

The Link

Sandy Creek Baptist Association

September, 2022



Until He Returns....

Greetings from your Sandy Creek Baptist Association Associational Missionary, Barry Lawrence! I hope each of you has had a wonderful summer and have started the transition to fall weather and activities. Please be in prayer for our students and teachers as they have started school for this year.

Romans 12:1-2 says *I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

As we shift to another season of the year, let's be reminded to daily be in God's Word as an act of worship that would glorify Him.

There are several things planned for this fall that I want you to be sure to put on your calendars:

- ◆ **Sept. 16th at 6:00 pm Pastor and Family Cookout.** Pastors, please bring your family out for an evening of food, fun and fellowship. This will be at Shepherd's Flock Baptist in Sanford. The address is 80 Pressly Foushee Rd, Sanford, North Carolina. Don't miss out on this wonderful time!
- ◆ **Sept. 17th at 9:00 a.m.—Pastor's Wellness Conference** at First Baptist Church Siler City. Dr. Sandy Marks will be leading us in a time of teaching and discussion concerning personal wellness for pastors in the midst of ministry. This is a greatly needed discussion for the times we are serving in.
- ◆ **Sept. 22nd at 11:00 a.m.—Senior Adult Celebration Luncheon at Bestfood Cafeteria, Siler City.** Seniors, come out and join us for a time of devotion, music, prayer, food and fellowship. We will have a speaker and special music. Each will pay for their own meal.
- ◆ Be in prayer for our **Fall Associational Gathering** which will be held at Emmaus Baptist Church, Pittsboro on Monday, October 17th.

Pastor's Fellowship Gathering—2nd Tuesday

The 2nd Tuesday of the month we will gather at 11:00 at Bestfood Cafeteria in Siler City. This will be a time of fellowship, devotion, prayer and food.

Pastor's Roundtable – 4th Tuesday

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 10:00 a.m. – Associational Office, First Baptist Sanford.

2022 North Carolina Missions Offering

September is the normal time for churches to give to the North Carolina Missions Offering. The Sandy Creek Baptist Association was one of the leaders in our state last year in % of churches giving. We pray that many will give again this year to this great missions ministry. Go to www.ncbaptist.org for more info.



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	July	YTD
Antioch	\$ -	\$ -
Bear Creek	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Bennett	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
Bethany	\$ -	\$ -
Bonlee	\$ -	\$ -
Brookdale	\$ -	\$ -
Brush Creek	\$ -	\$ 1,308.00
Centro Familiar Cristiano	\$ -	\$ 600.00
Cool Springs	\$ -	\$ 8,250.00
CoolWater Cowboy	\$ -	\$ 1,949.00
Cornerstone	\$ -	\$ -
Cumnock	\$ 708.34	\$ 708.34
East Sanford	\$ -	\$ 7,889.88
Emmaus	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
Fall Creek	\$ 700.00	\$ 2,450.00
Fellowship	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Flat Springs	\$ -	\$ 2,350.00
Filipino American	\$ -	\$ -
Grace Hill	\$ -	\$ -
Goldston	\$ -	\$ 696.00
Good News	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,750.00
Gum Springs	\$ 625.00	\$ 1,250.00
Hickory Grove	\$ -	\$ -
Hickory Mountain	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Hunt Springs	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00
Jonesboro Heights	\$ -	\$ 2,459.03
Joy	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Juniper Springs	\$ -	\$ 2,250.00
Kingdom Builders of Christ	\$ -	\$ -
Loves Creek	\$ 125.00	\$ 875.00
Mays Chapel	\$ -	\$ 840.00
Moncure	\$ 619.49	\$ 1,788.93
Moons Chapel	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Mount Olive	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
New Life Bible Church	\$ -	\$ 300.00
New Salem	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Oakley	\$ -	\$ 4,720.50
Pittsboro Baptist	\$ 489.01	\$ 3,725.79
Pleasant Hill	\$ -	\$ -
Primera Iglesia Bautista	\$ -	\$ -
Rives Chapel	\$ -	\$ 750.00
Roca Fuerte	\$ -	\$ -
Rock Springs	\$ -	\$ -
Rocky River	\$ 628.89	\$ 3,047.84
Sandy Branch	\$ -	\$ -
Sanford, First	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00
Shepherd's Flock	\$ 39.40	\$ 316.78
Siler City First	\$ 208.33	\$ 1,249.98
Tramway	\$ -	\$ 787.50
Tyson Creek	\$ 166.67	\$ 1,439.36
TOTAL CHURCH INCOME	\$ 7,160.13	\$ 81,151.93
OTHER INCOME	\$ -	\$ -
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 2.68	\$ 15.18
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 7,162.81	\$ 81,167.11
Expenses This Month	\$ 6,262.68	
Expenses To Date	\$ 61,239.36	
Budget Requirements Per Month	\$ 12,349.06	
Budget Requirements To Date	\$ 86,443.42	
SCBA FUNDS	7,31.22	
General Checking Account	\$ 277,792.49	
Designated Fund	\$ 36,932.70	
Church Emergency Fund	\$ 60,049.49	
BUDGET 2022	\$ 148,188.78	

SCBA WMU: : September brings the promise of cooler weather. Fall officially arrives on the 22nd reminding of God's promise in Genesis 8:22 that "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease." What a comfort it is to know that God keeps all His promises!

Other important dates in September: 17th, National Children's Missions Day; 22nd, Leadership Luncheon ZOOM Meeting; and on the 24th, Central NC *Abound* Leadership Training, First Baptist Church in Salisbury.

October 7th – 8th is Children's Mission Day (NC) at CMV. Participants will meet a missionary, take part in a mission project, and have lots of fun with crafts and games. Don't miss this great opportunity to introduce children to the world of missions.

It's **REDBOX** Time again! This year we are collecting 300 bags of individually wrapped hard candies. Any hard candy is acceptable, but butterscotch and peppermints seem to be favorites.

Details about drop off locations and dates will be announced in the October LINK. Meanwhile, be in prayer for those women in NC prisons who will receive these gifts at Christmas.

Coming in November: 4th – 5th, Sisters who Care State Convention, Wake Forest Baptist Church (www.wmunc.org/sisters-who-care); 7th, Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer; 11th – 13th, Mom Camp at CMV; 17th, Leadership Luncheon Zoom Meeting; 19th, "Touch and Feel Missions," Missions Friends Event, Antioch Baptist Church, Lillington; and 27th - December 4th, International Missions Emphasis and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

The Philippines is the focus of this year's International Missions Emphasis. Resources, including a promotion kit, adult and student teaching guides, and the mission study for all ages (preschool to adult), are available at wmustore.com or by calling Customer Service at (800) 968-7301 Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (CT).

Unless otherwise noted, for information or to register for the above events go to wmunc.org and follow the links to your event. For questions or other information contact Rebecca at rlindhout@wmunc.org.

Ever feel as if you have passed your time of active service in the name of Jesus? Contrary to general thinking, this is not necessarily age related. May I suggest the article "Missions is My Heart" on pages 12-13 in the September issue of *Missions Mosaic*. If we are still here, God has a purpose for us. If one is willing to "trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding: [and] in all your ways acknowledge Him... He shall direct your paths" (Prov. 3:5-6).

Our 2022-2024 Watchword is "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer" (Rom. 12:12). So very timely given the current circumstances of our nation and the world. Many do not have hope because they do not know Jesus in whom rests the only certain hope. Spread the Word, hold fast to Him in whom you have placed your trust and faith, and be content in prayer for the lost, our leaders, and for each other (1 Tim. 2:1-3).
Director: Susan T. Ferguson, (919) 548-0115, or fergusonst@earthlink.net



403 Carthage Street
Sanford, NC 27330
919-292-2657

Prayer & Praise: Please pray for our new bilingual Client Advocate, Sharlyn Lobo. We are thankful to have her as an amazing addition to our team!

“Consider what God has done.” Eccl. 7:13

Needs: bottles of water for clients, disinfecting wipes, baby wipes, baby bottles, & diaper cream.

Thank you for your prayers & support!
In Ministry for **LIFE**,
Dianna Andrews
Executive Director

Field of MAKERS

Save the Date

September 23 – 24 • Denton FarmPark

A juried artisan fundraising event featuring NC's finest craftsmen, food vendors, live music, and the Country Train — all for the direct benefit of seniors served by NC Baptist Aging Ministry!

Special hours for senior adults
Friday, September 23, Noon-3pm



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September—Calendar of Events-

13	11:00 am	Siler City Pastor's Fellowship at Bestfood Cafeteria
16	6-8 pm	Pastor's and Family Cookout—Shepherds Flock Baptist Church in Sanford, NC
17	9-11 am	Pastoral Wellness Seminar—FBC Siler City
22	11:00 a.m.	Seniors Celebration Luncheon, Bestfood Cafeteria
27	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

Friends of Children Saturdays are one-day missions opportunities for all ages. Spend a Saturday seeing the ministry up close and tackle projects at BCH's statewide locations. It's a perfect opportunity for small groups and children and youth. A free lunch is provided. Call Alan Williams at 336-474-1277 or awilliams@bchfamily.org for more info.
Saturday, September 10

Cameron Boys Camp | Cameron





Do you help lead your church, school, or group in packing shoe boxes?

**Then join us on
September 10, 2022
11:00-1:00 pm**

**Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church
316 Main St. Sanford, NC 27332**

Shoe box recipient speaker, free shoe boxes for attending, light lunch, and other awesome give-aways for your shoe boxes!!

Contact: Gwenn Rackley, Area Coordinator

rackleygwenn@yahoo.com

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 Association- al 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.

Ministry Position Opening

Flat Springs Baptist Church is seeking a full-time Minister of Music, who will help our ministry team lead our community closer to Jesus Christ through music. Our church is a midsize church with traditional worship, open to thoughtful inclusions of different worship experiences. Responsibilities include overseeing and integrating music for adults, youth, and children. Interested applicants please use this email address: flatspringspersonnel@gmail.com

Pittsboro Baptist Church Will Celebrate 175th Anniversary

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.