

CHURCH STEWARDSHIP	SEPTEMBER	YTD	CHURCH STEWARDSHIP	SEPTEMBER	YTD	CHURCH STEWARDSHIP	SEPTEMBER	YTD
ACORN HILL	61.43	311.55	JAMESVILLE, FIRST	0.00	1,000.00	SMITHTON, FIRST	0.00	2,000.00
AENON	0.00	1,216.41	KOREAN MISSION	0.00	200.00	SPEED	0.00	78.50
AYDEN, FIRST	163.59	1,838.85	LIGHT OF THE WORLD	0.00	225.00	STANTONSBURG, FIRST	0.00	1,875.00
BELHAVEN	0.00	2,328.99	LOVE	0.00	500.00	STOKES	0.00	200.00
BETHEL	0.00	2,190.00	MERCY	0.00	0.00	SWAN QUARTER	0.00	2,000.00
BIBLE	310.36	3,722.12	THE MEMORIAL	0.00	250.00	TARBORO, FIRST	344.79	3,823.86
CEDAR BRANCH	850.00	3,567.00	MILDRED	454.21	1,826.34	TRINITY	0.00	1,666.64
DISCOVERY	0.00	0.00	NEW HOPE MISSIONARY	0.00	3,000.00	WASHINGTON, FIRST	1,000.00	9,000.00
EAGLES	114.58	1,031.24	NEW VISION COMMUNITY	25.00	225.00	WASHINGTON HISPANIC	194.55	2,321.57
EASTGATE	50.00	450.00	NORTHERN BLVD.	0.00	600.00	WASHINGTON, SECOND	416.67	3,750.03
ELM CITY	0.00	250.00	OAK CITY	250.00	750.00	WEBBS CHAPEL	674.69	6,107.62
EVERETTS	0.00	272.88	OAKMONT	205.00	1,845.00	WEST END, WASHINGTON	0.00	460.00
FAMILY CHURCH	0.00	0.00	PACTOLUS	216.63	1,949.99	WEST END, WILLIAMSTON	384.63	3,686.88
FARMVILLE, FIRST	0.00	4,932.36	PENDERS CHAPEL	542.11	6,255.29	WILLIAMSTON MEMORIAL	833.34	8,250.06
FOREST HILLS	411.41	3,493.27	PINETOPS	0.00	4,547.62	WILSON, FIRST	1,575.00	6,300.00
FOUNTAIN	300.00	900.00	PINETOWN	0.00	200.00	WILSON, FIRST HISPANIC	0.00	0.00
FREEDOM	150.00	1,425.00	PINEY GROVE	648.00	6,278.00	WINTERVILLE	1,368.42	8,315.78
GRACE	194.21	1,846.07	PLEASANT HOPE	0.00	1,598.25			
GREENVILLE HISPANIC	0.00	0.00	PLYMOUTH, FIRST	1,000.00	4,500.00			
HAMILTON	0.00	1,500.00	RALEIGH ROAD	0.00	0.00			
IGLESIA AMOR DE DIOS	25.00	225.00	REDDICKS GROVE	0.00	750.00			
IGNITE, CHOCOWINITY	2,000.00	2,000.00	REDEMPTION CHURCH AT NEW HOPE	0.00	991.44			
IGNITE, GREENVILLE	150.00	1,350.00	RIVERSIDE MISSION	0.00	0.00			
IMMANUEL	200.00	1,000.00	RIVERVIEW	884.34	4,212.45			
INTEGRITY	200.00	1,000.00	ROBERSONVILLE, FIRST	175.00	1,575.00			
						<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$16,372.96</b>	<b>\$139,966.06</b>

**Photos of churches in action**

The PowerPoint slides of churches in action was well received at our Annual Gathering. So much so, we will have a similar presentation at all of our Quarterly Gatherings. Whenever your church has a special event, send us a few photos, with a brief description to either of these email addresses: [know.doubt.268@gmail.com](mailto:know.doubt.268@gmail.com), or [linda@southroanoke.org](mailto:linda@southroanoke.org). The deadline to have your photos included in the January 22, 2024 Quarterly Gathering is January 15<sup>th</sup>. Otherwise, we will include them in the following meeting.

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

Belhaven  
Bethel  
Cedar Branch  
Eagles  
Everetts  
Jamesville, First  
Pinetown  
West End,  
Williamston  
Winterville

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**SWARM to western NC**

Southwest Area Resort Ministries, an SBC organization, is organizing an outreach to visitors coming to the Great Smokey Mountains on June 24- July 25, 2024. Its emphasis comes from Romans 8:28, *all things work together for good to those who love God, who are called according to His purpose*. Activities range from campground VBS to conversational evangelism. You can commit to as many days as you choose. It can be a great mission opportunity for a group from your church (youth, music, senior adult, etc.) Contact Karen McCracken at [knburnette@yahoo.com](mailto:knburnette@yahoo.com) or 828-506-4463.



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**ServeNC 2024 partnership opportunities**

NC Baptists have planned a state-wide initiative for August 3-10, 2024. Local churches are encouraged to find a mission opportunity in your local community to be done during this period. As of this writing, seven SRBA churches have signed up:

Bethel BC  
Freedom Church  
Ignite Church  
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Piney Grove BC  
Redemption Church at New Hope  
Webbs Chapel

If your church is located near one of the above, contact them to see if you can form a partnership to better accomplish a project, or develop a project of your own. Projects do not have to be large-scale or expensive. A few members can pick up debris in a local park, offer bottles of cold water outside a mall, or sit on a park bench with a sign offering "Free Prayer." This is also a great opportunity for our Hispanic churches to join with each other in some local project. Your Association will keep a list of participating churches, and help you make contact to explore partnerships.

**Gift books for pastors**

If you missed coming to the Annual Gathering, pastors can still pick up the two gift books at the Association office: *The Unsaved Christian* (Dean Inserra) and *One To One Bible Reading* (David Helm).

## Interim Associational Missionary Message

I concluded my verbal presentation at the Annual Gathering by reminding listeners of the three ingredients needed to have fire: fuel, oxygen, and heat. Missing any one of the elements means a fire cannot be started or grow. I likened those components to the challenge facing us in 2024.

Fuel represents our churches, with many shapes, sizes, and characteristics. Oxygen is the simile of God's spirit working in the fuel, and the heat comes from the spark of individuals the Lord places in our midst. I envision 2024 as an opportunity to be more on fire for Jesus Christ and His gospel, in the church, in families, in the community, and in the world. We have all the ingredients, including many of your current leaders, plus the added spark of the calling of a new AMS. The challenge now is to effectively combine the components according to our stated purpose: to assist churches to share fellowship, do missions and ministries, and to assist every church to accomplish The Great Commission vision.

Included in this month's newsletter are articles suggesting how churches can work even more cooperatively to go on mission. The whole is stronger than the sum of its parts. You can sew with one thread, but you can build a rope with many threads.

Contrary to some popular opinions, you do not have to wait for the calling of your new pastor or Associational Missionary. You sit now in the presence of God-given gifts to expand how we are on fire for the Lord. To be effective it is necessary to act now. If it is cold outside, you can wait for summer to arrive, or you can build the fire now.

In a way, we need to be like the sons of Issachar who understood the times and knew what to do (1 Chronicles 12:32). We must be aware of the present times around us. The world is luring people away from God with lies about how you don't need the church to be a Christian, or there are other means of salvation besides Jesus Christ, or the Bible is not inerrant.

During WWII, Stalin once told Roosevelt that if you didn't want to do something, any excuse would suffice. We often fall into the same temptation by saying let someone else do it. The reality, though, is there is no "someone else", we have all been commissioned by the Lord for such a time as this (cf. Esther 4:14; Acts 1:8).

I pray that everyone who reads this message will be moved to talk with others in your congregation, and in other churches, about how you might enlarge the kingdom of heaven on earth, and increase the population of the eternal kingdom of God.

Keep the SON in your eyes.

*Tom Doubt*

## WMU News

In 1948, Baptist women in Europe called for a day of prayer as 'a means to unite Baptists separated by pain and devastation of war and to strengthen the spiritual bonds'.

Today the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer is truly a world-wide event. This year's observance is Nov. 6, 2023. You can find videos, other resources, and prayer requests from around the world at [bwawomen.org/day-of-prayer](http://bwawomen.org/day-of-prayer). Now, more than ever Baptist sisters need to be in prayer for one another.

Praying with you,  
*Corby Bunting*  
SRBA WMU Director

## Available Ministry Positions

**Belhaven: Full-time Pastor** - email resume to: [belhavenmissionaryb@gmail.com](mailto:belhavenmissionaryb@gmail.com) or by mail to: Belhaven Missionary Baptist Church, PO Box 400, Belhaven, NC 27810 Attn: Ricky Radcliffe/Pastor Search

**Bible: Youth Minister/Director (full-time)** - Contact the church at 252-243-7078 or [bmbcwilson@gmail.com](mailto:bmbcwilson@gmail.com)

**Webbs Chapel: Part-time Youth Pastor** - Contact Pastor Stephen Duncan [revstephenduncan@gmail.com](mailto:revstephenduncan@gmail.com)

**West End, Williamston: Full-time Pastor** - Send resume to: [applicant.webc@gmail.com](mailto:applicant.webc@gmail.com)

*Go to [southroanoke.org/church-jobs/](http://southroanoke.org/church-jobs/) for additional information.*

## Prayer Prompt

For as in one body, we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.' Romans 12:4-5.

This month we thank the Lord for the diversity of gifts, experiences and personalities of the members of the search team. We also thank Him for bringing them together for this time, season and purpose. We pray they will continue to work in unity for the glory of God and the good of the Association.

SRBA Prayer Team



## AMS Search Team Update

Your SRBA AMS Search Team is currently reviewing resumes until the cutoff date of November 15, 2023. We have received quite a few resumes and are putting them in tiers as to various levels of interest. We continue to pray that we will be open to the Lord's leading in the selection of the candidate He has waiting for us. Please continue to pray for God's guidance.

## Town and county fairs in 2024

A number of people at our Annual Gathering on October 16th were impressed by the photos of churches who were a presence at local and county fairs. Why not expand that effort in 2024? Look at your community calendar and see what events are planned. For a multi-day occasion, like a fair, consider setting up a laundry trailer for fair workers (as Forest Hills did), or organize a Prayer Team (like Cedar Branch did), or a Bible club for children of fair workers. One day local events also present opportunities to use the Association's Event Trailer or snack machines, your own resources, or even decorate a trailer for a parade. The ideas are endless, as are possibilities to join with other churches to take the Gospel to an event. If you need help starting a fair ministry, contact Griffin Avin at [AVING@ecu.edu](mailto:AVING@ecu.edu).

**SRBA will be closed November 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving.**

## Monthly Pastors' Meetings:

**Beaufort:** Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 8:30 a.m. FBC Washington

**Edgecombe:** Monday, Nov. 13 at 11:30 a.m.

Webbs Chapel BC: Bring a bag lunch

**Martin:** Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 8:30 a.m. Hamilton BC

**Pitt:** Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 8:30 a.m. Association Office

**Wilson:** Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 8:30 a.m. Bible Missionary

Each month we will discuss a "Hot Topic". For November, the Hot Topic is addressing natural and moral evil. An article on the topic, as a conversation starter will be included in an email reminder to pastors.

If you cannot make the meeting in your area, you are welcome to attend one in another area.