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STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AND IMPACTING LOSTNESS



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Mark Your Course

Calendar of Events

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(*) = more details in this newsletter

- 7th TRBA Budget requests are due!
- 9th TRBA Office Closed for Staff Training
- 10th Articles for July Newsletter due to Pauline
- 10th TRBA Finance Committee Meeting 1:00pm TRBA
- 11th Partnership Missions Meeting 11:30pm Fiesta Mexicana, Louisburg
- *23rd Pastor's Fellowship 11:30am Johnny Bull's Restaurant
- 29th Missions Planning Meeting 6pm TRBA

Attention Committee Chairs/Council Directors—Please send all budget requests to Pauline@tarriverbaptist.com ASAP. Always due by mid-June to allow time for budget preparation.

July 2015

- 3rd Closed for the July 4th Holiday
- 8th TRBA Finance Committee Meeting 1:00pm TRBA
- *21st Pastor's Fellowship 11:30am Johnny Bull's Restaurant

Please check our calendar on the website on a regular basis for updated calendar information. Our website is www.tarriverbaptist.org.

Special Thanks!

Thank you to those TRBA churches for the food, gift cards & money donations for the Baptist Children's Home. Also, thank you for the churches that continue to replenish our food pantry at the office. May God continue to bless you for all you do.

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

Summer officially begins in June. Family vacations, VBS, Back Yard Bible Clubs, Mission trips, and summer camp weeks are in all of our plans. AS YOU GO, continue to make disciples in obedience to Matthew 28. Take time to build up those you interact with in these events as Christ-followers. AS YOU GO, pray for the Lord to prepare the way and open opportunities to proclaim the Gospel. AS YOU GO, be the faithful witness God expects you to be as a Christ-follower!! AS YOU GO throughout the summer, be faithful to the life and work of His church!



This month's newsletter, along with other information you receive from TRBA, will challenge each of us to "re-visit" our commitment to advancing His Kingdom by taking the time to "be still and KNOW God" as well as becoming personally engaged in missions and ministry.

There are planning meetings, calls for prayer, training events going on throughout the summer into the Fall to help strengthen our churches. There are outreach resources and personal coaching available to every church that wishes to impact Lostness in their communities. There are opportunities to engage together in the mission fields surrounding us—as well as around the world. As you read through the information we regularly share, we ask that you join us in prayer and make yourself available to accept God's call for your life.

TRBA Office will be closed Tuesday, June 9th for staff training. The office will reopen Wednesday with normal hours 10:00am - 2:00pm

"Ready Harvest - Ready Churches"

This year the theme for Associational Emphasis Month was "Ready Church—Ready Harvest." As I prayed each day through the month, God kept bringing to mind that I was to look at the theme "in reverse." There **IS in fact a ready harvest BUT the question became, is the church READY to be a part of that harvest.** As an Associational Missionary, that thought has permeated my thinking. Over the past 12—18 months, I have been praying through and assessing what we—as an association—need to do to become a "ready church" so that we will become engaged in the harvest field that is before us.

Spring 2014 God began to give clarity to me as I pressed forward with some ideas and plans as to how to strengthen the local church to impact Lostness in this generation. I knew some things would need to be altered and even some staff responsibilities would be shifted to accommodate those changes. By last August the picture was becoming clear, but God was also at work in the lives of others on staff. As I began to reveal those plans, two staff members resigned to serve in other arenas of ministry and the timetable I had thought to be, was not to be. As we enter Summer 2015 and staff positions have been affixed under the current structure, I believe God's timetable is before us!

On the next page you will see the emphasis on Church and Community Ministries, along with missions and ministries. There will be concerted efforts to keep missions and ministry opportunities before our churches; to serve as prayer warriors for sister churches engaged and to issue God's invitation to us to join Him in His work! In the midst of all that, we will increase our efforts to communicate more effectively of ministry needs/opportunities. Here we emphasize that TRBA Staff stands **READY** to assist our member churches become better informed, equipped, and resourced to **engage themselves in the harvest fields around us.** We will **BUILD** on the team of workers that know how to use demographics to discover community needs. We will **WORK TOGETHER** to train leaders to serve local congregations. We will **COLABORATE** with church leaders to develop strategies to reach the lost in their communities—as an individual church and as clusters of churches reaching the lost in the "pockets of lostness" that exist in geographic TRBA. **60% of people in our association are NOT affiliated with ANY religious community** and we need to build relationships with them and introduce them to the **ONE** that IS their hope!!!

EXPECT information to be coming to you/your church. Check website for training opportunities. Pray fervently with us. Be **OPEN** to the leadership of the Holy Spirit to help sister churches by volunteering to work with TRBA Staff. **SHARE** ministry opportunities with other Christ-followers in your church. **BTW, to help ready your church to reach THIS generation and the next, consider Children/Youth Bible Drills and Missions Projects!**

Partnership Missions

Partnership Missions: By the very nature of an association, the member churches of Tar River Baptist Association have committed to “partnership missions.” **Locally**, we are to be working together in Jesus’ name to meet the needs of people in our communities. **Statewide** we partner with other NC Baptists and parachurch entities to meet needs across our state (and region). **Nationally** we—as an association have a partnership with Toronto Church Planting and several of our churches are in partnership with other church plants and missions opportunities throughout North America with NAMB. **Globally** several of our churches support missionaries from within their congregations and through the IMB. As this article is written, I can think of partnerships in China, Haiti, Honduras, Denver, Dominican Republic, South Asia, Romania, Toronto, New York/New Jersey, Guatemala, West Virginia, Uganda and other African states, etc. I write this to point out **God IS at work all around us**, that many are engaged in the work before us, **BUT God is inviting more of us to become involved**, and we need to do some things association-wide to strengthen these mission/ministry opportunities throughout our association.

Locally, we have expanded our Church and Community Ministries Director position. During June we have invited several individuals to meet with us and discuss ways we can more effectively minister to the needs around us and engage more people in this work. If **you** are willing to work with us in meeting benevolent needs, working to build up our food pantry (or need help building up your church’s pantry), volunteer for the annual BCH food drive/the collection of school supplies/toy ministry, etc.—or have a burden for other ways we need to minister, **get your information to us and we will have more discussion.**

Also **locally**, we have invited people to meet with us this month to discuss ways to strengthen our local missions emphasis throughout the association. We need to strengthen our missions education to our children and youth. We need to re-train and equip our disaster response teams. We need to establish ongoing handy-man ministries around the association. We want to work with our Baptist Men and Women of Tar River Councils to strengthen these ministries.

Statewide—nationally—and Globally, please let us know who you partner with as member churches so we can publicize and join you in prayer. As an association, you can expect to hear more information inviting YOU to join the association in working with Toronto Church Planting. Though discussed for a long time, plans have not been implemented for a variety of reasons. Over the next few weeks you will hear more about how **YOU** as a couple can build relationship with church planters in Toronto and be an encouragement to them. **THEN** keep your eyes/ears open for something we will call **Missions Back—to Back—to Back**. And **globally** the current partnerships WILL BUILD themselves as bridges to increase TRBA’s engagement with the task of **Making His Name Known to the Nations!!!!**

*Pray daily that the churches of Tar River Baptist Association will be ready churches,
working diligently in His harvest field.*

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 to assist.



Reminder

The TRBA office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd in celebration of the 4th of July Holiday. Have a safe holiday and enjoy time with family & friends.

Pastor's Fellowship & Prayer Time

Tuesday, June 23rd
11:30am

Johnny Bull's Restaurant
*Dutch-treat lunch,
Season of Prayer
as Pastors*

Flat Rock Baptist Church
Presents in Concert:

GREATER VISION

Friday, June 12th At 7:00 pm

Tickets: \$10.00

Call the church office for tickets
at 919-556-1622



Pray for Our Churches Without Pastors

- Mount Zion
- Cornerstone
- Cedar Rock
- Pilot
- White Level
- Duke Memorial
- Social Plains

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

Coats for the City collections will be starting soon! Keep watch for more information. TRBA will be a collection site again this year. Start saving know!!



COATS For the CITY

MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

TRBA Church Announcements

Part-time Director of Music Opening: Nashville Baptist Church is seeking a part-time Director of Church Music. Candidate should possess a degree in music or comparable musical experience. Send resume to: Nashville Baptist Church, Music Search Committee, P.O. Box 637, Nashville, NC 27856

Pianos to New Home: If anyone (individual or church) is interested in helping find them a new home, please contact Matt James, Administrative Assistant at Poplar Spring at mjameslsu@gmail.com.

Beulah Christian Baptist Church currently has 2 part-time positions available.

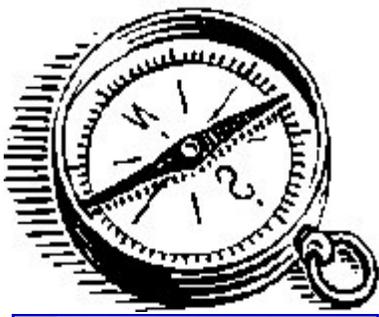
For more information regarding either of these positions, please contact Snow Clement, Church Secretary at 919-556-7245

Youth Director & Music Director These are part-time salary positions.

Salary will be based on education & experience.

Please send resumes to: Beulah Christian Baptist Church

Attn: Pastor & Deacons 8225 Mitchell Mill Road, Zebulon, NC 27597



"State Bible Drill Winners" picture are: Back row, Melton Tyson, Pastor, Rock Spring Baptist Church. Front row left to right are Rebecca Kirsch, Rachel Tyson, and Haley Williams.



Back row left to right are Marirose Boucher, Morgan Pippin, Haley Williams, and Anne Matthews. Front row left to right are Hayley Buchanan, Rachel Tyson, Rebecca Kirsch, and Martha Stallings.



"Association Bible Drillers"

Bible Drill programs help to raise up a generation of Christ followers through encouraging them to hide God's word deep in their heart and express it effectively. These programs help children increase their knowledge, memorization, and application of scripture. Rock Spring Baptist Church of Louisburg began a children's Bible drill program in 2013.

In the 2013-2014 program, Rebecca Tyson competed in all three levels: Church, Association, and State. She received a trophy when she finished the State Drill at Coats Baptist Church in Coats, NC. In the 2014-2015 program, Rebecca Tyson again worked diligently from September through December. In January, she promoted to the church youth group. The six girls who went to the Association level were Hayley Buchanan, Haley Williams, Rachel Tyson, Marirose Boucher, Morgan Pippin, and Rebecca Kirsch.

The Association drill was held at the Raleigh Baptist Association on Poole Road in Raleigh on March 15, 2015. Haley Williams, Rachel Tyson, and Rebecca Kirsch went on to the State Drill at Yates Baptist Church in Durham on April 18.

They received trophies on May 3, presented by our pastor, Melton Tyson. All children did a great job studying God's Word for six months. All the girls are winners! They learned 25 verses which they looked up within 10 seconds, 10 key passages, and the books of the Bible. The parents and leaders are very proud of these children. They have the knowledge needed to be a testimony for God. We want to thank the following leaders for helping make this a successful program: Megan Arnold and Bettie Bryant led grades 1-3; Anne Matthews, Khristi Pippin, and Martha Stallings (Bible Drill Coordinator) led grades 4-6.

Churches in the Tar River Association that would like to start a children's Bible Drill ministry can contact Martha Stallings at 919-793-3071 or 919-496-1811. There is a youth drill for grades 7-9 and a high school drill for grades 10-12. Scholarships are available through the Bible Drill programs. Please pray for this ministry.

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

The 2015 Senior Adult Rally was a huge success! It occurred on May 7 which was also the National Day of Prayer. We had a good number of attendees show up at Maple Spring Baptist Church and they were blessed to hear wonderful music by Brian Miller and an encouraging yet challenging message by Keith Dixon from the Baptist Retirement Homes. There was a special time of prayer for the government, church, military, family, education, media and business. This was led by individuals who either have a heart for or serve in each of these arenas. The prayers were beautiful and it was humbling to be a part of a corporate time of prayer where we cried out to God, asking Him to intervene in each of these areas. There was a meal following the event prepared by many individuals from Duke Memorial Baptist Church and we are grateful for their joyful spirit and the delicious food! Also, we want to express our gratitude to the youth from White Level as well as other individuals for serving the meal. Thank you to Maple Spring Baptist Church for hosting us and all the volunteers who helped make the event possible. We are looking forward to next year!

Submitted by CCM Director, Meredith Byrd

TRBA Churches on Mission

"Missionaries have for decades admirably reached universities from the periphery (e.g., student ministries and hosting exchange students) but have largely ignored professors.

This must change" (Keith Campbell, Ph.D., Vice President of International Relations, Global Scholars)

Global Scholars Network

Reaching and serving professors in secular universities beyond North America

Led by one of our own
Keith Campbell
Former pastor of
Centerville Baptist
Church



To invest in or learn more:
www.global-scholars.org/gsn



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 to see the available dates and apply online.

More info: Email Meredith@tarriverbaptist.com

