



# The NAVIGATOR

STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AND IMPACTING LOSTNESS

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## MARK YOUR COURSE

### Calendar of Events

## JANUARY 2014

We invite you to join us in a season of prayer for the life and work of the association and our member churches. We will send out regular prayer prompts throughout the month of January asking you to join us in praying for particular needs.

- **1st—3rd Office Closed** (Staff holiday and open by appointment only on 1/2 and 1/3)
- **4th TRBA/FCM Monthly Prayer Drive**  
8:00am-10:00 AM Pilot Baptist Church
- **7th LAST BUSINESS DAY FOR 2013** (Checks received from member churches written ON OR BEFORE December 31st AND received in our office by end of business day on January 7th will be applied to Budget Year 2013. All funds received AFTER January 7th will be applied to Budget Year 2014.
- **10th Articles for February Newsletter due to Sherri.**
- **15th TRBA Finance Committee Meeting—**  
12:30 PM TRBA Office (Postponed until this date so TRBA Staff can close out 2013 end-of-year).
- **21st. Ministers' Monthly Fellowship and Prayer Time—**11:30 AM—1: 00 PM TRBA Office—This will be a time of dialogue and prayer as to how we can better serve and build relationship with our pastors, staff ministers, etc. Please plan to be in attendance (reservations please so we can prepare by 1/21/14).
- **25th. Region 4 Operation INASMUCH Training—**10:00 AM—3:00 PM Morrisville FBC
- **27th. TRBA Prayer Service—**7:00 PM Rock Spring Baptist Church. This is a special time of prayer for our member churches and the life and work of the association. ALL members are invited to be a part of this special service.

Please check our calendar on the website on a regular basis for updated calendar information. You may also check us out on FaceBook as we update there as well. Our website is [www.tarriverbaptist.org](http://www.tarriverbaptist.org).

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## Charting His Course

By: Dougald McLaurin  
Associational Missionary

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation".  
Mark 16:15

**Happy New Year!!** What an exciting December is passing us by! Special thanks to Matthew Bowden for his leadership, the site coordinators in each of the churches, and all the volunteers for a successful CFM (Toy) Ministry. We are very happy to report its "success" in every arena and are looking forward to the follow up ministry opportunities that have come as a result of this annual ministry.

We are closing out 2013 with a shortfall financially. That has resulted in both budget and staff cuts for 2014. If you have not heard of the changes being mandated, please pay attention to emails, newsletters, FaceBook, website, etc. for updated information. **The biggest change is pre-registration for almost ALL TRBA events!!**



Please join us in praying for the life and work of the association in 2014. Though there have been cut backs, expect great things from the Lord as we serve Him together. He has called us to strengthen His church and to impact lostness in THIS generation. NOTHING has happened to diminish that as our desire and we commit ourselves anew to achieving His purpose as an association. Please call on us as your associational staff. We stand ready to assist you in the work of His church! May we accomplish great things together for His glory!

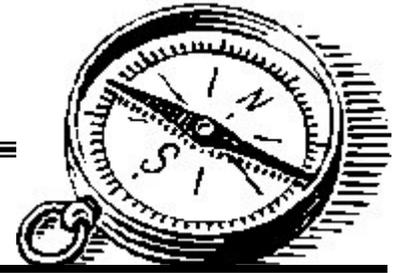
## TRBA CALL TO PRAYER

Again this year, TRBA Staff invites you to join us in prayer for the association and our member churches. We anticipate great things for 2014, but we know that whatever we do needs to be bathed in prayer! As we have the past several years, we invite you to fast and pray with us. On January 27th we will have a special time of prayer at Rock Spring (7 PM). We hope to see you there!



Several years ago it was stated, "a prayer-less church is a power-less church." Let us pray and seek His power together!

# CHURCH & COMMUNITY MINISTRIES



## MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### 2014 Church Ministries

We have two New Outreach trailers, JOY and PEACE. They both contain identical equipment designed for your church to hold an evangelistic event. The trailers are equipped with:

- \* 2 Inflatables
- \* 3 Generators
- \* Sno Cone Machine
- \* Sound System
- \* Cotton Candy Machine
- \* Accessories
- \* Popcorn Machine

**The trailers can be rented for \$150 (per 2 consecutive days).**

Reservations can be made up to six months in advance. There is **mandatory training required each year for at least two people from the borrowing church.** *We will be checking for damage more and forfeiting deposits if items are not stored properly as we do not have staff to accommodate.* For more information on how to reserve one of the trailers visit [www.tarriverbaptist.com](http://www.tarriverbaptist.com) or contact Meredith at [Meredith@tarriverbaptist.com](mailto:Meredith@tarriverbaptist.com) or (919) 496-7172



### 2013 CFM Toy Ministry Wrap Up

#### Building Relationships / Meeting Needs



Special thanks to Castalia, Ephesus, Maple Springs, Mt. Zion, Poplar Spring, and Union Chapel churches for serving as distribution sites for our 2013 CFM Ministry. We had many new volunteers this year to

join those that have served in previous years. Thank ALL that prayed, contributed, volunteered, in any capacity. Your efforts have indeed strengthened the church and impacted lives for years to come!

At least **160** families with **470+** children were served. There were **4** professions of faith. CFM 2013 gave away over **1,600** toys and over **700** clothing items, bags of food, school supplies, and stocking stuffers to the families that were served. We say at least because we were also able to meet emergency needs of a few families after our operations and connected families with other helping groups. A few left over toys will go to the MATCH program with NC Women's prison.

We are already anticipating great things for CFM 2014. Pray with us as to how you/your church might become engaged with this ministry in 2014.

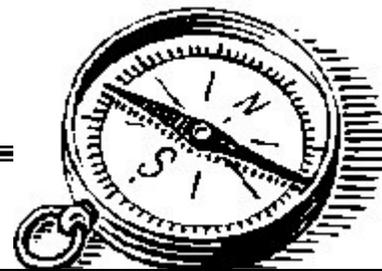
Matthew Bowden

### God is up to something.....

Surely by now you have taken note! God is opening doors of opportunity for you/your church to become more engaged in missions and ministry throughout the communities we serve! And many of you are already striving to be obedient to His call. Over Christmas, several individuals have been engaged in building ramps, distributing food, getting people into new housing, etc. **Pray about your involvement!**

Early in 2014 (January) we will send out an email inviting interested churches to send representatives to discuss what God is doing in your community and how the association can be of help to you. School partnerships, benevolence assistance, Jobs for Life, Faith and Finances, etc. etc. will be discussed. **We need church contacts from each church.** It is our desire to help our member churches as they strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus to their community.

# NEWS AND INFORMATION



## CHURCH AND ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

### The Life and Work of YOUR Association

Someone has asked, “what is an association?” Well, we could give a detailed answer, but the truth is - the association is exactly what we as member churches make it. TRBA exists to (1) Strengthen the local church, & (2) Impact Lostness in THIS generation. As an association, we are committed to prayer, planning, and persistent work in fulfilling these purposes.

As we downsize staff and reduce our budget for 2014, we will be looking closely to our purpose in our planning of events and the training. In short, we will filter our activity by asking, “How does this strengthen the local church/impact lostness?” If it does not, then we will not offer it.

During the month of January, we unapologetically ask each of you to join us in praying for your association. We need to discern the will of God as we go forward in 2014!!

### PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

“While the iron is hot...” let’s go ahead and invite your church to consider serving as a “distribution point” for 2014 CFM Ministry! Speak with members of churches that participated this year and hear their testimonies where they saw God at work! *You will be blessed as a church to serve as the hands and feet of Christ to people in need in your community!*

This year, 6 churches participated in the distribution of toys and resources. It was a huge task in many ways, but we accomplished much and learned a great deal of how we can better serve in 2014. If more member churches get involved, we can accomplish much more. Someone has said how can one church help so many families? Together, with God’s help we can. And you know what, if every church would participate and assist in meeting the needs of 5 families, we would help OVER 250 families.

Expect an invitation in January to those that have participated and those that may want to participate in the future. We will begin our discussion of CFM 2014. Pray with us about your involvement in 2014!

### **Happenings!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! (Here we want to make announcements for member churches)**

Many churches have just completed some wonderful Christmas programs and events. PRAY as they follow up with those that attended/were ministered to during the holiday season. Below are a few known needs/events to us. Please contact us to include announcement in our regular publications.

**Looking for Music Directors:** Ephesus and Pilot Churches

**Churches without pastors:** Cedar Rock, Centerville, Rocky Cross, and Unity. Please be in prayer for these churches as they seek out the individual God has prepared for them.

**Toronto Mission Trips:** Expect news in early January about mission trip opportunities to Toronto in 2014. Pray fervently for this partnership with Toronto Church Planting.

**Special Thanks To Matthew Bowden:** With 2014 upon us, we say goodbye to Matthew Bowden as a staff member here at TRBA. He has done a wonderful job for us and we appreciate all he has done. Matthew is staying on with us this semester as a student intern. Tar River is an Equip Partner with SEBTS and students from our member churches can receive credit. Pray for Matthew as he continues to serve as Pastor at Corinth and work with us as a student intern in 2014. Again Matthew, THANK YOU!

## Important Info for 2014

**Office hour changes:** Effective 1/6/2014 office hours are 8:30 AM—4:30 PM Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. 8:30 AM—Noon on Tuesday and Friday and **by appointment only Tuesday and Friday afternoons.**

**Reservations for ALL events:** The leadership of the association has directed TRBA staff, and ministry directors to require reservations for ALL events. **Please assist us with your understanding and reservations.**

**Church Contacts Needed:** We need at least one person in every church that will share information/see it gets into the bulletin or newsletter at your church. Contact Sherri@tarriverbaptist.com if you are willing.

**Volunteers Needed:** God is opening doors of ministry opportunities. We need volunteers to assist in those ministries. Again, contact Sherri.

**ACP Completion Needed:** To more effectively accomplish our work, we need to have 100% participation by member churches with their ACPs. ***What we need most is simply your CURRENT church leaders' contact information.*** Please contact Meredith@tarriverbaptist.com to assist in this important work.

## TRBA Needs Your Help

**Volunteers and Contacts:** You see this info above, but we cannot over emphasize the need!

**Leadership Lists:** Surely each church has a listing of their current leadership, please email a copy to TRBA so we can have an up-to-date list with contact information.

**Who has benevolence ministries:** We are attempting to update our information and better coordinate benevolent ministries throughout the association. It would help us just to know (1) if your church has any type of benevolence ministry, (2) if there are specific guidelines as to who can receive, (3) if you offer counseling (financial and otherwise), (4) who your contact person is for benevolence, etc. etc. etc. It is our hope as an association, to assist our member churches as they seek to minister to the needs in their communities. We have partnerships with NC Food Bank, Franklin County Mission, schools, etc. and we believe we are now in a position to connect member churches with known needs in their community and help them be that ministering church—not just to the physical needs, but as you build relationship their spiritual needs!

***TRBA Needs your prayers! As we begin 2014, we solicit your fervent prayer for the next 30 days.***

## TRBA 2013 CONTRIBUTIONS January –November

Bailey	3,259	Open Road	
Bethlehem	4,845	Peachtree	1,704
Bunn	750	Pearce	3,000
Castalia	3,698	Perry's Chapel	600
Cedar Rock	1,150	Philadelphia	600
Centerville	750	Pilot	6,600
Corinth	3,754	Pine Ridge	4,217
Community	394	Pleasant Grove	2,625
Cornerstone	800	Poplar Spring	5,410
Cypress Chapel		Ransdell Chapel	1,744
Duke Memorial	2,500	Red Bud	4,865
Ephesus	7,888	Rock Spring	4,354
Flat Rock	14,588	Rocky Cross	700
Franklinton	3,405	Saints Delight	
Good Hope	2,587	Samaria	3,140
Grace Haven		Sandy Creek	2,000
Harris Chapel	3,104	Social Plains	3,430
Hickory Rock	1,467	Spring Hope	1,425
High Cross	241	Stanhope	275
Holly Grove	300	Union Chapel	1,925
Hopkins Chapel	9,448	Union Hope	2,200
Louisburg	4,125	Union View	
Maple Springs	1,600	Unity	1,992
Mount Zion	500	White Level	4,000
Mountain Grove	800	Wood	700
Oak Grove	2,200	Word of Life	264



**MARK  
YOUR  
STEPS**

***Last Day for Church  
Contributions to be  
RECEIVED  
for the 2013 Budget  
Year***

**January 7, 2014**