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Bethel Hispanic

Boonville

Bread of Life

Charity

Courtney

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Enon

Flat Rock

Forbush

Friendship

Huntsville

Jonesville FBC

Maplewood

Mountain View

Richmond Hill

Rock Spring

Sandy Springs

Shady Grove

South Oak Ridge

Swaims

Triple Cross

Union Grove

West Yadkin

Yadkinville FBC

Zion

March Greetings!!!

If the Groundhog's prediction is correct, SPRING is just around the corner!!!! Springtime is always an exciting time. We have been relaxed, somewhat dormant during the winter months.....and along comes Spring: a time of rejuvenation, reviving, and renewal!!! The flowers begin to burst forth from the ground; the bud begin to open on the trees, the grass begins to turn green and we feel the effects of all the signs of new life around us.

The same is true in our lives. We have a slower pace during the cold, winter months and rejoice at the signs of Spring! Our spiritual life can follow the same trends if we aren't careful. The Lord's work goes on all year round, even though we might want to slow down or "wait until Spring" before becoming active or involved again.

Spring is also a time for REVIVAL!!!! Many of our Churches will have a Spring Revival. This is a time for God's Church to wake up, get revived and back in the service of the Lord!

We set our clocks forward one hour on March 10th.

We will have our annual YBA Good Friday service on March 29th at 12:00 noon at First Baptist Church in Yadkinville. Plans are being made for the 7 Speakers and the special music/singing. The YBA Choir is rehearsing so that we can sing during the service again this year!

Easter is on March 31st this year. What a joyous time as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!!!

We are still needing helpers with the Senior Food Boxes. We need a few helpers to process some of the paperwork and with helping to lift the (45-50 pound) boxes to put in the recipients' vehicles. If you can help with either of these, please contact me by email, phone or text.

Please check the Church Page in this Newsletter about upcoming activities and events. Also, check our YBA webpage for announcements and future events.

May you and your family have a blessed Spring!

Dennis

What's Happening??

Baptist Children's Homes: Baptist Children's Homes are having their Annual Food RoundUp starting in March and continuing through April. We strongly encourage everyone to provide gift cards from Walmart, Food Lion, and other food stores to this worthy cause. The gift cards will allow Baptist Children's Homes to get necessary items as needed. The Yadkin Baptist Association will be collecting gift cards, food items and personal care needs here in our office to deliver to Baptist Children's Home. A list of necessary items can be found on our website yadkinbaptistassociation.org in the April Calendar section. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

Children's Ministry Training: Mountain View Baptist Church will be hosting a Children's Ministry training on Sunday, March 17th from 2-4pm. Cheryl Markland with NC Baptist State Convention will be the guest speaker. Topics will include Safety and Security, Children's Missions, and Vacation Bible School Resources. To register, go to our Yadkin Baptist Association Website (yadkinbaptistassociation.org), the details and registration are on the March Calendar.

New Pastor Orientation: NC Baptists will be hosting a New Pastor Orientation on Wednesday, March 6th at the NC Baptists Building in Cary, NC, beginning at 9am and ending at 1pm. New Pastor Orientation is for pastors here in NC that are new to being a pastor or pastors that are new to pastoring in NC (within the last year or so). During New Pastor Orientation, these pastors will have the opportunity to learn more about NC Baptists, what resources we have available, and the various ways we can assist and serve them and their churches. They will hear from Todd Unzicker, Executive Director and Treasurer of NC Baptists, as well as each of the directors here at NC Baptists. Our Pastoral Strategist, Sandy Marks, will also be present at the event.

Womens Leadership Conference: At Southeastern, we believe that all Christian women have a role to play in the mission of God. The Cultivate Conference exists to encourage and equip women as leaders in their lives and ministries. This year the theme of Cultivate is Missional Leadership. All women are called to leverage their lives for the Great Commission and make disciples in their context. At Cultivate, women will be challenged on how to discern the call to missional living, grow as a missional leader, and lead other women to be on mission. We are excited to hear from Bible teachers and authors, Jacki King, Elizabeth Woodson, and Julia Higgins as well as other women who are leading in their context. We would love to invite you and the women in your church to join us March 8-9, 2024 here at Southeastern. For registration and ticket information go to the March Calendar on our website (yadkinbaptistassociation.org).

Church Safety Training: An all-day Safety Training on Room Entry and Emergency Care will be taught at Christ Church in Greensboro, NC on March 9th. Practical exercises will immerse participants in essential tactics for one or two-person teams, ensuring they are equipped to handle emergencies created by individuals wielding firearms, edged weapons, or resorting to physical violence. We will learn crucial techniques for treating medical emergencies related to firearms and edged weapons. From wound care applications, including tourniquets, hemostatic dressings, and wound packing, to considerations for medical bag setup. Full details and ticket information is on our website under the March Calendar.

2024 Baptist Missions Conference: April 5-6, 2024 is the date for the 2024 Missions Conference. We will be meeting at Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Charlotte. Highlights include worship in 3 general sessions, breakout sessions, missions fair exhibits, missions testimonies, volunteer supper and more! Deadline to register is March 25, 2024. Please go to the April Calendar on our website for more details.

Charity Baptist March Revival and Other events: Charity Baptist Church is hosting a Revival on March 10th—14th featuring Luke Money and Dylan Cook as visiting evangelists on Sunday 10am & 6pm, and Monday—Thursday at 7pm. On March 15th, Michael Combs will be performing a concert at 7pm. On March 24th, Charity Baptist will have their Easter Cantata starting at 10am. On March 24th, the church will be hosting an Easter Celebration and Egg hunt from 4-6pm, and a Sunrise Worship Service at the Cemetery followed by breakfast in the Fellowship Hall on March 31st at 7am.

WMU Ladies Spring Celebration: Mark your calendar for the WMU Ladies Spring Celebration / 110th Annual YBA Session to be held on Thursday, April 18 at 6:30 pm at Richmond Hill Baptist Church. Tickets will be available to purchase on March 1 at the YBA office. The cost will be \$20 per ticket. Please consider purchasing early as there are only 240 tickets available. There will be a dinner and dessert bar, special music, and a guest speaker at this celebration. Holly Money, our speaker for the evening, is the wife of a pastor and she will inspire you with her true story of helping loved ones overcome substance abuse and addiction and giving God the Glory. I look forward to seeing everyone as we celebrate what God is doing in the lives of His people!

Beverly Eckard, YBA WMU Director

Youth Job Opportunities: We have several open aquatics positions at the YMCAs in our association. These positions consist of lifeguard and swim instructor positions. I would love to encourage your young adults, ages 16 years and older, to consider a possible job opportunity with the Yadkin YMCA, or any of our association locations throughout north-west North Carolina (A list locations with swimming pools within our association is available on YMCA website). The job of a lifeguard provides experience and exposure to developmental situations and training that would be beneficial life skills. There are training and experience opportunities in first aid and basic life support, water safety, adult responsibilities, and community service. Another great factor of lifeguarding at the YMCA is the work schedule. There is year-round availability and extra hours during the summer, at some locations. The schedule is very flexible and still would allow these young men and women to have a work life balance. The YMCA is a recognized name in the United States and internationally. Employment experience with the YMCA is a great resume builder and a launching pad for networking relationships which can last a lifetime and lead to greater future employment potential.

We would greatly appreciate it if you would speak to your Youth Groups/Youth Ministries about considering a job opportunity to be a lifeguard and/or swim instructor at the YMCA. If any of your young adults are interested, they can go to ymcanwnc.org and search for careers and open positions. They can follow the links and directions on how to apply online. Or, they could stop by their local YMCA and ask to speak to the Aquatics Staff for details. Several of our locations have outdoor pools and will be needing to increase our staff for the summer. This would be a great opportunity for summer seasonal employment. Thanks in advance for any assistance you might be able to provide in this matter. It is greatly appreciated.

SERVENC: ALL YBA Churches that are participating in the SERVE NC this summer are asked to register on the [ncbaptist](http://ncbaptist.org) website. The dates for the Missions projects are August 3-10. Those Churches participating in Impact Yadkin can count this toward Serve NC emphasis.

Arlington First Baptist Church will have an Easter Drama during the 11:00 service on Easter Sunday, March 31st.

The **March Ministers Meeting** will be on Tuesday, March 19th at 11:30 a.m. at the YBA. Andrew Mackie, local Historian, will be the guest speaker. He will share information about the microfilm service that is available to all Churches.

We welcome our churches to provide the happenings in your churches to the Monthly Newsletter. If your church has an upcoming event or other news to share with our church community, please email the information to yadkinbaptist@yadtel.net to be included in the upcoming newsletter.

WELCOME NEW PASTORS

We welcome Rev. Benjamin Webb as the new Pastor of Enon Baptist Church. Pastor Webb will begin Ministry on March 17th.

Mountain View Baptist has called Rev. David Childress as Pastor. Pastor David will begin on March 1st.

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Rev. Douglas Spurlock who passed away February 4th. Rev. Spurlock was a former Pastor of Zion Baptist Church and a Supply Preacher for the YBA.

2023 Year End Financials

Comment from Treasurer, Dempsey Brewer:

I just wanted to add a few comments about the 2023 Year End Contributions from Churches—One Month and Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2023 report from last months’ newsletter. The total revenue, total expenses and total gain (or loss) are intended to include both general fund (budgeted) and designated fund (not budgeted) quantities. **Our general fund expenses were under budget by \$5,107.85**, (\$120,615.15 actual against a \$125,723 budget)! We did spend \$12,520.17 to repair the basement after floodings but that was offset by insurance and donations. We also spent unbudgeted money for Hispanic Ministry, disaster relief, missions encouragement, senior food boxes, first responder appreciation and other worthy and Godly causes. I wish we had spent more as long as it glorifies our God! Church contributions were under budget by \$17,901.45 (\$107,821.55 actual against \$125,723 budgeted but total revenue, including \$18,829.48 of designated income, was \$126,651.03. We will show this info in a more usable way in the future. Please call if you have any questions. Your treasurer – Dempsey Brewer

2023 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YBA CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

One Month and Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2023

	<u>1 Mo.</u>	<u>12 Mos.</u>		<u>1 Mo.</u>	<u>12 Mos.</u>
ARLINGTON	249.93	4,121.22	JONESVILLE	-	100.00
BEAR CREEK	-	4,800.00	MAPLEWOOD	350.00	4,200.00
BETHEL	150.00	1,800.00	MOUNTAIN VIEW	166.67	2,000.00
BOONVILLE	4,625.00	7,125.00	RICHMOND HILL	985.39	12,042.87
BREAD OF LIFE	-	100.00	ROCK SPRING	302.00	2,912.00
CHARITY	411.00	5,405.00	SANDY SPRINGS	-	2,400.00
COURTNEY	-	6,000.00	SHADY GROVE	-	4,950.00
DEEP CREEK	-	3,800.00	SOUTH OAK RIDGE	-	7,200.00
EAST BEND	67.00	804.00	SWAIMS	-	1,200.00
ENON	-	8,000.00	TRIPLE CROSS	-	300.00
FLAT ROCK	175.00	2,100.00	UNION GROVE	2,500.00	12,500.00
FORBUSH	580.41	2,396.33	WEST YADKIN	2,000.00	2,000.00
FRIENDSHIP	125.00	1,500.00	YADKINVILLE	-	3,000.00
HSPNC CHURCH		1,990.13	ZION	125.00	1,500.00
HUNTSVILLE		1,575.00	TOTAL	\$12,812.40	\$107,821.55
			Other Revenue	82.10	18,829.48
2023 Budget (Church Contributions) - \$125,273.00			Total Revenue	12,894.50	126,651.03
Projected Contributions needed per month - \$10,476.89			Total Expenses	16,556.44	139,169.61
			Gain (Loss)	-3,661.94	-12,518.58

2024 JANUARY FINANCIALS CORRECTED

Financial Report for YADKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION					
Contributions from the Churches for January and Eleven Months Ending December 31, 2024					
	1 Month	1 Months		1 Month	1 Months
ARLINGTON	\$391.04	\$391.04	JONESVILLE		
BEAR CREEK	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	MAPLEWOOD	\$350.00	\$350.00
BETHEL	\$200.00	\$200.00	MOUNTAIN VIEW	\$166.66	\$166.66
BOONEVILLE			RICHMOND HILL	\$1,110.35	\$1,110.35
BREAD OF LIFE			ROCK SPRINGS		
CHARITY	\$520.00	\$520.00	SANDY SPRINGS	\$600.00	\$600.00
COURTNEY	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	SHADY GROVE	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00
DEEP CREEK			SOUTH OAK RIDGE	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
EAST BEND	\$67.00	\$67.00	SWAIMS		
ENON			TRIPLE CROSS		
FLAT ROCK	\$175.00	\$175.00	UNION GROVE		
FORBUSH	\$183.40	\$183.40	WEST YADKIN		
FRIENDSHIP	\$125.00	\$125.00	YADKINVILLE		
HISPANIC	\$690.94	\$690.94	ZION	\$125.00	\$125.00
HUNTSVILLE	\$525.00	\$525.00	TOTAL	\$11,079.39	\$11,079.39
			Other Revenue	338.65	338.65
2024 Budget (Church Contributions) - \$109,584			TOTAL REVENUE	\$11,079.39	\$11,079.39
Projected Contributions needed per month - \$9,132.00			Total Expenses	8,283.79	8,283.79
			Gain/Loss	\$3,134.25	\$3,134.25



CAN YOU FIND THE BIBLE VERSE?

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Find the words to make this bible verse: 2 Corinthians 5:21

Write the verse below:
