



June 8, 2020

*Serving and equipping our churches to fulfill the Great Commission.*

## Greetings from Noel Williamson



### *Happy Father's Day from the SYBA!*

Father's Day is a great day to reflect on our fathers and the influence that they have had on us, both positive and negative. As we grow older, it is also a chance for us to reflect on the influence that we have on our own children.

#### **Ephesians 6:1-4**

**6 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: 3 "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."**

**4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.**

As I reflect on my dad's impact on my life, I am grateful for his Godly example, but I still am impacted by a few negative words that he said to me. It was through his dying days that God truly stretched me. He allowed me to forgive him for those words that were spoken to me. God drew me closer to my dad, but more importantly closer to Him. God showed me that my dad was going to die, and I was to share the plan of salvation at his funeral. I was in my late thirties at the time and the thought of doing this scared me. God gave me the strength I needed, and through this I felt the call to full time ministry. My dad's death brought new spiritual life for me.

Take time and reflect on your father this Father's Day.

Take time to reflect on your children this Father's Day. Are you spending time investing in them? Because of the coronavirus, we have had so much more time to invest in them. I remember as a young Christian going to a conference and hearing Josh McDowell share, "How do kids spell love? TIME." Are you spending time with your children? Are you bringing them up in the training and admonition of the Lord? Or are you provoking them to wrath? It is not too late to change.

Finally, spend time with your Heavenly Father. God is not like your earthly father. He

is perfect and without fault. Reflect on Him this Father's Day and show your children the grace that He shows you.

## Encouragement

### SYBA Virtual Pastors Gathering with Dr. Chuck Lawless

For Senior Pastors, Associate Pastors and Youth Pastors.

Tuesday June 6 at 2pm  
Details to follow!

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### LifeWay Women's Event!

Join us for this livestream event, where we'll come together virtually from around the globe to remind our hearts of the certainty of God's Word in a world that feels so uncertain. All for just \$20!

P.S. You'll only be able to access this event up until 11:59pm on Sunday, June 14, so don't miss it!

[Click here to register.](#)



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### HOPE LINE now offering outbound calls!

#### ***A note from NC Baptist Aging Ministry***

As calls to the NCBAM HOPE LINE continue to increase, we learn everyday how important the friendly call service is. Callers express immense gratitude for having someone to listen

compassionately to their concerns and to pray with them. Many individuals are repeat callers and we are establishing relationships with them.

While many callers are being helped by the Hope Line, we know that many older adults, who may be most in need of a friendly call, are unlikely to pick up the phone to call us. Thanks to dedicated volunteers who are eager to be salt and light during these difficult times, the NCBAM Hope Line is now available to make outbound calls!

Request calls for yourself or a loved one! Call recipients must live in North Carolina, be 65 or older, and be aware that the request is being made. The Hope Line is a "friendly" call service-not a crisis line.

[Click here to request this friendly call service.](#)





**Save the Date!**  
**SYBA Annual Meeting September 15 at 6:30 at Troutman Baptist Church**

## Volunteer Opportunity!

The storage shed in the SYBA yard needs powerwashing and painting - and we are looking for help!

We are happy to buy the paint! Please contact Mary Jane Hoover at [mhoover@sybaptist.org](mailto:mhoover@sybaptist.org) or 704. 873.4372 if you are available or if you have any questions.



## SYBA Updates

### **SYBA Food Pantry at 1431 Front Street**

is currently making appointments for drive thru food assistance. Open Wednesdays beginning at 10 am. *Food & hygiene item donations also accepted at 9am.*

**SYBA Food Pantry on Amity Hill Road.** Food is available by appointment. Please call 704.873.4372 x 3.

## Mobilize to share Christ's love

### Update from Baptists on Mission

Rebuild Centers have continued to operate using day-only volunteers. Dozens of homes were completed or brought close to completion so that the next few weeks will see many families return home after 21 months away! Thank you for your faithful prayers, volunteering, and support. Beginning now we are slowly increasing the number of volunteers who can stay overnight or who can work as day-only volunteers. Please encourage your churches, as they feel led, to plan to serve through one of our rebuild centers. [Register by clicking here.](#)

Our Rebuild Center staff would love to share at your churches. They want to celebrate what God has done and share how churches can be involved in the weeks and months ahead. Soon families who were displaced will hit the two year anniversary of Hurricane Florence. All of the recent challenges have made it an even more discouraging time for Hurricane Florence survivors. If you will encourage your churches to let me know, I will schedule some of our staff or rebuild staff to encourage and celebrate what God is doing with your churches.

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## Learn More About Becoming a Foster Family

The children who live at Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) are not strangers. They come to us from communities throughout North Carolina. In addition to offering care for boys and girls, BCH also provides group homes for intellectually and developmentally disabled adults, services for aging adults, single mothers, college students and orphans in Guatemala.

[Click here to learn more!](#)

## foster **HOPE** in a child

BECOME A FOSTER FAMILY



### FOSTER CARE IS ABOUT FAMILY.

No matter their circumstances, all children are the same: they need a home, they deserve a family, and they desire to be loved. Through Baptist Children's Homes, you are trained and licensed to be a foster care home for a NC boy or girl. We also train churches to begin their own foster care ministries.



SHARING HOPE...CHANGING LIVES

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

1.800.476.3669 OR VISIT [BCHFOSTERCARE.ORG](http://BCHFOSTERCARE.ORG)

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## Blood Donor Screener Volunteers Needed

The American Red Cross is looking for help! As a Blood Donor Screener, you help to provide excellent customer service to enhance the blood donor experience, executing donor temperature screening on potential donors prior to their entry into the blood drive.

To apply online, [click here](#).

Questions? Contact Sabrina Beasley-Cline at [sabrina.cline@redcross.org](mailto:sabrina.cline@redcross.org) or 704.301.3932.



## Resources

### Online Biblical Resources for All Ages

**rightnow** MEDIA

During this time of global concern, RightNow Media is offering a library of resources to individuals who don't have access to RightNow Media through their church. If this is you, [click here](#) to get free access to a limited library of content.

If your church is interested in subscribing to RightNow Media for long term access to the full resource, SYBA has arranged for discount pricing for SYBA churches. Please contact Leslie Kusek for more information [Lkusek@sybaptist.org](mailto:Lkusek@sybaptist.org) or 704.873.4372 x 5.

### Phasing in Sunday School Webinar Now Available

Opening your Sunday School without a plan means failure. Ken Braddy, director of Sunday School for LifeWay, discusses what phasing in Sunday School looks like.



[Click here to view free webinar.](#)

### The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc. WEBINAR Beyond COVID-19: Facilitating Kingdom Growth a New Way

Pastors are asking many questions during the COVID-19 crisis. What will our church look like post-pandemic? Will our ministries and missions ever be the same? How different will things look as everything returns to normal? How should we move forward in the coming months and years?



Available Sessions:

Session 1 June 9 at 10:00 AM (For churches with 1000 or more in attendance)

Session 2 June 11 at 10:00 AM (For churches with 1 - 300 in attendance)

Session 3 June 11 at 1:00 PM (For churches with 300 - 1000 in attendance).

Each session will last one hour.

These seminars are available for church leaders: Pastors, Executive Pastors, Business Administrators, Finance/Stewardship committees, and Deacons.

Your Hosts: The North Carolina Baptist Foundation Staff: Clay Warf, President; Richard Childress, VP for Development; Daryl Trexler, Eastern Area Manager; Robert Simons, Central Area Manager; Allen Schuyler, Western Area Manager.

Register for each session at [rsimons@ncbaptistfoundation.org](mailto:rsimons@ncbaptistfoundation.org). GoToMeeting links for each session will be provided upon registering. All participants will receive a free eBook from Generis, with suggested timelines for regathering the church.

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## Re-Gathering the Church

As North Carolina begins to slowly reopen, N.C. Baptist churches are anxious to gather in person for worship. [Click here](#) for a helpful guide of ideas to assist you in making the most of this reengagement.

## Partner in Prayer

### Pastor Prayer Meetings Resuming!

*Senior Pastors, Youth Pastors, Associate Pastors all welcomed!*

**July 8 @ 8am**

Statesville Pastor Prayer Meeting @ SYBA offices

*Mooresville & Mocksville meetings resuming soon!*

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### Does God Want Us to Return to Normal?

We must recognize that God does not always want us to get back to the way things were. He is doing something during this time to awaken His people. We may be in these circumstances for a while, at least in some form. God uses times like these to challenge His people both personally and corporately. He desires idols to fall and the church to return to its biblical core.



Allow God to refine you during this time. And when we do come out of this, maybe we will see that it's not about getting back to normal, but seeking a new normal that is grounded in Scripture.

[Click here for full article.](#)

## You are SYBA!

### **Our Mission**

Our Mission is to Serve & Equip Our Churches to Fulfill the Great Commission.

### **Our Vision**

Our vision is to serve our South Yadkin Baptist Association churches so they fulfill the Great Commission. We aspire to design services and tools specific to their needs to equip them to serve Christ effectively, fulfill their calling to disciple and reach those unchurched in our community. We aspire to bring value to our churches and help them to be a do all that God has called of them for His kingdom.

### **Our Values**

Our five values of the South Yadkin Baptist Association define the way we do ministry together as a network of churches. The drive behind our values is a solid faith in the Lord Jesus Christ to fulfill our calling to serve, equip, encourage and care for our churches, pastors and their staff.

### **Partner in Prayer**

We encourage and pray for our pastors, churches and unchurched friends through planned events and systems to pray corporately, in small groups and through our prayer network.

### **Encourage Pastors**

We appreciate our pastors and will give care, personal visits and consistent contact with associational leaders to affirm their ministry in the local church.

### **Do More Together**

We engage our churches in relationship with each other to network on initiatives to build the body of Christ and proclaim the name of Christ in our community and wherever God leads.

### **Help Fulfill Ministry Needs**

We help, provide and assist churches with resources to fulfill their mission and help them minister to needs.

### **Mobilize to Share Christ's Love**

We mobilize churches to share the gospel with unchurched friends in our community, some of whom will accept Christ as Savior.

