$ 500.00 |
| Bonlee | \$ - | \$ - |
| Brookdale | \$ - | \$ 1,100.00 |
| Brush Creek | \$ - | \$ 1,172.16 |
| Centro Familiar Cristiano | \$ - | \$ 476.00 |
| Cool Springs | \$ - | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Cornerstone | \$ - | \$ - |
| Cumnock | \$ 833.38 | \$ 2,000.00 |
| East Sanford | \$ 477.36 | \$ 3,206.22 |
| Emmaus | \$ - | \$ 6,600.00 |
| Fall Creek | \$ 350.00 | \$ 2,800.00 |
| Fellowship | \$ 150.00 | \$ 1,200.00 |
| Flat Springs | \$ 1,051.00 | \$ 3,153.00 |
| Filipino American | \$ 100.00 | \$ 200.00 |
| Goldston | \$ - | \$ 1,071.00 |
| Good News | \$ 165.00 | \$ 1,340.00 |
| Gum Springs | \$ - | \$ 1,250.00 |
| Hickory Grove | \$ - | \$ 1,870.00 |
| Hickory Mountain | \$ - | \$ - |
| Hunt Springs | \$ 330.00 | \$ 1,320.00 |
| Jonesboro Heights | \$ - | \$ 3,850.02 |
| Joy | \$ - | \$ 2,600.00 |
| Juniper Springs | \$ - | \$ 2,775.00 |
| Kingdom Builders of Christ | \$ - | \$ - |
| Loves Creek | \$ 320.00 | \$ 2,560.00 |
| Mays Chapel | \$ - | \$ 840.00 |
| Moncure | \$ 668.45 | \$ 2,017.47 |
| Moons Chapel | \$ 42.71 | \$ 338.33 |
| Mount Olive | \$ - | \$ 6,000.00 |
| New Life Praise | \$ 15.00 | \$ 365.00 |
| New Salem | \$ - | \$ - |
| Oakley | \$ - | \$ 4,832.77 |
| Pittsboro Baptist | \$ 597.02 | \$ 5,055.44 |
| Pleasant Hill | \$ - | \$ - |
| Primera Iglesia Bautista | \$ - | \$ 100.00 |
| Rives Chapel | \$ - | \$ - |
| Roca Fuerte | \$ - | \$ - |
| Rock Springs | \$ - | \$ 714.88 |
| Rocky River | \$ 997.66 | \$ 8,230.15 |
| Sandy Branch | \$ 917.44 | \$ 9,050.98 |
| Sanford, First | \$ - | \$ 12,500.00 |
| Shepherd's Flock | \$ 73.00 | \$ 676.76 |
| Siler City First | \$ 375.00 | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Tramway | \$ 510.24 | \$ 4,099.13 |
| Tyson Creek | \$ 250.00 | \$ 2,725.00 |
| TOTAL CHURCH INCOME | \$ 8,323.26 | \$ 103,939.31 |
| OTHER INCOME - DIVIDEND | \$ - | \$ - |
| INTEREST INCOME | \$ 4.35 | \$ 36.09 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$ 8,327.61 | \$ 103,975.40 |
| Expenses This Month | \$ 13,631.74 | |
| Expenses To Date | \$ 118,031.53 | |
| Budget Requirements Per Month | \$ 14,953.42 | |
| Budget Requirements To Date | \$ 119,627.36 | |
| SCBA FUNDS | 8/31/2016 | |
| Capital Bank - Checking | \$ 52,093.46 | |
| Capital Bank - Restricted | \$ 44,948.42 | |
| BUDGET 2016 | \$ 179,441.00 | |

SCBA WMU: The blush of fall adorns trees with the promise of the beauty to come, and reminds us to dust off rakes and test those leaf blowers. God could have accomplished His purpose for this season in shades of brown, but He made it beautiful for His glory and pleasure and our enjoyment. "For by Him all things were created...in heaven...and on earth...All things were created through Him and for Him" (Col. 1: 16 NKJ).

It was my privilege to attend the Leadership Development event at Mundo Vista on September 10th. The new format was informative, encouraging, and challenging. Unable to attend? Other options are available through National WMU's website (www.wmu.com) and the Develop Leadership Courses now offered for both new and experienced leaders (\$20.00 each).

Dates of interest: OCTOBER, Cooperative Program Emphasis Month; 9th, Global Hunger Sunday (resources available at wmustore.com); 23rd, SCBA Fall "Gathering" at Emmaus Baptist Church; NOVEMBER 1st, registration deadline for *A Weekend with Phyllis Elvington* (18th and 19th; cost, \$85.00) at Mundo Vista (www.wmunc.org); and 7th, Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer (downloadable resources available at www.bwawd.org).

REMINDER: You may bring the 8 oz. to 11 oz. plastic bottles of lotion (NO pumps or tubes) for the Red Box Ministry to the Fall "Gathering" or deliver to the SCBA office no later than Monday October 24th.

I urge you to prayerfully seek God's guidance about where He wants you to give your time, whether an event or an opportunity to serve (see others elsewhere in this publication). Even the Apostle Paul was not called to do everything. Neither are we, but we each are called and must answer yes or no. In God's will each of us will be enabled by the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish His purpose where He leads.

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them" (Ephesians. 2:10 NKJ).

WMU Director: Susan Ferguson,
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It's time to begin packing your Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for the 2016 Collection Week. In November 2015, 7,499 shoeboxes were processed through your area Collection Center, Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church in Sanford. These boxes came from churches, families, school groups, clubs and organizations in the SCBA area. If your family or church is not involved in OCC, make this the year you get involved in this outreach project. We have numerous year-round OCC volunteers in the area who would love to come and talk with your congregation or church group about this simple, but effective ministry. A simple shoebox gift can make a difference in the life of a child by providing hygiene products, school supplies, simple toys, and small clothing items. Most significant of all, each shoebox represents a Gospel Opportunity as each child receiving a box is also given the Gospel message in the form of a small book, "The Greatest Gift" – printed in the child's native language. We hope that every church in the Sandy Creek Baptist Association will embrace the OCC spirit and participate in this special international ministry. If you would like additional information on OCC, contact Alice Gilchrist at 919-770-1510. Be sure to stop by our ministry fair table at the SCBA Fall Gathering on October 23 to pick up a red and green GO shoebox. Collection Week is November 14-21.

Alice Gilchrist, JHBC Operation Christmas Child
Collection Center Coordinator, (919)-770-1510

**DEACONS, CHURCH LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS
EQUIPPING TRACKS FOR 2016**

November 17th, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

“Peacemaking”: A Biblical Approach To Resolving Conflicts

This workshop will be held at the SCBA office and will begin with a “lite” meal from 6:30-6:45 pm.

The remaining time will be devoted to the workshop topic, “Peacemaking” based on Ken Sande’s book, *The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict*

In this study, you will discover how to use a biblical approach to resolving conflicts in the different areas of life and ministries. It is a practical guide to understanding the different types of conflicts and knowing how to apply scriptural principles in creating peace in various contexts of life and ministry.

Topics include: How to use conflict as an opportunity to demonstrate the love and power of Jesus. When it is appropriate to overlook an offense. How to change attitudes and habits that lead to conflict. How to correct others effectively. How to forgive others and achieve genuine reconciliation. How to negotiate just and reasonable agreements. When to ask the church to intervene in a conflict. How to deal with people who refuse to be reasonable.

REGISTER no later than Monday, November 14th, by calling, or emailing, the SCBA office.

It’s that time of year again for the **Harlan County Hygiene Bags**. We are in desperate need of everyone’s help this year to supply this school in Appalachia hygiene items and school supplies. This school has about 1,200 students and 66% of them have free lunch. They only have a 65% graduation rate which is lower than the KY state average of 82%. We will be going to Harlan County High in December of 2016 to present the Gospel to the children and to take them the hygiene bags. If only 100 people came together and made 5 hygiene bags we would be able to meet the goal of 500 bags. Below is a list of what a full hygiene bag consist of. Please be in prayer for these children and what you could do for them. Questions? Please contact Tanya Walls at hope.tw11@yahoo.com or 336-963-2987. There truly is Hope for Appalachia!

BOYS:

- Full Size Shampoo/Body Wash
- Full Size Whitening Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Full Size Deodorant/Axe Spray
- Acne Pads/Cream
- Subject Notebook or Fill Paper
- Pens
- Pack of Gum
- Gospel Tract

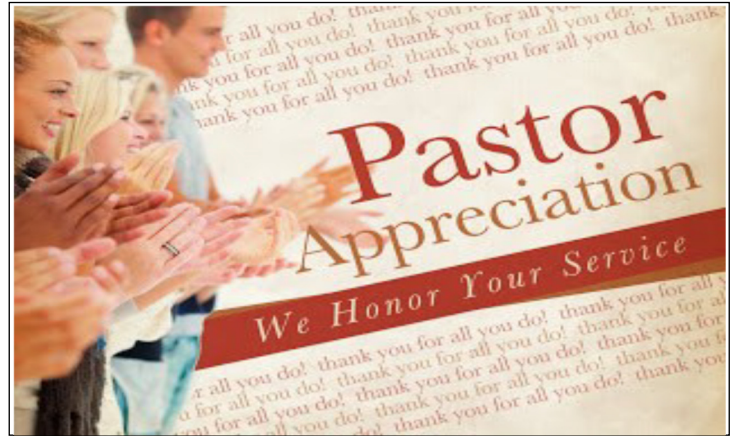
GIRLS:

- Full Size Shampoo
- Full Size Conditioner
- Full Size Body Wash
- Full Size Whitening Toothpaste
- Tooth Brush
- Full Size Deodorant
- Acne Pads/Cream
- Subject Notebook or Fill Paper
- Pens
- Pack of Gum
- Gospel Tract

(Please make sure that your hygiene items are FULL size).

A Few upcoming dates of interest...

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| Dec.1 | Pastor/Spouse Christmas Dinner |
| Dec.4-11 | Lottie Moon & Week of Prayer |
| Dec.20 | Pastor's luncheon at Best Food Cafeteria |
| Dec.23-27 | Christmas...Office Closed |



Remember your PASTOR during Pastor Appreciation Month (and don't forget his wife)

The deadline for articles to be turned in to the office, for THE LINK Newsletter is the 15th of the month prior to the published month.

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| October—Calendar of Events | | |
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| 1 | | Ladies Retreat at Juniper Springs Baptist |
| 4 | 2:30-4:30 | SCBA Secretaries Sisterhood Mtg. at New Salem |
| 12 | 10:00am | Mission Dev. Team Mtg. at Sandy Branch Baptist |
| 13 | 10:00am | Jubilee Choir to Royal Oaks, Sanford |
| 16-17 | | Church Revitalization Conference at Mt Olive |
| 18 | 12 Noon | Pastor's Luncheon at Best Food Cafeteria |
| 23 | 5:00-8:30pm | The Fall "Gathering" at Emmaus Baptist |
| 27 | 10:00am | Jubilee Choir—Twin Rivers Sr. Community, Pittsboro |
| November—Calendar of Events- | | |
| 7-9 | | NC Bapt.Sec.Assoc. Conference at Fort Caswell |
| 13-20 | | Week of Prayer for Baptist Children's Home |
| 14-15 | | BSC NC Annual Mtg. Greensboro |
| 17 | 6:30pm | Peace Making Approach to Conflict at SCBA Office |
| 24-25 | | SCBA Office Closed |
| 30 | 10:00am | Mission Dev. Team Mtg. at SCBA Office |