



The Link Newsletter

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



"The Secret of Teams"

September 22nd, 6:30—8:30 pm

To be held at the SCBA office

This training "overview" will help you to understand the different elements needed to become a more effective ministry team and determine if you are achieving your goals. You will also learn how to deal with the challenges you will face in implementing changes in a ministry team. A ministry team is two or more people serving on any type of committee or group for a designated purpose. The training is based on the book, *The Secret of Teams: What Great Teams Know and Do*, by Mark Miller. A "lite" meal will be served.

Register for the workshop by Monday, September 19th, at (919.776.9423), or e-mail: sandycreekasn@windstream.net

The ministries of NC Baptist Men, church planting, mission camps, associational projects and mobilization ministry projects are available because of your contributions to NCMO. PRAY for NC Baptist on Mission who care for the suffering, physical & Spiritual needs of medical/mental/meal ministry, church planting, Mission Camps in Red Springs & Shelby, Local Baptist Associations and people to be mobilized for ministry.



When you give, you...treat the sick...feed the hungry...restore lives...deliver hope...and share the Gospel.

Will you give to prepare the way for Jesus?

Again this year, we will have the opportunity to minister to the fair workers at the Lee Regional Fair on Monday evening, September 12th at 5:30 pm. However, instead of the Association being the sponsoring body for this ministry, there are several SCBA churches that have answered the call to not only provide a meal but also provide on-going care and love throughout the week of the fair. We will need help with serving the meal and having conversations with the fair workers before, during, and after the meal. During the meal, there will be a presentation of the Gospel. We need individuals who will be present just to have Gospel conversations with the fair workers. If you have received training in "The Story", then we NEED YOU to be present and simply carry-on a life-changing conversation which many people desperately desire.



SEPTEMBER IS "DIAPER MONTH" IN THE SCBA

Your Association is asking our churches to collect diapers for the "Bundles of Hope" ministry that is on-going throughout Chatham and Lee counties! Four churches are serving as collection and distribution sites: Sandy Branch (Bear Creek), Hunt Springs (Sanford), Siler City First (Siler City), and New Salem (Pittsboro). These churches offer diapers, and other related items, free of charge AND they share freely the love of Jesus with those who are being served by our collective efforts. Your Association is helping in whatever ways we can, but these ministries need your involvement and prayers as well.



Churches can collect diapers during the month of September and then deliver the diapers to the collection site (church) of your choosing. Please, be sure to contact the church to make arrangements for the delivery of your diapers *before* coming to the church!

ALL SIZES of diapers are needed!

"Bundles of Hope" receives referrals for diapers from The Salvation Army and other agencies. The ministry shares diapers, as they are able to do so, with the Reachout Crisis Pregnancy Center, Bread of Life, and other local ministries. Please consider giving diapers to support our cooperative efforts to reach people "one bottom at a time".

Senior Adult Fellowship, September 13, At Tyson's Creek Baptist Church

Family Life Center (10981 Siler City Glendon Rd
Bear Creek NC 27207)

Come join in on some great fellowship time together.
The Jubilee Choir will begin singing at **11:00am.**



Martha McDowell, from (NC BAM), will be our guest speaker. She will share mission opportunities for Seniors, and she will also share how seniors can come along side others and be a mentor to them. You won't want to miss this opportunity to learn how we can be involved in Kingdom work at our age. After all...

God is not done with you yet!

Lunch will be provided after the service.

A donation will be taken to help cover the cost.

Please register your group by September 6th, so we will have enough food. If you don't register, we can't guarantee you will get food to eat.

“Your Missionary’s Musings” for September

In last month’s LINK, I spoke from my heart about my desire to be of assistance to pastors and churches in the Sandy Creek Baptist Association. The Association exists to serve and aid the local church in their God-given Kingdom work!!! To better accomplish this, your Association has shifted from functioning as a church to functioning as “An Association of the Future” because the association of the future will intensely and entirely have its’ focus on the church.

One way I, as your Associational Missionary (AM), have been working to prepare myself to be of the utmost assistance to our pastors and churches is to become trained and knowledgeable in as many areas as possible. Beginning in December of last year, I have spent many days traveling and attending various conferences and trainings for the sole purpose of preparing myself for service. In addition, I have read books and articles, participated in conference calls and webinars, and where possible, becoming certified as a trainer. Your Association has purchased resources in the areas of stewardship, administration, and searching for a new pastor, all of which can be shared with our churches free of charge. All of this, and more, to be of help and assistance, and to go and be trained so that every pastor or committee does NOT have to go and be trained themselves! Because of your investment in me, I can and desperately desire to share with our pastors and churches the knowledge and information I have obtained.

BUT—you must “take advantage of me!” All of these past and future investments, will be for naught unless you utilize the resources your Association can provide!

Making you aware of these resources is the next step in this process. I am available for one-on-one times with pastors and church leaders, and for times spent with a committee or group in the church. This includes coming into a church and leading a training and providing resources, and/or providing training and resources for a group of churches in an area or in the Association as a whole. I have found, in many cases, it is better to work with a single church in order to be very specific and strategic for that church by tailoring the training and resources for their particular circumstances and setting. I am more than happy to work with every church on an individual basis and in as many areas as needed by the church.

The key, however, is utilizing me and your Association as a resource for your church and for your ministry! You could even think of it as having an extra person on staff and having a trainer at your disposable, both free of charge.

In the remaining space I have, I will give you an overview of trainings and resources available to pastors and churches now and in the immediate future.

Your AM is certified to facilitate: Lead Like Jesus; Situational Leadership II; Emotionally Healthy Leaders; The Secret of Teams; Biblical Behavioral Assessment (based on DISC profile) [after Sept. 18th]; Peacemaking (conflict resolution) [after October 7th]; and Heart of a Leader (one part of Lead Like Jesus) [after December 3rd]. I am certified, also, as a “Transitional Pastor”.

Your AM is working toward certification in “Nonprofit Management” (by Duke University) and “Coaching” (by the International Coach Federation). In the meantime, I can offer assistance in both areas based on the training I have already received.

Your AM is being equipped on how to implement a “Leadership Pipeline” in the church, in “Revitaliation” of the church, “Replanting” a church, and in Church Planting.

And, Lord willing, I will continue to add trainings, certifications,

and resources that will be available to our pastors and churches in the very near future.

Again, please utilize your AM and your Association to help your church and your missions and ministries. I look forward to having more conversations with you, and exploring how I can help you!

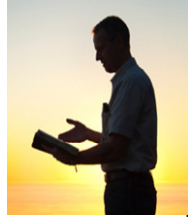
It is a privilege and honor to serve you—thank you! - Eric

PASTOR’S NETWORK

On Thursday, September 22nd, from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm, at the SCBA office, we will be relaunching our Pastor’s Conference under a new name, at a new time, and with a new format!

PASTORS: please mark this date on your calendar and come and join us for this “relaunch”!!!

A meal will be provided at 11:30 with fellowship and discussion of the future of the Network to round-out our time together.



REACHOUT CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER

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



Ministry Update

We’ve experienced another great month of ministry. A sweet baby boy and mom were delivered safely. The month included pregnancy test opportunities and with them, truth and hope was freely shared. We met weekly with our ongoing client classes, both parenting and post abortion bible study. We’ve enrolled new Earn While You Learn clients and emergency needs were met. We are now using our (Spanish Language) Earn While You Learn Parenting Program curriculum with our clients who benefit more thoroughly with it in their primary language. We never want language to be a barrier in sharing the gospel, the message of the sanctity of life, and the path to competent, confident parenting!

Prayer Requests...

We ask for prayer on behalf of our pregnant and parenting moms...physical, emotional and spiritual health and growth for them throughout the pregnancy and beyond.

Please pray for our pregnant and making an adoption plan moms...the same request needs. They are making an adoption plan because their circumstances are very difficult.

We ask for prayer for our post abortion bible study on Wednesday...emotional, spiritual growth and healing.

Pray for our up-coming Banquet on Oct. 13th at the Sanford Civic Center; for our keynote speaker Patrick Eades, for the message and the evening to bring God glory and that many people attend and respond as the Spirit prompts.

And Needs...

A fluent in Spanish ministry minded woman to facilitate our Spanish language parenting classes.

We have more clients with children needing size 4, 5 and 6 diapers. (We’re good on NB-3)

A gender neutral car seat. It must be new or clean and no older than 3 years old.

Pacifiers, bottled water (for clients for tests, counsel and class time) and larger sized diaper bags.

In His Service, Barbara Flagg

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

ROC Pregnancy Center —
1565 Gulf Road,
Gulf, NC (919) 898-2923

Hours of Operation:
Monday—Thursday: 10am - 3pm
Phone: (919) 777-0236

Hours of Operation:
Appointments Only
reachoutcpc@embarqmail.com

CHURCHES	July	YTD
Antioch	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Bear Creek	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Bennett	\$ -	\$ -
Bethany	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Bonlee	\$ -	\$ -
Brookdale	\$ -	\$ 1,100.00
Brush Creek	\$ -	\$ 1,172.16
Centro Familiar Cristiano	\$ 476.00	\$ 476.00
Cool Springs	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Cornerstone	\$ -	\$ -
Cumnock	\$ 166.66	\$ 1,166.62
East Sanford	\$ 489.72	\$ 2,728.86
Emmaus	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 6,600.00
Fall Creek	\$ 350.00	\$ 2,450.00
Fellowship	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,050.00
Flat Springs	\$ -	\$ 2,102.00
Filipino American	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Goldston	\$ -	\$ 1,071.00
Good News	\$ 165.00	\$ 1,175.00
Gum Springs	\$ 625.00	\$ 1,250.00
Hickory Grove	\$ 1,870.00	\$ 1,870.00
Hickory Mountain	\$ -	\$ -
Hunt Springs	\$ 264.00	\$ 990.00
Jonesboro Heights	\$ -	\$ 3,850.02
Joy	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00
Juniper Springs	\$ 925.00	\$ 2,775.00
Kingdom Builders of Christ	\$ -	\$ -
Loves Creek	\$ 320.00	\$ 2,240.00
Mays Chapel	\$ -	\$ 840.00
Moncure	\$ -	\$ 1,349.02
Moons Chapel	\$ 38.30	\$ 295.62
Mount Olive	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
New Life Praise	\$ 50.00	\$ 350.00
New Salem	\$ -	\$ -
Oakley	\$ 2,545.06	\$ 4,832.77
Pittsboro Baptist	\$ 568.39	\$ 4,458.42
Pleasant Hill	\$ -	\$ -
Primera Iglesia Bautista	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Rives Chapel	\$ -	\$ -
Roca Fuerte	\$ -	\$ -
Rock Springs	\$ -	\$ 714.88
Rocky River	\$ 962.53	\$ 7,232.49
Sandy Branch	\$ 1,079.49	\$ 8,133.54
Sanford, First	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 12,500.00
Shepherd's Flock	\$ 80.00	\$ 603.76
Siler City First	\$ 375.00	\$ 2,625.00
Tramway	\$ 555.37	\$ 3,588.89
Tyson Creek	\$ 275.00	\$ 2,475.00
TOTAL CHURCH INCOME	\$ 22,130.52	\$ 95,616.05
OTHER INCOME - DIVIDEND	\$ -	\$ -
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 4.48	\$ 31.74
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 22,135.00	\$ 95,647.79
Expenses This Month	\$ 16,355.54	
Expenses To Date	\$ 104,399.79	
Budget Requirements Per Month	\$ 14,953.42	
Budget Requirements To Date	\$ 104,673.94	
SCBA FUNDS	7/31/2016	
Capital Bank - Checking	\$ 57,397.59	
Capital Bank - Restricted	\$ 45,409.72	
BUDGET 2016	\$ 179,441.00	

SCBA WMU: Labor Day (5th), WMU NC Mission Leadership Equipping Event (10th), Patriot Day/Grandparents' Day (11th), and the official first day of Autumn (22nd) arrive in September. This month we also introduce our new theme, By All Means, and our Watchword for 2016 - 2017: "I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do this for the sake of the of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings" (1 Cor. 9: 22b - 23 NIV). The September issue of *Missions Mosaic* is filled with articles to help with the transition to another perspective and practical suggestions for living the new theme as we continue to fulfill our mission "...to inform and inspire Christians to influence their world for Christ."

International Mission Study 2016 is a journey through Norway. Materials, including posters, flyers, recipes, age-level learning materials (pre-school to adult), and more, are available at wmustore.com or by calling 1-800-968-7301.

This year SCBA WMU will be collecting **400 8 oz. to 11 oz.** plastic bottles of **lotion** (NO pumps or tubes) for the Red Box Ministry which has the potential to reach 1,700 women in NC women's prison facilities. The specifications above are those approved by the correctional facilities where the boxes will be distributed. Please take lotions to SCBA office no later than Monday October 24th; be sure to call ahead to make sure someone will be in the office to accept delivery.

"By All Means" let us remember: "...whoever calls upon the name of the LORD shall be saved." ...How then shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? ...'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!' So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10: 13 - 16 NKJ).

WMU Director: Susan Ferguson,
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"Church Revitalization Conference"



will be held October 16-17 at Mt. Olive Baptist (5043 Mt. Olive Ch. Rd., Pittsboro). Dr. Chuck Lawless, a professor at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, will be the guest speaker. Dr. Lawless will be speaking on Sunday (Oct. 16) and Monday (Oct. 17) at 7:00 pm.

There will be an informal lunch meeting on Monday beginning at 12 noon. The luncheon will provide an opportunity for a time of "Q and A" with Dr. Lawless, and is open to pastors, deacons, elders, church leaders and anyone interested in church revitalization. If you plan to attend, please register at www.eventbrite.com and search for Sandy Creek Baptist Association. The meal is FREE, but we need to know how much food to prepare. The deadline to register is Tuesday, October 11th. Please mark your calendar with the above dates, and plan now to attend one or all of the sessions!

"Refresh" Women's Conference

Where: Brookdale Baptist -1133 West 3rd St. Siler City, NC
When: Saturday, September 17—**Time:** 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
(Doors Open at 8:45 a.m. for Brunch & Registration)

Cost: \$10.00 Includes Brunch

Refresh with Beth Greer



For more information or to reserve your seat please call Rob & Debbie at 919-548-7196



**DEACONS, CHURCH LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS
EQUIPPING TRACKS FOR 2016**

November 17th, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

“Peacemaking”: A Biblical Approach To Resolving Conflicts

Saturday, September 24—9AM-3PM

Emmaus Baptist church will have the **NC Baptist Dental Bus** for those needing free dental services who have no dental insurance and limited income. Call the church at 919-542-0797 to leave a message for an appointment.



New Life Praise Church, Sanford, is looking for a part time Youth/Children's Pastor. We are located at 2398 Wicker Street. We are growing and are a mission minded church sharing the Gospel of Jesus. We have approximately 100 people in our worship service. The salary is \$300 a week. Please send your resumes to pastoroger@newlifepraise.org.

It's that time of year again for the **Harlan County Hygiene Bags**. We are in desperate need of everyone's help this year to supply this school in Appalachia hygiene items and school supplies. This school has about 1,200 students and 66% of them have free lunch. They only have a 65% graduation rate which is lower than the KY state average of 82%. We will be going to Harlan County High in December of 2016 to present the Gospel to the children and to take them the hygiene bags. If only 100 people came together and made 5 hygiene bags we would be able to meet the goal of 500 bags. Below is a list of what a full hygiene bag consist of. Please be in prayer for these children and what you could do for them. Questions? Please contact Tanya Walls at hope.tw11@yahoo.com or 336-672-1376. There truly is Hope for Appalachia!

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| BOYS: | GIRLS: |
| Full Size Shampoo/Body Wash | Full Size Shampoo |
| Full Size Whitening Toothpaste | Full Size Conditioner |
| Toothbrush | Full Size Body Wash |
| Full Size Deodorant/Axe Spray | Full Size Whitening Toothpaste |
| Acne Pads/Cream | Tooth Brush |
| Subject Notebook or Fill Paper | Full Size Deodorant |
| Pens | Acne Pads/Cream |
| Pack of Gum | Subject Notebook or Fill Paper |
| Gospel Tract | Pens Pack of Gum |
| | Gospel Tract |

Please make sure that your hygiene items are FULL size.

A Few upcoming dates of interest...	
Nov.7-9	NCBSA Conference at Fort Caswell
Nov.13-20	Week of Prayer for BCH
Nov.14-15	BSCNC Annual Mtg, Greensboro
Nov.17	"Peacemaking" Conflict Resolution Trng.
Nov.24-25	Thanksgiving...Office Closed
Nov.30	Mission Dev. Team Mtg. at SCBA office
Dec.1	Pastor/Spouse Christmas Dinner
Dec.4-11	Lottie Moon & Week of Prayer
Dec.20	Pastor's luncheon at Best Food Cafeteria
Dec.23-27	Christmas...Office Closed

SCBA'S "FALL GATHERING"

Our next meeting of the Sandy Creek Baptist Association will be held on **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23rd**, beginning at 5:00 pm, at Emmaus Baptist Church (2430 Silk Hope Gum Springs Rd. Pittsboro)

Business will take place from 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm, followed by our Missions Fair and "lite" meal 5:30 pm-6:30 pm.

We conclude the Gathering with a celebration worship service from 6:30 pm until 7:45 pm.

Pastor Timmy Blair, Sr., senior pastor of Piney Grove Chapel Baptist Church in Angier, NC and President of the Baptist State Convention of NC, will be our guest speaker.

If you wish to have a table in the Missions Fair, please contact the Association office ASAP.

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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September—Calendar of Events		
12		Lee Regional Fair Workers Ministry
13	11:00am	Senior Adult Fellowship
14	10:00am	Mission Dev. Team Mtg. at SCBA Office
17	9:00-11:30am	Ladies Conference at Brookdale Baptist
20	12 Noon	Pastor's Luncheon at Best Food Cafeteria
22	6:30-8:30pm	"The Secret of Teams" Training, SCBA Office
26		Executive Council Team Mtg.
October—Calendar of Events-		
1		Ladies Retreat at Juniper Springs Baptist
5	10:00am	Mission Dev. Team Mtg. at Sandy Branch Baptist
16-17		Church Revitalization Conference at Mt Olive
18	12 Noon	Pastor's Luncheon at Best Food Cafeteria
23	5:00-8:30pm	The Fall "Gathering" at Emmaus Baptist