

The Link

Sandy Creek Baptist Association

June, 2023



Until He Returns....

Hello from your SCBA Associational Missionary! The days of summer are almost here as college graduations are taking place, high school graduations are fast approaching and children and teachers are excited about the coming summer vacation! Also, churches are planning and preparing for reaching their communities for Jesus through opportunities like VBS, summer camps and sports clinics.

At the SCBA, we would like to be praying as you serve your communities this summer and as you are sharing Jesus through mission trips. Please let us know through email about what you have planned for the next few months to reach people with the Gospel.

It has personally been a tough season for me as I am with my mother in a Charlotte ICU. She has been here for about 10 days now, but is doing much better after a very serious medical condition. I have been reminded daily about the faithfulness and provision of God while she has been here. Whatever you may be going through, remember God is faithful, regardless of the circumstance. Proverbs 3:5-6 has been a great reminder to me and hopefully you as well.

There is much going on in the churches of the SCBA. 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.

Blessings,
Barry Lawrence, SCBA Associational Missionary

IMPORTANT DATES:

MON., MAY 29TH: MEMORIAL DAY

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

TUES., JUNE 13TH:
PASTORS FELLOWSHIP AT 11 A.M.—BESTFOOD CAFETERIA SILER CITY

SUN. JUNE 18TH: FATHER'S DAY

TUES. JUNE 27TH: PASTORS ROUNDTABLE – 10 AM SCBA OFFICE, SANFORD

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.

SCBA WMU: June brings 30 days full of promise for fun summer activities like VBS, camp, pool parties, and mission projects. Something as simple as making “thinking of you” cards for local recipients of Meals on Wheels or shut-ins from your church can brighten their day. Include a tract and perhaps change their eternity. Such projects are a great way to involve all generations in reaching out to a sometimes-forgotten segment of our communities.

The next leadership luncheon is scheduled for June 21. Visit wmunc.org/leadership-luncheons for topics and speaker information.

Don’t forget the multiple opportunities to attend summer camp at both CMV and Camp Caraway. Information and registration for each is available at either campmundo-vista.com or campcaraway.org.

It’s time to make plans for youth groups to attend the two-night Co-Ed Youth Missions Retreat at Ridgecrest October 20-22. This exciting opportunity will include mission projects and lots of other activities. The cost, \$140 per person, includes meals and lodging. Registration opens July 17 at wmunc.org.

Each of the above noted events will challenge and encourage kids of all ages as they are introduced to missions as a lifestyle. If we don’t reach and teach them now, the opportunity may be lost. Mission seeds can be planted in the hearts of children of all ages. Such seeds were planted in my seven-year-old heart when a young missionary to Japan visited my church. I have never forgotten her or the words to the chorus of “Jesus Loves Me” in Japanese.

Who knew that seven-year-old would one day learn the chorus to “Love Lifted Me” in Russian while serving as a volunteer summer missionary for several years in Crimea Region, Ukraine? Certainly not I! If we plant the seeds, God will nurture and grow them until they bear spiritual fruit that will potentially affect the eternity of untold numbers of people.

The June issue of *Missions Mosaic* includes an informative article (page 12) addressing this very idea titled “Leading the Next Generation” by Jennifer Booth. The article introduces the reader to Utah-Idaho WOM Groups and how they are investing in the next generation of missionaries post-pandemic. According to the article, surveys indicate that less than 2% of Utah’s population and 11% in Idaho are evangelical Christians. Baptists are only 0.6% of Utah’s population and 1.4% in Idaho. Although the percentages would be quite different here, the premise is no less true.

We will observe Father’s Day, which became an official federal holiday in 1972 by proclamation of then President Richard Nixon, on June 18th. Don’t forget to say “I love you” with a card, a call, or a special meal. “*Honor your father, and your mother,*” which is the first commandment with promise; “*that it may be well with you...*” (Eph. 6:2-3). **HAPPY FATHER’S DAY!!!**

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

CHURCHES	April	YTD
Antioch	\$ -	\$ -
Bear Creek	\$ -	\$ -
Bennett	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Bethany	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Bonlee	\$ -	\$ -
Brookdale	\$ -	\$ 3,550.00
Brush Creek	\$ -	\$ 657.25
Centro Familiar	\$ -	\$ -
Cool Springs	\$ -	\$ 3,025.00
CoolWater Cow-	\$ -	\$ 1,304.58
Cornerstone	\$ -	\$ -
Cumnock	\$ -	\$ 625.03
East Sanford	\$ 149.80	\$ 494.45
Emmaus	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
Fall Creek	\$ -	\$ -
Fellowship	\$ 200.00	\$ 800.00
Flat Springs	\$ -	\$ 1,175.00
Filipino American	\$ -	\$ -
Grace Hill	\$ -	\$ -
Goldston	\$ -	\$ 806.54
Good News	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,000.00
Gum Springs	\$ 625.00	\$ -
Hickory Grove	\$ -	\$ -
Hickory Mountain	\$ -	\$ -
Hunt Springs	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00
Jonesboro Heights	\$ 2,336.25	\$ 2,336.25
Joy	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Juniper Springs	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 2,250.00
Loves Creek	\$ 125.00	\$ 500.00
Mays Chapel	\$ -	\$ 840.00
Moncure	\$ -	\$ 632.56
Moons Chapel	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Mount Olive	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,000.00
New Life Bible	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
New Salem	\$ -	\$ -
Oakley	\$ 2,562.53	\$ 4,852.18
Pittsboro Baptist	\$ 779.38	\$ 4,945.55
Pleasant Hill	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Rives Chapel	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Roca Fuerte	\$ -	\$ -
Rock Springs	\$ -	\$ -
Rocky River	\$ 400.27	\$ 2,001.40
Sandy Branch	\$ -	\$ 146.00
Sanford, First	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Shepherd's Flock	\$ 43.80	\$ 187.10
Siler City First	\$ 208.33	\$ 624.99
Tramway	\$ 131.25	\$ 525.00
Tyson Creek	\$ 166.66	\$ 666.64
TOTAL CHURCH	\$ 19,553.27	\$ 55,295.52
OTHER INCOME	\$ -	\$ -
INTEREST IN-	\$ 169.72	\$ 492.43
TOTAL RE-	\$ 19,722.99	\$ 55,787.95
Expenses This	\$ 9,392.64	
Expenses To Date	\$ 34,010.51	
Budget Require-	\$ 11,250.00	
Budget Require-	\$ 45,000.00	
SCBA FUNDS	4.30.23	
General Checking	\$ 319,798.58	
Designated Fund	\$ 47,490.82	
Church Emergen-	\$ 60,098.17	
BUDGET 2023	\$ 135,000.00	



**“Do not be discouraged.”
Joshua 10:25**

What gets you discouraged? Health? Finances? Family? Why are we reminded in His Word to not be discouraged? As Christians we are going to experience

discouragements but it's a choice to “be” discouraged. We will experience discouragements, but we don't have to let it define us. Do not live in a state of discouragement. When you notice life overwhelming you, pray; give it to our Lord and BE encouraged that He has heard you and He is in control!

Prayers & Praises:

We continue to thank God for our generous volunteers, financial partners and friends!

Needs: Diapers all sizes especially 4, 5, 6, & 7

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK:

<https://www.facebook.com/reachoutcpc>

Online giving opportunities.

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

In Ministry for **LIFE**,

Dianna Andrews

Executive Director

Worship Leader Opening

Hickory Mountain Baptist Church is searching for someone to lead, organize and develop the musical aspects of worship in a traditional or blended style of worship music. We are a small, rural church seeking revitalization in the Silk Hope community. Please send resumes to:

car2brazil@gmail.com

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

First Baptist Church of Sanford is accepting resumés for the full-time position of Director of Children's & Afterschool Ministries. First Baptist Church has a vibrant and growing ministry to children, through its ministry to those families who attend the church and to other families in the community. The desired candidate will have a growing walk with Christ and the ability and passion to lead children to Jesus and come alongside their parents to help disciple them to maturity. Strong problem-solving and conflict resolution skills, as well as the ability to effectively counsel from the Bible, are required. A degree from a Bible college or Seminary in children's ministry, and experience in children's ministry in a church setting, are preferred. To apply for the position please email a letter of interest and a resume to:

Judy Autry, Chair of Personnel Committee, at
fbcsanfordpersonnel@gmail.com.



Senior Luncheon

Thursday, June 1st
11 AM

Bestfood Cafeteria - Siler City

Each person will be responsible for their own meal. Please RSVP at www.sandycreekba.com or call the SCBA Office at (919) 776-9423 to let us know that you will be attending.



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

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

FREE Choir Robes

Cool Springs Baptist Church has some gently used red, white and blue choir robes that they would like to donate. If your church is interested, please contact Scott Hurdt, Minister of Worship, at scott@coolspringsbaptist.com





Announcement

Please welcome Pastor Ed Tablazon as the pastor at Filipino American Mission Church Sanford North Carolina.

Join Us ...

Installation Ceremony

June 4, 2023

2:00 pm

Filipino American Mission Church
202 Westover Dr., Sanford, NC 27330

TRAMWAY BAPTIST CHURCH HOMECOMING Sunday, June 11th at 11:00 a.m.

**"A Community of Believers
Growing in Christ,
Making Known the Transforming
Power of His Love."**

Rev. Jacob Peterson, Pastor
2401 Jefferson Davis Highway
Sanford, NC 27332
919-776-5911
tramwaybaptistchurch.org

Dear Friends,

We are excited about our Homecoming at Tramway Baptist Church on Sunday, June 11th at 11:00 a.m. We will have special music and our guest speaker will be the Reverend Gordon West.

We hope that you will join us for this special time of worship and fellowship. You are invited to share lunch with us in the fellowship building immediately following the worship service. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, June 11th at 11:00 a.m.

*Love in Christ,
Tramway Baptist Church*



Ebenezer
Christian Children's Home

Ebenezer Christian Children's Home was founded in 1994 as an avenue to provide a loving Christian environment to children removed from their homes due to neglect or abuse. ECCH is a fully licensed North Carolina Residential Child-Care Facility, and a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. Ebenezer Christian Children's Home believes that God has called us to continually share Christ's love with all those who pass our way. We seek to minister to the spiritual, physical, emotional and educational needs of the children that have been placed in our care.

HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

We are in need of house parents and social workers to love and take care of these children. We also are in need of an assistant manager and staff for the Ebenezer Attic. If you are interested in these job opportunities, please email Jean Davis at



jeandavis51@gmail.com or call our main office at 336-667-5683. If you want us to come speak to your business or church to share about how God is moving in your community, please reach out to Jean Davis, Executive Director of Ebenezer at 336-667-5683

NEEDS:

-**A mini van or car** in good, working order. We use these vehicles to transport children to various appointments, their jobs, etc. We have two mini-vans that are on their last part of life.

-**Tennis shoes** of all sizes for our children. This is a never ending need as they grow out of shoes so quickly.

If you, your Sunday School group, or church would like to collect donations such as paper towels, soap, laundry detergent, gas cards, gift cards to Lowes Hardware, grocery stores, etc., please reach out to our office to learn what we need at that time, as our needs are ever changing. (336) 667-5683

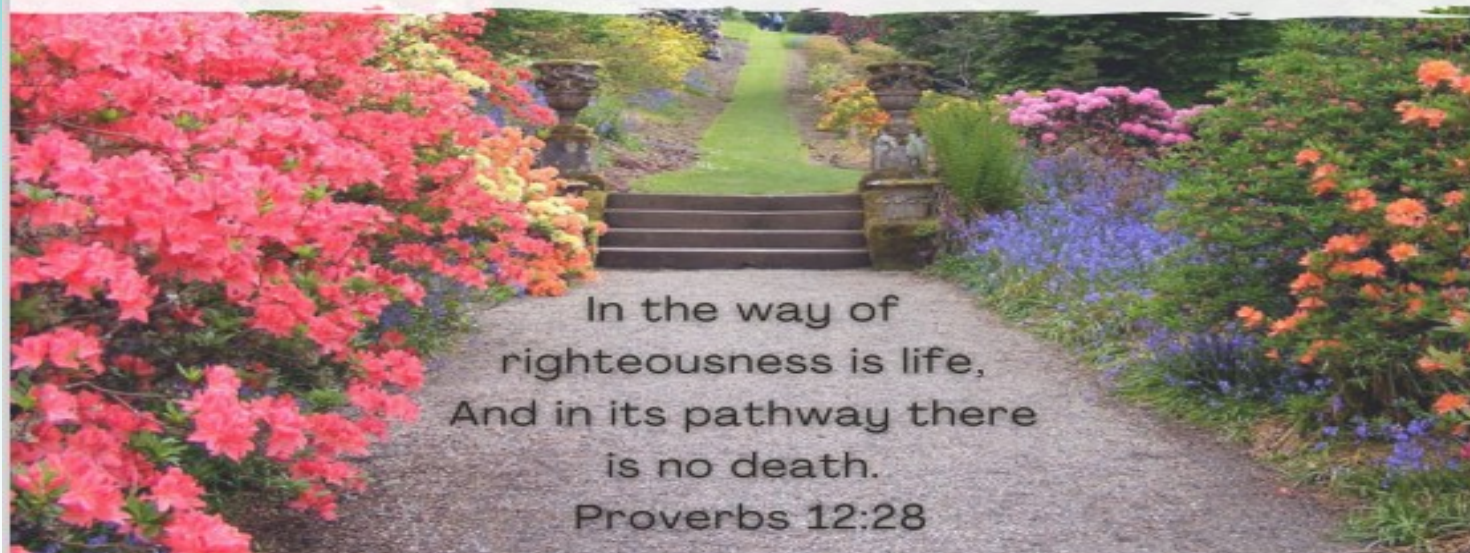


YOU can help turn TEARS and FEARS into SMILES and TRUST by fostering to adopt through Ebenezer.

For more information please call 336-667-5683, email us at info@egcch.org, or visit our website at ebenezerfamily.org.

Where's Your Path Leading?

2023 NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST MINISTERS' WIVES RETREAT
Caraway Conference Center | July 10-12, 2023



In the way of
righteousness is life,
And in its pathway there
is no death.
Proverbs 12:28

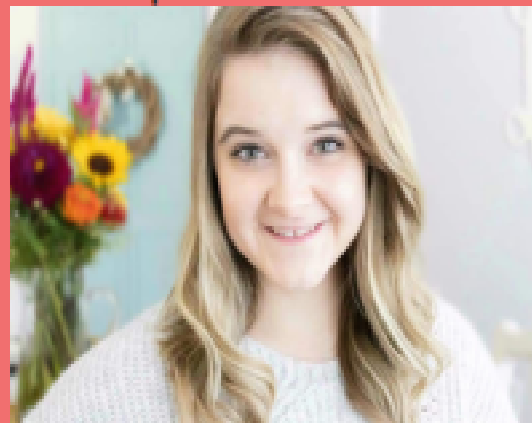


Speaker: Jodi Aiken

Raised in a small South Carolina town, Jodi grew up in a non-Christian religion, the youngest of five children. She is a mom to two adult sons and blessed with two daughter-in-loves. She is also a JoJo to two amazing grandchildren. Her passion is to help women move their relationship with Christ from doubting to fully trusting. Thirty-four years of marriage to her husband Chris have provided countless adventures, including life as a military spouse, a police officer's wife, and now the wife of a pastor. She has served the Lord alongside her husband in full-time ministry for over 20 years. They currently serve at Englewood Baptist Church in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. You can find her blog, podcast, and YouTube "Pennies in Your Path", at jodiaiken.com.

Leah is a native of Lincolnton, NC where she lives with her husband Dalton. They own and operate a personal training studio in Downtown Lincolnton and are the worship leaders at Salem Baptist Church. They have been playing and leading worship together for 15 years. Leah and Dalton were both homeschooled, and Leah grew up as a PK! Leah's goal for leading worship is that the Lord would help her to cultivate an atmosphere where people are able to truly love on and worship their King. We were all created to be in constant praise and admiration of our Savior. Above all, Leah desires for the Lord to be glorified through everything she does.

Worship Leader: Leah Willis



Caraway Conference Center
July 10-12, 2023



<https://ncbminwives.wixsite.com/ncbmw>
ncbminwives@gmail.com

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NATIONAL
DAY OF
VOLUNTEER
YOUTH
MINISTRY
TRAINING

SEPT 23, 2023

**Pay one price, bring as many volunteers as you want!
Great for Youth and Kids teams!**

Host Site: Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church
(316 W. Main St., Sanford)

Register at bit.ly/3zxVu30 or by scanning the QR Code below

Contact: Nick Smetak / (919) 776-1541, ext 203 / nick.smetak@jhbc.org

Register before May 15th: \$99
Register by May 31st: \$139
Register by August 31st: \$169
Register by September 22nd: \$299

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