



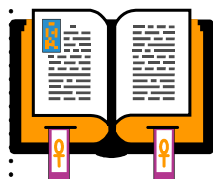
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Association Mission Strategist Corner

Dr. Johnny Blevins

Mission Opportunities

Our purpose as Southern Baptists revolves around missions. Taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our world is central to who we are and what we do. As such it must be central to who we are as an association of churches.

But our call to be on mission is more than just a church call. It is also a kingdom call. The Kingdom of God calls us to be on mission together as believers seeking to further that Kingdom. As such, I want to share with you some of the opportunities we as an association of churches have to do missions together in 2025. I hope you will take advantage of these opportunities.

An often overlooked mission work is our Vacation Bible Schools. Every year thousands of children are introduced to Jesus Christ through VBS. Tell us when you're having your VBS so we can post it on our website. If your church needs any help in doing a VBS feel free to reach out to our association for help. I trust we will hear reports of many coming to Christ this year through this ministry.

Our churches are once again encouraged to take part in ServeNC this year. The dates are August 2-9. Many of our churches participated last year and made a difference in their community. This is an opportunity to show our communities the love of Jesus Christ by finding creative ways to serve them. Begin now to plan ways to serve your community during this event. Last year this celebration event brought in literally hundreds of people – many of whom were not connected to church. Let's have every church represented this year!

October 22-26 we will be returning to Baltimore to assist Graffiti Church with their Fall Festival. This is a great opportunity to go on a mission trip with your fellow believers and make a difference in inner-city Baltimore. We need people to help with the games, grilling food, pumpkin decorating and other festival related tasks. We can use people to help with building renovations. There's work for everyone. I hope you will put the dates on your calendar and sign up to go.

And finally, we will again have our Toy Store on December 4-6. This has been our largest and most successful mission work as an association for several years. By providing toys for families at Christmas we are given the opportunity to share the Gospel with hundreds of individuals. I hope that every church will be involved in this mission effort. There are multiple ways to serve and we need all of our churches represented. It is a ready-made opportunity to share the Gospel and I trust our pastors and members alike will join in to help.

We are a people on mission. Let's unite and take advantage of these opportunities to be on mission together.

Johnny



EBA Churches

Cool Springs
East Elkin
Elkin Valley
Friendship
Macedonia
Mineral Springs
Mount Pleasant
Pleasant Grove
Pleasant Hill
Pleasant Home
Pleasant Ridge
Pleasant View
Poplar Springs
Rock Creek
Ronda First
Union Hill
West Elkin

Pastor/Church Anniversaries

May

Matty Ponce-de-Leon completes
2 years as pastor of Friendship

Travis Lloyd completes 1 year as
pastor of Union Hill



For the month of **May** pray for these
churches as well as the pastors &
their families:

Macedonia—Mike & Glenda Smith
Mineral Springs—Wesley & Sandra Smith

May is Foster Care Awareness Month
Every Child Foster & Adoption Ministry

Baptist Children's Homes of NC & the Baptist State
Convention of NC have come together to offer EVERY
CHILD Foster & Adoption Ministry. Our mission is to
ensure that every child in NC receives the caring
home he or she deserves.

With over 10,000 children in the NC foster system, we
believe that the church is the answer! We train &
license couples in churches to be foster families for
these boys & girls who are in desperate need. We
also work with pastors & their staff to establish a
foster & adopt ministry within their churches to
surround the couples & the children they foster with
the support needed to help them thrive.

For more information, contact: Rick Norman, Foster &
Adoption Church Liaison at 828-450-9136,
rnorman@bchfamily.org, www.every-child.org.

Sharing Hope ~ Changing Lives

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

Mission Team Needed

Graffiti Church in Baltimore needs a
mission team of 8 or more people to
help them

sponsor a sports camp either
July 13-19 or July 27-August 2.

If your church can form a team or
has people who would serve on a
team, call or email the
associational office!

Baptist Children's Homes Food Roundup

If your church took up food items for the
children's homes & you would like to
bring your items to the association office
for us to get to the BCH, please call or
email us to make sure someone will be at
the office. *We have extended the time
frame for churches to collect food to go
through May, instead of just during April.*

We will make sure it gets delivered.

INCOME	March	Year-To-Date
Church Receipts	3,114.39	8,591.30
Love Offerings	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	0.00	1.06
TOTAL INCOME	3,114.39	8,592.36
EXPENSE	March	Year-To-Date
Associational Communications	0.00	0.00
Ministry Action Teams	0.00	0.00
Associational Office Expenses	1,935.20	4,412.72
Associational Mission Strategist Compensation	1,625.00	3,250.00
Other Staff Compensation	544.79	1,171.65
TOTAL EXPENSE	4,104.99	8,834.37
NET INCOME	March	Year-To-Date
Total Income	3,114.39	8,592.36
Less Total Expense	4,104.99	8,834.37
Gain or (Loss)	-990.60	-242.01
Checking	9,414.77	
Money Market/Designated	31,414.72	
TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCES	40,829.49	