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Serving and equipping our churches to fulfill the Great Commission.

Greetings from Noel Williamson



Serving as Executive Director of the SYBA is exciting. I get to work with many great churches who worship so differently. We have large churches and small churches. We have traditional churches and contemporary churches. We have city churches and we have country churches. We even have some that have more than one campus. It is awesome to worship God in so many different locations and styles!

No two churches are the same. Our churches have been creative during this time with drive in services, outside services, online services, and some even continued meeting.

This is why when the church *re-gathers*, our churches will do it in different ways. I like the term *re-gather* better than *re-open*, as the church has never closed.

What we need to remember is that the church is the bride of Christ. This August I will celebrate my 30th wedding anniversary. I love my wife Shelley and I will do anything to protect her. I especially do not want to hear someone bad mouth her. Think about Jesus. His bride is the church, and one day He is coming back for her. How do you think He feels when He hears someone bad mouthing His bride?

As we re-gather, let's remember that the world is watching and let us encourage one another, help one another, and pray for one another. Remember we can do so much more together!

John 17:20-23 (NKJV)

20 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

Please know that as our churches re-gather, I am praying for you and I am here to assist you in anyway. I have many resources that I can share as we re-gather and

Encouragement

3 changes you need to know about young people as you minister during (and after) the pandemic

Fuller Youth Institute



Photo by Mardonnell Hiyas

Reports confirm that some changes affect particular groups more than others, and young people are no exception. Their present realities and thoughts about the future are shifting. Our ministry to them must respond accordingly. Here are three shifts in young peoples' realities you need to know about as you minister with them during (and after) the pandemic... [Read More](#)

Do More Together!



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.



Save the Date!

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

When it comes to family devotions, do you struggle with knowing where to begin, finding the time to prepare or asking relatable questions? Check out our one-minute family devotions. All it takes is one minute to be ready to lead your family in life-giving conversations. [Watch now!](#)



Mobilize to share Christ's love

Upcoming NCBM Men's ministry events



Men's Ministry Leadership Training - Plan now

to join us for a one-day training session is designed to equip and inspire Baptist Men's Directors, Men's Ministry Leaders, pastors, or anyone who works with men in the church. Program will include an opening overview, followed by sessions on specific ministry areas, and time for questions/wrap-up. The content will deal with how to have a vibrant, well-rounded Men's Ministry - one that leads men to grow spiritually while involving them in mission and ministry. Come enjoy the fellowship and network with church mission leaders from across the state while you sharpen your ministry and mission leadership skills! The two events will be Saturday, September 12 at the Union Baptist Association in Monroe, NC and Saturday, September 19 at the Cape Fear Network of Baptist Churches facility in Wilmington, NC.

Men's Work & Worship Weekend - Men, come join us October 16-17, 2020 for a weekend of fellowship, worship, and missions at the NCBM Mission Camp in Red Springs, NC. We'll begin with supper and a time of worship on Friday night. Saturday we'll go out into the community to do hands-on mission projects. Assignments may involve the renovation of existing homes, the building of wheelchair ramps, or any variety of projects. There is something for all, regardless of skill level. This is a great opportunity for your men to enjoy fellowship, devotional time, and worship, in addition to participation in a hands-on mission project.

Resources

Online Biblical Resources for All Ages



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.

Do you know what's influencing your children?

NC Baptists

Children are exposed to advertising, TV shows,

movies, video games, social media and more that seek to influence them. It's estimated that the average person in the United States sees thousands of advertisements each day. Combine that with regular amounts of mass media consumption and social media interaction, and it becomes clear that our children are inundated with potential influencers. [Read More...](#)



Re-Gathering the Church

Below are some resources that may be useful as you plan the re-gathering 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](#)

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

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

Partner in Prayer

Praying on the Mountain

Watch the actual online prayer gathering that took place on May 5th. With hundreds of thousands of people joining across the world, this event featured Rev. Fred Lunsford and several other key figures behind this movement. Learn how to join them! [Click here!](#)



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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