

CHURCH STEWARDSHIP	MARCH	YTD	CHURCH STEWARDSHIP	MARCH	YTD	CHURCH STEWARDSHIP	MARCH	YTD	MARCH	YTD
ACORN HILL	48.41	79.48	JAMESVILLE, FIRST	500.00	500.00	SMITHTON, FIRST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
AENON	0.00	267.50	JAPANESE MISSION	0.00	0.00	SPEED	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
AYDEN, FIRST	40.00	339.33	KOREAN MISSION	0.00	0.00	STANTONSBURG, FIRST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BELHAVEN	500.00	500.00	LIGHT OF THE WORLD	0.00	75.00	STOKES	0.00	80.00	0.00	80.00
BETHEL	0.00	730.00	LOVE	0.00	0.00	SWAN QUARTER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BIBLE	640.00	1,538.46	THE MEMORIAL	0.00	250.00	TARBORO, FIRST	397.88	1,434.70	0.00	1,434.70
CEDAR BRANCH	464.00	1,538.00	MILDRED	383.24	535.81	TRINITY	208.33	624.99	0.00	624.99
CHOCOWINITY, FIRST	128.00	452.12	NEW HOPE CHAPEL	0.00	30.00	WASHINGTON, FIRST	1,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
DISCOVERY	0.00	0.00	NEW HOPE MISSIONARY	0.00	0.00	WASHINGTON HISPANIC	0.00	961.17	0.00	961.17
EAGLES	95.50	286.50	NEW VISION COMMUNITY	50.00	150.00	WASHINGTON, SECOND	416.67	1,250.01	0.00	1,250.01
ELM CITY	0.00	0.00	NORTHERN BLVD.	0.00	50.00	WEBBS CHAPEL	538.74	1,391.99	0.00	1,391.99
EVERETTS	0.00	419.45	OAK CITY	0.00	250.00	WEST END, WASHINGTON	0.00	460.00	0.00	460.00
FARMVILLE, FIRST	0.00	2,110.65	OAKMONT	0.00	788.33	WEST END, WILLIAMSTON	426.19	1,395.29	0.00	1,395.29
FOREST HILLS	0.00	1,603.73	PACTOLUS	216.67	650.01	WILLIAMSTON MEMORIAL	750.00	2,250.00	0.00	2,250.00
FOUNTAIN	300.00	300.00	PENDERS CHAPEL	448.98	1,497.43	WILSON COMMUNITY	25.00	75.00	0.00	75.00
FREEDOM	125.00	500.00	PINETOPS	375.00	1,125.00	WILSON, FIRST	2,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
GRACE	165.11	339.99	PINETOWN	0.00	0.00	WILSON, FIRST HISPANIC	241.00	361.50	0.00	361.50
GREENVILLE HISPANIC	0.00	0.00	PINEY GROVE	747.00	2,122.00	WINTERVILLE	627.25	1,254.50	0.00	1,254.50
GRIFFON, FIRST	0.00	213.70	PLEASANT HOPE	0.00	505.50	TOTALS	\$13,098.22	\$43,254.59		
HAMILTON	0.00	0.00	PLYMOUTH, FIRST	500.00	2,000.00					
HARVEST	140.46	590.78	RALEIGH ROAD	0.00	0.00					
IGLESIA AMOR DE DIOS	25.00	75.00	REDDICKS GROVE	0.00	0.00					
IGNITE	150.00	450.00	RIVERSIDE MISSION	0.00	0.00					
IMMANUEL	0.00	400.00	RIVERVIEW	0.00	1,151.67					
INTEGRITY	100.00	300.00	ROBERSONVILLE, FIRST	0.00	0.00					

MINISTERS PRAYER MEETINGS

Edgecombe area: Monday May 4 at 11:30 AM
Webb's Chapel - Bring a bag lunch

Wilson area: Wednesday, May 6 at 8:30 AM
Bible, Wilson

Beaufort area: Tuesday, May 12 at 8:30 AM
First Baptist, Washington

Pitt area: Wednesday, May 13 at 9:00 AM
SRBA Resource Center

Martin area: Wednesday, May 20 at 9:00 AM
Williamston Memorial

Please pray for the following Churches seeking pastors

Ayden, First
Jamesville, First
Oak City
Pinetops
Reddicks Grove
Washington, Second
Wilson, First

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AVAILABLE MINISTRY POSITIONS

First Baptist Church, Tarboro: Pastor of Family Ministries
Oversees the discipleship of families, primarily youth and young adults. For more information contact Pastor Lamont via email @ pastorlamonthemminger@gmail.com

Oakmont: Full-time (35 hours/week) Communications Specialist. To apply, send a letter of introduction and resume to Mrs. Nikki Caryle at search@oakmontchurch.com

Winterville: Part-time Worship Music Leader to lead Praise Team on Sunday mornings. Guitar/vocal skills and experience required. If interested, send resume to Janet Rollins at jmcr2000@aol.com

See SRBA website for additional information




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SRBA Quarterly Gathering of Churches
Monday, July 20: 6:30 PM
West End Baptist Church, Williamston
1505 West Main Street, Williamston
Guest Presenter: Yvetta Smith, North Carolina
Baptist Aging Ministry

2020 NC Baptist Ministers' Wives Retreat
A Focused Vision
July 13-15
Caraway Conference Center: Sophia, NC



Featured Speaker: Janice Drum

Janice Drum is a pastor's wife and mother of two sons. She has a beautiful daughter-in-love and one precious grandbaby! She has been in full-time ministry for 37 years. Her heart is to mentor and disciple women in God's Word and the power of prayer. Her life verses are Philippians 4:6-7. We must guard our hearts and minds through Jesus Christ. We are called to be Titus Women: leading and growing up our young women in their faith and walk in Christ.

Go to <https://ncbminwives.wixsite.com/ncbmw> and select *Retreat Registration* tab for cost and registration information.

Missionary's Message



Last month in one of our regional pastors' prayer gatherings that had to be conducted online instead of in-person, a pastor began sharing his dream for churches of the South Roanoke Baptist Association to unite in prayer for the physical and spiritual healing of our nation in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Believing this to be God at work in and around us, I spoke to Corby Bunting, the SRBA Prayer Team Co-leader. We very quickly went "all in" with what God was leading us to do. As a result, we have developed an association-wide prayer initiative called Praying Toward Pentecost. Pentecost Sunday is observed seven weeks after Resurrection Sunday. This year, it will be May 31.

We know what happened on Pentecost in Acts 2 - the promised Holy Spirit fell on the disciples, causing them to tell of the mighty works of God in a manner that all who were there could hear it in their own language. Then, Peter stood and boldly proclaimed the Gospel of Jesus Christ and 3000 people were saved, thus giving birth to the New Testament Church. But what happened prior to Pentecost? One thing we know is that the disciples were praying. Acts 1:14 says, "All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers."

If there is ever a time for today's disciples to be united and devoted in prayer for revival in our churches and spiritual awakening in our land, it is now. The Praying Toward Pentecost initiative is our opportunity to join together in prayer, seeking God's mercy and grace. Our desire is to see as many churches as possible agree to take one day and mobilize their people to pray for that 24-hour period. If your church is unable to pray for a 24-hour period, do not let that hinder you from participating. Please do as much as you believe you can do.

In order to develop a schedule, we have created a survey we would like for churches to complete. We are asking you to identify a prayer point person and also select at least 3 days that your church would be willing to pray. This does not necessarily mean you will be asked to cover all three dates. By selecting more than one date, it allows flexibility with scheduling churches. The survey can be found on our Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/southroanoke/>. All you need to do is find the Praying Toward Pentecost Article and follow the survey link in that article. You can also find the survey by scrolling down our Facebook page.

We have provided prayer points that can be utilized by every person who prays. We also have prayer enlistment sheets that can be used to keep up with those in your church who are praying. One sheet is broken into one-hour increments and the other is in 30-minute increments. All three of these resources can be retrieved by going to <https://southroanoke.org/your-church-praying/> and clicking on the buttons on that web page that bear their titles. You may have to disable your computer's popup blocker to access the schedules. I hope you will take the time to join with other churches across the SRBA as we Pray Toward Pentecost.

Scott Setzer

WMU News

Of course, COVID-19 has intruded on every area of our lives....work, home, play, worship. I would like to encourage you with these words from Hebrews 13:5-6. "Keep your life free from love of money and be content with what you have for He has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.' So we can confidently say, 'The Lord is my helper, I will not fear, what can man do to me?'" There is much comfort in these words, but I want to focus on the word 'confidently'. I struggle with people-pleasing and self-confidence. Over the last year or so, I have made it the prayer of my heart to carry within me 'Christ-confidence'. Not a prideful confidence in myself, but a confidence in Him. Simple but powerful concept. It feels like, during this time, we can't trust even the very air we breathe. But we can walk in confidence in the One who provides that next breath. Our days and times are in His hands, no more and no less than pre-Covid. During this time, I know all of our WMU ladies are doing what WMU ladies do best...serving their neighbors and praying for the nations.

Much love to each of you!
Corby

**65+? Lonely?
Need to talk?**

NCBAM's Hope Line
is here for you!

866-578-4673

NCBAM NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST AGING MINISTRY

*The SRBA Resource Center will be closed Monday, May 25
in observance of Memorial Day*

24 Questions Your Church Should Answer Before People Return

This article by Ken Braddy, has been abridged due to space limitation. You can access the full article along with other practical writings related to the church and COVID-19 at <https://kenbraddy.com/>. Other guidance for reopening your church after COVID-19 can be found at <https://ncbaptist.org/covid-19-reopening-your-church/>.

1. What if your worship gathering is initially limited to no more than 100 (or 50) people?
2. What adjustments will you make to the Lord's Supper, baptisms, and your choir ministry?
3. Are you canceling camps and VBS, or delaying them until later this summer?
4. Is a physical "pass the plate" offering a thing of the past?
5. What are you doing now to sanitize and sterilize your church building?
6. Are you going to continue offering children's church?
7. Are you going to continue hosting special events?
8. Are you continuing to provide coffee stations on campus?
9. Will you continue offering virtual online worship?
10. What is your plan when volunteers step down?
11. What's your strategy to clean and sanitize your church in real time?
12. Do door greeters do their jobs differently, or at all?
13. Is this the time to end your church's "meet and greet" time?
14. Because people may return very slowly to church, how will you count attendance and effectiveness?
15. Should you add and/or shorten worship services to allow for social distancing?
16. What are you going to do about larger Sunday School groups?
17. What's your plan for Sunday School curriculum?
18. Will you reopen the doors or your church with a "worship only" strategy?
19. Do you have a plan for reducing expenses if your church's offerings don't rebound?
20. How will you deal with the rise of COVID-19 related addictions?
21. Are you going to decrease the fellowship time between on-campus worship services?
22. Are you going to cancel mid-week Wednesday night services, meals, and Bible studies?
23. Should you be investing in new digital equipment right now?
24. Will a new staff or volunteer position emerge from COVID-19?