



The Link Newsletter

Sandy Creek Baptist Association of Churches

September, 2021



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

From your Associational Missionary Search Team

After several meetings and much discussion and prayer, the Associational Missionary Search Team is ready to receive resumes and recommendations for your new Missionary. If you or someone you know may be interested, resumes and other relevant information should be sent to:

Attention: A. M. Search Team
Sandy Creek Baptist Association
205 N Steele St
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They may also email their resume to sandycreekassoc@gmail.com. To access the ad on the Biblical Recorder website and find out more information please go to BRnow.org or on Twitter. Resumes will be accepted thru **September 27, 2021.**

Please continue to pray for your search team and for your Association as we move forward in this process.

Your Search Team members are:

Rev. Bob Wachs – Bear Creek Baptist
Dr. Gary McCollough – Flat Springs Baptist
Mr. Aaron Thomas – Emmaus Baptist
Mr. Joel Burriss – Cool Springs Baptist
Mrs. Nancy Evans – Fellowship Baptist
Mrs. Harriet Lovett – Bonlee Baptist
Mrs. Alice Gilchrist – Jonesboro Heights Bapt

From My Heart!

Fall has come and we look forward to what the Lord has ahead for all of us. Pray for students and teachers as schools begin again. Pray for our world as we face difficult times with the COVID virus, Afghanistan, Haiti, wildfire our West, and other struggles. God is in control and desires for His people to seek His face.

The month of October is being set aside as a **“Month of Prayer”** for the Sandy Creek Baptist Association. We are asking all of our churches to designate special times of prayer to lift our association before the Lord.

We are focusing on three major areas of prayer:

- 1) **Praying for Unity** – that together we can accomplish what the Lord desires for us to do
- 2) **Praying for our Associational Missionary Search Team** – that they can find God’s man to help lead the association
- 3) **Praying for Vision** - that we can clearly understand and follow what the Lord’s will is for His people

We are going to be holding four area **“Prayer Gatherings”** in order for churches to come together and participate in this prayer focus. These will be held throughout the month of October, leading up to our Fall Gathering. **There will be a “Prayer Gathering” in Sanford, Pittsboro, Siler City, and Bear Creek.** This will provide opportunities to gather to pray with other sister churches. Specific dates and locations will be announced shortly.

We are also having a **Special “Prayer Gathering for Ministers on Tuesday, October 12th from 9:30 am - 1:00 pm.** Lunch will be provided. **Chris Schofield**, from the Office of Prayer with the NC Baptist State Convention, will be with us to lead the “Prayer Gathering.”

The **“Month of Prayer”** for the Association will culminate with our **“Fall Gathering”** on Monday, October 25th at Hunt Springs Baptist Church.

Our churches, our ministers, our communities, and our world need genuine Spirit-led prayer. Our only hope is in Jesus Christ and we encourage all of you to join in this season of prayer. Let’s seek God’s face and come humbly before Him in these times of prayer.

Jesus said in Matthew 7:7-8:

*Ask, and it shall be given to you;
Seek, and you shall find;
Knock, and it will be open to you.
For everyone who asks receives,
And he who seeks finds,
And to him who knocks it will be open.*

In Christ’s Service, Rob



CHURCHES	July	YTD
Antioch	\$ -	\$ -
Bear Creek	\$ 100.00	\$ 700.00
Bennett	\$ -	\$ -
Bethany	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Bonlee	\$ -	\$ -
Brookdale	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00
Brush Creek	\$ -	\$ 1,273.50
Centro Familiar Cristiano	\$ -	\$ -
Cool Springs	\$ -	\$ 7,500.00
CoolWater Cowboy	\$ 236.06	\$ 1,394.63
Cornerstone	\$ -	\$ -
Cumnock	\$ 208.33	\$ 1,458.35
East Sanford	\$ 125.00	\$ 875.00
Emmaus	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 6,900.00
Fall Creek	\$ 350.00	\$ 2,450.00
Fellowship	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,400.00
Flat Springs	\$ 1,167.50	\$ 2,335.00
Filipino American	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Grace Hill	\$ -	\$ -
Goldston	\$ -	\$ 1,415.88
Good News	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,750.00
Gum Springs	\$ -	\$ 625.00
Hickory Grove	\$ -	\$ -
Hickory Mountain	\$ -	\$ -
Hunt Springs	\$ -	\$ -
Jonesboro Heights	\$ -	\$ 4,735.80
Joy	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Juniper Springs	\$ -	\$ 2,250.00
Kingdom Builders of Christ	\$ -	\$ -
Loves Creek	\$ 143.75	\$ 1,006.25
Mays Chapel	\$ -	\$ 840.00
Moncure	\$ 728.15	\$ 1,949.13
Moons Chapel	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Mount Olive	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
New Life Bible Church	\$ 50.00	\$ 350.00
New Salem	\$ -	\$ -
Oakley	\$ 2,562.84	\$ 7,950.54
Pittsboro Baptist	\$ 558.21	\$ 3,693.91
Pleasant Hill	\$ 300.00	\$ 900.00
Primera Iglesia Bautista	\$ -	\$ -
Rives Chapel	\$ -	\$ -
Roca Fuerte	\$ -	\$ -
Rock Springs	\$ -	\$ 750.00
Rocky River	\$ 476.12	\$ 2,925.45
Sandy Branch	\$ 898.53	\$ 5,922.30
Sanford, First	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00
Shepherd's Flock	\$ 65.06	\$ 456.62
Siler City First	\$ 208.33	\$ 1,458.31
Tramway	\$ 125.00	\$ 875.00
Tyson Creek	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,750.00
TOTAL CHURCH INCOME	\$ 11,502.88	\$ 81,540.67
OTHER INCOME	\$ -	\$ -
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 11.17	\$ 57.45
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 11,514.05	\$ 81,598.12
Expenses This Month	\$ 6,247.53	
Expenses To Date	\$ 43,106.30	
Budget Requirements Per Month	\$ 11,642.95	
Budget Requirements To Date	\$ 81,500.65	
SCBA FUNDS	7.31.2021	
General Checking Account	\$ 235,799.54	
Designated Fund	\$ 31,827.88	
Church Emergency Fund	\$ 60,038.16	
BUDGET 2021	\$ 139,715.45	

SCBA WMU:

First celebrated September 5th, 1882 in New York City, Labor Day falls on September 6th this year. This day, dedicated to honor all working Americans whatever their work, also marks the unofficial end of summer and the beginning anticipation of the cooler days of fall which officially arrives on the 22nd. The job market appears to be improving somewhat; help wanted signs remain posted in front of all kinds of businesses as if there is a shortage of qualified workers. A variety of theories are postulated as to why, but many who voice an opinion seem to agree that workers are just not applying.

In Matthew 9:35-38 we are given a report on another "job market" experiencing a shortage of willing workers. "Then Jesus went about...teaching...preaching...and healing...He was moved with compassion for them because they were weary and scattered... Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." A shortage of workers in the Lord's harvest remains, perhaps for the same reason as in the secular market—too few are applying.

This month kids will be able to explore Toronto, Canada while learning about God's power to save, sharing the gospel with the world, and meet missionary J.D. Fasolino in Missions Journey: Kids. More information is available at either children@wmu.org or wmu.com/children.

Need a change of scenery and time to reinvigorate your heart and focus? WMU NC has a few retreat options for all ages coming soon to a place near you! In October: ****MyMission NC: Engaging Young Women in Missions** (ages 18-35), on the 8th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lawndale Baptist Church, Greensboro; ****Fall Children's Missions Day** (boys and girls, grades 1-6), on the 8th-9th at CMV. Kids will worship, play games, and learn how God is working in the world. Registration opens September 1st at slamkin@wmunc.org. ****Carolina Women Retreat**, 15th-16th, at Fort Caswell; register at wmunc.org. Then, in November: ****Missions and Motherhood/Mom Camp**, on the 12th-14th at CMV. For information email Becca at rlindhout@wmunc.org.

While we contemplate our present and look to our future in Christ, "let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful" (Heb. 10:23). He is eternally perfectly faithful and unwavering, not buffeted about as we are in the chaos of our lives. We can "be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let [our] requests be made known to God" (Phil. 4:13).

As we pray for others, we are also being prayed for and need to ask, am I willing to step out in faith, wherever I am led no matter what others may think or say? Each one of us is potentially the answer to someone's prayer. When asked why are you here? as Moses was instructed to answer, so may we: "I AM has sent me to you" (Exodus 3:14).

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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

“Delight yourself always in the Lord; and He will give you the desires of your heart” Psalm 37:4

Dear Friends of Reach Out, Please continue to lift us up in prayer. We have been seeing more clients and couples in need of support and emergency needs. We continue to see lives changed and babies saved thanks to your prayers and support! Keep praying for LIFE!

Current Needs:

Size 5,6 diapers, Packs of 3 small bottles, Car seats for 5 to 70lbs., Volunteers to do some yard work.

In Ministry for LIFE, Dianna Andrews, Executive Director

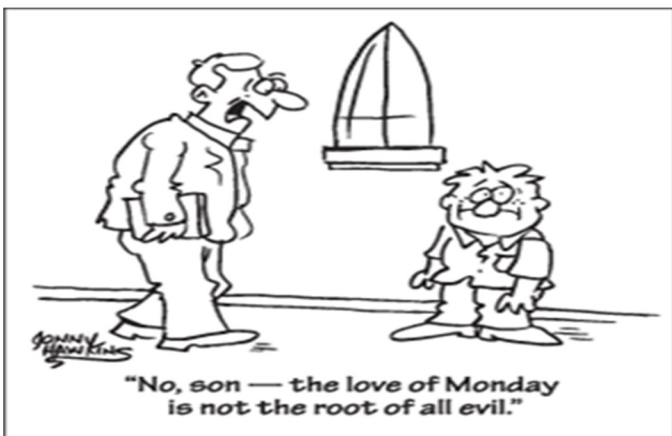


As you will be enjoying the fall colors and sipping apple cider, ponder this saying: “Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go.”

When leaves stop producing chlorophyll, they turn vibrant shades of yellow, orange and red. This yearly spectacle makes way for the leaves to let go and fall. It also serves as a good reminder of things we may need to drop: clutter around the home, a desire for control, commitments that no longer bring joy, personal expectations that cause added stress, a need to always be right and so on.

Just as the Israelites had to let go of their past as slaves in Egypt and Saul-turned-Paul had to abandon his persecuting ways, we, too, can let go of what weighs us down and gets in the way of God’s best for our lives. Embrace fall as a season of change and see just how beautiful it is to let things go!

... let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us. Hebrews 12:1b



September—Calendar of Events-		
6		SCBA Office closed for Labor Day
7	11:00am	Minister’s fellowship at Best Food, Siler City
13	6:30pm	Executive Council Mtg. at Bear Creek Baptist
21	11:00am	Minister’s fellowship
October—Calendar of Events-		
12	9:30am	Association Prayer Gathering
25	7:00pm	SCBA Fall Gathering at Hunt Springs Baptist



Grandparents’ Day is a relatively new national holiday (President Jimmy Carter declared it so in 1978) but is an important tool for fostering the grandparent-grandchild relationship.

And don’t feel limited to honoring your own relatives—you can show appreciation for other grandparents whose family lives far away! Check out these 5 fun Grandparents’ day activities.

1. Have a sleepover.

Grandparents’ Day eve is a great time to let grandparents and grandchildren enjoy an over-night together— either at their house or yours! Pop some popcorn and rent a movie, or break out the board games. A large age difference can be bridged over a game of checkers.

2. Let the kids create some original art for the grandparents in their lives.

It will no doubt find a place of honor on the wall and will be a treat for the kids when they get to visit. You can also make your own Grandparents’ Day cards.

3. Start a regular Grandparents’ Day tradition.

Make a trip to the ice cream shop or out to the pond with a couple of fishing poles. No matter how simple, if you make it your regular, special activity together, it will grow in meaning to grandparents and grandchildren alike.

4. Let the kids do a little time travel by interviewing their grandparents.

They’ll likely be amazed by how different life was when the “greatest generation” was children!

5. Create Brag books!

These days, pictures are usually saved on your hard drive. This can make sharing photos with grandparents difficult, especially if they don’t know or don’t care to learn how to use the latest technology. Make it easy for them to enjoy all of these great, captured memories by printing the images you have saved. Then take it a step further, and organize the pictures into a Brag book or photo album.

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.