



# The NAVIGATOR

STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AND IMPACTING LOSTNESS

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## MARK YOUR COURSE

Calendar of Events

### DECEMBER

- 7th TRBA/FCM Monthly Prayer Drive  
8:00am-10:00 AM Rock Spring Baptist Church
- 7th 20th Anniversary Bikers Toy Run  
2:00 PM—Ephesus Baptist Church
- 10th Articles for January Newsletter due to Sherri
- 10th—12th CFM (Toy) Ministry Operations  
(Six distribution sites around association)
- 11th—TRBA Finance Committee Meeting  
12:30 PM—TRBA
- 17th—Monthly Pastors Fellowship  
11:30 AM—1:00 Pm—Johnny Bull's Restaurant (Dutch Treat)
- 24th—31st—TRBA Staff Holidays and "On-Call" - Actual holidays are 24th and 25th and January 1st. TRBA Office will be open BY APPOINTMENT ONLY on other days during this season of the year.

### JANUARY 2014

- 1st—3rd Office Closed  
(See above)
- 4th TRBA/FCM Monthly Prayer Drive  
8:00am-10:00 AM  
Pilot Baptist Church
- 7th LAST BUSINESS DAY FOR 2013 (Checks received from member churches written ON OR BEFORE December 31st AND received in our office by end of business day on January 7th will be applied to Budget Year 2013. All funds received AFTER January 7th will be applied to Budget Year 2014.
- 8th TRBA Finance Committee Meeting  
12:30 PM TRBA Office
- 10th Articles for February Newsletter due to Sherri

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The Bi-Monthly Newsletter of the Tar River Baptist Association



## Charting His Course

By: Dougald McLaurin  
Associational Missionary

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation".  
Mark 16:15

### Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!!!!!!!

Hard to believe it is that time of the year to hear those words. 2013 has flown by and 2014 is quickly approaching. I am praying God will use the messages of this season to revive our hearts and renew a right spirit in us that enables us to be used mightily in the work of His church. Please join me in prayer.

We have returned to a monthly newsletter effective immediately. Please run a few copies for those that might not have email in your church and share the events. This will be a simple, 4 page edition. As time progresses, we will add links within this newsletter to take you to bulleting inserts, flyers, and websites. We hope it will help you in communicated more effectively to your church family.



We will continue to use e-zines and our website to communicate with you. You should expect updates regularly. In this newsletter, we will use some of the sections just to tell you what will be in this section in days ahead.

From our house to yours, Linda and I wish you the very best this holiday season and trust you will KNOW Him who IS "reason for the season."

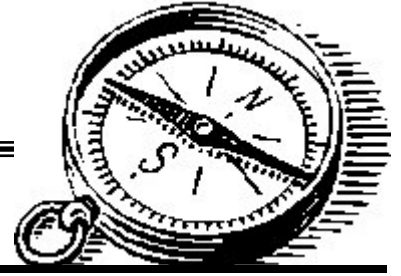
## Merry Christmas And Happy New Year

The staff of Tar River Baptist Association wishes each of you the very best this holiday season. May you experience God's richest blessings as you celebrate the Christ of Christmas. We pledge our prayers as we work together in the New Year.

God Bless!!  
Dougald, Sherri, Meredith,  
Matthew, and Susan



# CHURCH & COMMUNITY MINISTRIES



## MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### Open Doors through FOOD DISTRIBUTION

*Building relationships and opportunities to share the gospel through consistency of distributing food.*

This past week the Lord laid 3 different people on my heart to carry food during our weekly food distribution. All of the circumstances were different and at first, I thought that it did not fit into our schedule, but chose to be obedient instead of getting caught up in what was convenient. God always has a reason. I was the one that walked away being encouraged and glad that I chose obedience over convenience. An older lady that we have been praying for, that had not always been very kind, allowed us to pray with her. She had not wanted us to pray for her in the past. After we finished praying, she said in her gruff voice, *"thank you for coming to visit me."* We told her that we loved her and that we would see her next week. She replied *"I love y'all too."* I have watched God over the last several months starting a work in her heart to be receptive to the love of Christ through consistently going to visit and carry her food and flowers. We are trusting that God will continue to draw her to himself and that He gives her the understanding of how much He loves her.

Loved by the King,  
Sherri



### 2013 CFM Toy Ministry

#### Building Relationships /

#### Meeting Needs



As you read this, the Toys are arriving and we are grateful to see how God uses His people to provide for the needs of so many people in our communities.

We are praying that as the families come to shop this year in the location closest to their homes, they make a significant connection with people in the body of Christ in their communities, and that many lives will be changed as a result of hearing the good news of the gospel. Please join us as we share Christ love through the Christmas Family Ministry this year.

#### 2013 CFM Sites:

1. Dec. 10th Ephesus Baptist Church
2. Dec. 10th Castalia Baptist Church
3. Dec. 10th Union Chapel Baptist Church
4. Dec. 11th Mount Zion Baptist Church
5. Dec. 11th Poplar Spring Baptist Church
6. Dec. 12th Maple Springs Baptist Church

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### Being His Hands & His Feet



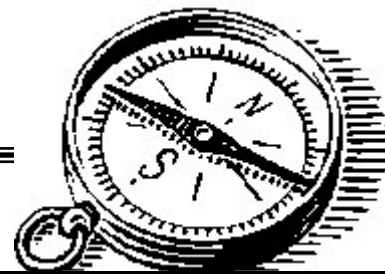
If you are interested in volunteering to help with **FOOD DISTRIBUTION** or with the pantry please contact:

[fooddistribution@tarriverbaptist.com](mailto:fooddistribution@tarriverbaptist.com)

For more information go to

[www.tarriverbaptist.org](http://www.tarriverbaptist.org)

# NEWS AND INFORMATION



## CHURCH AND ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

### The Life and Work of YOUR Association

Within this section each month, we will highlight TRBA Strategy/way we work as an association. Our PURPOSE is two-fold: (1) Strengthen the local church, &(2) Impact Lostness in THIS generation. We are committed to prayer, planning, and persistent work in fulfilling these purposes.

As we downsize staff and reduce our budget for 2014, we will be looking closely to our purpose in our planning of events and the training we offer. As I have shared in meetings, we must “learn to do more with less” and pray God will use our efforts to bring glory unto Himself.

Your CFM Ministry reflects that purpose this year as more churches are serving as distribution centers, building relationships and ministering to the needs of their community. **Pray for this ministry.**

### PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

Each month in this section, we will emphasize our partnerships in the various ministries of the association. This month, it is **YOU**—the members of our TRBA churches!

*Thank You to all of our Member Churches, Volunteers, Contributors, Encouragers, and Prayer Warriors.*

We are indeed grateful for your partnership in the ministry of the Gospel. Our prayer is that God would pour out His blessings upon you during this Thanksgiving, Christmas and into the New Year. Many lives have been touched with the love of Christ as a result of your gifts and talents. We look forward to what God is going to do in and through His people in this upcoming year. God bless you all. We love you!

Tar River Baptist Association Staff

### Happenings!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

This section will become devoted to announcements from member churches about association-wide and special events as we have room. Also, we will be happy to post job openings for member churches.

At the time of publication, we will share what we have room for that month. On our FaceBook and website we will share more detailed information. Please remember, we cannot possibly place every Bible School or Easter cantata. After all, almost every church has VBS and other such events. However, if it is truly an event that is open to all and special in nature, we want to help you get the word out. We would also like to share information about your effective outreach to your communities.

It is our prayer that we enter into 2014, we can use this newsletter—along with FaceBook, the website, calendar, etc. to better inform you of all that God is doing in and through His church! We also hope you will call on us to help you in your ministry. Among the things being offered this year (started last year) is Dougald working with churches in leadership training in YOUR church. If you have a specific need, he will customize a plan to work with you. Also, expect training to be offered for church leaders association-wide that will in-



## Important Info for 2014

Certainly you have heard of the changes at TRBA for 2014 due to budget cuts/staff reductions. It is simply impossible to “stay the same” with these changes. TRBA leadership has already met and you will see results of their efforts early on in their planning of events, etc. Changes you might need to know now:

**Office hour changes:** To accomplish our ministry and to offer training within member churches, effective 1/6/2014 office hours are 8:30 AM—4:30 PM Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. 8:30 AM—Noon on Tuesday and Friday and **by appointment only Tuesday and Friday afternoons**. This will enable us to keep going forward with our ministries.

**Reservations for ALL events:** The leadership of the association has directed TRBA staff, and ministry directors to require reservations for ALL events. Simply put, it is a matter of good stewardship! Knowing the number to prepare for will cut out a great deal of waste. **Please assist us with your understanding and reservations.** More information will be shared in upcoming communications. Please share what you learn with your church family as you get information from the association.

## TRBA Needs Your Help

In order to be effective in achieving our purpose and accomplishing His purpose, TRBA needs your help. Listed below are several ways you can help us immediately:

1. **PRAY!!!!!!!!!!** Daily lift us up in prayer.
2. **Church Contacts Needed:** We need at least one person in every church that will share information/see it gets into the bulletin or newsletter at your church. Contact Sherri@tarriverbaptist.com if you are willing.
3. **Volunteer:** God is opening some wonderful doors of ministry opportunities. We need volunteers from our churches to come and assist in those ministries. Again, contact Sherri.
4. **Complete Your ACPs:** I know you tire of hearing it, but if your church has not completed its ACP then we do not have your current leadership. Your church suffers as a result. Believe me, all TRBA wants is the current leadership info. At this writing, only 23 of our member churches have completed their ACP.

## TRBA 2013 CONTRIBUTIONS January –November

Bailey	3,259	Open Road	
Bethlehem	4,845	Peachtree	1,704
Bunn	750	Pearce	3,000
Castalia	3,698	Perry's Chapel	600
Cedar Rock	1,150	Philadelphia	600
Centerville	750	Pilot	6,600
Corinth	3,754	Pine Ridge	4,217
Community	394	Pleasant Grove	2,625
Cornerstone	800	Poplar Spring	5,410
Cypress Chapel		Ransdell Chapel	1,744
Duke Memorial	2,500	Red Bud	4,865
Ephesus	7,888	Rock Spring	4,354
Flat Rock	14,588	Rocky Cross	700
Franklinton	3,405	Saints Delight	
Good Hope	2,587	Samaria	3,140
Grace Haven		Sandy Creek	2,000
Harris Chapel	3,104	Social Plains	3,430
Hickory Rock	1,467	Spring Hope	1,425
High Cross	241	Stanhope	275
Holly Grove	300	Union Chapel	1,925
Hopkins Chapel	9,448	Union Hope	2,200
Louisburg	4,125	Union View	
Maple Springs	1,600	Unity	1,992
Mount Zion	500	White Level	4,000
Mountain Grove	800	Wood	700
Oak Grove	2,200	Word of Life	264



**MARK  
YOUR  
STEPS**

*Last Day for Church  
Contributions to be  
**RECEIVED**  
for the 2013 Budget  
Year*

**January 7, 2014**