



The Link Newsletter

Sandy Creek Baptist Association of Churches

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

Interim Associational Missionary Report!!!

There are some exciting days ahead for the **Sandy Creek Baptist Association!** Going through this global pandemic over the past year certainly leaves us with a hunger to get good news.

First, we want to discover, present, and carry out a clear vision for ministry through the Sandy Creek Baptist Association. We need to re-focus on carrying out the Great Commission given by the Lord in Matthew 28:18-20.

Second, we are in the process of finalizing an Associational Missionary Search Team. These folks will be given the task of locating and recommending our next Associational Missionary. This is a big task but one that creates excitement for all of us. Please pray diligently for the Search Team as they seek the Lord’s leading in this matter.

Third, our Ministry Team leaders are meeting together to plan some helpful and exciting mission opportunities, as well as some important leadership training events. We want to get the association (that’s all of us) working and praying together to impact the Kingdom of God. Let’s determine to work together and get on board with impacting our communities and beyond with the love of Jesus and the “Good News” of the gospel.

Fourth, our Associational Executive Council is beginning to work on streamlining our organizational structure in order to more effectively (and smoothly) conduct our joint ministries. We want to get more individuals and churches involved.

Fifth, we are working with our Ministers to provide encouragement, prayer support, ministry resources, and fellowship. Strong leaders (spiritually & emotionally) are better able to minister and get other believers involved in ministry.

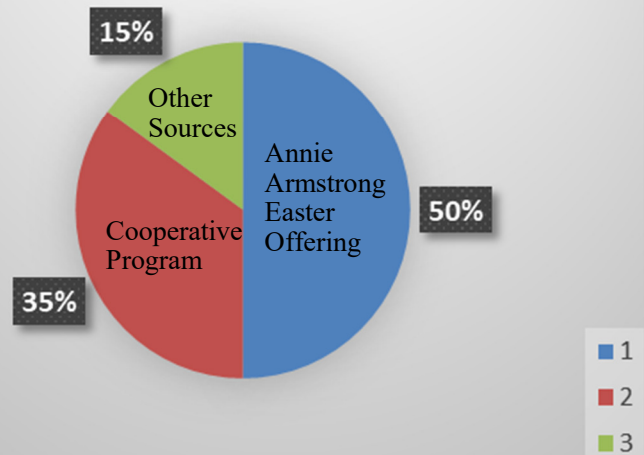
I believe in the work of the Sandy Creek Association and we want everyone to see the value and the importance of our ministering together in the name of Jesus.

***Please PRAY! Please PARTICIPATE! Please get EXCITED ABOUT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES!
Please be FAITHFUL STEWARDS
(in your time, talents, and resources)!***

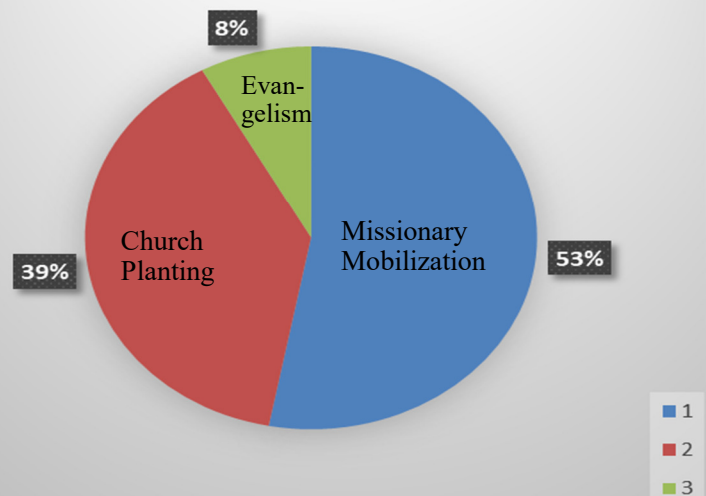
“Pray to the Lord of the harvest, that He would send more laborers into His harvest.”
(Matthew 9:38)

In Christ’s Service,
Rob

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The NAMB Allocations



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CHURCHES	December	YTD
Antioch	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Bear Creek	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Bennett	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Bethany	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,000.00
Bonlee	\$ -	\$ 600.00
Brookdale	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
Brush Creek	\$ -	\$ 2,468.25
Centro Familiar Cristiano	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00
Cool Springs	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00
CoolWater Cowboy Baptist Church	\$ 260.66	\$ 1,772.09
Cornerstone	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,000.00
Cumnock	\$ 208.33	\$ 2,708.29
East Sanford	\$ 125.00	\$ 1,250.00
Emmaus	\$ -	\$ 9,200.00
Fall Creek	\$ 350.00	\$ 4,200.00
Fellowship	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,400.00
Flat Springs	\$ 1,167.50	\$ 5,795.00
Filipino American	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Grace Hill	\$ -	\$ -
Goldston	\$ -	\$ 2,123.81
Good News	\$ 250.00	\$ 3,000.00
Gum Springs	\$ 625.00	\$ 2,500.00
Hickory Grove	\$ 1,918.30	\$ 1,918.30
Hickory Mountain	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Hunt Springs	\$ -	\$ 528.00
Jonesboro Heights	\$ -	\$ 7,373.61
Joy	\$ 750.00	\$ 3,000.00
Juniper Springs	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 5,625.00
Kingdom Builders of Christ	\$ -	\$ -
Loves Creek	\$ 143.75	\$ 1,725.00
Mays Chapel	\$ -	\$ 840.00
Moncure	\$ -	\$ 2,780.25
Moons Chapel	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Mount Olive	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00
New Life Bible Church	\$ 50.00	\$ 600.00
New Salem	\$ -	\$ 400.00
Oakley	\$ -	\$ 9,501.41
Pittsboro Baptist	\$ 414.70	\$ 6,137.64
Pleasant Hill	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Primera Iglesia Bautista	\$ -	\$ -
Rives Chapel	\$ -	\$ -
Roca Fuerte	\$ -	\$ -
Rock Springs	\$ -	\$ 1,125.00
Rocky River	\$ 16.77	\$ 6,576.29
Sandy Branch	\$ 577.36	\$ 10,964.59
Sanford, First	\$ -	\$ 16,000.00
Shepherd's Flock	\$ 49.64	\$ 746.60
Siler City First	\$ 208.33	\$ 2,499.96
Tramway	\$ 250.00	\$ 3,000.00
Tyson Creek	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
TOTAL CHURCH INCOME	\$ 13,190.34	\$ 148,359.09
OTHER INCOME - Sale of Property	\$ -	\$ 198,054.00
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 0.26	\$ 63.01
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 13,190.60	\$ 346,476.10
Expenses This Month	\$ 6,413.13	
Expenses To Date	\$ 117,726.12	
Budget Requirements Per Month	\$ 13,412.80	
Budget Requirements To Date	\$ 160,953.62	
SCBA FUNDS	12/31/2020	
First Horizon Bank - Checking	\$ 197,405.27	
First Horizon Bank - Restricted	\$ 21,203.45	
First Horizon Bank - Money Market	\$ 60,020.78	
BUDGET 2020	\$ 160,953.62	

SCBA WMU : February *Prayer Patterns* will lead us in prayer through the Book of Romans. The most precious gift one can give may be the gift of prayer. As believers we are invited to “come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and grace to help in time of need” (Heb. 4:16).

Once more *MISSIONS MOSAIC* is filled with reminders to be **relentless** in prayer. Given the state of our present circumstances, it seems God is reminding us our strength is in Him and on our knees. Millions are lost, many are confused, others have drifted; their only hope is to *turn to* or *return to* Christ. Therefore, we must relentlessly “open [our] mouth[s] boldly to make known the...gospel, for which [we are] ambassador[s]...that... [we] may speak boldly, as [we] ought” (Eph. 6:19-20).

Opportunities are currently available to spread the gospel and God’s love here and abroad: **February 7-14, WMU NC Heck-Jones ® Offering and Week of Prayer__ This offering provides the entire support for the 32 missions and ministries of WMU NC. Materials and information are available at wmunc.org. **February 8-14, Focus on WMU Week__ Video clips are available for use on WMU’s website. Be creative in your plans as no “one size fits all.” Need help with planning? Call (919) 882-2344 for assistance. **February 7-14, Week of Prayer and NC Offering for Older Adults__ The goal is \$600,000, 100% of which will be used to provide care for those who cannot afford it. A prayer guide is accessible at brh.org/prayerguide. **2021 Medicine from the Heart Campaign__ Initiated by Baptist Retirement Homes, the campaign’s purpose is to help offset the cost of prescription drugs for Older Adults who cannot afford them. Contact Carla Daub by email at cdaub@brh.org or call (336) 725-0202 for information.

New opportunities in 2021: ***“Heroes At Home,” designed for military wives, is presented on the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom. Wives are invited to “listen, learn, and lighten one another’s load.” Any military wives interested may email Rebecca Lindhout at rlindhout@wmunc.org and request the Zoom link information. **Virtual Leadership Luncheons where different leadership topics will be discussed are in the final planning stage. The luncheons will be offered monthly **free** online. Please email me if you are interested, and when the registration/link information is finalized, it will be sent to you. **Coming sometime this Spring__ Missions and Motherhood Podcast/Zoom__ As soon as registration/link information is finalized, it will be shared in the LINK and/or directly by email (see above).

We are told to “pray without ceasing” (1 Thess. 5:16). What better way to pour out compassion and love on those you may never meet



and those you know? Send a Valentine note to someone and let them know you are covering them in prayer. Who among us knows what we might see if we truly are relentless in prayer?

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**Reach Out Crisis
Pregnancy Center**

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Happy February! ♥ The first month of 2021 has been filled with blessings and challenges but the faithfulness of our LORD knows no bounds! We are anticipating an amazing

year filled with wonder and many miracles in the form of lives saved and many new lives committed to Jesus Christ.



Monthly STATS:

- Pregnancy tests: 2
- Emergency assists: 13
- Classes/ Consults: 19
- Material donations: 5
- Ultrasounds calls: 3
- Volunteer hours: 8



Current/ Immediate needs:

- Diapers sizes 3-6
- Baby Shampoo, lotion and wash
- Diaper cream
- Pack n play with bassinet
- Car seats (infant and larger)
- Diaper bags (large)

Please like us on Facebook: [@PregnancyCenterSanfordNC](https://www.facebook.com/PregnancyCenterSanfordNC)

Please remember to pray daily for this ministry!

In Ministry for LIFE, Dianna Andrews, Executive Director

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Hours of Operation:
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PLEASE keep SCBA Officers and Team Leaders in your prayers. They will be streamlining our By-Laws and Policy and Procedures to make them more efficient for the times we live in.

They are also in the process of forming an Associational Missionary Search Team.

PLEASE pray for this search team as they come together for this purpose.

Do you have thoughts about what attributes you would like to have in our next A.M.? Please email us and let us know your thoughts and desires.

Your thoughts and desires are very important to the task at hand. After all this is your Association.

Your thoughts will be considered by the search team as they look for the next Associational Missionary.



for praying and for your faithfulness in serving our Lord Jesus.



The deadline for articles and / or event fliers to be turned in to the office, for THE LINK Newsletter is the 15th of each month prior to the published month.

		February—Calendar of Events-
15		Presidents Day
		March—Calendar of Events-
14		Daylight Savings Time begins
15	6:30pm	Executive Council Team Mtg. at Tyson's Creek

Always choose Love

God wants us to choose to love him freely, even when that choice involves pain, because we are committed to him, not to our own good feelings and rewards. He wants us to cleave to him, as Job did, even when we have every reason to deny him hotly. That, I believe, is the central message of Job.

Satan had taunted God with the accusation that humans are not truly free. Was Job being faithful simply because God had allowed him a prosperous life? Job's fiery trials proved the answer beyond doubt. Job clung to God's justice when he was the best example in history of God's apparent injustice. He did not seek the Giver because of his gifts; when all gifts were removed, he still sought the Giver.

—Philip Yancey, *Where Is God When It Hurts?*



By comparing love to everything from oxygen and fire to wind and war, songs and poetry emphasize its immense power—for good or for ill. Christian author Patrick Morley uses metaphors that focus on love's practicality in everyday life; "Love is the glue that hold us together and the oil that keeps us from rubbing each other the wrong way." He also calls love "the WD-40 of relationships" because it "can seep into tight places where logic, threats and even promises just can't seem to penetrate."

St. Augustine, who predated WD-40 by centuries, knew that love not only eases friction in personal interactions but, with God's help, can change hearts and lives. "Love all [people], even your enemies," he advises. "Love them, not because they are your brothers, but that they may become your brothers. Thus you will ever burn with fraternal love, both for him who is already your brother and for your enemy, that he may by loving become your brother."