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HEALTH SCREENING MINISTRY

Pouring God's love at the Webb Road Flea Market

Does your church have a ministry to guide children or youth to do handcrafts? Facepainting? Puppets or any ministry that can be used to share the love of Jesus while their parents are at the Health Screening unit?

This invitation is for you! Saturday, December 16 and Sunday, December 17, the North Carolina Health Screening Unit will be at the Webb Road Flea Market in China Grove (Exit 70 off Interstate 85) between 9 am and 3 pm.

Please call 704-637-3407 Monday through Thursday from 8.30 am until 4 pm or leave a message to learn what we can do to share some love with students that will be at the Flea Market Saturday, December 16 and Sunday, December 17.

God can use your skills for the Webb Road Flea Market, Health Screening Unit. On December, Saturday 16 and Sunday 17, if you are a Health Care person trained to take vitals, or if you are an EMTs, Med Techs, Lab Techs, CAN or a Registered Nurse and believe you can donate three or four hours these days in December, please call 704-637-3407 or email rowansba@bellsouth.net and let me know your name, phone number, best time to reach you and how many hours will you be available. Thank you.

The Association Office will be closed for Thanksgiving on November 22 - 24
We pray everyone has a blessed Thanksgiving.
HAPPY THANKSGIVING !

TEMPORARY ASSOCIATION OFFICE HOURS

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

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



A MESSAGE FROM JONAS PEREZ

Here today, Gone tomorrow

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.
Revelation 21:4

How would you define pain? Since 1968, the most widely used definition of pain in clinical settings is the one set forth by pain researcher Margo McCaffery: Pain is whatever the experiencing person says it is, existing whenever and wherever the person says it does. In other words, no one can tell another person that they are not in pain. Pain is as unique as the individuals who profess to experience it.

Think about any pain you may be experiencing now—relational pain, physical pain, emotional pain, or spiritual pain. Regardless of the kind of pain you are experiencing now, it will “soon” be over. The Bible says that in the New Jerusalem “there shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.” Whatever kind of pain you feel today, an eternal day is coming in which you will feel it no more if you live in the New Jerusalem. Every God-designed need and longing of the human spirit, soul, and body will be met completely in Christ.

Let today’s pain lead you to tomorrow’s joy in heaven.
Taken from David Jeremiah, Daily devotionals online for October 26, 2023

The greatest good suffering can do for me is to increase my capacity for God. Joni Eareckson Tada
Jonas Perez

Dear Pastor, and Rowan church members:

Thank you for your prayers, love and support while we continue to bring the love of Jesus to our world.

As of October 31, I will leave the Association Office in Rowan County. The leadership and you will pray, and God will send the person He has in his sovereign plan.

I have served you with love and passion. We have grown in many ways and it has been a joy to learn more about your ministry and experiences. I continue to pray for you and I want to remain a friend of your family, your congregation and this Association.

Thank you for helping me grow in many ways, to learn things I did not imagine were possible when we all work together.

Pray for my family, as I seek what God has in store for us in this new season of our lives.

Jonás Pérez

*Association Mission Strategist (AMS)
Rowan Southern Baptist Association
rowanmissionary@gmail.com until October 31*



Please send any information or advertisement for the December Newsletter no later than Monday, November 27.



2023 Pastoral Conferences

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

November 28,

First Baptist Salisbury

223 N Fulton St, Salisbury, NC 28144

To reserve lunch, please call before Tuesday, November 21



20 Rev & Mrs Tom (Melodie) Fleming, Pastor, Find Your Way

5 Rev. Sy Ponds, Pastor, Providence
5 Rev. James (Ronnie) Pinyan, Pastor, Lake
12 Rev. Dale Kinley, Pastor, Emmanuel

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

Wyatts Grove – Rev. David Jones
Yadkin – Rev. Randy Kinley
Calvary – Rev. Scott Faw
Carmel – Rev. Brian Smith



Pray for our pastors, churches and ministries

We celebrate our Association Churches and their pastors too:

Rev. David Jones at Wyatts Grove:

Thank God for a fuller relationship with our Lord Jesus.

He says, we are rejoicing for a recent Baptism that brought several visitors and new prospects.

Praise our living LORD, the I AM!

Please, pray for

Follow-ups on visitors; an even deeper walk with Christ!

Rev. Randy Kinley at Yadkin Missionary Baptist Church

Please, pray for the **youth** of Yadkin Missionary Baptist Church.

Amanda Kinley, as GOD has laid a burden on her heart for the **youth of our church** and all **Rowan County**. Pray GOD will give her **direction** on how to move forward with this work.

Please pray for **Pastor Randy** and the ministry which GOD has blessed him. Pray that he will always **be the Pastor** that GOD has called him to be.

Rev. Scott Faw at Calvary Baptist Church

He is thankful that God continues to bless the ministry at **Calvary** as God is doing good things in spite of what pastor Scott calls “the weak preaching week to week!”

Continue to Pray for some small groups and leaders that we hope to start the first of the year.

[Koury Convention Center, West Gate City Boulevard, Greensboro, NC](#)

Monday, November 6th - Tuesday, November 7th, 2023

As N.C. Baptists become a movement of churches on mission together, we look forward to that great day when a multitude from every nation will gather before the throne. Join in celebrating the different ways God is using N.C. Baptists to draw people to Himself from every nation, tribe, people and tongue. Don't miss times of worship, teaching, ministry reports, breakout sessions and more.

"After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out ... 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!...'" (Revelation 7:9-12 ESV)



Rowan Southern Baptist Association mailed the Annual Church Profiles to our churches for you to complete. The ACPs were due October 31, and can be completed online at <http://nc.sbcworkspace.com>. **If you have not completed the one for your church, please do so immediately.**

Numbers are important as well as updating names of leaders in every congregation. This is done to facilitate communication with every ministry. With numbers we can find symptoms of a church but it helps program the direction regional churches may go. Please, contact Darcell Mangan 704-637-3407 or rowansba@bellsouth.net if you have concerns about your Annual Church Profile.

Submit your church's ACP today at ncbaptist.org/acp.



JOB POSTING FOR SENIOR PASTOR in EAST BEND, North Carolina

Enon Baptist Church, East Bend, NC is seeking to fill the position for a full-time Senior Pastor to serve as spiritual leader, to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, to teach biblical revelation, to engage in pastoral care, and to provide administrative leadership in all areas of church life and function, working collaboratively to provide opportunities for Enon members/guests to worship, to be disciplined and to grow in their faith walk with God.

Candidate must be a master's graduate of an accredited seminary or divinity school; ordained and licensed as a Southern Baptist minister fully endorsing the Baptist Faith and Message (2000); and have a minimum of six years' experience as a Senior Pastor.

The church website is enonbaptist.org.

Submission of resumes may be done by mail to: Pastor Search Committee, Enon Baptist Church, Post Office Box 33, East Bend, North Carolina 27018, or email to PastorSearch@enonbaptist.org.

Sincerely,
Judy Southern, Chair
Enon Baptist Pastor Search Committee
336-403-6450



Thanksgiving / Thanks-living

How I love singing in the choir, singing with our church family, singing in the car and the list goes on! 😊

I came across a hymn that I don't recall singing before in our hymn book, "Thanksgiving/Thanks-living". The words are powerful and would love to share the verses with you.

"Our life and its sustaining breath and life that's promised after death come from God, our heavenly Father, He gives us freedom from our fears; food, friends, and purpose thro' the years. All the words of our Thanksgiving fail to say what we can show by our Thanks-living."

"A life of living thankfulness moves lifeless words to willingness; willingness to serve our Father. That service, born of love, demands our hearts, our minds, our strength, our hands. All the words of our Thanksgiving fail to say what we can show by our Thanks-living."

"Our deepest love and highest praise in both routine and festive days sing of You, our heavenly Father. Yet, while our songs of praise arise, deep in our hearts we realize all the words of our Thanksgiving fail to say what we can show by our Thanks-living."

This is my prayer for Rowan County this Thanksgiving, may we all show our thankfulness to our Lord with our living out our love for Him by showing Christ love.

Reminders:

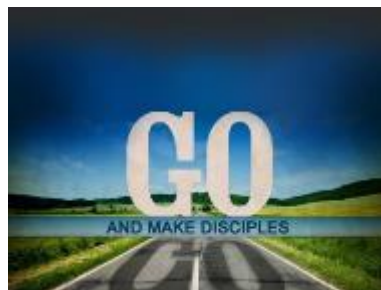
Red Box – We signed up for Rowan County to be collecting lotions this year. Our goal is 400. Here's the specifics in purchasing them: **Must be between 8 to 11 ounce/plastic bottle/NO PUMPS.**

Thank you for those of you who have already turned some in. Last date to turn in is October 30. If you still have any, please contact the Association at 704-637-3407.

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. Maybe you want to teach English or use your computer skills. There are needs in the medical field and construction.



Joyfully praying for our **missionaries in November**:

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.



November 5, 2023

Let's go to Cincinnati, Ohio, to pray today. The city has 2 million people, but fewer than 14% are evangelical Christians. Cincinnati is considered a major missions challenge. Our North American Mission Board calls it a Send City for that reason. The board has helped plant almost 3 dozen new churches in the city, but many more are needed.

Today, let's pray specifically for **Amer and Vicky Safadi**. They are from Jordan, so Arabic is their first language. Amer felt led to plant a new church, then decided on Cincinnati was the place God wanted him. He called the Southern Baptist missions leader in Cincinnati and soon Amer, Vicky

and their two daughters moved there.

First, they visited stores where Arabs work and shop. They met Arabs studying English at a Southern Baptist church. They then launched a new Arabic language church with 22 members that soon more than doubled. They have reached Arabs from nine countries. Amer and Vicky often invite Arabs to their home for tea, a familiar custom in the Middle East. All of it provides a way to tell people about Jesus.

They are able to reach people who would never have heard the Gospel back in their home lands. Our church is helping support those church plants all over Cincinnati and also the new church planted by Amer and Vicky. That is all possible through our Cooperative Program giving. Let's pray for Amer and Vicky.



November 12, 2023 Today in our prayer time, we're going to focus on Uganda, a country in central Africa located on the left side of Kenya. Allie White is the missionary we're praying for today. Our church supports her through our Cooperative Program giving.

Allie serves in Kampala, Uganda's capital city area that's one of Africa's largest and fastest-growing, with nearly 7 million residents. One day Allie and her local ministry partner, Victoria, were riding on a boda-boda — a motorcycle taxi — in a slum area. Allie asked Victoria about an alley she saw. At first, Victoria refused to stop — it was not a "respectable" place, she said. That's because the alley had many places where women work as prostitutes.

Over time, Allie and her Ugandan Christian partners visited and shared the Gospel along that alley. Six women came to the first Bible study. Sixty came the next week and many became Christians. A woman we'll call Sarah was one of the first who accepted Christ as her Savior. Once a Christian, she knew she had to find another way to live. The local church helped Sarah with rent and taught her how to make soap. Now she has a better life for herself and her children as she grows in her new faith.

Aren't you happy that our church is helping support our missionary, Allie White, as she takes the light of Jesus into truly dark places? Let's pray for her now.



November 19, 2023 Let's go to western Canada today so we can pray for two of our Southern Baptist missionaries. They are James and Jen Cho. Our church supports them through our Cooperative Program giving.

James and Jen are serving in Calgary, which is a striking city of skyscrapers standing above the plains. The Rocky Mountains march across the horizon. It's a modern city of more than a million people — Canada's third largest. Yet, culturally, many people here people hang on to the idea of cowboys and western culture. The Calgary Stampede, the world's biggest rodeo, is held here. But, like most of Canada, few here follow Christ. Calgary is a mission field. James and Jen are in northwestern Calgary, where they have planted The Vine Church.

Both James and Jen are of Korean background, so they understand what it's like to move to a new nation as so many have done in Canada. Our missionaries have been able to share the Gospel with many immigrants and bring them into the church. Growth prospects for The Vine Church look good.

Let's ask God's blessings on James and Jen, so they can help many come to Christ.



November 26, 2023 Traumatic experiences are part of the context for many missionaries, pastors and leaders who currently work with people who have been affected by some type of tragedy. Rick and Kelly Martínez, International Mission Board missionaries, who lead the Gateway team in Mexico City, are witnesses to this reality.

They prayed fervently, asking God for an effective way to minister to the churches and families in their convention who were experiencing suffering and trauma due to the loss of relatives or close associates during the pandemic.

It was at this time that the idea of implementing New Hope arose. New Hope, translated into Spanish as “Nueva Esperanza,” is an initiative created by a group of church planters, counselors, and oral communicators with the goal of bringing healing to those who have gone through some type of traumatic experience.

New Hope’s ministry aims to address this trauma by studying God’s Word in groups of four to six who meet weekly for a total of seven sessions.

Our church supports Rick and Kelly through our support of the Cooperative Program. Let’s pray for them and their ministry today.

The Cooperative Program takes the Gospel to the nations and the neighborhoods. Your financial support through the Cooperative Program helps missionaries share and show the love of Jesus in many cultures and contexts.

Some names may have been changed for security reasons.

October Update

Total Foster Homes Licensed

381

Total Children Served in Foster Homes

779

Thank you NC Baptists!





The heart of Baptist Children’s Homes (BCH) beats with a rhythm of hope that extends to children, families and adults. For every person’s specific need there is a unique BCH ministry ready to help and to share God’s love. **We are many ministries beating with one heart!**

Did you know...

- BCH has locations in more than **35 communities** in NC, SC and in Guatemala.
- BCH impacted **167,619 lives** in 2022 through the support of NC Baptists.
- **80%** of those we serve come to BCH **unchurched and unreached for Jesus.**
- There have been **661 professions of faith** throughout the past five years.
- There are more than **10,000*** NC children in the state’s foster care system – boys and girls removed from their homes for their protection. **Data from morethanenough.cafo.org*
- Through the **EVERY CHILD Initiative**, a partnership between BCH and NC Baptists, **we train and license Christian couples to be foster families.** We help churches to begin their own foster care ministries. [Visit every-child.org](http://every-child.org)
- Also through **EVERY CHILD**, BCH’s Christian Adoption Services aids couples with **domestic and international adoption** and ministers to **expectant mothers** to show them the beauty of **choosing life for their babies** by helping them make an adoption plan. [Visit christianadopt.org](http://christianadopt.org)
- BCH oversees an **orphanage and cottage homes** at Good Shepherd Ministries in **Xela, Guatemala** that provides homes to indigenous boys and girls who are abused and neglected.
- The ministry provides homes for **intellectually/developmentally disabled adults.**
- BCH operates the North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM) **servicing senior adults.**
- It offers **24/7 residential wilderness camp ministries** that are accredited, non-public schools.
- BCH provides a supportive home for **teen mothers and their babies.**
- BCH’s Family Care ministry offers a residential program for **single mothers** needing support.
- Greater Vision Outreach aids immediate needs of **community families in crisis** and connects them with resources to achieve longterm stability.
- **HOMEbase** offers refuge and resources to **college students** with little to no family support.

P.O. BOX 338 | THOMASVILLE, NC 27360 | 336.474.1209 | BCHFAMILY.ORG





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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$450
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	0	0	0	450
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	0	0	0	1,806
Faith Baptist Church	200	0	0	0	300	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	700
Fe en Jesus	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	0	0	0	0	800
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	0	0	0	11,279
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	0	0	0	16,994
First Baptist Church of Salisbury	333	583	583	583	583	583	583	583	583	0	0	0	5,000
Franklin Baptist Church	166	223	239	170	288	0	343	230	188	0	0	0	1,847
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	0	0	0	890
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	0	0	0	901
Life Church	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	0	0	0	900
Main Street Baptist Church	100	100	100	100	100	100	200	0	100	0	0	0	900
Milford Hills Baptist Church	0	0	375	0	0	0	375	0	0	0	0	0	750
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	0	0	2,031
North Main Baptist Church	50	50	50	50	50	50	150	50	50	0	0	0	550
Nueva Vida Church (New Life)	50	80	60	80	80	75	70	90	60	0	0	0	645
New Covenant Baptist Church	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	0	0	0	405
Oakdale Baptist Church	0	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	175
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	0	0	0	450
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	0	0	149
South China Grove Baptist Church	440	356	0	270	365	274	315	323	253	0	0	0	2,596
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	0	0	0	4,794
Trading Ford Baptist Church	542	542	542	542	542	542	542	542	542	0	0	0	4,875
West Corinth Baptist Church	1,614	1,005	1,992	0	2,496	818	743	950	719	0	0	0	10,338
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	0	0	0	1,947
Yadkin Baptist Church	135	71	66	71	79	59	49	71	69	0	0	0	669
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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$82,231

**Rowan Baptist Association
General Fund Financial Report
September 2023**

			Month	Month	YTD	YTD	Total
			Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
Administration							
Salaries, Allowances, Honoraria							
	1010	DOM Salary	\$2,080	\$2,080	\$18,947	\$18,722	\$24,962
	1020	DOM Housing Allowance	1,282	1,282	11,760	11,535	\$15,380
	1040	Adm. Assistant Salary	1,250	1,250	11,250	11,250	\$15,000
	1060	Clerk Honorarium	0	50	0	450	\$600
	1070	Treasurer Honorarium	0	50	0	450	\$600
	1080	Staff Christmas Bonuses	0	83	0	750	\$1,000
		Total Salaries & Allowances	\$4,612	\$4,795	\$41,956	\$43,157	\$57,542
Employee Benefits							
	2010	DOM Retirement	\$750	\$750	\$6,300	\$6,750	\$9,000
	2020	DOM Insurance	1,048	958	9,430	8,625	\$11,500
	2030	Workers' Compensation Insurance	0	46	215	413	\$550
	2040	Payroll Taxes	255	275	2,310	2,475	\$3,300
		Total	\$2,053	\$2,029	\$18,255	\$18,263	\$24,350
Ministry Support							
	3010	DOM Travel Expense	\$474	\$333	\$3,144	\$3,000	\$4,000
	3020	DOM Convention/Education Exp.	348	167	1,242	1,500	\$2,000
	3050	Board of Directors	118	67	648	600	\$800
	4100	Pastors' Conferences	198	38	275	338	\$450
		Total Ministry Support	\$1,139	\$604	\$5,309	\$5,438	\$7,250
Operating Expenses							
	5010	Office Supplies & Expense	\$233	\$125	\$1,173	\$1,125	\$1,500
	5030	Office Equipment Maintenance	0	83	733	750	\$1,000
	5050	Telephone	125	108	922	975	\$1,300
	5060	Natural Gas	28	83	532	750	\$1,000
	5070	Electricity	162	125	1,058	1,125	\$1,500
	5080	Water	94	63	730	563	\$750
	5130	Miscellaneous Expense	0	83	27	750	\$1,000
		Total Operating Expenses	\$641	\$671	\$5,175	\$6,038	\$8,050
Missions							
	4080	WMU	\$70	\$83	\$70	\$750	\$1,000
	4081	Community Outreach	0	83	\$250	\$167	\$1,000
		Total Missions	\$70	\$167	\$320	\$917	\$2,000
Association Assets							
	5100	Building Maintenance & Repairs	\$0	\$83	\$0	\$750	\$1,000
	5110	Lawn Care	100	83	650	750	\$1,000
	5120	Insurance	0	167	942	1,500	\$2,000
		Total Association Assets	\$100	\$333	\$1,592	\$3,000	\$4,000
Total General Fund Spending			\$8,614	\$8,599	\$72,607	\$77,394	\$103,192
Total General Fund Receipts			\$8,335	\$8,599	\$84,323	\$77,394	\$103,192