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**NEUSE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

**Monday September 11
6:00 PM
NBA Office**



From Keith

Several things are coming up within the Association that I would love to bring to your attention, all of which you will find in more detail in this newsletter. Things like the upcoming Annual Meeting on October 22nd at FBC Snow Hill, Church Vision Intensive on Friday and Saturday, September 22-23, and the “Cultivating a Disciplemaking Culture” workshop on Saturday, September 30th. I encourage you to notice these things and more that are coming up.

I wanted to take a moment to speak about the EQUIP Network training that we as an Association are preparing for. EQUIP Network is through Southeastern Baptist Seminary and seeks to empower local churches and ministry organizations like NBA to take an active role in the theological education of their students. Those participating can earn credit hours for a Master of Divinity degree or Master of Arts in Christian Ministry degree that is directly attached to SEBTS. As I spoke to the Leadership Team, my motivation for encouraging us to take this on is twofold.

First, many of our pastors are bi-vocational (I prefer the term “multi-vocational”), and this number nationwide will only increase in the next 10-15 years. I predict many churches not only here but nationwide with full-time pastors will be forced to move toward multi-vocational pastors. Part of this will be due to a reduction in funds within a church, and the other part will be the increase in living expenses. To get to the point, it will be increasingly harder for pastors who know they will be multi-vocational to achieve a M.Div. or MA Ministry Degree in the traditional manner. More and more they will have to rely on online classes. Online classes are good and great and helpful, but they are missing the personal interaction with the one teaching the class and others who are in the class. This is where EQUIP comes in. EQUIP allows a student to get that interaction, but even more they engage in mentoring as they prepare for ministry. This need for things like EQUIP will increase in the coming years, and I for one would rather be proactive in this equipping rather than reactive.

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Before I move to the second piece of my motivation with the Leadership Team, it is important to know that those taking the classes for credit, will need to apply and be enrolled at Southeastern Baptist Seminary. Though they may be taking classes for credit here at the Association building, they are a student at SEBTS. As a student, those taking courses for credit will be responsible for tuition to SEBTS.

Second, EQUIP gives us as an Association a tool to equip our churches. One of the things I love about EQUIP is anyone can audit a class or classes and even better they can do this FREE. While they will not get official credit for the class, they will get the training and benefit of the class. Imagine a Sunday School or Small Group leader taking Biblical Exposition (preaching class) or a discipleship class. Maybe a church leader taking a leadership class. I could continue with the possibilities of equipping for those in our churches.

We are progressing with a start date with the first of the year (Spring Semester). Classes will be in the evening or on Saturday. As we prepare for this I and the Leadership Team need to know your interest and the interest from those who will be taking the classes for credit. The Leadership Team and I are looking at starting with the possibility of two courses (3 credits each): Personal Discipleship and Disciple-Making Practicum and/or Bible Exposition I: Hermeneutics and Preparation Practicum.

If you're interested in pursuing these classes, please reach out to the Association office and let us know.

Love to all,
Keith

Pastors: Depression & Suicide
By Keith Hudson

Due to limited space, please [click here](#) to view this blog post, or visit: <https://www.nbachurches.com/pastors-depression-and-suicide/>

2023 Annual Church Profile

Church clerks and those tasked with completing your church's Annual Church Profile, **we've made it easy for you!**

This year we've added our own digital ACP form to our website, nbachurches.com. Information that is vital to the Association is marked "Required"; all other information is optional *but we certainly hope you'll take the time to submit the information in its entirety.*

We encourage you to have all necessary data available before beginning, as there will be no option to return to unsaved portions.

Click [here](#) to complete the form, or visit <https://www.nbachurches.com/annual-congregation-profile-2023/>

If you need help with any part of the ACP process, please reach out to Wendy at the NBA Office!



September 18th - 20th, 2023, at Fort Caswell

Pastoral ministry is tiring, draining and exhausting during normal times. A pastor's health is vitally important, and events of the past few years have been especially taxing on pastors, their families and their ministries. The "Replenish" retreat, for pastors and their families, is designed to help pastors replenish their marriage, their ministry and their mission.

Through encouraging teaching and free time together, pastors and their wives can learn and apply principles for restoring joy and passion to their marriage, family and ministry at the beautiful coastal setting of Fort Caswell.

Cost

\$99 per room (Lodging will be at Smith Conference Center)

If you would like to extend your stay at Fort Caswell, you may do so. Please contact Gabby Seel first to receive your room assignment and then you may contact Fort Caswell to make those arrangements.

Please Note: Childcare will only be provided during the Main Sessions and for Tuesday night's "Date Night."

[Click here to register](#) or visit ncbaptist.org

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
- ⇒ **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.
- ⇒ **Madison Avenue Baptist Church**, Goldsboro, is seeking a **Bi-Vocational Minister of Youth & Children**. Candidate must be a college graduate or current student pursuing a degree related to youth/children ministry. Experience in an established successful youth program preferred. For more details about this position, visit nbachurches.com/newsletter/ministry-openings/. Interested candidates should contact the Madison Avenue Church Office at 919-734-3761.
- ⇒ **Sandy Bottom Baptist Church** (4568 Hwy 55 West, Kinston), is in search of a **Sound Technician** for Morning Worship from 8:45 - 11:00 AM and some Wednesday evenings from 6-7 PM. The position is paid. If interested, please call Pastor Rick Mondell at 919-396-2163.
- ⇒ **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

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Cultivating A Disciplemaking Culture: Personal & Corporate Spiritual Transformation A One Day Workshop



With Dr. Joe Olachea, Director of DisciplePath
ABA Discipleship Trainer

Neuse Bapt Assoc- Sept 30, 2023*
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM*

USE this QR Code to Register on EventBrite



Additional Dates/Locations at www.Disciplepath.org/events

The CHURCH NEWS Page

As Reported by the Churches

Falling Creek (Robert Ellis) The church will celebrate its 175th Anniversary on Homecoming Sunday, September 17. This special day will include music from *Canaanland*, guest speaker Dr. Keith Hudson, and a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following worship. The church family is collecting school supplies, socks, and t-shirts to benefit students in need at Grantham Elementary. Church continues to support Kennedy Home through the collection of clothing, cleaning supplies and gift cards. VBS 2023 was a blessing as attendance increased nightly and as several new families have continued to come to weekly services.

Gateway (Thayer Stamper) Youth group began a new season with a new name, "Gateway Students", on August 30. Two weekly Life Groups and a weekly Women's Bible Study also began on this date, after having the summer off.

Grainger Church has called Rev. Larry Carter to serve as pastor as of July, 2023. Church is collecting Christmas in August items for North American missions.

Kinston First (Jon Hoover) Kinston First's Trail Life Group for boys (a Boy Scouts alternative) is getting ready to start another year of activities on September 11. Parents interested in signing up their boys should contact the church office. On Tuesday, September 19 at 6PM, there will be a Worship & Missions night, in which Pastor Luis from Guatemala will share about the ongoing ministry there. This will be an opportunity for anyone interested in the June 2024 mission trip to Guatemala to learn more information.

Love Memorial (Richard Toler) Pastor Richard Toler and his wife Jennifer, along with Wallace & Ramona Horton, Steve Jones and Steve Blackman will be traveling On Mission to Indonesia, September 1-10. Please join in prayer for their traveling mercies and as they minister there. Knights of the 21st Century will begin 9/7. This Men's Ministry is dedicated to walking beside each man as he strives to fulfill the potential God has given him. Any men who are interested are welcome to participate; for more information contact Gene Foote at 919-223-3949. Awana will kick off with a family dinner on 9/9 and first club meeting on 9/10. Sonshiners (senior adults) will have a covered dish dinner on 9/21.

Mount Nelson (Jimmy Dale) Youth enjoyed a trip to Kings Dominion, August 18. A Back to School Bash was enjoyed by all on August 27.

Northview (Rick Whaley) An End of Summer ice cream social was held on August 12 at Sleepy Creek Lake. There were games, water activities, and lots of ice cream. Plans are being made for the church's 58th Homecoming on 9/10, with special music and messages and a meal will be served after the service.

Pineview (Wes Johnson) On August 14, the church family enjoyed a farewell luncheon after morning worship to honor the ministry of Associate Pastor, Tim Morris and wife Joanne,

who have answered the call to serve at a church in their home state of Michigan.

Pinkney (Steven Gay) Senior Adults enjoyed a luncheon followed by a special message from a missionary, in August. *Lifeway's Twists & Turns* VBS was a success on Saturday, August 12, with lunch provided as well as a pool party on Sunday evening, August 13. The VBS schedule included the remainder of the lessons which were taught two Wednesday evenings prior to VBS Saturday and two Wednesday evenings afterward. Youth are collecting spare change for Samaritan's Purse. Adults in the church are signing up to participate in the Prayer Partner ministry, and parents are completing information sheets about their children, and together they will form prayer partners. This ministry is a powerful gift the adults of the church can give to these children by keeping them uplifted in their daily prayers.

Rivermont (John Morton) Another semester of GriefShare began on August 10 and will continue through November 3rd. Wednesday Fellowship Lunches will return on Wednesday, September 10th at Noon at the church; all are invited.

Rosewood (Tim Lipp) School teachers and students were lifted up in prayer at the annual "Blessing of the Book Bags" during morning worship on August 20. "Sunday School Kickoff" was observed on August 27. Items are being collected for OCC Shoeboxes and also for school supplies for teachers. Youth group will participate in the "New Chapter Youth Rally" at the Rosewood High School football field on Saturday, 9/9. This event is being sponsored by the Rosewood-area churches.

Sandy Bottom (Rick Mondell) Super Senior Luncheon for members and friends who are 70+ and older is held the 1st Tuesday of every month and is attended well. Folks are encouraged to call Pastor Rick if they'd like to attend. Baptist Men and Embrace Ladies meet every 3rd Tuesday and enjoy a meal together. Opportunity Sunday is planned for September 17. Three new entrance doors are being updated and installed. Church is in search of a sound tech for Morning Worship from 8:45 to 11 AM and some Wednesday evenings from 6-7 PM. The position is paid. Please call 919-396-2163 if interested.

Snow Hill First (Brick Crowder) On Sunday, September 10 at 7PM, Chuckie Connor from Christian Missions Unlimited will be sharing about mission work in Brazil and how we as the local church can partner with them and send mission teams. All interested NBA churches or ministry groups are invited to attend. The evening will begin with a meal in the Fellowship Hall at 6:15 PM. Revival Sunday with guest speaker, Army Chaplain Captain David Dodson, is planned for 9/17. "Back 2 School Sunday" was observed

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(*Snow Hill News, cont.*) during morning worship on August 27; the church family prayed over all teachers, students and parents as a new school year begins, and special gifts were given to all teachers as a way thanking them for investing in the next generation. All students were also promoted up to their next classes within the church on this day as well. A Back to School Bash for ages 3 years - 5th grade was held at the church on Wednesday, August 23, with inflatables, games, snacks and a goody bag for all students. LiveWires senior adults enjoyed a lunch outing on August 17.

Spilman Memorial (H. Powell Dew, Jr.) The church's 70th Anniversary Celebration is planned for Sunday, October 1 at 10:30 AM with guest speaker, Rev. Greg Poe. As part of the celebration, a catered meal will follow.


Trinity (Dave Fishman) PRAISE: Three baptisms were celebrated in the month of August! Bible Studies for adults and children (Kingdom Kids) has resumed on Wednesday evenings at 7PM. Fellowship Luncheons have also resumed on the 4th Wednesday of the month at Noon, and includes a time of devotion and fellowship. Free Movie Night was hosted on August 13, showing The Kendrick Brothers movie, *Flywheel*. Biney English Family Ministries will be in concert on September 17 at 6PM; all are welcome. The concert is free and a love offering will be received.

fellowship • discussion • prayer


PASTORS LUNCH



2nd tuesday of each month



September 21
12:00 PM
Adamsville Baptist Church



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

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

SENIOR DAY
@ the State Fair
(Ages 65+)



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depart Adamsville 8AM sharp
Call Wendy @ NBA Office to sign up!

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RELIEF FOR TODAY...
HOPE FOR TOMORROW.

North Carolina MISSIONS Offering

North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO) is a special offering received during the month of September that brings relief to those in need, helps plant churches and mobilizes N.C. Baptists for missions.

Church Vision Intensive

September 22-23, 2023

NBA Office / RTC

This is a specific and special time to pray through and think through where your church is going over the next 5-8 years. Beginning Friday evening and running through Saturday, we will seek the Holy Spirit's wisdom and discernment as we work through the crafting of your church's Vision, Mission, Strategy, Values, and Measures that will purposefully move you to accomplish what only God can accomplish through you over the coming years. Our time together will include teaching and equipping with tools which will be given to assist in working through these pieces. Teams will be given time to break away and work through the process on behalf of their church, and then come back together for a time of review. When you leave on Saturday, you will have a significant outline for your church that will simply need to be polished and enacted. Even better, the vision you leave with will be unique to your church, because your church is unique with its own personality, giftedness, and DNA.

Dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday is included.

What we ask of you:

- 1) Registration —
 - Must include both the Pastor and individual team members' names.
 - Registration deadline: **September 11.**
- 2) If you have a presentation-sized white board that can be utilized during the team break-out sessions, please let us know.
- 3) Your commitment to pray and seek the Lord's guidance before, during, and following this Intensive.
- 4) Your commitment to be here physically, mentally and spiritually.

This training time is made possible without a registration fee due to your generosity as we are On Mission together.

Registration can be made via email to Wendy@nbachurches.com or by calling the NBA Office at 252-566-9478.



First Baptist Church—Snow Hill has warmly welcomed Neuse Baptist Association as the host church for our **2023 Annual Meeting**.

NEW this year is a Fellowship Meal prior to the meeting. Beginning at 5:30 PM, we'll enjoy a delicious BBQ Chicken meal in the church Fellowship Hall. There will be a \$5 charge for the meal, so please plan accordingly. Following the meal we will move over to the auditorium for worship and the business session of our Annual Meeting.

Special Guest Speaker this year will be Dr. Scott Pace, Provost, Associate Professor of Pastoral Ministry & Preaching and Dean of Graduate Studies at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

This year's Annual Meeting Theme is "Equipping the Equippers".

While your NBA Staff and Ministry Team Leaders are still working out additional details about this year's Annual Meeting, we ask **churches who would like to participate in the program to please reach out to the NBA Office**. Does your church have a testimony to share? Do you have a group willing to share a particular gift or talent? Is there someone who feels called to pray over our Association during the Meeting? ...If so, please call the NBA Office.

In the meantime, save this date on your calendar and we'll see you Sunday, October 22 at 5:30 PM at FBC-Snow Hill.




Contributions from Churches — July, 2023		
	July, 2023	YTD2023
<u>CHURCHES</u>		
Adamsville	150.00	1000.00
Anointed Vision		
Bethel		
Cabin		1051.00
Calvary Goldsboro	200.00	600.00
Calvary Kinston		100.00
Casa del Dios		1960.00
Community		61.29
Davis Grove		
Deep Run First	4762.00	4762.00
Emmaus	453.41	3293.70
Falling Creek	445.00	3283.88
Fremont		
Gateway	1200.00	8400.00
Goldsboro First		
Grainger		1000.00
Horeb International		
Immanuel	85.00	1000.00
Jordans Chapel		850.00
Kinston First		2273.76
La Grange First		6056.00
Love Memorial	399.82	3167.99
Madison Ave	43.70	43.70
Mount Nelson	3375.21	21380.42
Neuse		10338.88
New Beginning		
New Hope		
New Life	115.00	1128.00
Northview		
Nueva Amanecer		400.00
Pikeville First		
Pineview		2000.00
Pinkney	269.30	2086.28
Rivermont	558.20	3958.16
Rosewood First	194.01	2101.62
Sandy Bottom		1800.00
Seven Springs	300.00	1800.00
Snow Hill First		5294.28
Spilman Memorial		1000.00
The Way		750.00
Trinity	716.41	1825.36
Union		800.00
Total CHURCHES	13267.06	95561.14

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	44.58
Miscellaneous Donations	560.69
Payments for Trainings	0.00
NCMO % Rebate	2506.72
Handy Man Donations	0.00
Hunger Fund	900.00
Bldg Capital Improvements	0.00
Block Party Trailer Ministry	245.64
Total Des. Funds '23	4257.63
Rollover Funds	
NCMO Rebate	3919.09
Hunger Fund	1.05
Capital Improvement	6695.19
Misc. Donations Rollover	0.00
BPT Rollover	984.57
Handy Man Donation Fund	10087.16
Vans Use Rollover	0.00
Total Rollover Funds	20702.49
Designated Funds Total	24960.12



September Birthdays

Pablo Acevedo, Casa del Dios -- 05
 *Amy Stamper, Gateway -- 08
 Brick Crowder, Snow Hill First -- 15
 Jon Hoover, Kinston First -- 15
 Rick Mondell, Sandy Bottom -- 17
 *Breezie Hutcheson, Union -- 19
 *Karen Tinsley, Anointed Vision -- 21
 *Diane Parker, New Beginning -- 23

September Ministry Anniversaries

Dr. Glenn Phillips, Goldsboro First -- 25 years
 Dr. Keith Hudson, NBA AMS -- 2 years

** Pastor Spouse*



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

REGISTER AT BCHFAMILY.ORG/FOC

Coming Up On the Calendar

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 (Sponsored by BCH)
- 14 — Deacon Training @ New River Association
- 15 — Submissions due for October-November Newsletter
- 16 — Friends of Children Day @ Kennedy Home
- 19 -- Night of Worship & Missions, 6PM @ Kinston First (Info about Guatemala Trip 2024)
- 22-23 — **Church Vision Intensive, NBA Office /RTC.**
- 30 — **Discipleship Workshop, 8:30-4:00PM, NBA Office**

October 2023

- 10 — Pastor's Lunch, Noon @ NBA Office
- 16 — NBA Leadership Council Meeting, Noon @ NBA Office
- 17 — NABS State Fair Trip; call Wendy to sign up. Departs Adamsville 8AM SHARP.
- 22 — **NBA Annual Meeting @ Snow Hill First, Meal at 5:30 PM, Meeting approx. 6:15 PM**

November 2023

- 5 — Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 6-7 — BSCNC Annual Meeting, Koury Convention Ctr., Greensboro
- 7 — Election Day
- 10 — Veteran's Day Observed (NBA OPEN)
- 14 — Pastor's Lunch, Noon @ NBA Office
- 15 — Submissions due for December-January Newsletter
- 20 — NBA Leadership Council Meeting, Noon @ NBA Office
- 23—24 — **Thanksgiving Holidays; NBA Office CLOSED**

December 2023

- 12 — Pastor's Lunch, Noon @ NBA Office
- 18 — NBA Leadership Council Meeting, Noon @ NBA Office
- 24 — Christmas Eve
- 25-29 — **NBA Office Closed for Christmas Holidays**

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