



# The NAVIGATOR

*STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AND IMPACTING LOSTNESS*

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## MARK YOUR COURSE

*Calendar of Events*

### JUNE

- **12th Finance Committee Meeting**  
12:30pm-2:30pm TRBA
- **15th Franklin County Mission Meeting (Homeless Shelter)**  
9:00am-10:00am TRBA  
Prayer 8:00am-9:00am TRBA
- **15th Haiti 2013 Team Meeting**  
10:00am TRBA
- **18th Pastor's Fellowship**  
11:30am TRBA
- **25th Billy Graham My Hope Training**  
6:00pm-8:30pm TRBA

### JULY

- **4th Office Closed**
- **10th Finance Committee Meeting**  
12:30pm-2:30pm TRBA
- **11th Toronto Mission Trip Meeting**  
6:30pm TRBA
- **11th Party Trailer Training**  
6:00pm TRBA
- **13th Franklin County Mission Meeting (Homeless Shelter)**  
9:00am-10:00am TRBA  
Prayer 8:00am-9:00am TRBA
- **13th Haiti Mission Trip Meeting**  
10:00am TRBA
- **16th Pastor's Fellowship Luncheon**  
11:30am Lancaster Funeral Home  
*Please call or email TRBA to register.*
- **20th-27th Canada Mission Trip**

**Please check our website for upcoming events, calendars, party trailer information etc.**

*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*

WOW! Summer already! This week at the Board of Directors Meeting at Caraway, one of the members greeted me with, "Going to be a hot summer. That one day of Spring we had was beautiful." Truth is, there are times I feel like the seasons are flying by that fast. Of course, he was talking about the cool weather we had and then the hotness of that day! Nonetheless, there is a LOT going on and time is fleeting by!

Last week, Matthew and I made a quick trip to Toronto to meet with Michael Seaman and others from Toronto Church Planting. Our purpose was to make plans for our five-year partnership. EXCITING things are happening and we are looking forward to our first mission trip experience July 20-27. ***This is more than a mission trip, it is a partnership. We will keep you informed of needs in Toronto regularly and we are anticipating small groups of 3 or 4 going up to assist with short term needs.*** Expect MUCH more in the days ahead.

This week at the BSCNC Board Meeting, I was privileged to receive the My Hope training by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. This will be a great opportunity for member churches to participate in a nationwide effort to share the Gospel in one setting. The materials available to you in this training is top quality (and available online). **TRBA will host our first training event on June 25th with a representative of BGEA sharing with us from 6:00-8:30 PM. I am anticipating offering four more regional training events in July and August. If your church is willing to host a regional training, please let me know ASAP as I am looking for 4 churches.**

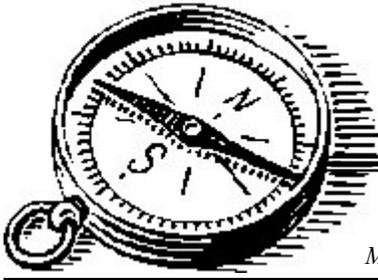
If you have not heard, our party trailer ministry is expanding this summer. Matthew and Meredith have been busy establishing our "twin trailers" (Peace and Joy) and once their efforts are complete, member churches will be able to do top quality, evangelistic, outreach events at low cost. Many of our churches have never used the existing unit, but these units will be more "user friendly" and have been stocked with things to use in reaching your community for Christ. A former pastor called me last month to see if the unit could be used outside the North Central Region (it cannot). He said his new church was going to have to pay \$1500 to rent the items that are in our trailers—a FOUR HOUR rental. This valuable resource has a "user fee" of \$150.00. There is a deposit to insure good return of the trailers, but this is a great deal.. Think how many Bibles, tracts, food, and door prizes you can purchase for the event. ***This is too valuable a resource for you to ignore!!***



I could go on and on about exciting things on the horizon. There will be association-wide leadership training (4th Saturday of August); staff members stand ready to assist you in ANY way that we can; I am working with leadership in several of our churches (one on one and customized to meet your training needs). We are doing WHATEVER IT TAKES to strengthen the churches of TRBA so that together we can have greater impact on the lostness that exists in our communities.

Great resources are available to you in your association! Through our partnerships with others in Baptist life, even more will be available to you in the days ahead. May God bless us as we serve Him together!

All is Christ,  
Dougald



# CHURCH & COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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## *Implementing the Plan*

*By: Matthew Bowden*

*Church Development Director*

*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the  
name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
Matthew 28:19*

# MY HOPE AMERICA

WITH BILLY GRAHAM

**A Nationwide Outreach**

**NOVEMBER 2013**

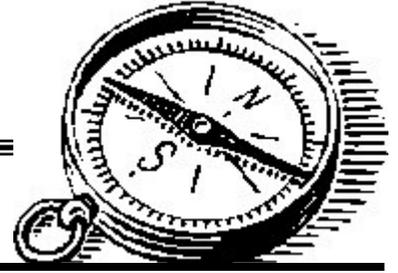
**Get Involved NOW!**

[myhopewithbillygraham.org](http://myhopewithbillygraham.org)

**Training at TRBA**

**June 25, 2013 at 6:00pm**

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# Clergy and Staff Luncheon

## Lancaster Funeral Home

July 16, 2013

*11:30am*

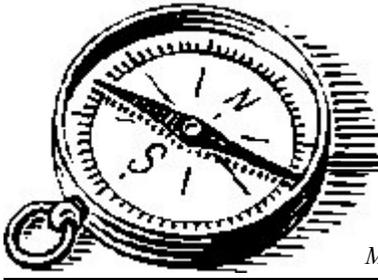
*For more information contact:*

*Tar River Baptist Association*

**Email: [sherry@tarriverbaptist.com](mailto:sherry@tarriverbaptist.com)**

**Michael Lyon will**

- \* Provide fellow Christian Baptist his testimony of how I got to Louisburg**
- \* Direct communication on how we can work better together and what the funeral home can do to improve service to the Pastor (at the time of death)**
- \* Seminarians can discuss funeral etiquette and what the Federal Trades Commission mandates to funeral home. i.e. embalming is not required, vaults are optional in many cemeteries, family members can dress their own dead, deleting visitation, and limos are a great way to reduce cost.**
- \* Missions at work Gifting to the Tar River Baptist Association funeral credits.**



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# 2013 Haiti Mission Trip

September 28th-October 5th 2013

Next Meeting:

Saturday June 15, 2013

10:00am TRBA Office

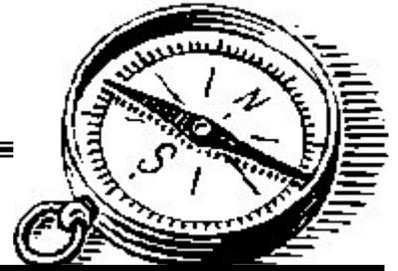
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## Praying for Divine Intersections

*God hears the smallest prayers and answers.*



Recently on several occasions as I have been in my car driving with my husband and again with a friend, we prayed God would show us what He wanted us to see and cross our paths with the ones that He wanted us to meet. It was interesting what God revealed almost immediately. I found myself in a salon praying silently for the lady rendering services being involved in human trafficking and my husband was at the grocery store several stores down talking with the homeless man we had lunch with the week before. A few moments later he meets another homeless man and realized that they went to high school together. God gave us both an opportunity see what He wanted us to see in our little town and to be His hands and feet in that moment to respond.

Several days later a friend and I were out of town, driving down a busy street and observed a lady walking down the sidewalk. She was carrying a large bag. We noticed her and commented to each other "I wonder if she is homeless." I had several of the hygiene kits in my car so we tried to stop but between the light and heavy traffic were unable to. We tried to turn into a parking lot but that did not work. We tried to go around the block but had obstacles. As we finally made our way around we thought she would be gone, so we prayed. "Lord if that lady needs hope from you today and we need to give her this kit, please let us find her." As we pulled back onto the busy street we saw her and it was if God parted the red sea. I looked in my rear view mirror and all of the cars behind us were stopped at the light and there was not a car around us. We stopped in the street and ask "are you ok" her answer was "no." We asked if she would like one of the kits. She accepted. We gave her some change for something to drink and as quick as the traffic stopped it came upon us. We told her Jesus loved her and we would continue to pray for her. She said thank you and we parted ways. We had a divine intersection in that moment. We don't know her name but God does. We do have the image of her face burned into our hearts to remind us to continue to pray. Since then God has used that experience to prompt us to pray for the lady. We know that your prayers and our prayers can change lives but are learning that God is using prayer to change us. So many of you have so generously donated hygiene kits that have been prayed over and have the hope and truth of Gods Word nestled inside and God is using them to reach the ones in need.

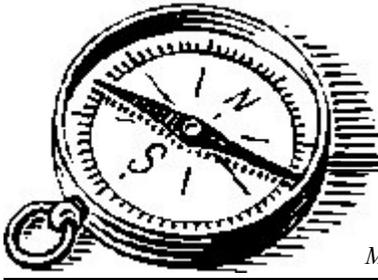
Prayer changes lives. OURS! It empowers us to see what He wants us to see not, what we want to see and to respond in ways that only He can empower us to respond, not in our own strength.

**PRAYER CHANGES US!**

I challenge you today to pray for divine intersections and see what door God opens.  
You will never be the same.

Sherry

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say rejoice!  
Philippians 4:13*



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## Church Development and Community Ministries

# TORONTO MISSION TRIP

**Team Meeting: July 11, 2013**

**6:30pm-8:00pm**

**Trip Dates: July 20th-27th**

**\$1,100 per person**

**\$200 deposit due on May 23rd**

**Contact Matthew Bowden for more information.**

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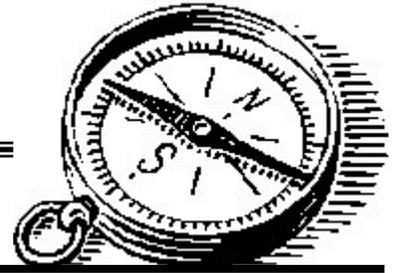
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## REACH YOUR COMMUNITY WITH THE GOSPEL

### Plan Your 2013 Evangelistic Event with the THE PARTY TRAILER

Available to churches in Tar River, Flat River, Cullom and North Roanoke Associations.

Trailer is fully equipped with 2 inflatables (slide & bounce house), generator, popcorn machine, sno cone machine, and cotton candy machine.

**RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE SIX MONTHS IN ADVANCE**

**DEPOSIT: \$250 WITH \$100 REFUNDABLE**

**AFTER THE TRAILER IS RETURNED**

### 2013 PARTY TRAILER TRAINING DATES

**JULY 11, 2013**

**AUGUST 15, 2013  
6:00PM**

**ALL FORMS AND INFORMATION  
CAN BE ACCESSED ON OUR WEBSITE:**

**WWW.TARRIVERBAPTIST.ORG**

**IT IS MANDATORY THAT TWO PEOPLE FROM THE RENTING CHURCH MUST ATTEND  
ONE TRAINING  
EVENT.**



**FOR DETAILS CONTACT: MEREDITH@TARRIVERBAPTIST.COM**

**A Joyful Heart Does Good Like Medicine  
Proverbs 17:22a**

## Scholarship Opportunity for Pastor's Wives

TRBA is offering scholarship opportunities to wives of our pastors who are interested in enrolling in the Biblical Women's Institute at Southeastern Seminary. The scholarship includes enrollment fee and textbooks for two classes. Contact Linda McLaurin for additional information or to apply  
lmac7212@hotmail.com

## Pastors Fellowship

June 18, 2013

TRBA Office

11:30am-1:30pm

Light Lunch Served

Come and join us for fellowship, lunch and round table discussion on current topics and strategies to reach your communities.

**PRAY FOR AMERICA**  
RALLY TOUR 2013

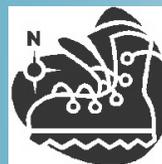
The tour kicks off  
on May 31st in  
Pittsburgh, PA

Follow us on  
Commit2Pray.com



## TRBA 2012 CONTRIBUTIONS January - May

Bailey	1,680	Open Road	
Bethlehem	2,283	Peachtree	903
Bunn		Pearce	
Castalia	1,126	Perry's Chapel	600
Cedar Rock		Philadelphia	
Centerville	250	Pilot	3,600
Corinth	1,752	Pine Ridge	1,533
Community	394	Pleasant Grove	875
Cornerstone	200	Poplar Spring	5,410
Cypress Chapel		Ransdell Chapel	856
Duke Memorial	625	Red Bud	2,355
Ephesus	3,734	Rock Spring	2,165
Flat Rock	6,475	Rocky Cross	
Franklinton	1,860	Saints Delight	
Good Hope	1,225	Samaria	1,561
Grace Haven		Sandy Creek	800
Harris Chapel	2,083	Social Plains	1,442
Hickory Rock	667	Spring Hope	950
High Cross	191	Stanhope	125
Holly Grove	250	Union Chapel	770
Hopkins Chapel	4,499	Union Hope	1,000
Louisburg	1,875	Union View	
Maple Springs	800	Unity	996
Mount Zion		White Level	
Mountain Grove		Wood	350
Oak Grove	800	Word of Life	264



**MARK  
YOUR  
STEPS**

## TRBA Sunday School Training

August 24, 2013

Time & Place TBA

All are welcome to attend.

For more information

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