



The Link Newsletter

Sandy Creek Baptist Association of Churches

July, 2021



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

It is almost time! Winter Shoes For School Children!



for the Powell River Baptist Assoc. Annual Shoe Fair.

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

You can: Pray, and/or give money to 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

Interim Associational Missionary Report!!!

As we prepare to celebrate our independence as a nation, let us reflect upon the blessings of our great God. In the words of the old patriotic hymn:

“America! America! God shed His grace on thee.”

All that we are and all that we have, we owe to our Lord. He has blessed and continues to bless us far more than we begin to deserve.

With the blessings of God come responsibilities to share those blessings with others. God blesses us in order that we might be a blessing. It is God who deserves honor and glory. The old hymn says,

**To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son;
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gate that all may come in.**

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear His voice.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

**O come to the Father through
Jesus the Son and give Him the glory.
Great things He hath done!**

As Southern Baptists and believers in Jesus Christ, may others see our love and zeal for Christ and the unity we have. Remember the words of Jesus in John 13:34-35:

**A new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another;
as I have loved you, that you also love one another.
By this will all know that you are My disciples,
if you have love for one another.**

We live in a broken, sin-filled world. People are in need of hope and Good News.

Our world needs a Savior. We have the only Savior and hope for man – **JESUS CHRIST!**

As an association of churches, let us join heart-in-heart and hand-in-hand and lovingly work together to be an instrument of God’s saving, all-sufficient grace.

Let’s allow the Lord to work through us to make a Godly difference. Our Lord is still changing lives today.

Pray for one another! Let’s hold up one another and encourage each others. I thank our Lord for each of you. I am thankful for your willingness to allow the Lord to use you for His glory.

Continue to pray for our **Associational Missionary Search Team** as they seek to find God’s man to help guide Sandy Creek Association in the days ahead.

In Christ’s Service,
Rob

From your Associational Missionary Search Team



SCBA for your prayers and concern for the process of bringing a new Associational Missionary to Sandy Creek. The Search Team is hard at work, considering all the survey answers that you turned in to us. So please don’t stop praying. God has a plan and we don’t want to miss it, nor do we want to move ahead of it.

Let all of the Sandy Creek Baptist Churches encourage one another. We are all in this life together. One way to do that is to email the Associational office news and/or events that are happening in your church family. We will then include it in the next monthly newsletter. This will inspire and encourage our churches to be more involved in sharing God’s Love to the lost. It will also, encourage and remind other Christians that they are not in this life’s journey alone.



CHURCHES	May	YTD
Antioch	\$ -	\$ -
Bear Creek	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Bennett	\$ -	\$ -
Bethany	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Bonlee	\$ -	\$ -
Brookdale	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00
Brush Creek	\$ -	\$ 636.75
Centro Familiar Cristiano	\$ -	\$ -
Cool Springs	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
CoolWater Cowboy	\$ 249.33	\$ 989.03
Cornerstone	\$ -	\$ -
Cumnock	\$ 208.33	\$ 1,041.69
East Sanford	\$ 125.00	\$ 625.00
Emmaus	\$ -	\$ 4,600.00
Fall Creek	\$ 350.00	\$ 1,750.00
Fellowship	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,000.00
Flat Springs	\$ -	\$ 1,167.50
Filipino American	\$ -	\$ -
Grace Hill	\$ -	\$ -
Goldston	\$ -	\$ 1,415.88
Good News	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,250.00
Gum Springs	\$ -	\$ 625.00
Hickory Grove	\$ -	\$ -
Hickory Mountain	\$ -	\$ -
Hunt Springs	\$ -	\$ -
Jonesboro Heights	\$ 1,578.60	\$ 4,735.80
Joy	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,500.00
Juniper Springs	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 2,250.00
Kingdom Builders of Christ	\$ -	\$ -
Loves Creek	\$ 143.75	\$ 718.75
Mays Chapel	\$ -	\$ 840.00
Moncure	\$ -	\$ 1,220.98
Moons Chapel	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Mount Olive	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
New Life Bible Church	\$ 50.00	\$ 250.00
New Salem	\$ -	\$ -
Oakley	\$ -	\$ 5,387.70
Pittsboro Baptist	\$ 386.20	\$ 2,731.21
Pleasant Hill	\$ -	\$ 600.00
Primera Iglesia Bautista	\$ -	\$ -
Rives Chapel	\$ -	\$ -
Roca Fuerte	\$ -	\$ -
Rock Springs	\$ -	\$ 750.00
Rocky River	\$ 359.88	\$ 2,449.33
Sandy Branch	\$ 674.45	\$ 3,819.41
Sanford, First	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Shepherd's Flock	\$ 68.46	\$ 321.20
Siler City First	\$ 208.33	\$ 1,041.65
Tramway	\$ 125.00	\$ 625.00
Tyson Creek	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,250.00
TOTAL CHURCH INCOME	\$ 10,602.33	\$ 60,291.88
OTHER INCOME	\$ -	\$ -
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 10.83	\$ 35.60
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 10,613.16	\$ 60,327.48
Expenses This Month	\$ 6,321.95	
Expenses To Date	\$ 30,832.11	
Budget Required Per Month	\$ 11,642.95	
Budget Required To Date	\$ 46,571.80	
SCBA FUNDS	5.31.2021	
General Checking Account	\$ 227,103.12	
Designated Fund	\$ 31,293.28	
Church Emergency Fund	\$ 60,033.16	
BUDGET 2021	\$ 139,715.45	

SCBA WMU: July begins the Dog Days of Summer (07/03-08/13), and perhaps greater appreciation for Willis H. Carter who designed the first modern air-conditioning system on July 14, 1902. His invention basically improved every aspect of our lives.

Warm days also bring to mind Genesis 8:22 where it is written that *“while the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.”* God’s covenant with creation was given after the universal flood waters receded. Then, in Genesis 9:8-17 we read that God covenanted with Noah, his descendants (that includes us!!!), every living creature, and the earth that He would never destroy the earth with water again. This is an unconditional covenant because it rests on God’s faithfulness and amazing grace, not the actions of mankind. God sealed the covenant with a sign, the rainbow, which forever reminds us of God’s promise.

In July: **Horizons Camp for Girls, 7th-9th, at CMV; **World Missions Week, 5th-10th, at Fort Caswell; **Deep Impact 2021, 4th-10th, at Fort Caswell; and ** NC Baptist Ministers Wives Retreat, 12th-14th, at Caraway. More info - (336) 629.2374 or www.carawayconferencecenter.com

Sunday July 4th we will celebrate Independence Day, our nation’s 244th year as an independent nation. The pledge of allegiance to our flag includes the words “one Nation under God” added per a bill signed into law by President Dwight D. Eisenhower June 14, 1954.

Coming in August: **Military Wives Retreat, 13th-15th, at CMV. Visit wmunc.org/Military-missions to register. **Leadership Luncheon Zoom Meeting, 19th. Information is available at wmu.org/Leadership-luncheons. **Hispanic Women’s Retreat, 20th-22nd, at CMV. Call (336) 521-9210 for information. **Christmas in August 2021 directly blesses NA Missionaries. For information go to wmu.org/Christmas-in-August-WMU for information needed to participate in what could be a cross-generational missions opportunity for the entire church.

Current events drive me to Psalm 33 and 37 for instruction, soul-searching meditation, and hope. Do I truly fear Him and trust Him to deliver me? I shudder when I read in verse 12 *“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord”* and remember what is happening these days. Then I read Psalm 37 and am reminded that though evil seems to have won, God is in control and we need not fret, but trust God to bring deliverance.

As we celebrate July 4th, let’s join our hearts in prayer for *“all who are in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior”*
(1Timothy 2:1-3).

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**Reach Out Crisis
Pregnancy Center**

403 Carthage St
Sanford, NC 3770
919.292.2657
reachoutpc@gmail.com
Monday-Thursday
10am—3pm

"If God is for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31b

I hope you have a happy and safe July! Please continue praying for Reach Out to have more clients throughout the summer. We are open and ready to serve! We have had a huge increase in

volunteers and it's been a blessing to all of us! We are very thankful for your ongoing support for the unborn children of Sanford and the surrounding communities.

Prayer requests:

Pray for opportunities to share the love of Jesus Christ and that clients will find us and receive the support they need.

Current needs:

Pack n play with bassinet, size 3 diapers, and car seats (all sizes)

Please like us on Facebook and Instagram!

In Ministry for LIFE, Dianna Andrews, Executive Director

A gentle answer



PROVERBS 15:1, NIV

As it does this year, July 4 fell on Sunday in 1937. While Pastor Eldred Johnston led worship that morning in Paulding, Ohio, local kids set off firecrackers nearby (restrictions were rare back then). Realizing he needed to act, the pastor slipped outside during a hymn and found the revelers.

But instead of scolding or shouting, Johnston stayed calm. "I used to enjoy shooting fireworks too," he said, adding that he knew it was a fun way to celebrate. "But many in this town are

gathered in worship, and the noise is very distracting. All I'm asking is that you wait until church services are over — about noon — and then shoot firecrackers all you want." The pastor smiled at each youth and returned to church.

Recounting that experience in *Liberty* magazine, Johnston said he half-expected to hear defiant explosions. Instead, the kids waited respectfully until worship was over. When conflicts loom, may we heed that example — and this advice from Proverbs: "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger" (15:1,NIV).

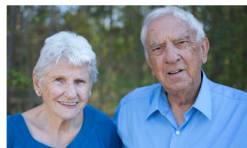


Mission: Dignity.
Assisting Retired Ministers and Spouses

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.

July—Calendar of Events-		
5		SCBA Office closed
6	6:30pm	A M Search Team mtg. at Bear Creek Baptist
12	6:30pm	Executive Council Team Mtg. at Cool Springs
August—Calendar of Events-		
5-8		Mission trip to Jonesville, VA

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.

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 fbsanfordpersonnel@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.

