

CHURCH STEWARDSHIP	MARCH	YTD	CHURCH STEWARDSHIP	MARCH	YTD	CHURCH STEWARDSHIP	MARCH	YTD	MARCH	YTD
ACORN HILL	45.35	63.25	JAMESVILLE, FIRST	0.00	475.00	SMITHTON, FIRST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
AENON	0.00	364.12	JAPANESE MISSION	0.00	0.00	SPEED	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
AYDEN, FIRST	40.00	130.00	KOREAN MISSION	0.00	0.00	STANTONSBURG, FIRST	0.00	196.53	0.00	196.53
BELHAVEN	462.92	1,549.42	LIGHT OF THE WORLD	50.00	100.00	STOKES	0.00	75.00	0.00	75.00
BETHEL	243.00	729.00	LOVE	0.00	0.00	SWAN QUARTER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BIBLE	459.79	1,403.44	THE MEMORIAL	0.00	0.00	TARBORO, FIRST	365.88	1,344.86	0.00	1,344.86
CEDAR BRANCH	418.00	1,384.00	MILDRED	183.04	509.88	TRINITY	208.33	624.99	0.00	624.99
CHOCOWINITY, FIRST	166.32	524.56	NEW HOPE CHAPEL	0.00	36.00	WASHINGTON, FIRST	570.00	2,550.00	0.00	2,550.00
DISCOVERY	337.44	337.44	NEW HOPE MISSIONARY	0.00	0.00	WASHINGTON HISPANIC	214.72	636.92	0.00	636.92
DOWN EAST COWBOY	0.00	0.00	NEW VISION COMMUNITY BC	25.00	75.00	WASHINGTON, SECOND	416.67	1,250.01	0.00	1,250.01
EAGLES	85.00	255.00	NORTHERN BLVD.	0.00	50.00	WEBBS CHAPEL	1,362.00	2,429.00	0.00	2,429.00
ELM CITY	250.00	250.00	OAK CITY	425.00	425.00	WEST END, WASHINGTON	0.00	460.00	0.00	460.00
EVERETTS	0.00	552.22	OAKMONT	2,364.99	2,364.99	WEST END, WILLIAMSTON	370.92	1,236.32	0.00	1,236.32
FARMVILLE, FIRST	0.00	2,038.52	PACTOLUS	216.67	650.01	WILLIAMSTON MEMORIAL	708.34	2,125.02	0.00	2,125.02
FOREST HILLS	304.33	1,244.82	PENDERS CHAPEL	412.26	966.40	WILSON COMMUNITY CHURCH	50.00	150.00	0.00	150.00
FOUNTAIN	300.00	600.00	PINETOPS	375.00	1,125.00	WILSON, FIRST	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
FREEDOM	100.00	400.00	PINETOWN	0.00	0.00	WILSON, FIRST HISPANIC	241.00	241.00	0.00	241.00
GRACE	196.82	611.21	PINEY GROVE	614.00	2,274.27	WINTERVILLE	1,568.16	3,136.32	0.00	3,136.32
GREENVILLE HISPANIC	0.00	0.00	PLEASANT HOPE	0.00	403.50					
GRIFFON, FIRST	92.58	138.22	PLYMOUTH, FIRST	500.00	1,500.00					
HAMILTON	0.00	0.00	RALEIGH ROAD	500.00	500.00					
IGLESIA AMOR DE DIOS	22.50	65.50	REDDICKS GROVE	0.00	750.00					
IGNITE	300.00	450.00	RIVERSIDE MISSION	0.00	25.00					
IMMANUEL	400.00	400.00	RIVERVIEW	450.90	1,421.58					
INTEGRITY	100.00	300.00	ROBERSONVILLE, FIRST	0.00	350.00					
			<b>TOTALS</b>							<b>\$16,516.93</b>
										<b>\$46,248.32</b>

**AVAILABLE POSITIONS**

**Washington, Second: Music Director - part-time**  
Please respond to Stephanie Rose 252-402-7131.

**The SRBA office will be closed Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day.**

**Please pray for the following Churches seeking pastors**

- Ayden, First
- Chocowinity, First
- Everetts
- Forest Hills
- Jamesville, First
- Northern Blvd.
- Pinetops
- Riverview
- West End,
- Williamston
- Wilson, First

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**MINISTERS PRAYER MEETINGS**



Wilson area: Wed. May 2 - 8:30 am Bible, Wilson  
Pitt area: Mon. May 7 - 9:00 am Resource Center  
Edgecombe area: Mon. May 7 - 11:30 am  
Eagles, Macclesfield - Bring a bag lunch  
Beaufort area: Wed. May 9 - 9:00 am  
Washington, First  
Martin area: Wed. May 16 - 9:00 am  
Cedar Branch, Jamesville



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**REVIVE!**  
**Christ and His Church**  
with Richard Blackaby

Saturday, May 19  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Trinity Baptist Church  
730 West Wilson St., Tarboro, NC

**Session Titles**  
**Christ's Presence and His Church**  
**Christ's Purpose and His Church**  
**Leading Out of the Overflow**  
**Developing a Powerful Praying Church**

Special Q&A time with Richard Blackaby and Rick Fisher

Tickets are \$12 (lunch is provided)  
To register, go to [www.southroanoke.org](http://www.southroanoke.org), scroll over the Event Registration tab and click Revive Conference - May 19 on the dropdown menu. Registration deadline is May 13.

## Missionary's Message

In March, I had the opportunity to go to the North American Mission Board in Alpharetta, GA and participate in their first ever Replant Lab for Associational Missionaries. It was a great learning experience with 250 other association workers from across the United States. We've heard much talk over the years about church revitalization, and there is a desperate need for many churches across our region, state, and nation to be revitalized. This training, however, addressed replanting churches that were once vibrant, but now stand on the precipice of death. Churches that are candidates for replants have declined so much that they are beyond revitalization. They are typically 3-5 years from totally dying off.

My intention in this article is not to give the ins and outs of church replanting, but to share with you the characteristics of a dying church. These characteristics are written in Mark Clifton's book *Reclaiming Glory*. In his book, Clifton asks the question, "What is there about a dying church that brings glory to God? What about a dying church says our God is great and His gospel is powerful?" My purpose for sharing this with you is not to beat you up or make you feel bad. My desire is for readers to honestly evaluate their churches and then fix their eyes on Christ and seek his will and direction. By the way, these aren't opinions. They are conclusions that Mark Clifton and his team came to after studying churches that had died.

- Churches that die tend to rely on programs. There are no silver bullet programs. We don't need programs that will attract people. We need churches that will fall in love with the people in their communities and share Christ with them.
- Churches that die tend to rely on personalities. "We just need a young pastor." The answer is not in the next pastor; the answer is looking to Jesus as your pastor and listening to him.
- Churches that die resent the community for not responding as they once responded. They resent the fact that the people in the community don't look like them.
- Churches that die value process of decision over outcome of decision. They love to discuss, debate, define, and describe. In the absence of meaningful ministry through the church, they often spend their time meeting together to make oftentimes meaningless decisions.
- Churches that die value their own preferences over the needs of the unreached. A church whose pursuit, with the heart of Christ, is the salvation of souls will thoughtfully

and sacrificially consider the interests of others more valuable than the mere personal preferences of the establishment.

- Churches that die suffer from the inability to pass meaningful leadership to the next generation. If you don't provide young leaders the opportunity to lead in your church, they will eventually go somewhere else where they can lead. The joy of passing meaningful leadership far exceeds what we've given up.
- Churches that die cease, often gradually, to be part of the fabric of the community. You change the reputation of the church by consistently loving and ministering to the community.
- Churches that die anesthetize the pain of death with an overabundance of activity and maintain, with great passion, outdated governance and programs.
- Churches that die confuse caring for the building with caring for the church and the community. The primary motivation of the remaining members may be to "keep the church doors open" or to make sure they don't lose possession of the place that has meant so much to them throughout the years.

I really appreciate how Clifton responds to these characteristics. He says, "God can only replant a dying church if the people are willing to seek him, his glory, and his plan above all else." May we all seek God's glory above all else.

*Scott Setzer*



## Week of Prayer for Association Missions May 20-27

*Partner with  
Someone Missional  
Somewhere*

**"...come over to  
Macedonia, and help us"**

Prayer guides will be sent to churches the first week of May.

## WMU NEWS

If you are like me, you are already gearing up for a busy summer...at church and at home. Vacation Bible School, summer mission trips, community outreach opportunities...always a way to be on mission!

Red Box: This year we will be collecting 600 pairs of WHITE WOMEN'S CREW SOCKS. WMUNC has asked they be 3/4 length, nice white women's socks. If possible, please remove tags, paper, etc. and fold together as a pair. Please have the socks at the associational office or Pinetops Baptist by Oct. 15. Feel free to bring them to the SRBA October quarterly meeting. If you have already begun collecting gloves, no worries! We will send them along with the socks. They always need extra!

Coming August 2018!  
The Jerusalem Project::Tarboro  
Stay tuned for more details!

To God be the glory!  
Corby

## SRBA Outreach Trailer Training Saturday, June 9: 8:30 AM - Noon The Memorial Baptist Church 1510 Greenville Blvd SE, Greenville



**BLOCK PARTY!**

The outreach trailer is complete and ready for rental! All churches desiring to use the trailer must have at least two members attend the hands-on training. Participants will be taught the policies and procedures for reserving and using the trailer along with learning how to set-up and operate the items in the trailer. This will be the last training for several months. Contact the SRBA office by Thursday, June 7 if you plan to attend. For more information about renting the outreach trailer, go to southroanoke.org and click on the Outreach Trailer tab.