

The Link

Sandy Creek Baptist Association



November 2023

Until He Returns....

Hello from your SCBA Associational Missionary! I pray that each of you have had a wonderful October and are looking forward to a month of Thanksgiving!

As we think about the month of November, the word thankful must come to mind. We have so much to be thankful for in our lives no matter the circumstances that we currently find ourselves in. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says- *Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.* Are you thankful, no matter what your circumstance may be? When we think of the ultimate sacrifice that God made for us through His only Son Jesus Christ, we can't help but be thankful and to praise His name. During the month of November, let's all set our hearts and minds to a spirit of praise and thankfulness and I believe it will help foster a joyful spirit in us all.

I am thankful for the way our monthly pastors' prayer gatherings and the Pastors' Roundtable have been going. Pastors, if you are not a part of one of these already, please check the schedule for November and come join us!

What a blessed time of fellowship and worship we experienced at our Fall Gathering of the SCBA on October 23rd at Tyson's Creek Baptist Church! Tyson's Creek was such a wonderful host for our evening together. We are also thankful for the great message that Matt Garrett shared with us. We unanimously approved our new association structure and revised By Laws! We prayed over those that have volunteered to serve in the upcoming year. We celebrated missions and churches on mission! 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

Important Dates:

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

Sat. Nov. 11th: Veterans Day

Mon. Nov. 13th: Admin. Team Meeting @ 6:30 pm- East Sanford Baptist Church

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

Thurs. Nov. 23rd: Thanksgiving Day

Tues. Dec. 5th: Pastors' Roundtable @ 10:30 am - SCBA Office

Thurs. Dec. 7th: Senior Luncheon @ 11 am - Bestfood Cafeteria

Tues. Dec. 19th: Pastors' Prayer Gathering @ 10:30 am - SCBA Office

SCBA WMU: The crisp cool weather of late refreshes and invigorates as Fall hastens toward Winter. Thoughts of pumpkin pie and turkey begin to infiltrate our minds as Thanksgiving Day (23rd) approaches. No matter what current events make the headlines, we have much for which to be thankful. Hymns, from “How Great Thou Art” (S.K. Kline) to “Amazing Grace” (John Newton), remind us of the One from whom all blessings flow (James 1:17).

November is filled with opportunities to honor God by serving others: <>1st-3rd, Final drop-off dates for Red Box shampoo from 2 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. at Fellowship Baptist Church in Siler City. **Reminder:** On October 11 Information regarding a change in acceptable sizes due to changes by manufacturers of VO5 and White Rain, the most common choices for Red Boxes, was received from WMU NC. This year **10 – 20 ounce plastic bottles** of shampoo with **NO conditioner** are acceptable.

<>5th-12th, Week of Prayer for BCH of NC and Annual Offering [Annual Offering | Baptist Children's Homes of NC \(bchoffering.org\)](http://www.bchoffering.org).

<>6th, Baptist Women’s World Day of Prayer (www.wmunc.org). For more than 70 years Baptist women in more than 100 nations around the world have united in prayer. The 2023 theme, “Breath of Life”, is based on Job 33:4.

<>10th-12th, Military Wives Retreat and Mom Camp, CMV.

<>11th, Veterans Day; <>15th, Leadership Zoom meeting (www.wmunc.org); and <>23rd, Thanksgiving Day.

It’s not too early to begin planning to participate in the International Missions Study: Zambia, and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (LMCO) coming December 3rd-10th. This month *Missions Mosaic* has an excellent article (pages 14-15) with information about God’s work in Zambia and how Zambia’s WMU, begun in the 1960s, has discipled more than 5,000 people as they spread the gospel and meet needs. Resources for both are available at wmustore.com or (800) 968-7301. Resources include Rosalie Hall Hunt’s new book, **Lottie Moon and the Silent Bell**, a great way to introduce the younger generations to Miss Lottie for whom the LMCO is named.

Obviously, there is no lack of needs, spiritual or physical, or opportunities to serve others. Feeling overwhelmed? Remember no one of us---individual, mission group, or local church---is called or equipped to do everything. Rather, we are created to work together, every member or group as important as the other, completing the “good works” according to God’s plan (1 Cor. 12:1-17).

Not sure what God has for you to do? Ask Him; He will answer. My prayer for the ladies in the SCBA continues that we will daily live out Ephesians 5:15-16, completing the good work according to God’s plan for each of us and SCBA WMU. May we be able to say as did our Savior in John 4:34, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.” Amen.

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

CHURCHES	September	YTD
Antioch	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Bear Creek	\$ -	\$ -
Bennett	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00
Bethany	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Bonlee	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Brookdale	\$ -	\$ 3,550.00
Brush Creek	\$ 657.25	\$ 1,971.75
Centro Familiar Cristiano	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Cool Springs	\$ -	\$ 9,075.00
CoolWater Cowboy	\$ -	\$ 3,024.74
Cornerstone	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Cumnock	\$ 208.33	\$ 1,666.68
East Sanford	\$ 290.77	\$ 1,123.30
Emmaus	\$ -	\$ 7,500.00
Fall Creek	\$ -	\$ 2,100.00
Fellowship	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,800.00
Flat Springs	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 3,525.00
Filipino American	\$ -	\$ -
Goldston	\$ -	\$ 806.54
Good News	\$ 250.00	\$ 2,250.00
Gum Springs	\$ 625.00	\$ 1,250.00
Hickory Grove	\$ -	\$ -
Hickory Mountain	\$ -	\$ -
Hunt Springs	\$ 100.00	\$ 900.00
Iglesia Bautista Emaus	\$ -	\$ -
Jonesboro Heights	\$ 2,336.25	\$ 7,008.75
Joy	\$ 875.00	\$ 2,750.00
Juniper Springs	\$ -	\$ 3,375.00
Loves Creek	\$ 125.00	\$ 1,125.00
Mays Chapel	\$ -	\$ 840.00
Moncure	\$ -	\$ 2,514.68
Moons Chapel	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Mount Olive	\$ 500.00	\$ 4,500.00
New Life Bible Church	\$ 50.00	\$ 450.00
New Salem	\$ -	\$ -
Oakley	\$ -	\$ 7,120.09
Pittsboro Baptist	\$ 1,387.00	\$ 9,670.25
Pleasant Hill	\$ -	\$ 900.00
Rives Chapel	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Roca Fuerte	\$ -	\$ -
Rock Springs	\$ -	\$ -
Rocky River	\$ 603.52	\$ 4,610.05
Sandy Branch	\$ -	\$ 761.49
Sanford, First	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00
Shepherd's Flock	\$ 57.32	\$ 482.40
Siler City First	\$ 208.33	\$ 1,874.97
Tramway	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,200.00
Tyson Creek	\$ -	\$ 1,333.28
TOTAL CHURCH INCOME	\$ 11,298.77	\$ 110,708.97
OTHER INCOME	\$ -	\$ -
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 388.97	\$ 2,007.52
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 11,687.74	\$ 112,716.49
Expenses This Month	\$ 12,841.97	
Expenses To Date	\$ 79,771.64	
Budget Requirements Per	\$ 11,250.00	
Budget Requirements To	\$ 101,250.00	
SCBA FUNDS	9.30.23	
General Checking Account	\$ 331,362.22	
Designated Fund	\$ 47,199.88	
Church Emergency Fund	\$ 60,227.58	
BUDGET 2023	\$ 135,000.00	



"We must **always give thanks to God for you**, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing." 2 Thessalonians 1:3

****Thank you for partnering with us for LIFE!****

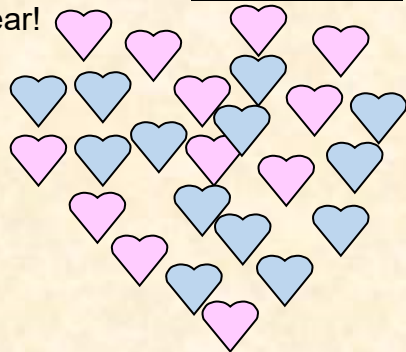
This link will take you to our "Meet the Need" page that also has our Amazon wish list on it:
[Want to help us meet our needs?](#)

Needs: Diapers all sizes especially 3, 4, & 5, baby shampoo, wash, and lotion

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

Do you want to give using your credit card?
<https://reachoutcpc.networkforgood.com/projects/173913-supporting-life>

We are especially grateful for the 25 babies born to our Clients this year!



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

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.

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.

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

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

EMMAUS BAPTIST CHURCH REVIVAL SERVICES

Speaker: Evangelist Bill Britt

Sunday, Nov. 12th: 8:45 am
and 11 am

Sunday, Nov. 12 - Wednesday,
Nov. 15th: 7:00 pm

2430 SILK HOPE GUM SPRINGS
RD., PITTSBORO

RED BOX MINISTRY

Please bring 10 to 20 oz. plastic bottles of shampoo (without conditioner) to 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.

SHEPHERD'S BAPTIST CHURCH
SATURDAY OCT 28

FALL FESTIVAL

AND

TRUNK OR TREAT

FREE FOOD | BOUNCE HOUSE | GAMES

80 PRESSLY FOUSHEE, SANFORD, NC

COME JOIN US
 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
 Shepherdsbaptist.com

You are invited!



FILIPINO AMERICAN MISSION CHURCH-SANFORD

Church 21st Anniversary

Sunday: October 29, 2023

202 Westover Drive, Sanford

Starts at 11:00 am

Pastor Ed Tablazon

Theme

Build up - Reach out

Hebrews 10:24-25 NIV

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



TREVOR THOMAS LIVE!

LAUGHTER, INSPIRATION, & LIFE CHANGE

TREVORTHOMASLIVE.COM

Friday, November 3 @ 7:00PM
East Sanford Baptist Church
300 North Avenue, Sanford

Free tickets at www.eastsanford.org/events
 A love offering will be taken. Make checks payable to TTDM.



"FESTUS LIVES ON" COMEDY SHOW

NOV 5, 2023
6 P.M.

CLEAN CHRISTIAN COMEDY NIGHT

Hunt Springs Baptist Church, Stockyards Cowboy Church, and CoolWater Cowboy Church invite you to laugh with us at the clean comedy of Mr. Mark Staggs, aka Festus Haggen.

Date: November 05, 2023
Time: 6 p.m.
Location: 1557 Saint Andrews Church Road Sanford, NC 27332

NC BAPTIST MINISTERS' WIVES



2023 ANNUAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 6, 2023

KOURY CONVENTION CENTER | GREENSBORO, NC
9:00AM

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

NOV
5-6

N.C. BAPTISTS

20 Shepherd the Flock 23

PASTORS' CONFERENCE

2023 NC Baptist Pastors' Conference | Baptist
State Convention of North Carolina



SENIOR LUNCHEON

THURS. DEC. 7TH

11:00 AM

BESTFOOD CAFETERIA

SILER CITY

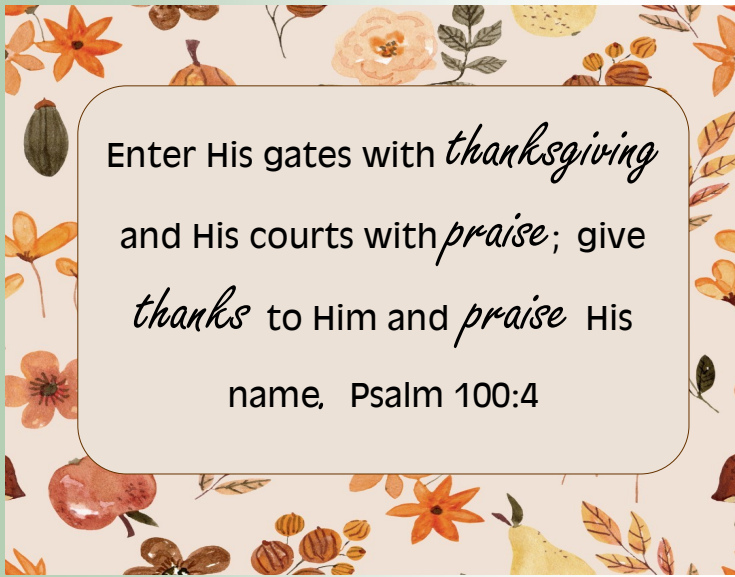
Speaker: Rev. Matt Martin

Please RSVP online at
www.sandycreekba.com, call the of-
fice at (919) 776-9423 or email
sandycreekassoc@gmail.com. We
look forward to seeing you there!

COATS for the CITY

A huge **THANK YOU** to all of the churches who collected coats to send to NYC!

Please pray for the SCBA Mission Team that will travel to NYC hand coats out on Dec. 2. We pray for traveling mercies and for many lives to be touched and hearts turned to Jesus as this team, along with the others that are helping, reflect and share Christ's love and the hope that can only be found in Him.



Enter His gates with *thanksgiving*
 and His courts with *praise*; give
thanks to Him and *praise* His
 name. Psalm 100:4

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

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.

Thank you to all of the church clerks and pastors 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 \(ncbaptist.org\)](http://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 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.



NOV. 13-20
National Collection Week

PACK A SHOEBOX




Drop off Locations in Chatham and Lee Counties

Date:	Cool Springs Baptist	Loves Creek Baptist	Tyson's Creek Baptist	Pittsboro Baptist
Nov. 13	9-11am	1-3pm	6-8pm	1-3pm
Nov. 14	9-11am, 5-7pm	1-3pm, 4-6pm	10am-12pm	1-3pm
Nov. 15	9-11am	1-3pm	4:40-6:30pm	1-3pm
Nov. 16	9-11 am	1-3pm, 5-7pm	5-7pm	1-3pm
Nov. 17	3:30-6pm	1-3pm	6-8pm	5-7pm
Nov. 18	9am-12pm	2-4pm	10am-12pm	10am-12pm
Nov. 19	1:30-4pm	2-4pm	3:30-5:30pm	1-4pm
Nov. 20	9-11am	8-10am	9:30am-11:30am	10am-12pm



Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina



ANNUAL OFFERING
WEEK OF PRAYER | NOV 5- 12



\$200,000

MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE

YOUR INVESTMENT IN A CHILD'S LIFE IS **DOUBLED** UNTIL JAN. 31, 2024!



BCHFAMILY.ORG/GIVENOW



YOU'RE INVITED

SATURDAY, NOV. 18

FOUNDERS DAY AT CAMP DUNCAN

MEET THE GIRLS | TOUR CAMPSITES | HAVE LUNCH

RSVP: 336.474.1209 OR AT BCHFAMILY.ORG EVENTS PAGE



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DECEMBER 1

2024 REGISTRATION OPENS!



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For more information on these and many other upcoming events, please visit [Events | Baptist State Convention of North Carolina \(ncbaptist.org\)](https://www.ncbaptist.org)

