

Missionary's Message

The Week of Prayer for Association Missions is October 18 - 25. The theme is **Fix Our Eyes**. The theme verse is 2 Corinthians 4:18, "So we do not focus on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." The prayer guide has been emailed to churches. It is also printed below. Please join me this month in praying for the SRBA.

Scott Setzer



Day One: Sunday, October 18

PRAY for 2020 Vision concerning the worship of those gathering with you today in your place of worship.

Scripture Reading: Revelation 7:9-10

Day Two: Monday, October 19

PRAY for 2020 Vision concerning your personal worship.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 92:1

Day Three: Tuesday, October 20

PRAY for 2020 Vision concerning reaching immigrants with the Gospel. Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 10:18

Day Four: Wednesday, October 21

PRAY for 2020 Vision concerning dying churches. Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 37:5-6

Day Five: Thursday, October 22

PRAY for 2020 Vision concerning helping a sister church become stronger or perhaps asking for help from a sister church to help your church become stronger.

Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:29

Day Six: Friday, October 23

PRAY for 2020 Vision concerning God's richest blessings on other churches in your community.

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1

Day Seven: Saturday, October 24

PRAY for 2020 Vision concerning you and your church making disciples who make disciples, especially among young adults.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:19-20

Day Eight: Sunday, October 25

PRAY for 2020 Vision concerning those missing in your place of worship today. Think about your church and the community/neighborhood around your church. Are they similar in demographics? Scripture Reading: Mark 16:15

October is

Pastor Appreciation

Month

Here are a few ideas for showing appreciation to your pastor and church ministry staff...

1. Write an encouraging note and tell them that you are praying for them.
2. Give them a gift card to their favorite coffee shop or restaurant.
3. Provide child care for a date night.
4. Be an encourager to the pastor's family.
5. Be a vocal encourager for your pastor.
6. Take a treat to the church office during the week.
7. Serve faithfully and consistently in the ministry of the church.
8. Give generously to the work of the church.
9. Help them guard their family time and days off. Provide for them other avenues of rest as well.
10. Show them your appreciation all 12 months of the year!

Appalachian Coalfields Christmas Outreach

In last month's newsletter, we shared information about how churches can get involved in the Appalachian Coalfields Christmas Outreach. Bible Missionary Baptist Church (BMBC) in Wilson and several other SRBA churches have been participating in this ministry. Mary Murphy from BMBC is our association's contact person for this ministry. This year, BMBC has a unique offer to help with the cost of filling the backpacks. BMBC has backpacks, Bibles, and inserts that share the true meaning of Christmas available for \$7.00 each. Churches are responsible for filling the backpacks with clothing and hygiene items. BMBC will be a collection site again this year, so you can deliver your filled backpacks to them Saturday, November 7th. If you have any questions, email Mary Murphy at bmbcwilson@gmail.com. Here is the link to the Appalachian Coalfields Ministry on the Baptists on Mission website: <https://baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/United-States/Appalachian-Coalfields/Appalachian-Christmas-Outreach>. Here, you can find the information and how to fill your backpack and how to prepare it for delivery.

WMU News

I recently read a quote by Tim Keller that really struck my heart: "Not everyone is your brother or sister in faith, but everyone is your neighbor, and you must love your neighbor." Keller, of course, is referring to the Great Commandment from Jesus: "Love your neighbor as yourself." During the past 6-7 months, we have become more aware than ever of the needs around us. With social distancing, sheltering in place, etc., how we are able to minister to others has certainly changed. Even with all the changes, the question remains the same... "How can I love my neighbor well, touching them at their point of need?" A few simple questions may help: 1. What do I know about my neighbor? 2. What is a need they may have that I can meet? 3. How can I pray for my neighbor?

How we are able to 'go' looks really different nowadays. But not going is not an option. For their good and Christ's glory!

In His service,

Corby

Just a reminder: Red Box items: 10-15 oz. bottles of shampoo (no conditioner) due at the SRBA office or SRBA Quarterly meeting scheduled for October 19

Application for Ministry Team Assistance

The Application for Ministry Team Assistance is available for any SRBA church that would like to receive funds to help with ministry outreach in their community. It may be an ongoing ministry like a food pantry, or a one-time event. The Application can be accessed by going to southroanoke.org/your-church-on-mission/ and clicking on the "Application for Ministry Team Assistance" button. If you would like more information, feel free to contact the SRBA office.



Become a foster family through Baptist Children's Homes of NC! We train and support couples to become a licensed family foster home to North Carolina boys and girls. For more information, call Brian Baltzell at (252) 361-9753, or visit www.bchfamily.org/help/foster_care.