



May 11, 2020

Serving and equipping our churches to fulfill the Great Commission.

Greetings from Mary Jane Hoover

Thank you for your continued support for the SYBA Food Pantry ministries especially since we've been coping with Covid-19! We have felt your prayers. The Amity Hill food pantry has assisted families with a pre-determined time and pick-up service. The Front Street food pantry has offered drive-thru assistance every Wednesday morning. Noel Williamson, our SYBA Executive Director has served on the front line, praying with everyone as their vehicle comes through the line. We hope it won't be much longer before folks are able to come inside our Food Pantries and hear God's eternal message one on one.

Our food and hygiene shelves at both locations have remained stocked and ready for helping local families through your generous donations. Some of our churches have hosted food drives and we've received monetary assistance from individuals, churches and special Covid-19 grants, allowing us to purchase the most needed items. We've helped almost 150 families with 300+ individuals since mid-March.

I wanted to share one of my favorite donation stories with you. A lady came by our Front Street location one Wednesday morning prior to anyone else arriving for the day. She handed me a check for \$120.00 and said it represented 10% of her stimulus money. She told me that she had grown up hungry and never wanted to hear about children going hungry in today's world. She challenged me to make sure our Food Pantry helped all we could with her donation. She has been an SYBA Food Pantry client, and I'm sure could have used that \$120.00 for herself, but she wanted to honor God and His blessing to her. How about you? Please seek ways you can be a blessing to others as we hopefully end our stay at home days soon.

Mary Jane Hoover
SYBA Ministry Assistant

SYBA Updates

SYBA Food Pantry at 1431 Front Street
is currently making appointments for drive thru only for 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.



SYBA food pantry at 1431 Front Street, Statesville is providing food assistance by drive thru appointment Wednesdays 10 am - Noon.

Encouragement

NC Baptist Aging Ministry

THE NCBAM HOPE LINE has expanded to three lines with daily service available 9:00am - 9:00pm. This "warm-line" is staffed by employees and volunteers trained in active listening and other evidence-based health coach techniques. Please share the number!



Why now is the time to reach out to college students

In several fast-moving days as COVID-19 became a pandemic, college breaks were extended, classes were canceled, campuses closed, students returned home and learning shifted online. Their semesters over, many students soon realized that they were, in a social sense, orphans - neither connected to their campus nor connected to their summer friends. In the midst of the current pandemic, churches might think there's not much they can do to minister to college students. However, now is the time for the church to be creative in how it ministers to others. [Read more...](#)



Do More Together!

Save the Date!

SYBA Annual Meeting September 15 at 6:30 at Troutman Baptist Church

Free Drive-UP Concert Sunday May 17

Troutman Baptist Church is proud to present nationally known Christian Country artist and

Troutman, NC native, Shellem Cline in a "Drive-UP" concert on Sunday May 17 at 6pm. The concert will be held in the parking lot at Troutman Baptist Church 305 Perry Road, and a love offering will be taken. Joining Shellem Cline for the parking lot concert will be up and coming Christian Country artist, Mitchell Whisnant.

For more information on this very special concert or Troutman Native, Shellem Cline, please visit www.shellemcline.com or call 704.528.5193.



Mobilize to share Christ's love

Missions Project Update

Paul Langston



"We are making decisions weekly about future mission teams and projects. The Partnerships I work with, Armenia and South Africa, are very different in what we can do in 2020. Door of Hope in South Africa has suspended volunteers for the remainder of 2020 as they do not expect the peak of Covid-19 to happen there until mid to late summer. Armenia is still hoping to have teams come in late summer or fall. I am encouraging teams that have had to cancel trips to consider donating some or all of the funds they planned to use for the trip to support the national leaders and churches they planned to serve.

May 18 - 23 I am excited to take a team to Truett Camp and Conference Center to replace two roofs. We will practice social distancing and stay in separate rooms at night, but are very excited to serve the great folks at Truett.

Our Hurricane Florence Rebuild Centers are reopening on May 15 for small groups. You can register your teams by [clicking here](#). There are hundreds of surviving families still waiting on help.

I plan to lead teams to Armenia, possibly as early as this fall, and South Africa next spring. If you want to know more, please let me know by contacting me at 919-459-5611 (office) or 919-604-4778 (mobile), or email: plangston@ncbaptist.org."

Resources

Re-Opening the Church

Below are some resources that may be useful as you plan the re-opening of your church:

[Practical Guidelines for Returning to Church](#)

[Cleaning and disinfecting your facility \(CDC\)](#)

[Opening Up America Again](#)

[Re-Open the church after Covid-19](#)

[Post Coronavirus Facility Checklist](#)

[Weekly Attendance & Income Tracking Spreadsheet](#)

Free Webinar: Phasing in Sunday School & Small Groups for the Post-Pandemic Church

May 14, 2020

2 p.m.



Join a discussion with leaders from four N.C.

Baptist churches across the state around how groups can regather while we are still scattered. Exchange ideas with other "second-chair" leaders like associate pastors, ministers of education, discipleship directors and others on how to phase in gatherings over the next season of ministry. Facilitated by Brian Upshaw, Disciple-Making Team leader, and Rick Hughes, senior consultant for Sunday School and Small Groups, with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

[Click here to register.](#)

Additional Resources

[BSCNC COVID-19 Resources](#)[NCDHHS Coronavirus Info](#)

[Baptists on Mission Resources](#)[CDC Resources for Faith-Based Leaders](#)

Partner in Prayer

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.

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