

CHURCH STEWARDSHIP	JANUARY	YTD	CHURCH STEWARDSHIP	JANUARY	YTD	CHURCH STEWARDSHIP	JANUARY	YTD
ACORN HILL	0.00	0.00	JAMESVILLE, FIRST	500.00	500.00	SPEED	0.00	0.00
AENON	493.14	493.14	KOREAN MISSION	0.00	0.00	STANTONSBURG, FIRST	0.00	0.00
AYDEN, FIRST	194.46	194.46	LIGHT OF THE WORLD	0.00	0.00	STOKES	0.00	0.00
BELHAVEN	276.30	276.30	LOVE	0.00	0.00	SWAN QUARTER	0.00	0.00
BETHEL	730.00	730.00	MERCY	0.00	0.00	TARBORO, FIRST	661.75	661.75
BIBLE	413.94	413.94	THE MEMORIAL	0.00	0.00	TRINITY	208.33	208.33
CEDAR BRANCH	460.00	460.00	MILDRED	250.52	250.52	WASHINGTON, FIRST	1,250.00	1,250.00
DISCOVERY	0.00	0.00	NEW VISION COMMUNITY	25.00	25.00	WASHINGTON, FIRST HISPANIC	165.43	165.43
EAGLES	114.59	114.59	NORTHERN BLVD.	200.00	200.00	WASHINGTON, SECOND	416.67	416.67
EASTGATE	50.00	50.00	OAK CITY	250.00	250.00	WEBBS CHAPEL	0.00	0.00
ELM CITY	0.00	0.00	OAKMONT	205.00	205.00	WEST END, WASHINGTON	0.00	0.00
EVERETTS	0.00	0.00	PACTOLUS	216.67	216.67	WEST END, WILLIAMSTON	398.20	398.20
FAMILY CHURCH	0.00	0.00	PENDERS CHAPEL	567.25	567.25	WILLIAMSTON MEMORIAL	833.34	833.34
FARMVILLE, FIRST	1,998.83	1,998.83	PINETOPS	455.08	455.08	WILSON, FIRST	1,575.00	1,575.00
FOREST HILLS	0.00	0.00	PINETOWN	0.00	0.00	WILSON, FIRST HISPANIC	0.00	0.00
FOUNTAIN	0.00	0.00	PINEY GROVE	700.00	700.00	WINTERVILLE	837.33	837.33
FREEDOM	150.00	150.00	PLEASANT HOPE	508.25	508.25			
GRACE	491.30	491.30	PLYMOUTH, FIRST	500.00	500.00			
GREENVILLE HISPANIC	0.00	0.00	RALEIGH ROAD	0.00	0.00			
HAMILTON	1,600.00	1,600.00	REDDICKS GROVE	0.00	0.00			
IGLESIA AMOR DE DIOS	25.00	25.00	REDEMPTION CHURCH AT NEW HOPE	1,504.37	1,504.37			
IGNITE, CHOCOWINITY	0.00	0.00	HOPE	0.00	0.00			
IGNITE, GREENVILLE	150.00	150.00	RIVERSIDE MISSION	0.00	0.00			
IMMANUEL	200.00	200.00	RIVERVIEW	0.00	0.00			
INTEGRITY	100.00	100.00	ROBERSONVILLE, FIRST	175.00	175.00			
			SMITHTON, FIRST	0.00	0.00			
						TOTALS	\$19,850.75	\$19,850.75

AMS Search Team Update

The SRBA AMS Search Team is in contact with our candidate who has been on an international mission trip. We are praying that God will show us without question if this is the right man. He and his wife are praying the same. Thank you for continuing to keep us in your prayers.

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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SRBA Quarterly Gatherings for 2024

- April 15 - Redemption at New Hope, Wilson County Reception & exhibits beforehand
- July 15 - Washington, 2nd Baptist, Beaufort County Reception & exhibits beforehand
- October 21 - Winterville Baptist, Pitt County Dinner & exhibits beforehand



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Counseling Services for Pastors & Their Families

N.C. Baptists have partnered with GuideStone Financial Resources to offer Christian counseling sessions at no cost to pastors and church leaders.

Starting March 1st, any NC Baptist pastor, church staff leader, or related family member, struggling with personal mental health challenges is eligible to receive care. They can sign up for six no-cost therapy sessions through the online Global Counseling Network. Pastors and church leaders can get more information by filling out an interest form: <https://ncbaptist.wufoo.com/forms/mt13xbpltbmj6n/>

South Roanoke Baptist Association has locally identified current, or former pastors, who are licensed counselors, and understand the stressors for pastors and their families. These individuals, and their wives, are willing to help. You can contact them directly.

- Stephen Bradley (919) 671-4867
sab222653@gmail.com
- Michael Dixon (252) 560-5091
mikelifeaddictionrecovery@gmail.com
- Jason Ebeling (252) 375-6028
jason@discoverync.com
- David Marrow (252) 514-1635
david@olietreecounseling.com

Interim Associational Missionary Message March 2024

Jesus established His church on a family model, not an organizational model. Foremost, every believer is brought into the family through a personal relationship with Christ, not by submitting an application to church leaders. Like any family, New Testament churches had challenges. At times, rascals would butt heads with saints. Yet, when a need arose, families would come together for a common purpose (cf. 2 Cor. 8 or Phil. 4:18).

Informal cooperative efforts became known in England as "associations." By 1653 Baptist associations in England were organized nationally into a General Assembly. Assemblies were the forerunners of what we now call conventions.

In colonial America, the first formal Baptist association was organized in 1707. By 1814 associations formed a national organization, the Triennial Convention, to advance missionary work. The slavery issue in 1845 resulted in southern churches leaving the Triennial Convention to form the Southern Baptist Convention.

Long ago, Americans wanted to have hope and a future; accepting the Gospel and becoming part of a church family met that desire. Today, most religiously unaffiliated folks have no concept of a biblical church family or salvation; yet surveys indicate they have the same basic longings, but don't think they can find answers in churches. Why? Part of the answer resides in churches shifting from more of a family to more of an organization. Family meaning people oriented, organization focusing on programs and rules. Associations are a reflection of churches.

If churches were based on Christ's family model, then associations would be a family of churches, willing to encourage each other and unite for common Great Commission goals, including reaching the unaffiliated in eastern NC.

Do you want your church to be primarily a family or primarily an organization? Each church has the autonomy to decide to be more or less family, more or less organization. What churches decide will be reflected in the vision and mission of the South Roanoke Baptist Association.

Keep the SON in your eyes.

Tom Doubt

Photos needed for CIA Report

Our next quarterly Gathering for the SRBA will be Monday, April 15th at Redemption Church at New Hope in Wilson. As part of the last several Quarterly Gatherings, there will be a visual presentation of Churches In Action (CIA). For activities from New Years Day to April 10th please send photos to Tom at know.doubt.268@gmail.com. They don't have to be just related to Easter, but could be any outreach, mission trip, special celebration, etc.

Available Ministry Positions

Belhaven: Full-time Pastor - email resume to: belhavenmissionaryb@gmail.com Attn: Wade Boswell/
Pastor Search

Bethel: Full-time Pastor - submit resume via email at info@bbenc.net. Also, you can reach us at 252-917-1813.

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

Forest Hills: Part-time Pianist - contact Chris Bridges, Minister of Music 252-243-4149 or chrisandsharon@gmail.com.

Washington, First: Lead Pastor - send resumes to fbcpst@gmail.com

Webbs Chapel: Full-time Associate Pastor/Youth & Family - Contact Pastor Stephen Duncan revstephenduncan@gmail.com

West End, Williamston: Full-time Pastor - Send resume to: applicant.webc@gmail.com

Go to southroanoke.org/church-jobs/ for additional information.

2nd Annual Women's Conference

First Baptist Church Tarboro

Guest Speaker: Virginia Roberson

Saturday, March 16th 9 AM - 1 PM

Cost \$15.00 Lunch Included

To register, call 252-823-0111 by March 8



Leadership Council Team Reports

Impacting Lostness

The Impacting Lostness Team met on Thursday, February 22, and discussed a request from interim pastor Billy Crabtree to help his members with a religious survey of the town of Bethel prior to a revival in May. The Team came up with a possible evangelistic survey based on one Billy already had which could be used as a tool to witness to people in the community and visit prospects.

Evan Johnson, Impacting Lostness Team Leader

Ministry and Mission

Our purpose is to train, equip, and encourage SRBA churches to advance the kingdom of God by accomplishing the gospel mission of God in our communities, throughout our region and around the world. Part of how we do that is through encouraging and connecting churches who are on mission with those wanting to be on mission.

As of now, we know that Ignite Church Chocowinity will be organizing two trips to Guatemala this summer. If you are interested in joining their teams or supporting their teams with prayer or financial support, please let us know. As NC Baptist, we are a movement of churches on mission together! We believe that Gospel work happens best because we are #bettertogether.

If you have a trip coming up and want to invite others, please let us know.

For mission trip information or to partner, please contact Pastor Greg at Greg.hombirg@ignitechurch.com

Greg Hombirg, Ministry and Mission Team Leader

Prayer

On February 15, members of the Prayer Team had the privilege of praying on site at several of our Martin County churches. We were able to pray with several pastors and lay people. What a blessing! We are continually amazed at how God orchestrates each visit according to His perfect plan. To Him be all praise, honor and glory!

Corby Bunting, Prayer Team Leader

Regional Pastors' meetings - March 2024

Area	Host Church	Date	Time
Beaufort	FBC Washington	Tuesday, March 12	8:30 a.m.
Edgecombe	FBC Tarboro	Monday, March 4	11:30 a.m. Lunch Provided
Martin	Williamston Memorial	Wednesday, March 27	8:30 a.m.
Pitt	SRBA Office Greenville	Wednesday, March 13	8:30 a.m.
Wilson	Bible Missionary Wilson	Wednesday, March 6	8:30 a.m.

Hot Topic: Do religious “Nones” see churches and the Association as primarily an organization or primarily as a family? (Pew Research Foundation, Jan. 2024)

Outreach Trailer Trainings

March 16 8:00 AM - Noon
Pinetops Baptist Church
710 W Hamlet St., Pinetops

April 6 8:00 AM - Noon
Forest Hills Baptist Church
1407 Forest Hills Rd. W, Wilson

Churches desiring to use the trailer must have at least two members attend the training. These trainings can also serve as a refresher for any who have taken it before (though not mandatory). The training covers policies and procedures for reserving and using the trailer along with learning how to set-up and operate the items in the trailer. For more information about renting the outreach trailer, go to southroanoke.org and click on the Outreach Trailer tab.

To sign up for these training events, please call the SRBA office. 252-756-4332.



Baptist Missions Conference April 5-6, 2024

Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC

3 General Sessions, 100 different mission breakout sessions, Friday night mission opportunities supper, mission testimonies, mission fair exhibits and much more.

Main Speakers Include:

Anne Graham Lotz, Quintell Hill, Mark Richt (former head football coach at Georgia), Todd Unzicker, Tom Richter, Jeff Iorg, Alicia Jones (missionary in Hungary), Shauna Pilgreen (author and missions speaker), Rebekah Naylor (former medical missionary)

For registration, hotel information and additional details call 919-459-5596.

Friday & Saturday - \$30 (With Friday Supper and Saturday Lunch)

Friday & Saturday - \$20 (Includes Saturday Lunch)

Friday w/Supper - \$15 (Friday Supper and Friday Session Only)

Saturday only - \$15 (Includes Saturday Lunch)

Baptist Children's Home - Food Roundup

During the month of April, the Baptist Children's Homes of NC conducts a Food Roundup. The non-perishable food, and donations to buy perishable food, are given to the Cottage Parents and Foster Parents to provide meals and snacks for boys and girls in their care.

The South Roanoke Baptist Association will be a collection point to drop off your church's food items or gift cards. We will see the donations are delivered to the Kennedy Home in Kinston. The food and supplies list is extensive, so please go to <https://www.bchfamily.org/food-round-up> to see all items before you start your collection. An email has been sent to all SRBA pastors with the information and a link to a 45-second promotion video.

Contact BCH Food Roundup coordinator Alan Williams at 336-474-1277 or awilliams@bchfamily.org for more information.

WMU Annual Meeting

March 9

First Baptist Church, Washington

Registration: 9:30 am

Meeting : 10:00-11:30 am

Mission Project for the WMU Annual Meeting:

(Please bring items to the SRBA Office by March 8 or to the meeting on March 9.)

Raab Hope Lodge of Greenville, NC, serves adult cancer patients needing to stay for cancer treatments. This operates much like the Ronald McDonald House for children. Since this Home is utilized by all of our SRBA counties we feel we can help with the following needs:

Sweet-n-Low, Sugar, Splenda.

Gifts cards for (quick meals, personal needs or BIN-GO prizes-Bojangles, Food Lion, Walmart, Wendy's, Starbucks, Krispy Kreme etc.

Individual Snacks

Individual Juices

Assorted individually wrapped hard candy (helps with dry mouth from treatments)

SUGAR FREE as well as regular

LARGE PRINT Word Puzzle Books

Adult Coloring Books (Simple) with Colored Pencils

If you have any questions call Beverly B. Butler 252-799-6935.

Video Conferencing Capability

The SRBA Conference Room has been set up for livestream and video conferencing. The plan is to use this resource as a learning tool for pastors, church leaders, and congregations. Recorded videos can be broadcast, as well as live streaming of seminars or meetings. For starters, the Association has a Zoon account, but other apps can be added once we see what options provide the greatest benefit to our churches.

Fill the Tank Sunday 2024

On April 7th, the Sunday after Easter, NC Baptist churches are encouraged to celebrate the ordinance of baptism as a way to preach the gospel and baptize new believers. Last year, on Baptism Sunday, 250 churches across NC baptized 1,600 new believers.

Preparations begin now. Your church can sign up at <https://ncbaptist.org/fill-the-tank-nc/> Start by praying and identifying a lost person(s). Share the gospel with the lost. Preach and teach about the meaning of baptism. Then fill your baptismal tank for April 7th or another date of your choosing.

Pastoral Residency Program

When Paul wrote to his protégé Timothy, he instructed him to take the gospel he had received and to entrust it to “faithful men, who will be able to teach others also” (2 Tim. 2:2). A vital component of any church’s mission is to prepare a leadership pipeline of future men who can be entrusted with the gospel ministry. At Redemption Church at New Hope, the priority of training future pastors has led us to begin a ten-month, full-time pastoral residency for young men aspiring to vocational ministry.

The bulk of the internship is reading, writing, mentorship, and observation, giving them an inside look at the work of pastoral ministry. We have designed the internship to help bridge the gap between seminary education and experience in local church ministry. Hospitable church members are opening up spaces in their homes to receive an intern for ten months, and the church is providing a small stipend to cover basic living expenses. We hope this pastoral residency may bless the larger church as young men are trained, equipped, and entrusted with the gospel to serve other local churches.

Pastors, let me encourage you to consider crafting your own program for training future pastors. And if you are a young man interested in our pastoral residency, the internship begins in August. Email me at justin@redemption.church if you are interested in applying.

Welcome New Pastors

First Baptist Church, Jamesville has called Rev. Merritt Taylor as Interim Pastor effective January 7th.

Stokes Baptist Church has called Rev. David Dalton as Interim Pastor effective February 11th.

First Baptist Church, Washington has called Dr. Joe Olachea as Interim Pastor effective January 3rd.

Prayer Prompt

As the AMS Search Team moves forward with the person they have identified as potentially our next AMS, please ask the Lord to continue to lead and orchestrate every part of this process in His perfect will and perfect way. Please pray for continued grace and strength for the team members as they continue to serve.

Praying with you,
The Prayer Team



Interim AMS Activities: Jan. - Feb. 2024

Monthly regional pastors’ meetings (9); agenda for Leadership Council meeting (1); Care for concerns of pastors (7 contacts); Assist churches with pastor search process (5 meetings); Visit churches (4); discussions with local counselors for pastors & families (5 conversations); Video conferencing design, material, set up, text (8 sessions).

Information gathering for: monthly SRBA newsletters; estate planning, perinatal death ministry, church internship programs, “Acts of Random Kindness” ministry; national SBC meetings.

Worship Leader Training

Kenny Lamm will be leading the Worship Leader Training on April 11-13 (Thursday afternoon to Saturday afternoon) at the Charity Equipping Center in Rose Hill. The cost is \$75/person, including all the meals and free lodging for those who do not want to commute. Participants can go on to earn a certificate from Fruitland or SEBTS with additional work. The webpage with more information is <https://www.renewingworshipnc.org/training/>

ServeNC 2024

The Baptist State Convention of NC is calling churches to commit to serving others in their local communities during the week of **August 3-10, 2024**. Our Association encourages each of our churches to spend all, or part of, that week completing service projects to meet the needs of their local communities in Jesus’ name.

Here are some ideas for the kind of project you might do:

Plant a garden	Build a wheelchair ramp
Lead a Bible club	Give caregivers a break
Deliver cookies	Landscape a yard
Do free oil changes	Do free car washes
Check smoke alarms	Set up a Free Prayer table

Consider partnering with one of our SRBA churches that has already signed up to ServeNC:

Freedom	Ignite Chocowinity	Ignite Greenville
Mercy	Pinetops	Piney Grove
Redemption	Tarboro FBC	Webbs Chapel
Williamston Memorial		

You can sign your church up to participate in ServeNC by visiting servenc.com.

NC Baptist Board of Directors Meeting

Members of the N.C. Baptist board of directors held their first meeting of the new year, January 29-30 at Caraway Conference Center. **Yvette Ingram**, of Freedom Church in the SRBA, serves on this board. **Justin Deeter** of Redemption Church at New Hope in Wilson was elected chair of Christian Life and Public Affairs.

The full report can be found at <https://ncbaptist.org/article/nc-baptist-board-celebrates-milestones-looks-ahead-to-2024/>

2024 SBC Annual Meeting

June 9-12, 2024 in Indianapolis, IN

Details and hotel reservations:

<https://sbcannualmeeting.net/hotels/>

Theme: *One Mind, One Voice* (Romans 15:5-6)