

Missionary's Message

Hurricane Florence will be etched in our minds as one of the worst storms of our lifetime. Just like Hazel, Fran, and Floyd; Florence will be a reference point for all future hurricanes. She is definitely one to remember.

Something else we will remember when we reflect on the destruction of Florence is the way God used this hurricane to mobilize his people in the aftermath. As of the writing of this article, more than 700,000 meals have been served by mobile kitchens from seven different state Baptist disaster relief organizations. We were blessed to have the Virginia Baptist Disaster Relief (VBDR) mobile kitchen prepare nearly 38,000 meals for residents of Beaufort County. Second Baptist, Washington did a great job hosting the mobile feeding unit volunteers. I'm thankful for the nearly 150 people who volunteered to serve the meals that were prepared by VBDR. Those volunteers came from 13 SRBA churches, 5 other churches, a radio station, and the community.

VBDR is now moving into the recovery phase. Their operation center has shifted to First Baptist, Washington. Like Second Baptist, the folks of First Baptist are proving to be gracious hosts. I appreciate these two churches working together to take care of our friends from Virginia. VBDR is committed to long-term work in Beaufort County and the Jones County towns of Pollocksville, Trenton, and Maysville. If your church would like to join this work, go to www.bgavdr.org and click on "volunteer & give". You will be directed to a registration form. You can also join the NC Baptist on Mission in recovery work by going to www.baptistonmission.org and clicking on "get involved".

One other immediate opportunity to serve includes volunteering to staff Manna One, one of NC Baptists on Mission feeding units, in New Bern from October 11-16. If you are interested, contact Tim Etheridge at 252-341-2838. Tim is a member of Riverview Baptist, Washington and the feeding unit leader for Region 2.

I know there are dozens, if not hundreds of volunteers from SRBA churches who have been involved with recovery efforts throughout Eastern NC. Keep up the good work of being the hands and feet of Jesus and the bearers of his precious gospel to those who need his healing and hope.

To God Be The Glory!

Scott Setzer

Baptist Children's Homes Annual Thanksgiving Offering Resources can be found at www.bchoffering.org

WMU NEWS

WMU's Theme for this year is *BY ALL MEANS* – "I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some." 1 Cor. 9:22b

We are familiar with the old hymn "Speak to My Heart". I came across one the other day entitled "Soften My Heart, Lord. Set me apart from Indifference, and help me feel your compassion and weep with your tears." With the devastation of 'FLO' many of you have been in the midst of ministry, meeting needs hands on, financially and with supplies. We need to continue to have soften hearts and availability as the needs will be long term. Watch the SRBA Facebook page or the SRBA web page for current information.

Remember the **WHITE (solid white) CREW socks** for RED BOX [prison] ministry are due. Please deliver to the association resource office or bring to the annual meeting on October 15 @ Washington, First.

Here are some important dates for upcoming dates for activities for your WMU groups to be involved in. Registration and additional information is available at

www.wmunc.org

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| October 13 | GA Day, Camp Mundo Vista |
| October 19-21 | CAROLINA GIRLS (18-34 year olds) |
| October 20 | Camp Mundo Vista CLEAN UP DAY
(much needed after storm) |
| November 5 | Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer |

SAVE the DATE: June 1, 2019

50th BIRTHDAY PARTY of CAMP MUNDO VISTA

Thank you for your service to the Lord as you are about Kingdom Work "for the sake of the gospel".

Beverly B. Butler
SRBA WMU Mission Involvement

WORSHIP LEADER BOOT CAMP BASIC

Due to the long recovery ahead from Hurricane Florence, the Worship Leader Boot Camp scheduled for Saturday, November 17 at Raleigh Road Baptist Church has been postponed to 2019.

SRBA Minister and Spouse Appreciation Banquet

*Bethel Baptist Church
Friday, October 5: 6:30 PM*

Childcare Provided

The banquet is open to all full-time, bi-vocational, and retired SRBA ministers and their spouses.

Bivocational Pastor and Church Conference

**Monday, November 12
Light of the World Missionary
Baptist Church
414 N. Pender Street, Wilson**

The meal begins at 6:30 PM and will be followed by a song and testimony service. For reservations, contact Linda Franks at 756-4332 or linda@southroanoke.org by Thursday, November 8.

The conference is open to all SRBA bivocational pastors and members of churches with bivocational pastors.

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Pastors Conference

**Thursday, October 18: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
NC Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount**

Featured Speaker: Dr. Thom Rainer
President & CEO of LifeWay Christian Resources

Registration Deadline & Fee: October 16: \$75

For more information, go to renew18.church