

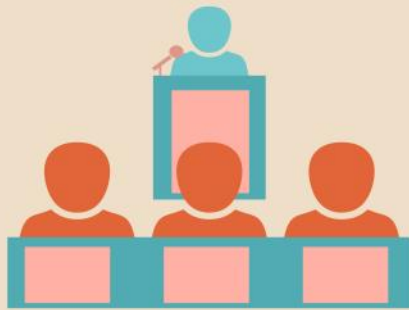
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# NEUSE NEWS

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## NEUSE ASSOCIATION **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**



**MONDAY, APRIL 24**

**6:00 PM**

**AT THE NBA OFFICE / RTC**

Happy Easter

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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM KEITH ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER

Hello, my friends, I hope this newsletter finds you well! We have run into an issue that I hope has an easy fix. Here at the Association, we lease our copy machine. Within that lease agreement is a certain agreed upon copies for the year. Much like when you go over in miles with a leased car, when you go over with your copies there are fees and charges associated. Unfortunately, this past year our copy number far exceeded our lease agreement. This has led to multiple conversations and brain storming sessions on how best to proceed after these surcharges. One option is to bite the bullet and increase our allotment of copies. This would increase our monthly lease amount yet would be less than we are paying with all the overage charges from this past year. While this is a viable option, I don't like this option simply because *I* want to be and I want the Association to be, a good steward of the financial resources that you, the churches, give. Further, I would far rather that money go back into ministry to and with the Associational churches rather than a copy machine.

Here is the question that I posed: *"With a desire to be the best stewards we can, how can we reduce both copies and postage through newsletters, the annual Book of Reports, and other copies while serving and impacting our churches and the individuals in the churches with excellence?"* Here is the result of those conversation and brainstorm sessions to not only lower the number of copies but also reduce the cost of postage:

- 1) Encourage digital newsletters to reduce the number of printed & mailed newsletters. If someone wants to be on the print newsletter mail list, I/we want them to be on the print newsletter list. I/we fully realize that the digital newsletter format is not for everyone and that is ok. We want you to be informed of what is going on at the Association, whether through digital or print.

The print list started years ago. Due to this, we have inescapable reality that there are people receiving the newsletter who have moved or no longer wish to receive the newsletter.

To accomplish this reduction, we are going to give a generous two months, asking for those who want to be on the print list to simply let us know (see more below).

Some of the added benefits of the digital newsletter is you receive it quicker, it is accessible on your computer, tablet or phone, there are many embedded links within the digital newsletter that gives you direct access to more information and signups, and the digital newsletter can easily be printed in part or whole.

- 2) The print newsletter will convert mostly if not entirely to black and white. If we exceed copies, black and white copies are cheaper.
- 3) Since I arrived, the newsletter has expanded to 10 pages, partly due to the two articles I write. To reduce the newsletter to 8 pages, I will cut some of my writing, making some monthly articles more events driven, and others more ministry information driven.
- 4) We will be more conscientious of prints for Executive Board and other meetings. We don't want to cripple us with not having enough copies on hand, but we do desire to be wise with the number of copies we make. While the information will be available in print to any who want copies, more information will be presented as a PowerPoint to reduce unwanted copies left behind after meetings.
- 5) We will eliminate yearly unneeded information in Book of Reports. Again, while this information will be available to all, do we need the Constitution and Bylaws, all the Board Meeting minutes, and the Historical table of meetings printed each year in the Book of Reports? Further, we will reduce the number of extra copies of the Book of Reports that we keep on hand here at the Association.

⇒ To help us be good stewards, if you wish to remain on the **printed** (mailed via US Mail) newsletter list, please let us know and will be more than happy to ensure that you remain on that mail list.

⇒ If you wish to simply receive the digital newsletter (via email), and you do not already, let us know your email address and we will add you to that list.

**To be on the print newsletter list please let us know by May 15<sup>th</sup>.**

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# The CHURCH NEWS Page

## As Reported by the Churches

**Adamsville** (Pete Williams) Local Missions have collected items for Cry Freedom Missions. Community Veterans Group meets each Tuesday from 10-12 in the Fellowship Hall. They share ways to help our Veterans receive any available assistance. Anyone who is a Veteran is welcome to attend. Keenagers had a wonderful time of fellowship at Western Sizzlin on 3/9. A free concert with Wesley Pritchard, friends, and *Adoration Quartet* was enjoyed on 3/11. Easter celebrations include: Sunrise Service at 6:45 AM followed by breakfast in the Fellowship Hall; Sunday School at 9:15 AM, and Worship at 10:30 AM.

**Calvary, Kinston** — Pastor Wayne Adkins is retiring Sunday, April 23 after nearly 17 years of ministry to the church.

**Emmaus** (Jim Willoughby) Easter celebrations include: community Maundy Thursday service on 4/6 at 7 PM; Easter Festival / Egg Hunt on 4/8 at 10 AM at the church; Sunrise Service on 4/9 at 7 AM, and Easter Cantata, *Amazing Grace*, presented by the adult choir during the 10:45 AM worship on Easter Sunday. Senior Luncheon for adults aged 50+ is planned for Thursday, 4/13 at Noon; all are invited to attend. Spring Revival with guest speaker, Dr. Greg Kincaid, is planned for 4/23-26. Music group, *Gaylon Pope and Sweetwater*, will be in concert on April 30 at 10:45 AM.

**Love Memorial** (Richard Toler) Sonshiners will attend the Easter Show at the Rudy Theater in Selma on 4/4. LMBC will have its Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt at Grande Day on 4/8, beginning at 5:30 PM. Sunrise Service will be held at the church at 6:30 AM, Easter Sunday. Baptist Men will attend the Baptist Missions Conference in Charlotte, 4/14-15. Sonshiners will also attend Springtime Jubilee in Myrtle Beach from 4/17-19. *Secret Church*, an intense one-night study of Jonah by David Platt via livestream, will be held 4/21 from 6:30 PM—1 AM. The event is open to all; please call the church office to register. Church will participate in Camp Meeting at Falling Creek Community Church, 4/23-26; Pastor Richard will deliver the message on Monday, 4/24.

**Mount Nelson** (Jimmy Dale) WMU / Baptist Women's Day was observed during both morning and evening worship on 3/19, with a focus on WMU events during the past year, testimonies and Special Music by the Ladies Choir. A representative of The Gideons shared the word on 3/26. "Fill the Tank Sunday" will be observed 4/2, for anyone who would like to follow through with baptism. Inside-Outside Youth, under the direction of Pastor Austin Morris, are making plans to go to Fuge Camp at Ridgecrest June 12-16.

**Pinkney** (Steven Gay) Ladies began the study *Elijah*, by Priscilla Shirer, on 3/19. Church family collected needed items for Kitty Askins as its local mission project. Prayer partners continue, as adults partner with a youth of the church and keep them in prayer throughout the year. Egg Hunt is planned for 4/8, followed by a fellowship meal. The public is invited to attend.

**Rivermont** (John Morton) Church hosted a blood drive on 3/18. All who donated received a \$10 gift card from the American Red Cross. Several enjoyed a Fellowship Luncheon and craft time at the church on Tuesday, 3/21. Palm Sunday was observed 4/2, with a Fellowship Luncheon and an Egg Hunt following morning worship.

**Rosewood** (Tim Lipp) Church participated in drive-thru Lent Luncheons as part of Community Churches United, on Wednesdays at Noon from Feb 22 through April 5. Collections for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering were ongoing through March. Churchwide movie night was enjoyed 3/18; for \$10, attendees were able to partake of pizza, popcorn, drinks and the movie *Overcomer*. Funds were in support of youth group, "Amplified Youth". Youth also presented a creative way of raising funds in that they accepted orders to "Egg" individual yards with candy-filled eggs, which would be scattered in the yard of the recipient on or near Easter morning, as a means of bringing a fun surprise and showing love. Church enjoyed its Annual Egg Hunt on 4/1.

**Snow Hill First** (Brick Crowder) Men of the church enjoyed a "Beast Feast" Wild Game Supper on 3/18. Delicacies included shrimp, beef, alligator, bear, venison, elk, fish, emu, rabbit and of course, chicken! Easter celebrations include: Sunrise Service & Breakfast, 7 AM; Sunday School at 9:45 and Worship at 11 AM on Easter Sunday, 4/9. Ladies of the church gathered on 3/7 for dinner and to make prayer blankets to give to those facing sickness. Baptism was observed 3/5, with several Baptism candidates celebrating their decision to follow Christ.

**Trinity** (Dave Fishman) The 69th Homecoming Celebration was observed 3/19 with a special Year in Review slideshow, message by Guest Speaker, Rev. Vernon Braswell, and luncheon following worship. Baptist Women's Day was held 3/26. Spring Bazaar is planned for 4/1, with over 30 local vendors. The event will be from 10—2 and open to the public. Maundy Thursday Service with Emmaus will take place 4/6 at 7PM, at Emmaus. Son-Rise Service is planned for 7AM Easter morning, with refreshments to follow.



Wilmington Celebration Choir

**SPILMAN MEM. BAPTIST**  
**601 MADISON AVE.**  
**KINSTON, NC**  
**APRIL 2, 2023**  
**6:00 P.M.**

wilmingtoncelebrationchoir.com

ncbaptist.org Sunday, April 16

Fill the TANK

Statewide Baptism Emphasis

**Is VBS on Your Calendar?**

...If so, we'd love for you to let us know! Each year, we do our best to share our churches' VBS dates so that we're all in the know AND so that materials may be shared among churches as much as possible. If you've already put your dates on your church calendar, please share them with the NBA Office. If you know which VBS Curriculum you plan to use this year, that information is helpful as well. Thank you!

**Here's What We Know So Far:**  
**Rosewood — *Answers in Genesis* VBS, June 25-29**  
**Goldsboro First — July 17-21**  
**Emmaus — July 16-20**

fellowship • discussion • prayer

PASTORS LUNCH

NBA OFFICE

monthly, 2nd tuesday  
 same time, new location

April 11 @ 12PM

LIVING ON MISSION

2023 BAPTIST MISSIONS CONFERENCE

APRIL 14-15, 2023  
 HICKORY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH  
 CHARLOTTE, N.C.

**SPEAKERS**

SHEILA WALSH  
 JENNIFER ROTHSCHILD  
 D.A. HORTON  
 LEE STROBEL  
 JEFF IORG  
 TOM RICHTER

**Transformed Student Ministry (TSM) at Love Memorial** has two upcoming events which our area churches may wish to participate in:

- 1) Huge Yard Sale, Saturday May 6. If anyone has any items they'd like to donate, they can contact the Church Office. If larger items, pick-up can be arranged the week of the sale.
- 2) Annual Golf Tournament on May 12 at Lane Tree Country Club in Goldsboro. Cost is \$70 and that includes lunch. Registration & lunch begins at Noon; Tee Time will be 1:00 PM. All proceeds for both the Yard Sale & the Golf Tournament go towards their Mission Trip to Memphis, TN in June.

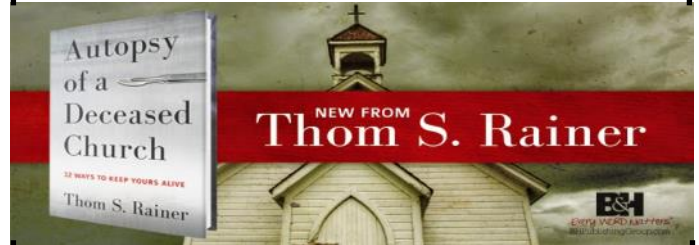
Please call the Love Memorial Church Office at **919-735-8855** for more information about these opportunities.

## Current Church Ministry Openings

### As Submitted by the Churches

- ⇒ **Seven Springs Baptist Church**, Seven Springs, NC is prayerfully seeking a full-time Pastor. We are a conservative body of Believers who trust in the inerrant Word of God. We seek a Pastor that will support our church ministries and be a shepherd to our congregation. Our church seeks a Pastor with a minimum of five years experience as a full time Pastor. Please send resumes to:  
Seven Springs Baptist Church  
PO Box 55  
Seven Springs NC 28578  
or via email: [chrissbc2022@gmail.com](mailto:chrissbc2022@gmail.com)
- ⇒ **Community Baptist Church** is seeking a **Pianist**. Please mail Resume to:  
Community Baptist Church,  
351 Antioch Ch Rd,  
Goldsboro NC 27534  
or call Pastor Michael Lewis at 919-222-6685 and leave a message.
- ⇒ **Spilman Memorial Baptist Church** (601 Madison Avenue, Kinston), is accepting applications for a **music director** to lead our traditional church music program. This person needs to be able to play the piano and/or organ. The church currently has Sunday morning worship and weekly choir practices. For more information or to submit a resume and letter of interest, please email [info@spilmanbaptist.org](mailto:info@spilmanbaptist.org)

## *Autopsy of a Deceased Church* Deacon Retreat Opportunities



Keith is available to facilitate in-house Deacon Retreats for our churches, beginning in May. Using Thom Rainer's *Autopsy of a Deceased Church*, the retreat would consist of a video-based study with workbooks and could take place on a Friday evening through Saturday mid-day schedule, at the individual church. This would be a great opportunity for the Deacons to enjoy time together in study & fellowship, to enhance the ministry of their local church.

For more information about the *Autopsy of a Deceased Church* curriculum, click on [this link](#) or visit [churchanswers.com](http://churchanswers.com).

For more information about what a Deacons Retreat could look like for your church, or to schedule a retreat, call Keith at the NBA Office.



## Global Hunger Relief

Established in 1978 as the **World Hunger Fund**, Global Hunger Relief (GHR) is an initiative of the Southern Baptist Convention dedicated to combating hunger and sharing the Bread of Life. **When your church contributes to the Global Hunger Offering** (or, World Hunger Fund), a portion of those proceeds supports NC Baptist Hunger Relief efforts — and a portion of *that* supports Hunger Ministries within Neuse Baptist Association! Consider initiating a regular Global Hunger Relief Offering within your church, if you do not already.

For more information, visit

<https://www.globalhungerrelief.org/>

## Annual NBA Project: Men's Personal Care Bags for Migrant Workers

Each year, NBA Churches join together to provide 60 Personal Care Bags for **male** migrant farm workers who come from Mexico to work during the summer at Tull Hill Farms in Kinston.

**THANK YOU** to the churches who are providing the items needed to make these kits! All items have been spoken for, and some have even been dropped off at the NBA Office already!

### ITEMS STILL NEEDED:

- Gently-used Men's Long-Sleeved Button Down Shirts
- **Hats / Baseball caps (this is a new addition to the kits)**

We'll take as many shirts & hats as can be donated. These items will help shield the workers from the sun.



## ANNIE ARMSTRONG (1850-1938)



Annie Armstrong was born in Baltimore at a time when women were not expected to lead. She served, challenged churches to action and rallied support for missionaries. Ultimately, Annie was recognized as a national Southern Baptist trailblazer renowned for visionary missions leadership.

### Contributions

- Started Bay View Mission for Baltimore’s poor and addicted
- Served as the first executive of Woman’s Missionary Union
- Raised support for missionaries to Italian and Jewish immigrants
- Initiated fund-raising “brick cards” to build churches in Cuba
- Gained support for the first black, female missionaries
- Secured funds to relieve China missionary, Lottie Moon, who had served for 11 years without a furlough
- Advocated for Native Americans and impoverished mountain people
- Traveled across America in the late 1800s encouraging missionaries and inspiring churches to pray, give and act
- Honored in 1934 when The Home Missions Offering was re-named for her to encourage more to follow her sacrificial example

Today, more than \$2 billion has been given through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering\*. All gifts—100%—support thousands of missionaries in church planting and compassion ministries across the U.S. and Canada.



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EVERYDAY**



**April 2023**


Slides, ads and other resources are at [bchfoodroundup.org](http://bchfoodroundup.org)  
For more information call 336-474-1277

Contributions from Churches — February 2023		
	Feb 2023	YTD2023
<b><u>CHURCHES</u></b>		
Adamsville	150.00	250.00
Anointed Vision		
Bethel		
Cabin		
Calvary Goldsboro		200.00
Calvary Kinston		100.00
Casa del Dios		500.00
Community		61.29
Davis Grove		
Deep Run First		
Emmaus	391.80	770.64
Falling Creek	518.34	889.10
Fremont		
Gateway	1200.00	2400.00
Goldsboro First		
Grainger		500.00
Horeb International		
Immanuel	85.00	170.00
Jordans Chapel		
Kinston First		
La Grange First	3589.00	3589.00
Love Memorial	527.86	1126.39
Madison Ave		
Mount Nelson	931.84	10141.80
Neuse		1690.00
New Beginning		
New Hope		
New Life	116.00	623.00
Northview		
Nueva Amanecer		
Pikeville First		
Pineview		1000.00
Pinkney	361.43	604.38
Rivermont	588.15	1137.12
Rosewood First	351.57	629.62
Sandy Bottom	900.00	900.00
Seven Springs	300.00	600.00
Snow Hill First	1459.98	1459.98
Spilman Memorial	200.00	400.00
The Way		250.00
Trinity		1108.95
Union		
<b>Total CHURCHES</b>	<b>11670.97</b>	<b>31101.27</b>

*But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*

Acts 1:8

Designated Funds	(YTD Balance)
Vans ('16 & '08) Use	30.49
Miscellaneous Donations	400.00
Payments for Trainings	0.00
NCMO % Rebate	0.00
Handy Man Donations	0.00
Hunger Fund	300.00
Bldg Capital Improvements	0.00
Block Party Trailer Ministry	0.00
Total Des. Funds '23	730.49
<b>Rollover Funds</b>	
NCMO Rebate	3919.09
Hunger Fund	1.05
Capital Improvement	8400.02
Misc. Donations Rollover	1402.03
BPT Rollover	1280.46
Handy Man Donation Fund	10087.16
Vans Use Rollover	0.00
Total Rollover Funds	25089.81
Designated Funds Total	25820.30



**April Birthdays**

**Scott Thrailkill, Golds 1st Ed/Youth — 09**  
**Vernon Braswell, Retired Pastor — 10**  
**Ron Varner, New Life — 11**  
**Carlos Peralta, The Way — 11**  
**Glenn Phillips, Goldsboro First — 23**  
**Tim Gore, Fremont — 30**

**April Ministry Anniversaries**

**Dr. Greg Kincaid, Neuse — 23 years**  
**Richard Toler, Love Memorial — 16 years**  
**Carlos Peralta, The Way — 5 years**  
**Pete Williams, Adamsville — 2 years**

*We wish to incorporate our **Pastor's Wives** into our Birthday list! It is never our intention to leave anyone out, so feel free to drop an email to [Wendy@NBACHurches.com](mailto:Wendy@NBACHurches.com) to help ensure that YOUR Pastor's Wife receives the proper newsletter shout-out when her day comes!*

The **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering** (AAEO) is the primary way Southern Baptists fund missions in North America. **One hundred percent** of gifts given to AAEO go to the field to support more than 2,400 missionary families serving across the United States and Canada. transformed by the gospel because you give.

# What's Coming Up On Our Calendar?

## April 2023

### **APRIL IS FOOD ROUND-UP MONTH FOR BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES**

01 — Deadline to apply for Ault Scholarship of NBA

07 — Good Friday; **NBA Office CLOSED**

### **09 — Easter Sunday**

11 — Pastors Lunch, Noon @ NBA Office

14 -15 — NC Baptist Missions Conference,  
Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte NC

15 — Submissions due for May newsletter

16 — "Fill the Tank" Sunday

**24 — NBA Executive Board Meeting, 6PM @ NBA Office / RTC**

28-29 — Women's Missions Conference (*Formerly Missions Extravaganza*), Lawndale Baptist Church, Greensboro NC

## May 2023

09 — Pastors Lunch, Noon @ NBA Office

13 — Friends of Children Day @ Kennedy Home

14 — **Happy Mother's Day!**

**15 — Deadline to contact NBA for those who wish to continue receiving newsletter via USPS**

15 — Submissions due for June/July newsletter

15 — NBA Leadership Council Meeting

26 — Due date for items collected for Men's Personal Care Bags

29 — **Memorial Day; NBA Office CLOSED**

## June 2023

**12 — NBA Executive Board Meeting, 6PM @ NBA Office / RTC**

13 — Pastors Lunch, Noon @ NBA Office

15 — NBA Leadership Council Meeting

18 — Happy Father's Day!

19 — Happy Juneteenth!

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