

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

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Week of Prayer: March 5-12
Statewide Goal: \$70 Million

*Together
For His
Kingdom*

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® changes lives forever by empowering North American missionaries to bring the gospel to the lost. With over 269 million lost people, North America and its major cities are some of the most spiritually dark places in the world.

The mission is to equip every missionary and reach every lost person in the United States and Canada. Missionaries all over North America receive support from the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Discover their stories and see how AAEO gifts are put into action through Send Network and Send Relief. To learn more, visit anniearmstrong.com. You can also download promotional materials and learn more about the offering.

Spring Senior Adult Rally

April 20 @ 10am
Corinth Baptist Church
13450 NC Hwy 96, Zebulon

Join us for our annual Spring Rally! We have a great time of fellowship and entertainment.

\$6 per person (includes lunch).

Check your mail! More details will be sent to Senior Adult Coordinators.

.....
*Save
the Date*
.....

Men's Conference Bethesda Baptist, Clayton

"Men Who Win"

Guest Speaker:
Steve Hale, Staff Evangelist
First Baptist Church, Woodstock, GA

March 31-April 1
\$30 per person

Men young and old from the JBA are invited and encouraged to attend this conference which packs four hours of in-depth, guy-targeted teaching into a Friday evening and Saturday morning. Register online or by phone at bethesdaclayton.com or 919-553-7678.

JBA-WMU \$500 Mitchiner Scholarship

Application Deadline: March 17

If you have senior girls or boys in your church who are going to college this year, please make them aware of this scholarship. Applications are available for download on our website or email Tonya (jbaoffice@me.com) for an application.

Campus Ministry - LifeSpring on Campus

This semester we have partnered with LifeSpring Church, a new Church Plant in the JBA. LifeSpring is meeting on Sunday mornings on the campus of JCC. On Wednesdays, Pastor Mark Stevens is leading two bible studies for our Campus Ministry outreach for the general students. We are excited to see students engaged in Bible study and learning more about their faith.

General Student Bible Study

Wednesdays at 11:00 & 12:30
Coordinators: Kelton Hinton & Mark Stevens

Feeding the Students

We offer a free lunch each Wednesday during our Campus Ministry Bible Study. It costs about \$75 each week to feed the participants. If you can help with the food expenses, call Tonya at the JBA (919-965-9450).

Other Campus Bible Studies

Basic Law Enforcement
Truck Driver Trainees
Early College
Nursing



Learn more at:
lifespringnc.com

LifeSpring's Mission & Vision

LifeSpring exists to reach people far from God, teach them to follow Jesus one step at a time, and send them on mission to reach and teach others. We're living to make a lasting difference in the lives of people in Smithfield and beyond.

#ForSmithfield is a reminder that our goal is not to simply start a church - it's to make a difference. We believe Smithfield should be better as a result of our existence, and we're giving our lives to see that become reality.

From Your Associational Missionary

Dear JBA Family,

As we move into the Spring of 2017, I want to encourage you to look up, look around, and look out! First, look up to God who is your strength and shield and a "very present help in time of trouble." He has placed you on this earth and kept you alive for a reason! Ask Him, "God, what do you want me to do today?" Second, look around to see what are the needs of the people around you. Do they know Jesus? How can YOU be the "hands and feet" of God to them? There are MANY in our area who are far from God and their lives are a wreck! They need Him desperately! What will you do about it? How will you make a difference in their lives? And finally, look out! Because once you decide to be an "on-mission Christian" living out your faith in practical, hands-on ways, God is going to USE YOU tremendously to build and expand His Kingdom here on this earth! Won't you join God and let Him fully use you for His glory and honor?

In Christ,
Kelton Hinton

Monthly Pastor's Conferences

Our monthly Conferences are open to all ministers (senior, retired, interim, associate, youth, etc.). Join us each month for warm fellowship and conversation.

Date and Time:

Third Tuesday of each month
10:30-Noon

Mar. 21 Conference

Topic: *Pastor Unique: Becoming a Turnaround Leader*

We will be looking at Ch. 3 "Leading Beyond Your Limits." Our discussions will focus on how to expand our level of knowledge and expertise to try new things and to gain new skills to help us become more effective leaders in our churches. Come and join us for a very life-affirming session!

Apr. 18 Conference

Topic: *Pastor Unique: Becoming a Turnaround Leader*

We will be looking at Ch. 4, an introduction to the Birkman Profile and what it measures and what it means for pastors. This chapter will briefly look at the DiSC Profile and compare it to the Birkman, showing the strengths of the latter. (Everyone will need to take the Birkman Profile before enlisting in next year's Turnaround Pastor Bootcamp, so this is a good introduction for us all!)

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.

Pastors: We Need Your Help!

Baptist Children's Home Food/Supply Round-Up

As many of you already know, the Kennedy Home in Kinston was hard-hit by Hurricane Matthew. They experienced heavy flooding and extensive damage. Also, with a prolonged power outage, they lost a majority of their food supply.

Please help organize an effort in your church to support this cause. Members can start now by purchasing gift cards (Wal Mart or Food Lion) or buying items during their weekly grocery store trip. *Many churches are collecting gift cards as it is much easier than transporting boxes of food!

The collection details are:

April 10-11
9am-5pm
Johnston Community College
Main Parking Lot



JBA General Board Mtg.

March 30, 2017
6:00 Associational Council Meets
7:00 General Board Meeting
Location: JBA Office
102 W Noble St, Selma

Celebrate! 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 Jerry & Linda Hicks
Troy & Carol Harris

Church Anniversaries

Randy Pace, Building 323
Mar 28, 2013 - 4 Years
George Arant, Kenly Missionary
Apr 1, 2001 - 16 Years
Marcio Martinez, Kenly Hispanic
Apr 1, 2013 - 4 Years
Steven Walker, Parrish Memorial
Apr 6, 2008 - 9 Years
Ben Wines, Sharon
Apr 26, 2016 - 1 Year

How to Do a Personal Evaluation that Benefits Your Life and Ministry

By Todd Wright,
LifeWay Contributor

Four key areas to evaluate yearly:
***Health** - No area (physical, mental, emotional, spiritual) can be ignored. Each can and does affect the other ones.
***Relationships** - Make sure each of your relationships are getting the priority, attention, and time they need.
***Finances** - The Bible is pretty clear than paying attention to one's finances is better than not doing it.
***Career/Ministry** - "Am I fulfilled?" "Have I been fruitful this year?" "Am I being faithful?" "What does God seem ready to do with me in the future?"

In addition, ask yourself these four questions about your future:

- * Where have I been?
- * Where am I now?
- * Where do I dream of going?
- * What actions must I take to get there?

Visit lifeway.com/pastors (in the Personal Life section) to read this article in its entirety as well as other helpful articles.

JBA Events & Opportunities

Outreach Group Meetings

•DivorceCare

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

•DivorceCare 4 Kids

Shiloh - Wednesdays 6:30pm

•GriefShare

Smithfield (919-934-9771) - Wednesdays
Shiloh (919-553-3319) - Wednesdays

Volunteer Opportunities

•Truckstop Ministry

We need guys to help expand our ministry to Flying J Travel Center in Kenly.
Contact: khinton247@gmail.com.

•Smithfield Flea Market Ministry

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

•Speedway Chaplains

Needed at both Southern National in Kenly and Dunn-Benson Drag Strip.
Contact: Kelton at 919-965-9450 or khinton247@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

• March 18, 2017 (10am-Noon)

JBA RA Derby Day

@ Baptist Center Church, Clayton
Participants will enjoy a fun-filled morning of racing competition. Winners will be eligible to compete at the state RA Derby on April 1. \$5 per person. Info packet can be found on the JBA website.
Contact: Kelton at 919-965-9450 or khinton247@gmail.com.

• April 6, 2017

Smoke Alarm Installation Training

@ Sardis Baptist, Smithfield
Learn more about a great ministry. Each church that attends can receive up to 48 free 10-year battery smoke alarms.
Contact: Register with NC Baptist Aging Ministry at 877-506-2226.

•April 10-11, 2017

JBA Food/Supply Collection for Baptist Children's Home (Kennedy Home)

@ Johnston Community College
Bring your food, supplies, gift cards, or offerings on this date. Deliver to JCC in the main parking lot.
Contact: Tonya at 919-965-9450 or jbaoffice@me.com.

•April 22, 2017

Joani Tabor: "Overcoming the I Factor"

@ Princeton Baptist, Princeton
Registration is \$15 per person. Join with other women for a fabulous day of teaching and worship with Joani Tabor.
Contact: Karen at 919-965-6187.

•April 20, 2017

JBA Spring Senior Adult Rally

@ Corinth Baptist, Zebulon
Registration is \$10 per person. We'll enjoy a special time with seniors from all across our Association. More details to come soon!
Contact: Tonya at 919-965-9450 or jbaoffice@me.com.

•May 20, 2017

JBA WMU Spring Meeting

@ Pine Level Missionary Baptist
More details to come soon!
Contact: Tonya at 919-965-9450 or jbaoffice@me.com.

Contact Information:

Johnston Baptist Association
919-965-9450

johnstonbaptistassociation.com
jbaoffice@me.com

Baptist State Convention Events & Opportunities

Baptist Men

•Now Booking Medical/Dental Bus

NC Baptist Men offer the use of the mobile medical/dental units to Baptist churches, other Christian denominations, and service organizations within North Carolina who wish to reach out to people in need. The JBA will help with the initial \$200 deposit!
Contact: jhoneycutt@ncbaptist.org or 800-395-5102 ext. 5603.

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: jaustry@ncbaptist.org.

Church Revitalization

•Revitalize 2017

@ Crosspointe, Concord
One-day training and equipping on church renewal for pastors and leaders.
Contact: jstevesells@gmail.com.

Discipleship/Evangelism

•March 10-11, 2017

Awaken Prayer Gathering
@ Osborne Baptist, Eden

Encounter the Lord and refocus your heart on God through prayer, the preaching of God's Word, and Christ-centered worship. Be challenged to seek Christ in heartfelt prayer toward revival, spiritual awakening, and impacting lostness.
Contact: cschofield@ncbaptist.org.

Missions

• March 17-18, 2017

2017 Missions Conference

@ Calvary Baptist, Winston-Salem

Open to ALL Baptist men, women, and students. Special features include general sessions, mission action break out sessions, mission fair exhibits, the volunteer supper, and mission testimonies. Program personalities include John Ortberg, Anne Graham Lotz, Gary Chapman, Jennifer Rothschild, Terry Rae, Taylor Field and music by the Annie Moses Band.
Contact: NC Baptist Men @ 800-395-5102 or ltharrington@ncbaptist.org.

Baptist Aging Ministry

• May 2, 2017

AAIM Roundup! (Aging Adults Innovation Ministry)

@ Rich Fork Baptist, Thomasville

Enjoy a day of great music, fellowship, and topics that will inform and inspire.
Contact: Register with NC Baptist Aging Ministry @ 877-506-2226.

WMU/Embrace

•March 24-25, 2017

Missions Extravaganza

@ First Baptist, Greensboro
Meet missionaries and attend break-out sessions. Enjoy music of worship and renewal and of course, fellowship with others from across the state.
Contact: info@wmunc.org.

Youth/Children

•June-August

Children's Summer Camps

@ Camp Caraway, Asheboro
Kids experience fun and learn to share the love of Jesus, develop healthy relationships, learn about missions, and so much more.
Contact: carawaysummerfun.org or 336-521-9207.

Contact Information:

Baptist State Convention of NC:
1-800-395-5102 * ncbaptist.org

Church Contributions Dec. 1-Jan. 31

CHURCHES:	Dec/Jan	Year Total			
Antioch	602.00	1227.00	Oliver's Grove		
Baptist Center	592.65	790.20	Parrish Memorial	246.87	478.33
Baptist Tabernacle	400.00	800.00	Pauline	61.31	116.62
Benson	825.94	1347.08	Pine Level	1350.55	2234.83
Bethany			Pisgah	275.00	375.00
Bethesda		2345.89	Pleasant Grove	671.00	1307.19
Beulah	1219.81	2474.47	Princeton	1350.68	2249.02
Blackman's Grove		250.00	Sardis		
Burnell			Selma	1324.31	2440.10
Calvary, Dunn		1000.00	Sharon	175.69	268.712
Calvary, Selma	50.00	100.00	Shiloh	2510.00	2410.00
Carter's Chapel	361.38	704.68	Sims	155.00	346.00
Cedar Grove			Smithfield First	1400.00	2100.00
Clayton First	900.00	1700.00	Stevens Chapel	536.64	1041.08
Clyde's Chapel	1100.00	1310.00	Thanksgiving	644.37	1379.79
Corinth		534.00	Trinity	750.00	750.00
Cornerstone			Watkin's Chapel	1750.00	1750.00
Divine Crossings	150.00	150.00	Wellspring	250.00	1250.00
Faith	176.42	352.84	White Oak	2285.42	3928.34
Four Oaks First	1392.50	1392.50	Wilson's Mills	1615.24	2486.40
Freedom Biker					
Hales Chapel	150.00	300.00	Church Plants/Missions:		
Hephzibah	400.00	800.00	Branded Boots		
Hocutt		500.00	Building 323		
Hood's Grove	600.00	600.00	Clayton Crossings		1344.71
Jonesboro			Hispanic-Hocutt		
Kenly	1776.34	3321.10	Hispanic-Kenly		
Lee's Chapel			Hispanic-Smithfield	170.25	170.25
Live Oak	150.00	150.00	King's Cross	150.00	250.00
Micro First	500.00	625.00	LifeSpring Church	1267.49	1666.99
Middlesex	180.00	300.00	Mule City Cowboy	88.85	169.10
New Life	175.25	496.96	The Refuge JoCo	25.00	75.00
Newton Grove					
Noble's Chapel	125.00	250.00	Total:	30,880.96	55,628.47
North Smithfield					
Oakdale					

Church News

Churches Seeking Pastors:

Calvary, Dunn	Oakdale
Cornerstone	Selma
Jonesboro	Sims
Mule City	White Oak
Noble's Chapel	

Current Church Plants:

Iglesia Bautista Casa de Cristo-Pastor José Alvarez
190 Marsh Kornegay Rd, Faison
Sundays at 10am - Phone: 910-335-1169

Iglesia Bautista de Selma-Pastor Daniel Barajas
1500 N Webb St, Selma
Sundays at 1:30pm - Phone: 919-273-3508

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

LifeSpring Church-Pastor Dillon Schupp
Johnston Community College
Sundays at 10am - Email: hello@lifespringnc.com

The Refuge JoCo-Pastor Josh Williamson
270 Grace Rd, Benson
Sundays at 6pm & Thursdays at 7pm
Phone: 919-524-6866

Contact Information

Kelton Hinton, Associational Missionary
khinton247@gmail.com

Tonya Grice, Administrative Assistant
jbaoffice@me.com

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.

Together, we can design a website as well as easily train someone in your church to keep it updated.

Email Tonya at jbaoffice@me.com.

JBA MESSENGER
Published bi-monthly by
ISSN# 15394719
Johnston Baptist Association
PO Box 356
Selma, NC 27576

Periodical Postage Paid
USPS No. 020-311
Selma, NC 27576

Periodical Postage Paid
Selma, NC 27576-9998