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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

*You and cordially invited to:*

*Randolph Baptist Association*

*75th Anniversary Celebration*

*Oakhurst Baptist Church*

*Sunday, January 24, 2010*

*2:00 to 4:00 pm*

*Come help us celebrate*

*Rev. Judson Rotan & Dr. Milton Hollifield*

*Special Music*

*Refreshments*

***What is Randolph Baptist Association all about?***

***Missions, That's what!!!!***

Missions Report for End of Year Projects:

14 churches brought 484 bags of hard candy to be placed in the WMU Red Boxes for women's prison near Raleigh. Asheboro FBC Youth put these boxes together out at Mundo Vista.

13 Churches brought 259 hygiene packets for the local men's prison. Every year when these inmates come to the office to pick these up, they are amazed at what you do.

49 churches + 13 other groups or individuals brought 3,193 shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse. Carolyn Strider and her elves at Balfour Baptist Church served as a collection site and then delivered these boxes to the Charlotte distribution center. These boxes, filled with every imaginable gift for children will definitely put smiles on their faces. More importantly, each box will have a tract in that child's language, telling them about the amazing love of Jesus Christ.

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

## DR. STEVE SELLS

### ARE YOU READY FOR CHRISTMAS?

(John 1:14-18) "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spoke, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. And of his fullness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

Have you noticed Christmas seems to come earlier every year? I know that it really doesn't but the secular world has sure moved their emphasis earlier and earlier each year as they emphasize the commercial side of Christmas. As quick as Halloween had past this year I noticed that they had already begun stocking supplies for Christmas. It used to be where you didn't see any real evidence of Christmas until around thanksgiving.

Even without the commercial side of Christmas we as Christians are reminded of Christmas early. There are Christmas cantatas to be sung, special church programs to attend, as well as special Christmas parties. There is the decorating of houses, the trimming of trees as well as presents that need to be bought and wrapped.

Yes, it sure seems as if Christmas does come earlier every year.

The real meaning of Christmas is what matters most, isn't it? The birth of Jesus was not an afterthought on God's part. But rather he had planned and prepared for it from "the foundation of the world". He even sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for Jesus and to help people understand that he was coming.

Down through the centuries over a period of almost 4000 years, God had spoken through the prophets concerning the birth of Jesus. With all this preparation you would expect that the world would have been ready for that first Christmas. Yet, it was not. I hope you and your family are ready for Christmas. Not ready in a worldly sense but in a SPIRITUAL sense. READY to celebrate the miraculous, glorious birth of our living, loving and everlasting Savior. My prayer is that you and yours will experience the real joys of Christmas in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Brother Steve

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### JANUARY

4 Judy Allen	Pastor's Wife, Victory
9 Scott & Debi Walker	Pastor, CrossPoint
12 Pam Hyatt	Wife of Youth Minister, Sandy Creek
13 Chris Heppding, Sr.	Pastor, Randleman FB
16 Molita Kidd	Wife of Youth Minister, Center Cross
16 Mark & Karen Hall	Min of Ed/Youth, Asheboro FB
19 Linda Williams	Pastor's Wife, New Beginning
20 Jeremy Hyatt	Min of Youth, Sandy Creek
21 Dollie Crider	Pastor's Wife, Oakhurst
21 Jason Moore	Pastor, Huldah
28 Marianne Green	Pastor's Wife, Antioch
30 Lee & Marianne Green	Pastor, Antioch
31 Tim Fonner	Pastor, Russell's Grove
31 Greg Arnold	Min of Family Ministry & Outreach, Cross Road
31 Jeff Reese	Min of Youth, Forest Park

### CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES

Russell Chriscoe	27 years	Cedar Falls
Rocky Patterson	3 years	Greystone
Gene Adcock	2 years	Deep River



**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

### RBA Office Schedule:

We will be closed for Christmas December 21-25 and for New Year's Day on January 1. Dr. Sells will be taking some additional vacation time, so please call first before coming to see him.

*Merry Christmas*

# News from around RBA and Upcoming Events:

**Last notice.** If you are receiving this Banner by postal service and have not notified us you would like to continue receiving it, this will be your last issue. To continue, call 625-4175 or send us a card with your name and address.

In an effort to be good stewards, we are going to purge the mailing list. If you are receiving your newsletter by e-mail, you need not do anything to continue. However, if you are still receiving this newsletter by the US Post Office, you will need to let us know if you wish to continue receiving it. Please give me your e-mail address and let me send it to you electronically if possible. If you want to continue receiving the paper copy, then send us your name and address immediately. Otherwise, your name will be removed from the mailing list.

If churches would consider making a sign-up sheet for those who wish to receive the Banner via e-mail, that would be a fantastic help. Thank you all for your concern and interest in the Randolph Baptist Association.

The Women's Ministry of Cross Road Baptist Church is sponsoring the 7th Annual Tour of Tables on January 22nd and January 23rd, 2010. The time is 6:30 p.m. and the cost is \$12/person which includes the program and a delicious meal. The guest speaker for this year is Beth Greer of South Carolina. Under the umbrella of *Life and Godliness Ministries*, Beth loves to minister through inspirational messages and leading in worship through music. She is a soloist, speaker and worship leader. Contact Cross Road Baptist Church for ticket info: 629-6607.

## **URGENT PRAYER REQUEST:**

The issue seems to be centered around a new "guideline" or "policy" that has been put in place by the government to require a two month stay outside of the country once you leave. It seems to be especially for those who are on 5 to 10 year tourist visas. This will be very inconvenient and disruptive to some of our missionaries. Please pray that this new "policy" would be rescinded or ignored.

## **Remember Operation In As Much?????**

So many of our churches participated in this before, with so much excitement, you know we have to do it again!! Mark your calendars now for **Saturday, April 24th.** Appoint your planning teams and be thinking about projects you'd like to do. You will definitely be hearing more about this later.

## **North Carolina Baptist Foundation "Baptists helping Baptists since 1920"**

### **Did You Know?**

- Did you know that the #1 resolution in America is to get out of **debt**?
- Did you know that 60-70% of all divorces are related to **finances**?
- Did you know that 36% of all individuals **spend** more on movie rentals than they give to church?
- Did you know that **January is "Make Your Will Month?"**

A lot of problems in America exist because of our relationship with all of our **stuff** and that was a topic that Jesus dealt with more than any other. Do you have any stuff? Do you have a plan for what will happen with your stuff upon your death? The NC Baptist Foundation can assist Baptists with personal estate plans for providing organized and thoughtful ways of caring for self, family and important ministry work. Churches can call the NC Baptist Foundation toll-free at 1-800-521-7334 to request a speaker and to order free bulletin inserts.

### **FOCUS ON THE FAMILY'S Truth Project:**

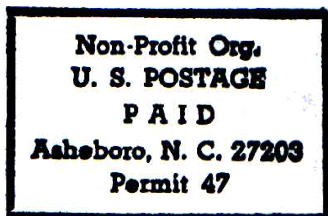
An in-depth Christian Worldview Experience will be taught at the RBA office by Dr. Charles Fleshman. It is a twelve (12) week study beginning on Monday, January 4th at 7:00 P.M. each evening. Call 625-4175 to register.

**DIVORCE CARE** is a ministry for divorcees. It will be led by Rev. Ron Coleman. Ron has led this ministry before at Ramseur First Baptist and has agreed to do it at the RBA office for any divorcees interested. It will begin on February 11 and will be every Thursday night from 7:00 to 9:00. There will be a \$10.00 charge which is to cover the cost of your book. Call 625-4175 to register for this one also.

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

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

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RBA Church Receipts 2009	November	YTD
Antioch		300.00
Asbury		1,993.94
Asheboro 1st	699.73	8,890.81
Balfour	394.88	4,604.26
Beulah	958.37	5,666.68
Calvary	127.00	524.25
Cedar Falls		375.00
Cedar Grove	192.80	2,020.54
Center Cross		1,209.08
Central Falls	204.76	1,994.02
Centro Familiar Cristiano		335.00
Clear View	158.25	1,652.52
CrossPoint	95.03	309.13
Cross Road		7,500.00
Deep River	216.67	2,166.70
El Shaddai		-
Forest Park	100.00	1,100.00
Franklinville 1st	194.09	1,194.53
Glenola	250.00	1,582.26
Gravel Hill		2,400.00
Greystone	74.36	1,058.48
Highland Christian Church	5.00	5.00
Huldah		1,925.00
Liberty 1st	200.00	4,010.00
Macedonia		-
Maple Springs	316.32	3,988.13
Mt. Lebanon		2,625.00
Mt. Pleasant	435.00	3,925.00
New Beginning		242.31
Oakhurst	1,218.25	18,139.41
Oakwood Park		1,450.00
Panther Creek		200.00
Ramseur 1st	449.82	5,112.60
Randleman 1st	412.54	4,970.28
Richland		840.00
Riverside	800.00	800.00
Russel's Grove	100.00	1,200.00
Sandy Creek		2,204.42
Seagrove 1st	219.00	1,998.00
Shady Grove		2,214.49
Sophia		1,000.00
Triad Cowboy Church	292.71	3,581.74
Union Grove	682.00	7,314.00
Victory		1,350.00
West Asheboro		300.00
Westfield		41.66
White's Memorial	100.00	1,100.00
Worthville		-
<b>Total Church Receipts</b>	<b>8,896.58</b>	<b>117,414.24</b>

**Merry Christmas**



**Happy New Year**

Designated Funds	November	Balance
CrossPoint		
Pd to CrossPoint		
El-Shaddai		
Pd to El-Shaddai		166.00
Highland Christian Church	2,400.00	
Pd to Highland Christian Church	(2,400.00)	
Lifeway Counseling		
Balance Forward: 320.00	(180.00)	
MAP Fund	5.00	
Bal Forward: 6538.65		9,451.90
Triad Cowboy Church		
Pd to Triad Cowboy Church		
Building Fund		
Bal Forward 6950.53		6,950.53
Disaster Relief Trlr		
Bal Forward 3772.46		3,535.65
Sports Expo		
Pd for Sports Exp		
NCBAM		5,000.00
Toy Store	200.00	200.00
		<b>25,304.08</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>13,001.89</b>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>15,806.88</b>	
Bal in Primary Acct Nov. 30	7,082.79	
Money Rsvd for Qtrly disb.	166.00	
Money Rsvd for Other funds	24,933.08	
Bal in Payroll Acct Nov. 30	8,196.25	
Interest Earned Money Mkt.	33.82	
Bal in Money Mkt Act Nov. 30	69,795.77	
Bal Available for Use Nov. 30	51,574.51	



