

The Link

Sandy Creek Baptist Association

July, 2022



Until He Returns....

Greetings from your Sandy Creek Baptist Association Associational Missionary! Summer is now in full force for many of you with July just on the horizon.

God is at work in so many ways in the churches of this association. Many of you have already had homecomings, mission trips and VBS with many more to come. We pray that God would be glorified as hearts and lives are exposed to the Gospel message!

Matthew 9:37 is both a great reminder and challenge to us as we consider the fact that “the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.” How is God moving in your heart to reach the lostness that is all around us. Maybe it is as simple as sharing your God story with a relative or neighbor. Possibly, you may be planning a community outreach, such as block parties, VBS or sports clinics? All of these are great opportunities to build relationships that lead to open doors to sharing the Gospel.

Pastors, don't forget to put our monthly fellowships for your area on your calendars. These have been wonderful times of “iron sharpening iron” and encouragement.

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!

Barry Lawrence

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Our association asks you to pray as we seek our next Administrative Assistant. Information about the position and submitting resumes is on the last page of this newsletter.

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 July. 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.

July 7th at 11:00 a.m. – Pittsboro Baptist Church
July 12th at 11:00 a.m. – Bestfood Cafeteria, Siler City
July 19th 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.

July 26th at 10:00 a.m. – Associational Office,

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.

CHURCHES	May	YTD
Antioch	\$ -	\$ -
Bear Creek	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Bennett	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
Bethany	\$ -	\$ -
Bonlee	\$ -	\$ -
Brookdale	\$ -	\$ -
Brush Creek	\$ -	\$ 654.00
Centro Familiar Cris-	\$ -	\$ 600.00
Cool Springs	\$ -	\$ 2,750.00
CoolWater Cowboy	\$ 847.56	\$ 1,613.27
Cornerstone	\$ -	\$ -
Cumnock	\$ -	\$ -
East Sanford	\$ -	\$ 7,642.82
Emmaus	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
Fall Creek	\$ 350.00	\$ 1,400.00
Fellowship	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,000.00
Flat Springs	\$ -	\$ 1,175.00
Filipino American	\$ -	\$ -
Grace Hill	\$ -	\$ -
Goldston	\$ -	\$ 696.00
Good News	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,250.00
Gum Springs	\$ -	\$ 625.00
Hickory Grove	\$ -	\$ -
Hickory Mountain	\$ -	\$ -
Hunt Springs	\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00
Jonesboro Heights	\$ -	\$ 2,459.03
Joy	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,500.00
Juniper Springs	\$ -	\$ 1,125.00
Kingdom Builders of	\$ -	\$ -
Loves Creek	\$ 125.00	\$ 625.00
Mays Chapel	\$ -	\$ 840.00
Moncure	\$ 571.44	\$ 1,169.44
Moons Chapel	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Mount Olive	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,500.00
New Life Bible Church	\$ -	\$ 250.00
New Salem	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Oakley	\$ -	\$ 4,720.50
Pittsboro Baptist	\$ 602.80	\$ 2,732.78
Pleasant Hill	\$ -	\$ -
Primera Iglesia Bau-	\$ -	\$ -
Rives Chapel	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Roca Fuerte	\$ -	\$ -
Rock Springs	\$ -	\$ -
Rocky River	\$ 377.82	\$ 1,993.09
Sandy Branch	\$ -	\$ -
Sanford, First	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00
Shepherd's Flock	\$ 51.98	\$ 229.38
Siler City First	\$ 208.33	\$ 1,041.65
Tramway	\$ 131.25	\$ 656.25
Tyson Creek	\$ 333.34	\$ 1,106.02
TOTAL CHURCH	\$ 5,399.52	\$ 61,354.23
OTHER INCOME	\$ -	\$ -
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 2.65	\$ 12.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 5,402.17	\$ 61,366.73
Expenses This Month	\$ 10,632.57	
Expenses To Date	\$ 48,520.26	
Budget Requirements	\$ 12,349.06	
Budget Requirements	\$ 61,745.30	
SCBA FUNDS	5,31.22	
General Checking	\$ 271,535.86	
Designated Fund	\$ 38,503.00	
Church Emergency	\$ 60,048.49	
BUDGET 2022	\$ 148,188.78	

SCBA WMU: July 4th our nation celebrates the history and heritage of all Americans. This celebration, in part, remembers that first America generation who fought, many paying the ultimate price, for the freedoms we have today. The freedom to worship God is one most precious and must never be taken for granted.

Other important dates in July: 4th-9th, World Missions Week, Caswell; 11th-13th, NC Baptist Ministers Wives Retreat, Caraway; and 21st, Leadership Luncheon, ZOOM Meeting.

WMU Summer Leadership Training, *Abound*, will be hosted across the state again this year with trained speakers and workshop sessions from WMU age-level missions to spiritual growth. The training is for those considering leadership positions to every level of leadership experience. Lunch and all materials are included in the \$30 fee.

Abound will be offered at three locations: July 30, Asheville Baptist Church, Windsor; August 13, Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Hayesville; and September 24, First Baptist Church, Salisbury. Contact Amanda Martinsen, Leadership Development Consultant at amartin-sen@wmunc.org or call (919) 882-2344, ext. 208 with questions. To register go to wmunc.org and click on *Abound*.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events: August 12th-14th, Military Wives Retreat, CMV; and October 28th-29th, NC Baptist Women's Conference, Caraway. Registration is now open for the October conference. Direct questions to apullian@ncbaptist.org or call (919) 459-5651.

Rebecca Lindhout, in addition to her responsibilities as Consultant for Adults, is now the new Consultant for Children. She is available to answer questions or to discuss needs and ideas at (919) 882-2344, ext. 209 or by email at rlindhout@wmunc.org.

In the chaos of today's upside-down culture, we do well to remember this life on earth is a journey, not the destination! For those of us who believe, the best is yet to come, but for the unbeliever what is to come is a horror unimaginable. As "...ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us," [are] "we [imp]loring the lost] on Christ's behalf, [to] be reconciled to God" (2 Cor. 5:20)?

In Romans 10:13-15 we are told that "whoever calls upon the name of the LORD shall be saved. ...And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? ...As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things?'" Let's be about our Father's business in the days ahead so that others may truly be free (John 8:36) for all eternity! No pedicure required; just feet willing to follow Jesus.

Director: Susan T. Ferguson, (919) 548-0115, fergusonst@earthlink.net



“Those who hope in the LORD... will soar on wings like eagles.” Is. 40:31

Did you know that eagles can fly as high (or higher) than 10,000 feet above sea level? That means they are able to fly above the storms. Can you imagine not having to worry about the harsh winds and storms because you are able to fly above them? In essence, that is what Isaiah is telling us; if you “hope in the LORD” you will soar above the storms of life. I don’t know about you, but things down here on earth can get pretty stormy! I want to “hope in the LORD” and soar above the storms of life like the eagle. What about you?

“GOD is our hope and strength, a very present help in trouble.” Ps. 46:1

Prayer requests: Protection for the Center’s clients and leaders.

Needs: Baby wipes, bottles, bottle brushes, shampoo, baby wash, hooded towels and bottled waters to give to clients.

Thank you for your prayers & support!

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

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

July—Calendar of Events-

4	All day	Independence Day Holiday
7	11:00am	Pittsboro Pastor’s fellowship at Pittsboro Baptist
12	11:00am	Siler City Pastor’s Fellowship at Bestfood
19	11:00am	Sanford Pastor’s Fellowship at SCBA Office
26	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 other wise, 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](https://twitter.com/MissionDignity) for more information.

Sandy Creek Baptist Association Administrative Assistant Position Available

The Sandy Creek Baptist Association is prayerfully seeking an Administrative Assistant to help with ministry to the association's fifty churches. This position will report to Associational Missionary Barry Lawrence and will perform duties associated with the position described in the Job Descriptions for Associational Staff section of the By-laws and Policy and Procedure Manual . These duties include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ Minor accounting
- ◆ Social media maintenance
- ◆ Compiling and distributing reports
- ◆ Calendaring
- ◆ Responding to emails and calls
- ◆ Preparation of documents for associational meetings
- ◆ Maintaining accurate contacts of associational churches
- ◆ Creation and distribution of the monthly newsletter
- ◆ Attending occasional meetings, which may be in the evening
- ◆ Experience with Microsoft Office and website updating is required

This flexible position will be 20 hours per week and could work remotely, with office hours required as needed. Compensation will be discussed during interview process. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, email all resumes to sandycreekassoc@gmail.com. Thank you for your prayers and consideration.

News Release

For immediate release

June 12, 2022

*Contact: Pastor Peter McDonald
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All current and past members of Pittsboro Baptist Church (PBC) are invited to attend its 175th Anniversary Kick-off to be held Saturday, September 17, noon to 4:00p.m. at its property on Hwy.902 next to Roco Fuerte Church. Wood Family Tradition, an award-winning bluegrass band, will be the featured entertainment. In addition, there will be entertainment for the kids including a performance by the Hands-in-Service puppet team. A barbeque chicken lunch will be provided. Those who would like to attend are asked to RSVP by September 5 by calling the church at 919.542.2986 or email pittsborobaptist175@gmail.com.

All past and current members are also invited to Homecoming, Sunday, October 9. Todd Unzicker, Executive Director-Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina will be the guest speaker. The worship service will be followed by a covered dish luncheon. Former PBC pastors and staff members are asked to RSVP if they plan to attend Homecoming, so that they can be recognized during the service. RSVP by calling the church at 919.542.2986 or email pittsborobaptist175@gmail.com.