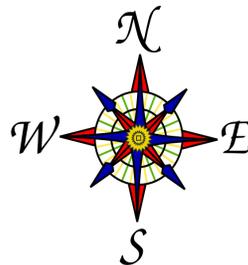


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## Calendar of Events

(\* ) = more details in this newsletter *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).*

### June 2018

### July 2018

- ◆ \*14th Outreach To Your Community Strategy Training @ Pilot Baptist Church (advance registration required) 6:30 PM (Sandwiches @6PM)
- ◆ \*15th Budget Request for 2019 Due
- ◆ 18th TRBA Leadership Meetings' Night Summer Planning Meeting 6:30pm @ TRBA
- ◆ \*4th TRBA Office closed for the July 4th Holiday
- ◆ \*24th ACP Training 10:30am & 6:30pm @ TRBA

**Though the calendar LOOKS slim, there are lots of planning meetings/trainings taking place. Also, do not forget VBS is our #1 Outreach event for Baptist churches. PRAY that God will awaken our churches during VBS events!**

***Expect additional information to come to you electronically and check the TRBA Calendar for updates. MUCH is happening at time of publication.***

*\*means more information inside on these specific events.*



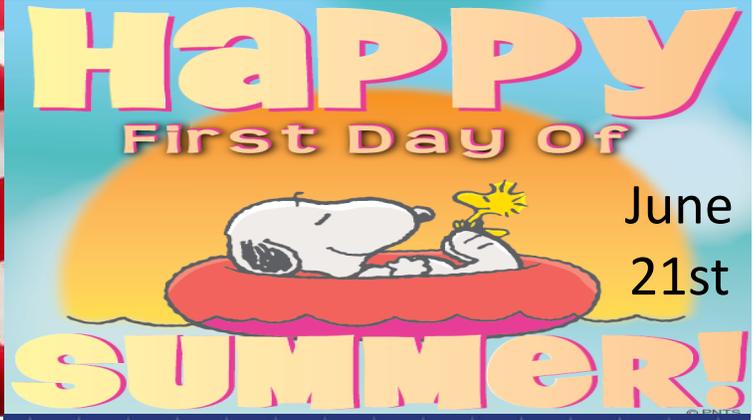
Let me begin by saying THANK YOU for your continued prayers for my family in the passing of my mother. Your prayers, cards, expressions of concerns, and contributions to missions causes in her memory have meant a great deal to us. In times like these, we are reminded that our grief is not as those without hope.

May has been a busy month and the stage is being set for some wonderful things taking place. Towards the end of this month's newsletter we will highlight some calendar events that will be helpful to participating churches. I want to first highlight the REVIVE conference led by Richard Blackaby. Only 2 TRBA churches, but 10 or so people. Important information was shared that will serve us well as we continue to go forward. A statement was made at that meeting that I have recalled over and over since then. In response to a question asked, Richard included a statement that he said sarcastically but it is so true in many of our actions if we are not careful. The question included a, "what do you do when there is a difference of opinion...." His response, "You ask—have you prayed about this? If their response does not resound with "yes," then you might respond, "That's exactly what the church needs—another, un-prayed through/non-biblical/personal opinion on a spiritual matter." As we talk and work towards church revitalization, let's commit to PRAY, seek the counsel of God's Word, then PRAY again—and then share an opinion for the churches consideration that is genuinely seeking the will of God for the church and not personal preference.

A second recent event (April's Prayer Bus Tour) has bearing on a lot of our plans in days ahead. You will also see information coming as a result of the "prayer ride." Using the information we discussed and prayed about as a group with representatives from 12 TRBA churches as well as the MissionInsite demographic reports, we are working with 2 "model" approaches to helping churches that want to look with a "fresh view" towards their community and develop intentional strategies to minister to and proclaim the Gospel to those in their communities. All churches are invited to be a part of this, but we are specifically "targeting" the leadership of member (See Dougald's Comments—page 4)



Sunday, June 17, 2018



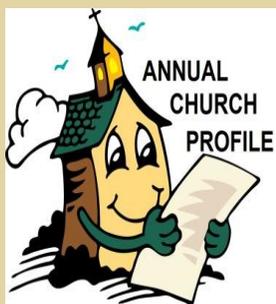
2019 Budget request are due by Friday, June 15th!! Email your request to Pauline at pauline@tarriverbaptist.com



**ACP Training Tuesday, July 24th**

**There will be TWO training sessions!!**

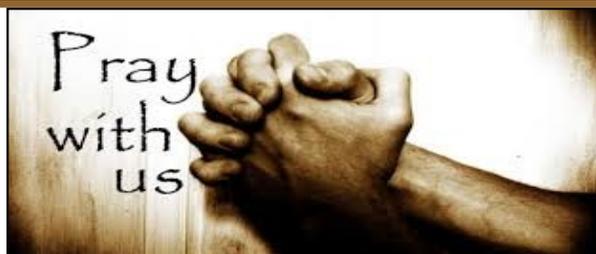
**1st training session - 10:30am      2nd training session - 6:30pm**



Training will be held at the TRBA office. This training is to educate church leaders on the importance of completing the Annual Church Profile. We will walk through each report and how to complete the paper form and completing the profile reporting on-line. Training session will be as long as you need it to be. The training is for anyone who completes all or parts of the ACP. We are here to help you and help your church understand the importance and benefits there are from filing your Annual Church Profiles!! Make reservations by emailing Pauline at Pauline@tarriverbaptist.com with the following information: your name, your church, phone number and time you are attending. TRBA will have computers available for this training.

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*Please be in prayer for these churches as they seek out the individual God has prepared for them. Remember to lift all of our pastors and their families up in prayer, as they strive to minister to God's people.*



### **Pray for Our Churches Without Pastors**

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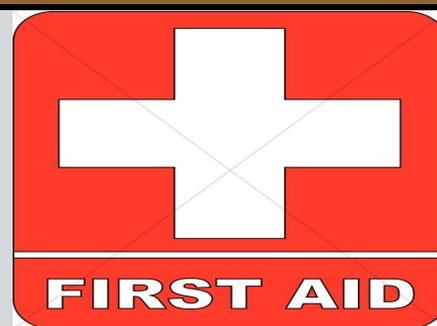
### **Pray for Our Churches With Transitional or New Pastors**

Centerville Baptist: Doug Moore     Duke Memorial: Jared Russell - Interim Pastor  
Pine Ridge Baptist: Richard Walker     Salem Community: James Rice

## **June's Safety Tip**

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An important aspect of summertime activities is first aid. Are you prepared to respond to a medical emergency? Make sure to have someone present who is trained to administer CPR and to use an AED.



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Please pray for your staff as we seek to more effectively serve every mem-

**OFFICE  
HOURS**

Monday - Thursday  
10:00am to 2:00pm

**\*\*Other times by  
appointment\*\***



**Pleasant Grove Baptist Church** in Nashville, NC is looking for a part time pianist/worship leader to lead music on Sunday mornings for the 11:00am worship service. This person will also need to be available to practice with the church choir on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-8:00. This is a paid position and gas mileage is also compensated. To inquire further about the position, please call/text (252) 450-5823 or e-mail [pastorchetharvey@gmail.com](mailto:pastorchetharvey@gmail.com).

**(Dougald's Comments—continued from page 1)** churches that were represented on the prayer bus tour, a couple of churches that have asked to be a part of this as they have learned of it. **As stated, all churches are invited to participate and reservations are needed.** All pastors have received an invitation through email and we hope to have others attend as well.

Each participating church is invited to bring their pastor/ministerial staff and key leadership of the church (deacon chair, missions leaders, treasurers, clerks). Looking to the demographics of their community and the heart of their church to reach the community, we hope to leave that meeting with a “skeleton plan” to reach their communities. There will be follow-up with churches wishing to go forward into the second and third steps. There may even be ways we can begin to form the clusters of churches, working together to meet the needs of our communities and impacting lostness in THIS generation. Caleb Gibson, our newly married Community Ministries Director, has worked tirelessly on resources and presentations related to this.

The final “event” that I want to highlight in this post is the **SECOND MILE Partnership** with churches in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Matthew and I were able to go to San Juan and work out details. At this point, we have two roofing jobs, a partnership with a pastor working with a local middle school, and then activities/events with several church pastors in the area. There are 47 Baptist pastors on the island—I honestly believe the churches of TRBA can make kingdom impact through this partnership with the churches of Puerto Rico.

Expect details about ways you/your church/your civic groups can assist in this ministry. **We begin by continuing to ask churches to consider giving to the annual Associational Missions Offering as proceeds are going to this partnership. In addition, we are asking you to consider giving your VBS Offering to one of the ministry projects we will be detailing. Attention all VBS Directors:** Matthew is preparing several 4-minute or so detailing how you can participate in this mission partnership.

Let's PRAY God will bring revival/renewal to His church throughout the summer of 2018. He is inviting each of us to join Him in His work.

## **Missions and Ministry Opportunities Here—and—There**

Over the summer of 2018 TRBA will be “calling all churches” into tangible opportunities for missions and ministry—close by and around the world. We are getting calls from our local area about the need for wheelchair ramps throughout geographic TRBA and we need to know if your church is willing to assist—and/or, if you personally would like to team up with others in your area to assist in this important ministry. **Email me at [dougald@tarriverbaptist.com](mailto:dougald@tarriverbaptist.com) if you are interested in more information or to sign up.**

In fact, as the summer progresses, we will be “clustering” our member churches geographically. We will look first to clusters around schools and then to other factors. 4-6 churches in a geographic area, working together, to meet the needs of the people in their church mission field. From these smaller groups, we will also be gathering clusters to make 4 larger clusters where we will be offering training and encouraging ministry in that area together.

**Our big, BIG mission opportunity is our “SECOND MILE Partnership” with San Juan, Puerto Rico.** We will regularly be asking you to help out—and we will be growing in our requests quickly. Here are ways you can help RIGHT NOW:

- ♦ **PRAY:** There is power in prayer! Pray first for a movement of God among the churches of Puerto Rico. Pray second for the partnership—that God will use us mightily. Pray about ways YOU/your church can assist.
- ♦ **GIVE:** We can refurbish a house/subsidize a pastor's salary for \$5000. Both are needed. Generously give towards materials for rebuilding, resources for churches to use in ministry, and to pastors financially so they can stay and minister to their people.



## Children's Pastor Position

**Pleasant Grove Baptist Church,  
Creedmoor, NC (Flat River Baptist Association)**

is seeking a part-time (20 hrs/week) Children's Pastor. This person will serve as integral member of the pastoral ministry team as they oversee all programming and ministry for children ages birth - 6th grade. They will create environments, activities, and programming for each group that will facilitate learning and encourage spiritual growth. An undergraduate degree is preferred with prior experience in children's ministry desired.

Please send questions and resumes to [office@pgbccreedmoor.org](mailto:office@pgbccreedmoor.org).

## Outreach To Your Community Strategy Planning Training

**Pilot Baptist Church: June 14th: 6 PM**

In response to questions asked by member churches and in response to our April Prayer Tour, TRBA has been praying and working on ways we can assist our churches that are truly interested in reaching their communities and impacting lostness in the shadows of their steeple. Using tools available to you as a member church, we are preparing a series of sessions to walk alongside the church and help you be the church you feel God has called you to be to your community.

**To reach your community you MUST know your community, develop a strategy to meet their need (and not what we think they need), and be consistent and intentional in reaching out to them at the point of their need.** We will introduce you to the first step of the journey in this presentation. We are inviting 5-7 key leaders from each church (not designed for a lone member/pastor) to this event.

**Cost is \$30 for Pastor's Notebook** (includes CD with all materials the church can print out for others). If the church wishes to purchase notebooks for all participants you may order for \$25 each). Get details and register by going to <https://goo.gl/forms/5JK19SDJ7WMwKRyj2>. **Space limited to first 15 churches responding.**

As stated, this is the FIRST step. We will walk you through the MissionInsite Quick Report and begin to detail what the needs of the community you are serving "looks like." It is important that if you are targeting an area that is NOT within 3 miles of your church, you need to let us know. Regardless, you will leave that night (1) having a better picture of the needs of your community, (2) having discussed as a church your "next steps," (3) glean ideas from sister churches in attendance from the group discussion, (4) begun to plan/identify strategy/intentional efforts to reach your community, and (5) developed a stronger partnership with TRBA Staff to walk with you.

In the past, we have given hundreds of these reports. We have not had one request to take the first step except a former pastor who went to a new church, discovered the value, and continues to work with us. This is a valuable resource that we can use to better serve—and again, this is the FIRST step. Once we take that step, there are more things we must do. **Look forward to seeing you — SPACE IS LIMITED!!**