



The Link Newsletter

Sandy Creek Baptist Association of Churches

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Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday 9:00 am.—12:00 pm.
Other Hours by Appointment

Strengthening Churches to BE the Church: Equip, Encourage, Engage



259th Session Fall Gathering Sandy Creek Baptist Association

“Strengthening Churches to BE the Church: Equip, Encourage, Engage”

Eric Davidson, Associational Missionary
Andy Siegner, Moderator
Vice Moderator
Kay Cook, Treasurer
Nancy Evans, Administrative Assistant

“We Are God’s Workmanship; The Church Is His Workshop”

Sunday Evening October 22, 2017
Tyson’s Creek Baptist Church

Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)

***“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ
Jesus for good works, which God prepared before-
hand, that we should walk in them.”***

4:15	Registration	
4:45	Pre-Music	
5:00	Call to Order	Andy Seigner
	Scripture & Prayer	
5:05	Welcome	Scott Walker
	Program Team	Wesley Thomas
5:10	Praise & Worship	Congregation
5:15	Treasurer’s Report	Kay Cook
	Nominating Team Report	Larry Martin
	Finance Team Report	Greg Burriss
	Other Reports / Business	Eric Davidson
5:25	Registration Report	Nancy Evans
	Mission Report	Tyson’s Creek Baptist Ch.
5:30	MISSIONS FAIR and SNACK SUPPER	
6:30	Celebration Worship	
	Scripture & Prayer	
6:35	Praise & Worship	Congregation
6:45	NC Baptists on Mission	Paul Langston
7:05	Praise & Worship	Congregation
7:15	Fall Sermon	Wesley Thomas
7:45	Closing and Benediction	Eric Davidson

Six Internal Battles All Pastors Face

1. Loneliness. Pastors are surrounded by people who love them but who often don’t know them intimately. They are celebrated on Sunday, but wonder on a slow Friday morning if they’ll ever enjoy a deep friendship with anyone. **CALL** him & encourage him.

2. Feelings of Inadequacy. Most pastors today are expected to be great preachers, teachers, counselors, hospital chaplains, advisors, financial managers, publicist, apologists, scholars, organizers, recruiters, sometimes, maintenance men. He feels like he’ll never meet expectations in all those areas. **CALL** him & encourage him.

3. Uncontrollable Outcomes. People are different. Pastors counsel, advise, plead and beg...but some teenagers still rebel. Some marriages still end in divorce. Some addicts return to their old habits. **CALL** him & let him know he’s making a difference in somebody’s life. Otherwise, he may never know.

4. Temptation. All believers do face temptations, but pastors are on the frontline, & satan hated them. **PRAY** for him...daily. Never miss a day. Maybe even call him & pray for him over the phone.

5. Fatigue. At times, it’s short term. Other times, it’s long term. But your pastor gets tired in the same way you do, especially during seasons when the church is growing and doing well. Send him to a retreat. Let him know it’s OK to take a day off.

6. Doubts About the Future. He has most likely read a hundred books on church growth written by guys who make it look so easy. Start with five people, add water and multiply to thousands, & get speaking engagements all over the country. Your Pastor asks now and then, “Will I ever get there?” **CALL** him & share with him one success story you’ve noticed within your church family. Remind him that it isn’t about the masses of unknown people, it’s about that *one*.

The fact that your pastor struggles with these issues doesn’t make him less qualified as a shepherd—it makes him more so. The writer of Hebrews said of Jesus, “Since he himself has gone through suffering and testing, he is able to help us when we are being tested” (Hebrews 2:18). That’s true of your pastor, as well.



**Call your pastor.
Send him a note.
Send an email.
Pray for him.**



Pastors are heroes. Show yours love today.

“Your Missionary’s Musings” for October

Recently, Thom Rainer wrote an article entitled “Ten Unfair Expectations of Pastors’ Wives”. Because October is “Pastor Appreciation Month”, I know of no better way to show appreciation to your pastor than to “honor” their spouse, so I want to share his remarks with you.

Here are Rainer’s top ten expectations imposed upon pastors’ spouses *which were submitted by pastors’ spouses themselves* and then included in his top ten list:

“I am expected to attend every function at the church.” One wife told us that church members resent it when she is seen doing anything outside the church.

“Many church members expect me to know everything that is happening in the church.” In other words, they should know everything their pastor/husband knows.

“We have several church members who feel free to complain to me about my husband.” So, her church has several members who are lacking in emotional intelligence.

“Church members utilize me as a de facto assistant to my husband, giving me messages for him.” One wife shared with us that she received eleven messages to give to her husband after a specific worship service.

“I am still amazed how many church members expect me to function as an employee of the church.” Some are expected to lead music or play piano. Others are expected to act in a specific ministry employee role such as student or children’s director.

“Some of the members expect our children to be perfect and act perfect.” One wife explained that she and her husband were new to a church when a church member confronted them about their misbehaving children. Their outlandish sin was running in the church after a worship service.

“I am always supposed to be perfectly made up and dressed when I leave the house.” A church member expressed her dismay to a pastor’s wife who ran into a grocery store without makeup. You can’t make this stuff up.

“I have no freedom at our church to be anything but perfectly emotionally composed.” This story really got to me. A deacon chastised a pastor’s wife for shedding tears at church four days after her dad died.

“I think some of our church members expect my family to take a vow of poverty.” She was specifically referring to the criticism she received for purchasing a six-year-old minivan after her third child was born.

“So many church members expect me to be their best friend.” And obviously a pastor’s wife can’t be the best friend to everyone, so she disappoints or angers others.

Remember to show your appreciation to your pastor, and spouse, every month, but especially during October, “Pastor Appreciation Month”. And, remember to pray for them every day.

We CAN Do More Together!!! Eric

CENTRAL CAROLINA TENT REVIVAL

“I STILL BELIEVE”

2 Timothy 4:7-8

Focus: The Power of Oneness Accord

October 1—October 12, at 7:00pm until

Location: Hwy 87 North Cagle Furniture/Food Lion
Between Ft. Bragg & Sanford, NC

Youth for Jesus Day is Saturday,
October 7th—10am—5pm

To contribute financially or volunteer your services;
Contact: Messiah Ministries, Rev. Ronnie Roy
71 Checkers Lane, Lillington—910.709.5888

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED DAILY ~ VARIOUS LABOR TASKS



BE·DO·TELL

BEcome a Christian.
DO Discipleship.
TELL others.



Assurance
How to Know You Are Saved

Oct. 20-22, 2017 & Nov. 10-12, 2017

[N.C. Baptist Assembly at Caswell](#)

Oak Island, N.C.

Have you ever wondered or been asked, "How do you know you are saved?" Many today are amazed that you can really be sure of your salvation. You don't have to rely on "hoping you are" but you can "know you are." The BeDoTell fall retreat will address these and other aspects of assurance of salvation. *The retreat is designed for 7th through 12th graders and includes a weekend of worship and Bible study with other students from across North Carolina.* We have two weekends to choose from and look forward to your group joining us this fall at Fort Caswell!

“I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand.” —John 10:28-29

Registration is \$151 (Checks payable to NC Baptist Assembly) and forms are available at www.BeDoTell.com to print off, complete and mail to Fort Caswell's address given on the form.

Visit www.BeDoTell.com for more information.

Merrie A. Johnson, Senior Consultant

Youth Evangelism and Discipleship

Evangelism & Discipleship Group

(919) 459-5566 or (800) 395-5102, ext. 5566

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CHURCHES	August	YTD
Antioch	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Bear Creek	\$ -	\$ -
Bennett	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Bethany	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Bonlee	\$ -	\$ -
Brookdale	\$ -	\$ -
Brush Creek	\$ -	\$ 1,109.00
Centro Familiar Cristiano	\$ -	\$ 800.00
Cool Springs	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
Cornerstone	\$ -	\$ -
Cumnock	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
East Sanford	\$ -	\$ 2,256.26
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
Goldston	\$ -	\$ 1,071.00
Good News	\$ 250.00	\$ 2,000.00
Gum Springs	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00
Hickory Grove	\$ 1,845.00	\$ 1,845.00
Hickory Mountain	\$ -	\$ -
Hunt Springs	\$ 330.00	\$ 2,244.00
Jonesboro Heights	\$ -	\$ 4,998.33
Joy	\$ 650.00	\$ 2,600.00
Juniper Springs	\$ 962.50	\$ 2,887.50
Kingdom Builders of Christ	\$ -	\$ -
Loves Creek	\$ 287.50	\$ 2,332.50
Mays Chapel	\$ -	\$ 840.00
Moncure	\$ -	\$ 2,071.79
Moons Chapel	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,200.00
Mount Olive	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00
New Life Praise	\$ 50.00	\$ 400.00
New Salem	\$ -	\$ -
Oakley	\$ -	\$ 4,724.60
Pittsboro Baptist	\$ 460.01	\$ 4,054.07
Pleasant Hill	\$ -	\$ -
Primera Iglesia Bautista	\$ -	\$ -
Rives Chapel	\$ -	\$ -
Roca Fuerte	\$ -	\$ -
Rock Springs	\$ -	\$ -
Rocky River	\$ 988.83	\$ 7,591.12
Sandy Branch	\$ 1,253.12	\$ 9,969.27
Sanford, First	\$ -	\$ 6,500.00
Shepherd's Flock	\$ 91.00	\$ 788.15
Siler City First	\$ 375.00	\$ 3,000.00
Tramway	\$ 250.00	\$ 2,457.76
Tyson Creek	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL CHURCH INCOME	\$ 9,943.96	\$ 95,843.35
OTHER INCOME - DIVIDEND		\$ -
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 7.94	\$ 59.46
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 9,951.90	\$ 95,902.81
Expenses This Month	\$ 12,717.32	
Expenses To Date	\$ 115,928.91	
Budget Requirements Per Month	\$ 15,020.91	
Budget Requirements To Date	\$ 120,167.28	
SCBA FUNDS	8/31/2017	
Capital Bank - Checking	\$ 22,731.69	
Capital Bank - Restricted	\$ 35,747.70	
BUDGET 2017	\$ 180,251.00	

SCBA WMU: October finds our nation reeling as citizens struggle in the chaos brought by wildfires and the winds and floods of hurricanes. The chaos includes loss of homes, businesses, family and friends. The full extent of damage and loss of life is yet to be determined as this is written. So great need can be overwhelming both to victims and those seeking to help, resulting in an all enveloping paralysis. For the church this is another time to “show [others our] faith by [our] works” James 2: 14-18 NKJ).

NC events on the horizon in October: 14th, CA Day, CMV; and 21st – 22nd, Missionary Parent Fellowship, CMV. Coming soon in November: 6th, Baptist Women’s World Day of Prayer (www.bwawd.org/day-of-prayer); and BSCNC Annual Meeting, Greensboro.

Check out [HERE & NOW](#), a missions experience for college students and young adults sponsored by College Missions Team of NC Baptists on Mission (NCBM). Scheduled for December 14th – 16th, 2017 at Red Springs Mission Camp, this event includes mission projects, small group discussions, and activities that are opportunities to serve and to grow. Contact Rick Trexler at either (919) 917-4419 or RickTrex@gmail.com for more information.

Don’t forget to bring 10-15 oz. plastic bottles of shampoo for the 2017 RED BOX Ministry to the fall Gathering October 22, or to the SCBA office no later than Monday October 23rd.

The needs are great; no one of us is called to meet every need, but to give as we are able in an expression of God’s love. “My little children let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth. We shall know by this that we are of the truth, and shall assure our heart before Him” (1 John 3: 18, 19 NAS)

WMU Director: Susan Ferguson, (919) 548-0115 (C), (919) 742-4993 (H), fergusonst@earthlink.net

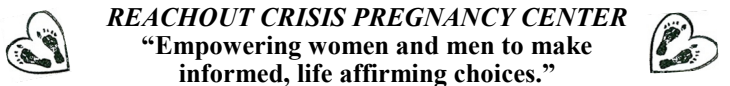
**Christ in the
Fall Feasts of Israel**

**Presented by—Ryan Karp
Of Chosen People Ministries**

**Sunday, October 15
6—7:30pm**

**East Sanford Baptist Church
300 North Ave., Sanford
www.eastsanford.org**

Creative God, thank you for filling
the world with color—bright fall
leaves and people of all shades of
skin, eyes and hair who gather to
praise you!



REACHOUT CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER

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

When you think of Reach Out Crisis Pregnancy Center, what comes to mind?

I hope you picture us sitting down with a woman who may be feeling scared, powerless or alone; in a setting that is filled with light, calm confidence and hope. She may be asking: “Am I pregnant? Am I ready to have a baby? What are my choices? What if he leaves me? What will my parents say? Will I regret an abortion?” Now picture her finding real answers to those questions and more.

How do we do that?

Reach Out is equipped with the caring and calming gift of a listening ear, answers to her questions about pregnancy – offering free testing and even an ultrasound, if that will help her choose life. We share fact filled, hope filled information and practical help. Picture us coming along side, equipping her to make informed, life-affirming decisions. Picture her in a few short months holding her baby, ready and able to parent or placing her baby into the arms of a couple (she has chosen), ready and able to do for that child, what she determined she could not.

By His Grace, Barbara Flagg, Executive Director and Debbie Puryear, Director of Client Services

ROC Pregnancy Center —
507 N. Steele St. 2nd Floor
Sanford, NC 27330
Web: www.reachoutcpc.com

Hours of Operation:
Monday—Thursday: 10am - 3pm
Phone: (919) 777-0236
reachoutcpc@windstream.net



PRAY for YOUR Pastor & Wife

1. Seek God's Direction
2. A Yielded Heart
3. Allow Proper Study Time



PRAY for YOUR Church

1. Connect and Build Relationships
2. Meet Financial Needs



A Few upcoming dates of interest...

December 12	Pastor's Lunch at Best Food, Siler City
December 14	Pastor's Lunch at Golden Corral, Sanford
December 22-26	SCBA Office closed



Operation Christmas Child Collection Center—Schedule 2017

Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church
316 West Main St, Sanford NC
919-776-1541

Monday, November 13	2pm-6pm
Tuesday, November 14	2pm-6pm
Wednesday, November 15	10am-2pm
Thursday, November 16	10am-2pm
Friday, November 17	2pm-6pm
Saturday, November 18	10am-2pm
Sunday, November 19	1pm-5pm
Monday, November 20	9am-12pm

Please enter from the Woodland Avenue parking area.

Contact Alice Gilchrist 919-770-1510 for additional information or questions.

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		
4	1:00pm	Mission Development Team mtg. at SCBA office
12	12 Noon	Pastor's Lunch at Golden Corral, Sanford
17	12 Noon	Pastor's Lunch at Best Food, Siler City
22	5:00pm	SCBA Fall Gathering at Tyson's Creek
November—Calendar of Events-		
6-7		BSC of NC Annual mtg. at Koury convention Center
9	12 Noon	Pastor's Lunch at Golden Corral, Sanford
13-15		NC Baptist Secretaries Conf. at Ridgecrest
14	12 Noon	Pastor's Lunch at Best Food, Siler City
15	1:00pm	Mission Development Team mtg. at Sandy Branch
23-24		SCBA office closed for Thanksgiving
28	1:00pm	Executive Council mtg. at SCBA Office