



The Link Newsletter

Sandy Creek Baptist Association of Churches

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“Compassion for the sake of the Gospel” Matthew 9:35-38

Until He Returns....

Greetings from your Sandy Creek Baptist Association Associational Missionary! Well, summer is upon us with kids excited about a few months off from school and our ever-changing North Carolina weather, which is getting a bit warmer now.

Let me say thank you for all those that made our Spring Associational Gathering a wonderful time of worship and fellowship! We had 29 churches represented and just over a hundred people gathered to celebrate what God is doing in the life of our association. We also had a chance to honor our retiring (as of May 31) administrative assistant for the association, Nancy Evans. She has faithfully served our association for the past 19 years and has done a wonderful job. We will surely miss her, but we know that she and her husband Bob will enjoy the added time together. Please pray for us as we seek out the person that will be our next association administrative assistant.

Also, be in prayer for the many churches in our association that will be having their vacation bible schools and various community outreaches throughout the summer and leading up to the next school year. What a great opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through these intentional relationship building efforts.

As you are busy this summer with various activities and possibly some vacation times, I would like to encourage you to keep Deuteronomy 6:4-9 on your hearts and minds. When you are not able to gather with your church family, be very intentional to teach the things of God to your children so that their hearts would continue to grow to love and serve Him more and more.

Finally, thank you for your faithful support of the Sandy Creek Baptist Association through your prayers and your giving! I continue to seek God’s leading as we encourage church leaders, strengthen churches and impact communities for the sake of the Gospel!

Serving Him,
 Pastor Barry Lawrence

WOW! I have been overwhelmed with the love you all have given me. Thank you for the appreciation plaque, flowers, gift cards, gift certificates, lap quilt, phone calls, money and loving words I've received over the past few weeks. May God bless you all for your love and generosity you have shown me. I have truly been blessed to have served Sandy Creek Baptist Association of Churches over these past 19 plus years.

Sincerely, your sister in Christ.

Nancy Evans



Pastors, please take note of a few dates.

We have enjoyed so great regional **Pastor’s Fellowships**. My hope is to make these more localized to be accessible to all of our pastors. Our Association covers a large area, so having these gatherings in multiple locations should be helpful. These will be informal gatherings consisting of prayer, devotions, encouragement and optional meals afterward. The following is the schedule for June. Please try to attend the gathering closest to you. Of course, attend as many as you would like, but especially the one closest to the area you serve.

- June 9th at 11:00 a.m. – Pittsboro Baptist Church
- June 14th at 11:00 a.m. – Bestfood Cafeteria, Siler City
- June 21st at 11:00 a.m. – Associational Office, First Baptist Sanford

Pastor’s Roundtable – This gathering is for pastors on a monthly basis that will meet for 2 hours with an optional lunch afterward. This will be a time of prayer and encouragement primarily through book Studies. We began in March with the book *Dangerous Calling* by Paul Tripp. If you have not been able to attend, feel free to join us at any time.

- May 24th at 10:00 a.m. – Associational Office, First Baptist Sanford
- June 28th at 10:00 a.m. – Associational Office, First Baptist Sanford

CHURCHES	April	YTD
Antioch	\$ -	\$ -
Bear Creek	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Bennett	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
Bethany	\$ -	\$ -
Bonlee	\$ -	\$ -
Brookdale	\$ -	\$ -
Brush Creek	\$ -	\$ 654.00
Centro Familiar Cristiano	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Cool Springs	\$ -	\$ 2,750.00
CoolWater Cowboy	\$ -	\$ 765.71
Cornerstone	\$ -	\$ -
Cumnock	\$ -	\$ -
East Sanford	\$ 147.46	\$ 7,642.82
Emmaus	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
Fall Creek	\$ 350.00	\$ 1,050.00
Fellowship	\$ 200.00	\$ 800.00
Flat Springs	\$ -	\$ 1,175.00
Filipino American	\$ -	\$ -
Grace Hill	\$ -	\$ -
Goldston	\$ -	\$ 696.00
Good News	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,000.00
Gum Springs	\$ 625.00	\$ 625.00
Hickory Grove	\$ -	\$ -
Hickory Mountain	\$ -	\$ -
Hunt Springs	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
Jonesboro Heights	\$ -	\$ 2,459.03
Joy	\$ -	\$ 750.00
Juniper Springs	\$ -	\$ 1,125.00
Kingdom Builders of Christ	\$ -	\$ -
Loves Creek	\$ 125.00	\$ 500.00
Mays Chapel	\$ -	\$ 840.00
Moncure	\$ -	\$ 598.00
Moons Chapel	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Mount Olive	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,000.00
New Life Bible Church	\$ 50.00	\$ 250.00
New Salem	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Oakley	\$ 2,307.15	\$ 4,720.50
Pittsboro Baptist	\$ 766.26	\$ 2,129.98
Pleasant Hill	\$ -	\$ -
Primera Iglesia Bautista	\$ -	\$ -
Rives Chapel	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Roca Fuerte	\$ -	\$ -
Rock Springs	\$ -	\$ -
Rocky River	\$ 383.04	\$ 1,615.27
Sandy Branch	\$ -	\$ -
Sanford, First	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Shepherd's Flock	\$ 38.32	\$ 177.40
Siler City First	\$ 208.33	\$ 833.32
Tramway	\$ 131.25	\$ 525.00
Tyson Creek	\$ 166.67	\$ 772.68
TOTAL CHURCH INCOME	\$ 15,448.48	\$ 55,954.71
OTHER INCOME	\$ -	\$ -
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 2.51	\$ 9.85
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 15,450.99	\$ 55,964.56
Expenses This Month	\$ 10,678.48	
Expenses To Date	\$ 37,887.69	
Budget Required Per Month	\$ 12,349.06	
Budget Required To Date	\$ 49,396.24	
SCBA FUNDS	4,30.22	
General Checking Account	\$ 276,766.26	
Designated Fund	\$ 38,663.00	
Church Emergency Fund	\$ 60,047.99	
BUDGET 2022	\$ 148,188.78	

SCBA WMU: How time seems to fly these days! June brings Flag Day (14th), Father's Day (19th), and the official arrival of summer (21st). Activities ranging from VBS to family vacations, and a myriad of mission opportunities for individuals and families alike. Your imagination and creativity make the possibilities limitless if you are willing to follow God's leading. For "[you] can do all things through Christ who strengthens [you]" (Phil. 4:13).

Don't forget the Zoom luncheon meeting scheduled for June 16th.

This month's *Missions Mosaic* (MM) is filled with treasures once again that will encourage, challenge, and inspire. Articles touch on a number of subjects, ranging from discipleship to the using of your gifts for the benefit of those around you.

Perhaps you, like me, sometimes hesitate as if waiting for the perfect moment to reach out to someone. On page 25 an article encourages us to seize the moment as it comes, and reminds me how Paul witnessed and ministered to others in what were extreme circumstances, far from ideal from any point of view except from God's perspective. We can trust Him in whatever circumstance He allows in our lives to accomplish His purpose in and through us.

It's not too early to begin planning for this Fall. Coming September 23-24 is the Field of MAKERS at Denton Farm Park, the proceeds of which will directly benefit those served by NCBAM. You may participate as a vendor, an event sponsor, or by purchasing a ticket and attending. Learn more at ncbam.org. At that same site (or call 877-506-2226) learn how the information shared at the 2022 NCBAM State Leadership Conference can be shared on demand at a lunch and learn, in a small group, or for a conference at your church.

Interested in learning more about ministry to senior adults in your church and community? This Fall (September 30th, October 4th and 6th) Aging Adults Innovating Ministry (AAIM) will be offering The Nuts and Bolts of Senior Adult Ministry in different locations around the state. AAIM, a partner with NCBAM, will release more details closer to those dates.

June 18th is a time to honor our fathers whether in person, by phone, or in our memories. Perhaps consider sending a card to someone who may be grieving a recent loss. Compassion requires no particular season for expression, but can be an encouraging blessing whenever expressed.

Every day, every season is the perfect time to live out Jesus' new commandment "*that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another*" (John 13:34).

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"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."
Genesis 50:20 (NIV)

I am so thankful that our God can take bad things and bad intentions and use it for good in us and in others. Nothing is too big or hard for God. What are you believing God for today?

Prayer requests: Wisdom, protection and guidance for the Center's leaders.

Needs: Spanish-speaking volunteers, car seats for infant to 40lbs, diapers size Newborn, 4, 5, & 6, wipes, bottles, bottle brushes, waters to give to clients, shampoo, baby wash, XL gift bags, and paper towels.

In Ministry for **LIFE**, *Dianna Andrews*
Executive Director

Who's Your One?

Imagine the impact if every Christian had **one** person they prayed for and shared the gospel with. Who are you committing to pray for?

Share real-life stories to mobilize your people toward evangelism by accessing the **#AnyGivenWeekend** [Any Given Weekend - Who's Your One \(whosyourone.com\)](http://whosyourone.com). These free resources are designed to mobilize God's people to pray and share the gospel with their **one**.

These videos, along with the **21-Day Devotional**, will motivate your church to focus on who Jesus Christ is and encourage them to share the Good News with their friends and neighbors.

Powell River Baptist Association Shoe Fair is fast approaching and it is time to purchase good sturdy tennis shoes for school children of all ages.



A mission team from our SCBA Association will be traveling to Jonesville, Virginia July 28 - July 31, 2022 to assist with the shoe fair. Not only your donation of shoes, money and support is appreciated, but your prayer support is necessary for the success of this mission.

The Project Coordinating Church is Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church. Collection day from area churches for shoes to be dropped off is Monday, July 25th from 10:00 - 2:00 or other times when church office is open prior to that deadline. 919-776-1541.



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

Want more info—Call Wanda Howard at 919.774.9661

June—Calendar of Events-

9	11:00am	Pittsboro Pastor's fellowship at Pittsboro Baptist
14	11:00am	Siler City Pastor's Fellowship at Bestfood
19		Father's Day
21	11:00am	Sanford Pastor's Fellowship at SCBA Office
26		Mission:Dignity Sunday
28	10:00am	Pastor's Roundtable Book Study, at SCBA Office

If your church has a mission trip planned for the summer, let us know so we can be in prayer for you. Also, if you would like to open it up to the whole Association to give them a chance to go on mission that would not get to go otherwise, let us know that too so we can get the word out to our churches. There are folks that would like to go on a mission trip but can not do it alone. There are some older adults may like to go on a short mission trip.



PART-TIME CHOIR DIRECTOR NEEDED

Gum Springs Baptist Church (227 Gum Springs Rd, Moncure) is seeking a part-time person to lead/direct a small choir on Sunday mornings. One weekly choir practice may be scheduled at the director's convenience.

Ability to play the piano and lead the choir is required. Salary is negotiable.

Contact a member of the music committee:
Frances Petty at (919) 776.1390
Betty Atkinson at (919) 548.0911

Rives Chapel Baptist Church

is searching for a Full Time Pastor.
Please send a Letter of Interest and Resume to:

Rives Chapel Baptist Church
4338 Rives Chapel Church Road,
Siler City, NC 27344

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100% of the funding each recipient receives comes from people like you and churches like yours, so we need YOU to help us raise awareness and funds on this important one-day giving event —

Mission:Dignity Sunday, June 26.

Thank you for remembering God's faithful servants who now find themselves in financial need.

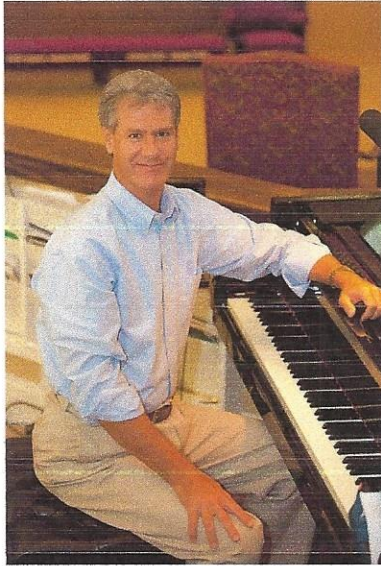
Visit MissionDignity.org or follow us @MissionDignity for more information.

“Hymns and Their Stories”

Sunday, June 26 at 6 pm

Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church

Come enjoy a great evening of hymn singing,
hearing their stories, and special presentations

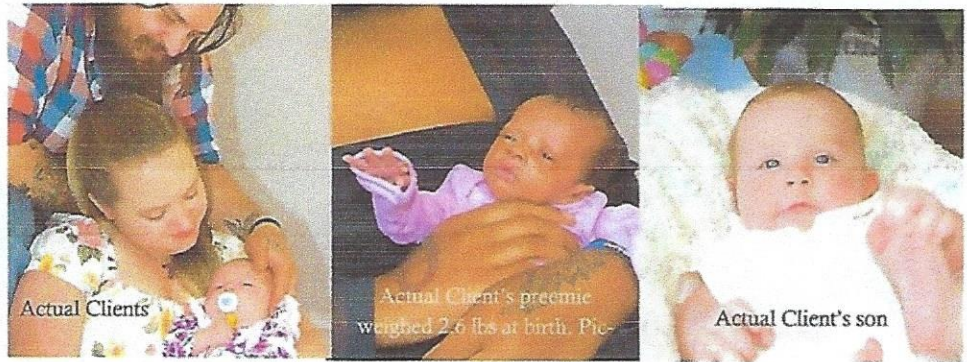


Hosted by Michael McKnight
and the JHBC Choir

Michael McKnight

- Min. of Music (ret), Oakmont Baptist Church, Greenville, NC, 28 yrs.
- NC Baptist Singers & Orchestra, pianist, 21 yrs.

* Join us for an informal fellowship following the event at Cracker Barrel



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(919) 292-2657

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For other needs and donation information
please contact the Center 10-3 Mon- Thurs. or by email at
reachoutcpc@gmail.com

"Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day,

I had holy plans for you..." Jeremiah 1:5 (The Message)