

CHURCH STEWARDSHIP	MAY	YTD	CHURCH STEWARDSHIP	MAY	YTD	CHURCH STEWARDSHIP	MAY	YTD
ACORN HILL	34.78	141.36	JAPANESE MISSION	0.00	0.00	SPEED	0.00	0.00
AENON	0.00	357.40	KOREAN MISSION	0.00	0.00	STANTONSBURG, FIRST	0.00	625.00
AYDEN, FIRST	170.32	998.89	LIGHT OF THE WORLD	0.00	225.00	STOKES	80.00	155.00
BELHAVEN	0.00	500.00	LOVE	0.00	0.00	SWAN QUARTER	0.00	1,750.00
BETHEL	0.00	1,460.00	THE MEMORIAL	0.00	500.00	TARBORO, FIRST	366.69	2,221.25
BIBLE	427.66	1,922.72	MILDRED	0.00	633.24	TRINITY	208.33	1,041.65
CEDAR BRANCH	379.00	2,371.00	NEW HOPE CHAPEL	0.00	62.00	WASHINGTON, FIRST	1,000.00	4,493.80
CHOCOWINY, FIRST	225.03	1,074.49	NEW HOPE MISSIONARY	0.00	0.00	WASHINGTON HISPANIC	273.58	1,401.67
DISCOVERY	0.00	0.00	NEW VISION COMMUNITY BC	25.00	125.00	WASHINGTON, SECOND	416.67	2,083.35
EAGLES	85.00	425.00	NORTHERN BLVD.	50.00	50.00	WEBBS CHAPEL	1,568.14	3,104.25
ELM CITY	0.00	500.00	OAK CITY	0.00	500.00	WEST END, WASHINGTON	0.00	460.00
EVERETTS	0.00	661.16	OAKMONT	788.33	3,941.65	WEST END, WILLIAMSTON	347.78	2,272.16
FARMVILLE, FIRST	0.00	3,558.59	PACTOLUS	216.67	1,083.35	WILLIAMSTON MEMORIAL	750.00	3,750.00
FOREST HILLS	1,452.31	3,101.44	PENDERS CHAPEL	535.04	1,904.51	WILSON COMMUNITY CHURCH	50.00	250.00
FOUNTAIN	0.00	300.00	PINETOPS	375.00	1,875.00	WILSON, FIRST	0.00	2,000.00
FREEDOM	0.00	500.00	PINETOWN	0.00	0.00	WILSON, FIRST HISPANIC	120.50	602.50
GRACE	184.93	992.13	PINEY GROVE	688.00	3,319.00	WINTERVILLE	784.10	3,920.50
GREENVILLE HISPANIC	0.00	0.00	PLEASANT HOPE	0.00	1,015.00			
GRIFTON, FIRST	0.00	0.00	PLYMOUTH, FIRST	1,000.00	2,000.00			
HAMILTON	0.00	0.00	RALEIGH ROAD	0.00	0.00			
IGLESIA AMOR DE DIOS	25.00	125.00	REDDICKS GROVE	0.00	750.00			
IGNITE	150.00	750.00	RIVERSIDE MISSION	20.00	120.00			
IMMANUEL	200.00	1,000.00	RIVERVIEW	0.00	1,679.78			
INTEGRITY	0.00	500.00	ROBERSONVILLE, FIRST	175.00	875.00			
JAMESVILLE, FIRST	0.00	475.00	SMITHON, FIRST	0.00	1,250.00			
			<b>TOTALS</b>					
								\$13,172.86 \$73,753.84

**AVAILABLE MINISTRY POSITIONS**

**Immanuel: Part-time Youth and Children’s Minister (20 to 25 hours/week)** Interested candidates send resume to: [staffing@ibcg.org](mailto:staffing@ibcg.org).

**Winterville: Part-time Worship Music Leader** to lead Praise Team on Sunday mornings. Guitar/vocal skills and experience required. If interested, please submit your complete curriculum vitae via email to Madge Thompson, Chairman, Search Committee at [mgdthompson@gmail.com](mailto:mgdthompson@gmail.com)

See SRBA website for additional information on both positions

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

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If your church is planning a VBS kickoff, block party, or fall festival and would like to use the trailer, go to [southroanoke.org](http://southroanoke.org) and click on the outreach trailer tab for more information and to view open dates. In order to reserve the trailer, at least two people from your church must have completed the hands-on training and your church’s insurance company must provide coverage.

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## SRBA Quarterly Meeting

### Monday, July 15 at 6:30 PM

### First Baptist Church, Robersonville

208 E Railroad Street, Robersonville

Ministry Focus  
Franklin Graham Decision America  
Tarheel State Tour

A representative from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association will be present to share information about the Decision America Tour event that is coming to the Greenville Town Commons on Wednesday, October 2. Meeting attendees will learn how their churches can be involved in the event.



## Missionary's Message

Ah, sweet summertime! It's time for relaxing on the beach, hiking in the mountains, or just chilling by the river or pool. For youth leaders, it is youth camp season. Many teenagers and adult chaperones will be going to camps such as Caswell, Fuge, Crossroads, and Student Life. If the students of your church are going to summer camp, pray for them as they are in a place and posture to hear God speak.

It's also time for Vacation Bible School. Take time to read the article in this month's newsletter by Jenny Funderburke Smith about how to keep the gospel at the center of VBS. It's a helpful read. I still believe that VBS is one of the most effective evangelistic tools a church can utilize.

Summer is also the time for mission trips. Many churches are either preparing for or have already completed mission trips in various parts of the US or overseas. I'm particularly excited about the Missio Chicago trip that twenty-seven folks from three SRBA churches will be taking at the end of July. Pray for us as we minister alongside church planting pastors in a city that desperately needs the gospel.

Wait a minute! Didn't I say something about relaxing at the beginning of this article?

Praying you see God at work in and through you this summer,  
*Scott Setzer*



*The SRBA Resource Center will be closed Thursday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day and Friday, July 5 for staff vacations.*

### Looking Ahead...

Our next SRBA Ministers' Networking Lunch will be Thursday, August 29 from 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks!

The **SRBA Prayer Team** is faithfully praying for our churches, pastors, and staff every month. If you have a specific prayer need, you can reach team leader Corby Bunting in the following ways:  
Call or text: 252-813-5323  
Email: [crbunting63@yahoo.com](mailto:crbunting63@yahoo.com)  
Facebook: Corby Bunting



## WMU

### Red Box Ministry

Our Red Box item for 2019 is 6-9 oz. tubes of toothpaste. We need 900! Please be mindful of the size. Keep the toothpaste in the original box and place the tubes you collect in a cardboard box for transporting. The toothpaste needs to be at the SRBA office by October 18 at noon or may be brought to the SRBA Annual meeting on October 21.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

To God be the glory!

*Corby*

### How Do We Keep the Gospel at the Center of VBS?\*

1. **Refocus on the why.** I love Colossians 1:28-29:

*We proclaim Him, warning everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. I labor for this, striving with His strength that works powerfully in me.*

The purpose of VBS is to help kids come to know Jesus and grow closer to Him. The gospel is the why. Post those verses (or others that speak to you) on your mirror, on your steering wheel, on your desk, on the lock screen on your phone - anywhere that you will see it. You will need to point yourself back to truth when that volunteer drops out at the last minute or the box of glow sticks goes missing.

As you remind yourself that the gospel is most important, make sure it is reflected in every aspect of your VBS season. As you plan, ask yourself and your team, "what are we doing to make sure the gospel is the most memorable part?" The cool stage, fun games and over-the-top experiences will be fun. But how can you communicate that Jesus is the most important part?

2. **Remember your identity is not based on VBS attendance.**

We tend to get so caught up in numbers in the church world. Whether you are super discouraged because registration is low or you are feeling on top of the world because attendance is high, remember that the numbers don't define you. Sometimes we attach so much self-value to tangible outcomes. Remember, it is by grace through faith that you've been saved, not by your works. Your identity is found in HIS GRACE, not in your VBS numbers.

3. **Ditch the competition mindset.** Quit the comparison game. If the church down the street had a hundred more kids and pony rides, that does not mean that God did better things there than He did in your church. It is not a competition. Every work in every church is important. We are all on the same team. Look for ways to cheer on other churches. Intentionally reach out and encourage other kids pastors without even mentioning numbers once.

4. **Put people before tasks.** I don't know about you, but I can get so engrossed in the "stuff" of VBS season, that I forget to focus on the people. Say hi. Thank people for serving. Connect personally before telling someone what to do. Get out of your paperwork and walk around a little. High five the kids. Pray for the names on the class lists. Figure out what you need to do to remember that VBS is more about people than the to-do lists.

5. **Don't do it for a "thank you."** When we are tired and have poured ourselves into an event, there is the temptation of discouragement because we feel people don't appreciate what we did. Remember that God sees it. You are serving for an audience of one. His decree of "good and faithful servant" is what matters. Take any applause that you do get and turn it to glory for Him.

6. **Give yourself grace.** Something will go wrong. Something will be forgotten. Some lesson will flop. Some craft will fall apart. Some schedule mishap will occur. You will have 10,000 things that go perfectly, but that one fail is what you will lie awake and worry about. Friend, Jesus loves you. Not because you are perfect, but because you are His. He has shown you much grace for much bigger things than a VBS mess up. Show yourself some grace. By doing that, you are demonstrating that your faith is in HIM, not yourself.

7. **Strive with His strength.** That line is probably my favorite part of Colossians 1:29. If you are a VBS veteran, much of what you do will be routine. You know how to make it all happen. You know how to be "all in" and create an amazing week. But be cautious that you aren't doing it in your strength. Don't get to the end of the week and realize that you didn't even talk to God through it all. Begin and end each day with a prayer of reliance on Him.

Stop and pray for wisdom for decisions that need to be made, even when they are decisions you have made before. Don't take for granted relying on the Holy Spirit working through you. Refuse to do it on your own.

VBS leaders - because of you, kids are going to hear the gospel message. Because of your event, kids are going to experience the love of God and have a blast. What you are doing is worth it. Keep the gospel at the center of your own heart and in all that you do.

\*By Jenny Funderburke Smith. Access the full article at <https://churchleaders.com>