

June & July, 2024



NEUSE NEWS

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A Word From Keith

Summertime is upon us and that means a few things beyond vacations. The summertime also means Vacation Bible School, SBC Annual Meeting, and church cookouts. It is a wonderful time at our churches that offers fantastic opportunities for ministry, yet also a change of pace.

Speaking of VBS, I know many of our churches will be participating in a VBS and what a wonderful time for ministry to families in your community. I've got to tell you, VBS is one of my favorite times during the year for a church family. Why? Because it is a time to see people in the congregation come together and serve together, to see your church family love on people in your community, and to see the love of Jesus being shared in both words and actions is incredible. Can I encourage you toward one thing as you plan and minister during VBS? Don't forget about follow-up. So often it is so easy to forget about follow-up as we wrap up and clean up on that final night of VBS. In our minds, VBS is done now that that last song was sung. Yet to fully benefit and minister through VBS, don't forget to follow-up and with this don't forget to get relevant information for that follow-up. Maybe this follow-up is a postcard, email, or a picture sent through the mail. Yet the bottom line of this follow-up communication is to invite them back, thank them for joining you during VBS, and tell them of the upcoming KidMin activity or sermon series.

Second, I know many of you are interested in the Southern Baptist Annual Meeting, occurring on June 9-12. There is much going on at this year's meeting; some good, yet some that have been the focus of much conversation and debate over the past year. For instance, the Law Amendment will be a significant focus at this year's meeting. The Law Amendment is an amendment to the

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constitution that is an attempt at clarifying the definition of a pastor. Second, we also have the Cooperation Group recommendations. The Cooperation Group recommendations is the result of a motion at the 2023 annual meeting that is “crafted with the desire to satisfy the intent of the motion to move forward together in 'biblical fidelity' by safeguarding our adopted statement of faith and ‘missional clarity’ by strengthening our confessional integrity via the trustee system. Additionally, we aim to promote ‘cooperative unity’ by recognizing the rights and privileges of the messengers in key decisions and gaining a clearer picture of churches cooperating through the Convention.” Third, the Great Commission Resurgence Evaluation Task Force Report and Recommendations. As I write this article on May 14th, the report was just released yesterday and the recommendations will not be released until the first of June. The report is a 50-page document. While I am still working through the “Component” sections, what I have read the results are sobering.

Sadly, I anticipate there will be churches that will depart the SBC following this meeting. From the NBA standpoint, I want to remind our churches that while we partner with the SBC, NBA is not the SBC. We are not one and the same, we are autonomous. This is the same way for your church; your church may partner with SBC but your church is not the SBC, nor are you operated by the SBC, you are autonomous.

Third, church cookouts. I want to encourage you sometime this summer to enjoy being a Church Family. Families do many things together, one of which is laughing together. It is amazing what happens when a church intentionally spends time together talking, laughing, and eating together.

Before I close, let me add one more things that I have mentioned before: ServeNC. ServeNC is a day of ministry for your church and other churches all over NC. ServeNC is any project, any day sometime between August 3-10 (if sometime during that period doesn't work, pick a date that works for you). The point is to serve and love on your

community with the love of Jesus as you show His love in real and tangible ways.

Project ideas:

- 1) Serving with Wayne Pregnancy Center or EPIC
- 2) Diaper drive for a Pregnancy Center
- 3) Serve with Baptist Aging Ministry
- 4) Serve at Kennedy Children's Home
- 5) Backpack pal collection for schools
- 6) Park clean-up
- 7) Teacher appreciation breakfast
- 8) Serve at a local school
- 9) Serve with a ministry like Tommy's Foundation with the homeless
- 10) Community health fair, Dental checks
- 11) And the list of ideas can go on and on.....

To let us know you are participating go to servenc.com.

For more specifics, reach out to me. I am here to serve.

NEUSE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Monday June 10
6:00 PM
NBA Office

The poster features the Neuse Baptist Association logo (a cross inside a circle) at the top left. To the right is a stylized icon of three people sitting around a table. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with a vertical line separating the text from the icon.

2nd thursday of the month

PASTORS LUNCH & LEARN

noon @ nba office

The poster has a light gray background. At the top, a brown banner contains the text "2nd thursday of the month". Below this is a large, dark gray silhouette of a fork. The main title "PASTORS LUNCH & LEARN" is written in large, bold, dark gray letters. At the bottom, another brown banner contains the text "noon @ nba office". A large, dark gray silhouette of a pencil is positioned horizontally across the middle of the poster, behind the main title.

The CHURCH NEWS Page

As Submitted by the Churches

Deep Run First (Michael Wright) Money was collected to benefit NC Baptist Aging Ministry. Annual church yard sale and raffle of two antique trunks was held 4/1 to raise funds for local missions. Red Cross Blood Drive was held in April. WMU collected funds for NCBAM's *Medicine from the Heart* campaign, which enables people access to prescription medications that otherwise would not be affordable. A group from the church visited Wounded Warriors In Jacksonville and collaborated with another church to provide a meal and desserts. Monthly Food Bank assisted 65 families in April. Handy Man Ministry is planning to build one ramp and repair two others. VBS is planned for July 29-August 2.

Emmaus (Jim Willoughby) Graduation Sunday will be June 9 during morning worship with a fellowship meal following. Monthly Senior Luncheon for ages 50+ will be on June 13, at Noon; all are invited. On June 16, Father's Day, Dads will be recognized and honored with a gift of love and appreciation during morning worship. VBS will be held June 23-27 beginning at 6:00 each night. On June 30 at 10:45am, the choir will present the patriotic cantata, "*I Love This Land*".

Falling Creek (Robert Ellis) Easter celebration opportunities included a Sunrise Service followed by breakfast, an egg hunt for the children, and Easter worship with the church family laying flowers at the foot of the cross to symbolize a renewing of their commitment to Christ. A collection of food and supplies to benefit Kennedy Home has been ongoing, as well as the collection of long-sleeved shirts for NBA's migrant kits project. Church continues to support Wayne Pregnancy Center and their efforts to minister to those in need.

Mount Nelson (Jimmy Dale) The church family enjoyed a cook-out in April, filled with fun, food and fellowship. A large truck load of food items was collected and donated to Kennedy Home and volunteers who delivered the load were treated to a brief tour of the grounds. Financial Peace University class is in mid-stream, with about 10 attendees learning how to be good stewards of their finances. Church is hosting "Craft Days", to make hand-made toys and other items to be placed in OCC Shoeboxes later this year. Youth pastor's wife, Anna Morris, is leading a Girls Bible Study every other Tuesday night for teen girls. VBS will be held June 23-27; all ages are invited to participate.

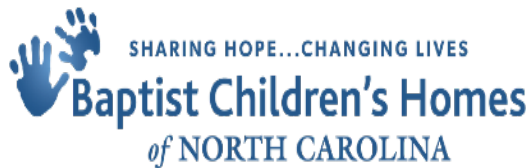
Pinkney (Steven Gay) The Youth Yard Sale was a great success. Proceeds will go to support four Tanzania children. *The Social Security Boys* will be singing at Pinkney June 23 at 6PM with refreshments to follow. Members continue to donate needed items for Kitty Askins. Mothers were presented with roses on Mother's Day. The men will be meeting for a meal in Ayden with ice cream to follow at Simply Natural Creamery. Donations for long sleeve shirts are being collected for Neuse Baptist Association migrant ministry project.

Rosewood (Tim Lipp) Amplified Youth will be having a spaghetti fundraiser on Thursday, June 27 from 11 AM - 7 PM to raise funds for summer camp. Plates are \$10 and include spaghetti, garden salad and garlic bread. Eat in or take out. The sale will be held in the church's Family Life Center.

Snow Hill First (Brick Crowder) VBS is planned for June 12-14, 6PM - 8PM each night for ages 3 through 5th grade. WMU ladies enjoyed an ice cream social on May 19 with pastor's wife, Allison Crowder sharing from God's Word. FBC Youth enjoyed a day together zip-lining, fishing, playing volleyball, gaga ball and eating S'mores, burgers and hot dogs at Pondsides Ministries on May 12. On May 19th, they enjoyed time together at Wooley Swamp Farms & Campground.

Trinity (Dave Fishman) Mother's Day was celebrated by honoring Moms, sharing about their great influence, and participating in a Parent/Child Dedication. The church enjoyed hosting the NABS luncheon on May 16th serving a spaghetti lunch and listening to Beverly Weeks as she shared about Cry Freedom Ministries. Deacon Joey Coor will be sharing God's Word on June 2 during morning worship. Breaker Beach Vacation Bible School will be held June 9-13 for all ages. Graduate Recognition Day and a commissioning of the new Helping Hands Ministry Team will also take place on June 9, during morning worship.

Please Note:
Beginning May 28, the NBA Office will begin Summer Office Hours.
Wendy will be in the office daily from 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM.



Is your church planning to collect an offering or to incorporate a mission project into your VBS this year?

If so, consider supporting

Kennedy Home / Baptist Children's Homes.

There are several things your church can do to help share Christ's love with the children & families served by Kennedy Home and Baptist Children's Homes.

- \$25 Walmart gift cards *to purchase new clothing for kids who are taken into care and arrive with no clothes.*
- Gas station gift cards *for foster parents of kids with medical needs to use to help make out-of-area medical appointments more feasible.*
- Gift cards for Uber or Lyft *for new mothers who need transportation to their baby's Well Baby Check-ups.*
- Gift cards to pizza or fast food restaurants *for foster families during a child's early weeks of being in a new & unfamiliar environment.*
- Contact Kennedy Home to inquire about taking a tour of the facility *to get a better idea of the ministry there.*
- Inquire about sponsoring a Birthday party for a child in care *because some kids have never experienced the joy of a Birthday celebration.*
- Arrange for a representative from Kennedy Home / BCH to come speak. *You can contact the NBA Office and we'll put you in touch with Wade Parker with Baptist Children's Homes.*

To inquire about any of these opportunities or for other ways your church can partnership with Kennedy Home, call their Admin Office: 252-521-0811

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY**



Help Us Build This VBS List!

We're happy to add your church's VBS dates — ever wondered when other churches have their VBS planned or if they'd be willing to share materials?

- **Rivermont** — June 9-12
- **Trinity** — June 9-13
- **Snow Hill First** — June 12-14
- **Gateway** — June 21-23
- **Emmaus** — June 23-27
- **Mount Nelson** — June 23-27
- **Jordan's Chapel** — June 27
- **Deep Run First** (Kids VBS) — Jul 29-Aug 2
- **Madison Avenue** — August 5-8
- **Kinston First** — August 8-11
- **Deep Run First** (Adult VBS) — Aug 12-14



FBC-Goldsboro's Helping Hands ministry is in need of volunteers to help build ramps in Wayne County.

There is also great need for ramps in Lenoir County and not enough local volunteers to meet the demand.

Please pray about how your church might consider meeting these needs.

Annual NBA Project: Men's Personal Care Bags

THANK YOU

to the churches who gave so generously
toward this project!

The Farm Camp ministry will begin Monday evening, **June 3**, under the direction of the Pedro & Gloria Trejo family.

*"...As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."
(Matthew 25:40b)*



Neuse Association
Prayer Team

Prayer Team Update: Thus far we have been to 30 of our NBA churches praying for each pastor, their family, as well as each church family. This ministry continues to be a great blessing to us and we pray for our NBA family as well. It's been said, "What the church needs is more pray-ers, more prayer warriors! We need people who will devote themselves to prayer for the Lord."

We encourage you...don't be like the young lumberjack who spent his time chopping away in the Lord's work, never accomplishing much for Him and all the time simply using a dull ax. If we do not take the time to pray, we can never expect God to bless our efforts.

Remember: PUSH (Pray Until Something Happens)!

Pastor Dave Fishman,
NBA Prayer Team Leader



June Birthdays

Frederick Parker, New Beginning — 08
Jeannie Willoughby, Pastor Spouse — 10
Kevin Gardner, Gateway — 20
Nora Morton, Pastor Spouse — 20

June Ministry Anniversaries

Rick Mondell, Sandy Bottom — 8 years
Robert Ellis, Falling Creek — 5 years
John Morton, Rivermont — 2 years
Alex Ellis, Davis Grove — 2 years
Stephen James, Seven Springs — 1 year

July Birthdays

Ivy White, Supply Pastor — 02
Larry Carter, Grainger — 04
Sabrina Hyman, Pastor Spouse — 05
Keith Hudson, NBA AMS — 17
Wayne Adkins, Retired Pastor — 19
Laura Russ, Pastor Spouse — 24
John Morton, Rivermont — 28

July Ministry Anniversaries

Kevin Gardner, Gateway — 15 years
Rudy West, Calvary — 6 years
Tim Gore, Fremont — 6 years
Adam Street, Madison Avenue — 5 years

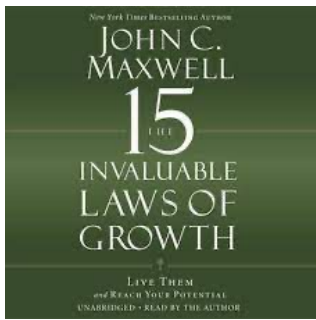
WE'VE RECEIVED A NEW DONATION

FREE BOOKS



**STOP BY THE NBA OFFICE
TO FILL YOUR LIBRARY**

NO PASTORS LUNCH IN JULY!



The 15 Invaluable Laws of Growth: Live Them and Reach Your Full Potential

Growth is essential in life to get better and better, but it doesn't just happen. It requires

intentionality and a desire to expand beyond your current capacity.

John C. Maxwell's book, *The 15 Invaluable Laws of Growth*, clarifies how you can do just that.

You will learn to:

- Focus on growth with purpose
- Identify the best environment to support your growth
- Stretch your abilities
- Pursue your lifelong dreams

PASTORS, have we piqued your curiosity?! If so, make plans to join us for the **monthly Pastors Meeting, now moved to Thursdays**, as we explore this training together. If you can't attend in person and would like to attend via Zoom, contact the NBA Office.

NBA Volunteers Needed to help Horeb International Community Church pressure wash and paint the exterior of their "new" church building, the former Harvest Baptist Church property which is located on the corner of Bill Lane Blvd and Old Hwy 111 in Goldsboro. Horeb was given this property and has been in the process of performing extensive renovations so that they may have a facility of their own after years of meeting at Love Memorial. Pressure washing and painting the exterior of the building are among the last big projects needed. It is estimated that the project will require at least a 4-man crew who can invest in a half a day for pressure washing and a full Saturday of painting. NC Baptist Builders has offered to provide whatever materials may be needed. Time is of the essence. If you have a group in your church willing to help, please reach out to the NBA Office — 252-566-9478.

NC BAPTISTS **Baptist Children's Homes of NORTH CAROLINA**

We believe that **EVERY CHILD** deserves a safe, stable, and loving home. Whether it is a temporary placement or a long-term living situation, we know that the local church can bridge the gap for the thousands of children in the North Carolina foster care system.

Every Child Progress to date
Foster Homes Licensed to date : 433
Foster Children served to date: 848

For more information call
 Dr. Mark Smith 828-450-9136

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TRAINING

Contributions from Churches, April 2024

Churches	April 2024	FY 2024
<i>Abide</i>		
Adamsville	200.00	450.00
Anointed Vision		
Bethel		890.27
Cabin	578.00	578.00
Calvary, Golds		
Casa del Dios	150.00	442.00
Community		51.38
Davis Grove	1166.92	1166.92
Deep Run First		
Emmaus	353.08	1863.19
Falling Creek		941.32
Fremont		
Gateway	1200.00	3600.00
Goldsboro First		1000.00
Grainger	500.00	500.00
Horeb		
Immanuel	92.50	270.00
Jordan's Chapel		
Kinston First	1927.59	1927.59
La Grange First		
Love Memorial	414.35	1337.95
Madison Avenue	251.50	1704.50
Mount Nelson	2797.73	21031.17
Neuse	1314.17	4012.81
New Beginning		
New Hope		1000.00
New Life	103.63	234.63
Northview		
Nueva Amanecer		
Pikeville First		
Pineview		
Pinkney	281.36	899.19
Rivermont	528.35	1659.15
Rosewood First	258.91	1162.95
Sandy Bottom		
Seven Springs	300.00	900.00
Snow Hill First		2816.60
Spilman Memorial		200.00
The Way	250.00	500.00
Trinity	500.00	500.00
Union	400.00	400.00
Total CHURCHES	13568.09	52039.62

Designated Funds	Balance YTD
Van Use Donations	200.08
Miscellaneous Donations	490.90
Payments for Trainings	0.00
NCMO % Rebate	2482.82
Handy Man Donations	0.00
Hunger Fund	600.00
Block Party Trailer Ministry	0.00
Total Des. Funds '24	3773.80
Rollover Funds	
NCMO Rebate	6425.81
Hunger Fund	1.05
Misc. Donations Rollover	1061.60
BPT Rollover	482.63
Handy Man Donation Fund	7065.70
Vans Use Rollover	0.00
Total Rollover Funds	15036.79
Designated Funds Total	18810.59

**Our office will be
CLOSED on
Thursday, July 4th.
Happy Birthday,
America!!**



**2024 NBA Executive Board
Meeting Dates**

- Monday, June 10
- Monday, September 9
- Meetings are held at 6:00 PM at the NBA Office.
- All NBA Officers, Pastors & church ministry staff, as well as church representatives to the Association comprise the voting board.
- All other individual(s) interested in the missions & ministries of Neuse Baptist Association are invited to attend.

NBA Annual Meeting Date:
Sunday, October 27
Time & Location to be Determined

Coming Up on Our Calendar

June

- 03 — Projected Start Date for Spanish Worship @ Tull Hill Farm, Kinston
- 09-12 — SBC Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN
- 10 — NBA Executive Board Meeting, 6PM; NBA Office**
- 13 — Pastors Lunch & Learn, Noon @ NBA Office
- 16 — Happy Father's Day!

July

- 04 — Independence Day, NBA Office CLOSED**
- 15 — NBA Leadership Team Meeting, Noon @ NBA Office
- 15 — Items due for August newsletter

NO PASTORS LUNCH IN JULY!

August

- 02-03 — Church Visioning Intensive @ NBA Office
- 03-10 — ServeNC (Statewide Missions Outreach Initiative)
- 08 — Pastors Lunch & Learn, Noon @ NBA Office
- 15 — Items Due for September Newsletter
- 19 — NBA Leadership Team Meeting, Noon @ NBA Office
- 21 — NBA Office Hours Return to M-F, 9-5**
- 24 — Deacon Training, 9AM - Noon @ NBA Office

September

- 02 — Labor Day; NBA Office CLOSED
- 09 — **NBA Executive Board Meeting, 6PM @ NBA Office**
- 15 — Items Due for October/November Newsletter
- 19 — Pastors Lunch & Learn, Noon @ NBA Office
- 19 — NABS Luncheon, Noon; Location TBA

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