



# The Link Newsletter

## Sandy Creek Baptist Association of Churches

### June, 2021



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### “Strengthening Churches to: “Enlarge, Stretch, and Strengthen”

#### From My Heart!

As summertime arrives, we are looking to slowly return back to In-person gatherings and greater times of personal fellowship with other believers. These past months have been strange times, but God has provided and we are able to move ahead (by His power and grace).

I look forward to what the Lord has in store for **Sandy Creek Baptist Association** and for all of our churches who form this associational group.

The Lord has given us a Mission to carry out in His name. We call it **The Great Commission**:

*Jesus said, “All authority is given to Me in heaven and in earth.*

*Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.*

*And, lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world. Amen.”*

**(Matthew 28:18-20)**

May we be about our Father’s business. May we share **the only Hope (which is Jesus)** and reach our lost neighbors with the Good News of Christ. Let’s live and share the truth of God’s Word, believing that our awesome God has the power to touch and change lives.

**Pray for our Ministers** as they provide spiritual leadership for our congregations.

**Pray for our Associational Executive Council** as they seek to direct our Association in laboring together in love, unity, and purpose of heart.

**Our mission from Christ has eternal value and we must diligently complete the mission that God has given to us as His children.**

**Please continue to pray for our Associational Missionary Search Team as they seek to find the man that God is calling to help lead our association in these important days ahead.**

*Our Search Team consists of: Bob Wachs (Bear Creek Baptist), Gary McCullough (Flat Springs Baptist), Nancy Evans (Fellowship Baptist), Joel Burris (Cool Springs Baptist), Harriett Lovett (Bonlee Baptist), Alice Gilchrist (Jonesboro Heights Baptist), and Aaron Thomas (Emmaus Baptist).*

Remember the words of the Lord through Jeremiah the prophet:

*“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

*Then you will call unto Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.*

*And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.”*  
**(Jeremiah 29:11-13)**

In Christ’s Service, Rob



If your church would like to send in information or events that are going on in your church family, please, send us an email and we will include it in the next monthly newsletter. It would be good to hear from our Sandy Creek Baptist Association churches about what is going on in their church ministry. It can be a very important way to encourage one another.

#### If you missed the XYZ Leadership Training:

**X**—Ray Vision—Seeing Beneath the Surface

**Y**—ellow—Fear vs. Caution

**Z**—eal—Excitement, Encouragement, & Excellence that was held at Tyson’s Creek Baptist last May 1st—then you missed a real special time together. It was a very uplifting time of worship and encouragement.

When the opportunity comes around for these Leadership Training times again, I do hope you will take the time to attend. You will not be sorry you did. The training time was not only for church leaders but for all of us. After all—we are all to be Ambassadors for Christ.

#### From your Associational Missionary Search Team

The AM Search Team has put together a survey for churches to gain insight from our association members. If you would, please give your input on the direction/needs of our association and our next A.M.. Please contact Nancy at the association office at [sandycreekassn@windstream.net](mailto:sandycreekassn@windstream.net) or 919.776.9423, for a copy of the survey, or an electronic form to send in. All survey types will be anonymous.

Thank you for your concern for SCBA and for your participation in this survey.

The Search team will be meeting again June 14th. We will need all surveys to be turned in before then.

CHURCHES	APRIL	YTD
Antioch	\$ -	\$ -
Bear Creek	\$ -	\$ -
Bennett	\$ -	\$ -
Bethany	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Bonlee	\$ -	\$ -
Brookdale	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00
Brush Creek	\$ -	\$ 636.75
Centro Familiar Cristiano	\$ -	\$ -
Cool Springs	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
CoolWater Cowboy	\$ 427.98	\$ 739.70
Cornerstone	\$ -	\$ -
Cumnock	\$ 208.34	\$ 833.36
East Sanford	\$ 125.00	\$ 500.00
Emmaus	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 4,600.00
Fall Creek	\$ 350.00	\$ 1,400.00
Fellowship	\$ 200.00	\$ 800.00
Flat Springs	\$ -	\$ 1,167.50
Filipino American	\$ -	\$ -
Grace Hill	\$ -	\$ -
Goldston	\$ 707.94	\$ 1,415.88
Good News	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,000.00
Gum Springs	\$ 625.00	\$ 625.00
Hickory Grove	\$ -	\$ -
Hickory Mountain	\$ -	\$ -
Hunt Springs	\$ -	\$ -
Jonesboro Heights	\$ -	\$ 3,157.20
Joy	\$ -	\$ 750.00
Juniper Springs	\$ -	\$ 1,125.00
Kingdom Builders of Christ	\$ -	\$ -
Loves Creek	\$ 143.75	\$ 575.00
Mays Chapel	\$ -	\$ 840.00
Moncure	\$ 558.18	\$ 1,220.98
Moons Chapel	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Mount Olive	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
New Life Bible Church	\$ 50.00	\$ 200.00
New Salem	\$ -	\$ -
Oakley	\$ 2,462.11	\$ 5,387.70
Pittsboro Baptist	\$ 764.72	\$ 2,345.01
Pleasant Hill	\$ -	\$ 600.00
Primera Iglesia Bautista	\$ -	\$ -
Rives Chapel	\$ -	\$ -
Roca Fuerte	\$ -	\$ -
Rock Springs	\$ 375.00	\$ 750.00
Rocky River	\$ 434.48	\$ 2,089.45
Sandy Branch	\$ 725.63	\$ 3,444.96
Sanford, First	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
Shepherd's Flock	\$ 85.66	\$ 252.74
Siler City First	\$ 208.33	\$ 833.32
Tramway	\$ 125.00	\$ 500.00
Tyson Creek	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b>TOTAL CHURCH INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 12,877.12</b>	<b>\$ 49,989.55</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>INTEREST INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 10.31</b>	<b>\$ 24.77</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 12,887.43</b>	<b>\$ 50,014.32</b>
Expenses This Month	\$ 6,445.82	
Expenses To Date	\$ 24,510.16	
Budget Required Per Month	\$ 11,642.95	
Budget Required To Date	\$ 46,571.80	
<b>SCBA FUNDS</b>	<b>4.30.2021</b>	
General Checking Account	\$ 222,811.91	
Designated Fund	\$ 31,293.28	
Church Emergency Fund	\$ 60,030.62	
<b>BUDGET 2021</b>	<b>\$ 139,715.45</b>	

**SCBA WMU:** Here comes summer! Father's Day is just around the corner and the signs of the times, like neon billboards, are everywhere (Matt. 24:3-31). In the words of a contemporary song by \*The Gaithers: *"War and strife on every hand / And violence fills our land, / Still some people doubt He'll come again. / But the word of God is true, / He'll redeem His chosen few. / Don't lose hope...[!!!]"* We must be about our Father's business living out our faith by *"making the most of every opportunity"* to redeem the time as Paul admonished in 2 Corinthians 11:24-28.

On June 20<sup>th</sup> we will honor our fathers, some in person, some in our hearts and memories. None of us is ever old enough to not miss our parents when they pass from this life. Don't miss an opportunity to say "I love you" in word and deed.

**In June:** \*\*Leadership Luncheon Zoom meeting, 10<sup>th</sup>. For details visit [wwmunc.org/leadership-luncheons](http://wwmunc.org/leadership-luncheons). \*\*Orientation Weekend for the Timothy Program, 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, at CMV. Information is available at [www.campmundovista.com](http://www.campmundovista.com); direct questions to Corrie Lindsay at [corrielindsay@caraway.org](mailto:corrielindsay@caraway.org); or register at [sgandy@caraway.org](mailto:sgandy@caraway.org).

**Coming in July:** Horizons Camp for Girls, 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, at CMV, is for girls who have completed 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through age 17. The goal is to help campers expand their horizons through a Biblical worldview and find their identity and worth in Christ. Check out [campmundovista.com](http://campmundovista.com) or call (336) 521-9210. \*\*World Missions Week (WMW), 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, at Fort Caswell is for Kindergarten through Adult. Bible studies, missions, and opportunities to interact with missionaries will be offered. For information and to register contact NC Baptist Assembly at [www.fortcaswell.com](http://www.fortcaswell.com) or call (910) 278-9501. \*\*Deep Impact 2021 Summer Missions, 4<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, at Fort Caswell combines the worship experience of summer youth camp with "hands-on" missions. This camp is for adults and rising 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders only; no child care is provided. See WMW above for contact information. \*\*NC Baptist Ministers Wives Retreat, 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, at Caraway. Information is available at [carawayconferencecenter.com](http://carawayconferencecenter.com) or call (336) 629-2374.

Opportunities abound, but participation is required. Choices must be made to experience God working in and through us in ways we cannot even imagine. There is no place for "Yes, Lord, but..." in the lives of God's children. Beware that this tiny three letter word, "but", does not become the foundation of *"strongholds, arguments, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God"* rather remember it is also written *"though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God..."* enabling us to bring *"every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ"* (2 Cor. 10:1-6).

Time, like money-saving coupons, does have an expiration date after which there is no redeeming either the one for saving money or the other for spreading the gospel. Let's redeem these days by being about our Father's business, whatever He asks us to do, beginning with prayer. *"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous [wo]man avails much. Elijah was a man ...and he prayed earnestly"* (James 5:16-17). God is today who He was then; He works today as He did then. So, what are we waiting for?

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### Reach Out Crisis Pregnancy Center

403 Carthage St  
Sanford, NC 3770  
919.292.2657  
[reachoutpc@gmail.com](mailto:reachoutpc@gmail.com)  
Monday-Thursday  
10am—3pm

*“For with God nothing shall be impossible” Luke 1:37*

We are so thankful this month for the new volunteers at Reach Out! We currently have 4 new male volunteers and 3 of them are already meeting with male clients. This is a huge answer to

prayer to have men mentoring men at our facility! Please help us pray for our clients and all our staff/ volunteers!

#### Last Month’s STATS:

Pregnancy tests: 3  
Emergency assists: 8  
Classes/ Consults: 47  
Material donations: 6  
Volunteer hours: 45  
Webinars/ meetings 7

#### Current needs:

Car seats (all sizes)  
Pack n plays

Please remember to pray daily for this ministry!  
(If you are not receiving our prayer calendar via email, please send me an email at [reachoutpc@gmail.com](mailto:reachoutpc@gmail.com) or check out our Facebook page. Thank you!!

In Ministry for LIFE, Dianna Andrews, Executive Director

**Flat Springs Baptist Church** is looking for a permanent Church Administrative Assistant.

Candidate would work at the church 25 hours per week Monday through Friday. Needs to be proficient in: Microsoft Office and accounting software.

**Send Resumes to:** Flat Springs Baptist church  
c/o Administrative Assistant search committee  
4148 Deep River Road, Sanford, NC 27330

The **First Baptist Church of Sanford**, has an exciting opportunity for a full-time, permanent Church Secretary position. FBC Sanford has a heart for local missions grounded in the heart of the Great Commission. The Church Secretary is the first person that meets and greets guest and members to our church daily, Monday – Friday from 8:30am-5:00pm. This person must have tact, courtesy, diplomacy, a love for Christ and a love for people. Proficiency in MS applications.

To apply, please send a letter of interest and resume to [fbcsanfordpersonnel@gmail.com](mailto:fbcsanfordpersonnel@gmail.com)

**Bonlee Baptist Church** is looking for a part-time song leader and a part-time piano player. These positions can be combined if someone is able to do both.

If you are interested, please contact Pastor Bob Lovett at 980-521-7861 or [blivin4jesus@yahoo.com](mailto:blivin4jesus@yahoo.com).



June 20, 2021  
**Happy Father’s Day**

June—Calendar of Events-		
2	9:30am	Ordination Council Team Mtg.
14	6:30pm	AM Search Team Mtg. at Bear Creek Baptist
20		Father’s Day
July—Calendar of Events-		
5		SCBA Office closed
12	6:30pm	Executive Council Team Mtg. at Cool Springs

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.



### Mission: Dignity

Assisting Retired Ministers and Spouses

Since 1918, GuideStone has been on a Mission to

provide Dignity to retirement-age Southern Baptist ministers, workers and their widows.



God’s promise to provide for His faithful servants and our call to act on that promise are what the Mission:Dignity ministry is all about. Join us in extending God’s care and compassion to His faithful soldiers of the cross who now find themselves in need — providing the comfort and dignity they deserve.

### Winter Shoes!

for the Powell River Baptist Associational Annual Shoe Fair.

You can: purchase good sturdy shoes (all sizes) for the school children of Lee County in Jonesville, Virginia.

You can: Pray, and/or give money to help purchase shoes. A Mission Team will travel to Jonesville, VA the first weekend of August. The team is now full.



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

The deadline for delivering shoes to JHBC is Monday, July 26, 2021. Shoes and socks can be dropped off Monday - Thursday from 9am—5pm each day. Please call ahead 919.776.1541 to verify someone will be there. On July 26th we will have a team working on getting shoes sorted, tagged and bagged. If you wish to deliver shoes on that day, please come between the hours of 10am & 2pm.

More info—Call Wanda Howard at 919.774.9661

Deliver shoes to: **Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church**  
316 West Main St. Sanford, NC 27332



On behalf of our Baptists on Mission Staff; they wanted to offer their heart-felt thanks for all we do to promote the NC Missions Offering among the churches of this association! As their ministry budget comes from the NCMO, this helps them—provide assistance in times of disaster, keeps their medical and dental vehicles on the road, send volunteer teams on National and International Mission trips, administer the Appalachian Christmas Outreach, put people back in their homes through Florence Rebuild Centers—and much more!

They deeply appreciate the relationships they share with us, and with the churches of the Sandy Creek Association, and look forward to what God has planned for the future!

Blessings, Baptist on Mission Staff Members