

# The Link Newsletter

## Sandy Creek Baptist Association of Churches

### March, 2018



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



#### Time to Start Purchasing Tennis Shoes

Winter tennis shoes are on sale. It's a good time to purchase them for the Powell River Shoe Fair Mission. We need sturdy tennis shoes for children, youth, ladies and men's sizes that are suitable to wear to school.

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

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

#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION!!!

The 2018 “Spring Gathering”, will be Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, at First Baptist Church, Sanford



A NEW TIME has been set:  
3:00 pm until 5:00 pm

AN ADDED FEATURE:  
A “Spring Gathering” for youth begins at 3:00 pm

The 2018 Sandy Creek Baptist Associational Bible Drill will be hosted by Fellowship Baptist Church (120 Fellowship Rd. Siler City) on **March 25**. 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 22**. If you have questions regarding Bible Drill please contact Tommie Angel, SCBA Bible Drill Coordinator at 919-721-4423 or email [tommie.angel@live.com](mailto:tommie.angel@live.com) or [speds1@windsteam.net](mailto: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 or Deborah Robson at [drobson@ncbaptist.org](mailto:drobson@ncbaptist.org)



#### 10th Annual Wild-Game Dinner—March 10th Flat Springs Baptist Church (4148 Deep river Rd Sanford)

We will begin the activities at 4:30 PM with a BB gun competition, a bow shooting competition, and a casting competition.



Our meal will begin at 6 PM with a great variety of wild game dishes including venison, bear, elk, rabbit, squirrel, wild turkey, raccoon, along with various types of fish as well. We will provide chicken for the less daring. There will be homemade desserts and hush puppies along with baked beans. We will also have door prizes that we pass out at the

end of the evening.

Our speaker this year will be Mr. Robert Smith. Robert is a pro staffer with Mossy Oak, Woodhaven Custom Calls, and Drake Calls. Robert is a member of Jersey Baptist Church in Lexington and very involved in helping young people become involved with the outdoors.

The public is invited to come and there is no cost for the meal. If you are planning to come please contact the church office and let us know how many are coming to help us in our preparation. The church phone number is 919-775-5922.

#### Bennett Baptist Church and Pastor Tim Strider

welcomes you to a Picture of Calvary on March 23, 24, 25th beginning at 8:00 pm. The drama will be outdoors. Come see one of the greatest stories ever told. (68 Bonlee St. Bennett) For more information call 336-581-3419.



#### OAKLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

(2300 Siler City-Glendon Rd, Siler City)

**Saturday, March 17, 2018**

Brunch begins at 9am and  
Program begins at 9:45am—12pm

Speaker—Ellen Day

Theme: “Behold, I am doing a new thing” Isaiah 43:19

Cost: \$5.00 and (1) item for Samaritan’s Purse Shoebox

(either a coloring book or a box of crayons)

Deadline to register is Friday, March 9th.

Ladies  
Day  
Out

## *“Your Missionary’s Musings” for March*

Next month, on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the churches of the Sandy Creek Baptist Association will come together at Sanford First Baptist Church for our 260th session. We now call this our “Spring Gathering”. This is a time for people, who are members of our 48 churches, to gather for worship, encouragement, fellowship, inspiration, motivation, etc.

For the first time, our “Spring Gathering” will begin at 3:00 pm and conclude around 5:00 pm. Another first this year’s “Spring Gathering” will feature a service for our youth and youth leaders beginning at 3:00 pm in the Family Life Center at Sanford First Baptist Church.

Every Sunday, in every church across our network of churches, someone says, or says something similar, “Welcome to ..... Baptist Church”. In saying that, we unintentionally imply the “church” is the **building** in which the people have come together for worship. I suggest we change this traditional greeting. Instead we should say this, or something similar, “Welcome to the gathering of the ..... Baptist Church.” We now refer to the church as the people, not the building.

If the coming together of the people is “the church”, as opposed to the building being the church, then we should welcome everyone to our “Spring Gathering” with these words: “Welcome to the ‘Spring Gathering’ of the people who are the 48 churches of the Sandy Creek Baptist Association.” This conveys, again, people are the “church”.

Perhaps you are familiar with the lyrics of the song “Better Together”. I believe these lyrics contain an important message; a message, I’m afraid, we sometimes forget.

“Better together, stronger each day,  
Better together, in every way  
Different people, but so much the same,  
Sisters and brothers, from every land  
Loving each other, we reach out our hands,  
Divided we fall, united we stand  
We’re better together”

“Better together, stronger each day,  
Better together, in every way  
Different people, but so much the same,  
Sisters and brothers, from every land  
Loving each other, we reach out our hands,  
Divided we fall, united we stand  
We’re better together, so much better together”

“Nothing can defeat us, Nothing comes between us  
When we're walking side by side  
Together one voice (Together one voice),  
Together one name (Together one name)  
Lifted high”

“Better together, stronger each day,  
Better together, in every way  
Different people, but so much the same,  
Sisters and brothers, from every land  
Loving each other, we reach out our hands,  
Divided we fall, united we stand  
Because we're better together, stronger each day”

“Better together, in every way  
We're all just different people, but so much the same,  
Sisters and brothers, from every land  
Loving each other, we reach out our hands,  
Oh, divided we fall, united we stand  
We're better together  
We're better together, We're better together,  
We're better together, So much better together”

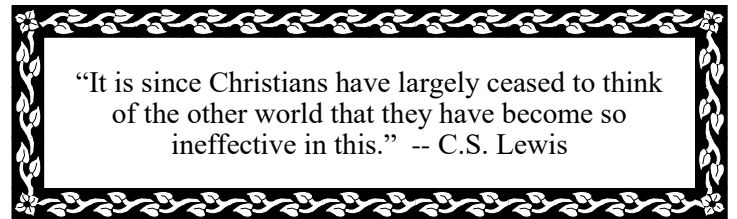
Our churches **are** so much better when the people in the church come together. The Sandy Creek Baptist Association is better when people from every church who are a part of our network of churches come together, work together, pray together, serve together, even “do life” together as the early church did in Acts, chapter 2!!!

The church’s “fields”, both near and far, contain thousands of people who are unchurched and who are without Jesus in their life!!! The task to reach thousands can be overwhelming, but the task is made more “doable” when our people, our churches, come together.

It is way past time for us to  
“Get Out of the Seats and Into the Streets”!!!

**Let’s GO; let’s DO this!!!**

**We CAN Do More Together!!!** Eric



## **COOL WATER COWBOY CHURCH (CWCC),**

a new church plant by Hunt Springs Baptist Church, will host a pre-launch event for the entire family on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at Cool Water Stables in the Asbury Community. A wide variety of activities will be offered to those who are unchurched. More details about this event will be provided in the April LINK. Many volunteers will be needed!

CWCC will launch their first service on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 pm, at Cool Water Stables.

There will be four “Interest and Prayer Meetings” taking place prior to the pre-launch event and the launch. The dates and times of these meetings will be available soon. The focus of this new church plant is to **attract people our current churches are not reaching**.

Even though Hunt Springs is the primary planter of the CWCC, other “partners” are welcomed to join them in reaching the unchurched. This includes churches and individuals. If you and/or your church are interested in learning more about this partnership opportunity, you can attend one of the “Interest and Prayer Meetings” and/or text Pastor Wesley Thomas at 919.935.3001.

Your on-going prayers are needed and appreciated!!!

| CHURCHES                       | January              | YTD                |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Antioch                        | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| Bear Creek                     | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| Bennett                        | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| Bethany                        | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| Bonlee                         | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| Brookdale                      | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| Brush Creek                    | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| Centro Familiar Cristiano      | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| Cool Springs                   | \$ 1,125.00          | \$ 1,125.00        |
| Cornerstone                    | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| Cumnock                        | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| East Sanford                   | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| Emmaus                         | \$ 2,200.00          | \$ 2,200.00        |
| Fall Creek                     | \$ 350.00            | \$ 350.00          |
| Fellowship                     | \$ 150.00            | \$ 150.00          |
| Flat Springs                   | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| Filipino American              | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| Goldston                       | \$ 574.00            | \$ 574.00          |
| Good News                      | \$ 250.00            | \$ 250.00          |
| Gum Springs                    | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| Hickory Grove                  | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| Hickory Mountain               | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| Hunt Springs                   | \$ 264.00            | \$ 264.00          |
| Jonesboro Heights              | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| Joy                            | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| Juniper Springs                | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| Kingdom Builders of Christ     | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| Loves Creek                    | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| Mays Chapel                    | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| Moncure                        | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| Moons Chapel                   | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| Mount Olive                    | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| New Life Praise                | \$ 50.00             | \$ 50.00           |
| New Salem                      | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| Oakley                         | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| Pittsboro Baptist              | \$ 663.27            | \$ 663.27          |
| Pleasant Hill                  | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| Primera Iglesia Bautista       | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| Rives Chapel                   | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| Roca Fuerte                    | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| Rock Springs                   | \$ 250.00            | \$ 250.00          |
| Rocky River                    | \$ 1,226.11          | \$ 1,226.11        |
| Sandy Branch                   | \$ 1,874.22          | \$ 1,874.22        |
| Sanford, First                 | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| Shepherd's Flock               | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| Siler City First               | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| Tramway                        | \$ 300.00            | \$ 300.00          |
| Tyson Creek                    | \$ -                 | \$ -               |
| <b>TOTAL CHURCH INCOME</b>     | <b>\$ 9,276.60</b>   | <b>\$ 9,276.60</b> |
| <b>OTHER INCOME - DIVIDEND</b> |                      | <b>\$ -</b>        |
| <b>INTEREST INCOME</b>         | <b>\$ 7.04</b>       | <b>\$ 7.04</b>     |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>          | <b>\$ 9,283.64</b>   | <b>\$ 9,283.64</b> |
| Expenses This Month            | \$ 15,313.39         |                    |
| Expenses To Date               | \$ 15,313.39         |                    |
| Budget Requirements Per Month  | \$ 14,819.50         |                    |
| Budget Requirements To Date    | \$ 14,819.50         |                    |
| <b>SCBA FUNDS</b>              | <b>1/31/2018</b>     |                    |
| Capital Bank - Checking        | \$ 12,926.04         |                    |
| Capital Bank - Restricted      | \$ 39,936.60         |                    |
| <b>BUDGET 2017</b>             | <b>\$ 177,834.00</b> |                    |

**SCBA WMU:** March brings Peanut Butter Lovers' Day (1), Caregiver Appreciation Day (3), Daylight Saving Time (11), Spring (20), and Palm Sunday (25)—some for fun, others of more import, but all opportunities for creative expressions of Christ's love and sharing the gospel. Suggestions for community missions in the March MISSIONS MOSAIC can be found in Laci Post's article on page six. Like Esther, God has placed each of us in our present place "for such a time as this" (Esth. 4:14).

There's still time to register for Missions Extravaganza (April 27-28) hosted by Ardmore Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. Register at [www.wmunc.org/events](http://www.wmunc.org/events) or call 919-882-2344.

In August, Missions Rallies will be held in Regions 1 - 10 at various locations. There is no fee, but registration at [www.baptistonmission.org](http://www.baptistonmission.org), 800-395-5102 ext. 5596, or [keskridge@ncbaptist.org](mailto:keskridge@ncbaptist.org) is due one week prior to rally date for an accurate count for lunch. Make plans to attend these events for all ages; they will include worship, testimonies, videos, and information on mission opportunities.

Of late I have been reminded that I must attend to my prayer life regularly by spending time in conversation with my heavenly Father, then quietly listening for His voice. Psalm 46: 10 instructs us to "Be still and know that I am God." Being still is not being lazy, rather it is a most important, active part of following God. It is perhaps the most important way to be equipped "to inform and inspire Christians to influence their world for Christ."

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

### NCBAM's Senior Adult Ministry State Leadership Conference "AAIM"

#### (Aging Adults Innovating Ministry)

will be May 1, 2018 in Thomasville. Registration is \$10. Spend the day in fellowship as we explore Senior Adult Ministry and discuss "Living Forward!" Call 877.506.2226 for details or visit [ncbam.org](http://ncbam.org).



**March 11**

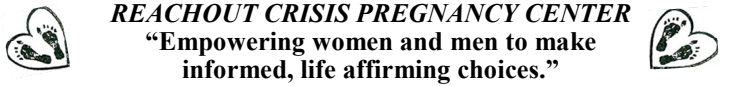


#### **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** trainings

will be offered in May and November of 2018. Our churches desperately need a leadership pipeline in the church; a way to continually identify and train new leaders and to continually better equip current leaders.

These trainings will be an aid to leadership development in the church, and will be practical and specific, covering many areas of leadership development. These trainings will be helpful for deacons, elders, team members, and anyone else, current and future, the church desires to be better prepared and equipped to lead in the church.

Specific details will be available in the April LINK.



**REACHOUT CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER**  
**“Empowering women and men to make informed, life affirming choices.”**

When we think of the month of February, we naturally think of love as celebrated on Valentine’s Day as an expression of love for each other. That expression may come in the form of candy, a card, flowers or a night out! Jesus describes what true love is in John 15:12-13, “This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.” We are to love each other as Jesus loves us. We may not have to die for someone but there are other ways to practice sacrificial love; listening, helping, encouraging, and giving. At Reach Out Crisis Pregnancy Center, we are committed to meet each woman at the point of her need by; **LISTENING** to her with care and compassion, by **HELPING** her navigate through truth and facts of her unplanned pregnancy and ultimately the choice she will make, **ENCOURAGING** her to be strong, informed and embrace LIFE, and by **GIVING** her practical help through our EWYL Program, baby needs and maturity items. Most of all we want to introduce her to the One who gives hope, life and unconditional love. Christ’s love compels us to reach out to those around us. We are His hands and feet to our community and as a result of your partnership with us, lives are saved and hearts are changed one life at a time. If you have not previously partnered with Reach Out Crisis Pregnancy Center, I would ask you to prayerfully consider doing so. You can help by praying, becoming a financial partner, volunteering or help get the word into our community.

NEWS.....As of January 2018, Debbie Puryear transitioned into the position of Executive Director. Barbara Flagg, remains at Reach Out as Direct Client Services. We are encouraged and excited to see what the Lord will do as we continue serving Him in 2018.

Together for Life, Debbie Puryear, Executive Director

**ROC Pregnancy Center** —  
 507 N. Steele St. 2nd Floor  
 Sanford, NC 27330  
 Web: [www.reachoutcpc.com](http://www.reachoutcpc.com)

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

**Puerto Rico Partnership for SCBA Churches**

We will begin an on-going partnership with a Southern Baptist Church in Puerto Rico very soon. Our North American Mission Board is partnering with Associations to establish this one-on-one relationship.

As soon as we know what items are needed, we will give you the opportunity to join in and help us collect those needed items. They will be shipped to Georgia for the North American Mission Board to deliver to that part of Puerto Rico.

**A Few upcoming dates of interest...**

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| May 8   | Pastor’s Luncheon at Best Food, Siler City    |
| May 9   | Mission Development Team mtg. at SCBA office  |
| May 10  | Pastor’s Luncheon at Golden Corral, Sanford   |
| May 13  | Mother’s Day                                  |
| May 15  | Senior Adult Fellowship at New Life Praise    |
| May 17  | Executive Council mtg.                        |
| May 28  | Memorial Day—SCBA Office Closed               |
| June 5  | SCBA Sisterhood Secretary mtg. at New Salem   |
| June 13 | Mission Development Team Mtg. at Sandy Branch |
| June 14 | Pastor’s Luncheon at Golden Corral, Sanford   |
| June 19 | Pastor’s Luncheon at Best Food, Siler City    |
| July 11 | Mission Development Team mtg. at SCBA office  |
| July 12 | Pastor’s Luncheon at Golden Corral, Sanford   |
| July 17 | Pastor’s Luncheon at Best Food, Siler City    |
| July 19 | Executive Council Team Mtg.                   |

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If you would consider to begin receiving it by email, simply send us an email request, let us know your snail mail address and we will add you to our newsletter email list.

**“Operation In As Much”**

**SAVE THE DATES!!!**

Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> OR Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

NCBAM's Rampin' Up! will be April 28 and May 5 in conjunction with Operation InAsMuch. Join volunteers all across the state as we come together to build wheelchair ramps for aging adults in the community. Call 877.506.2226 to sign up your team of builders or visit [ncbam.org](http://ncbam.org)!

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-**

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|----|---------|--|
| 11 |         | Daylight Savings Time Begins                 |
| 14 | 1:00pm  | Mission Development Team Mtg. at SCBA office |
| 15 | 12 Noon | Pastor’s Luncheon at Golden Corral, Sanford  |
| 20 | 12 Noon | Pastor’s Luncheon at Best Food, Siler City   |
| 22 | 1:00pm  | Executive Council Mtg.                       |
| 25 | 3:00pm  | SCBA Bible Drill at Fellowship Baptist       |

**April—Calendar of Events-**

|    |               |   |
|----|---------------|---|
| 1  |               | EASTER  |
| 2  |               | SCBA Office Closed                                    |
| 3  | 2:30-4:30pm   | SCBA Sisterhood Mtg at New Life Praise                |
| 4  | 1:00pm        | Mission Development Team Mtg. at Sandy Branch Baptist |
| 22 | 3:00pm        | SCBA Spring Gathering at Sanford First Baptist        |
| 28 | 8:30am-1:00pm | Sr. Pastor Wives Event at Rocky River Baptist         |