

The Link Newsletter

Sandy Creek Baptist Association

April, 2017



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Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday 9:00 am.—12:00 pm.
Other Hours by Appointment

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



259th Session
Spring Meeting
Sandy Creek Baptist Association

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

Eric Davidson, Associational Missionary
Andy Siegner, Moderator
Wesley Thomas, Vice Moderator
Kay Cook, Treasurer
Nancy Evans, Administrative Assistant

"Acts of a Healthy Church"

Sunday Evening April 30, 2017

Sandy Branch Baptist Church

"And the Lord added to the church daily"
Acts 2:47

4:30	Registration	
4:45	Music	
5:00	Call to Order	Andy Siegner
	Scripture and Prayer	
5:05	Welcome	Marc Sanders
	Program Team	Wesley Thomas
5:10	Praise & Worship	Congregation
5:15	Treasurer's Report	Kay Cook
	Nominating Team Report	Larry Martin
	Other Reports / Business	
5:25	Registration Report	Nancy Evans
	Missions Fair Information	Eric Davidson
5:30	MISSIONS FAIR & SNACK SUPPER	Fellowship Hall
6:30	Celebration Worship	Sanctuary
	Welcome and Prayer	Eric Davidson
6:35	Praise & Worship	Congregation
6:40	Associational Missionary Report	Eric Davidson
6:55	Praise & Worship	Congregation
7:00	Revive NC Crusade	Chance Walter
7:20	Praise & Worship	Congregation
7:25	Send Baltimore	Charlie Brown
7:55	Benediction	

Remember to say



*To your
Administrative
Assistant*

Everyone is invited to **Bennett Baptist Church** for an Easter Drama called:
"A Picture of Calvary, The Greatest Story Ever Told"

The dates are: April 7, 8, and 9, 2017.
Beginning each evening at 8:15pm.

This event will be outside and the admission is free.

For more information contact
Rev. Tim Strider at 336-581-3419



Baptist Children's Homes of NORTH CAROLINA

More children to feed, more lives to CHANGE!

APRIL 2017

food roundup

WWW.BCHFOODROUNDUP.ORG

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME FOOD ROUNDUP

Help care for more boys & girls! BCH will open another cottage in 2017 to provide a home for more hurting children. www.bchfoodroundup.org. You may bring your donated food and supplies to the SCBA office thru April 25th. Call first to make sure someone will be here. If you prefer you can donate a gift card to purchase perishable items.

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".



“Your Missionary’s Musings” for April

This article concludes last month’s ways church leaders can respond to being too busy. The first two responses are: 1) Decide That You Can’t Do Everything Well, and 2) Focus Is Your Friend.

The original article entitled, “Why Churches Are Too Busy and five Ways Church Leaders Can Respond” was written by Brad Bridges.

3. Go Deep and Wide

Sometimes your church may resist the idea of *going deep* in one area. But why is that? Why do we somehow have a knee-jerk reaction to focusing on one thing, one ministry area, or one segment of the community?

Deep down you and your leaders may want to make sure that you don’t miss out on opportunities to bless others, to follow God’s leading, or to live on mission. You shouldn’t be morally against any of those. But what if you focused on going deep in one segment of your community? What if you were to get your church unstuck by breaking some of your internal barriers?

A case in point would be a local school. Imagine your church is located in a Kansas City suburb with thousands of homes packed into neighborhood after neighborhood. These neighborhoods are full of children and students that attend a local elementary school. But you notice that the elementary school needs some improvements as far as the facilities, reading scores, exhausted teachers, and a host of other things.

What should you do?

What would happen if you decided to reduce your church’s activities in other areas around the city and focus deeply in this one school for the next 2-3 years? How could you bring about change? What would happen in your church? Who are the people you might see joining your church on Sundays in abundance?

You see diving deep doesn’t mean that you can’t have a wide impact. In Andy Stanley’s book *Deep and Wide* he discusses the friction between not only making a transformational impact in a few people (deep) but also reaching increasing amounts of people (wide). Some of the same ideas apply to this local school example.

Diving deep in one school doesn’t mean that you have constrained yourself or your church to the point that you can’t make a large impact.

It actually lays the foundation for impacting many, many people. As you impact a few on a deep level in a given context, you will begin to see large numbers of opportunities open up to do more of the same. You will see teachers at the school who look to the church as a partner in their goals of impacting kids. You will see families interested in visiting your church services because of the way your church has invested so many hours in improving their school. You will see a transformational impact in the city that is both deep (at one school) and wide (impacts families, staff, students, businesses connected to the school, and much, much more).

4. Identify How God Has Uniquely Gifted Your Church

So what are some common strengths or interests throughout your church? Have you noticed that your church gravitates towards certain types of ministries? Have you discussed these types of questions with your leaders?

Identify what types of gifts, passions, strengths, and abilities the people of your church have. Chances are that you will see all sorts of different gifts and abilities. This doesn’t mean that your church is defective. It means that you are the body of Christ and your varying gifts represent the diversity of God’s creation. But you will see some commonalities between the various strengths. You may even start to notice that because of a certain industry in your city God brought you all together around a certain skill set. You may notice that due to your location in the community,

your people have a common demographic background, interest, or ability.

5. Find A Natural Niche in Your Community

Forcing your church on a part of the community that doesn’t want your involvement isn’t wise. Nor is it wise to push your church to do something that it is under equipped or not interested in doing.

Look for where your church naturally gravitates and easily connects. The people in your church have networks of friends, colleagues, families, and all sorts of other connections in the city. Your church likely already tends to drift towards doing similar sorts of things.

Now it is your turn to identify where your natural niche is in the community. If it isn’t *natural*, it will feel forced for you, your church, and for the community. Find common sense ways to dive deep in the community using relationships you church already has, passions God has given you, and serving others where there is a clear need.

As your church grows, there is a tendency to drift little by little away from what you originally planned to do. Your church may have drifted slightly away from its target or it might be so far out to where you are involved in 15-30 different ministries in the community with no sense of cohesion or focus. Either way, you will have far greater success impacting people if you focus on some location, group of people, or tangible need.


Churches are too busy (often doing good things that aren’t the best things). We all know that. But I’m not focused on churches in general. I’m focused on your church.

Your church can’t do everything. You can’t either.

Become a church known for its impact in some area. Not so that you can get all the attention or say “look at us” but **so that you can maximize your impact for the kingdom of God.**

Your Association is available to help your church discover, and engage in, opportunities for ministries and missions!!!

We CAN do more together!!! Eric



Senior Pastor's Wives
May 6th,
Calling All Sr Pastor Wives

*There is a special spa event being planned just for you! It will be held at Tyson's Creek, Family Life Center. Fellowship time begins with coffee and snacks at 8:30am and the event begins promptly at 9:00am. We will conclude with lunch. In between, there will be lots of pampering, fun, food, fellowship, door prizes and inspiration designed with you in mind. Look for an invitation coming soon in the mail. It will either come to your home or to the church. I do not have all of our Pastor's home addresses. So make sure your husband checks to see if it has been delivered to your church. The theme for the day is "Amazing Grace". The deadline to let me know is **May 1st**. If you have questions or to register: Call Nancy Evans at 919.776.9423 or you can email me at sandycreekassn@windstream.net. I am looking forward to seeing what God is going to do. He has already blessed me in the planning stage. Hope to see all of you there. Your Sister in Christ, Nancy*

CHURCHES	February	YTD
Antioch	\$ -	
Bear Creek	\$ -	
Bennett	\$ -	
Bethany	\$ -	
Bonlee	\$ -	
Brookdale	\$ -	
Brush Creek	\$ 554.50	\$ 554.50
Centro Familiar Cristiano	\$ -	
Cool Springs	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Cornerstone	\$ -	
Cumnock	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
East Sanford	\$ -	
Emmaus	\$ -	\$ 2,200.00
Fall Creek	\$ 350.00	\$ 700.00
Fellowship	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00
Flat Springs	\$ -	\$ 1,051.00
Filipino American	\$ -	
Goldston	\$ 535.50	\$ 535.50
Good News	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
Gum Springs	\$ -	
Hickory Grove	\$ -	
Hickory Mountain	\$ -	
Hunt Springs	\$ 264.00	\$ 462.00
Jonesboro Heights	\$ -	
Joy	\$ -	
Juniper Springs	\$ 962.50	\$ 962.50
Kingdom Builders of Christ	\$ -	
Loves Creek	\$ 287.50	\$ 607.50
Mays Chapel	\$ 840.00	\$ 840.00
Moncure	\$ -	\$ 676.38
Moons Chapel	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Mount Olive	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
New Life Praise	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
New Salem	\$ -	
Oakley	\$ -	
Pittsboro Baptist	\$ 450.39	\$ 1,130.25
Pleasant Hill	\$ -	
Primera Iglesia Bautista	\$ -	
Rives Chapel	\$ -	
Roca Fuerte	\$ -	
Rock Springs	\$ -	
Rocky River	\$ 850.05	\$ 2,137.00
Sandy Branch	\$ 1,469.04	\$ 3,080.49
Sanford, First	\$ -	\$ -
Shepherd's Flock	\$ 96.00	\$ 188.00
Siler City First	\$ 375.00	\$ 750.00
Tramway	\$ 250.00	\$ 957.76
Tyson Creek	\$ -	
TOTAL CHURCH INCOME	\$ 10,334.48	\$ 23,832.88
OTHER INCOME - DIVIDEND	\$ -	\$ -
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 5.57	\$ 8.92
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 10,340.05	
Expenses This Month	\$ 10,943.57	
Expenses To Date	\$ 23,353.92	
Budget Requirements Per Month	\$ 15,020.91	
Budget Requirements To Date	\$ 30,041.82	
SCBA FUNDS	2/28/2017	
Capital Bank - Checking	\$ 43,245.67	
Capital Bank - Restricted	\$ 32,304.70	
BUDGET 2017	\$ 180,251.00	

SCBA WMU: Like Christmas, Easter will be observed by many who have no understanding of its true meaning. Egg hunts, new clothes, sunrise services, and family dinners, all part of the celebration, provide opportunities to tell the true story of Easter to family and friends. As believers, we are "...a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, ...His own special people, that [we] may proclaim the praises of Him who called [us] out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2: 9).

Due to unforeseen circumstances, details are not finalized at this time, but the tentative date for SCBA WMU Annual Meeting is Saturday, April 29th. As soon as details are confirmed, information will be made available.

Missions CAROLINA is scheduled for May 26 – June 2, 2017 at CMV. Have questions or want details? Contact Richard and Delores Thomas at rgtanddat@windstream.net.

The Week of Prayer for Mother's Day Offering is May 7 – 14, 2017. Testimonies and materials are available at www.mothersdayoffering.org.

Looking for a mission project? Contact Cheryl Daniel at cdaniel@wmunc.org for information about the CMV Bunk Bed Project. Goal: replace 168 beds (\$275 each) by June 1, in time for summer camp.

Federal and state tax returns come due this month. "Tax Day" rolls around every year; every year taxes due must be paid. Unlike the price of our redemption which, paid once for all, never comes due again! Ever! The highest price ever paid for any purchase was paid for **you** at Calvary when "[Jesus] said, **'It is finished!'**" (John 19: 30)

"...Death is swallowed up in victory" (1 Cor. 15: 54). "...You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here..." (Mark 16: 6). Unlike the treasure at the end of the egg hunt, the gift of Easter is for all who believe, not just for the first to find that special egg.

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

Don't forget to shop for those winter tennis shoes that are now on sale for the Powell River Baptist Association

Annual Shoe Fair. All sizes are needed for school children of Lee County in Jonesville, VA.

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. Deliver shoes to SCBA office or Jonesboro Heights Baptist.



Senior Adult Fellowship -

Ages 55 and up

May 16, 2017

It will be held at Hickory Grove Baptist Church (17721 NC Hwy 902, Bear Creek) *Calling All Seniors!*

Beginning at 11:00am, and ending with lunch.



The Jubilee Choir will begin the Spring Fellowship with singing.

Marty Dupree will be the key-note speaker.

An offering will be taken to help cover the cost of our lunch.



REACHOUT CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER

“Empowering women and men to make informed, life affirming choices.”



3 Things to Remember About Crisis Pregnancy Centers

#1 Crisis Pregnancy Centers are Pro-Woman. Reach Out treats every woman with respect, sensitivity and kindness. Our services benefit women directly. We offer pregnancy tests, perform ultrasounds and offer information on all pregnancy options. Women are able to receive personal mentoring throughout their pregnancies and for some time after. We offer ministry to women who are struggling emotionally with post-abortions. Significantly, all of these services are free and confidential.

#2 Crisis Pregnancy Centers are Pro-Family. Reach Out is committed to meeting the needs of families. We encourage clients to Biblical marriage. We meet family needs through Parenting Classes; practical items and parenting skills are gained. Male mentors are available to meet soon-to-be father figures.

#3 Crisis Pregnancy Centers are Pro-Life. Being pro-life means so much more than being anti-abortion. Yes, we openly and honestly refuse to refer for or provide abortions. Why? Because we know it is not good for that unborn child and it is not good for the mother! We offer real help and hope that **allows** her NOT to choose abortion.

Reach Out is openly Christian, intentionally sharing our faith through relationships with clients. We are committed to the lives of all the men, women and children who come through their doors!

Aren't you glad to be part of something that demonstrates God's Love in our community? We are!

In His Service, Barbara Flag

ROC Pregnancy Center —
507 N. Steele St. Rm 306
Sanford, NC 27330
Web: www.reachoutcpc.com

Hours of Operation:
Monday—Thursday: 10am - 3pm
Phone: (919) 777-0236
reachoutcpc@embarqmail.com

Student Pastor—Part-time position needed:

Principle Function: Plan, administer, coordinate, supervise and evaluate a comprehensive and active Student Ministry at Pittsboro Baptist Church, with alignment to the overall vision and mission of the church to make growing disciples of Jesus. Primary responsibilities include leadership development, discipleship/mentoring, programming, and administration.

For more information, contact PBC Personnel Committee at davisgal0422@gmail.com

Send resume to: Pittsboro Baptist Church, PO Box 696, Pittsboro, NC 27312

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A Few upcoming dates of interest...

June 6	SCBA Secretaries Sisterhood mtg. at S.C.First
June 12-13	Southern Baptist Convention
June 14	Mission Development Team Mtg. at Sandy Branch
June 18	Father's Day
June 20	Pastor's Lunch at Best Food
July 4	Independence Day—SCBA Office Closed
July 10-12	NC 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.at New Salem
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
September 4	SCBA office Closed for Labor Day
September 11	Lee Regional Fair Workers Ministry
September 13	Mission Development Team mtg. at SCBA Office
September 14	Pastor's Network
September 18	Executive Council Team mtg.
September 19	Pastor's Lunch at Best Food
October 7-8	REVIVE NC Crusade at Chatham Central
October 18	Mission Development Team mtg. at Sandy Branch
October 22	SCBA Fall Gathering at TBA

East Sanford Baptist Church will be hosting a trip to the Holy Land January 22-31, 2018. This is a 10 day trip that will take us to the very places Jesus walked and ministered. The cost is \$3,498 based on double occupancy. For more information contact Robbie Gibson at [919-776-3241](tel:919-776-3241).

April—Calendar of Events

4	6:30pm	REVIVE NC Crusade Mtg. at Best Food, Siler City
4	2:30-4:30pm	SCBA Secretaries Sisterhood mtg. at Brush Creek
16		EASTER
17		SCBA Office Closed
18	12 Noon	Pastors luncheon at Best Food Cafeteria, Siler City
19	10:00am	Mission Development Team mtg. at SCBA office
26		Administrative Professionals Day
30	5:00pm	SCBA Spring Gathering at Sandy Branch

May—Calendar of Events-

6	8:30am-1pm	Sr. Pastor Wives Special Spa Event
9	12 Noon	Pastor's Lunch at Best Food
10	10:00am	Mission Development Team Mtg. at SCBA office
11	11:30am	Pastor's Network
14		Mother's Day
15	6:45pm	Executive Council Mtg.
16	11am-12:30pm	Sr Adult Spring Fellowship at Hickory Grove
29		Memorial Day—Office Closed