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Other Hours by Appointment

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



260th Session Fall Gathering Sandy Creek Baptist Association

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Eric Davidson, Associational Missionary
Billy Threatt, Moderator
Vice Moderator
Kay Cook, Treasurer
Nancy Evans, Administrative Assistant

“Out Of The Seats And Into The Streets”

Sunday Afternoon October 21, 2018
Emmaus Baptist Church

Hosea 6:1 (KJV)

*“Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn,
and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind
us up.”*

2:15	Registration	
2:45	New Direction	
3:00	YOUTH “FALL GATHERING”	GYM
3:15	Call business to Order	Billy Threatt
	Program Team	Billy Threatt
	Scripture & Prayer	Eric Davidson
	Welcome	Steve Moore
	Treasurer’s Report	Kay Cook
	Nominating Team Report	Larry Martin
	Finance Team Report	Ada Douglas
	Registration Report	Nancy Evans
	Business Adjournment	Billy Threatt
3:30	Song	Shepherd’s Flock Choir
	Fall Sermon	Larry Martin
4:00	New Direction	
4:30	MISSIONS FAIR and REFRESHMENTS	
		Fellowship Hall



Be a Prayer Partner for your Pastor

- ◆ Pastors need people who genuinely love them to pray...
- ◆ Pastors face pressures and challenges each day. They lead our church ministries, and face spiritual warfare.

- ◆ Our pastors need us to lift them up in faithful prayer.
- Three ways we can pray for our pastors:

1. A fresh anointing by the Holy Spirit
2. A strong Spirit-led vision
3. Allow Christ to lead the Church

Three ways we can pray for our Churches:

1. Outpouring of the Holy Spirit
2. Passion and urgency to reach the community
3. Members to find places to serve

“YOUTH Fall Gathering”

**FOR: YOUTH, ADULT LEADERS, and
YOUNG AT HEART**

Sunday, October 21st, 3:00pm to 5:00pm
Emmaus Baptist Church **GYM**

Praise & Worship: Life Spring Church praise band
Speaker: Preston Bowman, Youth Minister in Raleigh and student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
Concert: by the Life Spring Church praise band

*****YOUTH MINISTERS AND YOUTH LEADERS** please bring your youth group and “Gather” with youth and ADULTS from across the SCBA!!!***

Fall Leadership Development Workshop,

“The Nuts & Bolts of Deacon Ministry” -
Thursday, October 25th, 6:15 pm – 8:00 pm,
at Best Food Cafeteria, Siler City

- ◆ Go through the buffet line at 6:15pm. Workshop begins at 6:45pm; led by Robbie Gibson and Eric Davidson
- ◆ **Deadline** to register is **Monday, October 22nd**, call 919.776.9423 or email domscba@gmail.com
- ◆ **FOCUS:** Spiritual Life and Spiritual Maturity
- ◆ **For current, inactive, and FUTURE deacons, and their spouse**
- ◆ **One book** will be given to each church (additional copies can be ordered)
- ◆ This training is on-going, and will be offered in Spring and Fall 2019.

If you want to send your old Sunday School literature somewhere it can be used, please check out the website below.

<http://lovepackages.org>

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220 Union St. or to 60-D South Mountain Dr
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“Your Missionary’s Musings” for October - “We can do more together”!!! Eric

“FALL GATHERING” - Sunday, October 21, 2018 –

Emmaus Baptist Church Sanctuary –

Registration begins at 2:15 pm –

“New Direction” in concert at 2:45 pm – Business at 3:15 pm

“YOUTH FALL GATHERING” in Emmaus’ GYM

beginning at 3:00 pm – “Life Spring Church Praise Band” in concert – Speaker, Preston Bowman, Youth Minister from Raleigh.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 260th SESSION OF THE SANDY CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION!!!

As we prepare for our “Fall Gathering”, I want to share with you a portion of my “Spring 2018 Associational Missionary’s Report” to the Sandy Creek Baptist Association. My desire, in part, is to introduce you, and reacquaint you, to the purpose and functions of your Association. Another reason I am sharing this is an attempt, once again, to answer the questions of why do Associations exist and are Associations “necessary?”. You see, an Association is really a network of churches working together to strengthen and support each other, and to collectively advance God’s Kingdom by sharing Jesus with those without a Saviour who then enter into a relationship with Jesus, and making disciples who make disciples, who make disciples, who make disciples, on and on and on!!! I begin with who we are.

“We are **The Sandy Creek Baptist Association – A Network of Churches** (*who* we are); 48 Southern Baptist churches located in Chatham County (32 churches), Lee County (15 churches), and Alamance County (1 church) cooperating as individual churches in fulfilling “The Great Commission” (*what* the church has been commissioned by Jesus Christ to accomplish).

The vision of the SCBA (*why* we exist) is “**Strengthening Churches to BE the Church**”. We exist to support each church in the SCBA in fulfilling their mission.

The mission of the SCBA (*how* we accomplish our vision) is to “Equip, Encourage, Engage” each church.

The strategy of the SCBA (*where* we place our attention) is focused on **Church Revitalization, Church Planting, Spiritual Formation** (evangelism and discipleship), **Leadership Development**, and **Building Partnerships** (and Relationships). The SCBA sees these five areas in a circular fashion, not in a linear or sequential sense. This means no one area is more important than any other. We are focusing on all of these, all at the same time, and praying for our churches to be successful in the areas determined by the church’s strategy for the fulfillment of the Great Commission and the Great Commandment in their specific context, culture, and calling.

In a nutshell, the SCBA exists to support the 48 churches of our Association in fulfilling *their* purpose for existing as a church. It is the church, not the Association, that is called to the fulfilling of the Great Commission and the Great Commandment. The church exists and is guaranteed a future by the *promise* from Christ Himself as long as the church “builds” according to Christ’s blueprint for the church.

The SCBA, however, exists by *permission* of the churches. If the SCBA is not seen as adding value, support, and relevance to the churches, and the churches discontinue funding, discontinue cooperating as sister churches, and discontinue fellowship with one another, then the SCBA will not, and cannot, continue to function in its present form. Churches will continue to “network” but it will look differently than it does currently.

I firmly believe the Association is a vital partner to the church and can be an invaluable asset for the church, but the churches of the SCBA must see the value of the Association in help-

ing the church fulfill her mission!!! Therefore, the SCBA must be crystal clear in understanding *who is* the Association and why the SCBA exists, and be deliberate and consistent in the delivery to the church of how we function to assist the church and where we focus our efforts to support and strengthen the church. The question we continually want to ask our churches is simply this; “**What do you need?**”, “**How can we help?**”.

The Association has adopted “goals” to help measure our effectiveness in serving and strengthening SCBA churches. These include:

Church revitalization – work with up to six churches a year; two to three in the first half and two to three in the second half. The new Church Revitalization Team will be directly tasked to assist churches in revitalization, including assessments and next steps.

Church planting – encourage and assist churches to plant 42 churches by 2035. In the first 17 years of the Association’s existence, the SCBA planted 42 churches. We are going “back to the future” to help our churches plant 42 churches in the next 17 years. And remember, **churches plant churches!!!** The Association is assisting the church plant in the Pittsboro area, Grace Hill Church led by pastor Lee Callicutt. We are, also, assisting with the planting of Cool Water Cowboy Church in the Asbury Community by CWCC’s church planting pastor, Wesley Thomas.

Leadership development – the Association will provide workshops twice a year for everyone interested in helping their church develop a “leadership pipeline.” We will be offering pastor workshops dealing with leadership development once a quarter.

Building partnerships – one part of this strategy will be the clustering of churches. In these “clusters” we will be identifying and providing opportunities for churches to work together in various situations and circumstances. The Missions Development Team will be heavily involved in this relationship and partnership building.

Spiritual Formation (evangelism and discipleship) – there will be equipping workshops and opportunities highlighted for individuals and churches to be involved. We will continue supporting the ongoing mission trips to Kentucky with Hope Boxes, and to Powell River Baptist Association with socks and shoes. The SCBA will be promoting and providing opportunities locally and to the ends of the earth. I will be working closely with the Spiritual Formation Team and the Missions Development Team.

We **CAN** Do More Together, but without your financial giving, your involvement, your support, and your prayers, we will be limited to doing much less. Eric

“Sharing and Listening Tour”

30 to 40-minute presentation about our Association, followed by “listening” to the church.

We especially want to know, “*What do you need?*” and “*How can we help?*”

To schedule for your church, contact Eric at 919-776-9423 or domscba@gmail.com.

28th Annual Harvest Sale & Auction; Tramway Baptist Church (2401 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Sanford) 919.776.5911.

www.tramwaybaptistchurch.org

Saturday October 20th, Eat-In or Take-Out
11am—2pm and 4pm—7pm—Drive-Thru 11am—7pm

\$8.00 Donation to Building Fund

CHURCHES	August	YTD
Antioch	\$ -	\$ -
Bear Creek	\$ -	\$ 700.00
Bennett	\$ -	\$ -
Bethany	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Bonlee	\$ 635.00	\$ 635.00
Brookdale	\$ -	\$ -
Brush Creek	\$ 573.50	\$ 1,720.50
Centro Familiar Cristiano	\$ -	\$ 1,050.00
Cool Springs	\$ -	\$ 3,375.00
CoolWater Cowboy Church	\$ 115.41	\$ 244.61
Cornerstone	\$ -	\$ -
Cumnock	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
East Sanford	\$ 200.00	\$ 800.00
Emmaus	\$ -	\$ 6,600.00
Fall Creek	\$ 350.00	\$ 2,800.00
Fellowship	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,200.00
Flat Springs	\$ 1,063.50	\$ 2,127.00
Filipino American	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Goldston	\$ -	\$ 1,722.00
Good News	\$ 250.00	\$ 2,000.00
Gum Springs	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00
Hickory Grove	\$ 2,040.00	\$ 2,040.00
Hickory Mountain	\$ -	\$ -
Hunt Springs	\$ 264.00	\$ 2,244.00
Jonesboro Heights	\$ -	\$ 5,004.00
Joy	\$ 650.00	\$ 1,950.00
Juniper Springs	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Kingdom Builders of Christ	\$ -	\$ -
Loves Creek	\$ 143.75	\$ 1,150.00
Mays Chapel	\$ -	\$ 840.00
Moncure	\$ -	\$ 1,416.87
Moons Chapel	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Mount Olive	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00
New Life Praise	\$ 50.00	\$ 400.00
New Salem	\$ -	\$ -
Oakley	\$ -	\$ 4,157.79
Pittsboro Baptist	\$ -	\$ 4,643.87
Pleasant Hill	\$ -	\$ -
Primera Iglesia Bautista	\$ -	\$ -
Rives Chapel	\$ -	\$ -
Roca Fuerte	\$ -	\$ -
Rock Springs	\$ -	\$ 750.00
Rocky River	\$ 563.16	\$ 5,502.15
Sandy Branch	\$ 1,012.24	\$ 9,041.38
Sanford, First	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Shepherd's Flock	\$ 252.85	\$ 903.20
Siler City First	\$ 375.00	\$ 3,000.00
Tramway	\$ 300.00	\$ 2,400.00
Tyson Creek	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
TOTAL CHURCH INCOME	\$ 13,088.41	\$ 94,167.37
OTHER INCOME		\$ -
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 6.94	\$ 52.09
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 13,095.35	\$ 94,219.46
Expenses This Month	\$ 11,656.26	
Expenses To Date	\$ 98,447.38	
Budget Requirements Per Month	\$ 14,819.50	
Budget Requirements To Date	\$ 118,556.00	
SCBA FUNDS	8/31/2018	
Capital Bank - Checking	\$ 14,727.85	
Capital Bank - Restricted	\$ 33,686.41	
BUDGET 2018	\$ 177,834.00	

SCBA WMU: As these words are put to paper, remnants of Hurricane Florence continue dumping rain across our state; many do not yet know if their homes survived. Recovery will be protracted, painful, and at times overwhelming for survivor and volunteer alike. The storm's fury will dissipate, but not the aftermath. So great need, what can we do? We can "...be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, ... [knowing our] labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58).

Give what you can, do what you are able, and trust God for the outcome. Above all else pray and "...let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:6-7).

Begin now to prepare for Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer November 5, 2018. Prayer guides and programs are available for download at: <http://www.bwawd.org/2018-Day-Of-Prayer>. Day of Prayer offerings enable the NA Baptist Women's Union to fund Baptist Women's ministry projects that primarily benefit women and children in NA.

Don't forget the 2.0-3.5 oz. deodorants collected for the 2018 RED BOX Ministry are due at the Fall Gathering (10/21/18) or at the SCBA office no later than October 24, 2018. This ministry will touch the lives of 1,700 women in NC prisons.

Mark you calendar now and plan to attend Missions Extravaganza 2019 at Trinity Baptist Church, Raleigh April 26-27. This year's theme is *UNSHAKEABLE PURSUIT*, and information is available at: <http://www.wmunc.org/me2019>.

The storms of this life will not be over until we are in the presence of our Lord. In the meantime, remember God's word to Joshua applies to us as well: "...as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave...nor forsake you" (Josh. 1:9). God is still our "refuge from the storm" (Isa. 25:4).

SCBA WMU: Susan Ferguson, (919) 548-0115 fergusonst@earthlink.net



The mission team who participated in the Powell River Assoc. Shoe Fair wishes **to thank all**

of you who either purchased shoes and socks or contributed money for shoes. Again this year the participation from individuals and churches provided shoes for school age children and they will have a new pair of shoes and socks to begin the school year. To see the smiles and expressions on a child's face is priceless and you have been a part of making that happen for the past 5 years. This year we had (17) total representing (8) different churches from SCBA to travel to Jonesville, VA. We had a team of (15) to join us from Welcome Baptist Church, Greenville, SC and (4) from Mission of Hope from Knoxville, TN. Friday the families enjoyed a block party with free "stuff" including book bags, school supplies, baby items, Bibles furnished by Mission of Hope, flip flops, snow cones, kettle corn & water furnished by Welcome Baptist. Sandy Creek Assoc furnished Bible story books for the children, balloons, and hygiene bags for each family. The Powell River furnished a bouncy house for the younger children and the Powell River Acteens served hot dogs., Sandy Creek Assoc., purchased a total of 439 pairs of shoes and dozens of socks. We fitted 418 pairs of shoes and served 191 families of Jonesville, VA.



REACHOUT CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER

Praising God for HIS might hand of Grace upon Reach Out this past month!



God is working and He is worthy of our PRAISE!

Need...Bottled water (sm. or lg.), Lg diaper bags, baby nail clippers, baby thermometer, & toilet paper.

Thank you for your prayers and support!
Together for LIFE, Debbie Puryear, Executive Director

ROC Pregnancy Center —
403 Carthage St
Sanford, NC 27330
Web: www.reachoutpc.com

Hours of Operation:
Monday—Thursday: 10am - 3pm
Phone: (919) 292-2657
reachoutpc@gmail.com

GET INVOLVED IN OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD!

It's time to begin packing your Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Last November, 6,191 shoeboxes were processed through the Collection Center at Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church in Sanford. These boxes came from all around the SCBA area. If your family or church is not involved in OCC, make this the year you get involved in this international out-reach project. OCC volunteers are also available to come and talk with your congregation about this simple, but effective ministry. A 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 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 ministry. Please bring your filled shoeboxes to JHBC during National Collection Week: November 12-19. Contact Alice Gilchrist at 919-770-1510 for more information.

North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO) is a special offering received during the month of September that supports the ministries of Baptists on Mission, Church Planting, mission camps, associational projects and mobilization ministry projects. NCMO is your opportunity to impact lostness as God accomplishes many wonderful things through these various ministries.

Mount Olive Baptist Church, Pittsboro, NC, is looking for a part-time Minister of Children and Youth. Mount Olive is a healthy, rural, and theologically conservative Baptist church averaging about 150 in worship. We are looking for someone to lead our youth group on Wednesday nights and teach the youth Sunday school (there is no Sunday night service). In addition, the person will need to act as a children's ministry coordinator (helping to recruit and direct children's ministry volunteers and suggesting appropriate curriculum). This position can allow for considerable flexibility as long as the person is available on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. If interested, please send a resume to Pastor David Crowther at ministrysearch15@gmail.com.

Oakley Baptist Church in Siler City is hiring a part time Youth Pastor for grades 7 -12. This position is for approximately 20 hours per week and includes Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and Wednesday evening teaching times in addition to other Youth activities. For more information or to submit a resume, call 919-742-2095 or email jan062908@yahoo.com.

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October—Calendar of Events-		
2		SCBA Sisterhood Mtg. at SCBA Office
4	1:00	Executive Council Mtg. SCBA Office
16	12 Noon	Pastor's Luncheon at Best Food, Siler City
18	12 Noon	Pastor's Luncheon at Golden Corral, Sanford
21	2:45pm	Fall Gathering—at Emmaus Baptist
22		Deadline to register for Nuts & Bolts of Deacon Ministry
25	6:15pm-8:00pm	"Nuts & Bolts of Deacon Ministry" Best Food, Siler City
November—Calendar of Events-		
5-6		BSC of NC Annual Meeting at Koury Conv. Center
8	1:00pm	Executive Council Team Mtg. SCBA Office
12-14		NC Baptist Secretaries Association at Caraway
13	12 Noon	Pastor's Luncheon at Best Food, Siler City
15	12 Noon	Pastor's Luncheon at Golden Corral, Sanford
22-23		Thanksgiving—SCBA Office Closed
28	1:00pm	Mission Development Team Mtg. at SCBA office
December—Calendar of Events-		
11	12 Noon	Pastor's Luncheon at Best Food, Siler City
13	12 Noon	Pastor's Luncheon at Golden Corral, Sanford
24-26		SCBA Office Closed for Christmas
Jan.1		SCBA Office Closed



Treasured, a Judgement House walk-through drama, presented at Pittsboro Baptist Church October 25-28.

(121 W Salisbury St, Pittsboro, 27312)

Web: <http://www.pittsborobaptistchurch.org/jh>

Thursday 7:00pm - 9:00pm; Friday 7:00pm - 11:00pm; Saturday 6:00pm - 10:00pm; Sunday 5:00pm - 10:00pm.

A walk-through drama that presets the truth of people's choices versus the consequences of those decisions, both in this life and the next.

Constantly compared to her over-achieving older brother, crushed by her parents' expectations, and bullied at school, Michelle feels her life is hopelessly crashing. This 2018 Judgement House presentation, **Treasured**, offers a solution to the heartbreak that so many people experience.

Walk-in's are welcome, but reservations are recommended by calling 919.542.2986, or email pbcontactus@gmail.com.

Due to the intensity of some scenes, children under age ten should not attend. No admission fee but a \$3 donation encouraged.