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990 CHURCHES SIGNED UP TO SERVE NC SO FAR!

Nearly a thousand NC Baptist churches across the state are partnering together to display the gospel in tangible ways this Summer. Whether it's painting classrooms for a local school, cleaning up a yard for an elderly neighbor, serving meals to those in need, or building a wheelchair ramp, ServeNC is an opportunity for every NC Baptist church to love its community in Jesus' name through service projects. NC Baptists and Baptists on Mission are challenging every church to commit to one week of being on mission together and displaying the gospel to those in need, August 3-10, 2024. Pick a day and a project in your community, and let's ServeNC together!



To register, download resources, and order ServeNC tee shirts, visit <https://ncbaptist.org/servenc> today. If you need help finding projects in your community, contact Caleb by phone at 252-382-4393 or by email at caleb@tarriverbaptist.com. If you need help securing tools and transport for ServeNC, Rebuilding Hope may be able to help. If you need help offsetting the cost of ServeNC, Provision Financial (Formerly NC Baptist Foundation) may be able to provide a ministry grant.

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COVENANT HOPE CHURCH TO HOST 2024 FALL MEETING

Covenant Hope Church, located near Youngsville and Wake Forest, will host the 2024 Fall Meeting of the Tar River Baptist Association on Monday, October 28th. Registration will begin at 6:00 PM for those who did not pre-register. Ministry partners will be introduced beginning at 6:15 PM, and the meeting will be called to order at 6:30 PM.

Covenant Hope Church is a replant of Good Hope Baptist Church and an incredible story of God's faithfulness and of gospel partnership. We are excited for you to hear more of Covenant Hope's story.

The 2024 Fall Meeting will mark the culmination of the restructuring process, as the Associational Leadership Team (ALT) will present their recommendations for new governing documents, a new Board of Directors, and a new budget for 2025. The ALT will also present an updated plan for the Associational Missions Strategist position. Make plans now to attend the Fall Meeting with a full slate of messengers from your church. Pre-registration will open soon.

LISTENING SESSIONS PLANNED BEFORE FALL MEETING

The Associational Leadership Team will be presenting several recommendations at the 2024 Fall Meeting, including new governing documents, a new Board of Directors, and a new budget for 2025. The ALT want to hear your input on these recommendations, and will be scheduling several listening sessions to present drafts of these recommendation for churches to provide feedback on.

PUERTO RICO PARTNERSHIP TRIP POSTPONED TO 2025

The Puerto Rico vision trip planned for August 2024 has been postponed to June 2025. More details, dates, and a discounted rate will be announced soon. To receive updates on this trip, email Caleb at caleb@tarriverbaptist.com. If you were previously registered, you will need to re-register but will automatically receive all updates unless you opt out.

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY?

Do you want to learn more about your neighbors and how to reach them with the gospel? Start by scheduling a free demographic study. Through a partnership with NC Baptists, TRBA can provide your church with thousands of dollars worth of demographic tools and resources completely free! Call or email Caleb today to schedule a time to meet one-on-one or with a team from your church.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, July 9th
Time TBD
- TRBA will be hosting the Franklin County Chaplains Prayer Breakfast. Grab your own breakfast from a local spot and come pray with and for the men and women who serve Franklin County. If you're interested, text Caleb Gibson at 252-382-4393 for the time.
- August 3rd-10th
- Let's ServeNC together with NC Baptist churches across our association and across the state of North Carolina!
- August 15th
- Deadline to apply for Provision Financial Ministry Grants
- September 16th-18th
- NC Baptist Replenish Retreat for pastors and their families at Fort Caswell. Scholarships are available for TRBA pastors and their families.
- October 28th
6:30 PM
- The 194th Annual Fall Meeting of the Tar River Baptist Association will be held on Monday, October 28th, at Covenant Hope Church. The meeting will be called to order at 6:30 PM.



MINISTRY GRANTS AVAILABLE

Provision Financial ministry grants are available to NC Baptist churches and organizations that are seeking to make a Kingdom impact in their communities. Award amounts are typically between \$500-\$2000. Ministry Grants are designed for mission and outreach projects, not capital improvements. These grants would be a great way to backfund ServeNC projects or prepare for future mission or outreach projects.

The deadline for receiving applications is August 15 at 5:00 PM. You can find out more information and apply at www.provision.org/grants. Grant recipients are selected by Provision's Denominational Relations Committee, and not everyone who applies is awarded a grant.