



# Youth News

**May 6<sup>th</sup>** - Youth sponsored meal for Bread of Life center. Meet 9 am Fellowship hall to prepare. Travel to Bread of Life to serve at 11 am. Bring money for lunch at Yarborough's afterwards, return by 2-2:30.

**Mother's Day and Memorial Day Weekends** - No regular youth meeting.

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Youth Summer Kickoff - Deep River Kayaking Trip. Meet @ 1pm at church will end at Deep River Park in Bear Creek with Hamburger/ Hotdog cookout. Text/Call Laura if interested, must sign up to go!!



It is now May . . . It is the month wherein  
Nature hath her fill of mirth,  
and the senses are filled with delights.  
I conclude, it is from the Heavens a grace,  
and to Earth a gladness.

Nicholas Breton



## Notes from the Sandy Creek Baptist Association

The **265<sup>th</sup> Spring Gathering of our Association** (founded in 1758) was held at Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church on Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Todd Unzicker, the Executive Director-Treasurer for NC Baptists was guest speaker for the spring meeting this year. Unzicker was elected executive director-treasurer on May 22, 2021. Here are a few highlights from Associational Missionary Barry Lawrence's report.

- Barry mentioned how much he has enjoyed visiting and speaking at the area churches and how grateful he is for the new pastors, Doug Griffith at Antioch and John Klink at Brookdale Baptist. He asks us to continue to pray for the churches that are seeking pastors.
- Baptists on Mission** feeding units remain in Florida and are feeding thousands a day after Hurricane Ian. He encourages involvement in disaster relief training.
- Our Association's churches were among the top givers last year for the **North Carolina Missions Offering**. The SCBA appeared in the top 10 list in all of these categories: · Percentage of churches participating · Number of churches participating · Total Giving (#2)!! Thank you for your leadership and partnership w/NC Baptists!!
- "I am reminded by scripture that we are to make the most of the time that God has given to us in this life (Ephesians 5:16). My prayer for this Association is that we would use the days that God gives us to maximize the efforts to "go and make disciples of all

nations!" I believe that we are doing that by being "On Mission Together," to see men, women, boys and girls come to faith in Christ. I am thankful to see all that God is doing in the churches of the SCBA."

- Remaining under watchcare are Emaus Iglesia Bautista in Sanford (mother church is Hunt Springs) and Grace Hill Baptist in Pittsboro.
- Casey Rayfield, speaking for the Budget and Finance Committee and Executive Council, made the following request for the movement of funds, "In an attempt to be wise stewards of the money entrusted to the Sandy Creek Baptist Association, the Executive Committee is seeking the approval of the messengers to place a total of \$200,000, \$60,000 from the emergency church aid fund and \$140,000 from the general fund, in a 12 month Certificate of Participation with the North Carolina Baptist Foundation. Earning this 4.1% interest will yield a greater return on investment into the ministries of the Sandy Creek Baptist Association (over leaving it in a low interest checking account). By investing this amount we would still maintain a minimum of one year's budget in our current savings accounts." (The proposal was discussed, voted upon, and passed.)
- Committees, Executive Council, and Teams are undergoing restructuring (including term limits). The groups received permission to move forward with this planning. The new structure and adjustments to bylaws will be up for vote at the Fall Gathering.

## Notes from Flat Springs Baptist Church WMU

### Missions Fair

Eight ladies from Flat Springs WMU groups participated as "Messenger Angels" in the Missions Fair prior to the start of the **Sandy Creek Association Spring Gathering** on April 24<sup>th</sup>. We were the largest group with a wide-ranging display encouraging electronic text messenger groups, card-writing teams, whole school adoption, at-home table top card ministries, and daily, intentional scripture reading. Regan Marks was a member of this team and provided live demonstrations of her card-making strategies, including an array of eye-catching materials and handmade scripture-based card and letter inserts.

### Week of Prayer for the Mother's Day Offering

The Week of Prayer for the Mother's Day Offering to benefit patients of Wake Forest Baptist Health and Hospitals runs Sunday, May 7 through Sunday, May 14. Giving envelopes are located in Atrium and the vestibule of the Sanctuary.

### Red Cross Blood Drive



Save the date: Red Cross Blood Drive to be hosted by Flat Springs on **Friday, June 2**. More information will be forthcoming regarding online registration. See Stephanie or Mary Lou if you would like to be a volunteer at computer sign-in or a server at the food table any part of the time period 1:00-7:00 on June 2.

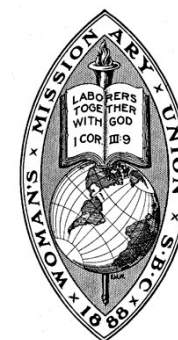
### Fall Ladies Retreat at Fort Caswell

Those registered to attend the fall Ladies Retreat at Fort Caswell should have their \$185.00 turned in to FSBC no later than the last Sunday of May.

### Summer jobs at Camp Caraway

There are summer jobs at Camp Caraway for youth ages 15-18. Training/Certification is provided for First Aid, CPR, Lifesaving, and witnessing. More information is available from Stephanie or at [www.campcaraway.org](http://www.campcaraway.org). (Camps are 2-week or 3-week stints.)

## WMU is 135 Years Old and WMU North Carolina is going on 137!



Woman's Missionary Union grew out of the Woman's Central Committee to coordinate the efforts of the Woman's Mission Societies in Southern Baptist churches throughout the south and with the vision to provide training and activities for children. Prior to this formal coordination as an auxiliary of the State Baptist Convention in 1888, adult women's societies had existed in Baptist churches since at least 1815. Here in NC, WMU was organized by 1886. Historical records indicate that "Sunbeam" groups began in 1896, teen girls in 1906, RAs/boys in 1911, and pre-teen groups in 1913. This month we honor a long-standing legacy. On May 14, the WMU, as we know it, celebrates 135 years of sharing the gospel of Christ, teaching children to know the love of Jesus, and making a difference in the lives of others through missions outreach.

"For we are labourers together with God ..." 1 Corinthians 3:9

### Forgiving What You Can't Forget

There is still time to sign up for the opportunity to discover what the Bible says about forgiveness and how to find the peace that comes from embracing it.

This study is tentatively set to begin in May after our Financial Peace Program is completed at the end of April. This study is not only to encourage those that are struggling with forgiveness, but also as a tool for us to encourage and help others.

This video Bible study with bestselling author and teacher Lysa TerKeurst (video streaming included) is for those of you who have been hurt by others, who feel stuck in a cycle of unresolved pain. Forgiveness is a major part of the Christian faith. We know God commands us to forgive each other. But, apart from simply saying the words "I forgive you" - many of us have unanswered questions about it: How does it work? On our minds, souls, circumstances—what is actually happening

when we forgive? Why is it so important, and what is the difference between forgiveness and simply moving on? When should I forgive, and are there exceptions? How can I find healing for myself, even if my act of forgiveness doesn't seem to change the person who hurt me?

These are just some of the questions explored in this six-session video Bible study. Lysa will walk with you on a step-by-step process—through biblical answers, deep empathy, and the therapeutic insight that comes from her personal experiences—toward the grace of forgiveness and the freedom from the pain of past wrongs.

Sign up sheet in the Atrium

Thank you for your prayers and support

Judith Nance – Discipleship