

# THE NAVIGATOR

TAR RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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## 1,159 CHURCHES SERVING NC TOGETHER THIS MONTH!

Over a thousand NC Baptist churches across the state are partnering together to display the gospel in tangible ways this August. 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!



Is your church participating in ServeNC? Make sure you've signed up to let NC Baptists know! Visit [servenc.com](https://servenc.com) to register your church today. Be sure to take pictures and share stories of your service projects. If you're willing to share photos and stories (as well as feedback on what went well and what could go better next time) email them to [caleb@tarriverbaptist.com](mailto:caleb@tarriverbaptist.com). Your pictures might be featured in the Fall Meeting Book of Reports!

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**GO TIME**  
**Rally**

Middle, High School & College Students  
Sunday, August 11th  
Rock Spring Baptist Church  
34 Rock Springs Church Road, Louisburg, NC

5:00 pm Tailgate Party  
6:30 pm Worship Service  
8:30 pm Bonfire with S'mores

Speaker: Casey Bradford  
Music: Pleasant Grove Worship Team

Call 919-495-0411 for more information!

**ARE YOU READY?**

The poster features a yellow background with white clouds, a paperclip, and illustrations of a globe, a pencil, and a notebook.

## ASSOCIATION-WIDE YOUTH RALLY

Rock Springs Baptist Church will be hosting an association-wide youth rally on Sunday, August 11th! There will be a tailgate party at 5:00 (each church will be responsible for providing their own food for supper), a worship service at 6:30, and a bonfire and s'mores at 8:30. Casey Bradford, pastor at Tabernacle Baptist Church in High Point, NC, will be the speaker, and the worship band from Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Creedmoor, NC will be leading worship. This event is for all Tar River Baptist Association churches and will mainly be aimed at encouraging middle, high school, and college students to GO as missionaries for Jesus as they GO back to school. Individual students and their families are also welcome to attend. Contact June Havens at 919-495-0411 to learn more and register your group!

June serves Tar River Baptist Association in planning and coordinating association-wide events. If you serve in youth ministry at a Tar River church, make sure she has your contact information to include you in event planning!

## MAN CAMP AT HOLLY GROVE

Holly Grove Baptist Church is hosting their annual Man Camp event for men and boys, and you are invited for “manly” activities, great food, and meaningful discussion about following Jesus according to our own unique calling.

The cost for this event is \$20/person. If you have questions or want to register a group from your church, contact Carter Ellison at [carterpellison@gmail.com](mailto:carterpellison@gmail.com).



  
**MAN CAMP**  
SEPTEMBER 7 | 4:30-7:30PM  
CAMP OUT TO FOLLOW

The poster features a dark background with a silhouette of a person holding a flashlight, a tent, and a tree logo.

## 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 28<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## DOCUMENT ROADMAP 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 proposed bylaws will be shared for review and feedback no later than 60 days before the Fall Meeting. The proposed budget for 2025 will be shared for review 30 days before the Fall Meeting.

## 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](mailto: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.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 3<sup>rd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Let's ServeNC together with NC Baptist churches across our association and across the state of North Carolina!
- August 11<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 PM Go Time Association-Wide Youth Rally hosted at Rock Spring Baptist Church in Louisburg.
- August 15<sup>th</sup> Deadline to apply for Provision Financial Ministry Grants
- September 7  
4:30 PM "Man Camp" at Holly Grove Baptist Church, open to men from all TRBA churches. Registration is required.
- September 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> NC Baptist Replenish Retreat for pastors and their families at Fort Caswell. Scholarships are available for TRBA pastors and their families.
- October 28<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 PM The 194<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Meeting of the Tar River Baptist Association will be held on Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.provision.org/grants). Grant recipients are selected by Provision's Denominational Relations Committee, and not everyone who applies is awarded a grant.