The Link
Sandy Creek Baptist Association

August 2024

Until the Whole World Hears

The Extraordinary Amid the Ordinary
"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." (Jeremiah 1:5, ESV)

I found the following on a church newsletter website and thought it worth passing along:

A violinist once performed in the New York City subway, entertaining passersby for 45 minutes. A few tossed him cash, totaling about $30 by the time he concluded.

Little did anyone know, Joshua Bell was one of the world's best violinists. That day, he played one of the most complex musical pieces ever written on an instrument worth $3.5 million. Indeed, a few days earlier Bell had performed a sold-out concert in Boston, where tickets averaged $100.

Sometimes God does extraordinary things right in the middle of our ordinary lives, yet we don't notice. You're offered an opportunity you almost pass up, thinking it's not worth your time or effort. But upon taking part, you find it leads to your life's calling. Or someone crosses your path, but overlooking their worth, you brush them aside, missing out on a blessing God had for you through them.

And what about you? Do you undervalue yourself as "nothing special," just an "ordinary" person? Look closer; think again. For an ordinary baby born long ago to an ordinary couple in an ordinary stable in an ordinary town was none other than … God's Son! And you? Why, you are also an extraordinary child of God!

Thanks for allowing me to serve you.
God bless,

Robbie L. Gibson

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Important Dates:

Aug. 6: Pastors' Roundtable - 10:30 am SCBA Office

Aug. 17: Finance Workshop

Aug 20: Pastors' Prayer Gathering - 10:30 am - SCBA Office

Sept. 3: Pastors' Roundtable - 10:30 am - SCBA Office

Sept. 5: Senior Luncheon - 11 am- Bestfood Cafeteria,

Pastor Birthdays

Aug 8: Bruce MacInnes Goldston Baptist

Aug 13: Fortino O'Campo - Centro Familiar Cristiano

Aug. 18: Steve Moore Emmaus Baptist

Pastors' Wives Birthdays:

Aug. 14: Anna Golden - Fellowship Baptist

Aug. 24: Tara McDonald - Pittsboro Baptist

SCBA WMU: As these words are typed, the expected high is 97 with heat index values up to 109 until 8 P.M. Tomorrow is expected to be a repeat, so there's no immediate relief in sight if the forecast holds. Working up a sweat is as easily done as said these days, yet God is still in control of all His creation, including the weather. As the grass was beginning to crunch underfoot, God sent refreshing rain, and things began to turn green and grow again.

Opportunities for spiritual refreshing and growth are on the horizon. The next Leadership Luncheon via Zoom is scheduled for August 21st. Carmen Halsey-Menghini, will address the topic "Spiritual Tune-up."

Don't forget the Summer-Fall 2024 five-week Women's Leadership Cohort begins Tuesday August 27th. Held virtually via Zoom, you may join live or watch on demand.

The WMU NC Book Club meets October 7 at 7 P.M., also via Zoom. The book, "What Joy!" by Veronica Stone is available at www.wmustore.com

Coming in October (11th-12th) is the Carolina Women Retreat and Leadership Training Weekend at Fort Caswell. Registration opened online July 1st; check it out and make plans to attend.

[Information and registration forms for these events are available at www.wmunc.org.]

August 25th is Global Hunger Relief (GHR) Sunday. GHR is administered by Send Relief in partnership with WMU, SBC, NAMB, IMB, and Lifeway. GHR Funds are distributed 80% to hunger projects around the globe with the remaining 20% used to alleviate domestic hunger. For resources visit www.globalhungerrelief.org.

The Cooperative Program (CP) provides the financial support Southern Baptists use to fulfill the Great Commission. Check out the resources for teaching children about the CP at www.wmu.org under Missions Discipleship. If we don't teach the next generations, who will?

Children's Mission focus in August will be Los Angeles. Visit www.wmu.com/monthlyfocus for the "extra digital goodies" available in the Mission Discipleship Curriculum.

Christa Skipper's article (pgs. 16-19) in *Missions Mosaic* (MM) details the journey of Karo Ku and his wife Mikyung as God led them to Greater Los Angeles. In these five Southern California Counties 185 languages are spoken creating a foreign mission field in the U.S.

Other articles address the spiritual fear that can sometimes paralyze us. Grace Thornton's article (pgs. 28-29) astutely addresses this spiritual roadblock each of us may stumble over at some point. Shirley Crowder's article (pg. 45) follows with practical suggestions for sharing our testimonies.

The LORD Himself calls us His witnesses (Isa. 43:10-12) and has commissioned all His followers to *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations…"* (Mat. 29:19-20). From the OT to the NT, we are told to not be afraid. Psalm 34:4 tells us the Who and the how to "fear not": *"I sought the Lord, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears."*

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CHURCHES	June	YTD
Antioch	$ -	$ -
Bear Creek	$ -	$ 1,500.00
Bennett	$ -	$ 5,000.00
Bethany	$ -	$ 1,000.00
Bonlee	$ -	$ -
Brookdale	$ -	$ 2,800.00
Brush Creek	$ 655.25	$ 1,310.50
Centro Familiar Cristiano	$ -	$ 600.00
Cool Springs	$ -	$ 13,310.00
CoolWater Cowboy	$ 223.38	$ 1,431.41
Cornerstone	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00
Cumnock	$ 208.33	$ 1,249.98
East Sanford	$ -	$ 911.63
Emmaus	$ -	$ 5,000.00
Fall Creek	$ -	$ -
Fellowship	$ 200.00	$ 1,200.00
Flat Springs	$ 1,175.00	$ 2,350.00
Filipino American	$ 150.00	$ 150.00
Goldston	$ 795.48	$ 1,590.96
Good News	$ 300.00	$ 1,500.00
Gum Springs	$ -	$ 625.00
Hickory Grove	$ -	$ 2,331.48
Hickory Mountain	$ -	$ -
Hunt Springs	$ 100.00	$ 600.00
Iglesia Bautista Emaus	$ 60.48	$ 323.34
Jonesboro Heights	$ -	$ 4,672.70
Joy	$ -	$ 1,750.00
Juniper Springs	$ -	$ 2,500.00
Loves Creek	$ 83.33	$ 499.98
Mays Chapel	$ -	$ 840.00
Moncure	$ -	$ 1,355.35
Moons Chapel	$ -	$ 1,200.00
Mount Olive	$ 500.00	$ 300.00
New Life Bible Church	$ 50.00	$ 300.00
New Salem	$ -	$ -
Oakley	$ -	$ 5,189.32
Pittsboro Baptist	$ 808.88	$ 14,716.69
Pleasant Hill	$ -	$ 300.00
Primera Iglesia Bautista	$ -	$ -
Rives Chapel	$ 250.00	$ 750.00
Roca Fuerte	$ -	$ -
Rock Springs	$ -	$ -
Rocky River	$ 420.49	$ 3,234.98
Sandy Branch	$ -	$ -
Sanford, First	$ -	$ 6,250.00
Shepherd's Baptist	$ 176.34	$ 833.20
Siler City First	$ 208.33	$ 1,458.31
Tramway	$ 150.00	$ 900.00
Tyson Creek	$ 166.66	$ 1,000.01
TOTAL CHURCH INCOME	**$ 7,681.95**	**$ 93,834.84**
OTHER INCOME	**$ -**	$ -
INTEREST INCOME	$ 51.68	$ 277.41
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**$ 7,733.63**	**$ 94,112.25**
Expenses This Month	$ 3,882.42	
Expenses To Date	$ 25,427.99	
Budget Requirements Per Month	$ 11,690.00	
Budget Requirements To Date	$ 70,140.00	
SCBA FUNDS	**6.30.24**	
General Checking Account	$ 201,566.29	
Designated Fund	$ 113,372.72	**Interest on CP**
Certificate of Participation (8 Mos.)	$ 207,641.78	$ 1,006.36
BUDGET 2024	**$ 140,280.00**	

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

"He really is at work on our difficulty!" (excerpt taken from Streams in the Desert by L.B. Cowman) We are still moving, but we have met some challenges, so now we hope to move by the end of August. Our new location at **315 N. Horner Blvd**. is a wonderful space and we will be hosting both a donor open house and a client open house sometime in the Fall. We appreciate your continued prayers and support! Our God is faithful and He is at work!

Needs: Baby burp cloths, diapers size 3, 9-12-month baby girl's clothes.

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

Reach Out Pregnancy Center | Walmart.com

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

Moncure Baptist Church

Needed: Drummer(s) and a bass guitarist for Sunday morning worship at Moncure Baptist Church. Our service starts at 10:30 and lasts about an hour. Practice for the worship team is usually at 8:00 am before services. If you are a drummer or a bass player and are willing to play with our worship team, please contact either John Howard at jhoward48@charter.net or Steve Garrett at msggarett@yahoo.com.

33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you [b]will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

John 16:33

Join Us

BACK to SCHOOL

Saturday: August 3, 2024

10:00am – 1:00pm

Filipino American Mission Church-Sanford NC

202 Westover Drive Sanford NC

Food Truck

Bouncy House

- school backpack
- face painting
- school supplies
- games
- raffles

Join Us

192nd Homecoming & Revival

Rives Chapel Baptist Church

EST. 1832

Homecoming Worship Service followed by covered dish meal
Sunday, August 11th @ 11AM

Revival Services by Dr. Wesley Thomas
Sunday, August 11th—Wednesday, August 14th @ 7PM nightly

Rives Chapel Baptist Church
4338 Rives Chapel Church Road
Siler City, NC 27344

Ironman Conference | Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (ncbaptist.org)

Baptists on Mission - Region Rallies

The amazing event continues this year with DYM's 6th Annual National Day of Volunteer Youth Ministry Training. It provides a video-driven 3-hour, fun, helpful and momentum building event, with practical youth ministry training from Doug Fields, Josh Griffin and several other youth ministry veterans and thought-leaders! Plenty of energy, discussion time and fun-filled "we get you" memorable moments. Not to mention, some awesome door prizes, giveaways, and treats!

Register now at https://sanfordyouthnetwork.org/

Contact: Nick Smetak (nick@sanfordyouthnetwork.org)

PRICING:

Teams up to 5 members: $30 total
Teams 5-10 members: $50 total
Teams 11-15 members: $75 total
Teams more than 15 members: Contact for price
An option to add-on lunch for your team is available at $5/person

Gospel Singing

"Eddie & Debbie Oldham &
the Cool Water Cowboy Band"

Come Join Us!

August 25, 2024

Refreshments: 5:00 pm Singing: 6:00 pm

Shepherd's Baptist Church
80 Pressly Foushee Rd
Sanford, NC
www.ShepherdsBaptist.com

SCBA SENIOR LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, September 5th
11 AM
Bestfood Cafeteria
Siler City

Marriage Refresh
CONFERENCE

Saturday, Sept. 7
8:00 am – 3:30 pm
First Baptist Church
202 Summit Dr., Sanford

SPEAKERS
Tom & Jackie Richter

Register at:
Baptists on Mission - Details

Scan This Code to Register

Register at: Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (ncbaptist.org)

2024 Coastal Women's Retreat #2 | Fort Caswell

FREE

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

Pittsboro Baptist Church has many old Easter and Christmas Cantata music books. Please call (919) 542-2986 or pbccontactus@gmail.com

FBC SANFORD ATER SCHOOL PROGRAM NEEDS:

Available from 2:30-5:30 Monday through Friday??

We are looking for at least one more person to drive the mini-bus* (2:00-3:00) AND someone to work 3:00-5:30 with the children. It would be wonderful to find ONE person willing/able to do BOTH!

Interested? Contact Susan Stalder for more info. susanstalder@fbcsanford.com // 919.360.0722

*CDL is NOT required

Chatham Thunder

Chatham Thunder is a nonprofit Christian homeschool sports organization started in 2012. We currently offer the opportunity for homeschooled boys and girls from middle school through high school to compete in basketball, baseball and cross country. We belong to the North Carolinians for Home Education Athletic Commission and compete against homeschool teams from across the state as well as local private and charter schools. Please contact us if you are interested in participating for the 2024-2025 season. Summer basketball workouts will begin soon and we'd love to discuss the possibility of having you join with us. For more info, please contact Nathan Coletta at nacoletta@gmail.com.

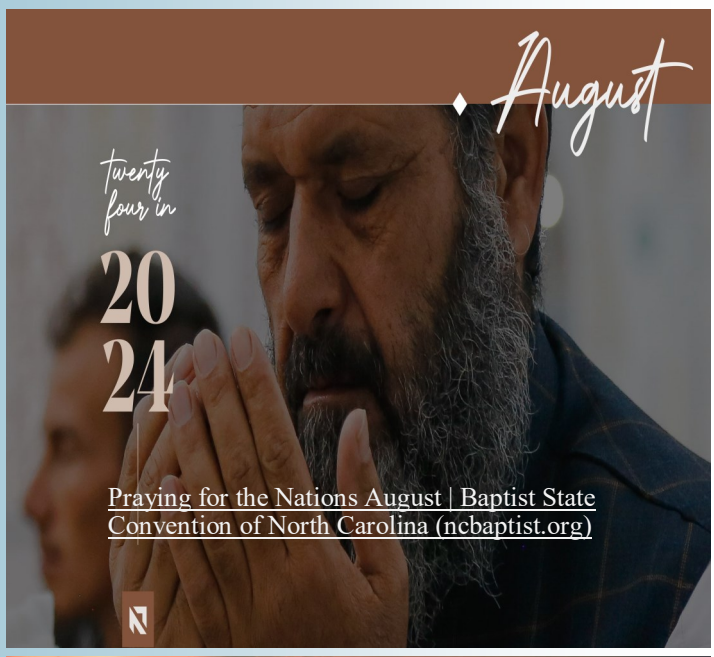
NCBAM Fall Regional Gatherings

Sept. 12 Asheville
Sept. 26 Rocky Mount
Oct. 22 Thomasville

Our focus:
How churches can prevent Elder Abuse.

ncbam.org/events

LET'S STOP THE HURTING



Sandy Creek

Please make your recommendations

for 2025 SCBA Teams and Officers

www.sandycreekba.com

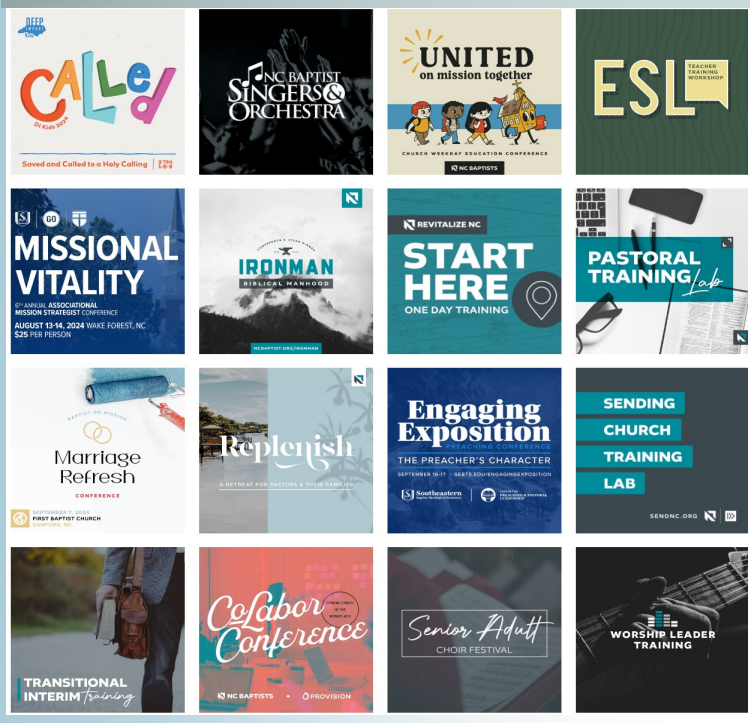
Forms can be found under the **Registration and Nomination Forms** section on our home page

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

Events | Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (ncbaptist.org)



Carolina Women

RETREAT AND MISSIONS LEADERSHIP TRAINING WEEKEND

AT FORT CASWELL, NC
OCTOBER 11 & 12

- HEAR FROM MISSIONARIES
- BREAKOUT SESSIONS ON A VARIETY OF MISSIONS AND LEADERSHIP TOPICS.
- POWERFUL WORSHIP
- DOWNTIME TO EXPLORE CASWELL OR ENJOY THE BEACH!

REGISTRATION OPENS ONLINE JULY 1ST!

Angela Donadio

Angela Donadio is an author, international speaker, and host of the top-ranked Make Life Matter Podcast.

Her resources help others ground their worth in the Word rather than the narrative of the world. As a speaker she encourages others to transform pain into purpose and embrace the fearless life they were created for.

Angela is the Founder of Voice of the Voiceless, championing women through initiatives at home, throughout Africa, and other parts of the world.

FORT CASWELL

2024 SENIOR ADULT upcoming events

FALL SENIOR ADULT RETREATS

SEP-OCT 30-2	TRUTH MATTERS JOHN 14:6 / PSALMS 117:2	With Rev. Cameron McGill and Renea Henderson
OCT 7-9	TRUTH MATTERS JOHN 14:6 / PSALMS 117:2	With Keith Dixon and Unity Quartet
OCT 14-16	TRUTH MATTERS JOHN 14:6 / PSALMS 117:2	With Daryl Trexler and Timothy Walters
OCT 21-23	TRUTH MATTERS JOHN 14:6 / PSALMS 117:2	With Phyllis Foy and Unity Quartet

CHRISTMAS BY THE SEA

DEC 2-4	HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED ISAIAH 9:6	With Phyllis Elvington and Timothy Walters
DEC 9-11	HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED ISAIAH 9:6	With Daryl Trexler and Unity Quartet

Call 910-278-9501 to register!

FORT CASWELL
COASTAL RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER

COME SERVE WITH US

The donation from last year was used to purchase a small refrigeration and freezer trailer.

This year the funds will go into the Disaster Response Endowment for future use.

BAPTISTS ON MISSION

October 17 - 27, 2024

SIGN UP TO SERVE
NC State Fair 2024 (wufoo.com)

Scan here to register