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Health Screening Outreach event at Webb Road Flea Market

December 16, 2023



Approximately 30 volunteers from 5 area churches in the Association worked together to support the Health Screening Outreach at the Webb Road Flea market on December 16, 2023. A few of the churches that participated were Calvary Baptist, CrossLife Church, Emmanuel Baptist, First Baptist Salisbury and Trading Ford Baptist.

There was opportunity to screen 20 patients, to talk with them, to pray with some, to share the Gospel, and to give them a Bible. Many many others certainly saw the large Baptists on Mission logo and scripture on the outside of the unit, which was parked next to the main entrance, so this was a witness as well. Children had their faces painted and made Christmas ornaments.

Thanks to all who supported this event in prayer and in participation.

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A MESSAGE FROM Rev. Scott Faw, Rowan Southern Baptist Association Board of Directors

Dear Friends,

I trust that this edition of our newsletter will find you doing well. The year is over and now it is time to learn to write 2024. I really don't know where the time is going. This month I will begin my 7th year as pastor of Calvary. I am reminded when I think of my tenure here what something a senior adult lady told me years ago. She told me the one thing that we are all doing together is growing old! There is a lot of truth in that statement. So, with that thought of the years moving fast and the days seem to pass very quickly for us. With the calendar changing to a new year this month let me share some history and try to share a spiritual lesson too.

For hundreds of years, the Roman calendar (which we still use today) consisted of only ten months. This was because the winter season was not considered worthy of noting on the calendar, because nothing grew during that time. Eventually January found its way onto the calendar, but you would probably be hard pressed to find very many people who would list it among their favorite months. As I write this newsletter it is a balmy 59 degrees outside, and soon the weather will be just the right weather for catching pneumonia.

Even though January, and the winter season may not be the most climatically pleasing, it is not without its greater purpose and worth. An old, mountain proverb puts it bluntly, "A green Christmas makes a fat graveyard." The cold of winter serves an important role in both eliminating and replenishing certain things in our ecosystem. Spiritually speaking, winters of difficulty and trial are not pleasant or easy to endure, but they are often more productive than seasons of ease. "The American Spurgeon", T. De Witt Talmage (1832-1902), said:

"I tell you we need the storms of life as much as we do the sunshine. There are more men ruined by prosperity than by adversity...It was out of Dante's suffering came the sublime "Divine Comedy," and out of John Milton's blindness came "Paradise Lost,"...out of David's exile came the songs of consolation, and out of the sufferings of Christ came the possibility of the world's redemption..." (New Tabernacle Sermons)

You may be experiencing winter in more ways than just the temperature outside. It could be that along with sunshine of summer, you are looking forward to the warmth of better days personally and spiritually. If so, just "Wait on the LORD: be of good courage (Psalm 27:14)." Before you know it, January will be June. In the meantime, don't miss the worth of winter. God will do things in the winter that He just can't do any other time of the year...or in your life. This is just something I am learning and God is teaching me. I hope it will help you too.

I hope you will continue to pray for and support our association financially during this season of transition as we press on for the kingdom of God together.

Until He Comes,
Rev. Scott Faw
Pastor
Calvary Baptist Church



CLOSED
for
New Years

The Association Office hours are as follows for the Holidays:

Tuesday, December 26 – Monday, January 1 – Closed
(mail and telephone will be monitored)

2024 Pastoral Conference

Free for pastors and staff. We have lunch for you, let us know who is coming by the due date.
Please email rowansba@bellsouth.net or call 704-637-3407

Tuesday, January 16 **Milford Hills Baptist Salisbury**
11:30 am 1238 E Colonial Dr, Salisbury, NC 28144
To reserve lunch, please call before Wednesday, January 10



NOTE TIME CHANGE TO 11:30 AM

Dr. Kelly Withers (Superintendent of Rowan Salisbury Schools) will be coming to share with the pastors as to how we can partner with the local schools for ministry projects. We are thinking this can be a part of SERVE NC for August 2024



18 Rev. & Mrs. Billy (Lisa) Beaver, Pastor, Main Street

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

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



- 1 Rev. Mike Motley, Pastor, Trading Ford
- 1 Rev. Jonathan Collins, Pastor, Oakdale
- 5 Rev. Jeff Kincaid, Pastor, Enon
- 12 Mrs. Norma Thomas, Pastor's Wife, Franklin
- 19 Rev. Matthew Perez, Assoc Pastor, Life Church
- 31 Rev. Jonas Perez, Pastor, Fe En Jesus



ASSOCIATION OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday – 8:30 am – 12:30 am

Please leave a message at 704-637-3407 if anything is needed.



Please send any information or advertisement for the February Newsletter no later than Wednesday, January 24.



God's Right Hand

Isaiah 41:10 tells us "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Our God tells us throughout His Word not to fear, He will give us the strength and help to move forward because He is holding us in His hand! How comforting this is and as I type this, I need His comfort and guidance as my family starts a new chapter in our lives. We are moving! My husband and I have talked many years where we would like to be when we retire, so we will be moving to the beach sometime in early 2024. We are trusting in God's provision and it has been such a blessing to be a part of the Association here in Rowan County as your WMU Director. Our leadership team is very much intact and ready to keep on keeping on encouraging you, planning the different events and helping out wherever is necessary with your women's ministries.

There is so much information that is ready for you to explore within your fingertips on the website of our WMU state ladies! Please visit www.wmunc.org to get your fill of a variety of resources. It will guide you to search for a guest speaker, the website has plenty of "how to's" and many ways for encouraging your women and getting them involved in mission activities. Plus, different ways to engage your youth, your children and older adults as well. It's such a blessing to get plugged in with the staff in Raleigh, they have each month resources to help you as you serve your churches and communities. They have so many different ways to promote Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong and Heck-Jones in your churches. They have wonderful articles that you can soak up and learn from to implement in your personal life and in your women's ministries.

Save the dates:

Things are in progress for the Spring Banquet and Fall Banquet. Please go ahead and save the following dates...Saturday, March 23, 2024 at Emanuel Baptist Church and Thursday evening, September 19th at Stallings Baptist Church. We will fill you in on more details and information soon.

I love you all and many blessings to you, Rowan County as we start a new year!! Happy New Year!!!

Christ love,

Jeannie Y Patterson

WMU Director



Here are local, state wide projects your church will like to participate: <https://baptistsonmission.org/mission-projects>

The International Mission Board <https://www.imb.org/opportunity-finder/> has projects for volunteer missionaries.

Christ Calls Every Christian to be a Missionary. This doesn't mean we have to travel to another country. We can be missionaries in our own community. We each have God-given gifts and talents that can be used to help others. Baptists On Mission's volunteerism program connects people with missions opportunities suited just for them.

<https://baptistsonmission.org/ministries>

Praying for our **missionaries in January:**

The Cooperative Program takes the Gospel to the nations and the neighborhoods. Your financial support through the Cooperative Program gives missionaries the resources they need to reach their communities with the Gospel of Jesus.



January 7, 2024

In 2020, as the COVID-19 pandemic raged, God led Juhyun and Mijung Park to start a church in Surrey, a suburb of Vancouver. Although he knew it would be a difficult time to start a church, he recognized that the need for the Gospel was urgent.

The Parks started the new multi-ethnic congregation in the Clayton Heights area of Surrey City. Clayton Heights is home to many young couples and immigrant populations. It's also a town that's growing rapidly. While people are friendly, it's tough to bring up spiritual topics.

To reach out to the community, the church visits the local community center and parks to meet people of multiple generations and share the good news about Jesus.

Pray that God would help the Parks find a regular place for their new church to meet.



January 14, 2024

As International Mission Board missionary Patrick Stein wondered what it would take to get people as engaged in Bible stories as they were their phone, an idea took shape: why not create oral Bible stories for phones? Because many people use headphones or earbuds, no one would know what they were listening to — creating natural privacy in this Muslim-majority region.

Stein's team of missionaries and local believers had prayed for the Holy Spirit to show them a new way to reach their city. It took them two years to create 50 Story Together Bible Stories in the local

language.

In a region where Christians are often persecuted, anyone can watch the stories on social media and ask questions via the comments. On the other end of the social media is a team of trained local believers who "decided spreading the gospel is worth the risk," Stein said. One man saw an advertisement for the stories and engaged with local believers online.

"Then it came time to meet in person," Stein said. "This man met with our national partner, heard the gospel, and became a follower of Jesus. He is now being discipled using the 50 stories."

Pray that God would draw many hearts to himself through the Story Together Bible Stories as they engage with the Gospel online. Some names have been changed for security reasons.



January 21, 2024

Matthew felt God's call to the chaplaincy while he was a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. After the events of 9/11, God began to show him how he could serve his country as he served Jesus through chaplaincy.

The team Matthew leads has three primary responsibilities. They care for the families of fallen service members, provide care for the mortuary staff, and train chaplains and mental health professions on

how to serve grieving families.

The Cooperative Program takes the Gospel to the nations and the neighborhoods. Your support through the Cooperative Program provides vital training and fellowship opportunities for chaplains serving Jesus throughout our armed forces.

Pray that God will strengthen Matthew and other chaplains who provide spiritual support for grieving families.



January 28, 2024

For years, International Mission Board worker Nancy Potter had traveled to teach healthcare classes in an impoverished Muslim village in Southeast Asia where Sela and her husband, Sok, live. But on this visit, Potter's care and concern led to the couple becoming Christians.

One morning, Sela stumbled and spilled a pot of boiling water over her baby. She had no one to call for help because her village is hours away from the nearest hospital.

But when Potter came that same day, she was able to rush Sela and her baby to a clinic where the burns could be treated. This clinic is run by Christian believers.

Sela and Sok were amazed that Christians would care for them. As they learned more about the gospel, they began having dreams about Jesus and both put their faith in Christ.

"It's pretty amazing to see how God has prepared the way," Nancy said.

The Potters have been working with local believers to engage this Muslim people group for approximately five years and are just beginning to see outreach efforts bear fruit.

Pray that God would continue to bring fruit from Nancy's team's efforts despite the challenges they face on the mission field. Some names may be changed for security reasons.



Rowan Southern Baptist Association													
Monthly Receipts													
2023													
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
General Fund:													
Calvary Baptist Church	\$150	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150	\$0	\$0	\$600
Carmel Baptist Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crosslife Church	400	0	0	400	0	0	400	0	0	0	0	0	1,200
East Corinth Baptist Church	150	0	150	0	0	0	150	0	0	150	0	0	600
Eastside Baptist Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	0	0	0	0	0	150
Emmanuel Baptist Church	0	0	249	0	0	0	0	751	0	0	0	0	1,000
Enon Baptist Church	139	214	171	222	249	260	161	206	185	242	154	0	2,201
Faith Baptist Church	200	0	0	0	300	200	0	0	0	0	300	0	1,000
Fe en Jesus	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	0	0	1,000
Find Your Way Church	0	0	0	0	120	0	0	0	120	0	0	0	240
First Baptist Church of China Grove	1,890	1,803	989	921	1,135	1,135	2,270	0	1,135	1,135	1,135	0	13,549
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	1,758	1,787	1,857	1,565	1,460	0	3,030	1,415	0	0	18,409
First Baptist Church of Salisbury	333	583	583	583	583	583	583	583	583	583	583	0	6,166
Franklin Baptist Church	166	223	239	170	288	0	343	230	188	157	205	0	2,209
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
GospelWay	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	0	0	0	0	0	150
Lake Community Church	190	0	100	100	200	0	200	0	100	100	200	0	1,190
Lakeview Baptist Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lao Baptist Church	71	110	68	84	164	79	52	181	93	81	224	0	1,207
Life Church	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	0	1,100
Main Street Baptist Church	100	100	100	100	100	100	200	0	100	0	200	0	1,100
Milford Hills Baptist Church	0	0	375	0	0	0	375	0	0	500	0	0	1,250
Needmore Baptist Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neel Road Baptist Church	754	0	0	0	727	0	0	550	0	0	493	0	2,524
North Main Baptist Church	50	50	50	50	50	50	150	50	50	50	50	0	650
Nueva Vida Church (New Life)	50	80	60	80	80	75	70	90	60	0	106	0	751
New Covenant Baptist Church	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	0	495
Oakdale Baptist Church	0	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
Pine Ridge Baptist Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Providence Baptist Church	50	50	50	50	50	0	100	50	50	50	50	0	550
Rowan International Baptist Church	0	0	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200
Sherrils Ford Road Baptist Church	0	45	0	0	0	0	104	0	0	0	58	0	207
South China Grove Baptist Church	440	356	0	270	365	274	315	323	253	266	305	0	3,167
Southside Baptist Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stallings Memorial Baptist Church	539	546	384	815	604	474	351	666	414	506	652	0	5,953
Trading Ford Baptist Church	542	542	542	542	542	542	542	542	542	542	542	0	5,959
West Corinth Baptist Church	1,614	1,005	1,992	0	2,496	818	743	950	719	934	1,518	0	12,790
Woodleaf Baptist Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wyatts Grove Baptist Church	438	0	0	264	300	0	310	235	400	450	0	0	2,397
Yadkin Baptist Church	135	71	66	71	79	59	49	71	69	41	113	0	823
Individual Donations	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000
Total Churches	\$17,387	\$8,820	\$8,372	\$6,829	\$10,834	\$6,459	\$9,473	\$5,723	\$8,335	\$7,597	\$7,034	\$0	\$96,862
Total Churches This Year	\$17,387	\$8,820	\$8,372	\$6,829	\$10,834	\$6,459	\$9,473	\$5,723	\$8,335	\$7,597	\$7,034	\$0	\$96,862

Rowan Baptist Association General Fund Financial Report November 2023							
			Month	Month	YTD	YTD	Total
			<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Administration							
Salaries, Allowances, Honoraria							
	1010	DOM Salary	\$4,010	\$2,080	\$24,962	\$22,882	\$24,962
	1020	DOM Housing Allowance	2,413	1,282	15,380	14,098	15,380
	1040	Adm. Assistant Salary	1,250	1,250	13,750	13,750	15,000
	1060	Clerk Honorarium	0	50	0	550	600
	1070	Treasurer Honorarium	0	50	0	550	600
	1080	Staff Christmas Bonuses	0	83	0	917	1,000
		Total Salaries & Allowances	\$7,673	\$4,795	\$54,091	\$52,747	\$57,542
Employee Benefits							
	2010	DOM Retirement	\$900	\$750	\$8,100	\$8,250	\$9,000
	2020	DOM Insurance	459	958	11,189	10,542	11,500
	2030	Workers' Compensation Insurance	0	46	215	504	550
	2040	Payroll Taxes	402	275	2,961	3,025	3,300
		Total	\$1,761	\$2,029	\$22,466	\$22,321	\$24,350
Ministry Support							
	3010	DOM Travel Expense	\$0	\$333	\$3,348	\$3,667	\$4,000
	3020	DOM Convention/Education Exp.	126	167	1,471	1,833	2000
	3050	Board of Directors	69	67	776	733	800
	4100	Pastors' Conferences	0	38	275	413	450
		Total Ministry Support	\$195	\$604	\$5,870	\$6,646	\$7,250
Operating Expenses							
	5010	Office Supplies & Expense	\$33	\$125	\$1,206	\$1,375	\$1,500
	5030	Office Equipment Maintenance	0	83	733	917	1,000
	5050	Telephone	0	108	1,047	1,192	1,300
	5060	Natural Gas	31	83	589	917	1,000
	5070	Electricity	151	125	1,396	1,375	1,500
	5080	Water	85	63	914	688	750
	5130	Miscellaneous Expense	0	83	27	917	1,000
		Total Operating Expenses	\$300	\$671	\$5,911	\$7,379	\$8,050
Missions							
	4080	WMU	\$0	\$83	\$70	\$917	\$1,000
	4081	Community Outreach	0	83	850	917	1,000
		Total Missions	\$0	\$167	\$920	\$1,833	\$2,000
Association Assets							
	5100	Building Maintenance & Repairs	\$0	\$83	\$198	\$917	\$1,000
	5110	Lawn Care	150	83	950	917	1,000
	5120	Insurance	0	167	942	1,833	2,000
		Total Association Assets	\$150	\$333	\$2,090	\$3,667	\$4,000
Total General Fund Spending			\$10,079	\$8,599	\$91,347	\$94,593	\$103,192
Total General Fund Receipts			\$7,034	\$8,599	\$98,954	\$94,593	\$103,192