

# THE NAVIGATOR

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## HEARTACHE AND HOPE IN WESTERN NC: HURRICANE HELENE RESPONSE

In the wake of devastation left by Hurricane Helene, Tar River Baptists are responding, collecting supplies and deploying teams to Western NC alongside NC Baptists and NC Baptists on Mission.

If your church is deploying a team to Western NC and can accommodate volunteers from other area churches, contact [caleb@tarriverbaptist.com](mailto:caleb@tarriverbaptist.com) with details and contact information to be shared with other churches and individuals interested.

If you would like to volunteer but do not have a group or team to go with, you may be able to travel with a team from another TRBA church. As teams are formed and space is available, details will be posted at [tarriverbaptist.org/disaster-relief](http://tarriverbaptist.org/disaster-relief) and shared at [facebook.com/tarriver](https://facebook.com/tarriver).



If your church wants to participate in collecting supplies but cannot deliver them to Western NC, you can coordinate a drop-off at the TRBA office. Collected supplies will be staged at the TRBA office. Any teams traveling from TRBA to Western NC can access and deliver these supplies. Drivers willing to aid in delivering supplies may be needed in the coming weeks.

One of the best ways that you can contribute is by giving to the North Carolina Missions Offering or by giving directly to Baptists on Mission. Links to both can be found at [tarriverbaptist.org/disaster-relief](http://tarriverbaptist.org/disaster-relief).

We will continue to build out our local communication and coordination efforts. For now, you can bookmark [tarriverbaptist.org/disaster-relief](http://tarriverbaptist.org/disaster-relief) or contact [caleb@tarriverbaptist.com](mailto:caleb@tarriverbaptist.com) if you want to receive updates and information about disaster relief efforts and opportunities to serve.

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## PREPARING FOR THE 2024 FALL MEETING AT COVENANT HOPE CHURCH

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. You can pre-register now at [tarriverbaptist.org/register](https://tarriverbaptist.org/register).

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 at our Fall Meeting.



The 2024 Fall Meeting will mark the culmination of the restructuring process began at the Fall Meeting of 2022. 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. You can read more about the restructure process and the governing documents on page 2.

## PROPOSED BYLAWS, BUDGET, AND COMPLETED RESTRUCTURE

The messengers of the Tar River Baptist Association voted to begin a process of restructuring at the Fall Meeting in 2022. Since that time, the Associational Leadership Team (ALT) has done extensive work to clearly encapsulate and articulate the priorities of the churches that make up TRBA, and to restructure the association accordingly. As approved in 2022, one aspect of the restructuring process was to be the creation and implementation of new governing documents. These documents have been carefully and prayerfully prepared by the Associational Leadership Team (ALT), and are now available at [www.tarriverbaptist.org/documents](http://www.tarriverbaptist.org/documents). The proposed budget for 2025 is also available for review in advance of the meeting.

These new governing documents aim to refocus the association on our core mission: helping our churches grow stronger spiritually, reach out more effectively, and support our pastors better. At the same time, these documents and the entire restructuring process aim to address past concerns and enhance accountability through the introduction of a revamped Board of Directors, elected by and from the churches of TRBA. As explained in the 2024 Spring Meeting, the first Board of Directors will be elected from among the existing ALT to ensure continuity and consistency in applying the new documents and implementing the new structure. The ALT will present the following to serve on the first Board of Directors: Rich Cash, member at Flat Rock Baptist Church; Mark Cottrell, Pastor at Pearce Baptist Church; Michael McCray, Pastor at Ephesus Baptist Church; Ben McRoy, Mobilization Pastor at Faith Baptist Church; Kaden Williamson, Pastor at Sandy Creek Baptist Church.

Please visit the link above, and read and review the proposed documents carefully. If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, please email [caleb@tarriverbaptist.com](mailto:caleb@tarriverbaptist.com). All feedback will be carefully reviewed by the Associational Leadership Team.

## PUERTO RICO PARTNERSHIP TRIP POSTPONED TO JULY 2025

The Puerto Rico vision trip planned for August 2024 has been postponed to July 2025. 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.