

NEUSE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION **NEUSE NEWS**

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*From Keith*

Hello, my friends, I hope this newsletter finds you well. I wanted to emphasize again this important announcement. We desire to be excellent stewards of all of our resources, including our financial resources. Therefore, with a desire to be the best stewards we can be, we desire to 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. We have come up with several ways we can do this (as was listed in the April newsletter), yet for our purposes here I want to focus on our print newsletter.

I want to encourage everyone willing to shift to the digital newsletters to reduce the number of print newsletters. Please hear me, if someone wants to be on the print newsletter mailing 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, and due to this, we have the inescapable reality that there are people that receive the newsletter who have moved or no longer wish to receive the newsletter.

To accomplish this reduction, we are asking those who want to be on the print list to simply let us know. We first announced this with the April Newsletter. Whether you wish to continue receiving our newsletter via US Mail, or if you wish to receive the newsletter via email and you do not already, please let us know by **May 15**.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank those who have already let us know of their desire to receive the digital newsletter or to remain on the US Mail list.

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

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From Keith, *cont.*

Further, the second article that I have been writing in the newsletter until recently will be moving to our website. The reason for this is to again be a better steward of our printing cost, especially when it comes to unneeded and unwanted mail-outs. I have heard from many of you that this second article that I have been writing is helpful. My desire is for it to continue to be helpful. If accessing the article on the website is not convenient and you still want to read the article, simply let us know and we will get it to you.

Again, to help us be good stewards, if you wish to continue receiving the newsletter via US Mail, let us know. If you wish to simply receive the digital newsletter and you don't already, let us know your email address and we will get you on that list.

⇒ Please reach out to us by **May 15th** if you:

- Wish to remain on our printed mail list
- Wish to move to our digital mail list

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A second announcement that I am excited about: as I just eluded, we have done a major update on our website that I think you will find helpful. To make it even more helpful, I desire to start posting online training that will include videos and helpful handouts. This updated website gives us at the Association the capacity to do this type of thing. As we move forward, we will have training and information on a wide range of topics related to the church, ministry, leadership, and the like. To check out the updated website go to [nbachurches.com](http://nbachurches.com).

Before I close, I want to thank those who generously gave to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. We live in a world that desperately needs the gospel, and this offering will directly impact the efforts of so many as they minister throughout North America.

Additionally, I want to celebrate with our churches that have had the joy of having what I call "Baptism Sunday"! As of this writing on April 14th, *Fill the Tank* has yet to happen (April 16th). Yet with a confident faith in our GREAT King, I know many great things happened as people have been coming to faith and taking that step of obedience with baptism. I look forward to celebrating with you as I hear of the reports of what the Lord has been doing in your congregation.

Love Serving with You and In Christ,  
Keith

**NBA Summer Hours:  
Beginning May 30,  
NBA Office Hours  
will be M-F,  
8:30 AM—4:00 PM.  
This will continue  
through August 21.**



**Ault  
Scholarship**

*of Neuse Baptist Association*

## CONGRATULATIONS

to the following Ault Scholarship recipients for  
2023:

**Natalie Brooke Dail** (Deep Run)  
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**Tyson Douglas Edgerton** (Pinkney)  
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**Joshua Exum** (Neuse)  
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**Jacob Ryan Hinson** (Pinkney)  
NCSU College of Veterinary Medicine

**Wesley Lynn Johnson** (Pastor, Pineview)  
Fruitland Baptist Bible College

**Leeah Caroline Mills** (Emmaus)  
Liberty University

**Luis Oscar Miranda** (NBA Supply Pastor)  
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

**Mary Anna Morton** (Madison Avenue)  
Liberty University

**Samantha Carol Peyton** (Calvary, Kinston)  
East Carolina University

**Avery Kathryn Stamper** (Gateway)  
East Carolina University

**Caitlin Michele Ulrich** (Love Memorial)  
East Carolina University

# The CHURCH NEWS Page

## As Reported by the Churches

**Emmaus** (Jim Willoughby) Revival with guest speaker Dr. Greg Kincaid was held April 24-26. Children's Church "Change for Change" Offering of \$581.00 was donated to Wayne Pregnancy Center. Anyone 50+ is invited to the Senior Luncheon on May 8 at Noon; guests are always welcome. All mothers will be recognized and honored on Mother's Day during morning worship. Lifeway's "Twists & Turns" VBS is scheduled July 16-20. Church donated 60 bath towels for NBA's Personal Care Kits for Migrant Workers.

**Falling Creek** (Robert Ellis) On the 1st Sunday of each month, church collects a special World Hunger Offering and brings additional items for its Blessing Box, as it fills a great need in the community. Food is being collected for "Food Roundup", which benefits Kennedy Home. Meals on Wheels is sponsored on a monthly basis. Easter activities included the annual Egg Hunt, Sunrise Service, and Easter Worship. A cross was placed in the Sanctuary and flowers were placed on it during Easter Worship to honor the Risen Lord's sacrifice.

**Love Memorial** (Richard Toler) Sonshiners will visit the Charity Rebuild Center in Rose Hill on May 9 to tour the facility and do a light project. They will also cook for and participate in the Association's NABS Luncheon on May 18. Free Community Yard Sale will be May 13 at the church. On Mother's Day, Baptist Men will host a Mother's Day Breakfast at the church.

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

1) Yard Sale, Saturday **May 6**. Donations welcome; contact the Church Office.

2) Annual Golf Tournament on **May 12** at Lane Tree Country Club in Goldsboro. Cost is \$70 and includes lunch. Registration & lunch begins at Noon; Tee Time will be 1:00 PM.

Please call the Love Memorial Church Office at **919-735-8855** for more information!

**Northview** (Rick Whaley) Easter Sunday started with breakfast and fellowship. The sermon was provided by pastor Rick Whaley, with special music signed by Jennifer Olson. Easter Eggstrvaganza planned for children was postponed due to inclement weather and was rescheduled to April 23.

**Pinkney** (Steven Gay) WMU had its annual Ladies Banquet, April 29 at 6PM with guest speaker and author, Hope Dougherty. Youth will be having a Yard Sale, Saturday May 20, starting at 7PM. The sale will take place at Nahunta Grill. A church-wide trip to a Mudcats game is planned for May 26.

**Rivermont** (John Morton) A Fellowship Lunch was enjoyed by those who could attend, on Tuesday April 18. Choir presented *Arise My Love* cantata on Easter Sunday. A covered-dish luncheon was held after worship on Palm Sunday. A Red Cross blood drive was held at the church on March 18. Church continues its efforts to raise funds to repave their parking lot.

**Rosewood** (Tim Lipp) A Mother's Day Brunch in honor of all mothers and mother-figures is planned for May 13th at 10 AM. Tickets are \$20/person.

**Snow Hill First** (Brick Crowder) Church participated in "Fill the Tank" on April 16 by baptizing 7 individuals! To God be the Glory! Lifeway's *Twists & Turns* VBS is planned for June 14-16, for ages Nursery—8th Grade. Easter worship at the church included Sunrise Service and breakfast, Sunday School, & Morning worship. The church family flowered the cross in the sanctuary prior to morning worship. An egg hunt with games, pizza and worship was enjoyed on April 5.

**Trinity** (Dave Fishman) The church family will be sharing their appreciation with and for local teachers through taking some "goodie baskets" to share with them during Teacher Appreciation Week (May 1-5). Another outreach ministry — Parents' Night Out — is planned for May 13 from 5-8PM at the church. Graduate Recognition Day is set for June 11 during morning worship. LifeWay's *Twists & Turns* VBS is planned for June 25-29. Church has new email address and website: [TMBCGoldsboroNC@gmail.com](mailto:TMBCGoldsboroNC@gmail.com) and [www.attendtmbc.com](http://www.attendtmbc.com).

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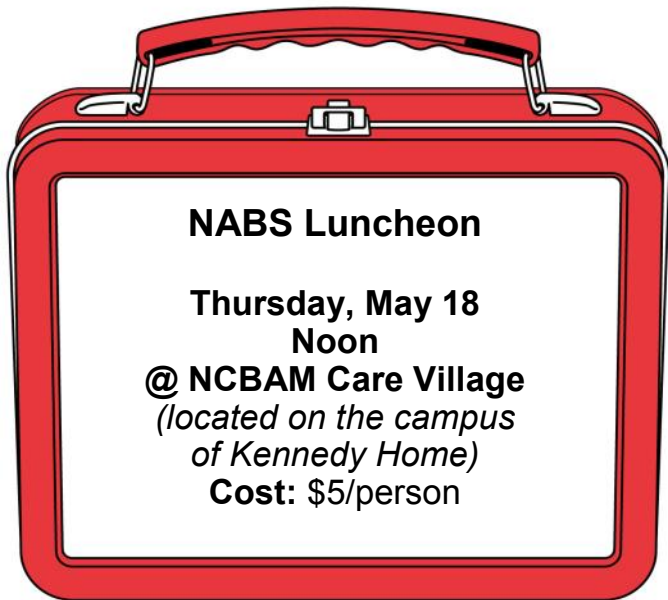
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same time, new location

May 9 @ Noon



Our office will be  
**CLOSED**  
for Memorial Day  
Monday, May 29





We are looking forward to our May 18 meeting of **NABS (Neuse Association of Baptist Seniors)**. We will meet again at The Care Village which is located on the campus of Kennedy Home in Kinston. Our meeting will begin with lunch at 12:00 — fried chicken with sides and dessert, furnished by the Sonshiners at Love Memorial Baptist Church. Please bring a donation of \$5 to help with the meal cost.

⇒ Please encourage your seniors to sign up to attend. It was last May when we last met. We need a good count by Wednesday, May 10. Please respond to this email or call me at 919-344-9914.

NABS Coordinator,  
Edwin Jewell

*vacation*  
**BIBLE SCHOOL**

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**Snow Hill First, Lifeway VBS — June 14-16**  
**Gateway, Orange VBS — June 23-25**  
**Rosewood, Answers in Genesis — June 25-29**  
**Falling Creek, Lifeway VBS — June 25-29**  
**Trinity, Lifeway VBS — June 25-29**  
**Jordan's Chapel, Lifeway VBS — July 9-13**  
**Emmaus, Lifeway VBS — July 16-20**  
**Love Memorial, Lifeway VBS — July 16-20**  
**Goldsboro First — July 17-21**  
**Deep Run First — July 24-28**

Contact the NBA Office if you'd like to add your VBS to this list!

You are invited to the  
**Sending Church Training Lab**  
in June!

**June 8, 2023**  
**10:00am – 3:00pm**  
**Tabernacle Baptist Church – New Bern**  
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Please [click here](https://ncbaptist.org/events/sending-church-training-lab/) (or visit <https://ncbaptist.org/events/sending-church-training-lab/>) to register for this event. The registration deadline for this event is **May 19, 2023**. However, it would be greatly appreciated to have registrations in before the deadline if possible.  
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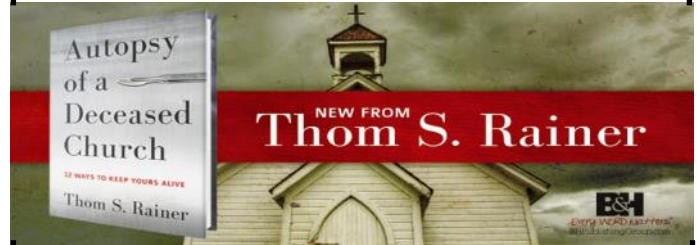
## NBA's 2000 Ford 'Handy Man Van' To Be Donated

At our April Executive Board Meeting, it was determined that the 2000 Ford 15-passenger 'Handy Man Van' which is not regularly used shall be donated to an NBA Church or ministry in need of a van. This is in an effort for our Association to be a good steward of our resources, and to prevent the continuation of upkeep, registration and insurance on a vehicle no longer in use by the Association. The van has been regularly maintained and serviced. Mileage on the van is over 200,000. Registration on this van is up for renewal in June, therefore our Association wishes to donate this van in short order.

**NBA Churches or ministries interested in this van should inquire with the NBA Office.**

Depending on the amount of inquiries received the van will either be donated on a first-come, first-served basis OR to the Church / Ministry that the Association determines to be in the greatest need.

## 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.

**FRIENDS OF CHILDREN**

**SATURDAY ONE-DAY MISSIONS FOR ALL AGES**

THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR SPRING DATES:  
 APRIL 15: Cameron Boys Camp, Cameron | MAY 6: Camp Duncan, Aberdeen  
 MAY 13: Kennedy Home, Kinston | MAY 20: Odum Home, Pembroke

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**FRIENDS OF CHILDREN**

**1 DAY SATURDAY MISSIONS DAY IS BACK**

Friends of Children is a one-day missions opportunity for your church to tackle projects at one of Baptist Children's Homes' (BCH) ministry locations. There are projects for all ages making this a perfect way for your youth -- or any group -- be the hands and feet of Jesus while seeing the BCH ministry up close.

- Work side by side with BCH's boys, girls and staff
- Tour children's cottages
- Enjoy a FREE lunch

Friends of Children dates and locations are on the front. Registration is from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Projects are from 9 a.m. to noon. Lunch is served at noon and optional tours are available afterwards.

Register at [bchfamily.org/foc](http://bchfamily.org/foc). Contact Alan Williams at [awilliams@bchfamily.org](mailto:awilliams@bchfamily.org) or 336.474.1277 for info.

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## 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.*



## 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)



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Contributions from Churches — March 2023		
	March	YTD2023
<b><u>CHURCHES</u></b>		
Adamsville	150.00	400.00
Anointed Vision		
Bethel		
Cabin	567.00	567.00
Calvary Goldsboro		200.00
Calvary Kinston		100.00
Casa del Dios	570.00	1070.00
Community		61.29
Davis Grove		
Deep Run First		
Emmaus		770.64
Falling Creek	440.76	1329.86
Fremont		
Gateway	1200.00	3600.00
Goldsboro First		
Grainger		500.00
Horeb International		
Immanuel	85.00	255.00
Jordans Chapel	850.00	850.00
Kinston First		
La Grange First	2467.00	6056.00
Love Memorial	413.58	1539.97
Madison Ave		
Mount Nelson	1851.68	11993.48
Neuse	1925.00	3615.00
New Beginning		
New Hope		
New Life	182.00	805.00
Northview		
Nueva Amanecer		
Pikeville First		
Pineview		1000.00
Pinkney	344.09	948.47
Rivermont	614.90	1752.02
Rosewood First	221.24	850.86
Sandy Bottom		900.00
Seven Springs	300.00	900.00
Snow Hill First	685.86	2145.84
Spilman Memorial	200.00	600.00
The Way	250.00	500.00
Trinity		1108.95
Union	400.00	400.00
<b>Total CHURCHES</b>	<b>13718.11</b>	<b>44819.38</b>

Designated Funds	(YTD Balance)
Vans ('16 & '08) Use	30.49
Miscellaneous Donations	600.00
Payments for Trainings	0.00
NCMO % Rebate	2506.72
Handy Man Donations	0.00
Hunger Fund	600.00
Bldg Capital Improvements	0.00
Block Party Trailer Ministry	0.00
Total Des. Funds '23	3737.21
<b>Rollover Funds</b>	
NCMO Rebate	3919.09
Hunger Fund	1.05
Capital Improvement	8400.02
Misc. Donations Rollover	1260.59
BPT Rollover	1280.46
Handy Man Donation Fund	10087.16
Vans Use Rollover	0.00
Total Rollover Funds	24948.37
Designated Funds Total	28685.58



**May Birthdays**

Edwin Jewell, NABS Coordinator — 15  
 Clayton Sutton, Retired Pastor — 23  
 Robert Ellis, Falling Creek — 27  
 Randy Outland, Supply Pastor — 27  
 Jason Hutcheson, Union — 28  
 Ray Smeltzer, Jordan's Chapel — 31

**May Ministry Anniversaries**

Rev. Steven Gay, Pinkney — 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](mailto:Wendy@NBACHurches.com) to help ensure that YOUR Pastor's Wife receives the proper newsletter shout-out when her day comes!*

*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



# What's Coming Up On Our Calendar?

## May 2023

- 09 — Pastors Lunch, Noon @ NBA Office
- 10 — Deadline to RSVP for NABS Luncheon — contact Edwin Jewell, 919-344-9914
- 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
- 18 — NABS Luncheon, Noon @ Care Village (On Kennedy Home Campus) \$5/person!
- 26 — Due date for items collected for Men's Personal Care Bags
- 29 — **Memorial Day; NBA Office CLOSED**
- 30 — **NBA Office Summer Hours Begin: M-F, 8:30—4:00 PM**

## July 2023

- 04 — **Independence Day; NBA Office CLOSED**
- 11 — Pastors Lunch, Noon @ NBA Office
- 15 — Submissions due for August Newsletter
- 17 — NBA Leadership Council Meeting
- 17 — **Keith's Birthday!**

## 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!
- 24 — July 1 — Kinston First Mission Trip to Guatemala (Keith & Oldest Son attending)

## August 2023

- 15 — Submissions due for September Newsletter
- 15 — Pastors Lunch, Noon @ NBA Office
- 21 — **NBA Office Returns to Regular Office Hours M-F, 9:00—5:00 PM**
- 21 — NBA Leadership Council Meeting
- 26 — Deacon Training, 9AM—Noon @ NBA Office
- 27 — **Global Hunger Sunday Observed**

Dr. Keith Hudson, Association Mission Strategist (AMS) — [Keith@NBACHurches.com](mailto:Keith@NBACHurches.com)  
Wendy Parker, Office Mgr. — [Wendy@NBACHurches.com](mailto:Wendy@NBACHurches.com)

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