

# JBA MESSENGER

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*"Churches joining hands to evangelize, disciple, and minister through cooperation, training, and fellowship."*

## Annie Armstrong Easter Offering For North American Missions

Week of Prayer  
March 6-13



National Goal:  
\$70 Million

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® is the primary funding channel for the North American Mission Board's Send North America strategy. One hundred percent of gifts given to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is used to support Southern Baptist missionaries serving in the United States and Canada. The offering represents 49 percent of the North American Mission Board's total income.

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### Upcoming JBA Events Save the Date!

- Mar. 6 Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer
- Mar. 19 JBA RA Day, White Oak 10am
- Apr. 5 Law Enforcement Banquet  
Smithfield First \*Cakes Needed
- Apr. 8-9 JBA Pastor's & Spouses Retreat  
Fort Caswell
- Apr. 18-19 Kennedy Home Food/Supply Drive  
JCC Main Parking Lot 9am-5pm
- Apr. 26 Senior Adult Rally 10:00am  
Thanksgiving Baptist
- Apr. 30 Operaton Inasmuch
- May 7 Operation Inasmuch
- May 15 Week of Prayer and Associational  
Emphasis Week
- May 16 JBA Spring Semi-Annual Mtg. 7pm  
Blackman's Grove Baptist

## Spring Senior Adult Rally April 26 • Thanksgiving Baptist • 10am



Rev. Wray Wheelless,  
Cornerstone Evangelistic  
Ministries

April 26 at 10am  
Thanksgiving Baptist, Selma

\$5 per Person  
RSVP to the JBA by April 25

Join with other seniors across the JBA for a fun-filled event. Evangelist Wray Wheelless will be our speaker for the event. Wray is from Nashville, NC and is founder of Cornerstone Evangelistic Ministries. He has traveled all over the US and led events that include musical concerts, revivals, comedy acts, and revivals.

### Easter Outreach Ideas

\*Instead of (or in addition to) spending money on Easter lilies to decorate the church, buy lilies as a donation to local businesses, hospitals, law enforcement, schools, etc. Attach a small tag from your church: "With appreciation during this Easter season."

\*Set up an Easter-themed backdrop for pictures after the worship service. Give each person a connection card, including a website URL for accessing the photos (or have the photos printed for pick-up the next Sunday).

## JCC Campus Ministries - Opportunities for Service

### General Student Bible Study

Wednesdays at 12:00 & 12:30

### Health Science Student Bible Study

Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30 am

### Early College Student Bible Study

Fridays at 11:00

### Feeding the Students

There has been a change in the meal preparation. We are purchasing food on-site at JCC. We need churches to supply us with funding each week.

\$75 Per week

### Available Dates

#### 2016 Spring Lunch Schedule

There are still several open dates. Please consider sending us your gift of \$75. Churches are still encouraged to attend to help with the lunch.

If you would like to assist with any of these study groups, please call the JBA at 919-965-9450.

## From Your Associational Missionary

Dear JBA Family,

Well, believe it or not, Spring has sprung! In March and April we have a number of JBA sponsored events to draw you out of hibernation! One of them, our first-ever, JBA Pastors & Wives Retreat at Caswell (April 8-9) will be featuring a marriage enrichment component led by Lester Evans from the BSCNC along with some information and updates on the Church Lay Renewal Journey led by Larry and Hilda McMath, state coordinators.

Another on-going training event is geared to our pastors as we take an in-depth look at the book *Jesus on Leadership* by Ken Blanchard and Phil Hodges. (Ken wrote the best-selling *The One-Minute Manager*.) We will unpack a different chapter of this book each month at our monthly Pastor's Conferences through September. According to my research among our JBA pastors, 50% of the pastors of "growing" churches in the JBA have a formalized system of leadership identification and development whereas only 17% of pastors serving in "declining" churches offer the same. This study offers some help for our pastors in this key area of leadership development to help facilitate numerical growth in our JBA churches. Come on and join us in an effort to improve your leadership skills!

In Christ,  
Kelton Hinton

### Monthly Pastor's Conferences



We will be doing something new in our monthly JBA Pastor's Conferences. Beginning in March through September,

We will be reading and discussing an important leadership book, called *Lead Like Jesus*, by Ken Blanchard and Phil Hodges. Purchase the book and read Chapter One before March 15th!

#### Schedule

10am Refreshments  
10:30-Noon Conference

#### March 15 Conference

Chapter 1 of *Lead Like Jesus*:  
"Who Will You Follow? How Will You Lead?"

#### April 19 Conference

Chapter 2 of *Lead Like Jesus*:  
"The Heart of a Servant Leader"

### Need a get-away?

We have contact info on several properties in the mountains, at the coast, and Caraway that give free and reduced rates for families in ministry. Call the office for more info.

### \*Register NOW\*

## JBA Pastors & Spouses Retreat

April 8-9, 2016

Fort Caswell, Oak Island, NC

#### Guest Speakers:

**Lester Evans**, Associational Partnerships  
**Larry & Hilda McMath**, Lay Renewal State Coordinators

Refresh and refocus with some time away! Come early, stay late! Either way, just come and and enjoy fellowship.

We guarantee it will be worth it!  
Space is limited. Register ASAP!

#### Schedule:

Friday 4pm - Saturday Noon

#### Cost:

\$100/Single  
\$150/Couple

### JBA General Board Mtg.

March 31, 2016

6:00 Associational Council  
7:00 Meeting  
Location: JBA Office  
102 W Noble St, Selma

### Baptist Children's Home Food/Supply Drive

April 18 & 19

- \*Food products (Cereal, canned fruit & veggies, sugar, and other staples)
- \*Hygiene products (Soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, etc.)
- \*Paper products & cleaning supplies
- \*Gift cards (Wal Mart)

Deliver to the main parking lot at JCC from 9-5 each day.

### Law Enforcement Banquet

April 5

Each year, Smithfield First hosts a special dinner to honor law enforcement personnel across our county. Could your church provide a few cakes or a monetary donation to help with this event? Contact Dade Sherman at 919-938-0699.



### Birthdays

Mar. 2 Mike Beasley  
Mar. 8 Mark White  
Apr. 7 Josh Williamson  
Apr. 10 Vernon Braswell  
Apr. 17 Kelton Hinton  
Apr. 21 Brian Beasley  
Apr. 22 Michael Hall  
Apr. 30 Mike Carter

### Wedding Anniversaries

Mar. 22 Dwayne & Debbie Batten  
Apr. 6 Ray and Deborah Carr  
Apr. 6 Troy & Carol Harris

### Church Anniversaries

**Steve Kirk, Selma**  
Mar. 1, 2007 – 9 Years  
**David Matthews, Oakdale**  
Mar. 1, 1999 – 17 Years  
**Thomas Jackson, Sharon**  
Mar. 3, 2013 – 3 Years  
**Randy Pace, Building 323**  
Mar. 28, 2013 – 3 Years  
**George Arant, Kenly**  
Apr. 1, 2001 – 15 Years  
**Marcio Martinez, Hocutt Hispanic**  
Apr. 1, 2013 – 3 Years  
**Steven Walker, Parrish Memorial**  
Apr. 6, 2008 – 6 Years  
**Jerry Hicks, Blackman's Grove**  
Apr. 11, 2002 – 14 Years

# Church Ministry Events & Opportunities

## Baptist Men

### **JBA RA Race Day**

March 19, 2016  
White Oak, Clayton  
Association event for Lads, Crusaders, Challenger, Girls, and Adults. \$2.50 for Participants and \$5 for other attendees.  
Contact: 919-965-9450 or jbaoffice@me.com

### **State RA Race Day**

April 2, 2016  
First Baptist, Salisbury  
State Championship event for Associational winners in Lads, Crusaders, Challenger, Girls, and Adults.  
Contact: 919-4598-5596 or mlandis@ncbaptist.org.

## Church Administration

### **Computer Training Classes (Various)**

NC Baptist State Convention, Cary  
Training for Word, Excel, Powerpoint, and other programs.  
Classes held from 9am-3pm.  
Contact: Judy Autry at jautry@ncbaptist.org.

## Care Groups

### **DivorceCare**

Four Oaks (919-963-2102)  
Shiloh (919-553-3319)  
Smithfield FBC (919-934-9771)  
Wilson's Mills (919-934-4181)

### **DivorceCare 4 Kids**

Shiloh - Wednesdays 6:30pm

### **GriefShare**

Smithfield - Wednesdays 6:15pm  
Shiloh - Wednesdays 6:30pm

## Discipleship/Evangelism

### **The Story Regional Training**

March 31, 2016  
Trading Ford Baptist, Salisbury  
A one-day conference on how to use The Story as an evangelistic tool. Led by Marty Dupree.  
Contact: Alex Stowers at astowers@ncbaptist.org.

### **1 Day: Training Intensive**

April 9, 2016  
Temple Baptist, New Bern  
A one-day intensive in Sunday School, small groups, youth, worship, music, women, evangelism, special needs, pastoral leadership, and more.  
Contact: Lauren McCall at lmccall@ncbaptist.org.

## **Operation Inasmuch**

April 30/May 7  
OIAM is a one-day missions blitz in your community. Imagine your whole church active in missions to your community.  
Contact: Gaylon Moss at gmoss@ncbaptist.org.

## **National Day of Prayer: Wake Up America**

May 5  
Become a person of prayer! Host a prayer gathering and pray for America!  
Contact: nationaldayofprayer.org.

## Missions

### **Mission Lab: New Orleans**

A Ministry of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  
Bring a group from your church for a mission trip like no other. They plan everything for you and teach you how to do missions in the heart of New Orleans.  
Contact: missionlab.com, 1-877-TRY-MLAB, or info@missionlab.com

## Prayer

### **Awaken: Watch & Pray**

#### **A North Carolina Prayer Gathering**

March 11-12, 2016  
First Baptist, Charlotte  
Join fellow Baptists for a prayer event focused on Ephesians 6:18. Learn more at praync.org.  
Contact: Betsy Roland at broland@ncbaptist.org

## Senior Adult

### **Adult Respite Care**

Monday & Thursday 10am-2pm  
Smithfield First Baptist  
Activities for elderly and those suffering from early Dementia/Alzheimer's  
Contact: First Baptist at 919-934-9171 or arc@fbcsmithfield.org

### **Senior Adult Rally**

April 26, 2016  
Thanksgiving Baptist Church  
Enjoy a fun event with other seniors across the JBA. Featuring Wray Wheelless, a local pastor and singer.  
Contact: Tonya at 919-965-9450

## Volunteer Opportunities (Local)

### **Truckstop Ministry**

We still need four guys to help expand our ministry to Flying J Travel Center in Kenly.  
Contact: Kelton Hinton at kelton@raleigh.twcbc.com.

## **Smithfield Flea Market Ministry**

Saturdays and Sundays 8:30am  
Need volunteers to help work with the children on Saturdays.  
Contact: Don Dewberry, evennowhespeaks@aol.com.

## **Speedway Chaplains**

Chaplains needed at both Southern National in Kenly and Dunn-Benson Drag Strip in Benson for the 2016 season. Minister to drivers, their families, and thousands of fans.  
Contact: Kelton Hinton, 919-965-9450 kelton@raleigh.twcbc.com.

## WMU/Women's Ministries

### **Missions Extravaganza - "Both Feet In"**

April 1-3, 2016  
Ridgecrest Conference Center  
Meet missionaries, participate in hands-on projects, and be challenged to fulfill the Great Commission.  
Contact: Ashley Allen at aallen@ncbaptist.org.

### **"All Together" Young Women's Event**

April 22-23, 2016  
Life Community Church, Greensboro  
For young women ages 18-35, this event helps young women discover their role in ministry and in the church.  
Contact: Ellen Holder at eholder@ncbaptist.org.

### **Embracing New York City Mission Trip**

September 15-18, 2016  
New York City  
For just \$550, join with other women on an unforgettable mission trip to New York City.  
Contact: Ashley Allen at aallen@ncbaptist.org.

## Youth/Children

### **JoCo Project: Love Your Neighbor**

June 22-25, 2016  
Smithfield First Baptist  
Join with other youth for a weekend of worship and community service projects. \$60 per participant. Visit the JBA site for a downloadable flyer/registration form.  
Contact: Tommy Cook, 919-934-9771

Visit [ncbaptist.org](http://ncbaptist.org) for statewide events & [johnstonbaptistassociation.com](http://johnstonbaptistassociation.com) for other opportunities and event info.

## Church Contributions Dec. 1, 2015- Jan. 31, 2016

CHURCHES:	Oct/Nov	YEAR			
Antioch	603.00	603.00	Newton Grove		
Baptist Center	354.84	532.26	Noble's Chapel	125.00	250.00
Baptist Tabernacle	400.00	600.00	North Smithfield		
Benson	164.65	1275.24	Oakdale	50.00	150.00
Bethany			Oliver's Grove		
Bethesda	1340.47	1340.47	Parrish Memorial	298.16	583.49
Beulah		1169.96	Pauline	78.75	133.40
Blackman's Grove		225.00	Pine Level	948.48	1306.01
Burnell	850.00	850.00	Pisgah	200.00	400.00
Calvary, Dunn		1000.00	Pleasant Grove	322.92	968.64
Calvary, Selma	50.00	50.00	Princeton	854.20	1708.36
Carter's Chapel	356.75	356.75	Sardis		
Cedar Grove			Selma	1512.74	2611.02
Clayton First	800.00	1200.00	Sharon	153.82	228.31
Clyde's Chapel		1100.00	Shiloh	2510.00	2510.00
Corinth		700.00	Sims	423.00	613.00
Cornerstone			Smithfield First	1400.00	2800.00
Divine Crossings			Stevens Chapel	645.83	1274.86
Faith	176.42	352.84	Thanksgiving	905.94	1580.02
Four Oaks First		4287.75	Trinity	375.00	375.00
Freedom Biker			Watkin's Chapel	2625.00	2625.00
Hales Chapel			Wellspring		
Hephzibah	400.00	800.00	White Oak	958.16	1792.13
Hocutt	354.17	1062.51	Wilson's Mills	1888.43	3409.97
Hood's Grove	600.00	600.00	<b>Church Plants/Missions:</b>		
Jonesboro	650.00	650.00	Branded Boots	50.00	50.00
Kenly	1547.88	2575.92	Hispanic-Hocutt		
Lee's Chapel			Hispanic-Kenly		
Live Oak			Hispanic-Smithfield	228.75	449.15
Micro First			King's Cross	100.00	274.00
Middlesex	120.00	240.00	Mule City Cowboy	112.65	404.09
My Father's House	25.00	100.00	The Refuge JoCo		94.80
New Life	395.98	546.43	<b>Total Contributions:</b>	<b>25,955.99</b>	<b>48,517.94</b>

## Church News

### Churches Seeking Pastors:

Antioch	North Smithfield
Calvary, Dunn	Pine Level
Lee's Chapel	Sharon
Middlesex	White Oak
Noble's Chapel	

### Pastor Updates

<b>Rev. Ray Hodge</b>	<b>Rev. Jerry Hicks</b>
New Address:	Retiring Apr. 10 after 14
Atria Oakridge Apt. 308	years from Blackman's
10820 Sandy Oak Ln	Grove in Four Oaks.
Raleigh, NC 27614	Wishing him and Linda
	blessings in the future!

### Current Church Plants:

#### Iglesia Bautista Casa de Cristo

Pastor: José Alvarez  
190 Marsh Kornegay Rd, Faison  
Sundays at 10am - Phone: 910-335-1169

#### King's Cross Church

Pastor: Michael Johnson  
26 Anvil Peak Dr, Garner (Cleveland Crossing)  
Sundays at 10am  
Email: michael@kingscrossnc.com

#### The Refuge JoCo

Pastor: Josh Williamson  
6275 NC Hwy 50, Benson  
Sundays at 6pm & Thursdays at 7pm  
Phone: 919-524-6866

## Contact Information

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Find us on the web:  
johnstonbaptistassociation.com  
Facebook: Johnston Baptist Association

## E-Newsletters

If you would like to be added to our e-newsletter email list, send Tonya an email at jbaoffice@me.com.

We send less than 4 per month and include upcoming event details, ministry and mission opportunities, and other important information.

## Church Web Site

Does your church need a new or updated website? Tonya is available to help you get one started.

She can design a website for you as well as train someone in your church to keep it updated.

Email Tonya at jbaoffice@me.com.

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