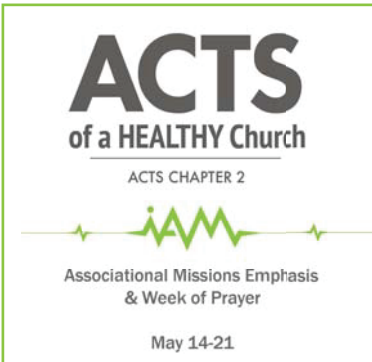


*"Churches joining hands to evangelize, disciple, and minister through cooperation, training, and fellowship."*

## Associational Emphasis Week

Week of Prayer: May 14-21



Associations exemplify the best of cooperation in the Southern Baptist family. Through the strength of local partnerships, local churches voluntarily bond together to reach more people for Christ than they ever could on their own. That same strength in numbers, and cooperation, make the Southern Baptist Convention the strongest missions sending network in the world. Churches are the center of that strength. Associations amplify that strength to make it more focused and effective.

The Johnston Baptist Association is grateful to partner with such outstanding churches! We operate in seven counties, representing over 70 congregations, and look forward to continued growth as an Association. To God be the glory!

## JBA Semi-Annual Spring Meeting

May 15 @ 7pm  
Watkins Chapel

Join with other churches in celebrating how God is using us to further His Kingdom here on earth!

Recognitions and inspiring stories will fill the evening!



## Week of Prayer Johnston Baptist Association

Sunday, May 14 - Pray for our JBA officers: Rev. Mark White, Moderator; Shirley Pike, Treasurer; Rev. Steve Grice, Clerk; Kelton Hinton & Tonya Grice, Associational staff; and Associational Council leaders.

Monday, May 15 - Pray for our two Cowboy church planters: Ben Lambeth at Branded Boots in Wendell and Mule City Cowboy Church in Four Oaks.

Tuesday, May 16 - Pray for the Spanish outreach of Marcio Martinez in Clayton, Anselmo Hernandez in Smithfield, Daniel Barajas in Selma, Cesar Macias in Kenly, Jose Alvarez in Newton Grove, and the five NEW locations where a Spanish outreach is needed.

Wednesday, May 17 - Pray for JCC Campus Ministry. There are five groups meeting weekly: general students, faculty/staff, Early College, Truck Driver trainees, and BLET cadets.

Thursday, May 18 - Pray for the many locations where new churches are still needed in the JBA - especially in the Clayton and 40/42 areas.

Friday, May 19 - Pray for our newest church planters: Josh Williamson (The Refuge JoCo), Michael Johnson (King's Cross), and Dillon Schupp (LifeSpring Church).

Saturday, May 20 - Pray for the children's and Hispanic outreach at the Flea Market in South Smithfield and a future ministry at the GALOT Motorsports Park near Benson.

Sunday, May 21 - Pray for the Sunday morning outreach to the 1,000 truckers going through the Petro Truckstop and for the many that Don Dewberry is reaching in the Flea Market Ministry.

## Campus Ministry - LifeSpring on Campus

This year 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 to the general college 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  
Faculty & Staff



Learn more at:  
[lifespringnc.com](http://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,

The month of May and June are both very busy and momentous. As a part of this year's "Associational Emphasis Week" (May 14-21) we will be gathering on Monday night, May 15, 2017 for our JBA Semi-Annual Meeting at Watkins Chapel Baptist Church. The theme for this year is "Acts of a HEALTHY Church." We will be exploring what a healthy church looks like and how to "live in" to that profile. There are also a number of resources available for our churches to use (check out our website for bulletin covers and video clips to share with your church leading up to the Associational Emphasis Week). At this meeting we will be featuring many of our churches for exemplary growth over the last year and over the last five years in a variety of categories. We will also be hearing some inspirational stories of churches really trying to make a difference in their communities. June 29th we will gather for our quarterly General Board meeting (when we map out our budget for next year) and get updates on the summer events. Don't forget—our Evangelistic Block Party Trailer is ready to be used this summer! (It now has a generator!) Go to our website to see how you can reserve it now for your big outreach events!

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

#### May 16 Conference

Topic: *Pastor Unique: Becoming a Turnaround Leader*

This month we will focus on ch. 5 of the book *Pastor Unique*. We will see what exactly sets apart Turnaround Pastors from Non-Turnaround Pastors based upon their Birkman Profiles. This will be a very interesting and informative session so please come and join us!

#### June 20 Conference

Topic: *Pastor Unique: Becoming a Turnaround Leader*

This month our focus will be ch. 6 of *Pastor Unique*. We will be looking at the difference between "leading" and "managing" the local church, one of the key differences in pastoral leadership style between growing and non-growing congregations. Surely a lively discussion!

### 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.

### Ten Joy Stealers in Ministry (And How to Get it Back)

By: Thom Rainer

Thom Rainer, President and CEO of Lifeway Christian Resources, wrote a compelling and candid article for pastors. Based on responses he has received over the years from pastors, he compiled a list of joy stealers. To read the suggestions to counter these responses visit his site [thomrainer.com](http://thomrainer.com) and look for this article (Feb. 25, 2015).

1. Seeing the underbelly of Christian ministry.
2. Constant criticisms.
3. Fighting among Christians.
4. Busyness that turns to prayerlessness.
5. Unreasonable work hours.
6. Attacks on our family.
7. Sour staff relations.
8. Inwardly focused church.
9. Lack of respect in the community and culture.
10. Entitlement mentality among some church members.

There are definitely two common themes in this article. First, ministry in the church is not easy. It's been that way for 2,000 years. Second, if we focus on these joy-stealers, they will indeed take away our joy. But if we keep our focus on Christ, our joy can never be taken away.

### JBA General Board Mtg.

June 29, 2017  
6:00 Associational Council Meets  
7:00 General Board Meeting  
Location: JBA Office  
102 W Noble St, Selma

## Celebrate! Birthdays

May 5 Steve Grice  
May 8 George Arant  
May 8 Bill West  
May 15 Al James  
May 19 Tim Stevens  
May 19 Lester Bledsoe  
May 22 Steven Walker  
Jun 2 Mitch Lockamy  
Jun 3 Frankie Bass  
Jun 3 Charles Nichols  
Jun 14 Will Abernethy  
June 24 Tim Sitter

### Wedding Anniversaries

May 5 Frankie & Lori Bass  
May 9 Mike & Charlene Beasley  
May 25 Tim & Sue Sitter  
Jun 1 John & Michelle Norman  
Jun 1 Randy & Angela Pace  
Jun 2 Josh & Joy Williamson  
Jun 9 Billie & Lorraine Lawson  
Jun 17 Al & Cathy James  
Jun 19 Steve & Dove Morris  
Jun 21 Paul & Eliza Burgess  
Jun 23 Steve & Tonya Grice

### Church Anniversaries

Jonathan Turner, Antioch  
May 16, 2016 - 1 Year  
Thomas Collings, Trinity  
June 1, 2014 - 3 Years

### An Interesting Read!

*Jesus Didn't Wake Up this Morning Depressed By the Size of Your Church*

By: Pastor Karl Vaters  
Pivot Blog on [newsmallchurch.com](http://newsmallchurch.com)

Many of our congregations in the JBA are classified as "small church". Monday's can be a tough day for a lot of pastors. This blog post is a reminder that Jesus "knows what happened and didn't happen in church yesterday." The headline is simply a figure of speech, but the encouragement in the article is worth the read. You can find it online at [newsmallchurch.com](http://newsmallchurch.com) (posted Feb. 12, 2017).

As an additional reminder, the JBA is here for you! Whatever you need, whenever you need it, and however you need it, count on us to be in your "corner"!

# 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

### •Migrant Health Kits Needed

We need kits packed for the summer (washcloth, soap, comb, toothbrush, and toothpaste). Pack in a quart size Zip Lock bag and deliver to the JBA. Great project idea for VBS!

### •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 GALOT Motorsports Park (formerly Dunn-Benson Drag Strip).

## Upcoming Events

### •May 15, 2017

#### JBA Semi-Annual Spring Meeting

@ Watkins Chapel 7pm  
Contact: Tonya at 919-965-9450 or  
jbaoffice@me.com.

### •May 20, 2017

#### JBA WMU Spring Meeting

@ Pine Level Missionary Baptist  
9am-noon (Registration at 8:30)

### •May 21-26, 2017

#### Truth Love Celebration

Hosted by Cornerstone Baptist

@ Western Assembly, Newton Grove Churches from all over the county are invited to attend. Featuring different speakers each night, live music, and more. Meeting at 6:30pm Sunday-Friday. Contact: Gaylord Hiler at ghiler.hiler@gamil.com

### •June 14-17, 2017

#### JoCo Project

@ Smithfield First Baptist  
A local mission-focused weekend for students grades 6-12.  
Contact: Tommy Cook at 919-934-9771 or tommy@fbcsmithfield.org.

### •June 29, 2017

#### JBA Quarterly Board Meeting

@ JBA Office 7pm

### •Oct. 24, 2017

#### JBA Semi-Annual Fall Meeting

@ Bethesda Baptist 7pm

# 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: jautry@ncbaptist.org.

## Evangelism

### •October 27-28, 2017

@ SEBTS, Wake Forest  
Engaging speakers (Danny Akin, J.D. Greear, Bryant White), breakout sessions, and peer learning all directed toward the task of reaching the nations in North America. Sessions will cover everything from missiological method for people group discovery and engagement to creative strategies for local churches. Every Christian will benefit from specific peer learning tracks.  
Contact: reachingthenations.net.

## Leadership

### •August 10, 2017

#### "Chess Not Checkers" Leadership Equipping Track

@ State Convention, Cary  
This training will provide insights as to how one makes decisions concerning situations either in a reactive or strategic way. You will also discover leadership lessons that will transform a struggling organization into one that is thriving.  
Contact: Ken Tan at ktan@ncbaptist.org or 800-395-5102 ext. 5629.

### •August 19, 2017

#### Training Extravaganza

@ Hayes Barton Baptist, Raleigh  
Training for all area of church leadership and ministries. For more info, visit raleighbaptists.org.

## Women

### •June 3, 2017

#### How Do I Reach My Neighbor?

@ Providence Baptist, Raleigh  
Former Central Asian worker, Katherine Carter, will teach women about the culture of Central Asian women and how to build relationships with them.  
Contact: Brandy Barkley at bbarkley@ncbaptist.org or 800-395-5102 ext. 5558.

### •July 10-12, 2017

#### "Stand" Minister's Wives Retreat

@ Caraway Conference Ctr, Asheboro  
An annual retreat with time of Bible study, worship, fellowship, and rest.  
Contact: Cindy Johnson at

cj@cindyjohnson.org.

### •July 29, 2017

#### "Come to the Table II"

#### WMU Leadership Training

@ Camp Mundo Vista, Asheboro  
Hear about mission and ministry opportunities, dialog with other leaders, and enjoy sessions for all aspects of WMU resources. Visit wmunc.org for more info.  
Contact: WMU NC at 1-866-210-8602.

## 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.

## Developmentally Disabled

### •July & August Dates

#### Western Happiness Retreat

@ Truett Camp, Hayesville  
For people of all ages with developmental disabilities. The retreat will include Bible study, music, crafts, movies, recreation, a theme party and a Sunday morning worship service.  
Contact: Maria Luoni at mluoni@ncbaptist.org or 800-395-5102 ext. 5629.

### Contact Information:

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

## Church Contributions: Feb. 1 - March 31

CHURCHES:	Feb/Mar	Year Total			
Antioch	0.00	1227.00	Oakdale	0.00	0.00
Baptist Center	197.55	987.75	Oliver's Grove	275.00	275.00
Baptist Tabernacle	400.00	1200.00	Parrish Memorial	256.36	734.69
Benson	1059.45	2406.53	Pauline	83.58	200.20
Bethany	0.00	0.00	Pine Level	469.11	2703.94
Bethesda	0.00	2345.89	Pisgah	240.00	615.00
Beulah	0.00	2474.47	Pleasant Grove	782.82	2090.01
Blackman's Grove	250.00	500.00	Princeton	454.00	2703.02
Building 323	0.00	0.00	Sardis	0.00	0.00
Burnell	850.00	850.00	Selma	981.33	3421.43
Calvary, Dunn	0.00	1000.00	Sharon	167.76	436.47
Calvary, Selma	0.00	100.00	Shiloh	2510.00	5020.00
Carter's Chapel	0.00	704.68	Sims	397.00	743.00
Cedar Grove	900.00	900.00	Smithfield First	700.00	3500.00
Clayton First	1000.00	2700.00	Stevens Chapel	0.00	1289.54
Clyde's Chapel	1100.00	2410.00	Thanksgiving	0.00	1379.79
Corinth	519.00	1053.00	Trinity	0.00	750.00
Cornerstone	0.00	0.00	Watkin's Chapel	875.00	2625.00
Divine Crossings	0.00	150.00	Wellspring	0.00	1250.00
Faith	176.42	529.26	White Oak	512.10	4440.44
Four Oaks First	0.00	1392.50	Wilson's Mills	1472.49	3958.89
Freedom Biker	0.00	0.00			
Hales Chapel	150.00	450.00			
Hephzibah	400.00	1200.00			
Hocutt	500.00	1000.00			
Hood's Grove	600.00	1200.00			
Jonesboro	0.00	0.00			
Kenly	616.27	3937.37			
Lee's Chapel	0.00	0.00			
Live Oak	0.00	150.00			
Micro First	0.00	625.00			
Middlesex	60.00	360.00			
New Life	258.35	755.31			
Newton Grove	0.00	0.00			
Noble's Chapel	125.00	375.00			
North Smithfield	0.00	0.00			

### Church Plants, Missions, & Affiliations:

Branded Boots	0.00	0.00
Clayton Crossings	0.000	1344.71
Hispanic-Hocutt	0.00	0.00
Hispanic-Kenly	0.00	0.00
Hispanic-Smithfield	170.25	341.08
King's Cross	100.00	250.00
LifeSpring Church	571.81	2238.80
Mule City Cowboy	0.00	169.10
The Refuge JoCo	0.00	75.00

Total: 20,010.40 75,638.87

## Church News

### Churches Seeking Pastors:

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

### 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

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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.

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