



February 17, 2021

Serving and equipping our churches to fulfill the Great Commission.

Get Ready for Easter



Today is the start of Lent - a time to prepare for Easter, one of the most important Christian holidays of the year.

You may or may not celebrate Lent personally, or at your church, but it can be a great time to prepare for the celebration of Easter. Kenny Lamm wrote a great article on why Baptists should celebrate Lent - [click here to read it.](#)

How can we as Baptists prepare for Easter? Let me share some action steps that you or your church can take:

1. Follow a focused reading now through Easter.
2. Commit to a focused prayer time.
3. Give up a leisure activity and devote that time to Godly purposes.
4. Attend special services such as Maundy Thursday or Good Friday.

The Maundy Service was a special time for me and our church when I served at Pleasant Street Baptist in Worcester, MA. Sometimes, we would have a Catacomb Service, and other times we would be led by a Messianic Jew from our church who would share how the Passover meal pointed to the coming Messiah. After these services we would celebrate the Lord's Supper.

This year I plan to give up television during Holy Week and spend that time reading to prepare myself for Easter.

What are you personally going to do to draw closer to our Risen Savior this Easter season? Send me an email and let me know at nwilliamson@sybaptist.org.

Rev. Noel Williamson
Executive Director, SYBA

Do More Together!

Welcome!!!

Please extend a special SYBA welcome to Ervel Jones, Interim Pastor at New Hope

Baptist Church in Statesville and John Johnson, the new Pastor at First Baptist Church in Mocksville!

You're Invited!

- Fork: Feb 19 @ 6 - 8 pm. Fun Friday! Kid friendly meals, crafts, Bible stories, games & lots of fun! (1st & 3rd Fridays of each month)
 - Jerusalem: Feb 21 @ 10 am. Billy Riddle, missionary to Uganda, guest speaker
 - South River: Griefshare Feb 7 - May 16, Sundays 3-5 pm in Room 109. Contact Steve at 980.263.4134 for more info.
 - Fairview: Cancer Companions for those affected by cancer every 2nd and 4th Monday at 6:30pm. Group setting where you can listen, or ask questions and learn how to draw closer to God during this difficult time in your life.
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Baptist on Mission Medical Bus

Hosted by Harmony International Mission and other Harmony churches.

March 20 - 9 am to 3pm

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Doug Privette at 704.880.3453.



Souper Bowl Winners

Whether your favorite team played and won the Super Bowl or not, SYBA ministries won with your support of our special Souper Bowl collection!

Please let people in your community know about SYBA's food ministry - we are here to help them at our Amity Hill Road location or our Front Street location. Contact Mary Jane Hoover at 704.873.4372 x 3 to make an appointment.

Thank you!!!

Encouragement

Save the Date - SYBA Pastors' Gathering! *(Senior, Associate, Youth, Administrative - all pastors welcomed!)*

SYBA is planning a luncheon Pastors' Gathering for May 3 at 11:30 am in the fellowship hall at Fairview Baptist Church in Statesville. Boxed lunches from Chick Fil A will be served.

Please email Noel Williamson to RSVP that you will be coming at nwilliamson@sybaptist.org.



North Carolina Baptist Ministers Wives Retreat

Each year NC Baptist Ministers Wives hosts a retreat for ministers' wives in July. Plan to attend!

[Click here for more info or to register!](#)



Partner in Prayer

Come to Pastor Prayer Meetings

(Senior, Associate, Youth, Administrative - all pastors welcomed!)

- March 3 @ 8-9 am, SYBA offices, Statesville
- March 10 @ 8-9 am, Dunkin Donuts, Mocksville
- March 17 @ 8-9 am, Peninsula Church, Mooresville



Be a Part of Pray & Go!

The Baptist Convention of North Carolina is urging NC Baptists to unite in prayer toward unreached people across our state. They have identified 250 Pockets of Lostness here in North Carolina - areas where a high concentration of unchurched and unsaved people live. Eight pockets of lostness are found right here in the South Yadkin Baptist Association. But before we can truly impact this lostness, we need to bathe it in prayer.



To coordinate our association's efforts, we have divided our SYBA area into three geographic areas. Individuals or churches can sign up to be part of this statewide effort by [clicking here](#). When you sign up, make sure you register as the "Unifour" area to connect you with the SYBA. [Click here](#) for resources to help you organize your event or your individual effort.

The days below are suggested by SYBA, but you can choose the day best for you:

Pray & Go Mocksville will take place on March 6

Pray & Go Mooresville will take place on April 3

Pray & Go Statesville will take place on May 1

For more information, click here. If you have any questions please call me at 704-873-4372 ext 2 or email me at nwilliamson@sybaptist.org.

Love Life Charlotte Prayer Walk

Would you and your church like to be on the front lines praying that God put an end to the abortion crisis in America? If



your answer is yes, please consider joining a prayer walk with Love Life Charlotte during the week of April 18-24 outside the largest abortion clinic in the southeast.

For those interested in what this will mean for your church family, contact Pastor Tim Brower for more information at 704-880-8133 or email timbrower@hotmail.com.

[Click here](#) for a link to the Love Life website where you can read testimonies and hear stories of what God is doing and what is expected from churches that partner for a week.

Mobilize to Share Christ's Love

Director of Media Needed

Trinity Baptist Church in Mooresville, NC is seeking a Director of Media Ministry. This person will provide technical expertise and team leadership for church media, including broadcast, sound, video, lighting and social media. For a complete job description, please contact the church office at 704-662-9303 or office@trinitybaptist.com. Please submit resumes to: Personnel Committee, Trinity Baptist Church, PO Box 3365, Mooresville, NC 28117 or office@trinitybaptist.com no later than February 23, 2021.

Music Director Needed

Fallstown Baptist Church is looking for a part time Music Director. Please send a resume to Fallstown Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1035, Troutman NC 28166 or call the church office at 704-528-4512.

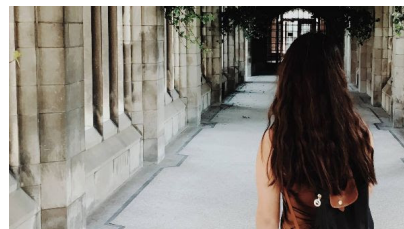
Resources

Pastors, clergy among those next in line for COVID vaccine

In accordance with federal guidelines, state officials are making vaccines available by groups. North Carolina is currently vaccinating groups 1 and 2, which include health care workers, long-term care staff and residents, and people over the age of 65. Group 3 includes "government and community services" which includes pastors and clergy.

[Click here for more info.](#)

Does Your Church Have a Plan for College Students?



You may have a Sunday School class or small group for college students, but what is your overall plan for college students that sees the totality of this phase of their lives that involves the whole church? Do you have a plan to help guide them through the important phases that encompass the college years? Have you thought deeply about what the pandemic has shown us about the fragmented and fast-changing idea of what college education looks like?

[Read more...](#)

Lowe's Rebate for Baptists on Mission



Baptists on Mission is now eligible to receive a 5% rebate from Lowe's on any amount spent by a client using a card registered for the rebate program.

This does not affect any discount that the card holder would get themselves (example- they still get their contractors discount or military discount, etc.). This is an additional 5% that Baptists on Mission will get back based on total sales for the year.

Please share this information with people that you know who shop at Lowe's who might want to support us.

[Click here for information on how you can register your credit or debit card.](#)

You are SYBA!

Thank you!!!

SYBA Donations (Sept - Jan 2021)

Total 2020/2021 Receipts \$71,197.12
(as of January 31, 2021)

Total Budgeted Receipts \$76,985.40
Received vs. Budget **(-5,788.28)**

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.

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