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 Olive Branch
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 Pleasant Hill
 Providence
 Roanoke
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THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | MAY 2, 2019

★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU JOHN 13:34
 Old Union County Courthouse Downtown Monroe
 May 2, 2019 12:15-12:45 pm

Happy Mother's Day
Sunday, May 12, 2019

HER

CHILDREN RISE UP AND
CALL HER BLESSED

- PROVERBS 31:28 -



Work Day
Union Baptist Association

Saturday, May 18, 2019

8 am - noon

Please call the UBA office if you will be helping. Biscuits will be provided for breakfast.



Week of Prayer for
Your Local Baptist Association

May 19-26, 2019



DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

Dr. Eric D. Cook

I Know Why Young Men Fight Our Wars

As I grow older, I have come to the hard realization that physically I can't do what I once did as a young man. This was driven home on a backpacking trip I went on with my sons. We hiked on a section of the Appalachian Trail for several days. My pack weighed almost 40 pounds because it was winter and we needed to carry more gear. Our trek across those glorious mountains was amazing except for the fact that I was always in the rear trying to keep up with my boys. They were like gazelles moving effortlessly up those steep climbs. They seemed to never lose their breath and were almost on the verge of running with their heavy packs. I plodded along faithfully behind yelling up to them instructions and directions. A standing order I gave them was to stop at all trail junctions and wait for me so that they wouldn't go off in the wrong direction. I had trained them to pitch a tent, build a fire, find the proper route, survive single digit temperatures, snow, wind, and pouring rain. I had taught them how to survive in the harshest of conditions.

Back in my younger days, I could have kept up with my sons, but age has slowed my pace and taught me that I lead best from the rear rather than from the front. Because I'm in the rear my instructions must be clear and understood. Those moments when we rally up and discuss our next move are important to our success and arriving at our destination each night. My leadership won't always be from the front because I realize younger men will rise up and take the lead with my help.

There is a spiritual battle that looms ever before us as Christians. The powers and principalities that are enthroned in high places are hard at work mobilizing their forces to wreak havoc upon the earth. Their destructive powers are seen in many ways. The mayhem they cause stretches into governments, families, churches, relationships, and a host of other areas in our lives. We need to train the next generation for the spiritual warfare that they will face. We who have walked for many years with the Lord need to pass on the essentials to the next generation of leaders. Our collective knowledge gleaned over the years of walking with Christ must be imparted through disciplining the next generation. To fail in this area is to leave the Church in a lurch, weakened, and hobbled. We who possess the banner of grey hair are

responsible to the next generation to bless them and lead them to be leaders themselves. Young men fight our wars because they have the energy, stamina, power, and passion when the moments that define us arrive. Let those who have seen many days stand with them and alongside them as they advance the Kingdom of God into all the earth.

Serving the King Together,

Eric



Missions: It's not just a project; it's a way of life.

As women, we're really good at taking care of others, often at the expense of our own physical, mental or emotional health. Self-care is essential for believers but this form of self-care is not about escape or indulgence; it's an intentional regard for our bodies as a temple of God. Self-care is a matter of stewardship—a faithful partnership with God to care for our whole selves.

“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.” – 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 ESV

Self-Care for Christians is about making the daily decision to nourish yourself through the Word of God and investing in your overall well-being. This is not a “quick fix” product or program. Self-care is not selfish or indulgent when it's actively following and cooperating with God's work in you. Engaging in self-care should provide more than momentary relief. It involves making small choices and building healthy habits that replenish your mind, body, and soul. Proper self-care shouldn't only be on a physical level, but begin at the soul-level with God in prayer, study of Scripture, and the accountability and encouragement of other believers.

Many self-care habits are not what you'd call fun. Nutrition, catching up on neglected health issues, getting started with exercise and choosing a reasonable bedtime can all feel like chores, but each one makes a small investment in your overall well-being. Practicing self-care allows you to deeply invest in meeting the needs of others as well as your own. You will become well-equipped to pour out from the abundance in your own life.

When we neglect our basic needs for too long, we will inevitably burn out and no longer be able to serve others in the same capacity. Self-Care can be simple, but it isn't always easy. Sometimes it requires delayed gratification, self-discipline, facing your shame, and humbling yourself before God in order to take steps in the right direction.

- Start the day in prayer and reading Scripture to set your mind on the things of God.
- Recognize your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit; it is a worthwhile pursuit to deeply nourish yourself through the avenues God has provided.
- See your self-care habits as an opportunity to be a faithful steward of your health and well-being for God's glory, not as indulgent ways to escape your responsibilities.
- Set healthy boundaries in relationships.
- Ask God for wisdom about how you can proactively reduce non-essential things in your life to make space for restorative, intentional habits that serve you well.

“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.” James 1:5 ESV

As women, we are gravely depleted and worn out because we absorb trauma, relational discord, financial stress, and a large share of the worry when raising children. All too often, we simply don't nourish ourselves with restorative habits to counter balance the difficult things we experience.

We must accept this responsibility on a daily basis, consistently drawing deep from the well of God's wisdom. It's hard to pour out from an empty cup. What small changes can you implement to refill your cup?

In His Service,
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7	Mrs. Phil (Gloria) McLean	Mountain Springs
8	Rev. Bill Fogarty	Retired
13	Mrs. Tim (Teresa) Helms	Central
17	Rev. Steve Hicks	Christ
19	Rev. Charles Broome	Supply
20	Rev. Tommy Threatt	Supply
21	Mrs. Bill (Zana) Fogarty	Retired
31	Rev. John Jenkins	Corinth



4	Dr. & Mrs. Gene Swinson	Retired
8	Rev. & Mrs. Rile Baucom	Covenant
9	Rev. & Mrs. Tim Helms	Central
25	Rev. & Mrs. Chris Justice	Lee Park
25	Dr. & Mrs. Sam Roach	First Weddington
27	Rev. & Mrs. Roger Nance	Solid Rock
28	Dr. & Mrs. Buddy Pigg, Jr.	Mt. Harmony




 We would like to extend a special **thank you** to our volunteers that helped with the preparation and mailing of the *UBA April Messenger*: **Ginger Boatright, Cindy Boe, Dorothy Buck, Betty Helms, Peggy Starnes, Janet Starnes and Bobbie Sullivan** from **New Salem Baptist Church**. If your group is interested in helping, please call the UBA office at 704-283-8383. Thank you for giving your time and making the day so enjoyable.

Please pray for the congregations of these churches as they seek God's help in finding new leaders:
Hamilton Cross Roads, Howie, Lakeview, Mill Creek



Include in your prayers the "Churches of the Week" and their leaders listed below:

May 5-11	<i>El Buen Pastor</i>	Mr. Eleazar Balderas
May 12-18	Elizabeth Missionary	Dr. Osco Gardin, Jr.
May 19-25	Emmanuel	Rev. Brian Fahrenkrog
May 26-June 1	Euto	Rev. Lee Davis & Rev. Josh Fraley



UBA Youth Council would like to thank our student leaders and their students who joined together to make our Feed the Children food packaging event historical on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 from 6-8 pm at Cuddy Arena. Over a year ago, Wingate University and our Council began talks about joining together to package food for the hungry here in Union County. We had 17 churches, 3 family gifts, the UBA and Wingate University who raised \$12,925.05 to allow us to package 37,728 meals in two hours. It was such a blessing to see 444 people serve together as one church, serving one God and feeding thousands of our people here at home. 165 University students took part in this event on the eve of their "One Day, One Dog" as they completed over 100 service projects of their own the next day here in Union County. A special thanks to Ground 40 ministries who sent a seven-man team to serve as our table captains. They did an outstanding job with set up, keeping tables stocked and clean up. We also thank Dr. Rhett Brown, president of Wingate University and his staff for hosting this event and to Chic-fil-A of Monroe for having the cow cheering us on and providing a free meal to all of our team that worked the entire event. We also thank Feeding Children Everywhere out of Orlando, Florida for working with us on this project. The UBA has now packaged approximately 140,000 meals in the past four years. May God bless each one who had a part in this project this year.

Frank Casstevens (New Salem)
 UBA Youth Council Chair

Upcoming Events

Ebenezer: Our Student Ministry will host a Baked Potato Bar & Salad Bar Lunch and a Silent Auction Bake Sale on Sunday, May 5, as a fundraiser for youth camp. Everyone is invited! Proceeds from lunch donations and the Silent Auction Bake Sale will help offset the cost of M-FUGE for our students and chaperones. We will recognize our graduating high school and college seniors on Sunday, May 26, during our 10:30 am service.

Benton's Cross Roads: Student Ministry Golf Tournament, Sat., May 25, 12 pm. \$80 per player includes lunch at 11 am. Eagle Chase Golf Club, Marshville, NC. Register by May 11. More information and to register: www.bentonscrossroads.com. Proceeds go to supporting student camps & missions.

Lakeview: 2019 Malawi, Africa Mission Trip. Shelter Agriculture Vocation Evangelism. **To secure a spot:** Submit completed application and \$200.00 (non-refundable) deposit ASAP to secure your spot. Balance of trip must be paid in full no later than 45 days prior to trip. **Payment Options:** Cash (designate participant name) Checks payable to Trinity Baptist Church (designate participant name) Obtain Sponsors to help pay for your trip (designate participant name) **Trip Date: June 13-22, 2019 *** October 10-19, 2019 *** Trip Cost: *** \$900 per person, plus cost of Airfare, travel insurance and Visa when arriving in country.** Your Church Coordinator will handle your round trip airfare, travel insurance and Visa or Operation Save will be happy to assist if needed *** \$800 per person, plus cost of Airfare, travel insurance and Visa when arriving in country. Your Church Coordinator will handle your round trip airfare, travel insurance and Visa or Operation Save will be happy to assist if needed **Team Meetings, Prayer & Fasting:** Meeting Location: Trinity Baptist Church. Dates TBD, Team Meeting and Fasting Calendar provided to Team Member upon receipt of Application and \$200 non-refundable deposit. *** Trip cost, schedule and all dates listed above are subject to change*** For more information, contact Sandy Fine Helms at sandyfinehelms@gmail.com or call 980-328-9396.

Lee Park: Timothy J Roberts Memorial Golf Tournament, sponsored by Lee Park Baptist Men's Ministry, **Fri., May 10, 2019,** Eagle Chase Golf Club, Marshville NC 28103. Entry fee \$85 per golfer. Entry fee includes: golf cart, range balls, lunch & beverages. Registration 10:30 am, 11 am lunch, 12:30 pm Shotgun Start. Deadline to register May 1, 2019. Proceeds go to Hometown Heroes. To register or for sponsorship information, contact Scott Ward, 704-690-1530.

Trinity: Breakfast/Auction for Baby Ellie Walden-June 1, 6-10 am at Euto Baptist Church, 6019 Hwy. 205, Marshville. Born premature at 28 weeks weighing 2 lbs. 8 oz., Ellie had brain bleeds that resulted in Hydrocephalus. She has had 6 brain surgeries, multiple seizures, a feeding tube, sepsis & many surgeries. She will need many therapies and possible surgeries throughout her life. **Sponsoring church is Trinity Baptist, mailing address 120 Maple Hill Rd., Monroe NC 28110.** Christian Cooking Convoy is providing food prep. **ALL proceeds** will go to the Walden family.



HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have a love for people and have at least one hour a week to give back to someone in need? I would love to talk to you about becoming a trained Hospice volunteer. Liberty Hospice serves patients in Anson, Union, and Mecklenburg counties. Please email me at dbaucom@libertyhomecare.com for more information.



CONGRATULATIONS!!
...to all high school and college students graduating in May and June!!

Child Evangelism Fellowship (Good News Club)

Fund Raising Golf Tournament

Monday, June 3, 2019

Rolling Hills Country Club
Monroe NC 28110

Registration: 11 am
Tee Off: 12:30 pm
Meal to follow.

For more information, contact
Ray Morris, 704-497-4145.



"BE BOLD"

Celebrate the joys of aging! Amidst fun and fellowship, you'll be encouraged to BE BOLD! – to take advantage of every opportunity to find joy and meaning in life, to shape your legacy, and to live boldly for the Lord!

May 6-7, 2019

Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church
Charlotte, NC

Register at NCBAM.org/AAIM

MAY

- 2 National Day of Prayer Courthouse Downtown Monroe
12:15-12:45 pm
5-12 Mother's Day Offering
12 **MOTHER'S DAY**
18 Clean Up Day at UBA MRC Call to register
19-26 Associational Missions Emphasis & Week of Prayer
20 UBA Council Meeting 7 pm UBA MRC
27 **UBA CLOSED - Memorial Day**

JUNE

- 11-12 SBC Annual Meeting, Birmingham, Alabama
16 **FATHER'S DAY**
23 **Mission Dignity Sunday**
*****No regular scheduled Council meeting*****

STATE CONFERENCES

Contact the Baptist State Convention of
North Carolina at 1-800-395-5102.

Ride to Clyde

May 8-11, 2019

Join us for the fourth annual Ride to Clyde motorcycle charity ride for the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina (BCH), beginning Wednesday evening, May 8, through Saturday morning, May 11. Riders will enjoy two-and-a-half days of riding beginning at the coast and ending in the mountains. The route will begin on Oak Island at the N.C. Baptist Assembly at Fort Caswell and end at the Broyhill Children's Home campus in Clyde, N.C. The route will take riders along North Carolina's scenic backroads with stops to interact with children in three unique BCH ministries. Register <https://ncbaptist.wufoo.com/forms/ride-to-clyde-may-8-11-2019/>

Gospel Conversations Training

June 8, 2019

First Baptist Church, Charlotte NC
301 S. Davidson St., Charlotte NC 28202

Ever wanted to have a gospel conversation with someone but had no idea where to begin? Gospel Conversations training explains not only why but also how to have these conversations across various contexts. You will learn what to do and say to share the good news of the gospel competently and confidently. This training includes a time for practice and follow-up processes for strategy and accountability. Every event is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Follow this link to register: <https://ncbaptist.wufoo.com/forms/gospel-conversations-training-june-8-2019/>

Student Worship Academy

July 8-12, 2019

Campbell University, Buies Creek, NC

High school students who have completed 9th-12th grade will be gathering from across the state for this week-long training camp that will give them the tools and resources necessary to be creative and effective leaders in their churches. For more info, www.studentworshipacademy.org.

(State Conferences Cont.)

"ON THIS ROCK" 2019 Summer Youth Weeks Fort Caswell

Looking for a youth camp at the beach that includes powerful worship, quality proclaimers, original dramas, big production, a hands-on missions experience, intentional discipleship for students and youth ministry training for adults? Then join us for one of the Summer Youth Weeks at Fort Caswell with you group of rising 7th through 12th graders. Each week also includes lots of sports, pool time, beach time, daily quiet times, church and small group devotions, games and more. **Weeks start on June 10 - August 9.**

The 2019 theme is based on Matthew 16:18-19 where Jesus says, "I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church..." We will explore the foundations and purpose of the Church.

Register <https://fortcaswell.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/2019SummerRegistrationForm1.pdf>

For more information, 910-278-9501.

Mother's Day Offering

Touching Lives with Hope
at Wake Forest Baptist Health
Week of Prayer ~ May 5-12



www.mothersdayoffering.org

Opportunities & Positions

First Baptist Marshville is seeking a **part-time Music Minister** to lead congregational singing and church choir. The candidate should have a heart for God and a passion for music that honors God and stirs the heart for worship. The primary work of the music leader will be done on Sunday mornings with choir practice from 9 - 10am and worship at 11am. The music minister will also work alongside the Pastor and Worship committee with scheduling and planning. The salary for this position is negotiable. For more information please contact the church office at 704-624-2710.

MONTHLY CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT FOR MARCH 2019

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Antioch	250.00	750.00	Oak Grove	0.00	2,754.84
Austin Grove	354.17	1,062.51	Oakland	400.00	1,200.00
Benton Heights	0.00	0.00	Olive Branch	0.00	0.00
Benton's Cross Roads	366.67	733.34	Philadelphia	888.55	2,920.28
Bethel	0.00	875.11	Pleasant Hill	416.68	625.02
Calvary	0.00	2,748.00	Providence	0.00	0.00
Centerview	243.48	902.55	Roanoke	0.00	0.00
Central	0.00	0.00	Sandy Ridge	488.67	1,318.60
Christ	0.00	0.00	Sardis	478.97	1,602.78
Corinth	100.00	400.00	Secrest Grove	0.00	0.00
Covenant	0.00	0.00	Shiloh	667.00	2,001.00
Ebenezer	386.25	1,456.96	Silver Star Cowboy	0.00	691.00
<i>El Buen Pastor</i>	0.00	0.00	Solid Rock	0.00	100.00
Elizabeth Missionary	0.00	200.00	Sunset Park	200.00	480.00
Emmanuel	272.39	877.46	Trinity	0.00	750.00
Euto	1,087.11	4,271.30	Union	0.00	0.00
*Fairfield Community	0.00	0.00	Union Grove	0.00	375.00
Faith	0.00	0.00	Waxhaw	0.00	1,100.00
Faulks	0.00	300.00	Weddington First	686.38	2,071.34
Fellowship	0.00	100.00	West Monroe	472.00	1,711.00
Forest Hills	0.00	100.00	Westend	0.00	250.00
Foundation Baptist	0.00	0.00	Wingate	<u>250.00</u>	<u>750.00</u>
Freedom Biker	0.00	465.18			
Friendly	400.00	400.00	Total	\$14,101.48	\$69,269.24
GracePointe	0.00	500.00			
Hamilton Cross Roads	0.00	0.00			
Hermon	715.00	2,145.00			
Hopewell	0.00	1,500.00	* Denotes Mission/Watchcare Status		
Howie	0.00	0.00			
Iglesia Camino	0.00	0.00	Account Balances March 31, 2019		
Indian Trail First	1,250.00	3,750.00	Petty Cash	\$100.00	
Invitation	322.00	1,093.00	BB&T Checking Account	\$10,737.67	
King Memorial	0.00	0.00	5th 3rd Checking Account	<u>\$34,292.18</u>	
Korean Global Msn.	100.00	200.00	Total	\$45,129.85	
Lakeview	0.00	6,000.00			
Lanes Creek	0.00	0.00			
Lee Park	0.00	5,000.00	A complete financial statement is available upon request.		
Love	0.00	0.00			
Macedonia	219.64	712.77			
Marshville-First	0.00	1,250.00			
Mary Elizabeth	161.22	322.44			
Midway	0.00	0.00			
Mill Creek	0.00	0.00			
Monroe-First	100.00	200.00			
Mount Harmony	416.67	1,250.01			
Mountain Springs	0.00	1,734.00			
Mt. Moriah	207.40	727.34			
Mt. Olive	0.00	0.00			
Mt. Pleasant	2,201.23	2,201.23			
Mt. Zion	0.00	1,125.00			
*Multiply Community	0.00	600.00			
New Covenant of Ind.Trail	0.00	0.00			
New Hope	0.00	2,615.18			
New Life	0.00	0.00			
*New Life Brazilian	0.00	0.00			
New Salem	0.00	0.00			



GOSPEL

2019 SBC ANNUAL MEETING

June 11-12, 2019

Birmingham, Alabama



Happy Father's Day

~ Psalm 32:8 ~

I will instruct you and teach you
in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with
my loving eye on you.

FATHER'S DAY
Sunday, June 16, 2019

A graphic for Mission Dignity Sunday featuring a photograph of an elderly couple walking together, framed in a heart shape. To the left is a green heart with the text "GREAT IS THEIR FAITHFULNESS" and a small icon of a hand holding a heart. Text on the graphic includes "THEY WERE FAITHFUL to the church." and "Now we have the chance to be faithful to them." Below the photo, it says "Mission:Dignity provides critical financial assistance to retired Southern Baptist ministers, workers and widows. But we can't do it without your help." and "Provide a gift of dignity today. Donate online at MDSunday.org."

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Mission Dignity Sunday
June 23, 2019

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