



The NAVIGATOR

STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AND IMPACTING LOSTNESS

July 2014

MARK YOUR COURSE

Calendar of Events

July 2014

- 4th July 4th Holiday (TRBA Closed)
- 9th TRBA Finance Committee Meeting
12:30 PM TRBA Office
- 10th Articles for August Newsletter due to Sherri
- 12th TRBA/FCM Monthly Prayer Drive
We encourage everyone through the summer to pray in your neighborhoods and activity locations.
- 21st ALT Meeting
6:00 PM—8:00 PM TRBA Office
- 26th TRBA Mission Work Day
7:00 AM-12:00 PM We invite church groups or individuals to come join us in cleaning up around the TRBA office.
- 31st Deadline for Collected School Supplies

August 2014

- 2nd 1st TRBA/FCM Monthly Prayer Drive
We encourage everyone through the summer to pray in your neighborhoods and activity locations.
- 7th TRBA Outreach Trailer Training
6:30 PM TRBA Office
- 9th TRBA Southern Area Prayer Drive
We encourage everyone through the summer to pray in your neighborhoods and activity locations.
- 10th Articles for September Newsletter due to Sherri.
- 12th ACP Training for Church Clerks
6:30 PM- 8:00 PM TRBA Office

Please check our calendar on the website on a regular basis for updated calendar information. Our website is www.tarriverbaptist.org.

Please Print for your Congregations

If you are interested in training for your church contact TRBA Staff

The 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*

MUCH to share as we prepare this newsletter. Great things have occurred in several of our churches' VBS already. At this moment, 9 more churches are in VBS and I am aware of several churches on mission/preparing to go (Henderson NC, Nashville TN, Ecuador, etc.). PRAY God will use these events to strengthen His church and expand His Kingdom.

Several of our churches are involved in a season of self-assessment and renewal. 8 of our churches are currently without a pastor and are seeking the face of God as they seek a new pastor. These are exciting times as we anticipate experiencing the Hand of God as we seek His will together for his church. As I shared yesterday, we yearn for "healthy churches" that are engaged in prayer, evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, ministry, and worship. If that is really our longing, then we—as church members—must come to realize the health of our church hinges on our individual walk with God. Pray with me for the members of our churches.



This is a crucial time for our churches and it is not just about planning and budgeting for the new church year. May we realize the imperativeness of our spiritual health, and commit to becoming healthy church members!

TRBA Mission Work Day

**July 26, 2014
7:00 AM-12:00 PM**

Come out and help Staff and volunteers clean up around the Tar River Office. There is a need for workers inside and outside. If you have a group that would like to help, contact us for details at (919) 496-7172.



CHURCH & COMMUNITY MINISTRIES



MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...”

In May of this year, I had the opportunity of a lifetime! I had the privilege of traveling to East Asia to share the Gospel! I had never traveled out of the country before, nevertheless to a country where I knew I wouldn't be able to communicate easily. But when the opportunity for this trip came about, I immediately felt God speaking to me... I needed to go!! And I am so happy that I was obedient because I received such a blessing.

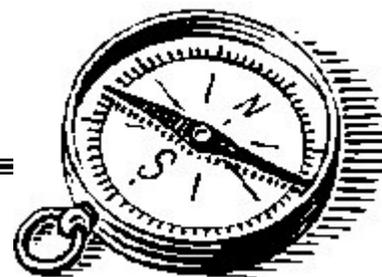
So I took off for a twelve day trip with several other members of my church... two who speak the language (thankfully)! Our trip was not like most mission trips you hear about, in that we did not necessarily go to “DO” something. We were not going to build something, fix something, paint something, or to teach a Bible study. Our mission was simply to “TELL”. And we had to be very careful about what we said and how and where we said it!

During part of the trip, I had an opportunity to meet many English-speaking college-age girls. They were so innocent and naïve and actually seemed more like young teenage girls than college girls. These were some of the sweetest, kindest and most loving people I had ever encountered. Generally when I meet someone with such a kind, sweet spirit, I assume they are a Christian, for many Christians display the love and joy of Christ outwardly in their personality and demeanor. But these sweet girls, when asked if they believed in Jesus, simply said that they believed only in themselves, or that they believed in nothing. How sad! And even though there was a bit of a language barrier, I took the opportunity to tell them about God and His son, Jesus. Many of them seemed so receptive, which was very exciting. But given the short length of time I had with them, along with a bit of a language barrier, there was only so much I could share. But at least I removed some rocks so that the soil can now be tilled and seeds planted!

I have so much more about the trip that I would love to share, but it would be difficult to do here in this newsletter. If you are interested in hearing more, or if you have a group at your church that is interested, please let me know! Feel free to email me at kellyunc@yahoo.com or call me at home at 919.496.0980. God bless!



NEWS AND INFORMATION



CHURCH AND ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

TRBA School Supplies Collection List

TRBA will be collecting school supplies during the months of June/July and December/January.

DROP OFF DEADLINE: July 31, 2014

Tracts & Bibles	Crayons
Backpacks	Markers
Pencils & Pencil Cases	Rulers
Ink Pens	Calculators
Notebook Paper	Erasers
Notebooks	Post it Notes
Folders	Index Cards
Glue sticks & Bottles	Contributions/Donations
Scissors	



PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

Most of the time we try to highlight our partners in ministry in this section. Today, we want to remind you that we, Tar River Baptist Association, are YOUR partners in ministry! We do stand ready to assist you in ANY way that we can. In fact, we exist to walk alongside you in your efforts to BE the church God has called you to be in Him. Please, feel free to call on us.

In addition to association-wide training—that we encourage you to be a part of as it is quality training, we are available to come to your church for specific training of church leaders.

All members of TRBA Staff, as well as leaders of our ministry teams, are well-versed in all areas of “church work” and are willing to work with you in developing strategy to strengthen your local church. Presently, we are assisting 5 of our member churches in various areas of church leadership. We are also available to assist in times of transition within your church.

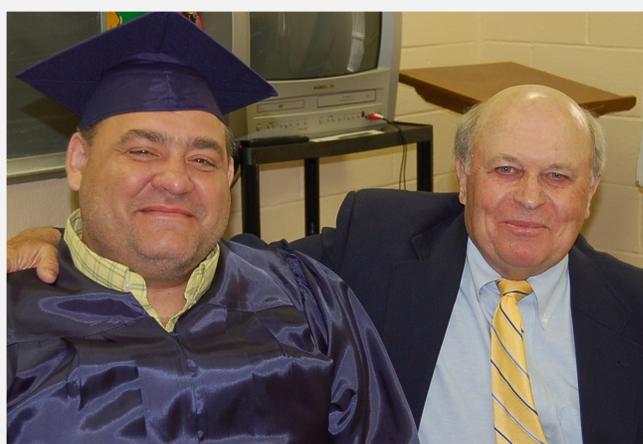
Check www.tarriverbaptist.org for training already scheduled in the months ahead.

Jobs for Life Graduate—Mike Bauer

OVERCOMING ROADBLOCKS...

THE ROAD TO VICTORY!!!

Mike Bauer attended *Jobs for Life* while overcoming some large roadblocks of loss. The loss of family members, a limb and a job is a lot to overcome but Mike with his quiet gentle spirit has continued on and has not quit. He has been an inspiration to us all. It was amazing to watch his confidence restored each week as he shared his lessons and new plans for the future with the class. Mike is a master carpenter/woodworker and his long term goal is to continue in the field and eventually teach the next generation through high schools or community colleges.



*Mike Bauer, JfL Graduate &
Steve Tant, Mentor*

ACP TRAINING

Tuesday, August 12, 2014

6:30 PM-8:00 PM

Tar River Baptist Association

It's about time for the Annual Church Profiles to be collected. These profiles help get your church's updated information to Lifeway, the BSCNC as well as to us here at TRBA. The Baptist State Convention has released a new website for church clerks to input their church leadership and statistics therefore it is crucial that church clerks attend this training. We will demonstrate how to use this site and distribute your church's ACP during the training.

Contact Meredith@tarriverbaptist.com for details.



TRBA Church Announcements

- If you or someone from your church has been on a mission trip and is willing to share your experiences with sister churches please contact Meredith about writing a story for our next newsletter.

Pray for our Churches without Pastors:

Bunn	Social Plains
Centerville	Stanhope
Duke Memorial	Wood
Ransdell Chapel	Unity

TRBA 2014 CONTRIBUTIONS January - June

Bailey	1,671	Open Road	
Bethlehem	2,448	Peachtree	946
Bunn		Pearce	
Castalia	2,889	Perry's Chapel	
Cedar Rock	1,050	Philadelphia	
Centerville	500	Pilot	2,500
Corinth	2,137	Pine Ridge	2,000
Community	501	Pleasant Grove	1,750
Cornerstone	200	Poplar Spring	
Cypress Chapel		Ransdell Chapel	818
Duke Memorial	1,250	Red Bud	2,490
Ephesus	4,181	Rock Spring	2,344
Flat Rock	7,023	Rocky Cross	
Franklinton	3,702	Saints Delight	
Good Hope		Samaria	1,584
Grace Haven		Sandy Creek	1,000
Harris Chapel	729	Social Plains	2,008
Hickory Rock	800	Spring Hope	950
High Cross	72	Stanhope	150
Holly Grove	250	Union Chapel	770
Hopkins Chapel	5,471	Union Hope	1,393
Louisburg	2,250	Union View	500
Maple Springs	800	Unity	996
Mount Zion	260	White Level	3,000
Mountain Grove		Wood	350
Oak Grove	1,400		



MARK YOUR STEPS

SAVE The DATE

Sunday School Training

August 23, 2014

More Details Coming Soon