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



“SPRING YOUTH RALLY”

WHEN = Sunday, March 10th

WHERE = Jonesboro Heights Baptist
(316 W Main St., Sanford, NC 27332)

TIME = 5:15 pm—Registration, FOOD, Games, & Music (Games-Foosball, Cornhole, Ladder Golf, etc)

TIME = 6:00 pm—Music, Welcome, & MORE GAMES! (Games—Ice Breaker, Selfie Game, Music by Praise & Worship Band, and “Guided” Prayer

TIME = 6:40 pm = “My Identity in Christ” Speaker, Chad Dillard

TIME = 7:15 pm—DOOR PRIZES
[worth staying to the end!]

MAKE PLANS NOW TO BRING YOUR YOUTH AND THEIR FRIENDS!!!



A gathering of youth from around the Sandy Creek Baptist Association—A Network of Churches



A Mission Trip is being planned for June 15-22, 2019, to Sterns, Kentucky. Interested in going?

Some of what we will be doing are: Working at The Lords Café, preparing and serving lunch, ministering at the Horizon Adult Day Care, Prayer Walking, and Laundry Ministry, Service Ministry. There are opportunities for construction projects if you are interested in that area. So many ministry opportunities available. If you are a hair stylist and want to be a blessing to others, there is a hair and nail salon ministry available. Cost will be kept as low as possible. We will be having an informational meeting **March 19, 2019**, beginning at 7:00pm at Fellowship Baptist (120 Fellowship Ch. Rd, Siler City). Let us know if you are interested in going on Mission for Jesus. If you can not make it to Siler City, come by the office and we can talk about it.



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Youth Leaders and Youth of ALL AGES



SAVE THE DATE !!!

Sunday, April 28, 2019

Hunt Springs Baptist Church
(1557 St Andrews Ch. Rd., Sanford NC 27332)

SCBA “Spring Gathering” 2:45 pm until 5:30 pm

Everyone is welcome to attend

You will have the opportunity to be part of “**Blessing the Community**”! After instructions and a “sending prayer”, youth will depart from Hunt Springs for an hour of ministry and mission for Hunt Springs’ neighbors. Then, you will return to the church to participate in an “**all-generational**” Food Pack.

We need to know how many workers will be available so we can have an appropriate number of ministry projects.

The deadline for your youth group to register is April 1.

Lord willing, youth (and adults) will have the opportunity to be part of “**Blessing the Community**” for the neighbors of the church where our “Spring Gatherings” will be held for years to come!

We don’t want to just talk about missions, we want you to DO missions, and that’s what “Blessing the Community” is all about!!!

OPERATION IN AS MUCH—GETTING STARTED

1. **Pray**—Ask God for a clear vision to bring Him glory.
2. **Envision**—what it might look like.
3. **Consult**—share with pastor or missions team.
4. **Recruit**—get others involved by sharing vision.
5. **Meet**—to discuss details of vision W/interested persons.
6. **Launch**— as a team, share Jesus in Word & deed.
7. **Evaluate**—the ministry for improvements.

Get creative in your outreach.

Be ready to share God’s love with people you meet.

Ideas as to how you can help:

- ♦ Make care packages for soldiers overseas
- ♦ Paint a porch
- ♦ Sort food at a food bank
- ♦ Offer quarters to those at a the laundromat
- ♦ Prayer walk
- ♦ Sew lap blankets for nursing home patients
- ♦ Sponsor a blood drive
- ♦ Serve lunch at a homeless shelter
- ♦ Organize a neighborhood block party
- ♦ Offer a parents night out, watch their children

“Your Missionary’s Musings” for February - “We can do more together”!!! Eric

“Information + MOTIVATION + Application = TRANSFORMATION” -- Eric Davidson

Church, here’s the reality. Thom Rainer, just this week, stated that 90% of churches across America are either declining or plateaued. 90% - that’s nine out of every 10 churches. Or, put another way, only one out of 10 churches are GROWING!

We have loads of information about the decline of churches in America. Can we agree, there’s no doubt churches aren’t growing, many are “closing”, and we are experiencing it in our own Association churches. *There’s the motivation.*

We NEED application so our churches can experience TRANSFORMATION!!!

The article that follows is by Dale Hudson. He attempts to answer, “Why Millennial Parents Are Exiting the Church”. I share this so we can apply our information and motivation to achieve transformation.

“Studies show that church attendance among 22-to-35-year-olds is the lowest in recent history. Why is this happening? Let’s address some of the big reasons Millennials are leaving the church.

We aren’t including them in planning the future of the church.

Millennials want the opportunity to speak into the direction, strategies and vision of the church. They highly value this and refuse to be a part of a church that ignores their input. If we are going to see Millennial parents become part of and help lead the future church, then we must give them a voice in planning that future.

Practical steps to take: Give them a seat at your church’s leadership table. Host focus groups for Millennial parents. Listen to their feedback and ideas. Have special events and classes that are geared for young couples.

We’re talking it, but not walking it.

We talk about changing the world, but we don’t get involved in things that can change the world. Millennial parents want to change the world. They are drawn to churches that are focused on changing the world. They also want their kids involved in this. A cool mission statement that talks about changing the world, but does very little about it, turns Millennials off.

Practical steps to take: Provide Millennials with opportunities to make a difference. Provide Millennials with opportunities to serve and make a difference with their child. Show Millennials how their involvement is making a difference.

We’re not getting outside the 4 walls.

If we want Millennial parents to come inside the 4 walls, then we must first give them opportunities to get outside the walls. Occasionally taking up an offering for kids in a needy country is not enough. They want to go visit the child and help him /her in person.

Practical steps to take: Get small groups involved in serving together outside the 4 walls. Help supplement and sponsor young Millennials to go on mission trips. Share stories of young adults who went on a mission trip and the fruit that’s resulted from it.

Church politics.

If you look behind the curtain, you will see most churches have politics going on. Power struggles over decisions. Arguing over petty things like the color of the carpet. Starting “new churches” due to church splits. A few families, that

have been at the church for generations, controlling the church and turning it into a country club where only people like them are accepted. Millennials can see right through the curtain. They see the politics, power struggles and lack of unity, and they want no part of it.

Practical steps to take: Create a culture of unity that is based on the church’s vision. The less red tape, the better. Realize you don’t need a committee for getting permission to buy some more toilet paper for the bathrooms. Empower the staff team to be able to make decisions while balancing it with accountability. Make decisions not based on the preference of the few, but on what’s best for the future of the church.

Show them the money.

Millennials want to know where the money they are giving is going. They don’t trust institutions in general and that includes churches. They are turned off when they hear about a pastor building a multi-million-dollar house or driving a Rolls Royce, while kids in other countries are dying of starvation. They are also not big on building grand facilities that are used for an hour a week on Sunday morning.

Practical steps to take: Be totally transparent about where funds are being spent. Show how the money is being used to help others with a special emphasis on helping the poor and needy. Church staff salaries should be in line with what the average family in the congregation makes. In other words, they should live comfortably, but not exorbitantly.

Move from the yelling head to a conversation.

Millennials are not interested in having someone stand behind a pulpit and yell at them. They can sit home and watch the best preachers on the planet on demand. Instead, they long for stimulating conversation in a community of people who are facing the same challenges and struggles.

Practical steps to take: Move from rows of chairs to round tables as much as possible. This naturally causes more conversations to happen. Make sure classes for both parents and children incorporate open-ended questions that can spark deeper conversations. Equip small group leaders to be excellent facilitators rather than lecturers.

Lack of community.

Millennials long to be in community and they want their children to be in community as well. ***Practical steps to take:*** Create small groups that address the felt needs of Millennials. Have small groups for their children. Whether it’s a traditional classroom setting or a small group time after large group time, get their kids in a group where they can be known, cared for and prayed for by a caring small group leader. Set up serving opportunities where small groups can serve together.”

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Let’s be motivated enough to begin “applying”!!!! Eric

SCBA Disaster Relief Trailer

An updated and freshly stocked DR trailer is available to all the churches of the SCBA. The trailer can be used locally, and beyond, for “handyman ministry” or for disaster relief and recovery!!! PLEASE contact the SCBA office [919.776.9423 or domscba@gmail.com] to check-on the availability of the trailer!!!

CHURCHES	December	YTD
Antioch	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Bear Creek	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Bennett	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Bethany	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Bonlee	\$ -	\$ 635.00
Brookdale	\$ 125.00	\$ 2,375.00
Brush Creek	\$ 587.25	\$ 2,307.75
Centro Familiar Cristiano	\$ -	\$ 1,350.00
Cool Springs	\$ -	\$ 4,600.00
CoolWater Cowboy Church	\$ -	\$ 667.46
Cornerstone	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Cumnock	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
East Sanford	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,200.00
Emmaus	\$ -	\$ 8,800.00
Fall Creek	\$ 350.00	\$ 4,200.00
Fellowship	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,000.00
Flat Springs	\$ 1,063.50	\$ 4,254.00
Filipino American	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Goldston	\$ -	\$ 2,296.00
Good News	\$ 250.00	\$ 3,000.00
Gum Springs	\$ 625.00	\$ 2,500.00
Hickory Grove	\$ -	\$ 2,040.00
Hickory Mountain	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Hunt Springs	\$ 198.00	\$ 3,102.00
Jonesboro Heights	\$ 3,119.96	\$ 8,123.96
Joy	\$ -	\$ 2,600.00
Juniper Springs	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
Kingdom Builders of Christ	\$ -	\$ -
Loves Creek	\$ 143.75	\$ 1,725.00
Mays Chapel	\$ -	\$ 840.00
Moncure	\$ 721.83	\$ 2,837.24
Moons Chapel	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Mount Olive	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00
New Life Praise	\$ 100.00	\$ 650.00
New Salem	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Oakley	\$ 2,188.31	\$ 8,527.88
Pittsboro Baptist	\$ 377.80	\$ 6,642.56
Pleasant Hill	\$ -	\$ -
Primera Iglesia Bautista	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Rives Chapel	\$ -	\$ -
Roca Fuerte	\$ -	\$ -
Rock Springs	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,000.00
Rocky River	\$ 504.74	\$ 7,520.55
Sandy Branch	\$ 2,445.56	\$ 15,140.06
Sanford, First	\$ -	\$ 16,000.00
Shepherd's Flock	\$ 65.40	\$ 1,230.72
Siler City First	\$ 375.00	\$ 4,500.00
Tramway	\$ 300.00	\$ 3,600.00
Tyson Creek	\$ 208.33	\$ 3,854.33
TOTAL CHURCH INCOME	\$ 14,399.43	\$ 150,119.51
OTHER INCOME		\$ -
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 4.93	\$ 72.37
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 14,404.36	\$ 150,191.88
Expenses This Month	\$ 14,735.15	
Expenses To Date	\$ 154,276.63	
Budget Requirements Per Month	\$ 14,819.50	
Budget Requirements To Date	\$ 163,014.50	
SCBA FUNDS	12/31/2018	
Capital Bank - Checking	\$ 14,871.04	
Capital Bank - Restricted	\$ 27,036.32	
BUDGET 2018	\$ 177,834.00	

SCBA WMU: Lot's of potential for fun, celebration, and service are noted on the calendar this second month of 2019: Ground Hog Day (2nd), Valentine's Day (14th), and President's Day (18th) to name a few. Others on the WMU calendar of events include WMU NC Heck-Jones Offering ® and Week of Prayer (10th-17th), Focus on WMU (11th-17th), and Children's Missions Day (16th). The February issue of *MISSIONS MOSSAIC (MM)* is filled with ideas for expanded ministry to and for all ages.

Showing God's love to friend, acquaintance, or stranger is not always easy; fear can be an obstacle to responding. This month's *MM* addresses some of these fears and overcoming them in the power of the Holy Spirit. As you contemplate how God wants you to respond, remember to "...be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58 NKJ).

To assist preparation for Focus on WMU Week, visit wmu.com/focusonwmu for free media and other tools. Stuck for new ideas for Children's Missions Day? Check out the article on page 11 and/or visit wmu.com/cmd. Page 44 also offers help for parents on practical ways to teach their children about service to others.

When discouragement and fear overwhelm, a deep look at Elijah in 1 Kings 17 - 19 is recommended. Elijah had witnessed the power of God in his life in the presence of enemies, the power of prayer and the God who answers, yet he fled in fear for his life, almost before the smoke had cleared on Mount Carmel (1Kings 18). Even in Elijah's fearful fleeing and forgetfulness of the power of the God whom he served, God never forsook His prophet. He fed him (flown in daily by ravens!), provided water, and sweet rest.

God came to Elijah's pity party and instructed him to "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD" (1 Kings 19: 9-18). But Elijah hid in the cave, only coming out when "the still, small voice" asked again, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" (19: 13). Elijah was still hiding, but God called him to come out where he was supposed to be, gave Elijah instructions and encouragement that he was not alone. Never are we alone or one of few, for God keeps His promise to never forsake His own (Heb. 13: 5). Therefore, "... we may boldly say: 'The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man [or woman] do to me?'" (Heb.13: 6). So, child of God, are you where you are supposed to be, or are you still hiding in the cave?

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2019—Powell River Baptist Association Winter Shoe Ministry

It is time to go shopping and catch the shoe sales for the Powell River Baptist Associational Annual Shoe Fair. February and March is a good time to purchase good sturdy tennis shoes (all sizes) for the school children of Lee County in Jonesville, Virginia.

Over the past few years we have been participating in this much needed ministry. I hope you will continue to purchase tennis shoes for these school age children.

A Mission Team will travel to Jonesville the first weekend of August to participate in the Shoe Fair. You are welcome to come join in the fun and share God's love with these people.



More info—Call Wanda Howard at 919.774.9667.

Please remove all tags from shoes, tie pairs together and place the size on the outside of the shoes. Deliver to SCBA office or Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church.

*You can: **Purchase Shoes, Pray, and/or Go***

REACHOUT CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER

Sunday, January 20, 2019 was Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. Churches around the U.S. used the day to celebrate God's gift of life, commemorating the many lives lost to abortion, and committing themselves to protecting human life at every stage. In 2018, Reach Out had the opportunity to minister to over 600 people. Three babies and their moms were saved from the tragedy of abortion. God presented opportunities to share the Gospel with several women receiving Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior. Thank you for your prayers, donations and financial gifts, enabling and equipping Reach Out to share **TRUTH, HOPE, and HELP** to those in need.

Needs....Infant Tubs, Preemie Diapers, Baby Wash, Bottled water (small or large), Baby Nail Clippers, Baby Thermometer, Toilet Paper, Infant Crib and Paper Towels.

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

ROC Pregnancy Center —
403 Carthage St
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February—Calendar of Events-		
5	2:30-4:30pm	SCBA Sisterhood Secretaries mtg. at Brush creek
13	1:00pm	Mission Development Team mtg. SCBA office
19	12 Noon	Pastor's Luncheon at Best Food, Siler City
21	12 Noon	Pastor's Luncheon at Golden Corral, Sanford
March—Calendar of Events-		
10		Daylight Saving Time begins
13	1:00pm	Mission Development Team mtg. SDBA office
16		Ladies Day Out at Oakley Baptist
19	12 Noon	Pastor's Luncheon at Best Food, Siler City
19	7:00pm	KY Mission trip mtg. At Fellowship Baptist, Siler City
21	12 Noon	Pastor's Luncheon at Golden Corral, Sanford
28	1:00pm	Executive Council Team Mtg. at SCBA office
30	11:30am-1:30pm	Pastor Wives Luncheon at Sir Pizza, Siler City
April—Calendar of Events-		
2	2:30-4:30pm	SCBA Sisterhood Secretaries mtg. at Emmaus
9	12 Noon	Pastor's Luncheon at Best Food, Siler City
10	1:00pm	Mission Development Team mtg. SDBA office
11	12 Noon	Pastor's Luncheon at Golden Corral, Sanford
22		OFFICE CLOSED for Easter
28	3:00pm	SCBA Spring Gathering at Hunt Springs Baptist
May—Calendar of Events-		
8	1:00pm	Mission Development Team mtg. SCBA office
14	12 Noon	Pastor's Luncheon at Best Food, Siler City
16	12 Noon	Pastor's Luncheon at Golden Corral, Sanford
23	1:00pm	Executive Council Team Mtg. at SCBA office
27		Office Closed—Memorial Day
June—Calendar of Events-		
4	2:30-4:30pm	SCBA Sisterhood Secretaries mtg. at New Salem
12	1:00pm	Mission Development Team mtg. SCBA office
15-22		Stearns, KY Mission Trip
18	12 Noon	Pastor's Luncheon at Best Food, Siler City
20	12 Noon	Pastor's Luncheon at Golden Corral, Sanford

There is a real need for a church in the *Siler City area* to be the host site for a **"Bundles of Hope"** Diaper Ministry. The church decides when and how the diaper distribution takes place in your setting. And, there are three other "Bundles of Hope" churches in the Association that can offer help and "best practices" for the success of your church's diaper ministry. They are Hunt Springs (919.774.1822) in Sanford, New Salem (919.776-1877) in Pittsboro, and Sandy Branch (919.837.5331) in Bear Creek. If you would like more information, you can contact one of these churches or ready to begin, contact Eric at 919.776.9423.

Making Life for Older Adults the Best of Times:
"Keeping Up"
with the **"Oldest Old"**

North Carolina Offering for Older Adults
February 3-10, 2019
Goal: \$600,000




Every dollar contributed is used to financially assist Older Adults who can not pay the total cost of their care.
www.brh.org

Caring for Kids

Ebenezer Christian Children's Home is offering their next Prospective Foster Parent Training Class **March 7-May 9**. If you are interested in becoming a licensed foster parent, please contact Tracy Jackson at 850-777-9443 or by email at jacksonneal@bellsouth.net.

Disaster Relief Training

Disaster Relief Training, Basic Training, Cross Training, Advanced Training, Recertification Training.



Want more information call 1.800.395.5102. ext. 5596

Region 3	March 8-9, 2019	Wilmington
Region 5	March 22-23, 2019	Thomasville