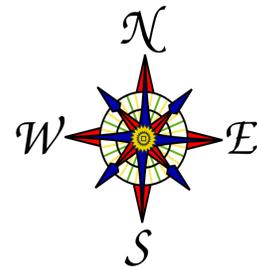


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STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AND IMPACTING LOSTNESS

March 2019

TRBA Theme for the YEAR: "UNITED to His purpose, UNDIVIDED to our task, and UNDETERRED to becoming His church".

March 2019

- ◆ *1st & 2nd D Now Weekend
- ◆ *11th Revitalization coHort with Paul Roberts 6:00 PM @TRBA Office
- ◆ 18th TRBA Leadership Meeting "Spring Planning Meeting 6:30pm @ TRBA Office
- ◆ *25th Pastor's Fellowship/Prayer Time (Iron Sharp-ening Iron) @ TRBA Office 11:30am-1:00pm

Please print The Navigator Newsletter for your churches bulletin boards!! We want to make our news and information easy for everyone to read and share. Watch for our Facebook updates &

information postings. Help us share & spread the news that happening around us.



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Dougald's thoughts.....2019 is rushing by!!! I cannot believe I am writing the March newsletter. I knew there has been a great deal going on, but seems like it should just be January 15th LOL. The questions before me, where do I begin and how much do I share. In the past 2 months, I've had a literal "mountain top experience" - yet on a pilgrimage exploring where Jesus walked, taught, died on the cross for my sin, was raised from the dead *I was overwhelmed with the knowledge that my host, my guide, my driver, most of the people I met—along with the multitudes of people we passed by had no relationship with the Living Lord Jesus!* My guides spoke "in the first person" and it seemed they knew Christ, but when they spoke of the Messiah, it was clear they have rejected my Lord as their Savior.

I came home to experience a wonderful prayer service for the churches of our association and the work they are doing in their communities. Poplar Spring Church hosted at least members of 17 TRBA churches. The participation of those present displayed the presence of God as we prayed in clusters and were blessed greatly. If you were not in attendance, we ask that you join us in prayer throughout the year and *go ahead and mark your calendars for Monday, January 27th. Pine Ridge has agreed to host us again in 2020 and we believe there should be 100% of God's people joining us in prayer for a movement of God within His church and an awakening and healing throughout the nation.*

Despite the "high" of the prayer service, there is still the "low" of the world around us. My heart aches over so many situations that people near and far/close to me and not known to me are hurting with little to no hope. And in many instances, they flagrantly reject the only hope they could ever have by rejecting Christ. But I am burdened even greater because so many of us that profess to have hope in Christ Jesus, remain silent and seem unconcerned about their plight.

I am elated to now be working with 10+ pastors that are burdened for the lost and want to lead their churches towards revitalization so they will better engage in ministry to the lost. I attended one of the best discipleship trainings ever and saw people that were moved in the presentations. Several admitted they were acting in rebellion to God's commands, repented, and committed anew to live a life that Honors Christ and brings glory to His Name. *Yet I still see many that are content where they are and refuse to alter in their attitudes, or values.* PRAY with me! Pray fervently for a movement of God in His church. (Go to top of page 3)

LET US PRAY

Pray for Our Churches Without Pastors

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Please be in prayer for these churches as they seek out the individual God has prepared for them. Remember to lift all of our pastors and their families up in prayer, as they strive to minister to God's people.

The following churches have called Pastor's to service along side them:

Louisburg Baptist: Mark White, Interim Pastor

Pine Ridge Baptist: James Horton, Pastor

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OFFICE HOURS



Monday - Thursday
10:00am to 2:00pm
****Other times by appointment****

Please pray for your staff as we seek to more effectively serve every member church.

Pastors' Fellowship/Prayer Time **On Monday, March 25, 2019**

"Iron Sharpening Iron"

11:30am - 1:00pm and 6:00 pm—7:45 pm @TRBA Office



PROVERBS 27:17

As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.

We will continue our monthly fellowships at lunch and dinner to allow all pastors to participate. Hosted By: TRBA with light meal provided. **Watch for emails and register for the meal so we can plan accordingly. We will ask for donations to assist with the meal.** This is separate from the cohort group with Paul Roberts. As more churches become engaged in revitalization, we will keep an open door for all pastors to join in our efforts to strengthen the church. Join us for a time of fellowship, prayer, as we seek to strengthen His church as co-laborers in the harvest. **Please respond to all emails related to these groups.**

2019 TRBA Disciple Now Weekend

Friday, March 1st & Saturday, March 2nd

Theme for the weekend is "**Kingdom Identity**"; 1 Corinthians 12:27
"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.."

LetUsPray

As the 2019 D Now weekend fast approaches, please pray with us for the following:

- ⇒ The youth attending
- ⇒ Leaders and volunteers involved in the weekends activities
- ⇒ The churches participating in this outreach ministry
- ⇒ Pray that hearts will be touched and lives changed!!
- ⇒ Special thank you to June Havens and all the Youth Leaders who helped make this weekend possible



Dougald's thoughts (continued).....I am EXCITED as an Associational Missions Strategist for all the praying, planning, training, commitment to strengthen the church so that the local church can better impact lostness in this generation. I am so grateful for those that are seeking me out to work with them in this church “revitalization” emphasis. I am continually in conversations with pastors, church leaders, state convention workers, my brother Associational Missions Strategists about the work being done to assist pastors and churches in the ministry opportunities that are before us. ***Yet I am burdened about the number of churches throughout the association, the state, and around North America that are “content” where they are; seemingly oblivious to the dark of lostness that infiltrates the world around us, and will not a part of the revival that I believe God will send unless there is a major turnaround in their walk with the Lord!***

Our theme at least through 2020 is : ***“United To His Purpose, Undivided To Our Task, Undeterred To Becoming His church—committing anew to our ministry of reconciliation to God of to each other as His church...”*** I am convinced this is the commitment God is expecting of His people today. Because I see God at work and I know we can trust Him to BE GOD and that He expects me to become **“useable”** in His work, I want to be found faithful on that day I stand before Him. I also pray for each of you, that you become all that He expects of those He calls His people. **THANK YOU** *In His Love, Dougald*



IMPORTANT! We are currently redesigning our website. We hope you love it! In the meantime, some things may not be working quite right. If you need assistance with anything please call the office at 919-496-7172 or email the staff. Email addresses are listed on page 2 of the newsletter.

Help Tar River Help Your Church — Help Your Sister Church

United.....Undivided.....Undeterred.....The “trademark” of being Baptists can be summed up in two words—collaborative and cooperative. We recognized early on that we needed one another to accomplish the work God has called us to do together in the areas where God has placed us. The words collaborative and cooperate has allowed us through the years to accomplish much. The association exists to walk with member churches to pray, plan, collaborate, cooperate, engage in missions and ministry **together**. Churches that fail to associate, pray for, contribute together in resources, finances, etc. need to explain why they are unwilling to help their sister churches in reaching the community. That was shared in a recent conference at SEBTS, We are not in competition with one another, therefore we need to commit anew to sharing Christ. ***Pray fervently for your sister churches throughout and make yourself available to assist that church as they are genuinely seeking God to proclaim Christ and minister to needs. There are ways we can work together to reach our communities and we should!***

We want to work with you to minister more effectively. Every pastor and many church members will receive information from TRBA, Please respond with updated information and share ways we can pray for you and assist you. We do not have current and accurate information from several churches — we are set to get our communications process cleaned up/more effective. To do that, we need correct contact information. In the days ahead, we are going to be sending emails to verify information and are hard at work updating out website. **Look for emails from TRBA and respond ASAP!**

One final thing—join us in prayer as we invite every church to accept the **“Who’s Your One” challenge!**



Volunteers are needed during the Food Ministry deliveries on the 1st Tuesday of each month. Assistance time may vary but usually from 9:00am to possibly 1:00pm. If interesting in helping please contact Pauline or Caleb.

Looking Ahead



2019 Associational Spring Meeting

April 22, 2019 6:30 - 8:30pm

Registration begins at 5:30pm
Host: Ephesus Baptist Church, Spring

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"Committing anew to our ministry of reconciliation to God and to each other as His church."

Each member church is entitled to 5 voting messengers - one is the pastor or interim and then 4 others elected by the church. **If TRBA has email address for your messengers, we will get important**

information to them in time for review before the meeting. To be sure email Pauline at Pauline@tarriverbaptist.com with the list of your churches messengers. **Please note:** Everyone is ALWAYS welcome to attend, but each church has only 5 voting members. **Child Care is available for the Pastor's!!** Pastor's please email Pauline if you will need child care for the evening. Please list your child/children's name(s) and age(s) to ensure workers are available for all ages. **We hope to see you there!!**



2019 Easter Basket Ministry

Now is the time for your church ministry groups to start organizing your Easter Baskets collections. Again this year we **highly encourage you to contact your school counselor or school contacts no later than April 1st.** Churches that are not currently engaged with a local elementary school are encouraged to contact Caleb Gibson. We want to assist your churches in cultivating the seeds of the gospel already planted in reaching the lost for Christ in your communities. Remember we stand ready to assist you with planning your Easter Baskets ministry. Contact Caleb at caleb@tarriverbaptist.com or call the office at 919-496-7172.



Again this year, Louisburg Baptist Church will be the host collection site for the food roundup collections instead of the TRBA office. TRBA is thankful for the on-going partnership that the area churches has with the Baptist Children's Homes. Listed below is the drop off information.

Drop Off times are:

Monday, April 29th to Friday, May 3rd from 9am - 2pm

Louisburg Baptist Church is located at 302 North Main Street, Louisburg

If your church did not receive their information packet; you can go to www.bchfoodroundup.org for a complete supply needs list!

The 2019 Outreach Trailer season is here..... Make your Reservations now! Check the on-line calendar for open dates!!

The Outreach Trailers are perfect for community block parties, festivals and fairs, VBS, and other church and community events. As you will see in the policies, Outreach Trailers are not for use of individual church members. They are only intended to be used for congregational sponsored events and/or activities approved by church leadership.



The cost for reserving and use of the Outreach Trailers is \$300.00 per event. We want to encourage our churches to use these trailers for ministry outreach events. We have two trailers ready for use. To check for Outreach Trailer availability visit www.tarriverbaptist.org Click on the Outreach Trailer box for all the details. There is a calendar listed to see the available dates and apply online. More info or questions contact Pauline via email at Pauline@tarriverbaptist.com or the office at 919-496-7172.



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TRBA To Offer A Different Training Structure

We are excited to announce plans to offer a new format for training in TRBA. First, we want to put together a training similar to Raleigh Baptist Association. Full day, and possibly an evening whereby our ministry teams offer a variety of training sessions to choose from for all ministry leaders in your churches. ***If you have a particular training need, please contact either staff member or email to us.***

We will also be building an online training presence that persons can take at their own pace. If our churches are to experience revival, then we must make disciples. The resources we are assembling and our persons trained to teach particular leadership modules.

If your church is willing to serve as a host church for a training event, please let us know and the conversation can begin. Also, be aware that we will work one-on-one with churches with unique needs.

ATTENTION ALL PASTORS AND MINISTRY LEADERS

We are super excited about many of the things being planned by our ministry teams for 2019/2020!! If you serve in ANY leadership position at your church, you need to know we are going to send an email out enlisting all current leaders, church events—even training needs and ways to pray for you, etc. **We are going to provide a “portal of entry” to your church’s website or FaceBook through the TRBA website.** Every portal will be the same, but will be linked to your site for specifics. To assist us to prepare for this hard launch by the April meeting, we need you to do the following:

- * Go to google search/bing search, place the church’s name in the search bar. And “claim your business.” People will find you better with a stronger “web presence.”
- * If you have a particular picture of your church you want us to use, email Caleb. Otherwise, we will harvest from the web.
- * If you would like a picture of the pastor on your portal, please email Caleb.
- * Email Caleb (caleb@tarriverbaptist.com), and include the following information:
 1. Mission/Purpose Statement or scripture to describe your purpose as a church
 2. Name of all staff members
 3. Address and phone number where folks can call and get an answer during the week
 4. The times/days for all regular church activities
 5. Office hours

Also email a prayer list for your church to Caleb. We hope to include specific prayer needs of churches in our prayer prompts when they begin again in March.

Thank you in advance for your help!



Please Join US for a ball game!!
Tar River Baptist Association Night
Saturday, June 29th
Tickets: \$10.00 each
Show starts @ 5:00pm



Ticket sale proceeds will benefit the TRBA Mission Ministries.

Tickets on sale now, so order today!

Purchase tickets go to:

[https://www.etix.com/ticket/c/
BAA6261E1C6B117B724F83421F2A4EF8/tar-
river-baptist-association](https://www.etix.com/ticket/c/BAA6261E1C6B117B724F83421F2A4EF8/tar-river-baptist-association)



Lets fill the stadium
and play ball!!
Hope to see you there
with lots of people.