

The Link

Sandy Creek Baptist Association



May 2024

This is the AMS Report that was given at the Associational Meeting:

It has been nearly 3 months since I began this journey. In these 3 months I have a newfound respect for the role of the Associational Missionary. This is not an easy ministry. We are currently an association of 48 churches spread across Chatham and Lee Counties. We have small, medium and large size churches in both buildings and attendance.

We currently have at least 5 churches with interim pastors or without pastors. We have 3 churches that are in active revitalization processes. Many of our churches have bi-vocational pastors, and a few have multiple pastors and associate pastors. We have churches with praise bands, praise teams, traditional choirs, handbells, and single worship leaders leading congregational singing. We have at least 3 major language groups among our churches. At East Sanford Baptist Church alone, we have 2 language groups and between 4 and 6 nationalities represented nearly every Sunday, with many more nationalities having come through our doors throughout the years.

In other words, we are a very diverse group of churches. The role of the association is to help these diverse churches work together to reach the lost and advance the Kingdom of God in ways that we can't do that alone. Praise the Lord! We are seeing that happen more and more throughout the Sandy Creek Baptist Association.

We have a revitalization cohort hosted by Pittsboro Baptist that includes several of our pastors. We have a monthly prayer gathering of the pastors where each pastor and church is prayed for. We are about to start a Small Church/Bi-vocational Pastors Cohort that will meet via Zoom to allow bi-vocational pastors to participate together without having to miss work or time away from families to travel to another church or restaurant. The association is moving many of the smaller gatherings and events to some of our smaller churches so that every church has the opportunity to be active in the life of the association.

There has been a great revitalization work going on at Shepherd's Baptist with the leadership of Pittsboro Baptist and the association. I am working with Hickory Mountain to do a revitalization process there.

I am working with Sandhills Baptist Association to plan a "Worship Workshop" with the Baptist State Convention. I have been meeting with regional Associational Missionaries, Associational Mission Strategists and BSC leadership at Mount Zion Baptist Association in Burlington about creating regional coaching teams for pastors.

There is a lot of "working together" that is going on, and that is what makes an association strong. We now have functioning "teams" with a combination of pastors and lay people working together to fulfill the mission and ministry of the association. I see a brighter future ahead of the Sandy Creek Baptist Association. Until the whole world hears, keep spreading the Gospel and pressing on. Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Robbie L. Gibson, Interim Associational Missionary

Important Dates:

May 2: National Day of Prayer

May 7: Reconstruct Conference (No Pastors' Roundtable)

May 12: Mother's Day

May 21: Pastors' Gathering - 10:30 am - SCBA Office - Scott Setzer from Provision will be speaking. Lunch will be included.

May 27: Memorial Day

June 4: Pastors' Roundtable 10:30 AM - SCBA Office

June 6: Senior Luncheon - 11 am - Bestfood Cafeteria, Siler City

June 16: Father's Day

June 18: Pastors' Prayer Gathering

SCBA WMU: May flowers continue to burst forth brightening the landscape with a myriad of colors; beautiful as they are, soon they will fade and drop their petals. Though short-lived, they are beautiful to behold and serve as a reminder that *“the grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever”* (Isa. 40:8).

Coming Mission opportunities: A mission trip to Massachusetts is scheduled for July 13th -19th; deadline to sign up is May 1st. The mission trip to Guatemala is scheduled for September 7th -13th; deadline to sign up is June 6th. For information and to register for either trip, visit www.wmunc.org.

June 24th 28th Camp Mundo Vista will host International Children’s Camp for 30-50 refugee children representing 7 nationalities. Details and information on volunteering are available at www.wmunc.org.

Looking for a change of pace for the summer? Resources are available for all age levels for use in Sunday school or around the family dinner table. Children’s missions videos, free downloadable starter packs, and several blogs to assist the teachers, as well as resources for discipling children on praying for missionaries are available. More information about children’s missions is available by email at children@wmu.org or visit www.wmu.com/children. Who knows how many young missionaries-in-the-making might be sitting in one of your classrooms?

September will mark the launch of a new emphasis: What Joy! Missions Leader: WMU Planning Guide 2024-25 will be available June 2024 at www.wmystore.com just in time to help kick start the new year.

The cover of the May issue of *Missions Mosaic* (MM) introduces the theme of obedience and prayer reminding readers both are daily choices. Two articles immediately preceding Prayer Patterns provide short Bible studies on prayer that pricked my heart as I was reminded that being faithful in prayer is an act of obedience that honors our heavenly Father and opens our hearts to unimaginable blessings.

In the center of this month’s issue is a poster for your missions bulletin board that provides an overview of the ways donations to WMU Foundation support WMU’s “unwavering focus [on] making disciples of Jesus who live on mission.” It serves as a reminder that WMU began in 1888 in the hearts of visionary leaders moved to pray and raise money to support missions and missionaries (www.wmu.com, About WMU). To learn more, visit www.wmufoundation.com.

Mexico WMU is highlighted in an article by Lynn Durham (pgs. 14-15). Christy M. Bell’s article (pgs. 16-19) focuses on God’s work in Peru and missionaries Jim and Mandy Wells who list prayer as one of their greatest needs.

All of God’s children are called to *“...pray without ceasing...”* (1 Thes. 16-23). In Jeremiah 33: 1-3 it is written: *“...Thus says the LORD... ‘Call to Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things which you do not know.’”* If we are willing, God is able.

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CHURCHES	March	YTD
Antioch	\$ -	\$ -
Bear Creek	\$ -	\$ -
Bennett	\$ -	\$ -
Bethany	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Bonlee	\$ -	\$ -
Brookdale	\$ -	\$ 2,800.00
Brush Creek	\$ 655.25	\$ 655.25
Centro Familiar Cristiano	\$ -	\$ -
Cool Springs	\$ -	\$ 6,655.00
CoolWater Cowboy	\$ 169.86	\$ 689.73
Cornerstone	\$ -	\$ -
Cumnock	\$ 208.33	\$ 624.99
East Sanford	\$ -	\$ 564.54
Emmaus	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
Fall Creek	\$ -	\$ -
Fellowship	\$ 400.00	\$ 600.00
Flat Springs	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 1,175.00
Filipino American	\$ -	\$ -
Grace Hill	\$ -	\$ -
Goldston	\$ -	\$ -
Good News	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00
Gum Springs	\$ -	\$ -
Hickory Grove	\$ -	\$ 2,331.48
Hickory Mountain	\$ -	\$ -
Hunt Springs	\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00
Iglesia Bautista Emaus	\$ 51.60	\$ 139.35
Jonesboro Heights	\$ -	\$ 2,336.25
Joy	\$ -	\$ 875.00
Juniper Springs	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00
Loves Creek	\$ 83.33	\$ 166.66
Mays Chapel	\$ -	\$ -
Moncure	\$ -	\$ 645.80
Moons Chapel	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Mount Olive	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,500.00
New Life Bible Church	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00
New Salem	\$ -	\$ -
Oakley	\$ -	\$ 2,544.08
Pittsboro Baptist	\$ 11,135.30	\$ 12,671.01
Pleasant Hill	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Rives Chapel	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Roca Fuerte	\$ -	\$ -
Rock Springs	\$ -	\$ -
Rocky River	\$ 813.38	\$ 1,671.23
Sandy Branch	\$ -	\$ -
Sanford, First	\$ -	\$ 3,125.00
Shepherd's Baptist	\$ 81.62	\$ 239.02
Siler City First	\$ 208.33	\$ 624.99
Tramway	\$ 300.00	\$ 450.00
Tyson Creek	\$ 166.67	\$ 500.01
TOTAL CHURCH INCOME	\$ 16,448.67	\$ 51,134.39
OTHER INCOME	\$ -	\$ -
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 44.81	\$ 125.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 16,493.48	\$ 51,259.89
Expenses This Month	\$ 4,066.28	
Expenses To Date	\$ 13,304.21	
Budget Requirements Per Month	\$ 11,690.00	
Budget Requirements To Date	\$ 35,070.00	
SCBA FUNDS	3.31.2024	
General Checking Account	\$ 168,062.83	
Designated Fund	\$ 113,352.72	Interest on CP
Certificate of Participation (8)	\$ 205,666.09	\$ 996.78
BUDGET 2024	\$ 140,280.00	



"I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever!" Rev. 1:18

He is our LIVING Savior! He is not dead. Are you living each moment of each day in the full realization that Christ is alive?

How does that change how you go through your day to day activities? What difference does that make as you cook dinner or drive around town? Think of someone in your life right now that is alive and the impact it would have on you if they died today. Jesus is not dead! He is alive! Let that impact your walk with Him and the way you interact with others today.

Needs: Baby bottles, diapers size 3, 4, bottle brushes, and baby sleepers size 6-9months and 9-12 months.

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

Prayerfully consider giving to Reach Out Pregnancy Center today!

Online giving opportunities:



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

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.

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

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 PIANO

Filipino-American Mission Church has a piano to give away. Needs tuning. Must pick up. For more information, please call Walter Winn (910) 849-0827





RECONSTRUCT conference

RECONSTRUCT CONFERENCE

Faith Youngsville, Holden Road, Youngsville, NC

Tuesday, May 7th, 2024

Chatham County: A bus will be leaving from Pittsboro Baptist Church. If you are interested in going, please contact Pastor Peter McDonald (336) 504-4887 or pastorpeterpbc@gmail.com

Lee County: A bus will be leaving from East Sanford Baptist Church at 7:20 am. If you are interested in going, please contact IAM Robbie Gibson (919) 352-2705.

Register Here:
[Reconstruct Conference | Baptist State Convention of North Carolina](#)
(ncbaptist.org)

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THOSE WHO CAME OUT TO THE 266TH ANNUAL SPRING GATHERING OF THE SANDY CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION! It was so great to see so many churches getting together in fellowship and worship. We are so grateful to Shepherd's Baptist for hosting. It is wonderful to see how the Lord is working through them. Thank you to Tramway Baptist Choir for blessing us with your music and to all of those that participated in the Missions Fair. A big thank you to everyone who brought food as well. We were overwhelmed by your generosity in bringing so many delicious things to share.

**Pastors, please join us on
Tuesday, May 21st at
10:30 am at the SCBA OFFICE**

Scott Setzer, from Provision Financial Resources (formerly NC Baptist Foundation), will be speaking. Lunch will be included.



PROVISION



Filipino-American Mission Church

Invites you to a

Mother's Day Service

11 am
Sunday, May 12th
Kiwanis Family Park
1800 Wicker St., Sanford
**HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS, TRADITIONAL
FILIPINO DISHES**

RSVP by May 3rd
(910) 849-0827



SENIOR LUNCHEON

THURS. JUNE 6TH

11 AM

**BESTFOOD CAFETERIA
SILER CITY, NC**

MEMORIAL DAY



REMEMBER AND HONOR



**FOOD
ROUNDUP**
BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES



BCHFOODROUNDUP.ORG

COLLECTION LOCATIONS

CHATHAM COUNTY:

Moon's Chapel Baptist Church Drop off is: **May 1st from 3 pm to 6 pm.** The church is located at 175 Moon's Chapel Rd. in Siler City. (919) 742-4569

Hickory Mountain Baptist Church Drop off is: **May 1st from 4-4:30 pm.** The church is located at 1094 Mt. Vernon Hickory Mtn. Rd., in Siler City. (919) 742-3928

LEE COUNTY:

East Sanford Baptist Church Drop off is: **May 1st - May 2nd from 9 am - 2 pm; Sun. May 5th from 2 pm - 5 pm.** The church is located at 300 North Ave. in Sanford. (919) 776-3241

FBC SANFORD AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM NEEDS

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Our After School Program is a place where elementary aged children safely spend their afternoons doing homework, playing with friends, being creative with art supplies, etc... ALL while learning about a God who loves them so very much!!

We need dependable adults to help!

The program operates on traditional Lee Co. School days from 2:30-5:30 pm.

Looking for:

- DRIVERS (no CDL required)
- GROUP LEADERS (no planning/teaching required)

Only available certain days? Be sure to include that info. when you email. Volunteers and Employees must clear a background check.

EMAIL: SUSANSTALDER@FBCSANFORD.COM

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Filipino-American Mission Church will be having a Back to School Bash at their church on Saturday, July 27th.

They are asking if any churches in our association would like to collect and donate basic school supplies for this event. Please call Walter Winn at (910) 849-0827 for more information.

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



FRIENDS OF
CHILDREN
SATURDAY
ONE-DAY
MISSIONS
FOR ALL AGES

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

Friends of Children | BCHFamily.org



For more information, please visit [ServeNC](https://www.servenc.org) | [Baptist State Convention of North Carolina](https://www.ncbaptist.org) ([ncbaptist.org](https://www.ncbaptist.org))



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centered in CHRIST

You have encircled me behind and in front,
And placed Your hand upon me.
Psalm 139:5

NC BAPTIST MINISTERS' WIVES RETREAT
JULY 8-10, 2024 | CARAWAY CONFERENCE CENTER

SHARIE KING
Sharie is passionate about seeing people fully become who God has made them to be.

<https://ncbminwives.wixsite.com/ncbmw>
ncbminwives@gmail.com
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[Retreat Registration | ncbmw](https://ncbminwives.wixsite.com/ncbmw)
[\(ncbminwives.wixsite.com\)](https://ncbminwives.wixsite.com/ncbmw)



[Middle-East-Prayer-Guide-2.pdf \(baptistpress.com\)](https://www.baptistpress.com)



POWELL RIVER SHOE FAIR

(2014-2024)

Thursday, July 25, 2024 - Saturday, July 27, 2024

Sandy Creek Baptist Association in partnership with Powell River Baptist Association

SHOE COLLECTION

MONDAY, JULY 22, 2024

JONESBORO HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH

TIME: 10:00AM UNTIL 2:00 PM

**Or, anytime church office is open prior to Monday, July 22.
Call (919) 776-1541 for office hours**

HISTORY

This mission was organized by Rev. Eric Davidson (then the SCBA Director of Missions) in 2014 when 6 participants traveled to Jonesville, Virginia to aid the Powell River Baptist Association in providing shoes for the school children of Lee County, Virginia. Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church took this mission as the Project Coordinating Church and is still leading this team. Since the first mission trip, SCBA has provided hundreds of pairs of shoes, socks, hygiene kits & school supplies while sharing the love of Jesus to these families of that deprived area of Virginia. When the coal mines shut down, families were left without any means to support their families and no job opportunities. The area hospital shut down and all the area doctors closed their offices leaving Jonesville without any medical care within 40-50 miles away. The largest employment is with the school system and a large prison outside of Jonesville. They now have an urgent care that has opened and we Praise the Lord for that!

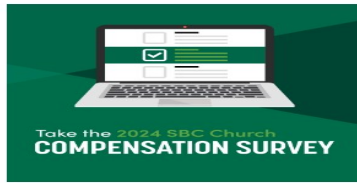
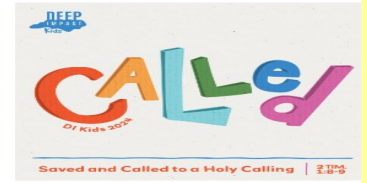
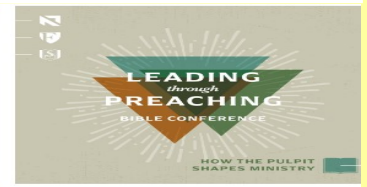
In 2017, a team from Welcome Baptist Church, Greenville, S. C. partnered with us and added much needed items of book bags, additional school supplies, foods, flip flops, baby items, books and treats for everyone. They have been an added blessing to our SCBA team and to the Powell River team.

Since 2014 we have provided over 4,600 pairs of shoes for the children of Jonesville, Virginia through the generosity of the churches of Sandy Creek Baptist Association area churches.

THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING SHOES & SOCKS FOR THESE CHILDREN!!

PLEASE PURCHASE A PAIR OF SHOES/SOCKS AND DELIVER TO JONESBORO HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH ON OR BEFORE MONDAY, JULY 22, 2024 (LAST COLECCION DAY)

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)



Truett
Conference Center & Camp

2024 TRUETT RETREATS



January 13-15: Winter Youth Retreat

Grades 6-12: Youth Groups can bond, make memories, and encounter the Gospel in a fun, friendly environment.

February 9-10: Marriage Matters

An amazing event for a husband and wife to improve their relationship through Biblical guidance and a weekend getaway.

March 22-24: Women's Conference

Ages 18+: An event for women to connect, be encouraged and equipped to follow the Lord closer.

April 5-7: Mother & Daughter Retreat

Ages 6-12: Invest in your relationship in a fun setting that continually points participants towards Jesus.

April 26-28: Grandparent Camp

Ages 6-12 w/ a grandparent: Bridge the generational gap by making lasting memories with a retreat that appeals to all ages!

May 3-5: Father & Daughter Campout

Ages 6-12: Get outside and unplug from the worries of daily life to grow in relation to the Heavenly Father.

June 6-8: Western Happiness Retreat

All ages: An event for people of all ages with developmental disabilities to enjoy a weekend of fun, friendship, and faith!

October 4-6: Father & Son Warrior Weekend

Ages 6-12: Dads fight for your sons in the battle for being a man after God's own heart while enjoying great outdoor recreation.

November 1-3: Forged Man Camp

Ages 18+: Come be men with great outdoor recreation and iron sharpening iron in the beautiful fall mountains.

August 16-18: Grandparent Camp

Ages 6-12 w/ a grandparent: Bridge the generational gap by making lasting memories with a retreat that appeals to all ages!

Retreats repeat annually on the same weekend

Revive

Isaiah 57:15

We are the ideal place to retreat from the burdens of daily life. Here, you will feel God's presence. Our staff will take excellent care of you. The end result is that you will be more alive in Christ than before.

Refresh

Philomon 1:7

Spend time in fellowship with others. Deepen your friendships. All your needs will be met, allowing you to rest and adventure as much as you wish!

Renew

Isaiah 40:30-31

Encounter the transformative power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Thousands of guests have had their hearts renewed and transformed to be molded more into the image of our Savior.



SUMMER CAMP 2024



Week 1

June 10-14: Girls Camp #1

Week 2

June 17-21: Boys Camp #1

Week 3

June 23-28: Youth Camp #1

Week 4

June 30-July 5: Youth Camp #2

Week 5

July 8-11: Children's Church Camp

Week 6

July 15-19: Boys Camp #2

Week 7

July 21-26: Youth Camp #3

Week 8

July 29 to Aug 2: Girls Camp #2

Girls Camp & Boys Camp (Ages 7-17)

\$240 per person

These incredible overnight camp experiences allow campers to build strong friendships, grow through outdoor adventure, and encounter the transformative power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The weeks run from Monday to Friday.

Youth Camps (Ages 12-17)

\$350 per person

Youth Camps are designed for churches to attend together. The weeks run from Sunday to Friday and consists of mission projects, outdoor recreation, small group devotions, white water rafting, preaching from the Word of God, and worship. All activities, food, and lodging included in the price!

Children's Church Camp (Ages 6-11)

\$275 per person

Churches can bring kids to camp to experience the thrill of a summer camp week (Monday-Thursday). More importantly, each one will encounter the transformative power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The cost includes all activities, lodging, meals, and more!



177 Truett Lane, Hayesville, NC 28904
828-389-8828
www.truettcamp.org

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