

THE NAVIGATOR

TAR RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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SPRING MEETING LOCATION, TIME, AND SPEAKER

The 194th Annual Spring Meeting of the Tar River Baptist Association will be held on Monday, April 22nd, at Holly Grove Baptist Church in Spring Hope, NC. Registration will begin at 6:00, Ministry Partners will introduce themselves beginning at 6:15, and the meeting will be called to order at 6:30. Professor Ronjour Locke, preaching professor at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, will deliver the annual sermon. The Associational Leadership Team and Acting Associational Mission Strategist will also deliver reports and updates on the restructure process. Pre-registration is open now at <https://forms.gle/Prx2BrgN8HkpaHrA9>.



PUERTO RICO PARTNERSHIP – VISION TRIP PLANNED

A team from TRBA will travel to San Juan, Puerto Rico this Summer, to serve at the NAMB Send Relief Ministry Center. This trip will hopefully be the first of many for TRBA churches, as we work to establish cross-cultural partnerships. The team will mainly help to repair and rebuild homes and churches, and may also help to prepare for hurricane season. Team members may also aid in outreach through prayer-walking and food distribution. See page 2 for more details.

PUERTO RICO PARTNERSHIP – CONTINUED

There are a limited number of team member slots still available. The total cost of the trip, with airfare, lodging, and food, is \$1000/person. TRBA will offer 50% (\$500) off the cost of up to two members of any TRBA church, as space allows. \$250 is due at reservation, and the remaining \$250 is due by June 1. For more information or to begin the reservation process, contact Caleb Gibson at 252-382-4393 or by email at caleb@tarriverbaptist.com. If interest warrants and space is filled, a second trip may be planned for the Spring of 2025.

TRBA PASTORS COHORT WITH SANDY MARKS

In partnership with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, TRBA is hosting a Pastors Cohort, led by Dr. Sandy Marks, NC Baptists Church Revitalization & Pastoral Ministry Strategist. This cohort is focused on helping pastors develop a vision frame, as Dr. Marks will walk pastors through a framework for their lives and ministries. The cohort meets monthly at 10:00 AM at the TRBA office; remaining dates will be February 13th, March 19th, April 9th, and May 14th. There is no cost, but the Spring 2024 Cohort will close to new participants after the February meeting. If interest warrants, a second cohort may be offered in the Fall. Contact Caleb for more.



529 CHURCHES SIGNED UP TO SERVE NC SO FAR

Whether it's painting a school, cleaning up a yard, 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. To register, download resources, and order ServeNC tee shirts, visit ncbaptist.org/servenc today. If you need help discovering needs in your community, contact Caleb Gibson or Susan Peoples, who will serve as TRBA's advocates for ServeNC.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, February 13th
7:30 AM

Tar River Baptist Association is partnering with the Franklin County Sheriff's Department to assist in providing chaplaincy services and a Chaplain Support Team for Franklin County. If you would like to meet the deputies and department staff who serve Franklin County, coming to a bi-monthly prayer breakfast is a great way to start. The February Prayer Breakfast will be at HomeTown Café in Franklinton.

Tuesday, February 13th
10:00 AM

The second TRBA Pastors Cohort meeting with Dr. Sandy Marks will be held at the TRBA Office on Tuesday, February 13th, at 10:00 AM. If you would like to participate, please plan to attend this meeting, as the cohort will close to new participants after.

Thursday, March 7th
3:00 PM

The next Associational Leadership Team Meeting will be Thursday March 7th at the TRBA office. Any member of a TRBA church is invited to attend and encouraged to participate in the discussion as we continue restructuring toward the future.

Thursday, April 4th
3:00 PM

The Associational Leadership Team will host an open forum on Thursday, April 4th at the TRBA office. This will be an opportunity to hear an update from the ALT and ask any questions in advance of the annual Spring Meeting.

Monday, April 22nd
6:00 PM

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A NOTE FROM CALEB GIBSON, ACTING MISSIONS STRATEGIST

If I can be of assistance to your church in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me! You can reach me by email at caleb@tarriverbaptist.com or by call or text at 252-382-4393. I would love to meet with you and/or your church to talk about ways that Tar River Baptist Association can assist in community demographics studies, church revitalization, and other gospel partnerships.