

# The NAVIGATOR

STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AND IMPACTING LOSTNESS

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## Mark Your Course

Calendar of Events

### July 2015

(\*) = more details in this newsletter

- 3rd Office Closed for the July 4th Holiday
- \*7th CCM Meeting 6:30pm TRBA
- 8th TRBA Finance Committee Meeting 1:00pm TRBA
- 10th Office Closed

### August 2015

- \*11th ACP Training at 10:00am TRBA
- \*11th ACP Training at 6:30pm TRBA
- 12th TRBA Finance Committee Meeting 1:00pm TRBA

*Please check our calendar on the website on a regular basis for updated calendar information. Our website is [www.tarriverbaptist.org](http://www.tarriverbaptist.org).*

Tar River Baptist Association is looking for people to serve on the various councils and committees for the next church year. Contact us if you would like to become involved in efforts to strengthen the local church and engage in missions. Also, if you have recommendations of individuals with passion for ministry, please let us know and we will prayerfully consider as we fill vacancies on our committees and councils.

## REMINDER

The TRBA office will be closed on  
Friday, July 3th &  
Friday, July 10th.

The Monthly Newsletter of the Tar River Baptist Association

### 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*

July is a busy time for both churches and the association. Many are engaged in the nominating process and planning budgets and calendars. Pray for your church as they plan. God is calling His church to reach the communities they serve. Pray for TRBA as we seek out individuals to serve our member churches.

In this month's newsletter you have opportunity to respond to calls to minister locally and throughout the nation. Beginning in your own community. Let me encourage you to use the Outreach Trailer— thanks to Meredith the training is now online. This will serve our churches well. This is a great tool to reach out to your community. **And, a novel idea—consider working together as churches to reach the various communities throughout your association.** One of my hopes is to see Christian neighbors who attend different churches work as one to reach their lost neighbors. The goal of NAMB is that EVERY person in North America hear the Gospel by 2020 and EVERY Christian sharing the Gospel. Please, commit anew to being the church God has called you to become in Him.



And there are opportunities beyond our communities. Expect more to be shared over the summer detailing more and more opportunities for you, your family, and your church. When you receive information, please prayerfully consider serving and share with others throughout your church family. As we work together, in Him we CAN reach our world! God has not called His church to an impossible task, share the Good News of Christ Jesus!

## ACP TRAINING

Tuesday, August 11

2 training sessions available!

Either 10:00am or 6:30pm at the TRBA office. This training is to educate church leaders on the importance of completing the Annual Church Profile and how to complete the form or completing the profile on-line. Reserve your training time by emailing Meredith at [Meredith@tarriverbaptist.com](mailto:Meredith@tarriverbaptist.com)

## Strengthening Our Ministry Partnerships

Now that the association is “fully staffed,” we are looking closely at ways we can engage more churches in our missions/ministry partnerships and communicate more effectively with the agencies we partner with in the communities we serve. We have been meeting/planning as staff, with councils, agency representatives, etc. to determine ways we can work together. We have looked at our Church and Community Ministries area and have some good things we will be sharing with you in the near future. In this area, we are looking at benevolence needs, collection items (back-to-school, hygiene kits, food pantry, BCH food drive, etc), school partnerships, VFD partnerships, our annual CFM (Toy) ministry—along with other things. We have a second meeting July 7th. With additional representatives.

We are also in conversation with representatives of our missions organizations (men and women), looking at ways to revitalize both our men and women’s ministries. It is our hope to get more people from member churches certified in disaster relief, handy-man ministries, association-wide leadership training, Bible study groups, etc. On both missions and the CCM ministries, expect separate emails detailing upcoming events/activities.

The primary emphasis of this section is to emphasize some exciting possibilities for church members to become engaged in **Partnership Missions**. Several of our member churches are engaged in missions partnerships and carry teams to areas outside the United States. TRBA would love to know more details about those partnerships so that we can pray and assist when possible. As an association, we are looking at ways to strengthen our partnership with Toronto Church Planting and are in conversation with them regarding some opportunities next summer. We need to begin NOW to “build the team” that will go and work with and encourage church planters in the Toronto area. You may know that several churches support financially Trinity Life in Toronto (Michael and Missy Seaman). Some have been there to work with and encourage them in their work. That will continue. However, we are looking into some exciting ways that YOU might be interested in being a participant.

**Encouragers:** TRBA is looking for couples in particular that would like to serve as encouragers for planters in Toronto that have sacrificed much to go to another place to proclaim Jesus in obedience to God’s call. This encouragement takes on a variety of shapes, but it begins by building relationships NOW. We envision “connecting” a church planter and family with a couple in TRBA. The couple would build relationship with them through email, cards, calls perhaps, and Skype. Why Skype—the children need to become familiar with who you are. Our hope—that you will take some weekends (maybe Thursday-Sunday/Friday-Monday (long weekends) and fly to Toronto to assist in their ministry, or keep their children so they can be engaged with the people, attend their services—just be an encouragement. The cost might be close to what you would pay to spend a long weekend in Gatlinburg.

**Back to back-to back-to back Mission Trip:** Church planters have 4–6 weeks to maximize use of mission teams—primarily in July. They have said the team needs to be fluid. One planter might need 10; another 5; and yet another 3. They often need teams “back-to-back” so they can do follow-up with the contacts they made in the first outreach event, etc. We have been in conversation with TCP and are looking at having teams in Toronto the entire month of July. The idea is that we will work to establish a plan whereby a team of about 20 or so could be on the ground each week; staying 7 days; as they are flying out, a new team will be flying in; and then repeat. As stated, team members would have to be “fluid” as a team of 20 might be divided with 12 working with a Tibetan planter, 6 with a Pakistani planter, and 2 with a Chinese congregation. The idea is that the team will minister wherever the church planters need them that week and it could “change up” from day-to-day, depending on their needs. Exciting—a LOT of logistics to work out, team building to achieve, **and prayers to be lifted!** Thus, we need to begin NOW to establish who might be interested in participating. Our first meeting of interested persons will be in September (**of course Encouragers could begin now**). Those who express interest will receive additional information.

**If you are interested as an individual or a group, DO NOT HESITATE to let us know as plans MUST begin NOW. Contact us at [Dougald@tarriverbaptist.com](mailto:Dougald@tarriverbaptist.com).** Key term—do NOT hesitate—as we need to begin immediately!

## Pray for Our Churches Without Pastors

Mount Zion  
Cedar Rock

Cornerstone  
White Level

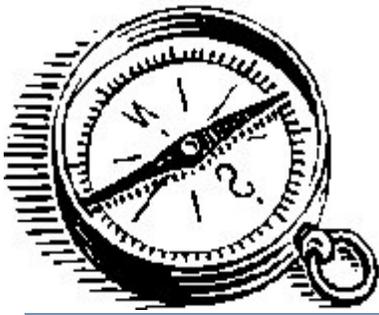
Pilot  
Duke Memorial

*Please be in prayer for these churches as they seek out the individual God has prepared for them.*

## MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

TRBA is in need of a ready list of volunteers to serve at various times throughout the week. Food drives, hygiene collections, coats for NYC, and office needs, contact [Pauline@tarriverbaptist.com](mailto:Pauline@tarriverbaptist.com) to assist.



**Church & Communities Ministries Meeting**  
 Tuesday, July 7th & Monday, August 3rd  
 @ 6:30pm at TRBA office.

We are looking for people who have a passion for reaching out to the community with the Gospel. We are meeting to discuss some of the CCM ministries that we have done here at TRBA and want your help improving them.

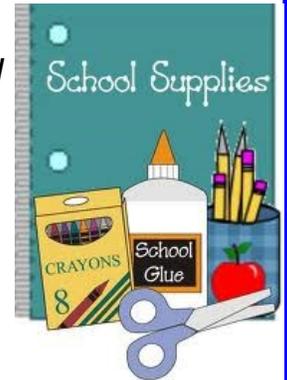
Some ministries we will discuss will be:

**Christmas Toy Ministry**  
**Church/School Partnerships**  
**Church/Volunteer Fire Dept. Partnerships**  
**Baptist Children Home Food Drive**  
**Easter Basket Collections**  
**Migrant Family Ministries**  
**Benevolence/Food Pantry Ministries**  
**And MORE!**

If you desire to help with any or all of these or have other ideas, please consider coming to one of these meetings. Contact [Meredith@tarriverbaptist.com](mailto:Meredith@tarriverbaptist.com) for more information.

### ***START COLLECTING!!***

TRBA is collecting school supplies for students in our area schools.



- ◆ Bibles
- ◆ Backpacks
- ◆ Pencils
- ◆ Rulers
- ◆ Wide-ruled paper
- ◆ Wide-ruled notebooks
- ◆ Folders
- ◆ Lg plastic pencil cases
- ◆ Glue sticks/bottles
- ◆ Scissors
- ◆ Crayons

**All collections are Due by  
 September 11, 2015**

### **Part Time Church Secretary Opening**

@ Flat Rock Baptist Church  
 Send resumes to Flat Rock Baptist Church  
 1529 Flat Rock Church Road  
 Louisburg, NC 27549



# Save this date

### **ANNUAL TRBA DEACON DINNER**

Thursday, September 17 @ 6:00pm

Hosted by: Ephesus Baptist Church

Keep watch for more information in the following months!

**TRBA Staff, email addresses & Office Hours:**

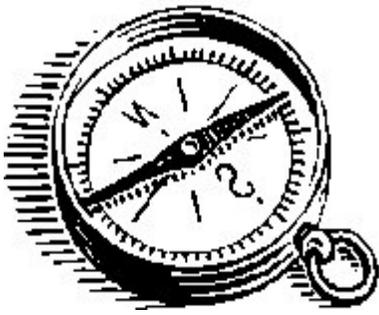
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**Meredith Byrd, Church & Community Ministries Director** - [Meredith@tarriverbaptist.com](mailto:Meredith@tarriverbaptist.com)

**Office Hours: Monday - Friday 10:00am to 2:00pm**

## MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES



### Galatians...a study for Women who serve!

Rocky Cross Baptist Church is hosting an in-depth look at Paul's teachings to the church of Galatia. This study is open to all adult/youth ladies of every age and will be led by Pastor Josh Yates' wife, Neisha Yates.

Neisha has a masters from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and is currently applying to be a doctoral candidate at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. This is a five-week study that will take place from 7-8 PM each Tuesday beginning on Tuesday July 28th and ending on Tuesday September 1st. There is no cost of books or materials, as the study will require a Bible only. The Gospel will be presented each week so please bring a friend who may have questions about the good news. If you need nursery services or if you have any questions feel free to contact Neisha at:

[neishabree@me.com](mailto:neishabree@me.com), Phone @ 706-957-1561 or 919-269-9993 (parsonage) Rocky Cross Baptist Church, 13452 Burgess Rd, Middlesex, NC 27557



# COATS for the CITY

### TRBA will be a collection site again this year.

Three years ago, Bethlehem Baptist Church in Gastonia had a vision for Coats for Queens. The church partnered with Boto Joseph, a church planter in Queens, to distribute coats and Bibles, and to pray with residents of Jackson Heights in Queens. This ministry was a huge success. Last year the effort was expanded as a result of Hurricane Sandy to include Rockaway Beach.

This year the project has been expanded even further. Partnering with church planters all across New York, this year we hope to collect 30,000 coats and either a Bible or Jesus film in the language of the person receiving the coat. To do this we need your help. Your church can get involved by promoting Coats for the City to your church, recruiting volunteers to help with coat distribution in New York, and praying that Coats for the City would open the door for the gospel to be shared with those who are not yet believers in Jesus Christ.

**We need for churches to collect new or gently used coats throughout September 25th.**

**The coats should be delivered to TRBA by September 30th.**  
**TRBA will need volunteers to sort the collected coats on October 1st. Coats must be sorted into heavy duty lawn bags, please mark your bags according to three styles: men, women and children. We would also ask people to donate \$2 for every coat they drop off. This will help cover the cost of the Bibles and/ or Jesus videos. This is not required, but would be a big help.**

**Start saving know!!**

## Outreach Trailers For Ministry Events

**TRAINING IS NOW ONLINE!**

**We are excited to announce that now all the training required to use the Outreach Trailers can be accessed online.**

The training has been condensed down to seven short videos which cover the instructions/guidelines for how to use the items in the trailer. Though you do not have to attend a live training the training is required each year by at least two people in your church. There is a form that must be completed where you agree that two people have watched it. These trailers are perfect for summer events such as VBS or any other church-wide event. Reservations are going fast so visit [www.tarriverbaptist.org](http://www.tarriverbaptist.org) to see the available dates and apply online. More info: Email [Meredith@tarriverbaptist.com](mailto:Meredith@tarriverbaptist.com)