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Sandy Creek Baptist Association

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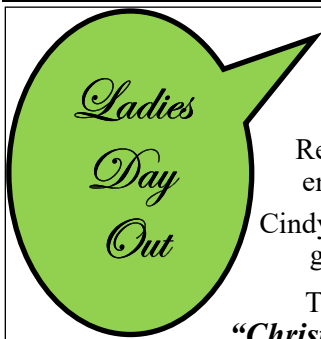


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Other Hours by Appointment

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



Oakley Baptist Church,
(2300 Siler City Glendon Rd, Siler City),

March 11th

Registration begins at 8:30am and ends with lunch.

Cindy Clark will be the guest speaker.

The theme is
"Christ My Anchor"



The Scripture taken from **Hebrews 6:19**.

The registration fee will be \$12.00, and is non-refundable but can be transferred to another lady. This includes lunch and all materials.

Registration must be received by March 3rd.

Checks payable to:
Oakley Baptist Church, 2300 Siler City-Glendon Rd,
Siler City, NC 27344

The 2017 Sandy Creek Baptist Associational Bible Drill will be hosted by Cool Springs Baptist Church (1313 Cool Springs Rd. Sanford) on **March 19th**. Registration begins at 2:30pm with drills beginning at 3:00pm. All churches participating should send registration for the associational drill to Tommie Angel by **March 16th**. If you have questions regarding Bible Drill please contact Tommie Angel, Sandy Creek Associational Bible Drill Coordinator at 919-721-4423 or email at tommie.angel@live.com or speds1@windsteam.net. We look forward to another great year in Bible Drill and encourage anyone interested in learning more about this program to contact Tommie at the above or Deborah Robson at the BSC of NC at drobson@ncbaptist.org



Please join us on **March 17-18**, at Calvary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem for the 2017 Baptist Missions Conference. This event is open to ALL Baptist men, women, and students. Special features include the general sessions, Mission action break-out sessions, mission fair exhibits, volunteer supper and mission testimonies. Program personalities include John Ortberg, Anne Graham Lotz, Gary Chapman, Jennifer Rothschild, Terry Rae, Taylor Field, and the Annie Moses Band leading worship.

2017 MISSIONS
CONFERENCE



RECONCILED
March 17-18, 2017

Registration Deadline:
March 3

\$20 per person -
Registration (Includes program fee, materials, all general sessions, breakout sessions and your Saturday lunch).

There is also an optional Friday "mission opportunities" supper that is \$8.00 per person.

For phone registration contact Kailyn Eskridge at 800.395.5102 x 5596.

BE·DO·TELL

Registration now open for 2017

Scorecard: (March 11, 18, or 25) By the time your students graduate High School, what foundations will be in their lives? Where will they be in a year? Do you want to see students engaged in the gospel and growing in their faith—how do we measure that? Come explore ways to approach ministry from birth—high school that includes life transformation instead of just head knowledge. More info call 1.800.395.5102. ext.5566.
Youth.disciplemaking@ncbaptist.org

Summer Youth Weeks at Caswell: June 12—Aug. 5.

In 2016, we celebrated 297 salvations, more than 940 commitments to walk closer to God and 334 who answered God's call to ministry.

SCBA PASTOR'S NETWORK

- ◆ Thursday, March 9th, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
- ◆ Cool Springs Baptist Church, 1313 Cool Springs Road, Sanford
- ◆ We begin with a FREE lunch supplied by our Association.
- ◆ Following the meal and time of fellowship, we will be learning from Thom Rainer, "Four Steps to Church Revitalization".
- ◆ Please register no later than Tuesday, March 7th so we can be good stewards of our meal.
- ◆ You can register at: https://form.jotform.com/domsoba/SCBA_Pastors_Network

“Your Missionary’s Musings” for March

In the first two issues of *The Link* for 2017, I shared with you an article by Dan Reiland in which he discussed the fallacies of “busyness” in the church. This month, I want to continue to challenge churches, and church leaders, that view busyness as a virtue or maybe even what it means to be a successful church.

Brad Bridges, Vice President of the Malphurs Group, recently wrote an article entitled, “Why Churches Are Too Busy And 5 Ways Church Leaders Can Respond”. He is straightforward and honest toward churches that are using the wrong “scorecard” to measure success in the church.

Bridges writes, “Your busyness diminishes your productivity.

When your church does *everything*, it usually ends up doing few things well.

When you get involved in everything, or focus on too many things at once, you end up accomplishing less of what you wanted to do. You begin to see that your church lacks clarity which damages the first impression of your church guests and reduces your church’s overall impact.

It is fascinating to see so many articles in the news today about the negative impact of multitasking on our productivity. As we try to focus on task after task, Bradberry describes how the part of your brain that handles focus begins to deteriorate. Yes, you read that correctly. Our relentless pursuit of multitasking as a society over the past few years has resulted in our inability to focus.

‘It’s as if being busy all the time (via multitasking) trains your brain to be mindless and unproductive.’ wrote Travis Bradberry recently when discussing productivity and multitasking.

His research, which looks primarily at individuals, also seems to apply to organizations, like your church. As your church seeks to grow its impact, you add ministries, get involved in new opportunities, and do more in hopes of accomplishing more. You begin to see more people in worship on Sunday mornings, in small groups, and serving in the community. You celebrate the way it appears that your church is not only growing numerically but also growing its transformational impact in the city.

But you know as well as I, that doing more does not necessarily lead to the results you want.

(I’m assuming here for a moment that you and your church leaders have clearly identified what kingdom success looks like for your church. I say kingdom success because I want to differentiate transformational kingdom-minded success markers in the church from business minded success markers that *sometimes* are devoid of any Gospel-centered focus.)

Your church can do 100s of things and still find itself stagnant in terms of impact. You can get involved in all sorts of activities that may sound good, and even are promoted by other Christian organizations, that even still end up without the long-term impact you wanted.

You and your church can get so busy doing all sorts of things that you lose track of what you are trying to accomplish. You and your leaders may not even know what you are trying to accomplish (If you haven’t already, ask your church’s leaders what you are trying to accomplish and how you plan to measure progress.)

You are not the only church leader facing this challenge. You are one of tens of thousands.

The key questions you have to ask yourself and your church’s leaders are: How have all your activities kept you from

accomplishing the mission of the church? How can you apply this research on individual multitasking and productivity to your church?

5 Ways Church Leaders Can Respond

1. Decide That You Can’t Do Everything Well

You’ve learned this lesson at some point in your life. If you are like most people, you’ve learned it multiple times. What if you applied this lesson to the church? What would it look like if your church admitted that it didn’t do everything well?

2. Focus Is Your Friend

Try to focus your church into being about something. The goal here isn’t for you to say to the world, ‘Look at us!’ But it is worth asking what you and your church are known for in your community? What would you like to be known for? The reality is that you are known for something already.

As you focus and get painstakingly clear about what that focused ministry will look like, your church’s vision will take shape in ways that it hadn’t before. Rather than talking about vision and forgetting about it in order to go and do more and more ministries, you will shift from vision deficiencies to vision execution.”

Next month, I will share the remaining ways church leaders can respond to being too busy.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Associational Missionary!!!

We CAN do more together!!! Eric

EASTER - “Hope Boxes” - 2017

You are once again invited to be part of a mission for you and/or your church! Help is needed to make “Hope Boxes”, and people are needed to serve on distribution teams. Several teams will be deployed across southeastern Kentucky, beginning April 10—21. If you have any questions about making a “Hope Box” or being a part of a mission team, please contact the deployment coordinator, Tanya Walls, at: hope.tw11@yahoo.com; or (336) 963-2987. You can also visit the website, www.hopeforappalachia.com, to learn what items should be placed in a “Hope Box”.



Shoes



Shoes



Winter Shoes!

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

A Mission Team will travel to Jonesville the first weekend of August to participate in the Shoe Fair.

Please remove all tags from shoes, tie pair together & place the size on outside of the shoes.

More info—Call Wanda Howard at 919.774.9661

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

Deliver shoes to Sandy Creek Associational office or Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church



CHURCHES	January	YTD
Antioch	\$ -	
Bear Creek	\$ -	
Bennett	\$ -	
Bethany	\$ -	
Bonlee	\$ -	
Brookdale	\$ -	
Brush Creek	\$ -	
Centro Familiar Cristiano	\$ -	
Cool Springs	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Cornerstone	\$ -	
Cumnock	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
East Sanford	\$ -	
Emmaus	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00
Fall Creek	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
Fellowship	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Flat Springs	\$ 1,051.00	\$ 1,051.00
Filipino American	\$ -	
Goldston	\$ -	
Good News	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Gum Springs	\$ -	
Hickory Grove	\$ -	
Hickory Mountain	\$ -	
Hunt Springs	\$ 198.00	\$ 198.00
Jonesboro Heights	\$ -	
Joy	\$ -	
Juniper Springs	\$ -	
Kingdom Builders of Christ	\$ -	
Loves Creek	\$ 320.00	\$ 320.00
Mays Chapel	\$ -	
Moncure	\$ 676.38	\$ 676.38
Moons Chapel	\$ -	
Mount Olive	\$ -	
New Life Praise	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
New Salem	\$ -	
Oakley	\$ -	
Pittsboro Baptist	\$ 679.86	\$ 679.86
Pleasant Hill	\$ -	
Primera Iglesia Bautista	\$ -	
Rives Chapel	\$ -	
Roca Fuerte	\$ -	
Rock Springs	\$ -	
Rocky River	\$ 1,286.95	\$ 1,286.95
Sandy Branch	\$ 1,611.45	\$ 1,611.45
Sanford, First	\$ -	
Shepherd's Flock	\$ 92.00	\$ 92.00
Siler City First	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00
Tramway	\$ 707.76	\$ 707.76
Tyson Creek	\$ -	
TOTAL CHURCH INCOME	\$ 13,498.40	\$ 13,498.40
OTHER INCOME - DIVIDEND	\$ -	\$ -
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 3.35	\$ 3.35
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 13,501.75	\$ 13,501.75
Expenses This Month	\$ 12,410.35	
Expenses To Date	\$ 12,410.35	
Budget Requirements Per Month	\$ 15,020.91	
Budget Requirements To Date	\$ 15,020.91	
SCBA FUNDS	1/31/2017	
Capital Bank - Checking	\$ 43,849.19	
Capital Bank - Restricted	\$ 36,834.49	
BUDGET 2017	\$ 180,251.00	

SCBA WMU: Sledgehammers and glue guns. Sewing machines. Electronic media. The complete list would be exhaustive. Tools needed to make missions possibilities your reality are at hand if you are willing to step up, reach out, or stitch up---use your imagination tempered with the knowledge that for God nothing is impossible!

March 5th - 12th is the Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® (AAEO®). In 1895 WMU began this offering, and received \$5,000+. Today this offering, named for Annie Armstrong in 1934, has a national goal of \$70 million.

The entire AAEO® funds missionaries all over North America (NA) in their efforts to reach more than 269 million lost people. One excellent resource is an activity book, SEND>>NORTH AMERICA, that can be used to teach children about NA missions. A limited number of these books are available at the association office. For more materials visit namb.net/children.

Don't forget to register for MISSIONS EXTRAVAGANZA March 24th and 25th at First Baptist Church in Greensboro, NC. For information click the Missions Extravaganza button at www.wmunc.org.

"Think outside the box" and "you can't put God in a box" are familiar expressions to most. What about "don't put yourself in a box and refuse to come out?" Generally, the fear is based on not fully trusting the One who invites us to join Him outside our safe, comfortable box. Fear can paralyze spiritually, even to physical immobility when it comes to joining God in the next adventure He has for us. When God issues an invitation with your name on it, remember you are His "plus one" because He will be there whether or not you choose to join Him.

"...I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings." 1 Corinthians 9: 22b - 23

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

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, March 5-12 FAST FACTS:

Purpose: To support the efforts of the North American Mission Board's Send North America strategy, as missionaries and church planters push back lostness in the United States and Canada

- ◆ Amount of AAEO used to support missionaries and their work: 100%
- ◆ Amount of NAMB budget that comes from AAEO: 49%
- ◆ Amount of NAMB budget from Cooperative Program: 38%
- ◆ Year offering started: WMU started it in 1895
- ◆ Missionaries all over North America receive support from the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO).
- ◆ The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® changes lives forever by empowering North American missionaries to bring the gospel to the lost. With over 269 million lost people, North America and its major cities are some of the most spiritually dark places in the world.

Sr. Adults Save the date: May 16, 2017
We will have the Sr. Adult Spring Fellowship.
More details to come soon.



Mount Olive Baptist Church, Pittsboro, NC, is seeking a part-time Music Minister. We are a conservative, SBC church with an average attendance of 150 located in southern Alamance County. We're looking for someone to plan and lead blended worship. Please send resume to: Rev. David Crowther, 5043 Mt. Olive Church Rd., Pittsboro, NC 27312 or ministrysearch15@gmail.com.



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FOOD FOR THOUGHT and PRAYER

I'm writing this month's article on February 14, Valentine's Day. I realize this will be published at the end of February, but that which is on my heart may be helpful, instructive in praying for us and those we minister to each week. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 says "Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." This describes TRUE love.

Pray that we will demonstrate and have opportunity to clearly communicate this message. It brings together the Gospel, (God loved us first, and acted on that love) and because of that love, we and our clients, can love others as defined in this passage. Oh, to be able to recognize the power of TRUE love! In it, a woman can recognize a "cheap imitation" and have the strength to say no (or no more) to that. A woman can selflessly continue an unplanned pregnancy. A woman can mother her children with their good as her focus.

In His Service, Barbara Flagg

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Sanford, NC 27330
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A Few upcoming dates of interest...

May 6	Sr. Pastor Wives Special Event
May 10	Mission Development Team Mtg.
May 11	Pastor's Network
May 14	Mother's Day
May 15	Executive Council Mtg.
May 16	Pastor's Lunch at Best Food
May 16	Sr Adult Spring Fellowship
May 29	Memorial Day—Office Closed
June 6	SCBA Secretaries Sisterhood mtg.
June 8	Pastor's Network
June 12-13	Southern Baptist Convention
June 14	Mission Development Team Mtg.
June 18	Father's Day
June 20	Pastor's Lunch at Best Food
July 4	Independence Day—SCBA Office Closed
July 10-12	Minister's Wives Retreat at Camp Caraway
July 12	Mission Development Team mtg. at SCBA office
July 13	Pastor's Network
July 18	Pastor's luncheon at Best Food , Siler City
July 31	Executive Council Team mtg.
August 1	SCBA Secretaries Sisterhood mtg.
August 3-6	Powell River Mission Trip (Shoe Ministry)
August 9	Mission Development Team mtg. at Sandy Branch
August 15	Pastor's Luncheon at Best Food—Siler City
August 29	"Peace Maker" Workshop

Attention!
Sr Pastor
Wives

Save the date, MAY 6, 2017 for a special event geared just for you, to be held at the Tyson's Creek Baptist Church, Family Life Center. (10981 Siler City Glendon Rd, Bear Creek)

Fellowship time begins at 8:30am with coffee & muffins.

We will conclude with lunch. There will be lots of pampering, fun, food, fellowship, and inspiration designed with you in mind in between.

The theme for the day is "Amazing Grace" Scripture taken from Ephesians 2:4-7

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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March—Calendar of Events		
5-12		NAM's & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
8	10:00am	Mission Dev. Team Mtg. at Sandy Branch
9	11:30am	Pastor's Network at Cool Springs Baptist
12		Daylight Savings Time Begins-turn clocks up 1 hour.
17-18		"Reconciled" NC Bapt. Mission Conf.
19	3:00pm	SCBA Bible Drill at Cool Springs
20		Spring Begins
21	12:00pm	Pastor's Luncheon at Best Food Cafeteria, Siler City
27	6:45pm	Executive Council Team Mtg.
April—Calendar of Events-		
4	2:30-4:30pm	SCBA Secretaries Sisterhood mtg.
6	11:30am	Pastor's Network at TBD
16		EASTER
17		SCBA Office Closed
18	12 Noon	Pastor's luncheon at Best Food Cafeteria, Siler City
19	10:00am	Mission Development Team mtg. at Sandy Branch
26		Administrative Professionals Day
30	5:00pm	SCBA Spring Gathering at Sandy Branch