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North American Mission Board

The ROWAN SOUTHERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION will be a dropout location for the Baptist Children's Homes Food Roundup.

This year we are asking churches to focus on the following: Paper Products (paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, Kleenex) and canned fruits and fruit juices. You may also bring gift cards to our office from Walmart, Sams Club, Food Lion, Piggly Wiggly, to help Baptist Children Homes purchase what is not covered with our gifts

Please bring items to the Association office Thursday, April 20, Monday, April 24, or Tuesday, April 25, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm









Annie Armstrong Easter Offering



2023 Pastoral Conferences

Tuesday, April 25th ,12 noon at Family House Restaurant

216 S. Main Street, China Grove, NC 28023

Pastors will gather for prayer and fellowship with Beau Cooksey.

CEO of Just One Ministries and Pastor of Fairview Baptist Church, in West End, NC.(Sandhills Assoc)

Every pastor pays for his own lunch.

May 4 (Nat Day Prayer) FB Salisbury

220 N Fulton St. First Baptist Salisbury's sanctuary

May 23, The Lake Community 7800 Bringle Ferry Rd, Salisbury, NC 28146

Aug 22 RSBA

September 26, Trading Ford 3600 Long Ferry Rd, Salisbury, NC 28146

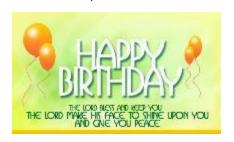
October 24 Calvary Baptist Chur 2255 E Ridge Rd, Salisbury, NC 28144

November 28 Location TBD

Churches searching for Senior pastor as of March 31, 2023

First Baptist Salisbury has interim pastor: Jon Debell.

Two churches are not actively searching for a pastor. They have Sunday pulpit supply: Neel Road and Pine Ridge Baptist Church.



- 17 Rev. Matthew Laughter, Senior Pastor, Rockwell First
- 19 Dr. Jim Harris, Retired Pastor currently serving at Calvary Baptist in Kannapolis
- 26 Rev. Thomas McDonald, Pastor, CrossLife
- 27 Rev. Robert Suttles, Pastor, West Corinth
- 30 Rev. James Sharp, Pastor, Life Church



Mrs. Cindy Key (former administrative assistant) in the death of her mother, Dorothy Stewart Smith, on March 15 2023.

Chaplain Mike Taylor (Chaplain with Rowan County's Shield a Badge With Prayer) in the death of his mother, Margaret Taylor, on March 24, 2023







Please send any information or advertisement for the May Newsletter no later than Monday, April 24.



Please remember these churches and their Pastors in your prayers for April.

Enon – Rev. Jeff Kincaid
Faith – Rev. Stephen DeWalt
Fe en Jesus – Rev. Jonas Perez
Find Your Way - Rev. Tom Fleming
Franklin – Rev. Joe Thomas



Fe en Jesus - Rev. Jonas Perez

Praise God for:

- * Opportunities to serve over 200 people through pastor Juan Carlos Nieto and his wife Viviana to children and adults in Colombia.
- * Thankful for the provision of equipment for pastor Juan Carlos who continues to work as a welder in Cucuta, Colombia.

Pray for

- * IMB Missionary Elizabeth D. as she needs to renew her visa to continue reaching out to Colombians and Venezuelans with Viviana Contreras.
- * Baptisms service in April

Find Your Way- Pastor Tom Fleming

Praise the Lord for:

- * An opened door for Worship services at the Yadkin House.
- *Pastor Anthony Williams and the Power of Tower Church that allows Find your Way to meet. Rejoice for joint baptism services.

Prayer concerns:

- *God's provision and his supporting partners as Tom Fleming moves from full time to part time as bus driver. This way he can spend more time in ministry.
- *God to keep the **Need a lift** van running smoothly and the finances to give timely maintenance. This is a free ministry to riders where pastor Tom Fleming prays and shares the Gospel with needy people.

Pine Ridge

A visit with pastor George Bradshaw. At The Veteran's Hospital in Salisbury. He has always been asleep, recovering from a car accident. He is ninety years old. Pray for guidance for Pine Ridge Baptist as they listen to God's vision for these days.



When you register your church for FILL THE TANK SUNDAY, April 16 at https://ncbaptist.org/events/fill-the-tank/ you are joininb the largest unified wave of baptisms North Carolina Baptists have.

You can baptize people any day of the year, but joining the wave drives enthusiasm, joy, and unity among our churches. Register today and line up new converts to be part of this Statewide Celebration.



He's Risen!!!

So many precious hymns are stored into my heart and my mind has a tendency of singing right along! As we celebrate our risen Lord, I wanted to share with you this beautiful song below. Back in the 1700's, Charles Wesley wrote these words that we continue to sing in churches today. I'm so thankful that the grave is empty; I'm so thankful that His redeeming

work is done; and I'm so thankful Jesus is coming back for us! What a glorious day that will be! (See, there I go again...another song popping into my head!)

Christ the Lord is risn'n today, Al-le-lu-ia! Sons of men and angels say, Al-le-lu-ia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Al-le-lu-ia! Sing, ye heav'ns and earth reply, Al-le-lu-ia!

Lives again our glorious King, Al-le-lu-ia! Where O death, is now thy sting? Al-le-lu-ia! **Dying once He all doth save, Al-le-lu-ia! Where thy victory, O grave? Al-le-lu-ia!**

Love's redeeming work is done, Al-le-lu-ia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Al-le-lu-ia! Death in vain forbids Him rise, Al-le-lu-ia! Christ hath opened paradise, Al-le-lu-ia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Al-le-lu-ia! Following our exalted Head, Al-le-lu-ia! Made like Him, like Him we rise, Al-le-lu-ia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al-le-lu-ia!

Don't forget the following:

Fall Banquet

Theme: "Adopt a Missionary" – Home & International (Pick a missionary and spoil them)

Date: Thursday, Sept. 14th @ 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Place: Enon Baptist Church

RSVP: Monday, Sept. 11th - \$10.00 (Will be catered by Debbie Suggs)

Details: We will actually hear a special message from a retired Missionary. Plus, you will have some things to take

home for great suggestions how to spoil your missionary you will

choose to be praying for.

Happy Easter! Jeannie Y Patterson WMU Director



A Message from our Association Mission Strategist

Shuffling Zeroes Around

"So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about 3,000 people were added to them." Acts 2:41

April is full of activities with Easter, revivals, Vacation Bible School training and decisions. Summer vacation has to be also scheduled and many want to reach lost people or travel to do mission in other parts of the world. While we look for vision and clarity, God wants your company to bring you back to His path.

In his book, Old Paths, New Power, Daniel Henderson(1) quotes a book by J.D. Greear titled *Jesus Continued: Why the Spirit Inside You Is Better than Jesus Beside You.* Dr Greear recalls the days of prayer that the apostles had that lead to Pentecost. They prayed for ten days, preached for ten minutes and three thousand people were saved. Today, says pastor Greear(2), we pray for ten minutes, preach for ten days and only three people get saved. What a difference those zeroes can make.

For those that continue looking for formulas, vision, clarity; the Holy Spirit, God in person is the answer. His presence can replace any vision articulation or mission purpose. I visited a Rowan Church recently, where the pastor is developing Scriptural Prayer and learning to spend time with God in prayer on Thursday evenings. This is complementing the long list of sick people and unspoken requests. The building was full of people and the teaching was Biblical, relevant and so filled of the Holy Spirit. I enjoyed my time here and I pray that more of us enjoy God, enjoy sharing God from the overflow of our time with HIM.

Jonas Perez Association Mission Strategist Rowan Southern Baptist Association

- 1. Daniel Henderson: Old Paths, New Power. (Chicago: Moody Publishers, 2016). 63, 64
- 2. J.D. Greear titled *Jesus Continued: Why the Spirit Inside You Is Better than Jesus Beside You.* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2014), 210



ANNOUNCING

28th Annual WALK FOR LIFE

Saturday, April 22, 2023 9:00 am - 11:30 am Shuford Stadium on the campus of Catawba College 2295 Yost Street, Salisbury, NC 28144



Jesus promised that humans would worship God because of our good works on earth (Matthew 5:16). Here are Project requests with Baptists on Mission (https://baptistsonmission.org/mission-projects), and with the International Mission Board (https://www.imb.org/opportunity-finder/). Your congregation and yourself can rejoice ministering to so many here.

MEN'S OUTDOOR WEEKEND MAY 5-6, 2023 @ CAMP CARAWAY sponsored by Baptists On Mission

NOW IS THE TIME to sign the men of your church up for a tremendous weekend of fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth! We begin FRIDAY NIGHT at 8:00 pm with worship, featuring music and a challenging message from our guest speaker, Glenn Chappelear. Glenn is an ordained minister and has been a professional bass fisherman and outdoor speaker for many years. He is founder and president of Sportsmens Outreach, a ministry designed to help churches reach outdoorsmen for Christ. SATURDAY MORNING will include a fishing technique demonstration by Glenn, as well as other demonstrations on archery, skeet shooting, pistol shooting, tomahawk throw, and more. After a good lunch, SATURDAY AFTERNOON will provide opportunity for participation and competition in SKEET, ARCHERY, PISTOL, TOMAHAWK, and .22 RIFLES. We recognize a "Top Shot" each year, as well as winners from each shooting category. You can also enjoy the ZIP LINE, CORN HOLE, and FISHING during the afternoon. We conclude after an awards ceremony and supper Saturday evening at 6:00 pm. The men of your church will enjoy this time of fellowship, worship, and competition - whether novice or advanced!

<u>Cost is \$90 per person</u>, which includes Friday night lodging and three meals on Saturday at the beautiful Caraway facility. <u>Registration is required</u>. You can register online: <u>www.baptistsonmission.org/outdoorweekend</u> or call Melanie Crawford at 919-459-5596 and secure your space with a credit card over the phone. <u>A \$20 per person deposit holds your spaces</u>. Deposits are refundable up to three weeks prior to the event. Names can be changed out at any time right up to the day of. For more information contact Mark Abernathy at 919-459-5607 or by e-mail at <u>mabernathy@ncbaptist.org</u>

http://baptistsonmission.org/Church-Programs/Men-s-Ministry/Men-s-Outdoor-Weekend

Here are the missionaries you support in prayer:

The Cooperative Program takes the Gospel to the nations and the neighborhoods. Your financial support through the Cooperative Program gives missionaries the opportunity to plant churches in areas that need to hear the Gospel.



April 2, 2023. European people. Rusty Ford

Donning full COVID-19 protective gear and going through red tape, Rusty Ford, an International Mission Board church planter in Seville, Spain, was granted access to an underserved nursing home in crisis during the height of the 2020 global pandemic.

Ford spent the better part of the next two months serving wherever there was a need, from helping feed people to helping clean them. "I was getting chances to pray with people," he said. "Everybody I encountered had basically never heard the Gospel. I was also getting a chance to share the Gospel with some of the coworkers."

"Typically in our strategy [as church planters], we wouldn't focus on nursing home residents," he explained. "It's totally outside of the box of our normal ministry." But he was glad to intentionally share Christ's love and hope where he wouldn't have been under normal circumstances.

Pray for Ford as he continues to plant churches and meet needs in Seville, Spain.

For more about this story, visit: https://www.imb.org/2021/10/11/church-planters-ministry-pivots-height-pandemic



April 9, 2023. Cody and Kristen Chester. Florida

Cody and Kristen Chester are part of a team that planted Christ Community Church South Brevard in Palm Bay, Florida, as part of the vision of First Baptist Church of Melbourne, Florida, to plant 10 churches in 10 years.

During the first few weeks after the church launched on Easter 2022, six people came to faith in Christ. Others were already interested in getting baptized. Cody says part of the reason the church saw immediate

growth is that the Christ Community Church South Brevard core team bought into the vision completely and showed great passion in ministry.

Despite the early ministry fruit, Cody knows tough days will come in the life of the church plant, but he and his team are confident that the Lord will sustain them and their ministry to the Palm Bay area.

Pray for God to use the Chesters and Christ Community Church South Brevard to reach their neighbors with the Gospel of Jesus.



April 16, 2023. Molly Petry. Central Asian People.

International Mission Board missionary, Molly Petry, has persevered through years of planting with lean harvest – yet she is trusting God to bring about His harvest in His time. And that trust is slowly paying off among an Unreached People Group in a hard-to-access valley in Central Asia.

Petry and her team have been going to this remote area for the last five years and have seen one woman, Sally, who lives in the capital city, come to faith. A few months back, Sally ended up traveling with Petry's team and during travel, the team shared the love of Christ with her. By the end of the trip, Sally made a profession of faith.

Sally's story was a reminder to Petry that sometimes a missionary can labor for years before seeing people respond to the Gospel. But soon enough, whether it be months or years, God will bring about a great harvest.

Pray for Molly as she serves in Central Asia and that God would bring about a bountiful harvest of believers there.

For more about this story, visit: https://www.imb.org/2022/05/09/imb-worker-perseveres-waiting-harvest



April 23, 2023. Gregory and Channell Barnes. Maryland

Gregory and Chanelle Barnes started Love Light City Church in a working-class, racially diverse part of Baltimore, Maryland. Historically, the area's diversity has made unity difficult. Gregory says the community is overcoming this difficult racial history.

Love Light City Church has connected with many local organizations and schools to learn about ways they can serve the city. In the past year, the church has hosted an open house, a block party, and back-to-school events at five of the schools within a two-mile radius of the church. In the fall of 2022, the church began providing support for a new mentoring program for young boys at a nearby elementary school.

The church's vision is to see the Gospel of Jesus Christ completely transform the lives of people in their community.

Pray for the Barnes family as they serve the people of Baltimore and that God would ignite a spiritual awakening in the community surrounding Love Light City Church.



April 30, 2023. Carlton and Cornelia Walker. Asia Pacific Rim people.

Have you ever been to a prayer meeting that went 50 miles an hour? International Mission Board missionaries to Japan, Carlton and Cornelia Walker, go to one every Tuesday morning while riding on a train around Tokyo.

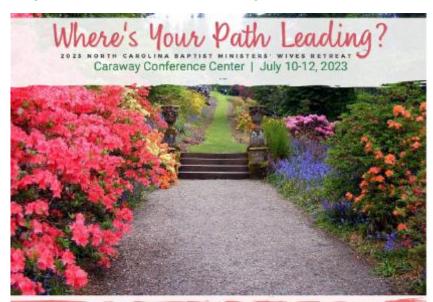
The prayer team rides the JR Yamanote Line that makes 30 stops on a loop around Tokyo and takes a little more than an hour. They follow along with a prayer guide that explains what each neighborhood at each stop

is known for and gives corresponding prayer requests.

The goal is to be "onsite with insight" without making a scene. As they circle the city, the missionaries see needs and gain a deeper understanding of spiritual barriers that hold back the megacity of Tokyo from coming to Christ.

Pray for the Walkers as they travel and pray on the train around Tokyo and that their prayers would yield opportunities to share the Gospel with others.

https://ncbminwives.wixsite.com/ncbmw/retreat-registration





Raised in a small South Carolina town, Jodi grew up in a non-Christian religion, the youngest of five children, she is a morn to two adult sons and blessed with two daughter-in-loves. She is also a JoJo to two amazing grandchildren. Her passion is to help women move their relationship with Christ from doubting to fully trusting. Thirty-four years of marriage to her husband Chris have provided countless adventures, including life as a military spouse, a police efficer's wife, and now the wife of a pastor. She has served the Lord alongside her husband in full-time ministry for over 20 years. They currently serve at Englewood Baptist Church in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. You can find her blog, podcast, and YouTube. Pennies in Your Path", at jodiniken.com.

Speaker: Jodi Aiken

Leah is a native of Uncointon. NC where she lives with her husband Dalton. They own and operate a personal training studio in Downtown Uncointon and are the worship leaders at Salem Baptist Church. They have been playing and leading worship together for 15 years. Leah and Dalton were both horneschooled, and Leah grew up as a PK! Leah's goal for leading worship is that the Lord would help her to cultivate an atmosphere where people are able to truly love on and worship their king. We were all created to be in constant praise and admiration of our Savior. Above all, Leah desires for the Lord to be glorified through everything she does.

Caraway Conference Center July 10-12, 2023



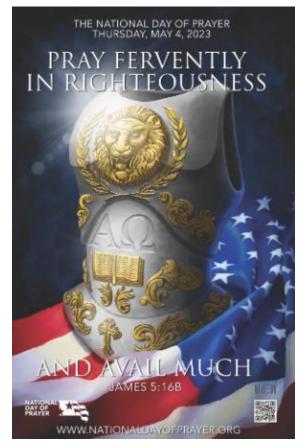
YOUTH PASTOR

Mt Elam Baptist Church is actively seeking a full time Youth Pastor. Full time is preferred, but bi-vocational could be considered. We believe in reaching and making an impact for future generations. Responsibilities include providing oversight to the youth and children's ministries, teaching and leading youth on a weekly basis, organizing events, camps, and other outreach opportunities, as well as being involved in the lives of our teenagers.

Mt. Elam is situated in rural southeastern NC within a 20-minute drive from Dunn, Benson, Clinton and Fayetteville. Our church has a long history of being a beacon to the community. We are known for Biblical preaching, traditional worship, youth ministries, outreach to the community and missions' programs. We would love for you to come to be a part of our church, as we love people and meet them where they are. Send resumes to pastorbrandon@mtelam.org by April 30, 2023.

Brandon Glunt
Pastor
Mt. Elam Baptist Church
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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023 First Baptist Salisbury's sanctuary 220 N Fulton St. Salisbury NC 28144

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General Fund:													
Calvary Baptist Church	\$150	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150
Carmel Baptist Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crosslife Church	400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	400
East Corinth Baptist Church	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150
Eastside Baptist Church		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emmanuel Baptist Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enon Baptist Church	139	214	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	353
Faith Baptist Church	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200
Fe en Jesus	100	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200
Find Your Way Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
First Baptist Church of China Grove	1,890	1,803	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,693
First Baptist Church of Gold Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
First Baptist Church of Rockwell	3,740	1,797	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,537
First Baptist Church of Salisbury	333	583	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	917
Franklin Baptist Church	166	223	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	389
Friendship Baptist Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grace Baptist Church	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,000
ake Community Church	190	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	190
akeview Baptist Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lao Baptist Church	71	110	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	181
ife Church	100	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200
Main Street Baptist Church	100	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200
Milford Hills Baptist Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Needmore Baptist Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neel Road Baptist Church	754	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	754
North Main Baptist Church	50	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
Nueva Vida Church (New Life)	50	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130
New Covenant Baptist Church	45	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90
Oakdale Baptist Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pine Ridge Baptist Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Providence Baptist Church	50	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
Rowan International Baptist Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sherrils Ford Road Baptist Church	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
South China Grove Baptist Church	440	356	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	796
Southside Baptist Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stallings Memorial Baptist Church	539	546	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,086
Frading Ford Baptist Church	542	542	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,083
West Corinth Baptist Church	1,614	1,005	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,619
Woodleaf Baptist Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nyatts Grove Baptist Church	438	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	438
Yadkin Baptist Church	135	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	205
Individual Donations	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000
Total Churches	\$17,387	\$8,820	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0			\$26,207

General Fu	nd Financial I	Report					
February	2023						
			Month	Month	YTD	YTD	Total
			<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>Administration</u>	<u>on</u>						
<u>Sal</u>	<u>aries, Allowan</u>	ces, Honoraria					
	1010	DOM Salary	\$2,155	\$2,155	\$4,310	\$4,310	\$25,862
	1020	DOM Housing Allowance	1,357	1,357	2,713	2,713	16,280
	1040	Adm. Assistant Salary	1,225	1,250	2,500	2,500	15,000
	1060	Clerk Honorarium	0	50	0	100	600
	1070	Treasurer Honorarium	0	50	0	100	600
	1080	Staff Christmas Bonuses	0	83	0	167	1,000
		Total Salaries & Allowances	\$4,737	\$4,945	\$9,523	\$9,890	\$59,342
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	2010	DOM Retirement	\$600	\$600	\$1,200	1,200	\$7,200
	2020	DOM Insurance	1,048	958	2,096	1,917	11,500
	2030	Workers' Compensation Insurance	0	46	0	92	550
	2040	Payroll Taxes	259	275	521	550	3,300
		Total	\$1,906	\$1,879	\$3,816	\$3,758	\$22,550
Mir	nistry Support						
	3010	DOM Travel Expense	\$294	\$333	\$523	\$667	\$4,000
	3020	DOM Convention/Education Exp.	108	167	148	333	2,000
	3050	Board of Directors	88	67	171	133	800
	4100	Pastors' Conferences	0	38	0	75	450
		Total Ministry Support	490	604	842	1,208	7,250
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	5010	Office Supplies & Expense	88	125	145	250	1,500
	5030	Office Equipment Maintenance	0	83	368	167	1,000
	5050	Telephone	94	108	187	217	1,300
	5060	Natural Gas	98	83	236	167	1000
	5070	Electricity	117	125	221	250	1500
	5080	Water	74	63	151	125	750
	5130	Miscellaneous Expense	0	83	0	167	1,000
		Total Operating Expenses	\$471	\$671	\$1,308	\$1,342	\$8,050
Mis	sions						
	4080	WMU	0	83	0	167	1,000
	4081	Community Outreach	0	83	0	167	1,000
	_	Total Missions	\$0	\$167	\$0	\$333	\$2,000
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	5100	Building Maintenance & Repairs	0	\$83	\$0	\$167	1,000
	5110	Lawn Care	0	83	0	167	1000
	5120	Insurance	0	167	0	333	2000
		Total Association Assets	\$0	\$333	\$0	\$667	\$4,000
 Total Gener	al Fund Sper	nding	\$7,605	\$8,599	\$15,490	\$17,199	\$103,192
Total Cana	al Fund Rece	ainte	\$8,820	\$8 599	\$27,008	\$17 199	\$103,192