NEUSE NEWS

December 2022 - January 2023

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KEITH'S COLUMN

Starting in January, we will begin to resource, encourage, mobilize, and train with the start of our Ministry Teams. I am so excited for our ministry teams to get started to be help to our churches. In fact, we have team leaders and teams that are eager to help your church. These teams include:

- Administration Ministry Team that will oversee many of the internal parts of the Association like personnel, finance, properties, and nominations. This team is also available to help churches with different church administration issues. Dr. Berk Tinsley is the Team Leader.
- Church Strengthening Ministry Team is there to assist churches and church staff take steps toward greater effectiveness and health, including the various ministries of a church and discipleship. Dr. Greg Kincaid is the Team Leader.
- Impacting Lostness Ministry Team is there to assist and encourage churches toward sharing Jesus in word and assisting churches to plant relevant, reproducing churches. Pastor Thayer Stamper is the Team Leader.
- Ministry and Missions Ministry Team is there to assist churches to develop strategies and partnerships to minister to their community and around the world. Pastor Richard Toler is the Team Leader.
- Prayer Ministry Team is there to pray for the churches and to assist churches in developing Kingdom-focused prayer ministries. Pastor Dave Fishman is the Team Leader.

These teams are here to assist and be a resource to your church because we are

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on mission together.

One of the ways we are here to encourage and support the pastors is with our Pastor's Lunch here at the Association Building on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 12 pm. This is a time of prayer and encouragement for pastorsbecause I am convinced that pastors should never pastor alone.

For those on our Interim Pastor list and those interested in being an Interim Pastor, we are teaming up with Atlantic Baptist Association and South Roanoke Baptist Association for Transitional Interim Ministry Training. The Transitional Interim Pastor is there to intentionally help walk a church through the process of church transition during the interim. By completing this training you will become a certified Transitional Interim Pastor through NC Baptists. The dates for this training is a Monday and Tuesday, January 23-24 from 9 am-5 pm. Lunch is included. The location is being ironed out but it will be in the Kinston area. This training will be led by Allan Blume who is heading up the Transitional Interim Ministry for NC Baptists. This will be a training that I believe will pay dividends in our churches. If you are interested or need more information please let me know.

Lastly (and certainly not least), we will be having a Pastor, Staff, and Spouses
Appreciation Dinner on Friday, February 3rd at 6:30. We will be mailing out an invitation and information on this dinner in the coming weeks. Simply, we love our pastors, church staff, and their spouses and we want to show them our appreciation for all they do.

Keith 252-933-5025 252-566-9478

Transitional Interim Pastor Training

January 23-24 9AM—5PM

Cost: \$75/person (\$35 for those affiliated with NBA)

Snacks & lunch provided
Led by Rev. Allan Blume,
Retired Editor of *The Biblical Recorder*

Location: Grainger Baptist Church

Contact NBA to register

RESOURCE OF THE MONTH:



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Management Software, designed to help
churches become more effective with
ministry. Realm's features include: managed
contact lists; check-in procedures for
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worship planning; calendar and events
management, and so much more. It is a
web-based service with downloadable apps
designed to take Realm on the go.
Visit onrealm.org to learn more.

PASTORS

LUNCH

Monthly, 2nd tuesday

same time, new location

December 13 @ 12PM

Did You Know...?

Starting in January, Keith will officially be referred to as our "Association Mission Strategist" or "AMS", retiring the former "Director of Missions" title. This is consistent with a recommendation made in 2018 for Association Offices throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. This title change is reflected within our updated Constitution & By-laws, which were approved at our Annual Meeting in October.

The CHURCH NEWS Page

As Reported by the Churches



Adamsville (Pete Williams) A Thanksgiving Revival was held November 13-16. A Thanksgiving Service was held on Tuesday, November 22 at 6:30 PM.

Bethel — Pastor Jesse Horton has resigned.

Deep Run (Michael Wright) Pastor Appreciation Sunday was observed 10/23 to honor Pastor Mike & Mrs. Denise. A Fall BBQ Fundraiser was held 10/28. Fall Festival was held 10/29; both young and old enjoyed the event and it was a great outreach to the community. Youth Sunday was observed 10/30 during morning worship; youth opened the service, led the congregation in prayer, and shared special music. Youth attended Judgement Day at The First Pentecostal Church in Goldsboro in November. One-hundred Shoeboxes were filled for Samaritan's Purse. WMU and the Church Food Bank, along with assistance from church members, prepared 10 Thanksgiving Food Boxes to be shared with individuals and families within the community. Several from the church enjoyed a trip to Pigeon Forge in October. They attended the Celebrators Conference and various other events.

Emmaus (Jim Willoughby) Emmaus & Trinity Baptist Churches joined with Tehillah Cathedral in Goldsboro on 11/22 for a Thanksgiving Worship Celebration, hosted by Tehillah. Food Giveaway, Christmas Shoeboxes, and Hanging of the Greens service ushered in the December activities at Emmaus to honor & celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus. Christmas Senior Luncheon is planned for 12/8 at

Noon; all are invited. Annual Live Nativity will be 12/14-15 at 6:00 PM. Adult choir will present Cantata during 10:45AM worship on 12/18, followed by the annual Christmas Dinner at 5PM and the children's Christmas program at 6PM. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be at 5PM on 12/24, followed the next day by Christmas worship at 10:45AM.

Falling Creek (Robert Ellis) A number of mission projects and ministry endeavors have been carried out by the church family: clothes and supplies were donated to Kennedy Home; supplies were collected for Wayne Pregnancy Center; donations have been made to Meals on Wheels; OCC Shoeboxes have been filled; and cookies will be bagged and delivered to shut-ins for Thanksgiving. A special Thanksgiving Service was observed 11/22. The annual Talent Show & Soup/Sandwich Supper is planned for 12/11.

Gateway (Thayer Stamper) At the Annual Meeting of Neuse Baptist Association on Sunday, October 24, Gateway was voted in as an official member of our Association. The church family participated in "The Big Give" on Sunday, 11/20 by completing various mission projects & outreach opportunities around the community during their usual morning worship time. They then followed that by a special time of worship, Communion & Baptism at 6PM. Youth Group, "Axis", did yard work for a couple in need on 11/5 and enjoyed an outing to Crabtree Valley Mall on 11/19. A Senior Adult Brunch is planned for Friday, 12/9 at 9:30 AM at the home of Pastor Thayer & Mrs. Amy. Christmas Eve candlelight service is planned for 12/24 at 6PM.

Madison Avenue (Adam Street) Church has hired Jim Grant as its new Music Director; he started 10/30. Madison Avenue, Pineview, Community, Freedom and Riverside Baptist Churches joined together for a special Thanksgiving Service on 11/22, hosted by Madison Avenue.

Northview Church has called Interim Pastor Rick Whaley to serve as Pastor. A new youth program was started in November, with five students present at the first gathering. Church is participating in a local program for foster children through DSS. Christmas plans include a special celebration

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(*Northview, cont.*) on 12/11 after morning worship. Pastor will be hosting a celebration for the church family at his home, in December.

Rivermont (John Morton) GriefShare "Surviving the Holidays Without Your Loved Ones" seminar was held 11/6 at the church. Church family packed Shoeboxes for OCC; goal was 50. Children's Christmas Play is planned for 12/11; Christmas Cantata planned for 12/18 during morning worship.

Seven Springs — Church has called Rev. Jack Sauls to serve as its Interim Pastor.

Snow Hill — Church has called Rev. Brick Crowder to serve as Pastor effective 11/27.

Spilman (Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr.) Two new Kinston Girl Scout Troops are now meeting in the church's Education Building. Elementary troop meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday nights while Middle/High School troop meets 1st & 3rd Saturday mornings. Church served as an OCC Drop Off Site, November 14-21. "Christmas with the Family" church-wide Christmas celebration is planned for Dec 9 at 5:00PM.

Trinity (Dave Fishman) The church family joined with Emmaus and Tehillah Cathedral in Goldsboro for a Thanksgiving service on 11/22, hosted by Tehillah Cathedral. Pastor & wife traveled to Israel for a tour of the Holy Land earlier this fall.

NBA Annual Meeting Recap

The 94th Annual Meeting of Neuse Baptist Association took place on Sunday, October 23 at 6:00 PM and was hosted by Rivermont. The theme for the evening was "On Mission Together".

Attendance Report, based on sign-ins: Attendance: 97; Churches represented: 19 of 42; Pastors present: 13; Church representatives present: 35; Visitors present: 45.

Representatives from the Baptist State Convention, Baptist Children's Homes, NC Baptist Aging Ministry, International Mission Board and Baptist Retirement Homes were also present and briefly shared about their ministries.

The choirs from Rivermont, Deep Run, and Love Memorial shared special music throughout the meeting.

Highlights of the Business Session include:

- Membership motion for Gateway Community Church of Pikeville was unanimously passed, making Gateway the newest addition to Neuse Baptist Association. There are now 42 active churches in NBA.
- An affirmative vote for the new Constitution & By-laws of Neuse Baptist Association.
- An affirmative vote for the Nominating Committee Report, which includes new Ministry Teams and Leaders for NBA.
- An affirmative vote for the proposed budget for 2023.

The Annual Message was delivered by an IMB Missionary to Asia, "Mr. Lee", who opened with the statement, "At the end of our time together, if you don't walk away encouraged to trust God more, then I have failed this evening." After sharing several of the challenges and victories that his family have experienced while serving as missionaries, he ended with "Trust Him. Know that He loves you. As you go to those hard and difficult people who may not accept you, know that Jesus is with you. Rest in that. Don't be afraid to love people lavishly." His message stirred the hearts of many in attendance.

At the meeting's end, Rivermont's Hospitality Committee graciously served a variety of refreshments and desserts in the church Fellowship Hall, and the representatives from our NC Baptist entities had tables and generous giveaways prepared for those who were interested.

Many thanks to the individuals who helped to make this year's Annual Meeting the great success that it was.

Current Church Ministry Openings

As Submitted by the Churches

- ⇒ Union Baptist Church (6504 Hwy 55 W, Kinston) is currently seeking a Pastor to lead our congregation and provide spiritual counseling. Since you will be a public representative of our faith, you must have a deep understanding and passion for the beliefs of our church.
 - Pastor Duties & Responsibilities: Provide spiritual guidance to congregants; serve as a church leader, positively and consistently representing our faith; draft and deliver sermons; assist with community outreach; oversee prayer or Bible groups; develop programs to encourage spiritual growth; plan religious activities and events.
 - Pastor Requirements & Qualifications: High school diploma or GED certificate; Bachelor's or Master's degree in Theology or Divinity (preferred); church ordination; deep understanding and passion for our faith; experience working for the church as an assistant or associate pastor (preferred); experience writing and delivering sermons; oral presentation skills.
 - Please email resumes or questions to: unionbaptistchurch1928@gmail.com

- ⇒ **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*
- ⇒ 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.

Stay up-to-date with NBA meetings & events — View our NBA Calendar Online — www.nbachurches.com/calendar



Notes on Baptism

We are nearing another year around the sun and we have accomplished so much together this past year. As the Annual Church Profiles have been coming in I've had the chance to start looking at the numbers and trends. As I have done this, there are so many things we should be overjoyed about. One of the things I am happy about is 54 baptisms this past year! Go, God! You may ask why am I so focused on this number. I am focused on this number because it is the only number I can track that tells me about people coming to saving faith in Christ. Now I've got a challenge for us: what if this time next year we have 100 baptisms? I know this is a bold step, yet we serve the God of the bold. To meet and exceed 100 baptisms over the next year, each church simply needs to see 2-3 baptisms over the next year. This is us celebrating 100 people coming to faith over the next year and I don't know about you, but what is greater than celebrating people coming to saving faith in Jesus? My friends, this is a goal that we can achieve, and I believe we can exceed it.

Let me give you some thoughts on how we can achieve and exceed this goal:

- 1. Pray. Everything must start and end in prayer. I want to challenge us to be praying that the Lord will stir our passions to see people come to faith. Pray that He would stir the hearts of those in our communities and even within our church with the Good and Great News of Jesus. Pray with confident faith, that the Lord would send a harvest.
- 2. Go. Jesus tells us in Matthew 28:19, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (ESV)" Again in Acts 1:8, "...you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." John 20:21 Jesus tells us, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so, I am sending you." Further, we have a similar verse in Mark 16:15. My friends, we are to be "Sent Ones". We are to be "Sent Ones" in our neighborhood, our community, our state, our nation, and our world. We as believers and as churches must shift our mindset from our communities coming to the church, to the church going to the community. In short, we must develop the mind of being a missionary in the world around us. Here is the rub, for the longest time we didn't have to have the mind of a missionary because our communities came to the church; it was just part of the cultural norm. Sadly, this is no longer the cultural norm. The cultural norm is to *not* go to church. My friends, we have the wonderful joy just like the early church, to go and show the love of Jesus in real and tangible ways, with the one, simple goal of showing the love of Jesus to our community. Maybe this is as simple as finding opportunities to love your neighbors or community at different points in the year. Maybe this is setting up a consistent 2nd Saturday Serve. Maybe this is a ministry blitz day where you have multiple serve ministries going at the same time, some of you may know this as Operation Inasmuch, though the name you give it is secondary. Maybe it is setting up community partnerships such as with a community school, shelter, pregnancy center, or food kitchen.
- 3. Share. As we go and show, we are to also go and tell. While we must go and show, it isn't enough to go and show. Our go-and-show must have a purpose, a point. Our community must know the reason for our go-and-show. We accomplish this by telling about the love of Jesus. How are we strategically and consistently telling people about the love of Jesus? From a strategic and consistent standpoint, I encourage pastors and churches to teach one evangelism tool in how to tell people about Jesus. I would run out of paper telling you about all the different evangelism tools like FAITH, Evangelism Explosion, CWT, NET, Gospel Tracts, etc., etc. For those especially interested and gifted in telling people about Jesus, having multiple tools in the toolbox can be helpful, yet I find from a general standpoint one tool that is emphasized is adequate for the vast majority of believers. As a pastor, I taught my church the easy tool 3 Circles, which is so simple a believer can share Jesus on a napkin in a restaurant.
- 4. Prepare. As we Go, Show, and Share, we must also prepare. By preparing we tell the church and new believers about the obedient step of baptism. We talk about baptism during the welcome, during the sermon, in new believer classes, in our Sunday school classes, and our youth and children's ministry. We talk about it, put it in front of people, and remind them about it. By preparing I am also talking about preparing with anticipation for baptisms. Is your baptistry ready to be filled? Is your changing area ready to be used?
- 5. Celebrate. Jesus tells us in Luke 15:10, "Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents (ESV)." When people believe in Jesus, do we adequately celebrate? When people are baptized, do we adequately celebrate? These are big things, and therefore need to be celebrated. Let me also share with you a leadership principle that I believe is applicable, that which is celebrated gets repeated. If you don't want an action or result to occur again, you refrain from celebrating or making much of it, yet if you want an action or result to continue to occur, you celebrate and make a lot about it. When the church sees baptisms celebrated, they see the importance of baptism.

Let me also share with you one more way for us to achieve and exceed 100 baptisms for this next year. On April 16th, we are having a statewide baptism emphasis Sunday for North Carolina Baptist, called Fill the Tank. One of my favorite things about this date is it is the Sunday after Easter. What a fantastic time for Baptisms!

I'm ready to see the Lord do a God-sized thing within our churches, and I have confident faith we are going to see Him show up in a big way. As we advance, I am here to help with any of the steps above or in any way I can. Simply let me know. ~Keith



Located in the heart of Goldsboro on Ash street in the Sunrise Shopping Center, InJoy Thrift Store has two stores in Goldsboro: a clothing & housewares store as well as a furniture/bookstore.

<u>InJoy Thrift Stores</u> was initiated by Christian businessmen and women with a goal of supporting local and international Christian ministries. InJoy's mission is to not just run a successful thrift store, but to honor God first and foremost in all that we do. We want to reach the least, the last, and the lost, and we do this by increasing missions funding and creating fulfilling volunteer opportunities in the Christian community by operating thrift stores.

We get our name from Jesus' words in John 15:11 where He says "I have spoken these things to you so that My joy may be in you and your joy may be complete."

Income created by the sale of goods after normal business expenses creates significant income for Community Christian ministries chosen by a local Board of Directors. Half of our proceeds are designated to help an organization called <u>DOOR International</u> (Deaf Opportunity and Outreach). They help translate the Bible into sign language. There are currently over 70 million deaf people in the world and less than 2% know God.

You can help be a local missionary in three ways:

- Shop InJoy.
- Donate gently used clothing or furniture to InJoy.
- Volunteer at InJoy.

We have so many tasks that need to be done. We say if you can hang a piece of clothing, or plug in a lamp, we can use you. Maybe it's to vacuum or even to help with washing dishes or taking out the trash. If God has laid on you a servant's heart, we would love to talk to you @ 919-947-5749.

Our hours are Monday through Saturday from 9 am to 5:30 pm. Every day we open with devotion and prayer at 8:45. There's a place for you at InJoy!

~Tim Morris, Manager of InJoy Thrift Store





We are delighted to invite our faith community leaders to come out to tour and learn more about us at

Kitty Askins Hospice Center

DATES: Sunday, December 4, 2022 3:00 pm and Tuesday, December 6, 2022 5:30 pm PLACE: 3HC's Kitty Askins Hospice Center 107 Handley Park Court Goldsboro, NC

Pastors, please feel free to bring a guest with you from your congregation. Representatives from your church are welcome, even if you are unable to attend! Light refreshments will be available, as well as time to fellowship with each other.

RSVP by November 30, 2022 to: Lance Davis, (919) 583-4470 or Idavis4@3HC.org



Contributions from Churches — Sept—Oct, 2022		
	Sept-	
	Oct., '22	YTD 2022
<u>CHURCHES</u>		
Adamsville	200.00	1000.00
Anointed Vision		1050.00
Bethel		
Cabin		2098.40
Calvary Goldsboro	600.00	1000.00
Calvary Kinston		100.00
Casa del Dios	583.00	2220.00
Community	174.13	529.96
Davis Grove		4420.00
Deep Run First	704.00	4420.80
Emmaus Falling Crook	701.88 415.26	3236.16 4774.11
Falling Creek Fremont	250.00	250.00
Gateway	1600.00	8000.00
Goldsboro First	1000.00	1500.00
Grainger		1000.00
Horeb International		200.00
Immanuel	116.00	582.00
Jordans Chapel		850.00
Kinston First		5135.88
La Grange First		3547.00
Love Memorial	843.80	4510.90
Madison Ave	1461.66	7307.74
Mount Nelson	7093.77	22000.88
Neuse	1566.00	15737.00
New Beginning		4000.00
New Hope	050.00	1000.00
New Life	256.00	1314.00
Northview Nueva Amanecer		200.00
Pikeville First		
Pineview		1686.00
Pinkney	970.80	3224.24
Rivermont	1112.81	3252.50
Rosewood First	552.01	4644.00
Sandy Bottom	002.01	1800.00
Seven Springs	300.00	2700.00
Snow Hill First	1698.56	6034.04
Spilman Memorial		650.00
The Way		1000.00
Trinity		1009.40
Union	400.0	1200.00
Total CHURCHES	21864.77	122149.36

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 Miscellaneous Donations NCMO % Rebate Handy Man Donations Hunger Fund	162.62 1736.15 1926.72
Bldg Capital Improvements Block Party Trailer Ministry Total Des. Income '22	999.74 <u>-74.53</u> 4750.70
Rollover Funds	
NCMO Rebate Hunger Fund	3062.97 1.05
Capital Improvement Misc. Donations Rollover	8900.28
BPT Rollover	1354.99
Handy Man Donation Fund Vans Use Rollover	10387.16
Total Rollover Funds	23706.45
Designated Funds Total	28457.15



December Birthdays

Michael Lewis, Community — 07 Dave Fishman, Trinity — 29 Michael Wright, Deep Run — 29

December Ministry Anniversaries

None

January Birthdays

John Wiggins, La Grange — 06
Denise Wright, Deep Run Pastors Wife — 11
Aubrey Jones, Retired Pastor — 23
H. Powell Dew, Jr., Spilman Memorial — 27
Jack Sauls, Interim, Seven Springs — 31

January Ministry Anniversaries

Jeff Russ, Cabin — 12 years H. Powell Dew, Jr. — 2 years Rick Whaley, Northview — 1 year

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 to help ensure that YOUR Pastor's Wife receives the proper newsletter shout-out when her day comes!

What's Coming Up On Our Calendar?

December

13 — Pastors' Lunch Meeting; Noon @ NBA 26-30 — Christmas Holidays; NBA CLOSED

January 2023

- 02 New Year's Holiday; NBA CLOSED
- 10 Pastors' Lunch Meeting; Noon @ NBA
- 15 Submissions due for February newsletter
- 16 MLK, Jr. Day NBA CLOSED
- 17 NBA Leadership Council Meeting @ NBA
- 23 Deadline to RSVP for Appreciation Dinner
- 23-24 Transitional Interim Pastor Training, 9AM—5PM @ Grainger Baptist Church: \$75/\$35 (Call NBA to Register)

February 2023

- 01— Ault Scholarship Applications Accepted Feb 1—April 1 (Contact NBA for Application)
- 03 Pastors/Spouses/Ministry Staff
 Appreciation Dinner, 6:30PM @ NBA
 (RSVP Required)
- 13 NBA Executive Board Mtg., 6PM @ NBA
- 14 Pastors Lunch, Noon @ NBA
- 15 Submissions due for March newsletter

March 2023

- 12 Daylight Saving Time Starts
- 14 Pastors Lunch; Noon @ NBA
- 15 Submissions due for April newsletter
- 20 NBA Leadership Council Meeting @ NBA

Dr. Keith Hudson, Association Mission Strategist (AMS) — <u>Keith@NBAChurches.com</u> Wendy Parker, Office Mgr. — Wendy@NBAChurches.com

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