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## *From Keith*

As I sit down to write this article, I'm in between meeting with pastors. These two pastors are different in so many ways, yet one of the things that is similar is they are planning. They are planning for shifts that are happening with their church's summer schedule and planning for the new year of ministry. I know, many of you have taken part in evaluating and celebrating the ministry year that is concluding, and planning for the new ministry year that will begin in fall. With this comes much of the thoughts toward planning that the two pastors above were going through. To help support this, at the Pastors Lunch on May 9, I posed several questions. I want to pose to you similar questions that I pray are helpful and thought-provoking:

1. What do you need to celebrate for the 2022-2023 year?  
Celebrating accomplishments is vital. Maybe you are like me and you have the temptation to constantly charge ahead from one task to another. In other words, instead of the pattern of focus-strive-accomplish-celebrate-next focus-strive-accomplish-celebrate, you skip the celebrate phase. The problem is, this will lead to exhaustion and burnout. It will lead to decreased motivation. It will also lead to not striving again toward a similar task in the future. A leadership axiom that is time tested is, "That which is celebrated gets repeated". The same is true in our personal lives, if you celebrate it, it will be repeated. Taking it a step further, there is something that happens internally when a celebration that leads to another celebration occurs because this inevitably leads to more celebrations.
2. As we go into the slowdown of summer, how are you going to recharge and refresh?  
We all need times when we tap the breaks and slow down. These times of slowing down and times of rest are both helpful and important. It is helpful spiritually, physically, mentally, and

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emotionally. My friend, God didn't create you to be a robot or a machine. He didn't create you to be running full blast all the time. Take this natural ebb and flow of the calendar year, to take some time to slow down, recharge and refresh.

3. What are your goals for the 2023-2024 ministry year? Before I get into the different categories a few things need to be mentioned: first, we need to bathe these times of thinking, reflecting, and planning in prayer. Specifically, we need to pray that the Holy Spirit would give us clarity, guidance, and wisdom. Second, we need to remember to keep our goals SMART:

**Specific** — complete each statement fully and clearly. If you can't write it down so that someone else can understand what you are working to accomplish, is it clear and specific?

**Measurable** — include exact results that can be tracked and measured.

**Attainable** — is the statement realistic? Is it too large?

**Relevant** — does the statement fit with the others – is it relevant where it is placed within the strategy?

**Time Bound** — the statement has a slated completion date

- Church Ministry. This category is more for church leaders, ministry leaders, pastors, and staff.
  - Personal Ministry. This category is for all believers. To be as plain as possible, we all have a personal ministry. For some of you, this leads to a trip point, if you are someone listed in the Church Ministry category, your church ministry and personal ministry are different, unique, and equally as vital. My friends, the ministry opportunities that you have in your everyday life from work, in your neighborhood, at the ball field, and around town are incredible. This category also includes spiritual discipline goals such as Bible study time, prayer time, sharing your faith, etc.
  - Personal. What are the goals you have for yourself, personally? They can be health goals, relational goals (outside of family), or a particular task you dream of accomplishing.
  - Professional. What goals do you have in your work life? Maybe it is a promotion, opening your own business, or hewn a professional skill.
  - Family. What goals do you have in your family life? Maybe you are a dad or mom, what goals do you have for your family (make them together)? Maybe you are a child (at home or no longer at home), what goals do you have?
4. What are the obstacles that will need to be overcome to achieve those goals? There are always obstacles and difficulties to achieving goals. If a goal doesn't have some sort of obstacle or difficulty, it most likely isn't much of a goal. Here is the point: if you anticipate those obstacles or difficulties before they inevitably present themselves, you will be better prepared.
  5. What resources will be needed to achieve those goals? Are there certain resources — whether people or things — that are needed to accomplish the goal? To go a step further, what do you need to do to obtain those resources?
  6. What helps are available to achieve those goals? It is a rare thing for a goal to be accomplished without some level of help outside of yourself. You will need help. Are there people, a particular group, or organizations around you that can help?
  7. How will God receive glory through completing these goals?

With this natural ebb and flow in the calendar year that is upon us, how will you rest and recharge? How will you plan and prepare as you think post-Labor Day?

Love to all,

Keith



# The CHURCH NEWS Page

## As Reported by the Churches

**Adamsville** (Pete Williams) An invitation is extended for all to join Adamsville for Revival, June 4-7 at 6:30 PM. Rick Overman, a Chalk Art Evangelist, will be sharing his gifts. A love offering will be received. *The Oak Grove Boys and Tammy* will be in concert on Sunday, June 11, from 6:30 PM. The concert is free; a love offering will be received.

**Calvary, Golds.** (Rudy West) Praise report: Church has gained 3 new members, with two of them being candidates for Baptism.

**Emmaus** (Jim Willoughby) *Heartfelt sympathy is extended to Rev. Jim Willoughby and family upon the recent death of his father, Richard Willoughby of Montana, on April 26, 2023.*

Graduation Sunday is planned for June 11; graduates will be honored with a special video presentation and gift during morning worship, followed by a covered-dish luncheon. Fathers and Father-figures will be recognized with a gift of love and appreciation on Father's Day. Choir will present a patriotic cantata, *I Love This Land*, during morning worship on July 2. Church-wide cookout with homemade ice cream is planned for July 4th from Noon—4pm; all are invited. VBS is planned for July 16-20, with a light meal served nightly at 5:15PM; VBS begins at 6PM. VBS Commencement activities will be Thursday July 20, beginning at 6PM followed by a meal and outdoor activities.

**Falling Creek** (Robert Ellis) Church family continues to support Wayne Pregnancy Center, Grantham Schools, and Kennedy Home through collections of food and supplies. A wonderful Mother's Day was enjoyed, as families were well represented and adult children came home to honor their mothers by attending worship with them. VBS is set for June 25-29.

**Love Memorial** (Richard Toler) Annual Yard Sale on May 6 to support youth group, (Transformed Student Ministries) was the most successful yard sale to date. A meal was held after morning worship on May 21, to raise funds for a school in Indonesia which the church supports. Sonshiners collected toothbrushes, toothpaste and shirts for the NBA annual mission project, Personal Care Items for Migrant farm workers. Graduates will be recognized June 11 with a catered meal to follow after morning worship. Sonshiners will enjoy a viewing of *Queen Esther* on June 15. Baptist Men will host a breakfast on Father's Day, June 18. Over the summer, Sonshiners will begin collecting school supplies for local schools, and TSM will continue collecting toiletry bags to distribute during their June mission trip to Memphis.

**Mount Nelson** (Jimmy Dale) Church participated in "Fill the Tank" by baptizing 3 individuals. On May 7, Brian Wilson from Trail Life, a boys' discipleship program that emphasizes outdoor activities, was guest speaker. A Mother-Daughter Tea Party for all ages was held May 13. Mothers were recognized and two families participated in a Baby Dedication on Mother's Day, May 14. Baptism and Communion was observed during morning worship, May 21; a Passover Meal demonstration was held during evening worship. Youth will be participating in Fuge Camp, June 12-16. VBS is planned for June 18-22. WMU collected items for Migrant Ministry.

**Northview** (Rick Whaley) An Easter Egg Hunt with a hot dog and hamburger lunch was held 4/23. Children enjoyed a bounce house and other games as well. All mothers were recognized on Mother's Day and presented with roses. Church is in the process of planning VBS.

**Pinkney** (Steven Gay) Youth sponsored a yard and bake sale at the Nahunta Grill on May 20. Group of 32 from the church attended a Mudcats game, May 26. Graduate Sunday is planned for June 4; three young men will be honored for their achievement. Backpack Ministry is currently providing 16 students with weekend meals. Ladies Bible Study, *Elijah* by Priscilla Shirer, concluded May 7.

**Rivermont** (John Morton) Baby Dedication was observed during morning worship on Mother's Day. Homecoming was celebrated May 21, with a fellowship meal following morning worship. Dr. Keith Hudson was special guest speaker on May 28. Graduation Sunday will be observed June 4, Baptism will be celebrated June 11, and Communion will be observed June 18.

**Rosewood** (Tim Lipp) High school and college graduates will be recognized during morning worship on Sunday, June 4. A Gospel Sing is planned for the 6PM service on June 4th.

**Snow Hill First** (Brick Crowder) Senior Adults group, "LiveWires", met May 19 for a catered meal, fellowship, and special music. Moms were honored with a special gift on Mother's Day and enjoyed "Muffins With Mom" prior to morning worship. The church family showed their appreciation for the staff at Greene County Middle School during Teacher Appreciation Week by gifting snacks for the staff to enjoy. Representative from Greene Pregnancy Center, Kellie Taylor, will share the vision and mission of the organization during a special evening service on June 4, "A Night for Life". A meal will precede the event; all are welcome to attend.

## Current Church Ministry Openings

### As Submitted by the Churches

- ⇒ **Love Memorial Baptist Church**, Goldsboro, is seeking a part-time **Administrative Professional**. Proficiency in PowerChurch Plus, Microsoft Publisher, and Microsoft Word preferred. Position is 60% Finance and 40% Administration. Interested candidates are encouraged to submit Resumes or requests for more information to Brian Joyner via email — [BWJoyner@nc.rr.com](mailto:BWJoyner@nc.rr.com)
- ⇒ **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)

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

*vacation*  
**BIBLE SCHOOL**

*Your PRAYERS Matter to our Churches*

**Snow Hill First**, Lifeway VBS — **June 14-16**  
**Mount Nelson** — **June 18-22**  
**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**  
**Horeb International** — **July 24-28**

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

fellowship • discussion • prayer

PASTORS @ NBA OFFICE LUNCH

2nd tuesday of each month

**Deacon/Elder Training**  
**Saturday, August 26**  
9AM-Noon @ NBA Office / RTC  
Lunch not included  
Covering lessons from  
**Nuts & Bolts of Deacon Ministry:**  
Listening to the Voice of God  
Handling Church Conflict  
Please RSVP by **August 1**  
to enable our office time  
to order materials

## New Cohort for Pastors

Pastors: Keith will begin another Pastors Cohort in August, as part of the Church Revitalization Process. The Cohort will meet monthly from August—May, and will cover topics such as:

- Pastor: The Person and Their Family- Being a pastor that is healthy with a healthy family
- Pastor: The Shepherd and Leader- Being a pastor that shepherds and leads their church well
- Prayer: A Church that is Praying Together with Kingdom Focused Prayer
- Preaching: Biblically Driven Sermons for People Today
- Purpose: Answering the Why- Why are We Doing What We are Doing?
- Purpose: Make Disciples- Having an Outward Focus and Evangelism
- Purpose: Make Disciples- Growing Believers Intentionally
- Priorities and Pace: Dealing with What is Most Important and Moving the Congregation Forward
- Programs, Polity, and Place: A Discussion on the Programs, the Governance and Governing Documents, and the Facilities of the Church

Pastors interested in taking part in this cohort are encouraged to reach out to Keith by mid-July to allow time for our office to order materials.

## Autopsy of a Deceased Church Deacon Retreat Opportunities



Keith is available to facilitate in-house Deacon Retreats for our churches. 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 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.



## RENEWING WORSHIP EXPO

Saturday, September 30, 2023  
Apex, NC

Training for everyone involved in worship in your churches—band, singers, tech, worship pastors, pianists, children's choir leaders

Special retreats for choirs and orchestra players

Encouragement & equipping

Lots of great breakout classes

Friday bonus events



Worship led by  
Travis Cottrell and  
the Brentwood  
Baptist Church  
worship team

[RenewingWorshipNC.org/EXPO](http://RenewingWorshipNC.org/EXPO)

happy  
FATHER'S  
day





## NABS Report for June 2023

Fifty four seniors enjoyed a great gathering at The Care Village for the semiannual meeting of the Neuse Association of Baptist Seniors. This was the first meeting since May 2022. Covid concerns knocked us out of meeting in September.

Highlights of this meeting included a great fried chicken lunch and dessert provided by Judy Mallory’s seniors at Love Memorial Baptist Church. Our program feature was Brittany Hawley, from NC Department of Health and Human Services where she serves as an Assistive Technologist and Occupational Therapist. We were all impressed with her description and demonstration of devices that aid people of any age with seeing and hearing problems and other difficulties. Most of the aids available are unknown to most of our seniors. Charity Johnson, Care Coordinator for the NCBAM Care Village, closed our meeting with a BINGO game emphasizing the work of NC Baptist Aging Ministry; everyone won a prize.

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 21**. Our seniors like meeting **at The Care Village** and look forward to returning in September. If your church would like to furnish the meal, please let Edwin Jewell know. We collect a \$5 donation to cover the cost of the meal.

Please help us keep up to date with the name and contact information for the senior adult leader in your church. You may contact Edwin Jewell ([edjewell@bellsouth.net](mailto:edjewell@bellsouth.net)) or reach out to Wendy at the NBA Office.

Edwin Jewell, Senior Adult Coordinator



*Brittany Hawley of NC Dept of Health & Human Services addresses NABS meeting attendees.*

### NCBAM Care Village

Many within our Association may still be unaware that NC Baptist Aging Ministry has a Care Village, which is housed in the former Kennedy Home Baptist Church facility. It is not a residential facility. Care Village serves area Senior Adults, ages 65+ and is FREE to join.

#### Upcoming Events @ Care Village:

- June 6: Medicare Information Training by SHIIP, 2pm
- June 15: Craft Class, 10:30 AM
- July 6: Disaster Preparedness Training + Lunch, 11A-12P
- July 20: Crafts with Elaine, 10:30 AM

Care Village is open **every Tuesday & Thursday**, from 10AM—2PM, for members to take advantage of the facility’s offerings.

For more information about NCBAM, Care Village, or the above activities, please reach out to **Charity Johnson**, Care Coordinator, NC Baptist Aging Ministry at 252-933-0298, or via email: [cnjohnson@bchfamily.org](mailto:cnjohnson@bchfamily.org)

**65+? Lonely?  
Need to talk?**

NCBAM’s Hope Line is here for you!

**866-578-4673**



TAC NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST AGING MINISTRY

Contributions from Churches — April 2023		
	April 2023	YTD2023
<b><u>CHURCHES</u></b>		
Adamsville	150.00	550.00
Anointed Vision		
Bethel		
Cabin		567.00
Calvary Goldsboro	200.00	400.00
Calvary Kinston		100.00
Casa del Dios		1070.00
Community		61.29
Davis Grove		
Deep Run First		
Emmaus	443.16	1213.80
Falling Creek	432.72	1762.58
Fremont		
Gateway	1200.00	4800.00
Goldsboro First		
Grainger		500.00
Horeb International		
Immanuel	85.00	340.00
Jordans Chapel		850.00
Kinston First	2273.76	2273.76
La Grange First		6056.00
Love Memorial	668.67	2208.64
Madison Ave		
Mount Nelson	1184.32	13177.80
Neuse	2035.00	5650.00
New Beginning		
New Hope		
New Life		805.00
Northview		
Nueva Amanecer	400.00	400.00
Pikeville First		
Pineview		1000.00
Pinkney	316.35	1264.82
Rivermont	543.35	2295.37
Rosewood First	393.31	1244.17
Sandy Bottom		900.00
Seven Springs		900.00
Snow Hill First	741.16	2887.00
Spilman Memorial		600.00
The Way		500.00
Trinity		1108.95
Union		400.00
<b>Total CHURCHES</b>	<b>11066.80</b>	<b>55886.18</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	1300.00
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	4437.21
<b>Rollover Funds</b>	
NCMO Rebate	3919.09
Hunger Fund	1.05
Capital Improvement	8400.02
Misc. Donations Rollover	1102.52
BPT Rollover	1280.46
Handy Man Donation Fund	10087.16
Vans Use Rollover	0.00
Total Rollover Funds	24790.30
Designated Funds Total	29227.51



### June Birthdays

Frederick Parker, New Beginning—6/8  
 Jeannie Willoughby, Emmaus Pastor's Spouse — 6/10  
 Kevin Gardner, Gateway Assoc. Pastor — 6/20  
 Nora Morton, Rivermont Pastor's Spouse — 6/20

### July Birthdays

Ivy White, Supply Pastor — 7/2  
 Larry Carter, Grainger Interim — 7/4  
 Keith Hudson, NBA AMS — 7/17  
 Wayne Adkins, Retired Pastor — 7/19  
 Laura Russ, Cabin Pastor's Spouse — 7/24  
 John Morton, Rivermont — 7/28

### June Ministry Anniversaries

John Morton, Rivermont — 1 year  
 Robert Ellis, Falling Creek — 4 years  
 Rick Mondell, Sandy Bottom — 7 years

### July Ministry Anniversaries

Adam Street, Madison Avenue — 4 years  
 Tim Gore, Fremont — 5 years  
 Rudy West, Calvary Goldsboro — 5 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!*

# What's Coming Up On Our Calendar?

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

## 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!**



Our office will be  
**CLOSED**  
for Independence Day  
**Tuesday, July 4th**

## 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**

## September 2023

- 04 — **Labor Day; NBA Office CLOSED**
- 09 — NCBAM Field of Makers Artisan Show, Mills Home Campus, Thomasville NC
- 11 — **NBA Executive Board Meeting, 6PM @ NBA Office / RTC**
- 12 — Pastors Lunch, Noon @ NBA Office
- 15 — Submissions due for October-November Newsletter
- 16 — Friends of Children Day @ Kennedy Home

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