

Dear Tar River Churches,

What a privilege it is to serve alongside you as God's established church here in Tar River. We are so blessed of God to have been given such a tremendous opportunity to spread the Gospel message of King Jesus to the peoples in this area. Your Administrative Leadership Team (ALT) asks for your prayers as we work through three particular matters concerning God's Association of churches.

STAFF- Please join your (ALT) in welcoming Pauline Muller to the Staff of TRBA, and in congratulating Meredith Byrd in her expanded ministry position. I am confident that these women of God will be of the upmost assistance to our Associational Missionary as TRBA seeks to strengthen the church. I encourage you to drop in the office and let your staff know that you love, and are praying for them all.

RESOLUTION - Questions have been raised by several messengers if the resolution *Affirmation Of Biblical Sexuality* will "again" be brought before the messengers of our association for consideration? Let me remind you that per your vote of the messengers of Tar River that resolution was submitted to the ALT for consideration and edit. The resolution is "on time" to be brought before the present and voting messengers by the ALT at the April 27<sup>th</sup> Spring meeting. Present and voting messengers will then be given opportunity to amend, adopt, or decline the resolution as seen fit by them.

As of March 27th The Resolution is available for all to view at: [www.tarriverbaptist.org](http://www.tarriverbaptist.org)

STATEMENT OF FAITH - With the approval of your ALT a special Task Force has been assembled for the purpose of determining the need for a doctrinal statement of faith and if so establishing one for TRBA. They have responded with a need for such a statement and have presented their recommendation to the ALT who have edited the document and will bring it before the messengers of Tar River at the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting for consideration. The decision to move in this direction was in response to messenger's voiced concerns of the absence of "any statement of faith" for Tar River in the October, 2014 meeting. I ask that you please join me in prayer for the members of this Task Force as they have been prayerfully hard at work in completing this most monumental assignment. The appointed members are John Byrd, Carrie Gilliam, Carlyle Hall, Jason Havens, Earl Roach, and Melton Tyson.

As of March 27th The Statement of Faith is available for all to view at: [www.tarriverbaptist.org](http://www.tarriverbaptist.org)

A Listening Session for people with questions/concerns about these recommendations will take place on Monday, April 27th from 5:30PM-6:30 PM just before the start of the Spring meeting at Oak Grove Baptist Church. Members of the ALT and the Task Force will take part in this session to address any questions of the messengers.

Your ALT solicits your prayers as we seek the will of our heavenly Father in the matters of strengthening His church so that lostness may be impacted for the glory of King Jesus. If I can ever be of any service to you, or God's church, please feel free to contact me.

In Christ alone,

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