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Other Hours by Appointment

**“Strengthening Churches to BE the Church: Equip, Encourage, Engage”**

**“SCBA Fall Gathering”**, Sunday, October 21,  
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Emmaus Baptist Church  
(2430 Silk Hope-Gum Springs Rd, Pittsboro)  
Music Concert by “New Direction” [two 30 minute “sets”,  
**beginning at 2:45 pm**]  
Sermon by Larry Martin, Shepherd’s Flock Baptist Church

**“YOUTH Fall Gathering”**, Sunday, October 21,  
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, **GYM** at Emmaus Baptist  
Praise band, dynamic speaker, and, *of course*,  
FOOD and fellowship!!!



**Fall Senior Fellowship**  
September 11, beginning at  
11:00am, at Oakley Baptist,  
(2300 SilerCity-Glendon Rd, Siler City).  
Topics: My Prayer Life for All  
My Life, & The Spiritual Practice  
of Simplicity, & more.  
Led by Samantha Allred.




**“Pastor’s Network” Workshop**

**MILLENNIALS!** (born 1980-2000) - the largest generation in America’s history is also the “missing generation” in most churches. Millennials are approximately 83 million strong; roughly 20 percent of America’s population. Only 10 percent of churches have congregations comprised of at least 20 percent Millennials, and 18 percent of churches have NO Millennials attending the church.

**WHAT CAN THE CHURCH DO** to reach the generation Thom Rainer said is “just too big to ignore”? That’s what this workshop, led by Thom Rainer via video, is all about.

**When:**  
Thursday, September 6, 2018,  
Beginning at 11:00 am, with a  
“working lunch”,  
and ending at 1:00 pm.

**Where:**  
SCBA office (2807 Sandy Creek Ch Rd., Sanford)  
**In order to have enough lunch for everyone the  
deadline to register is September 4.**

**Juniper Springs Baptist Church** (852 Buckhorn Rd., Sanford, NC) invites you to join them for their 5th Annual Women’s Retreat on September 29, 2018. Phyllis Elvington is the featured speaker who is sure to brighten your day through God’s word. This year’s theme is *Dancing in the Rain*. From 8:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M., with light breakfast at sign in. Cost is \$15.00  
Please pre-register by September 14th by calling Joy Hackney at (919)-499-3354.  
Lunch will be provided.

**Revive North Carolina Gospel Crusade with Evangelist Chance Walters**

**When:** September 22 & 23, 2018 at 6:30pm  
**Where:** Dennis A. Wicker Civic Center (1801 Nash St, Sanford, NC)  
[www.revivenorthcarolina.com](http://www.revivenorthcarolina.com)

**Hunt Springs Baptist Church Fall Revival**

<b>September 9</b> <b>Disciple Sunday</b> Marty Dupree to lead (4) sessions. 1. Sunday School 9:45am 2. Worship 11am 3. Lunch at 12pm 4. Interactive Training begins right after lunch	<b>September 10</b> <b>Spanish Monday</b> Bilingual Service <b>Time:</b> 7:00pm <b>Location:</b> 1557 St Andrews Ch Rd Sanford Pastor Rodolfo Zelaya preaching and Pastor Tim Burris will translate	<b>September 11</b> <b>Cowboy Tuesday</b> Calling all Cowboy churches to come together <b>Time:</b> 7:00pm <b>Location:</b> 1557 St Andrews Ch Rd Sanford Pastor Jeff Smith preaching
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**Shepherd's Flock Baptist Church Annual Harvest Sale** (22 Big Springs Rd, Sanford). Saturday, September 8, 2018 from 11:00am - 7:00pm. Dine In or Take- Out. Delivery with 10 or more plates. 8:00 per plate - all monies go into our Building Fund. Plates include: Homemade BBQ, BBQ chicken, or combination plate. Served with Baked Beans, Cold Slaw, Dinner Roll, and Dessert. MAY GOD BLESS!!  
If you have questions, please call (919) 777-3013.

**“Your Missionary’s Musings” for September - “We can do more together”!!! Eric**

This month concludes the series from “12 Reasons Millennials are OVER Church”. The author, a Millennial himself, wrote the article to share reasons “why Millennials don’t like church”.

His words are relevant and *the church should take note* because the Millennial generation is the “missing generation” in most churches. Millennials are the largest generation in America’s history, some 83 million individuals, and roughly 20 percent of the population. Most of these 19 to 39 year olds don’t even consider church as part of their lives in our post-Christian culture.

Here are the first nine of his reasons for being “over church”, and his proposed solutions for churches that really want to reach Millennials:

- “Nobody’s Listening to Us.”
- “We’re Sick of Hearing About Values & Mission Statements.”
- “Helping the Poor Isn’t a Priority.”
- “We’re Tired of You Blaming the Culture.”
- “The ‘You Can’t Sit With Us’ Affect.”
- “Distrust & Misallocation of Resources.”
- “We Want to Be Mentored, Not Preached At.”
- “We Want to Feel Valued.”
- “We Want You to Talk to Us About Controversial Issues (Because No One Is).”

(See June, July, & August issue of “The LINK” for his solutions.)

**10. The Public Perception**

It’s time to focus on changing the public perception of the Church within the community. The neighbors, the city, and the people around our church buildings should be audibly thankful the congregation is part of their neighborhood. We should be serving ... them. We desperately need to be calling the schools and the city, knocking on doors, asking everyone around us how we can make their world better. When the public opinion shows 1/3 of millennials are ANTI-CHURCH, we are outright failing at being the aroma of Christ.

**Solutions:**

Call the local government and schools to ask what their needs are. (See: Service Day from #3).

Find ways to connect with neighbors within the community.

Make your presence known and felt at city events.

**11. Stop Talking About Us (Unless You’re Actually Going to Do Something)**

Words without follow-up are far worse than ignoring us completely. Despite the stereotypes about us, we are listening to phrases being spoken in our general direction. Lip service, however, doesn’t cut it. We are scrutinizing every action that follows what you say (because we’re sick of being ignored and listening to broken promises).

**Solutions:**

Stop speaking in abstract sound bites and make a tangible plan for how to reach millennials.

If you want the respect of our generation, under promise and over-deliver.

**12. You’re Failing to Adapt**

Here’s the bottom line church—you aren’t reaching millennials. Enough with the excuses and the blame; we need to accept reality and intentionally move towards this generation that is terrifyingly anti-church.

“The price of doing the same old thing is far higher than the price of change.” —Bill Clinton

“The art of life is a constant readjustment to our surroundings.” —Kakuzo Okakura

“Adapt or perish, now as ever, is nature’s inexorable imperative.” —H. G. Wells

**Solutions:**

Look at the data and take a risk for goodness sake. We can’t keep trying the same things and just wish that millennials

magically wander through the door.

Admit that you’re out of your element with this generation and talk to the millennials you already have before they ask themselves, what I am still doing here.

You see church leaders, our generation just isn’t interested in playing church anymore and there are real, possible solutions to filling our congregations with young adults. It’s obvious you’re not understanding the gravity of the problem at hand and aren’t nearly as alarmed as you should be about the crossroads we’re at. You’re complacent, irrelevant and approaching extinction. A smattering of mostly older people, doing mostly the same things they’ve always done isn’t going to turn to the tide. Feel free to write me off as just another angry, selfie-addicted millennial. Believe me, at this point I’m beyond used to being abandoned and ignored.

The truth is church, it’s your move. Decide if millennials actually matter to you and let us know. In the meantime, we’ll be over here in our sweatpants listening to podcasts, serving the poor agreeing with public opinion that perhaps church isn’t as important or worthwhile as our parents have lead us to believe.”

The article’s author has some strong words for the church, and some church members may be offended by what he wrote. But, even if we don’t agree, is there some truth in the views he has expressed?

**Isn’t the biggest part of this discussion our response to his statement, “church, it’s your move”?**

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To help pastors and churches address the absence of Millennials in the church, your Association is offering a “Pastor’s Network” workshop on **Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the SCBA office.**

This will be a “working lunch” with a meal provided.

The deadline to register for this “Pastor’s Network” is Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

I’m praying we will have many pastors, including “staff pastors” in attendance!!! **ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**

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We are praying for a church in the *Siler City area* to be the host site for a “Bundles of Hope” diaper ministry. The church decides when and how the diaper distribution takes place in your setting. And, there are three other “Bundles of Hope” churches in the Association that can offer help and “best practices” for the success of your church’s diaper ministry. Need more information or ready to begin, contact Eric at the Association office.

**“Sharing and Listening Tour”**

30 to 40-minute presentation about our Association, followed by “listening” to the church.

We especially want to know, “*What do you need?*” and “*How can we help?*”

To schedule for your church, contact Eric at 919-776-9423 or [domsca@gmail.com](mailto:domsca@gmail.com).

**Treasured, a Judgement House** walk-through drama, presented at Pittsboro Baptist Church October 25-28.

Thursday 7:00pm - 9:00pm; Friday 7:00pm -11:00pm; Saturday 6:00pm -10:00pm; Sunday 5:00pm - 10:00pm.

Walk-in’s are welcome, but reservations are recommended by calling 919.542.2986. Due to the intensity of some scenes, children under age ten should not attend. There is no admission fee but a \$3 donation is encouraged. Pittsboro Baptist Church is located at 121 West Salisbury St., Pittsboro, NC.

Contact: Debra Magee, 919.542.2986, email: [debmagee8@gmail.com](mailto:debmagee8@gmail.com)

CHURCHES	July	YTD
Antioch	\$ -	\$ -
Bear Creek	\$ -	\$ 700.00
Bennett	\$ -	\$ -
Bethany	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Bonlee	\$ -	\$ -
Brookdale	\$ -	\$ -
Brush Creek	\$ -	\$ 1,147.00
Centro Familiar Cristiano	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00
Cool Springs	\$ -	\$ 3,375.00
CoolWater Cowboy Church	\$ 56.46	\$ 129.20
Cornerstone	\$ -	\$ -
Cumnock	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
East Sanford	\$ 100.00	\$ 600.00
Emmaus	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 6,600.00
Fall Creek	\$ 350.00	\$ 2,450.00
Fellowship	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,050.00
Flat Springs	\$ -	\$ 1,063.50
Filipino American	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Goldston	\$ 1,148.00	\$ 1,722.00
Good News	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,750.00
Gum Springs	\$ 625.00	\$ 1,250.00
Hickory Grove	\$ -	\$ -
Hickory Mountain	\$ -	\$ -
Hunt Springs	\$ 264.00	\$ 1,980.00
Jonesboro Heights	\$ -	\$ 5,004.00
Joy	\$ -	\$ 1,300.00
Juniper Springs	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Kingdom Builders of Christ	\$ -	\$ -
Loves Creek	\$ 143.75	\$ 1,006.25
Mays Chapel	\$ -	\$ 840.00
Moncure	\$ 818.94	\$ 1,416.87
Moons Chapel	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Mount Olive	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
New Life Praise	\$ 50.00	\$ 350.00
New Salem	\$ -	\$ -
Oakley	\$ 1,978.79	\$ 4,157.79
Pittsboro Baptist	\$ 976.57	\$ 4,643.87
Pleasant Hill	\$ -	\$ -
Primera Iglesia Bautista	\$ -	\$ -
Rives Chapel	\$ -	\$ -
Roca Fuerte	\$ -	\$ -
Rock Springs	\$ 250.00	\$ 750.00
Rocky River	\$ 451.55	\$ 4,938.99
Sandy Branch	\$ 832.70	\$ 8,029.14
Sanford, First	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00
Shepherd's Flock	\$ -	\$ 650.35
Siler City First	\$ 375.00	\$ 2,625.00
Tramway	\$ 300.00	\$ 2,100.00
Tyson Creek	\$ -	\$ 100.00
<b>TOTAL CHURCH INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 14,370.76</b>	<b>\$ 81,078.96</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME - DIVIDEND</b>		<b>\$ -</b>
<b>INTEREST INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 6.41</b>	<b>\$ 45.15</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 14,377.17</b>	<b>\$ 81,124.11</b>
Expenses This Month	\$ 10,783.47	
Expenses To Date	\$ 86,741.14	
Budget Requirements Per Month	\$ 14,819.50	
Budget Requirements To Date	\$ 103,736.50	
<b>SCBA FUNDS</b>	<b>7/31/2018</b>	
Capital Bank - Checking	\$ 13,288.76	
Capital Bank - Restricted	\$ 39,581.46	
<b>BUDGET 2018</b>	<b>\$ 177,834.00</b>	

**SCBA WMU:** "Therefore my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15: 58 NKJ). In the coming year as we embrace our Watchword, God will enable us to fulfill our mission "...to inform and inspire Christians to influence their world for Christ." These words reminded of 1 Corinthians 3: 5—14, where, in part, it is written "...but God gave the increase" (vv 6,7) "for we are God's fellow workers, ...God's field, ...God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to [us]..." (vv 9, 10). Focusing on Him we, like those 120 believers in Acts 1, will by the power of the Holy Spirit within us turn our world upside down, and thus right side up!

October 14, 2018 is Global Hunger Sunday. Global Hunger Relief (GHR), an initiative of Southern Baptists (formerly World Hunger Fund), seeks to relieve hunger in the USA and around the world. In 2017, GHR impacted more than 600,000 lives. Resources are available at [globalhungerrelief.org](http://globalhungerrelief.org).

This year SCBA will be collecting **300 solid or roll-on deodorants in plastic bottles** for the 2018 RED BOX Ministry to 1700 women in NC prisons. Please check the size carefully; **ONLY 2.0-3.5 oz.** deodorants may be included in the boxes. Either bring to the Fall Gathering at Emmaus (10/21/18) or to the SCBA office no later than Wednesday, October 24, 2018. Before delivering to the SCBA office, please call to ensure someone will be there.

This quote from Grace Thornton, *Unshakable Pursuit*, both encourages and challenges us to examine our hearts: "God promises He can be found, but the road to Him is a difficult one, and few choose to keep knocking, few choose to keep walking...He is able to be found, but the road there costs us everything." Each must ask, "*Am I one of the few?*"

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

## **PASTOR'S HOLY LAND TRIP**

The SCBA would like to invite all our pastors to be part of a trip to the Holy Land in 2019. **We are asking our churches to consider including a line item in your 2019 budget to assist financially in providing a once in a lifetime experience for your pastor.** What a great "Pastor Appreciation Month" gift over the next two years!!!

### **Here are the details of our Holy Land trip:**

Depart: RDU—December 2, 2019, Return December 11, 2019  
Cost: Round trip \$3,500.00, double occupancy.  
Early Discounts: \$100 for reserving by March 2, 2019.  
Deposit: \$350 at time of registration.  
Price includes: breakfast & dinner daily, all hotel taxes & service charges. Travel insurance (optional).

There will be an "Interest Dinner" early November.

Full information & the registration form will be available at [www.nowministries.net](http://www.nowministries.net) by September 1, 2018.

The SCBA will also be **establishing a designated fund for the "Pastor's Holy Land Trip"**. Churches and individuals can donate to this fund to financially assist pastors. The money received will be divided equally among the pastors participating in the trip. Donations designated for this trip will be tax deductible.





### REACHOUT CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER



#### Reach Out Updates.....Another great

month at Reach Out. We were able to minister to women who needed pregnancy test, ultrasounds (babies saved), and emergency need assistance. Several EWYL clients had their babies. One was a baby girl weighing in at 6lb 10oz. Another client had her baby boy weighing in at 9lb 2oz. We praise God for safe deliveries. We also connected with a previous client who was due in August; however, her baby girl was born in May. The baby is still at Chapel Hill. Please be in prayer for this mother and her baby girl. We had three churches involved in our Baby Bottle Drive. One of these churches has offered to buy paint and provide the painters to paint the interior of our new location at Reach Out. Thank you Lord for answered prayers!

#### Reach Out offers a Ministry Update and Prayer

**Calendar each month.** The ministry updates include news and information regarding Reach Out, and relevant articles relating to pro-life issues. This month's topic is "Does the Gospel Matter When Helping Women and Men Choose Life? If you would like to receive the ROCPC Ministry Update and Prayer Calendar each month call 919-292-2657 or email us at [reachoutpc@gmail.com](mailto:reachoutpc@gmail.com). Let us know if you want it emailed to you, or a hard copy.

**Need.....**Bottled water (small or large), and large diaper bags!

Thank you for your prayers and support!

Together for LIFE, Debbie Puryear, Executive Director

**ROC Pregnancy Center** —  
403 Carthage St  
Sanford, NC 27330  
Web: [www.reachoutpc.com](http://www.reachoutpc.com)

**Hours of Operation:**  
Monday—Thursday: 10am - 3pm  
**Phone:** (919) 292-2657  
[reachoutpc@gmail.com](mailto:reachoutpc@gmail.com)

**North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO)** is a special offering received during the month of September that supports the ministries of Baptists on Mission, Church Planting, mission camps, associational projects and mobilization ministry projects. NCMO is your opportunity to impact lostness as God accomplishes many wonderful things through these various ministries.

**Mount Olive Baptist Church**, Pittsboro, NC, is looking for a part-time Minister of Children and Youth. Mount Olive is a healthy, rural, and theologically conservative Baptist church averaging about 150 in worship. We are looking for someone to lead our youth group on Wednesday nights and teach the youth Sunday school (there is no Sunday night service). In addition, the person will need to act as a children's ministry coordinator (helping to recruit and direct children's ministry volunteers and suggesting appropriate curriculum). This position can allow for considerable flexibility as long as the person is available on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. If interested, please send a resume to Pastor David Crowther at [ministrysearch15@gmail.com](mailto:ministrysearch15@gmail.com).

**Oakley Baptist Church** in Siler City is hiring a part time Youth Pastor for grades 7 -12. This position is for approximately 20 hours per week and includes Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and Wednesday evening teaching times in addition to other Youth activities. For more information or to submit a resume, call 919-742-2095 or email [jan062908@yahoo.com](mailto:jan062908@yahoo.com).

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<b>September—Calendar of Events-</b>		
3		Labor Day—Office Closed
6	11:00am	Pastor's Network-What About Millennials? - SCBA office
11	11:00am	Sr. Adult Fall Fellowship at Oakley Baptist
13	1:00pm	Executive Council Team Mtg. SCBA office
18	12 Noon	Pastor's Luncheon at Best Food, Siler City
19	1:00pm	Mission Development Team Mtg. at SCBA office
22-23		Chance Walters Crusade at Civic Center, Sanford
<b>October—Calendar of Events-</b>		
2		SCBA Sisterhood Mtg. at SCBA Office
11		Pastor's Luncheon at Golden Corral, Sanford
16		Pastor's Luncheon at Best Food, Siler City
21		Fall Gathering—at Emmaus Baptist
<b>November—Calendar of Events-</b>		
5-6		BSC of NC Annual Meeting at Koury Conv. Center
8		Executive Council Team Mtg. SCBA Office
12-14		NC Baptist Secretaries Association at Caraway
15		Pastor's Luncheon at Golden Corral, Sanford
20		Pastor's Luncheon at Best Food, Siler City
22-23		Thanksgiving—SCBA Office Closed
28		Mission Development Team Mtg. at SCBA office
<b>December—Calendar of Events-</b>		
11		Pastor's Luncheon at Best Food, Siler City
13		Pastor's Luncheon at Golden Corral, Sanford
24-26		SCBA Office Closed for Christmas
Jan.1		SCBA Office Closed

**Great news for Chatham & Lee County residents!** CCCC Continuing Education is now offering Bible Courses beginning this Fall. Tuition is only \$70. Continuing Ed still offers free tuition for those 65 and older. NO textbook required, instead... an approved Commentary Bible is required...contact Jimmy Pharr before buying one.

This Fall, "Understanding the Old Testament" will be at Pittsboro, Mondays 6 – 9pm beginning August 20. "Understanding the New Testament" will be Tuesdays 6 – 9pm beginning August 21, at the Cond Ed Complex. It is 5910 Enterprise Park Rd, off Deep River Rd, on the Pittsboro side of Sanford. These courses each earn 3 hours college credit. Registration is Walk In, Call In, or On-line, and *you can still register through the first week of September*. Any questions, contact Jimmy Pharr 919.815.1512.

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.