

# The Link

## Sandy Creek Baptist Association

July, 2023



### *Until He Returns....*

Hello from your SCBA Associational Missionary! Summer has definitely arrived as the temps are around 90 degrees as I am writing this today. As the temps are heating up, families are thinking about cooling down as school is out for most and many are heading to pools and beaches to relax and have some fun.

Family time is so important as we strengthen our relationships with one another in various ways. As you do that, don't forget to make strengthening your relationship with God a priority. What do you use for your plan to intentionally grow in your walk with Him, aside from your week to week church worship and activities? Let me encourage you to talk to your pastors and leaders in your church to assist you in developing a personal spiritual growth plan that will include prayer, bible reading and meditating on scripture. This will not only help you to grow personally, but will help you serve others better and to be compelled to share the Good News of the Gospel with those that are far from God.

II Timothy 2:17 *"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."*

On a personal note, thank you for all your prayers for my mother in the last month. She is back home with us now and is much better as she works through physical therapy weekly.

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](http://www.sandycreekba.com).

Blessings,  
Barry Lawrence, SCBA Associational Missionary

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

**TUES. JUNE 27TH:**  
PASTORS ROUNDTABLE –  
10 A.M. SCBA OFFICE,  
SANFORD

**TUES. JULY 4TH:**  
INDEPENDENCE DAY

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:

Summer is in full swing as is VBS in churches across the association; children come to learn about Jesus and have fun. Jesus used a child to illustrate how we are to come to Him in Matthew 18:2-4, where it is recorded that *“unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven...”* Seeds are being planted that have the potential to bear eternal spiritual fruit in the hearts of these future pastors, missionaries, moms and dads, Sunday school teachers, WMU leaders, leaders of Baptist men, and youth leaders. VBS is a local, short-term mission trip right in your own back yard! Pray that the seeds planted will change lives and bring glory and praise to God.

Many kids will be attending camps and retreats this summer. Registration opens July 17 ([wmunc.org](http://wmunc.org)) for the Co-Ed Youth Missions Retreat at Ridgecrest coming October 20-22. Don't forget to pray that lives will be impacted for Christ beyond what can be imagined at each of these events.

ABOUND Leadership Training is scheduled for August 12 at Lighthouse Baptist Church in Sylva, NC. Register at [wmunc.org/leadership-development](http://wmunc.org/leadership-development); for additional information contact Amanda Martinsen, Leadership Development Consultant, at [amartinsen@wmunc.org](mailto:amartinsen@wmunc.org) or (919) 882-2344, Ext. 208.

The next Zoom Leadership Luncheon is scheduled for July 19. For information or to register visit [wmunc.org/leadership-luncheons](http://wmunc.org/leadership-luncheons). The Quarterly Book Club *“Joyful Sorrows”* by Julie Busler, also by Zoom, will be July 20. Register at [wmunc.org](http://wmunc.org).

On Tuesday, July 4, our nation will celebrate its 247<sup>th</sup> birthday with parades, cookouts, and fireworks. As the nation's independence and freedom is celebrated, it would be well to remember the One from whence it came for it is only by God's eternal grace and mercy this nation was founded and still stands. The celebration will be incomplete unless liberally sprinkled with prayer for her leaders and all who call America home.

*“Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous! ...Let all the earth fear the LORD...stand in awe of Him. For He spoke, and it was done; ...The counsel of the LORD stands forever, ... Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, ...Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us, just as we hope in You” (Psalm 33).* Amen.

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

CHURCHES	May	YTD
Antioch	\$ -	\$ -
Bear Creek	\$ -	\$ -
Bennett	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00
Bethany	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Bonlee	\$ -	\$ -
Brookdale	\$ -	\$ 3,550.00
Brush Creek	\$ -	\$ 657.25
Centro Familiar Cristiano	\$ -	\$ -
Cool Springs	\$ 6,050.00	\$ 9,075.00
CoolWater Cowboy	\$ 717.08	\$ 2,021.66
Cornerstone	\$ -	\$ -
Cumnock	\$ 208.33	\$ 833.36
East Sanford	\$ 110.59	\$ 605.04
Emmaus	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
Fall Creek	\$ -	\$ -
Fellowship	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,000.00
Flat Springs	\$ -	\$ 1,175.00
Filipino American	\$ -	\$ -
Goldston	\$ -	\$ 806.54
Good News	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,250.00
Gum Springs	\$ -	\$ -
Hickory Grove	\$ -	\$ -
Hickory Mountain	\$ -	\$ -
Hunt Springs	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00
Jonesboro Heights	\$ -	\$ 2,336.25
Joy	\$ 875.00	\$ 1,875.00
Juniper Springs	\$ -	\$ 2,250.00
Loves Creek	\$ 125.00	\$ 625.00
Mays Chapel	\$ -	\$ 840.00
Moncure	\$ 1,128.36	\$ 1,760.92
Moons Chapel	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Mount Olive	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,500.00
New Life Bible Church	\$ 50.00	\$ 250.00
New Salem	\$ -	\$ -
Oakley	\$ -	\$ 4,852.18
Pittsboro Baptist	\$ 774.40	\$ 5,719.95
Pleasant Hill	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Rives Chapel	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Roca Fuerte	\$ -	\$ -
Rock Springs	\$ -	\$ -
Rocky River	\$ 612.67	\$ 2,614.07
Sandy Branch	\$ -	\$ 146.00
Sanford, First	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00
Shepherd's Flock	\$ 45.10	\$ 232.20
Siler City First	\$ 416.66	\$ 1,041.65
Tramway	\$ 131.25	\$ 656.25
Tyson Creek	\$ 166.66	\$ 833.30
<b>TOTAL CHURCH IN-</b>	<b>\$ 12,461.10</b>	<b>\$ 67,756.62</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>INTEREST INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 342.65</b>	<b>\$ 835.08</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 12,803.75</b>	<b>\$ 68,591.70</b>
Expenses This Month	\$ 8,227.63	
Expenses To Date	\$ 42,238.14	
Budget Requirements Per	\$ 11,250.00	
Budget Requirements To	\$ 56,250.00	
<b>SCBA FUNDS</b>	<b>5,312.23</b>	
General Checking Account	\$ 324,374.70	
Designated Fund	\$ 47,500.82	
Church Emergency Fund	\$ 60,127.50	
<b>BUDGET 2023</b>	<b>\$ 135,000.00</b>	





## “Pray for us” 1 Thessalonians 3:25

“If you find you can no longer do work for God, pray for those who can. Allow your life to burst forth, reaching toward

the unseen, the eternal and the heavenly.”  
Excerpt from *Streams in the Desert* by L. B. Cowman

**Prayers & Praises:** We continue to thank God for our generous volunteers, donors and financial partners and friends!

**Needs:** Diapers of all sizes especially 3, 4, 5, & 6, wipes, baby shampoo and wash

**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

**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](mailto:car2brazil@gmail.com)

**Emmaus Baptist Church** located at 2430 Silk Hope-Gum Springs Road, Pittsboro, NC is currently seeking candidates for the role of a Part-time Youth Minister/Leader. The position will require approximately 15-20 hours per week and entail leading our youth ages 12-18 in ministry and activities. Interested parties should contact Pastor Steve Moore at 919-542-4974 or via email at: [emmauspreach@emmausnc.net](mailto:emmauspreach@emmausnc.net)

## 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](mailto:riveschapelchurch@gmail.com)

**Sandy Branch Baptist Church** is seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant. Applicant must be a Christian and an active member of a church. The position will be 12-16 hours per week and include managing the church office, preparing publications, and maintaining records. Computer, website, and social media proficiency is required. Please submit resumes to: Personnel Committee, Sandy Branch Baptist Church, 715 Sandy Branch Church Road, Bear Creek, NC 27207. Or email resume to:  
[rldunn1@windstream.net](mailto:rldunn1@windstream.net)

**Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church** in Sanford NC is searching for an Administrative Assistant. The administrative assistant is responsible for performing clerical and financial duties under the direct supervision of the church administrator. The primary duties of this position include administrative support, data entry, and record-keeping. The position is part time, 28 hours a week (Monday-Thursday, 9AM-4PM) at \$17.50 per hour. The full job description can be found on the church website at [JHBC.ORG](http://JHBC.ORG). Applicant resumes should be sent to [calvin.sayles@JHBC.ORG](mailto:calvin.sayles@JHBC.ORG)

## 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



## 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](mailto:scott@coolspringsbaptist.com)

## FREE ORGAN AND PIANO

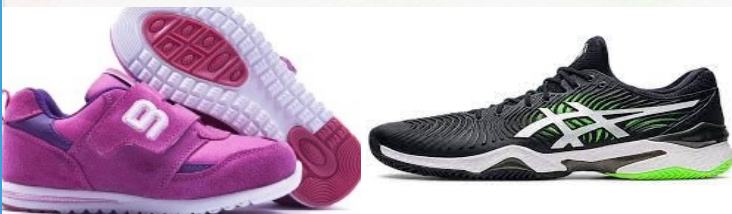
Please contact Denise Dixon at (919) 542-2844 for more information about a 1950s Lee piano and a small XXXXXX brand organ that was purchased in the mid-1970s. Must pick up.

## **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



## *Independence Day*

IS A TIME TO REMEMBER OUR FREEDOMS AND THANK GOD FOR THEM

For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. Galatians 5:13

FACEBOOK

## CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS *training*

JULY 26, 2023 | 9 A.M. | ZOOM

[NCBAPTIST.ORG/COMMUNICATIONSTRAINING](https://www.ncbaptist.org/communicationstraining)



Baptist Retirement Homes Foundation is proud to assist older adults in NC who cannot afford the care they need and deserve. Every dollar contributed directly supports recipients through this generous benevolence program. For more information, please visit: [ThriveMoreNC.org/Foundation](http://ThriveMoreNC.org/Foundation)

*Stephanie Moody Shaffer, Church Relations Manager*, would be happy to share more information with you or schedule a program for your church or fellowship group. Email: [sshaffer@thrivemorenc.org](mailto:sshaffer@thrivemorenc.org) or call 919.413.4614.

## PRAY FOR THE NATIONS

Prayer is our PRIMARY STRATEGY for reaching the nations for Christ.

Visit [PrayNC.org](http://PrayNC.org) to sign up!



## Church Bus For Sale

- **2007 33 passenger bus**
- **Chevy C500 diesel**
- **48,000 miles**
- **Good condition and regularly serviced**
- **Asking Price \$30,000**

**Contact Karl Shaffer at (919) 244-1984 for more information.**

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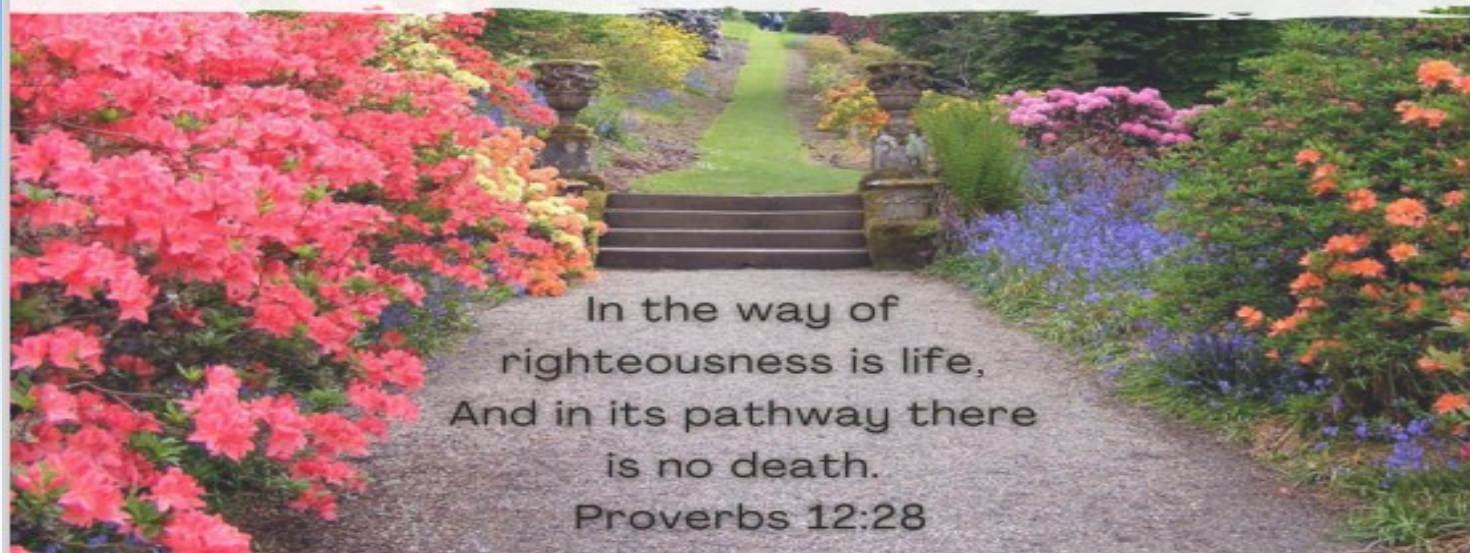
## Field of MAKERS

September 9 • Mills Home, Thomasville

**This juried artisan event will feature NC's finest crafters, food vendors, and live music – all for the direct benefit of aging adults served by North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry. The event will be held September 9 (9am-4pm) on the Mills Home Campus of Baptist Children's Homes in Thomasville. Tickets can be purchased at <https://bchfamily.regfox.com/field-of-makers>**

# 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

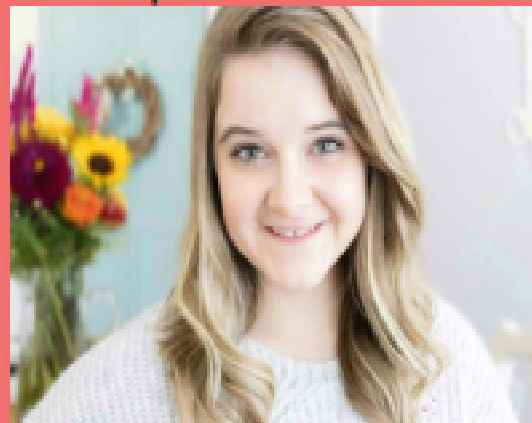


## Speaker: Jodi Aiken

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](http://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](mailto:ncbminwives@gmail.com)

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

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Contact: Nick Smetak / (919) 776-1541, ext 203 / [nick.smetak@jhbc.org](mailto: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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REPLANT  
**SUMMIT**



**AUGUST 28 - 29**

# Replant Summit | August 28-29, 2023

August 28, 2023 – August 29, 2023  
9:00 AM-12:00 PM

North American Mission Board  
4200 North Point Parkway  
Alpharetta, GA 30022

***Registration to attend the event is open, but lodging is not provided.***

Register at: [Personal Information - Replant Summit | August 28-29, 2023 \(cvent.com\)](#)





# IGNITING THE HEARTS OF MEN CONFERENCE



A ONE DAY EQUIPPING EVENT  
DESIGNED TO HELP MEN DEEPEN  
THEIR WALK WITH CHRIST

September 9, 2023  
Apex Baptist Church  
Apex, NC

Do you desire to see men come alive with the realization of Christ's calling upon their lives? Would you rejoice to see them engaged in growing, meaningful fellowship with our Lord and other believers? Join us for a day of encouragement, exhortation, and inspiration for men!

## HIGHLIGHTS

The IHM Conference is for men of all ages and will include worship, and inspiring messages from two nationally known keynote speakers. Resources for men's personal growth and men's ministry development in the church will be featured. Three breakout session times will offer choice of 16 seminars led by men's leaders from around the nation. Topics may include:

- Discipling Men
- Leadership Development
- Anger Management
- Strengthening Marriage
- Fatherhood
- Conflict Resolution
- Life Priorities
- Investing in Young Men
- Missions Involvement
- Relationships
- ...and Much More!

## REGISTRATION:

For event pricing, and to register, visit the Baptists on Mission men's ministry web page at: [www.baptistsonmission.org/men](http://www.baptistsonmission.org/men)

OR

Contact our office by phone at 919-459-5596 or email at [mcrawford@ncbaptist.org](mailto:mcrawford@ncbaptist.org)



## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**Brett Clemmer**  
President and CEO of Man in the Mirror Ministries



**John Tolson**  
Author, Professional Sports Chaplain, Founder of the Tolson Group

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**QUESTIONS? VISIT: [BAPTISTSONMISSION.ORG/MEN](http://BAPTISTSONMISSION.ORG/MEN)**



[Fort Caswell, NC](#)

**Monday, September 18th - Wednesday, September 20th, 2023**

**REGISTER:** [Replenish Retreat - September 2023 \(wufoo.com\)](#)



[Salem Baptist Church, North Salem Street, Apex, NC](#)

**Saturday, September 30th, 2023**

**REGISTER:** [Renewing Worship EXPO 2023 - Baptist State Convention of NC | Brushfire](#)





**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](mailto:info@egcch.org), or visit our website at [ebenezerfamily.org](http://ebenezerfamily.org).