



Jan 14, 2021

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

## Pray & Go - Reaching the Lost & Unsaved



**Romans 12:10-12** 10 *Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;* 11 *not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;* 12 *rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;*

Prayer is vital for us as we go forward in the New Year, and the South Yadkin Baptist Association is continuing to emphasize prayer in the upcoming year.

We have much to be in prayer for - our country is in a mess, and Covid has affected our families and our churches. We need to seek God for wisdom and discernment. There is a lost and dying world all around us that needs a Savior.

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 (like we do our Pastors Area Prayer Meetings which will resume in February - see note below). 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. After you sign up you will receive many 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](mailto:nwilliamson@sybaptist.org).

Looking forward to seeing how God is going to move in 2021!

Rev. Noel Williamson  
Executive Director, SYBA

## Do More Together!



### 2020 SYBA Toy Store for Jesus Recap

**3 locations with 8 days serving  
407 families and giving toys to 1129 children  
12 Salvations!**

*Toy Store for Jesus* looked a little different this year, but our impact was tremendous!

To address Covid-19 pandemic concerns, we used a drive-thru format with pre-filled bags of toys and other items for families. Wish-list items were provided by the parents on their recommendation forms (prior to the event), and we honored these as much as possible. This idea worked wonderfully for a number of reasons - children received their most desired toys, the lines of cars in the drive-thru moved smoothly, and we were able to use our *Toy Store for Jesus* donated funds to purchase specific toys requested by families.

Social distancing and masks were required of our invited guests and SYBA volunteers. Encouragers offered every guest prayer, a Bible, and conversation about their relationship with Christ. In addition, each guest was encouraged to watch a video explaining more about God's Story ([click here to check it out](#)). Guests who watched the video were entered into a drawing to receive a food gift card for their family.

We are impacting His Kingdom with one of our SYBA Values of “Do More Together”. Thank you to all who donated toys, candy, food and money. Thank you to those who served - and especially thank you for the prayers.

Mary Jane Hoover  
Ministry Assistant, SYBA



### Souper Bowl 2021 - Feb 7!

Be a part of Souper Bowl 2021 by donating these items to the SYBA Food Ministry:

**Cans of soup, Ramen noodles and saltine crackers**

This is a great project for individuals, youth groups, small groups or your whole church!

Thank you!!!!



### Update on SYBA Food Ministries

**2 locations**  
**746 families and 2,044 individuals**  
**4 Salvations and 1 rededication!**

Beginning in March 2020, this ministry assisted local, needy families with a pick-up and drive-thru format sharing meal bags and basic hygiene items for their families.

Thank you to individuals, classes and churches who faithfully donated food or money for food to be purchased. You helped keep the food pantry shelves filled! Please consider supporting this ministry in 2021.

We will continue to offer assistance as we did in 2020 for the foreseeable future. We want to continue to offer the safest assistance possible for our guests, volunteers and staff. If you would like additional information about serving as a Food Pantry volunteer, a suggested food donation list or information on how to give monetarily, please contact Mary Jane Hoover at 704 873-4372, ext. 3 or [mhoover@sybaptist.org](mailto:mhoover@sybaptist.org).

## Encouragement

### 2021 Disciple Making Conference

Registration is now open!  
This year's conference includes in-person sessions on Feb. 23 that will also be livestreamed and a number of virtual breakout sessions on Feb. 24.



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

## 2021 NC Baptist Scholarships

It is that time of year again - NC Baptist Scholarships applications are available!

The Foundation has four educational scholarships available for Baptist students. Applications for these scholarships are online, and are open as of January 1, 2021 and will remain open until the close of business on February 15th, 2021.



[Click here for more detailed information can be found on each scholarship.](#)

## Partner in Prayer

### Pastor Prayer Meetings Beginning Again in February

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

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



## Mobilize to Share Christ's Love

### 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

### Virtual Workshop for Children's Ministry

Reimagine kid's ministry! Registration is open! 2020 caused the church to stop and reconsider what is important in ministry and life in general while 2021 offers the opportunity to reimagine children's ministry in light of what we call important. How can we best disciple children with the limited time we have at church? How can we encourage and equip parents to disciple their children at home? What could our children's ministry accomplish if we reimaged and recommitted to be the best we can be for children, leaders and parents?



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

## You are SYBA!

**Thank you!!!**

### **SYBA Donations (Sept - Dec 2020)**

Total 2020/2021 Receipts \$56,070.05  
(as of December 31, 2020)

Total Budgeted Receipts \$61,588.32  
Received vs. Budget **(-5,518.27)**

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### **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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