

The Link

Sandy Creek Baptist Association



August, 2023

Until He Returns....

Hello from your SCBA Associational Missionary! I pray that each of you are having a wonderful summer. It has definitely transitioned to some summertime temperatures and weather for sure! If you are like me, you are probably already praying for some cool relief in the months to come.

Over the last couple of months, God has impressed on my heart the need for a deeper prayer life. There is so much that we need to be praying about on a daily basis, personally and corporately.

II Chronicles 7:14 says,

"if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

With this in mind, I'd like to share a new opportunity for the pastors of our churches to pray and encourage each other. Starting in the month of August, the following will be our schedule for monthly pastor's gatherings:

- ◆ **1st Tuesday @ 10:30 a.m.** - SCBA Office, 205 N. Steele St., Sanford (Pastor's Roundtable Wellness Group)
- ◆ **2nd Tuesday @ 10:30 a.m.** - Shepherd's Baptist Church, 80 Pressly Foushee Rd., Sanford (Sanford Area Pastors and Staff Prayer) ****Please note, this first meeting will be on Thursday, Aug. 10****
- ◆ **3rd Tuesday @ 10:30 a.m.** - Fellowship Baptist Church, 120 Fellowship Church Rd., Siler City (Siler City Area Pastors and Staff Prayer)
- ◆ **4th Tuesday @ 10:30 a.m.** - Pittsboro Baptist Church, 121 W. Salisbury St., Pittsboro (Pittsboro Area Pastors and Staff Prayer)

The purpose for the prayer gatherings is to pray for lostness in our communities, pray for each pastor's family and pray for the churches of the SCBA. I plan to have a list of the churches in each respective area available for our prayer times. We plan on meeting for about an hour each time we gather together. We occasionally will go to lunch afterward for those that would like to continue the fellowship. We will have 3 weeks of prayer gatherings and one week for our Pastor's Roundtable to continue to work through different books and resources to help our ministries. Feel free to attend as many gatherings as you would like, regardless of what area your church is in. I pray that you will put this on your calendar and attend as you are able.

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:

TUES. AUG. 1ST:
PASTOR'S
ROUNDTABLE-10:30
AM-SCBA
OFFICE, SANFORD

THURS. AUG. 10TH:
PASTOR'S PRAYER
GATHERING-10:30 AM-
SHEPHERD'S
BAPTIST CHURCH,
SANFORD

TUES. AUG. 15TH:
PASTOR'S PRAYER
GATHERING-10:30 AM-
FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST
CHURCH, SILER CITY

TUES. AUG. 22ND:
PASTOR'S PRAYER
GATHERING-10:30 AM-
PITTSBORO BAPTIST
CHURCH, PITTSBORO

TUES. SEPT 5TH:
PASTOR'S ROUND
TABLE-10:30 AM-
SCBA OFFICE, SAN-
FORD

THURS. SEPT. 7TH:
SENIOR LUNCHEON-
11 AM AT BESTFOOD
CAFETERIA, SILER CITY

SCBA WMU: The “dog days” of summer arrived with a sizzling vengeance wielding suffocating heat and humidity that falls like a weighted blanket. This smothering heat can lead to physical inertia when even blinking seems to work up a sweat. One may experience accompanying spiritual inertia as well. Just as it is important to hydrate and be careful of extended time in the sun, it is even more important to recognize our need to be “hydrated” by the living water of God’s word and to “dwell in the shadow of the Almighty” (Psalm 91).

Don’t forget Abound Leadership Training August 12th at Light-house Baptist Church, Sylva, NC. Two sessions are scheduled for September: the 9th, at First Baptist Church, Rockingham, NC and on the 23rd at Dudley Springs Baptist Church, Granite Falls, NC. There are also virtual training options available for current WMU Directors, Assistant Directors, and those new to missions or WMU. Registration and information are available at wmunc.org.

Monthly Zoom Leadership Luncheons continue through November. To register, visit wmunc.org/leadership-luncheons. For more information contact Amanda Martinsen at amartinsen@wmunc.org or (919) 882-2344, Ext. 208.

The August issue of *Missions Mosaic* (MM) arrived with a cover picture of the Alaskan Frontier. The accompanying article, pages 16-21, gives account of the work God is doing in Cold Bay, the last community on the Alaska Peninsula where missionaries Jae and Carole McKee serve. Read and learn about Alaska, the challenges it presents, its people, and their needs.

On pages 12-13 read about Alaska WMU, formed in 1957, two years before the territory was recognized as a state. It is a great reminder there is a place for all women in the SCBA WMU just as in Alaska.

Don’t stop with these two articles! Read from cover to cover and be challenged, encouraged, informed, and grow through Bible study (pg. 27).

We live in perilous, sometimes frightening, days. 1 Timothy 2:1 calls us to pray “for all men.” We are to “stand in the gap” as did Stephen (Acts 7:60), Paul (Rom. 10:1), and Jesus who prayed from the cross (Luke 23:34) and today as He intercedes for us (Heb. 7:25).

Don’t forget Esther. Just as she stepped out physically to stand in the gap at great risk, so today we each must be ready and willing to step up, speak out, and “stand in the gap” for others and the sake of Christ---individually and corporately. Mordecai’s words recorded in Esther 4:14 are as applicable to us today as they were to Esther: “...who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” The answer? We **are** here for His time and His purpose, as was Esther.

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CHURCHES	June	YTD
Antioch	\$ -	\$ -
Bear Creek	\$ -	\$ -
Bennett	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00
Bethany	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Bonlee	\$ -	\$ -
Brookdale	\$ -	\$ 3,550.00
Brush Creek	\$ 657.25	\$ 1,314.50
Centro Familiar Cristiano	\$ -	\$ -
Cool Springs	\$ -	\$ 9,075.00
CoolWater Cowboy	\$ 378.46	\$ 2,400.12
Cornerstone	\$ -	\$ -
Cumnock	\$ 208.33	\$ 1,041.69
East Sanford	\$ 112.39	\$ 717.43
Emmaus	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
Fall Creek	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00
Fellowship	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Flat Springs	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 2,350.00
Filipino American	\$ -	\$ -
Grace Hill	\$ -	\$ -
Goldston	\$ -	\$ 806.54
Good News	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,500.00
Gum Springs	\$ -	\$ -
Hickory Grove	\$ -	\$ -
Hickory Mountain	\$ -	\$ -
Hunt Springs	\$ 100.00	\$ 600.00
Jonesboro Heights	\$ -	\$ 2,336.25
Joy	\$ -	\$ 1,875.00
Juniper Springs	\$ -	\$ 2,250.00
Loves Creek	\$ 125.00	\$ 750.00
Mays Chapel	\$ -	\$ 840.00
Moncure	\$ -	\$ 1,760.92
Moons Chapel	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Mount Olive	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,000.00
New Life Bible Church	\$ 50.00	\$ 300.00
New Salem	\$ -	\$ -
Oakley	\$ -	\$ 4,852.18
Pittsboro Baptist	\$ -	\$ 5,719.95
Pleasant Hill	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Rives Chapel	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
Roca Fuerte	\$ -	\$ -
Rock Springs	\$ -	\$ -
Rocky River	\$ 401.65	\$ 3,015.72
Sandy Branch	\$ 615.49	\$ 761.49
Sanford, First	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00
Shepherd's Flock	\$ 60.36	\$ 292.56
Siler City First	\$ 208.33	\$ 1,249.98
Tramway	\$ 131.25	\$ 787.50
Tyson Creek	\$ 166.66	\$ 999.96
TOTAL CHURCH INCOME	\$ 7,690.17	\$ 75,446.79
OTHER INCOME	\$ -	\$ -
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 380.90	\$ 1,215.98
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 8,071.07	\$ 76,662.77
Expenses This Month	\$ 8,161.79	
Expenses To Date	\$ 50,399.93	
Budget Requirements Per	\$ 11,250.00	
Budget Requirements To	\$ 67,500.00	
SCBA FUNDS	6.30.23	
General Checking Account	\$ 324,283.98	
Designated Fund	\$ 47,452.88	
Church Emergency Fund	\$ 60,151.75	
BUDGET 2023	\$ 135,000.00	



"I cry out to God...who fulfills for me." Psalm 57:2

God fulfills us as we cry out to Him! He also hears us when we whisper His name and when our lips are silent, but our hearts are full. I am so thankful today that

He hears me. I am so thankful that He answers me and His way of answering is always better than what I want or expect. Can you join me in thanking God for hearing and answering us in our times of need?

Prayers & Praises:

Partnerships with churches and other ministries.

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

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<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

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

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

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

2022 SCBA ANNUALS ARE STILL AVAILABLE. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT (919) 776-9423 TO SCHEDULE A TIME TO PICK UP A COPY FOR YOUR CHURCH.

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.

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.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

WHEN: Saturday, July 29, 2023

WHERE: Filipino-American Mission Church, 202 Westover Dr., Sanford

TIME: 7 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The cost of setting up a table is \$25 (100% of which will go towards their Men's Ministry). For more information, please call Walter Winn at (910) 849-0827.

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.

FACEBOOK

CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS Training

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

NCBAPTIST.ORG/COMMUNICATIONSTRAINING

ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE

Collecting vital statistical and biographical information from the churches and associations.

Pastors and Church Clerks: It's that time of year again! Please visit [Annual Church Profile | Baptist State Convention of North Carolina \(ncbaptist.org\)](http://Annual Church Profile | Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (ncbaptist.org)) to complete your Annual Church Profile online. If you prefer to have the packet mailed to you, please call the office at (919) 776-9423 or email sandycreekassoc@gmail.com to let us know. Thank you so much for taking the time to complete this very important survey. The deadline to complete and return the form by mail is **October 3rd. The deadline to complete the form online is **October 30th**. (Please let us know once you have submitted this online.) If we can be of any assistance with entering information online, or with training, or in any other way, please call us at (919) 776-9423, and we will set up a time to meet.**

Senior Luncheon

**Thursday, September 7, 2023
11 AM
Bestfood Cafeteria - Siler City**

Rev. Peter McDonald from Pittsboro Baptist Church will be speaking. 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.



AUGUST 20TH , 11 AM
DINNER ON THE GROUNDS



HOMECOMING

GUEST SPEAKER
REV STEVE CLARK

HICKORY MOUNTAIN



COME JOIN US

MORE INFO

1094 MT VERNON HCRY MT RD,
SILER CITY NC
423-794-8250
(919) 742-3928

REVIVAL

AUGUST 21-24 @ 7PM



GUEST SPEAKER
PASTOR JASON PAYNE
LILEDOWN BAPTIST CHURCH

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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 or call 919.413.4614.



Summary

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 \(cvent.com\)](https://cvent.com)

Presented by NCBAM

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>

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

Visit PrayNC.org to sign up!

NC BAPTISTS





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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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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

OR

Contact our office by phone at 919-459-5596 or email at 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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Leadership Training

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At About You Will:

- Hear from trained speakers
- Participate in age-level missions education workshops
- Gain fresh, new ideas
- Connect with other leaders
- Receive new resources

2023 Dates & Locations

August 12, 2023

Lighthouse Baptist Church
Sylva, NC

September 23, 2023

Dudley Shoals Baptist Church
Granite Falls, NC

September 9, 2023

First Baptist Church
Rockingham, NC

wmunc.org/leadership-development

register here!



Abound



Encouraging & Equipping Leaders to Serve

Cost: \$15

Includes 2023-2024 Missions
Leader Planning Guide

9 AM-12 PM

For more information contact:

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Women's Leadership Cohort

God has called you to lead. You don't have to do it alone.

Join us for a 6-week women's ministry leadership cohort to grow in your leadership skills, gain clarity on your purpose, and learn ways you can be on mission with God right where you are.

Dates:

Next cohort group will begin September 12th!

The cohort is held virtually via Zoom

Cost: \$35.00

Who is the cohort for?

FOR WOMEN WHO...

- want more clarity on your purpose and calling.
- feel God is calling you to lead but you are unsure of the direction you should take.
- desire to know more about your strengths, spiritual gifts, and leadership skills.
- want to connect with other women who share similar passions.
- want to feel better equipped in your leadership role.

The details:

The cohort group will meet virtually through Zoom for one hour once a week. **Space is limited** to allow leaders to connect and network together in a closer format.

All sessions are recorded for leaders to download and rewatch.

For more information contact:

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REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE NEXT GROUP!
VISIT WMUNC.ORG/LEADERSHIP-COHORT FOR DETAILS





Fort Caswell, NC

Only \$99 for lodging and for *some* meals. (This also includes childcare during the main sessions and for Tuesday's date night.)

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

For more information and registration, visit: [Replenish Retreat - September 2023 \(wufoo.com\)](https://www.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](https://www.wufoo.com)



FORT CASWELL



Summerfest is Fort Caswell's premier five-day, four-night retreat for retired and semi-retired adults.

Our week's theme, "Attitude with Gratitude" comes from Philippians 2:5, which reads (NIV), "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus."

Call Today

Our reservations staff is standing by to answer your questions and help you book your retreat. (910) 278-9501

Fall Retreat

Our fall retreats for retired and semi-retired adults return for 2023!

Sometimes we need a reminder that we have direct access to speak to our Creator and Sustainer anytime, anywhere. This year, our specially selected speakers will walk with us through the scriptures as we seek to answer the question, "What does it look like to pray with confidence?" We look forward to welcoming your group during any of the following dates.

Dates	Music/Entertainment	Speaker
Sep 25-27	Tim Walters.	Keith Dixon
Oct 2-4	UNITY Quartet	Daryl Trexler
Oct 9-11	UNITY Quartet	Phyllis Elvington
Oct 16-18	Renea Henderson	Mike Sowers

Please visit [Fall Coastal Adult Retreats 2023 | Fort Caswell](#) for more information.