

The Link

Sandy Creek Baptist Association

October 2023



Until He Returns.... Hello from your SCBA Associational Missionary! I pray that each of you have had a great start to the fall season as the temperatures have started getting milder and the changing of the leaves is just around the corner.

As seasons of the year roll around, we can see the signs of change all around us in nature. Change in our own lives and ministry is not always easy. I read recently that interruptions by God in our lives are there to shape us and mold us into being more like Christ. I have to admit that many times when I have an interruption in my life/schedule it seems to be more like a hindrance or obstacle to overcome. The reality is the interruptions, whether it be health, finances, relationships and other things, are opportunities for God to change our hearts in a way that glorifies Him more and more. I Peter 4:12 tells us "not to be surprised at the fiery trials that come to test us." So whatever comes your way in life, in whatever season, remember God is doing a great work in us to glorify Him.

I am thankful for the way our Pastors' Prayer Gatherings and the Pastors' Roundtable have begun. Our Pastors' Roundtables are on the 1st Tuesday of the month and as of October, our Pastors' Prayer Gatherings will be the 3rd Tuesday of each month - both of these are held at the SCBA Office. Pastors, if you are not a part of these already, please come join us!

Pastors, be sure to contact the association office ASAP to reserve your families spot at our FREE Pastor and Family Day on October 28th. You and your family don't want to miss this time of food, fellowship and fun at the Circle M Ranch. Wear your best Western Outfit! Plus, it is free! More information can be found in this newsletter.

Finally, everyone is invited to our Fall Gathering of the SCBA on October 23rd at Tyson's Creek Baptist Church! Let's rejoice in what God is doing in this association! 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

PASTORS AND FAMILY DAY

Saturday, October 28th

10 am - 12 pm
(lunch provided)

Circle M City

74 Cowboy Ln., Sanford

Pastors, please bring your families and come join us for a wonderful time of **FREE** food, fun and fellowship! **Please RSVP no later than Monday, October 16th.**

Call the office at (919) 776-9423 or email sandycreekassoc@gmail.com to let us know how many will be attending.

265TH SCBA FALL GATHERING

“Tell God’s Story”

Monday, October 23, 2023

**Tyson’s Creek Baptist Church in the
FAMILY LIFE CENTER
10891 Siler City Glendon Rd.
Bear Creek**

Speaker: Pastor Matt Garrett

**Light Refreshments at 6pm
Meeting at 7pm**

Come and join us for a wonderful time of celebrating what God is doing in and through the churches of our association. Be sure to arrive a few minutes early and to have your messenger cards ready from your church if you have been nominated by your church. Even if you are not a messenger, come and worship with us!

RED BOX MINISTRY

Please bring 10 to 15 oz. plastic bottles of shampoo (without conditioner) to the Fall Gathering OR drop them off at Fellowship Baptist Church in Siler City Nov. 1st - 3rd from 2 pm - 5:30 pm. Thank you for supporting this WMU ministry that shares the redeeming love of Jesus with women prisoners. Contact Susan Ferguson at (919) 548-0115 or fergusonst@earthlink.net for more information.

Important Dates:

Tues. Oct. 3rd: Pastors’ Roundtable @ 10:30 am -- SCBA Office

Oct. 15th - 20th: Drop off Coats for the City at East Sanford Baptist Sun. 1pm - 5pm; Mon - Fri 4pm - 6pm

Tues. Oct. 17th: SCBA Pastors’ Prayer Gathering @ 10:30 am - SCBA Office - 205 N. Steele St., Sanford.

Sun. Oct. 21: Sort/bag coats at East Sanford Baptist 9 am - 1 pm. Volunteers needed. Call (919) 776-9423

Mon. Oct. 23rd: 265th SCBA Fall Gathering at Tyson’s Creek Baptist Church. Refreshments at 6 pm; Meeting at 7 pm

Sat. Oct. 28th: Pastors and Family Day @ Circle M City 10 am -12 pm

Nov 5 - 7: NC Baptists Annual Meeting- Koury Convention Center- Greensboro

Sat. Nov. 11th: Veterans Day

Tues. Nov. 21st: SCBA Pastors’ Prayer Gathering @ 10:30 am - SCBA Office

Thurs. Nov. 23rd: Thanksgiving Day

**Your love, Lord, reaches
to the heavens, your faith-
fulness to the skies**

Psalm 36:5

SCBA WMU:

September seems to have disappeared overnight and is now a pleasant memory. October, with the promise of cooler days and beautiful fall foliage that will soon paint the landscape with breathtaking colors, has arrived. Contemplating the soon to come changes suggested the lyrics of the hymn, *For the Beauty of the Earth* (F.S, Pierpoint, 1864): “*For the beauty of the earth...the glory of the skies...the love which...around us lies; Lord of all, to Thee we raise this hymn of grateful praise.*”

The Children’s Missions Focus this month is on Jack and Brennan Gibbs, and their work in Ukraine. Information about and resources for children’s missions may be obtained at children@wmu.org or wmu.com/children.

Don’t forget to check out the opportunities for leadership training and encouragement available this month. Details about the next Leadership Cohort are available at wmunc.org/leadership-cohort. The next Leadership Luncheon via Zoom is scheduled for October 18; visit www.wmunc.org to register.

Reminder: This year we are collecting 300 bottles of shampoo for the RED BOX Ministry. Please note the specifications set by the prisons: **10 to 15 ounce plastic** bottles of shampoo; **NO conditioner** (prisons will not accept shampoo with conditioner).

For your convenience collection boxes for the shampoo will be available at the Fall Gathering, October 23. Alternative drop off dates and location: November 1-3 from 2:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. at Fellowship Baptist Church, 120 Fellowship Church Road, Siler City. If there are questions, see contact information below.

If you would like to help pack the Red Boxes for delivery, call the WMU office Monday through Thursday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at (919) 882-2344.

Rosalie Hall Hunt’s new book, *Lottie Moon and the Silent Bell*, is now available at wmustore.com. Written primarily to older children (GAs, RAs, CAs), it is a good read for anyone young at heart, and a great way to introduce the younger generations to Miss Lottie, missionary to China.

In the days ahead let’s take every opportunity to “*Make a joyful shout to the LORD...Serve the LORD with gladness; ...It is He who has made us, ... We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter with...thanksgiving, and... praise...For the LORD is good...*” (Psalm 100: 1-5). Amen!

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

CHURCHES	August	YTD
Antioch	\$ -	\$ 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	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Cool Springs	\$ -	\$ 9,075.00
CoolWater Cowboy	\$ 262.53	\$ 3,024.74
Cornerstone	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Cumnock	\$ 208.33	\$ 1,458.35
East Sanford	\$ -	\$ 832.53
Emmaus	\$ -	\$ 7,500.00
Fall Creek	\$ -	\$ 2,100.00
Fellowship	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,600.00
Flat Springs	\$ -	\$ 2,350.00
Filipino American	\$ -	\$ -
Grace Hill	\$ -	\$ -
Goldston	\$ -	\$ 806.54
Good News	\$ 250.00	\$ 2,000.00
Gum Springs	\$ -	\$ 625.00
Hickory Grove	\$ -	\$ -
Hickory Mountain	\$ -	\$ -
Hunt Springs	\$ 100.00	\$ 800.00
Jonesboro Heights	\$ 2,336.25	\$ 4,672.50
Joy	\$ -	\$ 1,875.00
Juniper Springs	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 3,375.00
Loves Creek	\$ 125.00	\$ 1,000.00
Mays Chapel	\$ -	\$ 840.00
Moncure	\$ -	\$ 2,514.68
Moons Chapel	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Mount Olive	\$ 500.00	\$ 4,000.00
New Life Bible Church	\$ 50.00	\$ 400.00
New Salem	\$ -	\$ -
Oakley	\$ -	\$ 7,120.09
Pittsboro Baptist	\$ 1,471.85	\$ 8,283.25
Pleasant Hill	\$ -	\$ 900.00
Rives Chapel	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Roca Fuerte	\$ -	\$ -
Rock Springs	\$ -	\$ -
Rocky River	\$ 556.92	\$ 4,006.53
Sandy Branch	\$ -	\$ 761.49
Sanford, First	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00
Shepherd's Flock	\$ 94.92	\$ 425.08
Siler City First	\$ 208.33	\$ 1,666.64
Tramway	\$ 131.25	\$ 1,050.00
Tyson Creek	\$ 166.66	\$ 1,333.28
TOTAL CHURCH INCOME	\$ 9,987.04	\$ 99,410.20
OTHER INCOME	\$ -	\$ -
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 402.57	\$ 1,618.55
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 10,389.61	\$ 101,028.75
Expenses This Month	\$ 8,051.04	
Expenses To Date	\$ 66,929.67	
Budget Requirements Per	\$ 11,250.00	
Budget Requirements To	\$ 90,000.00	
SCBA FUNDS	8,31.23	
General Checking Account	\$ 332,516.45	
Designated Fund	\$ 47,199.88	
Church Emergency Fund	\$ 60,202.84	
BUDGET 2023	\$ 135,000.00	



“No one could learn the song except the... redeemed.” Rev. 14:3

When I was a kid we use to sing a lot more about being “redeemed”. Those old songs come flooding back as I read this

verse today. When was the last time you thought about being redeemed and what that means? This is something that not only separates the saved from the unsaved, but it separates us from the Angels in Heaven. Only the redeemed can sing the song and praise the Lamb who was slain for us.

Prayers & Praises:

For the large donations of diapers and baby products from BC of NC and for our faithful donors in Sanford and Lee County.

Needs: Diapers all sizes especially 3, 4, & 5
URGENT NEED: Car seats- new and gently used

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/reachoutcpc>

Online giving opportunities:

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

ROPC Amazon Wish List:

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

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

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.

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

Mt Olive Baptist Church is searching for a Full Time Lead Pastor. We are aligned with the Southern Baptist Convention. Please send a cover letter and resume to:

Mt Olive Baptist Church
c/o Pastor Search Committee
5043 Mt Olive Church Road
Pittsboro, NC 27312
or
email to: christina@mtolivebaptist.com

Brush Creek Baptist Church, Bear Creek, NC is seeking a Secretary/Bookkeeper. PT – 28 hours/week. Tuesday – Friday 9 - 4:30 or 8:30 – 4:30. Retirement contributions. 8 paid holidays. One week vacation (4 days) per year with 5 additional personal days. Ability to utilize basic office equipment, Word, Excel, Servant Keeper, Quicken (potential for QuickBooks). Background check and drug screen testing required. Must be of Baptist faith and an active church member outside of Brush Creek Baptist Church. Salary negotiable. Please send resumes to:

brushcreek5345@gmail.com

or

Brush Creek Baptist Church
5345 Airport Rd., Bear Creek, NC 27207

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.

Associate Pastor of Worship and Pastoral Care (Full Time)

Pittsboro Baptist Church (Pittsboro, NC) is prayerfully seeking a full-time Associate Pastor of Worship and Pastoral Care. The Associate Pastor of Worship and Pastoral Care will assist the Senior Pastor in planning congregational worship services of the church and be responsible for the selection of the musical programs. He will direct the organization and implementation of a comprehensive worship program that will include choir, praise team, vocal and instrumental ensembles for all ages. In addition to the music ministry of the church, the Associate Pastor of Worship and Pastoral Care will serve alongside of the Senior Pastor in ministering to the congregation through visitation, encouragement, bereavement, and counsel when appropriate. In addition to these responsibilities, the Associate Pastor of Worship and Pastoral Care will uphold the moral and professional qualifications stated in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-7; maintain a close walk with God personally so that he can minister effectively to our congregation and in our community; and fully pray for, honor, and support the philosophy of Pittsboro Baptist Church and its leadership team.

All interested applicants should submit a detailed cover letter and resume to: pittsborobaptistchurch@gmail.com by October 20, 2023.

Pittsboro Baptist Church is a family of believers built on God's unchanging truth who are on mission together to reach the lost, disciple the church, and love others in the way of Christ so that they may know Him and follow Him. We are a Bible believing and Evangelical church that supports the Sandy Creek Baptist Association, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and the Southern Baptist Convention. We adhere to the Baptist Faith and Message 2000.



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

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2023 GOAL: **\$2.1 Million**

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North Carolina MISSIONS Offering

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

2023 GOAL: **\$2.5 Million**

LEE COUNTY FCA

PARTNERSHIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

OCTOBER 8TH, 2023

3PM-4PM

NEW HOPE CHURCH

3007 BEECHTREE DRIVE, SANFORD, NC 27330



SCAN QR CODE TO RSVP



TEA, COFFEE & DESSERT WILL BE SERVED

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.

HOW CAN YOUR CHURCH HELP?

Collect Coats

Please ask your congregations to donate **new and gently used coats**. Please sort the coats that you have collected into the following four categories: male, female, child, and lightweight. The drop off location for the association is East Sanford Baptist Church on the following dates and times:

Sunday 10/15 from 1pm to 5pm

Monday 10/16 through Friday 10/20 4pm to 6pm

(Other times available by appointment only. Call the day before to schedule a time.)

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 from 9 am until 1 pm. Refreshments will be provided. Please call (919) 776-9423 if you are available to help with this.

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.

TRAMWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

2401 Jefferson Davis Highway
Sanford, NC · 919-776-5911
www.tramwaybaptistchurch.org

32ND ANNUAL HARVEST SALE & AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023

Home-Cooked Barbecue or Chicken-N-Dumplings

Combination Plates Available

Eat-In · Take-Out · Drive-Thru

11:00 am – 2:30 pm

\$10.00 Donation

▶ **Auction 3:00 pm** ◀

Bake & Craft Sale

8:00 am – 2:30 pm

BBQ by the Pound

\$10.00

NC BAPTIST MINISTERS' WIVES



2023 ANNUAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 6, 2023

KOURY CONVENTION CENTER | GREENSBORO, NC
9:00AM

Events | [ncbmw \(ncbminwives.wixsite.com\)](http://ncbmw.ncbminwives.wixsite.com)

**NOV
5-6**

N.C. BAPTISTS

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**Shepherd
The Flock**

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PASTORS' CONFERENCE

2023 NC Baptist Pastors' Conference | Baptist State Con-
vention of North Carolina



You are invited!



FILIPINO AMERICAN MISSION CHURCH-SANFORD

Church 21st Anniversary

Sunday: October 29, 2023

202 Westover Drive, Sanford

Starts at 11:00am

Pastor Ed Tablazon

Theme

Build up -Reach out

Hebrews 10:24-25 New International Version

²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.





Church Contact #: 910 849 0827 or Email Address: famc2023sanford@gmail.com

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CHILD
foster & adoption ministry

UPDATE
Total Foster
Homes Licensed
363

Total Children
Served in Foster
Homes
742

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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.

SAVE THE DATE!



**Free wheelchair ramp
construction trainings!**

For more information, please visit:
[Baptists on Mission - Construction Training](#)

February 10, 2024 - Cary

9:30 am - 11:30 am

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.

A BIG thank you to all of the pastors and church clerks that have filled out and submitted their Annual Church Profiles! If you have not filled this out yet for your church, Please visit [Annual Church Profile | Baptist State Convention of North Carolina \(ncbaptist.org\)](#) to complete it 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 15th**. 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.

2023

Operation Christmas Child Drop-off Location

**Monday, November 13 thru
Monday, November 20**



Monday	11/13	1pm-3pm
Tuesday	11/14	1-3pm and 4-6pm
Wednesday	11/15	1pm-3pm
Thursday	11/16	1-3pm and 5-7pm
Friday	11/17	1-3pm
Saturday	11/18	1:30pm-4pm
Sunday	11/19	2pm-4pm
Monday	11/20	8am-10am

**Loves Creek Baptist
Church**

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

lovescreekbc@gmail.com

IF YOU PREFER TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT, CALL 919-548-2500

For more information on these upcoming events, please visit

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

**FATHER & SON
WARRIOR WEEKEND**

October 6-8

Truett
Conference Center & Camp

<https://truettcamp.org/fatherson/>

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INTERIM Training**

**RENEWING
WORSHIP
EXPO**

**STUDENT
MINISTRY**

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

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23

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Relax
Refresh
Renew

Romans 12:2

Senior Adult
CHOIR FESTIVAL

BAPTISTS ON MISSION

**Marriage
Enrichment**
CONFERENCE

November 4, 2023
Pleasant Garden Baptist Church
1415 Neelley Road
Pleasant Garden, NC 27313
\$40 per couple
Cost includes conference materials and lunch

baptistsonmission.org

Tom and Jackie Richter

BANQUETE HISPANO

CONFERENCIA DE MISIONES Y PLANTACIÓN DE IGLESIAS

ANNUAL MEETING

AFRICAN-AMERICAN
PASTORS
BANQUET

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**Sending
Celebration**