

The Link

Sandy Creek Baptist Association

April, 2023



Until He Returns...

Hey there! Spring is now in full swing as evidenced by the windy days, rollercoaster temperatures and of course a nice dusting of pollen. As you see the changing of the season, may it remind you of the awesome God that we serve that has created the beauty that we see around us each day. The greatest thing God has done is sending His only son, Jesus that we might have life eternal. I am looking forward to seeing how God works through the SCBA churches during the Easter Celebration! I am praying that the waters of baptism will be stirred as individuals surrender their heart and life to Jesus through salvation. Be sure to praise God for the empty tomb!

Please put the evening of Monday, April 24th on your calendar as we will meet at Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church for our Spring Association Meeting. Todd Unzicker, the Executive Director-Treasurer for NC Baptists will be our guest speaker. We will also have several missions entities set up for you to visit and learn from. Refreshments will be provided as well! Watch for more information and details soon.

Take time to check out the Sandy Creek Baptist Association website that has been recently updated. It is a great source of information. Just go to www.sandycreekba.com.

Senior adults, don't forget the next Senior Adult Celebration is at Best Food Cafeteria, June 1st at 11:00 a.m. Our gathering in March was wonderful and well attended. Thank you to Pastor Matt Garrett for a challenging and encouraging message and to Lynette Lawrence for the music. Come out for a time in God's Word, music, prayer and fellowship. Each person is responsible for paying for their own meal. Please call or email the association office to let us know you will be attending.

If your church has plans for summer mission trips, send us an email at the association office so that we can know how to be praying for you. I know several churches have already been praying and planning for missions efforts this summer.

Pastors be sure to check the calendar of events for our Pastor's Fellowship in Siler City and our Pastor's Roundtable at the SCBA office.

Blessings,
Barry Lawrence, SCBA Associational Missionary

*On Mission
Together*

**265TH SPRING
GATHERING
OF THE SANDY CREEK
BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**

**MONDAY, APRIL 24TH
6 PM - MISSIONS FAIR
AND REFRESHMENTS -
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**7 PM - MEETING -
SANCTUARY**

**JONESBORO HEIGHTS
BAPTIST CHURCH,
SANFORD**

Come and join us for a wonderful time of celebration and worship. Our evening will begin with a Missions Fair and light refreshments in the fellowship hall. The meeting will follow in the sanctuary. Todd Unzicker, Executive Director-Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of NC will be speaking.

SCBA WMU:

As these words are typed, the temperature outside hovers around freezing. Those early spring flowers, if not frozen, are certainly shivering in their flowerbeds. It's as if those warm, springlike temperatures lured them out of hiding into an ambush by the cold. Sometimes we can be misled by circumstances and find ourselves ambushed by the enemy if we are not careful to ask God for wisdom according to James 1:6-8. We can *"be anxious for nothing"* if we *"by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving let [our] requests be made known to God"* (Phil. 4:6-8).

Know anyone from age 15 to college students looking for a challenge this summer? Let them know it's time to check out summer job opportunities at Camp Caraway. College age men and women who love Jesus, people, and the outdoors can apply for summer jobs that will have an eternal impact. Salaries are competitive depending upon experience and certifications. There are openings for part-time lifeguards; training and certification in first aid, CPR, and lifeguarding will be provided. Teens ages 15-18 may join the Timothy program for two- or three-week missions. More information is available at

www.campcaraway.org.

Monthly leadership luncheons continue to encourage, renew, and inspire leaders with different leadership topics. For upcoming dates and topics visit wmunc.org/leadership-luncheons.

WMU NC Quarterly Book Club meets via Zoom April 13th. The book to be discussed is "Women Who Risk". Register at wmunc.org.

WMU NC Missions Conference and Annual Meeting (formerly Missions Extravaganza) is scheduled for April 28-29 at Lawndale Baptist Church, Greensboro, NC. Information about the conference schedule, leaders, and registration is available at wmunc.org.

On April 9th Christians around the world will celebrate Easter and the empty tomb whose stone was rolled away, not so our Lord could come out, but so His followers could see it was empty!

Many will celebrate the holiday without knowing its true significance because they don't know Jesus. Instead of an empty tomb, they have an empty heart and no hope. Don't miss the opportunity to introduce someone to Jesus.

"O death where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory? ...thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:55-57).

HAPPY EASTER!!!

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IMPORTANT DATES:

TUES., APRIL 11TH: 11 AM PASTOR'S FELLOWSHIP - BESTFOOD CAFETERIA, SILER CITY

SUN., APRIL 9TH: EASTER SUNDAY

SUN., APRIL 16TH: FILL THE TANK

MON., APRIL 24TH: SCBA SPRING GATHERING AT 6:00 PM - JONESBORO HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH, SANFORD

TUES., APRIL 25TH: 10 AM PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE - SCBA OFFICE

MAY 4TH & 5TH: 9 AM - 3:30 PM LIFE UNIQUE TRAINING FOR THOSE THAT ATTENDED THE FIRST SESSION IN MARCH.

TUES., MAY 9TH: 11 AM PASTOR'S FELLOWSHIP - BESTFOOD CAFETERIA, SILER CITY

TUES., MAY 23RD: 10 AM PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE, SCBA OFFICE

THURS., JUNE 1ST: SENIOR LUNCHEON AT 11 AM - BESTFOOD CAFETERIA, SILER CITY

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	Februaryuy	YTD
Antioch	\$ -	\$ -
Bear Creek	\$ -	\$ -
Bennett	\$ -	\$ -
Bethany	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Bonlee	\$ -	\$ -
Brookdale	\$ -	\$ 3,550.00
Brush Creek	\$ -	\$ -
Centro Familiar Cristiano	\$ -	\$ -
Cool Springs	\$ -	\$ -
CoolWater Cowboy	\$ 451.60	\$ 1,006.62
Cornerstone	\$ -	\$ -
Cumnock	\$ -	\$ 208.37
East Sanford	\$ 127.73	\$ 235.44
Emmaus	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
Fall Creek	\$ -	\$ -
Fellowship	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00
Flat Springs	\$ -	\$ -
Filipino American	\$ -	\$ -
Grace Hill	\$ -	\$ -
Goldston	\$ -	\$ 806.54
Good News	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
Gum Springs	\$ -	\$ -
Hickory Grove	\$ -	\$ -
Hickory Mountain	\$ -	\$ -
Hunt Springs	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
Jonesboro Heights	\$ -	\$ -
Joy	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Juniper Springs	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 1,125.00
Loves Creek	\$ 125.00	\$ 250.00
Mays Chapel	\$ 840.00	\$ 840.00
Moncure	\$ -	\$ 632.56
Moons Chapel	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Mount Olive	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
New Life Bible Church	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
New Salem	\$ -	\$ -
Oakley	\$ -	\$ 2,289.65
Pittsboro Baptist	\$ 2,600.80	\$ 3,466.20
Pleasant Hill	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Rives Chapel	\$ -	\$ -
Roca Fuerte	\$ -	\$ -
Rock Springs	\$ -	\$ -
Rocky River	\$ 1,067.46	\$ 1,601.13
Sandy Branch	\$ 146.00	\$ 146.00
Sanford, First	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
Shepherd's Flock	\$ 54.30	\$ 99.20
Siler City First	\$ 208.33	\$ 416.66
Tramway	\$ 131.25	\$ 262.50
Tyson Creek	\$ 166.66	\$ 333.32
TOTAL CHURCH INCOME	\$ 10,394.13	\$ 28,469.19
OTHER INCOME	\$ -	\$ -
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 154.66	\$ 320.99
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 10,548.79	\$ 28,790.18
Expenses This Month	\$ 8,250.56	
Expenses To Date	\$ 16,716.01	
Budget Requirements Per Month	\$ 11,250.00	
Budget Requirements To Date	\$ 22,500.00	
SCBA FUNDS	2.28.2023	
General Checking Account	\$ 309,300.59	
Designated Fund	\$ 38,767.41	
Church Emergency Fund	\$ 60,090.52	
BUDGET 2023	\$ 135,000.00	



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

“Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.” Ephesians 5:19

When was the last time you sang TO the Lord? Singing not only makes our hearts happy, it makes God’s happy too. Even

when others would prefer we not sing, the Lord desires our joyful noise of praise and thanksgiving to Him. What song is in your heart today? Is it pleasing to the Lord? Sing it out to Him and be glad.

Prayers & Praises:

We are grateful for God’s love and provision for our physical, emotional and spiritual needs. We ask that you would continue praying for our health and protection.

Needs: Diapers 4, 5 & 6, paper towels, car seats (new and gently used)

Thank you for your prayers & support!

Copy & paste this link for new online giving opportunities:

<https://reachoutcpc.networkforgood.com/projects/173913-supporting-life>

In Ministry for LIFE,
Dianna Andrews
Executive Director

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
riveschapelchurch@gmail.com

Filipino-American Mission Church

is seeking an ordained pastor that is connected with Filipino culture.

Please send resumes to:

winn_walter2012@yahoo.com
or 202 Westover Dr., Sanford, NC
27330.

Music 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

JUBILEE ASSOCIATIONAL CHOIR

MEETS THURSDAYS AT 10 A.M. IN THE COOL SPRINGS BAPTIST CHOIR ROOM. MUST BE 50 OR OLDER AND LOVE THE LORD.

**PLEASE CONTACT JACK CHILDRESS FOR MORE INFORMATION.
(919) 770-3204**

MISSIONS FAIR

If your church is involved in a long term mission project (e.g., ongoing missions in a different country or state, ongoing ministries to schools, etc.) we would like to invite you to participate in the missions fair at our annual Spring Gathering that will take place at 6 pm in the fellowship hall at Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church in Sanford on Monday, April 24th. The meeting will follow at 7 pm in the sanctuary. If you are able to come, please plan to be there at 5 pm to set up. (You are welcome to set up a TV with a slideshow or have a display with a representative from your church there to share more about your ministry.)

Please call the office at (919) 776-9423 or email sandycreekassoc@gmail.com to let us know that your church would like to participate.

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Fill the
TANK

“REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED.”

Acts 2:38

We are committing to fill our baptism tank on April 16. We are trusting God to save souls and calling believers to go public with their faith on that day.

WILL YOU PRAY AND JOIN US?

SAFETY AND SECURITY TRAINING FOR CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

March 30, 2023
9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Fairview Baptist Church
5608 Ten-Ten Rd., Apex, NC

Register at: [Safety and Security Training | Baptist State Convention of North Carolina \(ncbaptist.org\)](https://www.ncbaptist.org/safety-and-security-training)

As believers, we are responsible for creating a safe and secure environment for the people around us.

This conference is open to anyone who wants to know more about preventing sexual abuse, recognizing the grooming process, creating and enforcing policies and much more within your ministry context. All ministry and organizational leaders, staff and members will benefit from the information presented.

Powell River Baptist Association Shoe

Fair is approaching soon 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 27 - July 30, 2023 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 24th from 10:00 - 2:00 or other times when the 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





**FOOD
ROUNDUP**
BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES



How does the Food Roundup help children?

Your donations of food, supplies and gift cards not only provides NC children daily meals, but your efforts point them towards Jesus.

April 2023

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Baptist Children's Homes Food Roundup Collection Locations

CHATHAM COUNTY:

Moon's Chapel Baptist Church: Please bring all items to the church at 175 Moon's Chapel Rd., Siler City on the following dates: **Monday, May 1st 10 am until 2 pm and Tuesday, May 2nd, 4 pm until 7 pm.** Items will be delivered to Cameron Boys Camp on May 3rd. If you need any information, please call (919) 742-4569.

Hickory Mountain Baptist Church: Items can be dropped off to the church at 1094 Mt. Vernon Hickory Mtn. Rd., Siler City on the following dates: **Monday, May 1st 10 am until 2 pm and Tuesday, May 2nd, 4 pm until 7 pm.** If you need any further information, please call (919) 742-3928.

LEE COUNTY:

Cool Springs Baptist Church: Drop off is **Monday through Thursday from 9 am until 4 pm through the month of April.** The church is located at 1313 Cool Springs Rd., Sanford. Call (919) 776-4633 if you need further information.

East Sanford Baptist Church: You may drop off items **Sunday, April 23 through Tuesday, May 2 (Closed Fridays and Saturdays.) Sundays, 4 - 6pm, Monday - Thursday, 10am - 2pm Tuesday evenings, 6 - 8pm.** To make arrangements for collections call the church office at 919-776-3241. The address is 300 North Ave., Sanford. Please come to gravel parking lot behind the sanctuary building, follow signs.



SHARING HOPE...CHANGING LIVES

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

Food & Supplies Needs List



FOOD ROUNDUP

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

MOST NEEDED: (in bold)

- ___ Household cleaning products (i.e. bleach, Comet, Lysol spray and wipes, Clorox spray, Windex, Pinesol, Pledge, Tilex, etc.)
- ___ Canned Fruits
- ___ Fruit Juice (Apple, Orange, Grape, Cranberry)
- ___ Laundry Detergent
- ___ Paper Products (paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, Kleenex)
- ___ Bottled Water
- ___ Dry Cereal
- ___ Baked Beans
- ___ Spaghetti Sauce
- ___ Pasta (Spaghetti, Lasagna, Macaroni)
- ___ Canned Tomatoes (diced, sauce, paste)
- ___ Pancake Mix and Syrup
- ___ Soups (All types & condensed)
- ___ Sugar: Granulated & Brown
- ___ Flour
- ___ Stevia and Splenda
- ___ Popcorn, Kettle Corn
- ___ Apple Sauce
- ___ Fruit Pie Filling Cherry, Peach
- ___ Beverage Mixes (Tea, Tang, Kool-Aid, Lemonade, Cider Mix - All Sugar Free)
- ___ Vegetable Oil, Shortening, Olive Oil, Pam Cooking Spray, Bakers Choice
- ___ Canned Sweet Potatoes, Canned Yams, Canned pumpkin
- ___ Canned Meats (pink salmon, tuna, roast beef, chicken - packed in water)
- ___ Stuffing Mix
- ___ Gravy Mixes

- ___ Hamburger, Chicken, Tuna Helper (all types)
- ___ Pickles (Sweet & Dill)
- ___ Refried Beans
- ___ Hot Chocolate Mix
- ___ Snack Foods with & without sugar (Fruit Rollups, Fruit Cups, Beef Jerky, Slim Jims, Pepperoni Sticks, Cheese Nips, Pretzels, etc.)
- ___ Health Snacks (Dried Fruit, Nuts, Raisins, Cranraisins, Trail Mix)
- ___ Individual Cookie Packs
- ___ Jello
- ___ PopTarts
- ___ Rice
- ___ Instant Potatoes (scalloped, au gratin, mashed, julienne)
- ___ Muffin Mixes
- ___ Bisquick Mix
- ___ Kidney Beans
- ___ Pickle Relish
- ___ Cranberry Sauce
- ___ Mac & Cheese
- ___ Corn Meal
- ___ Jiffy Mixes, Corn Muffin Mix
- ___ Potatoes
- ___ Hush Puppy Mix
- ___ Peanut Butter
- ___ Jelly, Jams, Preserves (Strawberry is a favorite)
- ___ Pizza & Pizza Dough Mix
- ___ Saltine Crackers, Ritz Crackers, Graham Crackers, Nabs
- ___ Sauces (A-1, Steak, BBQ, Texas Pete, Cheese, Soy, Worcestershire, Teriyaki Sauce, Sweet and Sour)
- ___ Spices and Seasonings (including Salt & Pepper)
- ___ Dishwashing detergents
- ___ Laundry pre-treating products (i.e. Shout, Spray and Wash)

- ___ HE Laundry Detergent
- ___ Brooms, Mops, Scrub Brushes, Dust Pans
- ___ Foil and Plastic Wrap
- ___ SOS Pads
- ___ Fabric Softener (Dryer Sheets)
- ___ Sanitary Pads & Tampons
- ___ Hand Lotion
- ___ Shampoo
- ___ Body Wash
- ___ Soap

OTHER NEEDED ITEMS:

- ___ Brownie, Cookie, Cake Mixes & Icing
- ___ Canned Vegetables (no corn or green beans)
- ___ Individual Chef Boyardee cups
- ___ Clif nutritional bars
- ___ Hot Dog Chili
- ___ Coffee (Regular & Decaf)
- ___ Coffee Creamer
- ___ Sweetened Condensed Milk
- ___ Evaporated Milk
- ___ Powdered Milk
- ___ Flavorings (Vanilla, etc.)
- ___ French Fried Onions
- ___ Honey
- ___ Ketchup
- ___ Mustard
- ___ Oatmeal
- ___ Parmesan Cheese
- ___ Puddings, Pudding Cups
- ___ Salsa
- ___ Vinegar
- ___ Paper Products (Cups, Plates, Bowls, Plastic Ware, Dixie Cups)
- ___ Copy/Printer Paper
- ___ Trash Bags (large & small)
- ___ Zip-Loc bags (Sandwich, Snack, Quart & Gallon Sizes)
- ___ Band Aids
- ___ Rubbing Alcohol/Peroxide
- ___ Anti-bacterial ointment
- ___ Razors
- ___ Shaving Cream/Shaving Gel

- ___ Dental Floss
- ___ Hair brushes
- ___ Deodorant
- ___ Conditioner
- ___ Tooth Paste
- ___ Tooth Brushes
- ___ Diapers (all sizes)
- ___ Baby Wipes
- ___ Bug Repellent
- ___ Wasp/Hornet Spray
- ___ Sunblock 30+
- ___ Batteries (AA , AAA and D)
- ___ Disposable Gloves (Non-Latex ONLY)
- ___ Heavy Duty Soap (Fast Orange)

FINAL NOTES:

Gift Cards are appreciated for buying perishables and items not received. (i.e. Wal-Mart, Sams Clubs, Food Lion, Lowes, Ingles, Piggly Wiggly).

We can use all size cans. Some locations prefer #10 cans (family size).

IMPORTANT: Please check for expired dates on food – we cannot accept expired items.

Please help our volunteer truck drivers by packing your church's donations in small, sturdy boxes.

Pack like items together. Please do not pack chemicals with food.

Questions?

Contact Alan Williams at
1-800-476-3669 ext. 1277 or
awilliams@bchfamily.org
bchfoodroundup.org

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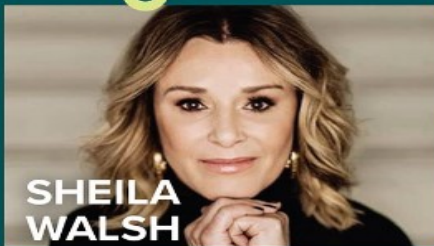
LIVING ON MISSION

2023 BAPTIST
MISSIONS CONFERENCE

APRIL 14-15, 2023

HICKORY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, N.C.

SPEAKERS



INFORMATION

Cost: \$20 per person

General sessions, breakout sessions, event materials and lunch on Saturday. For an additional \$8, there is an optional missions opportunities supper on Friday.

Pre-registration is required.

Registration Deadline: April 6, 2023

Special features include mission breakout sessions, missions opportunities Friday supper, mission testimonies, mission fair exhibits and much more.

Please visit [Baptists on Mission - Missions Conference](#) for more information.

Ignite!



**IGNITE YOUR MISSIONS PASSION.
INFLUENCE THE WORLD.**

Missions Conference and Annual Meeting
Lawndale Baptist Church, Greensboro, NC
April 28-29, 2023

Do you love hearing from missionaries, gaining new leadership skills and insights, and filling up with fresh excitement for missions each year? If so, mark your calendar for this year's WMU NC Missions Conference!

Registration is open now! Come IDENTIFY how God can use you, IGNITE your missions passion, and prepare to INFLUENCE the world with the love of Jesus!

We can't wait for you to join us. For more details about the conference, including Kids Camp, and a special track for youth/students, register at [Woman's Missionary Union | Missions Extravaganza | North Carolina \(wmunc.org\)](https://www.wmunc.org)