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RANDOLPH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

BANNER

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Glorify Jesus Christ by
 EQUIPPING, ENABLING & INSPIRING
 Churches and Believers to Fulfill Their Mission.

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Member Churches:

- Antioch
- Asbury
- Asheboro FBC
- *Balfour
- *Beulah
- Calvary
- Cedar Falls
- Cedar Grove
- Center Cross
- Central Falls
- Centro Familiar
- Cristiano
- Clear View
- CrossPoint
- Cross Road
- Deep River
- El-Shaddai
- Franklinville FBC
- Forest Park
- Glenola
- Gravel Hill
- Greystone
- Huldah
- Liberty FBC
- *Macedonia
- Maple Springs
- Mt. Lebanon
- Mt. Pleasant
- New Beginning
- Oakhurst
- Oakwood Park
- Panther Creek
- Ramseur FBC
- Randleman FBC
- Richland
- Riverside
- Russell's Grove
- Sandy Creek
- Seagrove FBC
- *Shady Grove
- Sophia
- Triad Cowboy Ch.
- Union Grove
- Victory
- West Asheboro
- Westfield
- White's Memorial
- Worthville

UPCOMING MISSION PROJECTS:

1. World Hunger Day October 11
 All funds collected will be distributed in the following manner:
 60% to the World Hunger and Relief Fund of the International Mission Board
 15% to the Domestic Hunger Fund of the North American Mission Board
 20% to the North Carolina Hunger Fund
 5% to the NC Disaster/Food fund

2. Samaritan's Purse : Operation Christmas Child
 Balfour Baptist (1642 N. Fayetteville St. Asheboro, phone: 672-0074) will again this year serve as the Collection Center for the shoeboxes in this area. Collection times:
 Monday, Nov. 16 thru Saturday, Nov. 21 from 1 pm to 3 pm and 6 pm to 8 pm daily
 Sunday, Nov. 22 from 2 pm to 6 pm.
 No collections will be taken after Sunday, November 22.
 Carolyn Strider is the coordinator. She can be reached at 672-1786.
 "Operation Christmas Child is a unique opportunity to do something as simple as packing a shoe box that will have a lasting impact on a child a world away. We are excited about the 2009 collection season . Give a blessing and receive an even bigger one ... participate in Operation Christmas Child."

3. WMU Red Box : RBA's contribution this year will be hard candy. These need to be individually wrapped pieces of hard candy, no chocolate or soft centers. Please put candy in sandwich size zip lock bags and bring to the RBA office at 1206 Old Farmer Rd. no later than November 2nd.

4. Prison Packets for Local Men's Prison
 Items should be put in a large zip locked bag and each packet should include:

(1) bar of bath soap	(1) pack of chewing gum
(1) tooth brush	(1) roll of life savers
(1) tube of tooth paste	(1) writing tablet
(1) shampoo	(1) ball point pen (encased in plastic covering)
(1) deodorant	(5) letter size envelopes
(1) plastic disposable razor	

 All items should be standard size and should be brought to the RBA office at 1206 Old Farmer Rd. no later than December 7th.

* Pray for our churches without pastors. Pray for their interims and their search committees.

DR. STEVE SELLS

A Twenty-First Century Strategy for the Local Baptist Association

Part 3

Many pastors ask, "What good is the local association to me and my church? What does it do to help my church do a better job?" Some pastors see little reason to get involved in the association. Many of them think that the association does not have anything constructive to offer them or their church.

Tom Biles said it right "the association is there to assist the churches....to glorify God by assisting churches, pastors, church leaders and communities in the ministry and carrying on the Gospel of Jesus Christ." In the past, the model for associations has been more "informational" than it has been "transformational." The reality is that 87% - 92% of our churches are in plateau or decline. That simply means that being "informational" is not good enough...we **MUST** become "transformational." A close look at the average church will cause us to conclude that there is far too little health and not near enough missions.

David Olson, founder and president of "The American Church Research Project" says the two critical words for established churches in America today are "Healthy" and "Missional." Healthy churches he says "adapts to cultural change and they know how to maintain vitality as they age." The Missional church knows how to "balance emphasis on spirituality and missional strategy." Church Health and Missions go hand in hand. A healthy church will understand, be involved in and excited about Missions. An unhealthy church will care less about missions because the church itself is merely seeking to survive. Unhealthy churches accomplish very little for the Kingdom.

We need not only focus on church planting but existing church revitalization as well. We have materials to read and dispense but little hands on help for these hurting churches. It seems that we have decided that the future of our denomination rests solely on planting new churches while all the time the churches that have been faithful to the Lord and the denomination for decades are drifting into spiritual oblivion. We must not allow this to happen.

The latest statistics show clearly that we cannot start enough churches in any given year to keep up with population growth. Couple that with the reality that 27%-50% (church planting specialists cannot agree on a specific number) of church plants fail within the first four years of existence shows we must begin to take care of the existing churches while we plant new churches. This is not a simple endeavor but it can be accomplished when we decide to salvage the existing churches. I am personally committed to helping the churches of Randolph Baptist Association become healthy, vibrant, missional churches. Let us work together to get it done.
Brother Steve

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

OCTOBER

3 Donna Hannig	Wife of Min of Youth, White's Memorial
7 Dawn Steen	Pastor's Wife, Glenola
8 Justus McKeel	Pastor, Center Cross
9 Wayne Vuncannon	Retired Pastor
10 Garland & Barbara Hall	Pastor, Mt. Lebanon
12 Maria Pilar Ocampo	Pastor's Wife, Centro Familiar Cristiano
14 Juanita McKeel	Pastor's Wife, Center Cross
14 Jeff & Gaye Joyce	Pastor, White's Memorial
14 Jr. & Donna Hannig	Min of Youth, White's Memorial
19 Sandra Livingston	Wife of Interim, Macedonia
21 Clay & Barbara Davis	Retired Pastor
21 Jon Ferguson	Pastor, Forest Park
22 Martin Brown	Spouse of Min. of Music, Randleman FB
23 Carl Ziegler	Retired Pastor
24 Carl & Anne Ziegler	Retired Pastor

CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES

John Beane	45 years	Panther Creek
Billy Self	13 years	Calvary
Florentino Yanez	11 years	El-Shaddai
Mike Nixon	3 years	Oakwood Park
Clifford Williams	3 years	New Beginning
Marty Grainger	2 years	Cedar Grove
Tim Steen	1 year	Glenola



Counseling Center Appointment
Line: (336) 292-1510

Depression and anxiety-Grief resolution-Physical and sexual abuse recovery-Marital and family stress-Parenting and adolescent problems-Eating disorders-Work and career related issues-Group counseling-Substance abuse issues

Schedule a BCH Speaker

Call TODAY to schedule a speaker for your church's Thanksgiving Offering promotion and hear how your efforts help children.

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News from around RBA and Upcoming Events:

Blood Drive: Union Grove Baptist Church
Saturday, October 3 from 9am til 1:30 pm
Please call 879-2605 to set an appointment.

Cross Road Retirement Community 26th Anniversary Celebration: Saturday, October 10
10:30 AM until 1:00 PM
Fishing Tournament, Free food, carriage rides, cake auction, hay rides, face painting, coloring contest for kids, putt-putt and entertainment. Everyone welcome. Bring your family and friends.

LADIES NIGHT OUT—Asheboro FBC
Thursday, October 15—6 pm
Speaker: Brenda Lancaster, author and founder of Zoo Keeper's Ministry. Music: Donna Beck
Tickets: \$12.00 on sale Sept 20th.
Contact: Ann Covington, 629-0553

Randolph Baptist Association Annual Meeting: White's Memorial Baptist Church
Monday, October 19. Registration will begin at 3:30 and the afternoon session at 4:00. We will break for dinner and then the evening session will begin at 7:00.

24th Hospice Auction & Barbecue
Saturday, October 24th. Southwestern Randolph High School, Asheboro
BBQ by the Qualiteers. \$7.00 per plate
100's of Auction Items, including local pottery.
Dinner: 3:30—7 pm/ Silent Auction 3:30-6pm
Live Auction: 5:30

MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES
You May Qualify For Assistance With Your Prescriptions. Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIP) Coordinators, Jo Ellen Needham or Margie DiDona can help you apply Monday—Thursday at Randolph County Senior Adults, 133 W. Wainman Ave. Asheboro, 625-3389 or 1-800-252-2899.

Best wishes to Dr. Larry Martin and his wife, Kathy. They are retiring from the ministry at Shady Grove and moving nearer family.

E Women Conference & National Simulcast
Roanoke Civic Center on September 25 & 26
Register at www.EWomen.net or call 800 526-8673.

Fall Ministry Lectures featuring Brian McLaren
September 29 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Campbell Divinity School. Call 800-760-9827 ext. 1830

13th Annual Fall Jubilee Gatlinburg, Tn.
800-616-8863 September 30– October 2
Old Time Gospel Singin', Laughin' & Preachin'

CELEBRATING LITERACY MISSIONS' GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY: October 9-11
Caraway Conference Center

New Ministers' Wives Retreat: Theme: Life in the Fishbowl. October 16-17 at Camp Mundo Vista. Register by September 30. Only \$30.00. Life in the Fishbowl is a retreat for new ministers' wives and ministers' wives new to N.C. eight years or less. Bible Study Leader: Phyllis Elvington
Music and Skit: Renea Henderson
Call 866-210-8602 ext. 209 or call RBA at 625-4175 for a registration form. Sponsored by N.C. WMU.

Women of Faith presents A Grand New Day.
Greensboro Coliseum, November 6-7. Register at womenoffaith.com/Greensboro or 1-888-GROUP.49.

SPIRITUAL AWAKENING: November 22-25.
Lifeway Ridgecrest Conference Center. Speakers: Henry Blackaby, Roy Fish, John Franklin, Greg Frizzell, Alvin Reid, Richard Owen Roberts, J. Chris Schofield & Rick Shepherd. For more info, call: 800-395-5102 ext. 5513 or e-mail: praync@ncbaptist.org.

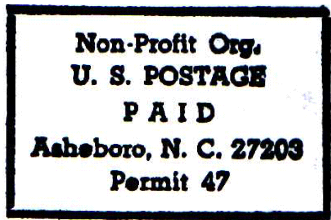
Baptist Children's Homes: Thanksgiving Offering:
Call 336 474-1277 or awilliams@bchfamily.org for more information. Schedule a speaker today.

For more information about events listed in this newsletter, please call the office at 625-4175.

The next Banner will be published on Oct 20. The deadline for submitting material is **noon on Oct. 15.**

Thank You.

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 Return Service Requested



RBA Church Receipts 2009	August	YTD
Antioch		300.00
Asbury		1,564.28
Asheboro 1st		5,852.03
Balfour	402.27	3,342.45
Beulah	416.66	3,333.28
Calvary	88.00	350.25
Cedar Falls		375.00
Cedar Grove	192.60	1,433.17
Center Cross		851.00
Central Falls	243.02	1,322.42
Centro Familiar Cristiano		335.00
Clear View	300.34	1,165.89
CrossPoint	92.51	92.51
Cross Road	750.00	6,000.00
Deep River	216.67	1,733.36
El Shaddai	-	-
Forest Park	100.00	800.00
Franklinville 1st		703.86
Glenola	105.00	924.76
Gravel Hill		2,400.00
Greystone	86.09	774.67
Huldah		1,925.00
Liberty 1st	375.00	3,000.00
Macedonia	-	-
Maple Springs	349.74	2,970.73
Mt. Lebanon		1,750.00
Mt. Pleasant		2,620.00
New Beginning		192.84
Oakhurst	1,500.67	13,854.08
Oakwood Park	450.00	1,450.00
Panther Creek		200.00
Ramseur 1st	437.37	3,696.04
Randleman 1st		3,612.28
Richland	-	-
Riverside	-	-
Russel's Grove		800.00
Sandy Creek		1,468.84
Seagrove 1st	175.00	1,572.00
Shady Grove	239.78	1,700.94
Sophia	100.00	800.00
Triad Cowboy Church	292.84	2,787.09
Union Grove	630.00	5,228.00
Victory		500.00
West Asheboro		300.00
Westfield		41.66
White's Memorial	100.00	800.00
Worthville	-	-
Total Church Receipts	7,643.56	84,923.43

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Designated Funds	August	Balance
CrossPoint		
Pd to CrossPoint		
El-Shaddai	166.00	
Pd to El-Shaddai		332.00
Lifeway Counseling	50.00	
Balance Forward: 320.00	(135.00)	
MAP Fund	11.00	
Bal Forward: 6538.65		9,439.90
Triad Cowboy Church		
Pd to Triad Cowboy Church Building Fund		
Bal Forward 6950.53		6,950.53
Disaster Relief Trlr		
Bal Forward 3772.46	(22.67)	3,708.40
Total Designated Funds:		
Sports Expo		
Pd for Sports Exp		
		20,430.83
Total Receipts	7,870.56	
Total Expenses	8,135.06	
Bal in Primary Acct Aug 31	7,339.88	
Money Rsvd for Qtrly disb.	320.00	
Money Rsvd for Other funds	20,110.83	
Bal in Payroll Acct Aug 31	7,705.15	
Interest Earned Money Mkt.	33.77	
Bal in Money Mkt Act Aug 31	69,689.71	
Bal Available for Use Aug 31	56,590.76	

