

Missionary's Message

Over the last several weeks, the one word I have read over and over is "unprecedented". We truly are living in an unprecedented time. Our lives have been upended by the effects of COVID-19. With the virus still wreaking havoc all over the world, the final outcome remains to be seen. Yet, through all of this, we as followers of Christ know that God is in control. He is not seated in Heaven wringing his hands in worry, wondering about the results of this treacherous pandemic. Isaiah 40:28 tells us, "The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable."

God is at work. He is at work bringing glory to himself through this awful virus. He is at work through local churches as they mobilize quickly to serve the needs of their communities, unifying around what really matters - God's mission. Even though churches can't gather for in-person corporate worship, families and neighbors are gathering in living rooms across the nation to worship Him. He is at work using social media and other technology platforms to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ far and wide. God is at work moving his people to rapidly innovate so the life-saving message of the cross and resurrection of Jesus will be heard by millions of people who might not otherwise take time to listen. God is at work bringing his people to their knees to pray for those who are infected by the Coronavirus and the people who are on the front lines fighting this viral enemy. He is at work putting us on our faces before him, confessing our sins and pleading for one last spiritual awakening before Christ returns. Friends, in this unprecedented time, God is at work!

Scott Setzer

CARES Act Information for Churches

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was passed March 27. This stimulus package contains provisions for churches and non-profits that may experience financial distress during the Coronavirus pandemic. Here are several links to resources that will help churches better understand what is available to them in the CARES Act.

- <https://www.vanderbloemen.com/blog/details-of-care-act>
- www.churchcovid19.com
- <https://ncbaptist.org/qa-how-churches-pastors-are-eligible-for-relief-in-stimulus-package/>
- <https://churchleaders.com/news/373419-church-leaders-cares-act.html>

WMU News

Due to COVID-19, after prayer and careful consideration, WMUNC leadership team felt it best to cancel Missions Extravaganza 2020. If you have registered and would like a refund, you may email Cheryl at cdaniel@wmunc.org or call (866) 210-8602.

In these turbulent times, when the very ground beneath our feet seems shaken, may we remain 'Unshaken'! May we continue to pursue God and be His church, on mission.

Praying for you all,
Corby



The Food Roundup has been postponed until later this year. However, the Baptist Children's Homes still need your help with contributions. Here are four ways you can help:

1. Pray for Baptist Children's Homes and how you can help meet their needs.
2. Give by check or online. Mail checks to Baptist Children's Homes, P.O. Box 338, Thomasville, NC 27361 or donate online at www.bchfamily.org/givenow
3. Send gift cards to the children's home closest to you. The address to Kennedy Home is 2557 Cedar Dell Lane, Kinston, NC 28504
4. Deliver essential food and supplies. Call Christopher Allabaugh at 252-522-0811 to learn about the specific needs of Kennedy Home and receive instruction on how to safely deliver supplies.

WELCOME PASTOR

Speed Baptist Church has called Rev. Stephen Lee as Pastor effective January 12th.

Operation Inasmuch One Day Blitz 2020: May 2

For OIAM resources, go to

<https://baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/North-Carolina/Operation-Inasmuch>



Share, Care, & Prayer Zoom Gatherings for SRBA Pastors and Staff Ministers

These online gatherings provide a way for ministers to stay connected with one another during the Coronavirus pandemic. The purpose of these online gatherings is to:

- **Share** ideas and resources related to ministering to our churches and communities during the COVID-19 outbreak. We will also hear from special guests who will connect us with resources and ministry opportunities.
- **Care** for one another during this stressful time of life and ministry. We will come together to bear one another's burdens and encourage one another.
- **Pray** for each other, our churches, our communities, our nation, and world.

Ministers can select one of two time options. Invitations to register for the Zoom gatherings are emailed several days before the meetings. If you have not received an email invitation, contact Scott at scott@southroanoke.org. Registration links are also posted on the SRBA Facebook page (facebook.com/southroanoke). The gatherings will last no longer than one hour.

Upcoming Share, Care, & Prayer Zoom Gatherings

Thursday, April 2: 9 AM & 6 PM

Share Guest: Dr. Janie Taylor, Regional Director,
CareNet East Counseling

Topic: Caring for people during times of crisis/trauma

Tuesday, April 7: 9 AM & 6 PM

Share Guest: Dr. Tate Cockrell, Associate Professor of
Counseling and Assistant Dean of the Doctor of Ministry
Program, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
Topic: Minister self-care during and after COVID-19

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