

The Link

Sandy Creek Baptist Association



September, 2023

Until He Returns....

Hello from your SCBA Associational Missionary! I pray that each of you have had a wonderful summer. It has surely been hot the last month, but signs of fall are just around the corner!

One of these sure signs is children and teachers heading back to school. We had the privilege of praying over our daughter, who is a teacher, at our church's morning service a few weeks ago. What a blessing it was as we send our teachers out into the mission fields of our schools. It reminded me that as Christians, we are called to be learners of the things of God and then not only just to learn, but to live them out. Colossians 1:9-10 says,

"And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God."

My prayer is that each of us would not only commit to learning the things of God found in the Bible, but that we would intentionally "walk in them" daily. As we do so, we pray the fruit of our lives would be seeing others come to know Christ as Savior. The old saying says "people don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care." As we live a life of obedience before others, they will surely see the heart of God that loves them.

I am thankful for the way our weekly pastor's prayer gatherings have started in the month of August. Pastors, if you are not a part of one of these already, please check the schedule for September and come join us in prayer.

Our next Senior Luncheon is in September on the 7th at Best Food Cafeteria in Siler City. Come join us for an encouraging Word and fellowship. More information can be found in this newsletter.

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. Sept 5th:
Pastor's Round Table @
10:30 am -- SCBA Office,
Sanford

Thurs. Sept. 7th:
Senior Luncheon @ 11 am --
Bestfood Cafeteria, Siler City

Tues. Sept. 12th: Sanford
Pastor's Prayer Gathering @
10:30 am -- Shepherd's Bap-
tist

Tues. Sept. 19th: Siler City
Pastor's Prayer Gathering @
10:30 am -- Fellowship Baptist

Tues. Sept. 26th: Pittsboro
Pastor's Prayer Gathering @
10:30 am -- Pittsboro Baptist

Tues. Oct. 3rd: Pastor's
Roundtable @ 10:30 am --
SCBA Office

Tues. Oct. 10th: Sanford
Pastor's Prayer Gathering @
10:30 am

Tues. Oct. 17th: Siler City
Pastor's Prayer Gathering @
10:30 am

Mon. Oct. 23rd: SCBA Fall
Gathering At Tyson's Creek
Baptist Church. Refreshments
at 6pm, Meeting at 7 pm

Tues. Oct. 24: Pittsboro
Pastor's Prayer Gathering @
10:30 am

SCBA WMU: The lazy, hazy, sometimes suffocatingly hot days of summer melt away as the first day of Fall approaches (23rd) bringing the promise of cooler weather. Students, teachers, bus drivers, and staff have returned to school and begun the adventure of another school year. Looking for a prayer guide to help cover them in prayer in what may be a daily spiritual battlefield? Visit

www.navigators.org and scroll down to Prayers for Public Schools. Based on Scripture, these short prayers are a great guide to being "...faithful in prayer" (Rom.12:12).

Are you a children's leader? *The NEW Missions Journey: Kids Annual Planning Kit 2023-24* is now available at wmustore.com. The theme, *Faithful*, is based on Romans 12:12. The kit has everything you will need, including ideas, posters, and games. While "in the store" check out the GA, RA, and CA Digital Packages which are great resources for missions and children's events in your church and in the community. Also available are Digital Packages for Missions Friends. If there are questions about any of these resources call Customer Service at (800) 968-7301.

NEW from WMU NC: Women's Leadership Cohort, six one-hour virtual meetings via Zoom over a six-week period. The next cohort is scheduled for September 12th. Called to lead? A current leader? The cohort will help grow/strengthen your leadership skills. Registration is open, but space is limited to provide connecting and networking in a closer format. Contact Amanda Martinsen, Leadership Development Consultant, at amartin-sen@wmunc.org or (919) 882-2344 ext. 208 for details.

This year we will be collecting 300 bottles of shampoo for the RED BOX Ministry. Shampoo was chosen because it is one of the items difficult to get last year. Please note the specifications set by the prisons: **10 to 15 ounce plastic** bottles of shampoo; **NO conditioner** (prisons will not accept any shampoo with conditioner). For your convenience collection boxes for the shampoo will be available at the Fall Gathering.

As the season changes, it is a good time to reassess priorities tossing the junk and making room for the eternally valuable. *"Therefore...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith..." (Heb. 12:1-2).*

Those "weights" are not necessarily a bad thing. For example, would we run a marathon wearing steel-toed boots, necessary personal safety equipment for a construction worker? Of course not! We would pitch them in favor of a good pair of running shoes. The choice may not always be so obvious, but we can trust God to give us the wisdom to know the difference. Just ask (James 1:5-8), let go, and run for His glory!

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

CHURCHES	July	YTD
Antioch	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Bear Creek	\$ -	\$ -
Bennett	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00
Bethany	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Bonlee	\$ -	\$ -
Brookdale	\$ -	\$ 3,550.00
Brush Creek	\$ -	\$ 1,314.50
Centro Familiar Cristiano	\$ -	\$ -
Cool Springs	\$ -	\$ 9,075.00
CoolWater Cowboy	\$ 362.09	\$ 2,762.21
Cornerstone	\$ -	\$ -
Cumnock	\$ 208.33	\$ 1,250.02
East Sanford	\$ 115.10	\$ 832.53
Emmaus	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
Fall Creek	\$ -	\$ 2,100.00
Fellowship	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,400.00
Flat Springs	\$ -	\$ 2,350.00
Filipino American	\$ -	\$ -
Grace Hill	\$ -	\$ -
Goldston	\$ -	\$ 806.54
Good News	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,750.00
Gum Springs	\$ 625.00	\$ 625.00
Hickory Grove	\$ -	\$ -
Hickory Mountain	\$ -	\$ -
Hunt Springs	\$ 100.00	\$ 700.00
Jonesboro Heights	\$ -	\$ 2,336.25
Joy	\$ -	\$ 1,875.00
Juniper Springs	\$ -	\$ 2,250.00
Loves Creek	\$ 125.00	\$ 875.00
Mays Chapel	\$ -	\$ 840.00
Moncure	\$ 753.76	\$ 2,514.68
Moons Chapel	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Mount Olive	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,500.00
New Life Bible Church	\$ 50.00	\$ 350.00
New Salem	\$ -	\$ -
Oakley	\$ 2,267.91	\$ 7,120.09
Pittsboro Baptist	\$ 1,091.45	\$ 6,811.40
Pleasant Hill	\$ 600.00	\$ 900.00
Rives Chapel	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Roca Fuerte	\$ -	\$ -
Rock Springs	\$ -	\$ -
Rocky River	\$ 433.89	\$ 3,449.61
Sandy Branch	\$ -	\$ 761.49
Sanford, First	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Shepherd's Flock	\$ 37.60	\$ 330.16
Siler City First	\$ 208.33	\$ 1,458.31
Tramway	\$ 131.25	\$ 918.75
Tyson Creek	\$ 166.66	\$ 1,166.62
TOTAL CHURCH IN-	\$ 13,976.37	\$ 89,423.16
OTHER INCOME	\$ -	\$ -
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 396.26	\$ 1,215.98
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 14,372.63	\$ 90,639.14
Expenses This Month	\$ 8,489.53	
Expenses To Date	\$ 58,878.63	
Budget Requirements Per	\$ 11,250.00	
Budget Requirements To	\$ 78,750.00	
SCBA FUNDS	7,31.23	
General Checking Account	\$ 330,177.88	
Designated Fund	\$ 47,417.88	
Church Emergency Fund	\$ 60,177.29	
BUDGET 2023	\$ 135,000.00	



403 Carthage Street
Sanford, NC 27330
919-292-2637

“Be careful to obey so that it may go well with you.” Deuteronomy 6:3

We all want it to go well with us and for us, but it's not always easy to obey the commands God has given us. We want to pick

and choose what we adhere to and what we let slide. God tells us to tithe, to forgive 70x7, to love one another, & not take his name in vain, etc... But sometimes it is hard to obey and we wonder why it's not going well with us. Not all misfortune is a result of disobedience, but God does honor our obedience and He will reward us in due time.

Prayers & Praises: We will be able to reach more teens & spread God's love & message of hope in local schools.

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

Follow 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

ROPC Amazon Wish List:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1KKK8XD90F5Y6?ref_=wl_share

We are helping more women, men, and families of Lee County and surrounding areas more than ever before! Our clients are in genuine need of the basics to care for their babies including diapers, wipes, diaper cream etc... Will you help? Please share this list with others and remember to pray for Reach Out!

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

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

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.

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

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.

REVIVAL

AUGUST 21-24 @ 7PM



GUEST SPEAKER
PASTOR JASON PAYNE
LILEDOUN BAPTIST CHURCH

HICKORY MOUNT BAPTIST CHURCH
1094 MT VERNON HCRY MT RD
SILER CITY, NC 27344
423-794-8250
(919) 742-3928



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.

265TH SCBA FALL GATHERING

Monday, October 23,
2023

Tyson's Creek Baptist Church
10891 Siler City Glendon Rd.
Bear Creek, NC

Light Refreshments at
6pm

Meeting at 7pm

North American
Mission Board



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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 \(cvent.com\)](#)



COATS for the CITY

Our association is looking forward to participating in this year's Coats for the City event through NC Baptists in New York City on December 2, 2023.

Coats for the City shares the love of Jesus by providing warm coats and the gospel to residents of NYC each December. NC Baptists, South Carolina Churches and the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association partner together to be the hands and feet of Jesus by collecting thousands of coats throughout the year and then distribute them at various locations across New York City.

How can your church help?

Collect Coats

Please ask your congregations to donate new and gently used coats over the next several months. The Association drop off location will be at East Sanford Baptist Church the **week of October 15th**. (More information on times to come.) The final drop off day will be **Friday, October 20th**. When you drop off the coats that your church has collected, please have them sorted into the following four categories: male, female, child, and lightweight.

Volunteers

We will need volunteers to help make sure coats are properly sorted and to get them bagged and labeled on **Saturday, October 21st** at East Sanford Baptist Church.

Thank you so much for your participation in this important effort to share the love and hope of Jesus! Please let us know how your church is able to serve in any of the areas listed above.

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.

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 \(ncbaptist.org\)](#) 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.**



You are invited to the

Operation Christmas Child Project Leaders' Workshop

Saturday, September 9, 2023

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Cool Springs Baptist Church

1313 Cool Springs Rd., Sanford, NC 27330

- ◆ Share ideas ◆ Be inspired ◆ Meet peers
- ◆ New resources ◆ Food and prizes

Hear from a shoebox recipient!

To register or learn more:

Alice Gilchrist - (919) 770-1510

OCC Church Relations Team

or

Register online:

www.samaritanspurse.org/occ-project-leader

Click: Find another event near you

Search: Chatham, Lee area



*every*CHILD **FOSTER CARE**

NUMBERS CONTINUE CLIMBING

TOTAL FOSTER HOMES LICENSED **354**
TOTAL FOSTER CHILDREN SERVED IN BCH FOSTER HOMES **725**



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**BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES
FOUNDATION**
FAITH • FAMILY • FULFILLMENT

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:

www.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 or call 919.413.4614.

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>

198TH HOMECOMING / MEMORIAL DAY

Homecoming

Loves Creek Baptist Church

**1745 E. 11th Street
Siler City NC 27344
919-742-4821**

lovescreek.org

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

September 17th

SERVICE BEGINS 10AM...Pastor Scott Walker
from Tyson's Creek Baptist Church will be bringing our message that day
and the worship service will be followed by lunch on the grounds
(weather permitting).

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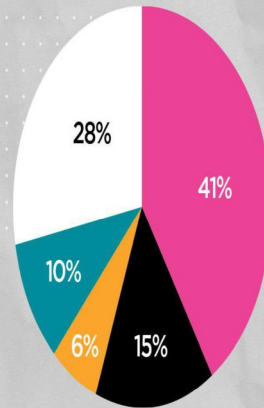
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HOPE FOR TOMORROW.

2023 GOAL:

\$21 Million

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Baptists on Mission	\$856,720
Church Planting	\$596,000
Mission Camps	\$313,080
Associational Projects	\$210,000
Mobilization Ministry Project	\$124,200

2023 GOAL:

\$25 Million

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

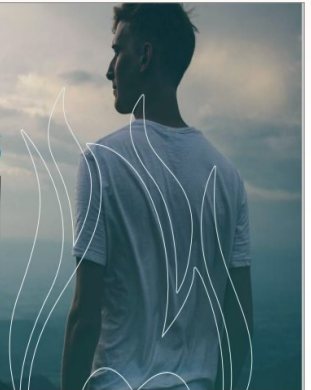
Register before May 15th: \$99
Register by May 31st: \$139
Register by August 31st: \$169
Register by September 22nd: \$299

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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

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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QUESTIONS? VISIT: BAPTISTSONMISSION.ORG/MEN



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)

Fall Retreat At Fort Caswell For Retired and Semi-Retired Adults

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](https://www.wufoo.com) for more information.

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de Pastores, Lideres y Esposas

DE CAROLINA DEL NORTE 2023

8304 Leesville Road, Raleigh, NC

Saturday, September 23rd, 2023

9 am to 4 pm

Register at this link: [Conferencia Hispana de Pastores, Lideres y Esposas \(wufoo.com\)](https://www.wufoo.com)

SAVE THE DATE!



Free wheelchair ramp construction trainings!

September 23, 2023 - Thomasville

February 10, 2024 - Cary

9:30 am - 11:30 am

For more information, please visit: [Baptists on Mission - Construction Training](https://www.wufoo.com)

For more information on these upcoming events, please visit

[Events | Baptist State Convention of North Carolina \(ncbaptist.org\)](https://www.ncbaptist.org)



ESL TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP



9Marks at Southeastern
a conference about the church, for the church
EXPOSITIONAL Preaching
SEPT. 22-23, 2023
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A ONE-DAY CONFERENCE HOSTED BY THE INSTITUTE FOR THEOLOGY AND MISSION
HEAVEN
MISCONCEPTIONS, BIBLICAL ANSWERS + APPLICATION TO LIFE AND MISSION



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STUDENT MINISTRY STATE TOUR BE.DO.TELL.

Rocky Mount	9/28	Greensboro	11/6
Asheville	10/19	Wilmington	11/9
Raleigh	10/26	Charlotte	12/4

NCBAPTIST.ORG/STATETOUR



LIVE IN CONCERT AT
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
28 SEPTEMBER
SHANE & SHANE
7PM | BINKLEY CHAPEL



NCBMA
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Relax Refresh Renew
Romans 12:2



Senior Adult
CHOIR FESTIVAL



by faith
N.C. BAPTIST WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
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FATHER & SON WARRIOR WEEKEND
October 6-8
Truett Conference Center & Camp
<https://truettcamp.org/fatherson/>



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PASTORS' CONFERENCE