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From Keith

I love it when churches love on their communities as they share the love of Christ in real and tangible ways! I believe one of the key issues that have crippled the church today is the general lack of churches loving on their community with the love of Jesus in real and tangible ways. As you know, I am a huge proponent of the church gathered in worship and the teaching/preaching of the Word, but we must also get out of the building and into the community.

I know there are many different reasons we don't get out of the building and into the community. I know and have heard all of these different 'reasons'. I also know we have the commission to "Go therefore and make disciples" (Matthew 28:19). I also know we are called to make a real difference in our community and world because of the gospel. We as the church are to make our communities noticeably better because of the gospel.

Let me leave you with some questions for thought and then some pictures scattered in this newsletter of NBA churches serving and loving on their community:

- 1) What is one of the greatest needs in your community? Confirm or disprove your suspicions by asking around at the local restaurants, gas stations, law enforcement officers, firefighters, and local government officials.
- 2) Is this need something you can minister to alone or do you need to partner with another church or parachurch ministry? What are the resources needed: people, money, and other resources?
- 3) Looking at the gifts and talents of those in your church, how is the best way to minister to this need? In what ways can you creatively minister to this need? How might you think outside of the box?
- 4) What is the win? What does success look like? I would encourage you that the win is to authentically love on your community with the love of Jesus. The win is seeing lives changed. The win is allowing the Holy Spirit to use you to impact another person's life. The win is being obedient to Jesus. If your goal is to get them there on Sunday morning, they will sniff out the hidden agenda.

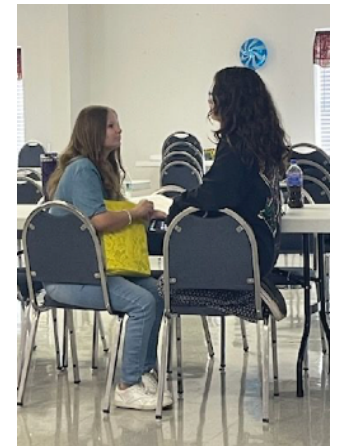
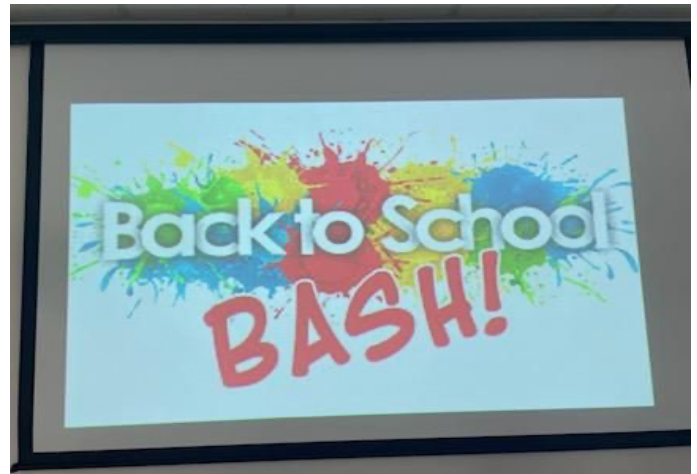
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(From Keith, continued)

Yet, if your goal/win is to genuinely love on them as Jesus would, you will achieve both goals.

Our Missions and Ministry and Church Strengthening Teams here within Neuse Baptist Association are here to help you work through these questions.

Love to all,
Keith



Above: Pastor Jamal Hyman & family deliver kits made by Abide Bible Church for Cry Freedom hotel outreach and local homeless persons.

Below: Members of Trinity's Helping Hands Ministry serve the homeless along with Tommy's Foundation.

Top Right: Trinity hosts a Back to School Bash & Ice Cream Social for their church family & community.

Bottom Right: Cast of characters at Neuse Baptist Church's living Candy Land game pose for a picture.



The CHURCH NEWS Page

As Submitted by the Churches

Adamsville — Church has called Rev. Rick Overman to serve as its Interim Pastor.

Calvary (Rudy West) Praise: the church family welcomed a family of four, which were saved and all Baptized on June 23! A very successful “Christmas in July” VBS was held July 20. Total attendance was 47, with 16 workers and 31 teens and children. Lunch was served, followed by a time of worship. Some parents who’d dropped their children off returned to enjoy lunch and worship as well.

Community (Michael Lewis) A barbecue chicken plate sale will be held at the church on September 21 from 11 AM until 3PM; \$10/plate, takeout only.

Deep Run First (Michael Wright) VBS kids took a ride on Rocky Railway and learned that with Jesus, they can do hard things. Adult VBS was a great success; adults learned about spiritual warfare. Forty-seven families were served during the church’s monthly food bank in July. Youth celebrated the end of summer with a Back to School Splash and Lock-In. WMU is sponsoring a church-wide outreach ministry to collect school supplies for local schools.

Emmaus (Jim Willoughby) Senior Luncheon on August 15 was enjoyed by 50 attendees as the 96th Birthday of oldest church member, Mrs. Ruth Edgerton, was celebrated. Everyone 50+ is invited to attend the next luncheon on September 12 at Noon. Church will team up with Neuse Baptist in Kinston on September 17 to prepare and serve the “Hearts Apart” dinner at SJAFB to feed families of deployed personnel. A Back to School pool party will be held at the home of JR & Pam Kohnen in September. Emmaus Food Booth will be open at the Wayne County Fair, September 26–October 5; please stop by. “Fair Church” will be held at the booth at 6PM on September 29.

Gateway (Thayer Stamper) Promotion Sunday was observed August 25, when children in Kindergarten - 5th Grades were promoted to their new classes in Gateway Kids, and rising 6th graders were promoted up to Gateway Students. Student Ministry began Wednesday, August 28 with a kick-off pool party. Ladies Craft Night is planned for Friday, September 13. Ladies ages 14+ are invited to sign up to enjoy an evening of crafting and fellowship; cost is \$5/person for supplies.

Kinston First (Jon Hoover) Open House to unveil the church’s new Kids Ministry is planned for

September 8 at 4:00 PM. The new kids ministry programs are designed to be fun and interactive, without being overly entertaining or overly stimulating. Adventure HQ VBS was held August 8-11. Horseback riding, mud runs, campfires and other great messy fun was enjoyed by kids of all ages. Church is opening its gym to the public, September 12 & 26, for anyone interested in playing Pickleball. Childcare will be available and if there’s enough interest in Pickleball, additional dates will be added. Golfing for Guatemala fundraiser will take place October 1. Entry fee is \$100/person and includes use of a golf cart. The event is to raise funds for the 2025 mission trip to Guatemala.

Neuse (Greg Kincaid) A “Candy Land” community outreach event was held August 17 at the church. Children and adults enjoyed an afternoon playing a living Candy Land game, where they won snacks and candy prizes.

Northview (Rick Whaley) The church’s 59th Homecoming celebration will be observed on Sunday, September 8 with special guest speakers, music, and lunch.

Pinkney (Steven Gay) Pastor Appreciation Day was observed Sunday, August 18 with Rev. Lutrell Spell bringing the morning message. A fellowship meal followed the service. An end of summer celebration pool party was held at Nahunta Pool, August 18. The church is collecting school supplies through August 21 for Northwest Elementary, Norwayne Middle, & CB Aycok High Schools. The WMU is sponsoring a Cookie Ministry for the new Fremont Elementary School. New children information sheets for the Prayer Partner ministry should be submitted by mid-September for updating Prayer Partners for the new church year beginning October 1. The Youth will have a yard sale at the Nahunta Grill, September 14 at 7AM to 1PM. A Senior Appreciation Meal is planned for after morning worship, September 22. The Annual Fall Supper is scheduled for October 19

Rivermont (John Morton) Cross Trainers (youth) sponsored a school supply drive in July. School supplies and book bags were collected at church and in the community and then distributed on August 10 during a ministry and outreach event at the church. The Blessing of the Backpacks was held August 25 to pray over children and students as the 2024-2025 school year has begun. A Cross Trainers Youth Lock-in will be held September 6-7.

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CHURCH NEWS, *Continued*

(Rivermont) The Cross Trainers and other church members will help at the Kennedy Home Friends of Children Day, September 14. Monthly visitation nights continue as well as Monthly Fellowship Luncheons and community in-reach and outreach opportunities. The Cross Trainers will present the morning service on September 29.

Rosewood (Tim Lipp) "School-a-palooza" community event was hosted on Saturday, August 17 at Rosewood First with inflatables, games, food trucks, live music, a vendor fair, school supply give aways and much more. The event was presented by the Community Churches United of Rosewood. A Hee-Haw Dinner Theater is planned for September 28, at the church. Tickets are \$25.

Seven Springs (Phillip James) The church family is pleased to report a strong showing for VBS in July with 58 children registered. The theme for VBS was centered around Romans 12:2, "and do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind..." Praise: 8 attendees accepted Christ and were Baptized.

Sandy Bottom (Rick Mondell) Church has recently upgraded the sound system and installed acoustic panels in the fellowship hall for better acoustics. Gospel group *Highway Revival* recently presented the gospel in song during morning worship. Super Senior 70+ luncheon is enjoyed by all who attend.

The Way (Carlos Peralta) Homecoming Celebration will take place on Sunday, October 13 at 10:30 AM, with a covered dish luncheon to follow. Guest Speaker will be Johnny Evans, Director of Fellowship of Christian Athletes for Eastern North Carolina.

Trinity (Dave Fishman) On August 2nd, Pastor Dave & Family participated in a Bridge Naming Ceremony in memory of their son, Sgt. Matthew Ryan Fishman. NCDOT, Wayne County Commissioners, many First Responders and friends came out in support of the event. The church's new Helping Hands Ministry continues to meet needs around the local community. Youth helped feed the homeless of Goldsboro on July 2; ministry teams from the church are partnering with Tommy's Foundation on a quarterly basis. A group volunteered to move furniture and supplies from the old Fremont Elementary School to its new location on July 16. Church provided a free lunch to all First Responders (LEO, fire, and EMS) along with their families, serving some 160 individuals, on August 3rd. Special thanks to Emmaus for assisting. After purchasing school supplies for local students, an Ice Cream Social was held

on August 4 and the school supplies were given away to students within the church and community on that day. A free movie night with popcorn, candy, drinks, etc. is planned for 6PM on September 29. A group will be traveling to Temple Baptist Church in New Bern to enjoy the Gaither Vocal Band in concert on October 11.

Below: Local First Responders enjoy a lunch in their honor hosted by Trinity, August 3.





SEPTEMBER 19

12:00 PM

LA GRANGE FIRST MISSIONARY

201 N CASWELL STREET LA GRANGE

Our seniors are looking forward to gathering again for our semi-annual meeting of the Neuse Association of Baptist Seniors (NABS). We are grateful for the seniors at La Grange First Missionary Baptist Church for inviting us to meet at their church. Our meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 19, beginning with lunch at 12:00. We ask each senior for a \$5.00 donation for the meal.

Our guest speaker will be Martha Kornegay from Goldsboro. She was a Registered Nurse. She taught art at the Arts Center and was former President of the Arts Center Board. She continues to teach art, especially water colors, at her home. She believes the arts stimulate the mind whether for others or one's own enjoyment. She encourages seniors to be active and creative.

Seniors are encouraged to let their church's senior adult leader know that they plan to attend this meeting, and senior adult leaders need to let Edwin Jewell know how many they expect from their church by Thursday, September 12. Please call or text 919-344-9914.

Thank you,
Edwin Jewell

We hope you enjoy the pictures in this month's newsletter!

To include pics of your church's events, email them to wendy@nbachurches.com

NCBAM Fall Regional Gatherings

Sept. 12 Asheville
Sept. 26 Rocky Mount
Oct. 22 Thomasville

Our focus:
How churches can
prevent Elder
Abuse.

ncbam.org/events



DID YOU KNOW? The **NCBAM Care Village** at Kennedy Home offers a variety of on-site events and activities for Senior Adults. Crafts, Bible Studies, Information Sessions, Field Trips, and Fun & Fellowship are all regularly scheduled and are open to individuals and groups.

September Events:

- 9/3 — Bible Study, 11AM - Noon
- 9/5 — Care Village Event, 11AM - 1PM
- 9/12 — Canvas Art, 10 AM - Noon (Must RSVP)
- 9/14 — Friends of Children Day, 9AM - 1PM
- 9/17 — NCBAM Bingo & Potluck, 10:30AM - 1PM
- 9/24 — Healthy Habits, 10-11AM

October Events:

- 10/3 — Crafts with Elaine, 10AM - Noon
- 10/10 — Care Village open for Fun & Fellowship
- 10/15 — Gideons Training, 10-2PM
- 10/17 — Care Village Open House & Retired Pastor Appreciation, 10AM - Noon
- 10/22 — Field Trip to Aldi, 11AM - 1PM
- 10/24 — SHIIP Appointments, 10AM - 2PM

An RSVP is requested for most events.
For more information, reach out to
Charity Johnson at 252-933-0298.

SENIOR DAY

@ the State Fair
(gate admission free, ages 65+)



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depart Adamsville 8AM sharp

Call Wendy @ NBA Office to sign up!

2nd thursday of the month



**PASTORS
LUNCH
& LEARN**

noon @ nba office



Executive Board Meeting

**Monday, September 9
6:00 PM @ 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.

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.



SAVE THE DATE

1 DAY SATURDAY MISSIONS DAYS

FRIENDS OF CHILDREN

MAKE PLANS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

SEPT 14: Odum Home, Pembroke & Kennedy Home, Kinston

SEPT 21: Camp Duncan, Aberdeen & Mills Home, Thomasville

SEPT 28: Cameron Boys Camp, Cameron | OCT 26: Oak Ranch, Broadway

SHARING HOPE - CHANGING LIVES
Baptist Children's Homes
of NORTH CAROLINA

SAVE THE DATE! REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 15, 2024.

Friends of Children is a one-day, Saturday 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, small group -- any group -- to 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



Dates and locations are on the front.

Check in begins at 8:30 a.m. on the event day.

Projects are from 9 a.m. to noon. Lunch is served at noon and optional tours are available afterwards.

Registration opens July 15, 2024. For more info, contact Kristyn Butts at kbutts@bchfamily.org

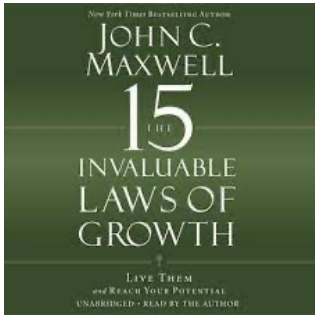


Find your **Spot.**

THERE'S ALWAYS A SPOT FOR YOU!

For mission opportunities for you and your group throughout the year, go to our volunteer site at bchfamily.org/volunteer





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.



Above: EMS personnel picks up free lunch at Trinity Baptist Church, August 3.



// THANK YOU FOR BEING **ON MISSION TOGETHER!**



TAKE THE **EASY** CHURCH SURVEY TODAY!

ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE

The Annual Church Profile (ACP) is a church survey used to track ministry data. As your church completes the survey each year, you have access to data from prior year submissions at SBC workspace and ChurchPOP.

NCBAPTIST.ORG/ACP

NBA DUE DATE: 10/11/2024



North Carolina Missions Offering is a special offering received during the month of September that brings relief to those in need, helps plant churches, and mobilizes NC Baptists for missions. The theme for 2024 is, "Relief for Today. Hope for Tomorrow", and the offering goal is **\$2.6 million**. We pray you'll contribute.

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in Him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy

NBA ANNUAL MEETING 2024
"Working Together Works"

Sunday, October 27
6:00 PM

First Baptist Church — Goldsboro
(125 South John Street, Goldsboro)

Annual Sermon:
 Rev. Carlos Peralta (The Way Church)

Refreshments Served Afterward



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SEYMOUR HOME
AWAY FROM HOME

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Contributions from Churches, July 2024

Churches	July 2024	FY 2024
Abide		
Adamsville	100.00	750.00
Anointed Vision		2000.00
Bethel		1595.17
Cabin		578.00
Calvary, Golds		
Casa del Dios		888.00
Community		51.38
Davis Grove	100.00	1566.92
Deep Run First	5800.00	5800.00
Emmaus	817.76	3491.51
Falling Creek		2599.84
Fremont		
Gateway	1200.00	8400.00
Goldsboro First		2215.00
Grainger		500.00
Horeb		
Immanuel	92.50	640.00
Jordan's Chapel		850.00
Kinston First		3192.71
La Grange First		
Love Memorial	409.22	3058.05
Madison Avenue	620.00	4443.55
Mount Nelson	5114.96	34275.33
Neuse	1390.48	9139.24
New Beginning		
New Hope		1000.00
New Life	116.15	770.02
Northview		
Nueva Amanecer		400.00
Pikeville First		
Pineview	500.00	1000.00
Pinkney	327.33	2453.73
Rivermont	645.88	4177.24
Rosewood First	289.46	2367.16
Sandy Bottom		1850.85
Seven Springs	300.00	2100.00
Snow Hill First	1025.00	6920.60
Spilman Memorial		200.00
The Way		750.00
Trinity		1000.00
Union		800.00
Total CHURCHES	18848.74	111824.30

Designated Funds	Balance YTD
Van Use Donations	200.08
Miscellaneous Donations	1061.43
NCMO % Rebate	2482.82
Hunger Fund	900.00
Block Party Trailer Ministry	46.50
Total Des. Funds '24	4690.83
Rollover Funds	
NCMO Rebate	6425.81
Hunger Fund	1.05
Misc. Donations Rollover	764.99
BPT Rollover	482.63
Handy Man Donation Fund	7065.70
Total Rollover Funds	14740.18
Designated Funds Total	19431.01



September Birthdays

- Pablo Acevedo, Casa de Dios — 9/5
- Amy Stamper, Gateway Pastor's Spouse — 9/8
- Jon Hoover, Kinston First — 9/15
- Brick Crowder, Snow Hill First — 9/15
- Rick Mondell, Sandy Bottom — 9/17
- Breezie Hutcheson, Union Pastor's Spouse — 9/19
- Karen Tinsley, Anointed Vision — 9/21
- Diane Parker, New Beginnings — 9/23

September Ministry Anniversaries

- Keith Hudson, AMS — 3 years
- Larry Carter, Grainger — 3 years

**65+? Lonely?
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is here for you!

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NCBAM NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST AGING MINISTRY

Coming Up on Our Calendar

September (NC Missions Offering Month)

- 02 — Labor Day; NBA Office CLOSED
- 09 — **NBA Executive Board Mtg., NBA Office, 6PM**
- 15 — **Items Due for October/November Newsletter**
- 19 — Pastors Lunch & Learn, NBA Office, Noon
- 19 — **NABS Luncheon, La Grange First
Missionary Baptist Church, Noon**

November

- 04-05 — NC Baptists Annual Meeting,
Koury Convention Center, Greensboro
- 05 — **Election Day**
- 14 — Pastors Lunch & Learn, NBA Office, Noon
- 15 — **Items Due for December/January Newsletter**
- 18 — NBA Leadership Team Meeting, NBA Office,
Noon
- 28-29 — **Thanksgiving Holidays; NBA Office Closed**

October (Pastor Appreciation Month)

- 10 — Pastors Lunch & Learn, NBA Office, Noon
- 11 — **Annual Church Profiles Due**
(Visit ncbaptist.org/acp to complete)
- 21 — NBA Leadership Team Meeting, NBA Office,
Noon
- 22 — NABS Trip to NC State Fair; Departs from
Adamsville 8AM sharp
- 27 — **NBA Annual Meeting, Goldsboro First,
6PM**

December

- 12 — Pastors Lunch & Learn, NBA Office, Noon
- 16 — NBA Leadership Team Meeting, NBA Office,
Noon
- 23-27 — **Christmas Week; NBA Office Closed**

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