

CHURCH STEWARDSHIP	FEBRUARY	YTD	CHURCH STEWARDSHIP	FEBRUARY	YTD	CHURCH STEWARDSHIP	FEBRUARY	YTD	FEBRUARY	YTD
ACORN HILL	55.08	55.08	JAMESVILLE, FIRST	0.00	500.00	SPEED	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
AENON	0.00	493.14	KOREAN MISSION	0.00	0.00	STANTONSBURG, FIRST	625.00	625.00	625.00	625.00
AYDEN, FIRST	172.50	366.96	LIGHT OF THE WORLD	0.00	0.00	STOKES	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
BELHAVEN	236.84	513.14	LOVE	0.00	0.00	SWAN QUARTER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BETHEL	0.00	730.00	MERCY	0.00	0.00	TARBORO, FIRST	353.52	1,015.27	353.52	1,015.27
BIBLE	324.69	738.63	THE MEMORIAL	0.00	0.00	TRINITY	208.33	416.66	208.33	416.66
CEDAR BRANCH	394.00	854.00	MILDRED	160.80	411.32	WASHINGTON, FIRST	1,250.00	2,500.00	1,250.00	2,500.00
DISCOVERY	0.00	0.00	NEW VISION COMMUNITY	25.00	50.00	WASHINGTON, FIRST HISPANIC	125.97	291.40	125.97	291.40
EAGLES	114.59	229.18	NORTHERN BLVD.	0.00	200.00	WASHINGTON, SECOND	416.67	833.34	416.67	833.34
EASTGATE	50.00	100.00	OAK CITY	0.00	250.00	WEBBS CHAPEL	333.33	333.33	333.33	333.33
ELM CITY	0.00	0.00	OAKMONT	205.00	410.00	WEST END, WASHINGTON	460.00	460.00	460.00	460.00
EVERETTS	0.00	0.00	FACTOLUS	216.67	433.34	WEST END, WILLIAMSTON	350.28	748.48	350.28	748.48
FAMILY CHURCH	0.00	0.00	PENDERS CHAPEL	537.89	1,105.14	WILLIAMSTON MEMORIAL	833.34	1,666.68	833.34	1,666.68
FARMVILLE, FIRST	0.00	1,998.83	PINETOPS	455.08	910.16	WILSON, FIRST	0.00	1,575.00	0.00	1,575.00
FOREST HILLS	734.48	734.48	PINETOWN	0.00	0.00	WILSON, FIRST HISPANIC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FOUNTAIN	0.00	0.00	PINEY GROVE	688.00	1,388.00	WINTERVILLE	0.00	837.33	0.00	837.33
FREEDOM	150.00	300.00	PLEASANT HOPE	0.00	508.25	TOTALS	\$12,039.49	\$31,890.24		
GRACE	198.35	689.65	PLYMOUTH, FIRST	0.00	500.00					
GREENVILLE HISPANIC	0.00	0.00	RALEIGH ROAD	0.00	0.00					
HAMILTON	0.00	1,600.00	REDDICKS GROVE	0.00	0.00					
IGLESIA AMOR DE DIOS	25.00	50.00	REDEMPTION CHURCH AT NEW HOPE	164.08	1,668.45					
IGNITE, CHOCOWINITY	0.00	0.00	RIVERSIDE MISSION	0.00	0.00					
IGNITE, GREENVILLE	150.00	300.00	RIVERVIEW	0.00	0.00					
IMMANUEL	1,600.00	1,800.00	ROBERSONVILLE, FIRST	175.00	350.00					
INTEGRITY	100.00	200.00	SMITHTON, FIRST	0.00	0.00					

AMS Search Team Update

Our lead candidate has withdrawn his name for the position of SRBA Mission Strategist due to personal reasons. While we are disappointed, we are not deterred. We know that God has a reason for this setback. The team is currently in the process of reviewing resumes and interviewing the next person on our list. We are praying that God will continue to lead us to the person he has chosen and continue to ask you to pray as well.

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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SRBA Spring Quarterly Gathering Monday, April 15

Redemption Church at New Hope
5142 NC Highway 58 N Wilson, NC

6:30 PM Reception
7:00 PM Worship Celebration

Baptist Children's Home – Food Roundup

From now until May 2nd we will be collecting non-perishable food, and gift cards to buy perishable items, for the Baptist Children's Homes of NC. You can drop off your church's food items or gift cards at the Association Office. Delivery of all donations will be made to the Kennedy Home in Kinston, and distributed as needed to other BCH sites.

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 extensive list of supplies needed can be found at <https://www.bchfamily.org/food-round-up>

Interim Associational Missionary Message April 2024

Bernie Sanders, US Senator from Vermont, wants to revise the Fair Labor Standards Act definition of full-time employment from 40 hours per week to 32 hours, a 20% decrease. Workers would be paid the same amount for working 32 hours as they did for working 40 hours.

He wrote in the Washington Post (March 19th) that worker productivity has increased 400% since 1940, but workers are earning less money (when adjusted for inflation); and more than half of full-time employees were working more than 40-hour weeks.

His proposal sounds appealing. There are, however, drawbacks. Automated self-check-out in stores is replacing the need for cashiers. No job, no money. If cashiers did go to a 32-hour week, businesses might either cut hours or hire another worker.

God's Word is our fair labor standards act. Salvation is a gift from God (Eph. 2:8), not a wage for our work. On the other hand, once saved, we are expected to work for the Lord with all our heart (Col. 3:23). Is it possible for an individual, church, or association to work less, and expect God to be pleased? I think not.

No time to reduce our efforts. A multitude of lost people are in the fields. Workers are few (cf., Matt. 9:37), but together the Lord can use us to do more than we could alone.

I am grateful for those saints and churches actively involved with our association to make Jesus known near and far. It is exciting to see cooperative efforts developing among churches that can bear more fruit than the sum of individual efforts for missions like collecting food for the Baptist Children's Homes or coats for the homeless in New York City. See the article *Acts of Random Kindness* to stimulate thinking outside the box for more cooperative ways to advance the Kingdom.

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@bbcnc.net. Also, you can reach us at 252-917-1813.

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

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

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

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

Winterville: Full-time Pastor - send resume to PastorSearch@wintervillebaptist.org or mail to Winterville Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1669, Winterville, NC 28590

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

MissionInsite Webinar – American Beliefs

Hear from special guest Dirk Rinker the lead researcher on the 2021 proprietary 15,000-person research project looking at what Americans believe. If you want to know more about the mindset and attitudes of the religious “nones” (now the largest “denomination” in the U.S.) you won't want to miss this webinar! Register at: https://acst.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_S2pcklVZRoy4Y2Y1RTKc2w#/registration

Leadership Council Team Reports

Impacting Lostness

The Impacting Lostness Team helped Pastor Billy Crabtree formulate a religious survey for the town of Bethel. Pastor Randy Smith, from Pinetops Baptist Church, and I will be helping members of Bethel Baptist Church take an evangelistic religious survey of the town of Bethel on Saturday, April 13. The survey will begin with a breakfast and orientation at the church and then continue out in the community till about 1pm when we meet back at the church. Any members from other SRBA churches would be welcome to come help with the survey. If interested in helping please call 252 798 5891 (Evan's office). Please pray that God will prepare the hearts of the people in the community and for the people doing the survey.

Evan Johnson, Impacting Lostness Team Leader

Ministry and Mission

The Ministry and Mission team is looking forward to helping church families work cooperatively in fulfilling the Great Commission here, near, and far. In 2024, we'd love to know where your church body is on mission and how we can invite others to join you on mission. We'd love for you to share pictures throughout the year so we can celebrate what God is doing with you. We want to see an association that is full of church bodies working cooperatively for one goal, to reach people with the Gospel.

Greg Hombirg, Ministry and Mission Team Leader

Prayer

The prayer team continues to serve SRBA churches by meeting monthly to pray over Kingdom requests. We look forward to praying for Pitt County churches this month, as we continue our 'praying onsite' throughout the association. Please reach out to Corby Bunting (Prayer Team Leader) with any ways we can be praying for you and/or your church. My email is crbunting63@yahoo.com.

Corby Bunting, Prayer Team Leader

Regional Pastors' meetings - APRIL 2024

Area	Host Church	Date	Time
Beaufort	FBC Washington	Tuesday, April 9	8:30 a.m.
Edgecombe	Pinetops	Monday, April 8	11:30 a.m. Bring a bag lunch
Martin	Williamston Memorial	Wednesday, April 24	8:30 a.m.
Pitt	SRBA Office Greenville	Wednesday, April 10	8:30 a.m.
Wilson	Bible Missionary Wilson	Wednesday, April 3	8:30 a.m.

Hot Topic: for April: What do people in pews believe about Hell? An article will be emailed to all pastors in advance of the monthly meetings.

Rampin' Up 2024

In 2012 the NC Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM) set a world record when churches built 321 ramps for older or handicapped individuals. The ramp building ministry is a way for people to see a demonstration of the Gospel, ministering even to “the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40). Often “the least of these” cannot fully cover the cost of lumber, and many of our SRBA churches have funds to cover the deficit. The SRBA has financially assisted churches in this ministry.

This year NCBAM is encouraging churches to build a ramp during the ServeNC campaign in August 3-10, but it can be built whenever you can schedule the project. If you do not have enough people at your church to build a ramp, contact the SRBA and we can connect you to one of the churches who has a ramp building ministry.

SBC Disaster Relief – 40th Anniversary

The March/April issue of the Biblical Recorder had an article about the 40th anniversary of the NC Baptist Disaster Relief. The first NC response was when a tornado caused extensive damage in Robeson County. One of 11 twisters passed through the town of Red Springs on the evening of March 28, 1984. By the next evening a NC Disaster Relief feeding unit was set up at FBC Red Springs to provide hot meals to residents.

SBC Disaster Relief began in 1967 when Texas Baptists responded to Hurricane Beulah. One task was to provide hot meals. It was done using the adage: start where you are – with what you have – and do something. A man was teaching RAs & GAs how to build a camp stove made out of a tin can. He got word of the need to feed survivors. The tin cans were loaded into his pickup truck. When he arrived at the Baptist site, the cans were used to provide a hot breakfast.

By 1984 NC Baptist Men had outfitted a tractor trailer as a mobile feeding unit. When it arrived in Robeson, 30 Baptist volunteers from around the state began providing hot meals for 300 people.

Here in North Carolina, you already have training opportunities to be involved in disaster relief. Now do something: get trained and respond when needed.



WMU

Thank you to everyone who attended our 2024 Associational WMU Annual Meeting! A special 'thank you' to the WMU of First Baptist, Washington for providing a delicious breakfast and a beautifully decorated facility where we could conduct our meeting. Thank you to those who supported the mission project. Beverly's car was filled with items to be delivered to the Hope House. Beverly carried a car load from the meeting and then she carried 3 other churches items that had been delivered to the SRBA office. One church delivered their own items. Our SRBA WMU Churches did very well. See below thank you note from Hope Lodge.

There is still time to register for the Ignite Missions Conference and Annual Meeting. The meeting is being held April 19-20, 2024 at Parkwood Baptist Church, Concord NC. There will be activities for children and teenagers, and a mission project you can participate in on Friday afternoon. Go to wmunc.org to register. Information is right there on the home page.

Following Jesus with you!
Corby Bunting

THANK YOU NOTE

March 20, 2024

Dear Ms. Butler,

On behalf of the American Cancer Society McConnell-Raab Hope Lodge I am writing to express our heartfelt thanks for your recent donations and gift cards. Supplies from donor like you provide the support needed to continue our mission. Your commitment plays a key role in our success.

*Most grateful,
Natalie Edwards,
Senior Mgr.*

Bible Trivia



The longest book in the Old Testament is Psalms.

What is the shortest book in the Old Testament?

Answer is elsewhere in this newsletter

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)

Coats for the City 2024

For 11 years NC Baptists have been collecting and distributing new, or gently worn, winter coats to New York City through the Coats for the City project. The South Roanoke Baptist Association will be a collection point for coats from now until September 30. The coats will be delivered to the NC collection center on November 4th. Coats will be distributed in New York City on Saturday, December 7th.

Every church in our Association is encouraged to collect coats and deliver them to the SRBA office. If a church desires to make a financial contribution toward the purchase of coats, the NC Baptists will provide matching funds to churches that complete the grant application at: <https://ncbaptist.wufoo.com/forms/2024-coats-for-the-city-matching-grant/>

Churches may organize a team to go to New York on a mission trip to help distribute coats; a great opportunity to involve youth and college students. The Association has some funds, if needed, to help offset the cost of the trip. In addition, if the SRBA collects 1,000 coats the Association will receive a \$400 grant to support travel to New York City. You can sign up your team at: <https://ncbaptist.wufoo.com/forms/2024-coats-for-the-city-assisting-application/>

Prayer Prompt

Dear Heavenly Father,
Please continue to fill the AMS Search Team members with Your wisdom, direction and clarity. In Jesus' name, amen.

Praying with you, The Prayer Team



Interim AMS Activities: March 2024

Led monthly regional pastors' meetings (5); chaired Leadership Council meeting; met with Trustees on Event Trailer use; encouraged pastors (10 contacts); assisted churches with pastor search process (3 meetings); attended church services (2); provided pulpit supply (3); arranged Acts of Random Kindness information for pastors and churches; obtained a laptop for video conferencing; organized information for BCH Food Roundup and Coats for the City. Gathered articles for the SRBA monthly newsletter and wrote an AMS message.

Acts of Random Kindness

Dr. Bill Viel compiled a book on approaches to ministry evangelism and servant evangelism, coupling practical evangelism to any ministry or mission. The book, published in 2008, is entitled *Acts of Random Kindness: Can Change You, Your Church, and the Entire World*. Dr. Viel's approach is that evangelism is more about developing relationships than it is about knocking on a door. He rightly points out that doing ministry and acts of kindness is for the explicit purpose of telling people, "Jesus loves you." Many novel ideas are present in his book in a way for people to see a demonstration of the Gospel, and in a fun way.

Until he was called home in 2023, Dr. Viel lived in Rocky Mount. The North Roanoke Baptist Association was given permission to distribute his book; they have put each chapter on their website: <https://www.nrbaptistnc.org> It is recommended you first download and read chapters 1 & 2 which explain the concepts of ministry evangelism and servant evangelism. Once read, you can better appreciate the examples and illustrations in chapters 3- 10. The SRBA has two hard copies of the book that can be borrowed if your church is interested in exploring new ideas or new approaches to existing ministries.

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. Some of your existing ministries and missions, like ramp building, can apply, even if it is not done during the week August.

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.

Video Conferencing Capability

A laptop has been obtained to run video conferencing in the Association's Conference Room. The final test run, using Zoom, was conducted the last week in March. We are very grateful to Mario Moreno, pastor of FBC Ayden, and Tony Cooke, member of Winterville, for their technical expertise in the design and setup; and for Larry Stephens, pastor of Piney Grove, for assisting in getting a laptop from Tech Soup.

Plans are being made to use this new system to offer training and information sessions, beginning in the latter part of April.

A Night of Worship Concert – April 20th

Jason Crabb and a special guest group, His Redeemed, will present a night of worship music at the Edgecombe Community College, 2009 W Wilson St, Tarboro, on Saturday, April 20, beginning at 6:00 PM. Admission is free. Pinetops Baptist Church organized the concert, but everyone is invited.

Answer to Bible Trivia:
Obadiah is the shortest book in the OT.