

NEUSE NEWS

February 2023

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KEITH'S COLUMN

We have stepped into 2023, and I am so excited about all the Lord is up to here at Neuse Baptist Association. As I write this article, we just had our first leadership team meeting, and I am filled with anticipation. This leadership team is made up of the moderator and vice-moderator, as well as the five team leaders of the ministry teams. As they get up and moving each of these ministry teams will be a wonderful resource to the churches. These teams include:

- Administration Ministry Team- Dr. Berk Tinsley (Anointed Vision), Team Leader. Focused on the administrative aspects within the association as an organization such as personnel, finance, and properties. Further, this team is also positioned to help churches in administration aspects within the churches.
- Church Strengthening Ministry Team- Dr. Greg Kincaid (Neuse), Team Leader. Focused on assisting churches toward developing and following God's vision and mission, church revitalization, assisting churches with a discipleship process, leadership pipeline strategy, and trainings and gatherings intended to strengthen the effectiveness of church leadership.
- Impacting Lostness Ministry Team- Pastor Thayer Stamper (Gateway), Team Leader. Focused on assisting churches to plant relevant, reproducing churches and to assist existing churches to be engaged in sharing the gospel in the community around the church.
- Missions and Ministry Ministry Team- Pastor Richard Tolar (Love Memorial), Team Leader. Focused on assisting churches to network with other churches for the outward expression of the gospel. Areas of focus will include developing a mission strategy and the development of ministry and mission partnerships.
- Prayer Ministry Team- Pastor Dave Fishman (Trinity), Team Leader. The team will lead in maintaining ongoing prayer for the churches and members of the churches in the specific area of Kingdom needs. The team will also be tasked with training and encouraging the churches of the association toward an intentional Kingdom-focused prayer ministry within the churches.

I also wanted to take a moment to highlight a few things that are coming up:

First, coming up on Friday, February 3 at 6:30 we will be hosting a Pastor, Paid Staff, and Spouse

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KEITH'S COLUMN, cont.

Appreciation Dinner. It will be here at NBA. Call the office to RSVP. The point of this time is to simply show and tell these ministry leaders that we love them and appreciate all that they do for the Kingdom.

Second, on Monday, February 13 at 6 pm we have the Executive Board Meeting. The meeting will be here at NBA. I want to encourage your church executive board messengers to join us that evening.

Third, on Saturday, February 18 from 9-11 am will be the Pastor's Wives Gathering at Lane Tree Country Club in Goldsboro. The pastor's wife has such a pivotal role and there is great value in a time such as this to encourage these courageous women.

Fourth, the Disciple-Making Conference is an NC Baptist event that will be on Monday, February 20 at Calvary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. I have had the opportunity to be part of this conference several times in the past several years, and it is a fantastic time of training and information. I know there are a few including myself from NBA going. If there is interest we can take the Association Van. Please let us know if you are interested in attending. To register, visit <https://ncbaptist.org/events/2023-disciple-making-conference/> The cost of the conference is \$12, which includes your lunch.

More details for each of these are found within this newsletter. Also, if you have any questions don't hesitate to let us know.

Keith
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Unveiling Our New NBA Logos!



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of Talton Graphics (919-223-0967)*

RESOURCE OF THE MONTH:



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monthly, 2nd tuesday
same time, new location

February 14 @ 12PM

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Applications for the Russell & Joann Ault Scholarship of Neuse Baptist Association are now being accepted through April 1st.

Current High School Seniors and those pursuing college degrees are encouraged to contact the NBA Office to request the link to the Application.

Previous award recipients are eligible to re-apply.

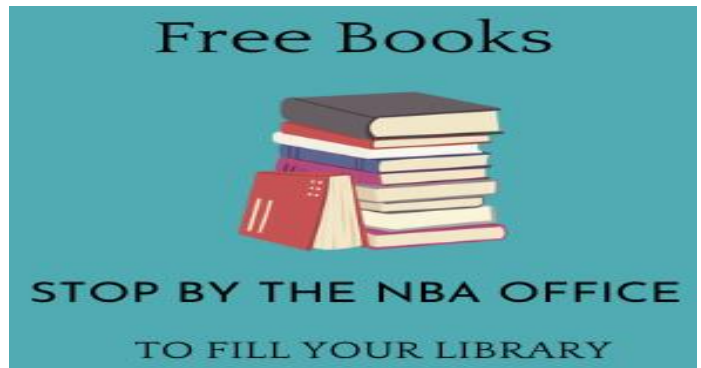
Current Church Ministry Openings

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

⇒ **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



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.

1. Choose an item from below that your church will collect or purchase **60** of.
2. Notify NBA of that item (to prevent over-spending and to ensure another church hasn't selected it.)
3. Collect/purchase items and then drop them off to NBA **before Memorial Day**.

****PLEASE PURCHASE FULL-SIZE ITEMS ONLY, NOT TRAVEL SIZES****

- Bath Towel
- Bath Cloth
- Shampoo
- Men's Deodorant
- Bar of Soap
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Men's Razors
- Men's Shave Cream
- Chap Stick
- Bags of Hard Candy
- Writing Tablet
- Ink Pens
- Gently-used Men's Long-Sleeved Button-down Shirts*

**No limit to the number of button down shirts; will take as many as can receive.*

Remember, items are for MEN.

The CHURCH NEWS Page

As Reported by the Churches

Community (Michael Lewis) Pastor was surprised with a Birthday Lunch on December 4. Communion was observed on December 18, followed by church's annual Christmas Luncheon.

Fremont (Tim Gore) *NBA extends our deepest sympathy to Pastor Tim Gore and family on the passing of his dear Mother, Mrs. Judy W. Gore, on December 23, 2022.*

Goldsboro First

(Rev. Dr. Glenn Phillips) Church donated beautiful blue choir robes to NBA, and they're available for any church who wishes to have them. They've also donated 32 copies of *The Baptist Hymnal* (1991) and 32 copies of *Celebrating Grace Hymnal for Baptist Worship* (2010). Any church or organization who'd like to have the robes OR the hymnals are encouraged to contact the NBA Office for pick-up.



Mount Nelson (Jimmy Dale) New Year's Eve Fellowship was enjoyed in the Fellowship Hall on 12/31. Baptist Men' Day was observed Sunday, January 29 during morning worship.

New Hope Church has called Pastor Rick Rigney to serve as Pastor.

Northview (Rick Whaley) Baby Dedication was held Sunday, Dec. 18.

Pikeville First (Roy Savage) Praise Report! Church was able to donate over \$1600 to Baptist Children's Homes.

Pinkney (Steven Gay) Men's Ministry Meetings will resume in February. Donations to benefit Kitty Askins are being collected monthly. Backpack Ministry continues with weekend meals provided for several local school students. Valentine Banquet is planned for February 11.

Rosewood — Church has called Dr. Tim Lipp to serve as Pastor, effective March 1. Pastor Tim is

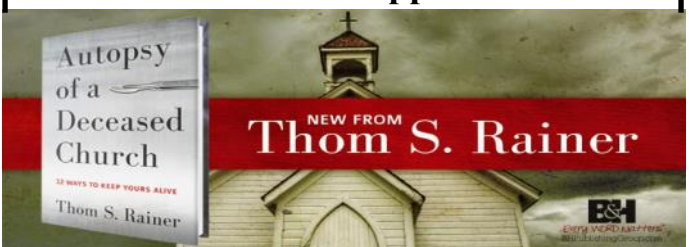
married to Beth and they have two children, Sophie and Cohen.

Snow Hill First (Brick Crowder) *NBA extends our deepest sympathy to the First Baptist Church family and to the family of Mrs. Lori D. Thigpen. Lori, who was the Church Secretary/Treasurer, passed away peacefully on December 21, 2022 following a brief and courageous battle with cancer.*

Trinity (Dave Fishman) New Bible Study for children, "Kingdom Kids", began Wednesday, January 11. Pastor Dave & Mrs. Stacy shared their Israel Trip Recap with the church family and other guests on January 15. A Gospel sing with music group *Adoration* is planned for February 5 at 6PM. Parents' Night Out is planned for February 11 and will be a time for children ages 12 and under to enjoy food, fellowship and fun at the church while their parents enjoy a night out. A Spring Bazaar (vendor event) is planned for April 1 from 10AM—2PM; openings inside and outside are still available for vendors interested in participating.

Union — Church has called Pastor Jason Hutcheson to serve as Pastor.

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.

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.

COME JOIN US

Pastor Wives Get Together

FUN

FOOD

FRIENDS

FELLOWSHIP

18 FEB 9-11 A.M

At Lane Tree
Country Club

Please RSVP to Charity Johnson or
Michelle Street by February 11 so that we
can reserve tables. Hope to see you all
there.

Charity Johnson-919-429-1508
Michelle Street -336-407-0779



DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, February 18
Meherrin Baptist Church
(Murfreesboro NC)

Saturday, March 4
Village Baptist Church
(Fayetteville NC)

8:30AM—3:00 PM

Cost: \$40

Ages 18+

Participants registered on a first-come, first-served basis. Training class size is limited. Registered Volunteers will be contacted approximately 1 week before the event with any additional information.

Cost includes PDF training manual, hat, shirt, ID badge, background check (if needed), meal, and temporary accident insurance. NON-REFUNDABLE. Credit Card/Checks accepted.

Note: The training is designed to be as realistic as possible. Flexibility is key to having a good experience. Please do not register for this training if you cannot stay for the entire event.

For more information, contact Tracey Ford at tford@ncbaptist.org or call 919-459-5606.

Robby Gallaty SPEAKER
Senior Pastor of Long Hollow Church, Hendersonville, Tenn.

On Mission Together
DISCIPLE-MAKING CONFERENCE

Monday FEB. 20, 2023
DISCIPLEMAKINGCONFERENCE.ORG



REGION RALLY

Monday, February 20, 2022

Rosemary Baptist Church

(936 Jackson Street, Roanoke Rapids NC 27870)

5:45 —8:30 PM

This rally will highlight the variety of opportunities NC Baptists have to be involved in missions across our state, in our nation, and around the world. Featured will be worship, testimony, mission video, and a prayer time for missions. These rallies are for anyone in your church who is interested in missions. A main focus of these rallies will be state, national, international partnerships and projects (including Disaster Relief) and the NC Missions Offering.

A meal is provided for the NC Mission Rallies at no charge, but **reservations are necessary to ensure an accurate meal count**. The cut off date for reserving a meal for the Rally is February 13.

To register, email Melanie Crawford at mcrawford@ncbaptist.org.

If you have any difficulty please call Melanie Crawford at 919-459-5596.

The meal will begin at 5:45 pm, followed by the program from 6:50 pm-8:30 pm. If you are unable to attend the meal, you are welcome to attend the program itself.

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

Notes on Ministry

For the last several newsletters we have been talking about the purposes of the church and the believer. In the October/November newsletter, we began a discussion on the purpose of Ministry. Specifically, we spoke of the pitfalls when it comes to fulfilling the purpose of ministry. To review these purposes:

Evangelism — telling people about the love of Jesus.

Fellowship — sharing life together. It is laughing together, crying together, praying together, and yes it is sitting around a table together.

Ministry — showing the love of Christ in real and tangible ways.

As we continue this conversation about ministry, I want us to focus on the how of ministry. I was recently at one of our church's Wednesday night Bible Studies and a question was asked on serving their community. Some of the various answers included meals for those that were sick, being part of the Christmas parade, handyman projects within the area, and the like. All of these are good answers and great things.

As I listened to this discussion, I began to think and I resisted asking the question that I am posing to you, we live in a world that is hurting, broken, and drifting further and further from Christ. What are the 1, 2, or 3 greatest needs in our community and how do we minister to those needs whether directly or indirectly? You may know this answer by simply living in the community, yet sometimes the answer to this question comes from simply asking people in the community. Maybe it is asking people around the community or at the grocery store, what is the greatest need they see in our community. Maybe it is asking a community leader/worker, such as the mayor, commissioner, police chief, fire chief, or rescue. Sometimes they hear things and see things that many in the community don't.

Once you figure out those one, two, or three things, you now have a clear idea of the direction you need to proceed. Let me give you some thoughts to help guide you in this process.

First, clarify the *why*. Why are you doing what you are doing? The *why* is so important and gets to the heart reason. There are all kinds of reasons, but the *why* I want to encourage you toward is to make disciples of Jesus. The reality is this is the mission of the church—to make disciples of Jesus. If we are not making disciples of Jesus, why do we exist? We tell people about Jesus (evangelism) to make disciples. We share life together (fellowship) to encourage and build one another up as disciples. We share the love of Jesus in real and tangible ways (ministry) to make disciples of Jesus. Simply, if the bottom-line *why* is not to make disciples, we have missed the point.

Sometimes, people need to see the love of Jesus to come to an understanding of the gospel message. A passage that has weighed heavy on me for the last few years is Matthew 5:14-16 which states, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven (ESV)."

Those good works aren't to be done to bring attention to yourself. Those good works aren't to make you look good. Those good works aren't to be a 'good person'. Those good works are showing the love of Jesus in real and tangible ways, so people can "see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

The *why* of ministry is to make disciples of Jesus.

Second, clarify the *win*. The *win* answers the question, how do we know we have achieved what we have set out to achieve? Another way to put it is, what and when can we celebrate? The *win* is simply showing your community the love of Jesus. The *win* is making your community noticeably different and better because of the gospel of Jesus. The *win* is seeing and hearing stories of changed lives. The *win* is when people think of your church, they say, "That is a church that loves the community."

Here is the hurdle, for so many churches we have to change the scoreboard. In other words, we need to change our win. For so many churches the *win* is to get them there on Sunday morning. But if they don't show up that following Sunday morning, then everyone is discouraged. Transitioning them from the community to worshipping King Jesus and hearing the teaching of the Word is a wonderful and great thing, yet this can't be the *win*. You see, when the *win* is 'to get them there on Sunday', they become a project and a notch on your belt. They are neither a project nor a notch on the belt, they are someone whom Jesus loves and whom He died

Notes on Ministry (Continued)

for. Further, people can ‘sniff out’ if they are a project or a person. Here is the reality: when the *win* is to love on them with the love of Jesus, over time you will achieve both *wins*.

Third, clarify the *who*. *Who* is your community? We need to discover our community and know our community. What is the makeup of your community: age, male/female, ethnicities, socioeconomic makeup of the community? These things will make a world of difference in what and how you minister in your community. Here is a resource that can help you walk through this process:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/q1uv5ddprqj6zvt/Exegete-Your-Culture-Final.pdf?dl=0>. Another tremendous resource that we can help you with is some demographic reports for your specific area. Just let us know and we will pull that information together for you.

My friends, we cannot and must not wait for the communities around us to engage the church. We as the church must engage the communities around us. We must change our mindset when it comes to engaging our communities. We as churches and as individual believers must be missionaries in our communities. Our philosophy and tactics must change. For instance, back in the 1990s and earlier, the church and the culture had adopted a “come and see” philosophy: a church would advertise a special event by putting it on a sign in the churchyard or newspaper, and without fail people would *come and see*. Oftentimes, they would pack the church. Sometime during this period usually marks the hay-day of most churches. This philosophy worked and we would ‘pack the pew’.

Yet culture started to change as the 1990s moved into the 2000s and the sign in the churchyard advertising that special event began to lose its effectiveness. This led us to try harder and eventually start blaming the community around us. In hindsight, what happened is the church in North America missed our turn, much like we may miss our turn taking a trip. To put it another way, the rules of the game changed and we as the church didn’t get the memo. We must change our tactics and philosophy from *come and see* to *go and tell*.

Go and tell means instead of sitting back and waiting for the community to come to us, the church goes to the community. We as churches and as individual believers must be missionaries to our neighborhood and in our greater community. Isn’t this the charge that Jesus gives to those early believers just before he ascends into heaven in Acts 1:8-9? “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight (ESV).”

My friends, we cannot and must not sit back and wait for the community to come to the church. To wait for the community to come to the church is not the Great Commission and pragmatically, it is not working. We must get into our communities and engage them by showing them the love of Jesus (ministry) and by telling them about the love of Jesus (evangelism).

~Keith



Pastors, Ministry Staff, & Spouses

Appreciation Dinner

Friday, February 3, 2023

6:30 PM

at Neuse Baptist Association / RTC

RSVP Required




Contributions from Churches — Nov-Dec, 2022		
	<u>Nov-Dec..</u>	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>FY 2022</u>
<u>CHURCHES</u>		
Adamsville	200.00	1200.00
Anointed Vision	2000.00	3050.00
Bethel	653.40	653.40
Cabin	825.00	2923.40
Calvary Goldsboro		1000.00
Calvary Kinston	100.00	200.00
Casa del Dios		2220.00
Community	156.21	686.17
Davis Grove		
Deep Run First		4420.80
Emmaus	836.52	4072.68
Falling Creek	723.44	6881.90
Fremont		250.00
Gateway	2800.00	10800.00
Goldsboro First		1500.00
Grainger		1000.00
Horeb International		200.00
Immanuel	201.00	783.00
Jordans Chapel		850.00
Kinston First		5135.88
La Grange First		3547.00
Love Memorial	1599.31	6110.21
Madison Ave	1462.26	8770.00
Mount Nelson	210582.20	32583.08
Neuse	3395.00	19132.00
New Beginning		
New Hope		1000.00
New Life	786.00	2100.00
Northview	400.00	600.00
Nueva Amanecer		
Pikeville First		
Pineview		1686.00
Pinkney	536.21	3760.45
Rivermont	1068.70	4321.20
Rosewood First	958.84	5602.84
Sandy Bottom	1800.00	3600.00
Seven Springs	900.00	3600.00
Snow Hill First	582.96	6617.00
Spilman Memorial	200.00	850.00
The Way	250.00	1250.00
Trinity		1009.40
Union	400.00	1600.00
Total CHURCHES	33417.05	155566.41

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	50.00
Miscellaneous Donations	
Payments for Trainings	225.00
NCMO % Rebate	
Handy Man Donations	
Hunger Fund	
Bldg Capital Improvements	
Block Party Trailer Ministry	
Total Des. Funds '23	275.00
Rollover Funds	
NCMO Rebate	4919.69
Hunger Fund	1.05
Capital Improvement	8400.02
Misc. Donations Rollover	2536.15
BPT Rollover	1280.46
Handy Man Donation Fund	10087.16
Vans Use Rollover	4.15
Total Rollover Funds	27228.68
Designated Funds Total	27503.68



February Birthdays

Tim Morris, Pineview Associate Pastor — 01
Rick Rigney, New Hope — 02
Lorie Ellis, Davis Grove Pastor's Spouse — 06

February Ministry Anniversaries

Rev. Dr. Berk Tinsley, Anointed Vision — 22 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 to help ensure that **YOUR Pastor's Wife** receives the proper newsletter shout-out when her day comes!*

VANS — NBA has two (2) 15-passenger Ford vans available for use by our churches. To use either of our vans, churches should call the NBA Office and first verify that the van is available for your preferred date(s). **Vans may be reserved up to 6 months in advance of your scheduled trip.** There is a one-time requested donation of \$50 for van use, which permits a church to utilize the vans throughout the remainder of the year without additional fees, *pending availability*. Vans must be returned with a full tank of gas and clean interior. Van use is limited to 5 passengers minimum. Reservations are based on a first-come, first-served basis. Call Wendy at NBA for more info.

What's Coming Up On Our Calendar?

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 — Happy Valentine's Day!
- 14 — Pastors Lunch, Noon @ NBA
- 15 — Submissions due for March newsletter
- 18 — Pastors Wives Get Together @ Lane Tree
Country Club, Goldsboro — 9-11AM
- 18 — Disaster Relief Training, Meherrin Baptist
Church, Murfreesboro NC
- 20 — Baptists on Mission Region 2 Region
Rally, Rosemary Baptist Church,
Roanoke Rapids
- 20 — 2023 Disciple-Making Conference,
Calvary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem
NC

March 2023

- 04 — Disaster Relief Training, Village Baptist
Church, Fayetteville NC
- 12 — Daylight Saving Time Starts
- 14 — Pastors Lunch; Noon @ NBA
- 15 — Submissions due for April newsletter
- 20 — NBA Leadership Council Meeting @ NBA
Office

April 2023

- April is Food Round-Up for Baptist Children's Homes
- 01 — Deadline for Ault Scholarship Applications
- 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
- 28-29 — Women's Missions Conference
(Formerly Missions Extravaganza),
Lawndale Baptist Church, Greensboro NC

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