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TWISTS and TURNS

June 4-8 | 6:00-8:30pm
FREE KIDS EVENT!
4YRS OLD -5TH GRADE

STALLINGS MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
817 South Main Street
Salisbury, NC 28144
stallingsbaptistchurch.org

Register

2023 Baby Bottle Campaign

What if the change in your pocket could make an eternal difference in the life of a baby and its family?

Thank you so much for your faithful and generous support of LIFE CHOICES Rowan!! Between Mother's Day and Father's Day, LIFE CHOICES Rowan will be hosting its annual *Baby Bottle Campaign*.

We are inviting churches, businesses, individuals, and families from across Rowan County to fill baby bottles with loose change, cash, and checks to help support the mission of LIFE CHOICES Rowan. By filling bottles with cash, coins, and checks, you will serve families by providing the resources needed to eliminate the barriers they face when making a decision regarding their pregnancy. Every dollar given through the Baby Bottle Campaign equips this ministry to serve women, men, and families in our local communities. At LIFE CHOICES Rowan we believe each person should have the ability to receive physical, emotional, and spiritual support as they face pregnancy-related situations and circumstances.

The *Baby Bottle Campaign* is one of three fundraisers that make up more than half of LCR's annual budget. This is a great way to get even the youngest ones involved!

Baby bottles are available for pickup now! To get yours please contact **Cindy Johnson** at 704-633-7695. If you can't get by the Center to pick up bottles we can bring them to you! Please join us in this fun way to raise funds for a much-needed ministry.

Baby Bottle Campaign
May 14th - June 18th
(Mother's Day to Father's Day)

3 Easy Steps to save and change a LIFE

1. Take a bottle home
2. Fill it with loose change, cash, or checks
3. Return filled baby bottles to LCR or your church






Talitha Lowman, outreach coordinator of the Rufty-Holmes Senior Center brought to us some areas of volunteer needs they currently have. All would require background checks. Transportation is their CARS program.

- Ramp Building
- Installing grab bars and handheld shower heads
- Deck repair
- yard work-mowing, bush trimming, weeding
- Transportation to doctor appointments, grocery shopping, etc.

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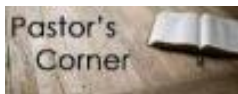
NEEDMORE BAPTIST CHURCH

1620 MT. VERNON ROAD, WOODLEAF, NC

MONDAY, JUNE 26TH AT 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. thru JUNE 30TH

If you have any questions call 704-278-3001





2023 Pastoral Conferences

Pastor Conferences this fall.
Tuesdays at 12 noon



August 22nd at Rowan Southern Baptist Association
832 South Main St., Salisbury, NC 28144

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

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

November 28, Location to be announced.
Or RSBA office.



6 Rev. Curtis Parker, Pastor, South China Grove



- 10 Rev. & Mrs. Gray Clayton (April), Pastor, Milford Hills
- 12 Rev. & Mrs. Matthew (Crystal) Laughter, Senior Pastor, Rockwell First
- 12 Rev & Mrs. Stephen (Sara) Dewalt, Pastor, Faith
- 16 Rev. & Mrs. James Sharp (Kristen), Pastor, Life Church
- 17 Rev. & Mrs. Robert (Karen) Suttles, Pastor, West Corinth
- 26 Rev. & Mrs. Jon Sherrill (Kristen), Pastor, Grace Baptist



Please send any information or advertisement for the July Newsletter no later than Monday, June 26.

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

- Lao – Rev. Vanpet Saysombath
- Life Church – Rev. James Sharp
- Main Street – Rev. Billy Beaver
- Milford Hills – Rev. Gray Clayton



New pastor: First Baptist Salisbury called Rev Bryan Blackwell as their new Senior Pastor.

Installation will be on Sunday, June 4th.



Each one of us is a missionary. We are all sent by Jesus to love, minister, witness and to bring God's presence. Baptists are willing to pour God's love around us and in the world. Here are some projects that might help you decide where is God calling you.

<https://baptistsonmission.org/mission-projects>





Pray for our pastors, churches and ministries:

Life Church, Pastor James Sharp.
Praise God for so many blessings.

God is using Life Church to reach more people every week. More are committing to serve with joy and this has blessed the congregation. Pray for continuous ministry in Salisbury to families and young couples.

Lao Baptist Church, Pastor Vanpet Saysombath.

Pastor Van feels like every family in his congregation has been attacked with huge problems. He longs for peace, health and deep spiritual growth for his members. Pray for protection during so many tribulations that the Lao family experienced recently.

Milford Hills - Pastor Gray Clayton

Congratulations to pastor Gray Clayton for his degree at Liberty University. Congratulations for this blessing. Praise the Lord for endurance and perseverance.

South China Grove. Pastor Curtis Parker.

Thank God for renewed commitment among many of their members.

Pastor Parker celebrated his 80 birthday and is glad God continues to use him. Pray for his health, energy and his family. Pray for South China Grove to be instrumental in planting new congregations in China Grove, Landis and Kannapolis.

A Message from our Association Mission Strategist

His Prayer Ministry

“Epaphras, who is one of you, a slave of Christ Jesus, greets you. He is always contending for you in his prayers, so that you can stand mature and fully assured in everything God wills. For I testify about him that he works hard for you, for those in Laodicea, and for those in Hierapolis.”
Colossians 4:12-13

Moses, Anna, Abraham, Ruth, David, Deborah are all characters in the Bible. They either wrote books or someone compiled their lives and wrote about them. Not many of us know much about Epaphras. He was one of Paul’s associates. He shared the Gospel and was put in prison for doing so. He was also a Church planter. He was involved in planting the Church in Colossi.

The Bible lists some of his characteristics. Epaphras had very clear priorities in his life. He was a servant of Jesus. Paul only calls Timothy and Epaphras servants of Jesus. The desires of his Master were always first. He visited Paul, preached the Gospel, helped plant the church in Colossi. Always following Jesus’ voice. He was always ready and available.

Epaphras was a passionate disciple. He was enthusiastic about the region of Hierapolis, Laodicea and Colossi. When Jesus rebuked the Laodiceans years later about their lukewarmness, Epaphras was surely not one of them, because he was on fire for Jesus. His God is looking for people with this same enthusiasm today.

Epaphras was a praying disciple of Jesus. He interceded fervently for those churches that had been planted. Paul describes his prayer life as a continuous struggle. His prayers were not light, but deep and profound. Like one that knows God’s heart for the lost and wants to listen to God through prayer. May God use us as He used Epaphras in the first century. May we have clear priorities, passion and a solid prayer life to go everyday of our ministry that God has trusted us.

Jonas Perez

*Association Mission Strategist
Rowan Southern Baptist Association*



God's Counsel

Psalm 32:8 tells us, "I will instruct you and show you the way to go; with my eye on you, I will give counsel."

The beginning of June will be bittersweet for my sister and myself. For months now we have both worked hard, sweated together, cried together and laughed together. We had to make some tough decisions – do we keep this from Dad's and Mom's house or do we give it away, do we throw it away or do we sell it?

Many of you have gone through the same thing with your families. It's hard, it's difficult, it brings to mind so many memories, good and bad. But God, He has given us counsel from the beginning of our endeavor, and He will continue to instruct us and show us the way we need to proceed. He's wise and above all, He has already in mind the perfect family to purchase our childhood home. Plenty of things needs to be done to the house and especially since we are selling it "as is"... with tears in my eyes right now as I type this reminds me in God's Word that He is always telling people that don't know Him, come just as we are...He will make the changes, the renovations in our lives once we accept Him as our Lord and Savior.

Thank you, Lord, that Your eye is always on us. You will be with Susie and I to the end of this chapter in our lives. You will help us to have more and more counsel as we step into the future together and set our trust always on You. ☺
My prayer for Rowan County is that our God will give instruction and counsel to you all and know that He's eye is on you always!

Reminders:

Red Box – We have signed up for Rowan County to be collecting lotions again this year. Our goal is 400. Here's the specifics in purchasing them: Must be between 8 to 11 ounce/plastic bottle/NO PUMPS. We will be taking these up at the fall banquet, but you can also take them over to the Associational office.

Fall Banquet

Theme: "Prayer Changes Lives – Home & Abroad"

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: Men & Women are invited to this event! We will have prayer stations set up where you will be able to visit each one and find out details on our Missionaries and how we can pray for them and to adopt one for you and your church to make a difference in their lives.

Christ love,
Jeannie Y Patterson
WMU Director



The International Mission Board <https://www.imb.org/opportunity-finder/> has projects for volunteer missionaries . Maybe you want to teach English or use your computer skills. There are needs in the medical field and construction.

Become a praying Missionary be interceding for them:

It is wonderful that we can be missionaries like Jesus is. God has always been after us, since He created Adam and Eve. Today, we continue God's love and vision and we can pray weekly for those that leave their homes to live among those that need Jesus love.

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.

June 4, 2023. Trevor Yoakum. Sub-Saharan African peoples “How do we become a healthy, biblical church?” two Togolese men asked International Mission Board missionary Trevor Yoakum. Each leading groups of believers in Togo, they desired their groups to go to the next level “so that the church is a true church of Jesus Christ.”



Yoakum was happy to help, and as a professor of practical theology at the West African Baptist Theological Seminary, it was certainly his area of expertise. Using Scripture, he shared with them a list of 12 biblical characteristics of a healthy church and spent time focusing on each characteristic with the men and their churches.

After just a few months, these Togolese church leaders have been seeing the effect of their new understanding of Scripture. “We see that our own words are not enough. We must preach the Word of God, that’s what changes lives.”

June 11, 2023. Airenakhue and Obaidiku Aimievbo



Airenakhue and Obaidiku Aimievbo planted The Impact Baptist Church to reach the growing population of immigrants in northeast Calgary. Around 70 percent of the community around the church are not Christians, with many practicing as Hindus, Muslims, and Sikhs. The Aimievbos encourage their church to reach out to the community through personal evangelism, visiting houses to pass out free batteries for smoke detectors, as well as visiting public places such as bus stations, train stations, and parks, to share the Gospel and invite people to church. Recently the church organized a kids’ soccer camp with the help of summer mission teams. The outreach helped the church meet new families and invite them to hear about Jesus at the church. Pray for God’s provision, as well as opportunities for the Aimievbos and The Impact Church to share the good news

about Jesus with the immigrants in Calgary.

June 18, 2023. Vesta Sauter. Deaf peoples



Vesta Sauter, who is hearing but whose parents were Deaf, understands the transforming power of the Gospel in the lives of Deaf people. When she was 8 years old, her father came to faith in Christ, and through sign language, Vesta would sign stories to him from the Bible that he would share with his friends. Today Sauter and her husband lead the International Mission Board’s (IMB) work among Deaf peoples. In 2020, Deaf people numbered nearly 70 million people around the world. Of those, 1,444 Deaf people die every day without Christ. Most Deaf people around the world have none of the Bible in their heart sign language. Deaf Pathway Global, in cooperation with the IMB, have translated Bible stories in 13 languages with more languages to come. Pray that the Deaf around the world will come to a saving knowledge of Christ, as well as for Deaf Christians to fulfill their missionary calling.

June 25, 2023. Michael and Traci Byrd

Both Michael and Traci Byrd grew up in St. Louis, Missouri, but they never thought they would return to their old neighborhood for ministry.



The neighborhood where the Byrds planted Faith Community Bible Church is impoverished and has a high crime rate. Many people in the neighborhood feel abandoned and uncared for. The church aims to make Jesus known by caring for the forgotten.

One of those ways is through a care-based strategy that centers on meeting the community’s needs. For example, to meet the food need, the church started a food pantry. However, they soon realized cooking lessons were a more valuable resource. And so began gatherings where simple cooking lessons were taught, thereby developing and deepening relationships.

Pray that God will help the Byrds care for the needs of their community and share the good news about Jesus. The Cooperative Program (CP) takes the Gospel to the

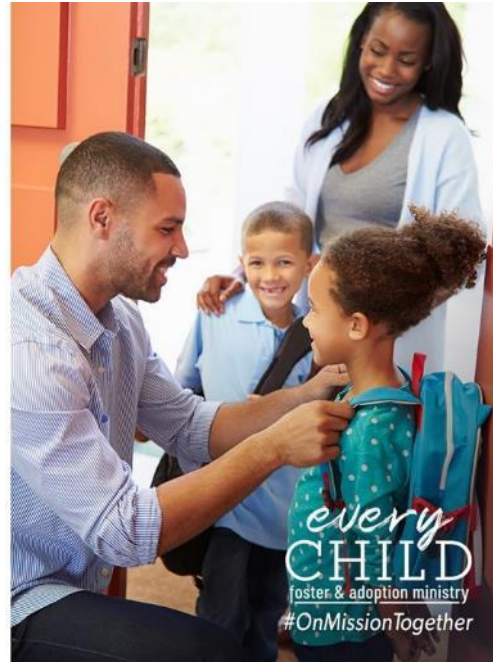
nations and the neighborhoods. Your financial support through the Cooperative Program provides training and encouragement to Southern Baptist chaplains, in addition to our missionaries serving across our nation and the world.



We believe that EVERY CHILD deserves a safe, stable, and loving home. Whether it is a temporary placement or a long-term living situation, we know that the local church can bridge the gap for the thousands of children in the North Carolina foster care system.

Every Child Progress to date
Foster Homes Licensed to date : 338
Foster Children served to date: 692

For more information call
 Dr. Mark Smith 828-450-9136



SPECIAL PROJECT GRANTS

Just a reminder that the Special Project grant applications are now open. They open on May 1st each year and are open until August 15th. Here is the link to the application.
<https://www.ncbaptistfoundation.org/special-project-grants/>

Due to the generosity of NC Baptists through the years these funds are available for special project items that would not normally be in an association or church budget.



Approximately 62 chairs FREE to any church that would like them. Please call Needmore Baptist Church, 1620 Mt. Vernon Road, Woodleaf, NC at 704-278-3001 or text Carol Brown at 704-905-2028.

FREE student piano, contact Tonia Smith at Needmore Baptist Church, 704-224-7017.

YARD SALE, JUNE 2 & 3, 8 a.m. till, at 15165 Cool Springs Road, Cleveland, NC, proceeds for Needmore Baptist Church Missions



Rowan Baptist Association							
General Fund Financial Report							
April	2023		Month	Month	YTD	YTD	Total
			Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
Administration							
Salaries, Allowances, Honoraria							
	1010	DOM Salary	\$2,080	\$2,155	\$8,546	\$8,621	\$25,862
	1020	DOM Housing Allowance	1,282	1,357	5,352	5,427	\$16,280
	1040	Adm. Assistant Salary	1,250	1,250	5,000	5,000	\$15,000
	1060	Clerk Honorarium	0	50	0	200	\$600
	1070	Treasurer Honorarium	0	50	0	200	\$600
	1080	Staff Christmas Bonuses	0	83	0	333	\$1,000
		Total Salaries & Allowances	\$4,612	\$4,945	\$18,897	\$19,781	\$59,342
Employee Benefits							
	2010	DOM Retirement	\$750	\$600	\$2,550	\$2,400	\$7,200
	2020	DOM Insurance	1,048	958	4,191	3,833	\$11,500
	2030	Workers' Compensation Insurance	0	46	0	183	\$550
	2040	Payroll Taxes	255	275	1,036	1,100	\$3,300
		Total	\$2,053	\$1,879	\$7,777	\$7,517	\$22,550
Ministry Support							
	3010	DOM Travel Expense	\$565	\$333	\$1,670	\$1,333	\$4,000
	3020	DOM Convention/Education Exp.	0	167	288	667	\$2,000
	3050	Board of Directors	63	67	284	267	\$800
	4100	Pastors' Conferences	0	38	77	150	\$450
		Total Ministry Support	\$628	\$604	\$2,319	\$2,417	\$7,250
Operating Expenses							
	5010	Office Supplies & Expense	\$41	\$125	\$290	\$500	\$1,500
	5030	Office Equipment Maintenance	0	83	368	333	\$1,000
	5050	Telephone	94	108	374	433	\$1,300
	5060	Natural Gas	73	83	377	333	\$1,000
	5070	Electricity	109	125	478	500	\$1,500
	5080	Water	77	63	304	250	\$750
	5130	Miscellaneous Expense	(600)	83	0	333	\$1,000
		Total Operating Expenses	(\$207)	\$671	\$2,191	\$2,683	\$8,050
Missions							
	4080	WMU	\$0	\$83	\$0	\$333	\$1,000
	4081	Community Outreach	0	83	0	\$333	\$1,000
		Total Missions	\$0	\$167	\$0	\$667	\$2,000
Association Assets							
	5100	Building Maintenance & Repairs	\$0	\$83	\$0	\$333	\$1,000
	5110	Lawn Care	50	83	50	333	\$1,000
	5120	Insurance	0	167	0	667	\$2,000
		Total Association Assets	\$50	\$333	\$50	\$1,333	\$4,000
Total General Fund Spending			\$7,135	\$8,599	\$31,234	\$34,397	\$103,192
Total General Fund Receipts			\$8,042	\$8,599	\$43,498	\$34,397	\$103,192