

Yates Baptist Association is a network of churches working together in mission and ministry for the purposes of church growth and church renewal in the Durham-Chapel Hill Metro area.

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**WORKING TOGETHER
TO ADVANCE CHRIST'S KINGDOM**

*"May they all be one,
as You, Father,
are in Me and I am in You.
May they also be one in Us,
so the world may believe
You sent Me."*

John 17:21 (HCSB)

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

**Faye Oakley Bassett Offering
for Local Missions**

MAY 21 - 27, 2017

SUNDAY, MAY 21

Church Revitalization Team

MONDAY, MAY 22

Church Planting Team

TUESDAY, MAY 23

Ministerial Care Team

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

Missions and Ministry Team

THURSDAY, MAY 25

*Leadership Development
Team*

FRIDAY, MAY 26

*Refugee & International
Ministry*

SATURDAY, MAY 27

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Staff*

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**Faye Oakley Bassett Offering Goal: \$5,000
To help fund Local Missions Projects**

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Yates Baptist Association,

I am entering my third year of service on the Finance Committee for the Yates Baptist Association. We spend a lot of time looking at numbers during our meetings and talking about what those numbers mean and (often times) how we can get those numbers up! Talking with other pastors and church leaders, I know that story probably sounds familiar to many of you reading this.

For just a moment, though, I want to share a different story, a story that the numbers don't necessarily tell. It is the story of a single mom sharing how the kindness and generosity that allowed her to purchase Christmas presents for her children at a rate she could afford had reminded her that God really did see her and love her. It is the story of believers who come together one Saturday morning a month to pray for Durham and the surrounding communities and to seek God's provision and will for His people. It is the story of pastors sitting around a table being challenged to consider what role our churches have played in the problem of racism in our community and discussing what role we need to play in bringing God's reconciliation to a broken world. It is the story of how men and women leave to go to Hawaii not to bask in the sun and the waves but to work with a local congregation to share the good news of Jesus Christ with children on the island. It is the story of Marty Childers praying with pastors and deacon boards for the leadership of the Spirit and the equipping of the saints. It is the story of a family who finds the food for their otherwise empty dinner table in a food pantry at Antioch Baptist Church. It is the story of men and women from all over Durham coming together at the Yates Baptist Association Ministry Center on a Tuesday night not to focus on business but to praise the name of our Lord.

These are the stories that God is telling through the Yates Baptist Association right now. They are stories of salvation, of renewal, and of humble service. I want to invite you to tell these stories. Even more importantly, I want to invite you to become part of the story. Encourage the members of your congregation to learn more about the ministries and missions of the Yates Baptist Association through the newsletter, Facebook page, or website. Attend the next quarterly meeting or Saturday prayer session. Call Teresa, Michael, or Marty and ask, "What can I do? What can we do?" And yes, consider giving or increasing your giving to provide the financial resources that make these ministries possible.

I know that asking you to give money right now may seem to be asking for too much. I know that many of our churches are looking at financial statements that don't look a lot better than the Association's right now. But when I consider the stories that the numbers don't tell, I am reminded of Paul's words in Ephesians, "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us." God is telling a story that is greater than our numbers. I hope you will be a part of that story.

I am excited when I hear that we had the largest crowd at the Valentine's banquet we have had in several years, that 23 of our congregations have increased their financial support to the Association or that our newsletter mailing list is growing. Thank you to every church and individual that has sought to find how they can be a part of what God is doing here at Yates Baptist Association. Imagine the greater story that God is ready to write as we discover new ways to work together to advance Christ's kingdom!

In Christ,
Mark Mofield

(Rev. Mark Mofield serves as Pastor of Temple Baptist Church and chair of the YBA Finance Committee.)



Revitalization Prayer Meeting

Powering Up through Prayer
Monday, May 22, 2017
Dinner: 6:00 p.m. Prayer: 7:00 p.m.
(2100 Chapel Hill Road)
RSVP by May 19 (919-489-3396)
Everyone is welcome to attend.



"The Ageing Gut"
Gastro-Intestinal Problems in the Older Adult
Joanne Wilson, M.D.
Professor of Medicine, Duke Medical Center
Gastroenterologist
Thursday, May 18, 2017 ~ 11am - 1pm
Grey Stone Church Family Life Center
2601 Hillsborough Road, Durham, NC 27705
This event is free. No RSVP needed. A snack lunch will be served.



National Day of Prayer - Thursday, May 4, 2017

PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF PRAYER FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 21

Church Revitalization Team

LifeWay Christian Resources president Thom Rainer lists 5 Reasons growth may be more difficult in your church. Look over this edited list and make each point a point of prayer in your church and for the churches of Yates Baptist Association.

1. Church members are not intentionally reaching the un-churched where they are.
2. Many churches are stuck in the past.
3. Church members are not regularly inviting people to church.
4. Many church members fail to act like Christians on social media.
5. If they come to church, they only have a mediocre experience.

Pray that we may see the unprecedented opportunity to lead our churches in revitalization as our community changes and grows during these days.

MONDAY, MAY 22

Church Planting Team

We were saddened at the death of Dr. Ed Handkins last October. Dr. Handkins was the team leader for Church Planting. We are currently recalibrating this team. But God is bringing together a great group of servants who have a heart and passion for Church Planting. There are many areas of lostness all around our churches. It has been proven historically as well as documented over the past decade that new churches reach more lost people. Christian Schwarz surveyed over 1,000 churches from 32 countries and 6 continents. He discovered that small churches (averaging 51 in attendance) were 16 times more effective in winning new converts to Christ than megachurches. Just as we must strengthen our existing churches, we must start new churches to reach out to our communities, to reach the unchurched and unreached peoples within our area. New churches that have life and vitality are attractive to the unchurched person. This is often a necessary component for catalyzing that person's receiving Christ. So please pray for wisdom, resources and faith to step into battle for the lost. Pray that your church might be a part of a new network of planting churches both here in the Triangle and beyond. Pray for this new team as they get organized and take on this task.

TUESDAY, MAY 23

Ministerial Care Team

The Ministerial Care Team of Yates Association exists to provide encouragement and support for the pastors and ministerial staff who faithfully serve among us. Pray for our pastors and ministerial staff as they lead our churches to share the gospel and grow believers. Pray for the Ministerial Care Team as they plan events for fellowship and prayer each month. Ask God to give us wisdom as we help provide counseling to ministers who are experiencing a particularly painful crisis in their lives. Pray that we can enrich the lives of our ministers both professionally and personally. It is our hope that each minister who comes into the Yates Association will find friends and colleagues who are eager to welcome them into a warm fellowship of ministers who care for one another. Pray that God will make this happen among us.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

Leadership Development

The Leadership Development Team of the YBA is a new team. The initial vision for the team is twofold. One, the team desires to work with pastors, associate pastors, and other ministerial leaders in the church to identify and address the challenges of leadership. This will include areas of growth leaders need to address, new areas of leadership church leaders would like to gain new skills in, and working together to strengthen practical leadership skills for leaders (the kind of skills not taught

in seminary!). Two, the team desires to work with members of all the YBA churches to strengthen leadership throughout the church and to strengthen leadership that Christians provide in all areas of life. Leadership is not only about pastors! We have great lay leaders in our churches who are also excellent leaders in the workplace, in education, in the medical field, in construction, and every other place you can imagine. The team wants to work with them to strengthen their leadership so that the vitality and witness of their faith in Jesus Christ can be evident beyond the walls of the sanctuary. Thank you for your prayers for this new team.

THURSDAY, MAY 25

Missions & Ministry Team

Pray for vision and direction for the new Associational Partnership opportunities in southeastern Mexico. Pray for the Hawaii team as they prepare and serve the greater kingdom of God in short-term ministry. Uplift the Pennsylvania Mission team as they begin working with a new church plant in Nazareth, PA. Pray for guidance as the new Missions and Ministry Team works to chart a course for effective missions and ministry involvement for all of our Yates Baptist Association Churches.

FRIDAY, MAY 26

Ministry to Refugees and Internationals

We thank God for those churches who have stepped up over this past year to minister to Refugees and Internationals. Two YBA churches which are leading the way are Waypoint and Hope Valley. Hope Valley took a leap of faith in renovating an old parsonage and it culminated in the opening of "Hope House," a transitional home for Refugees. Waypoint Church has been recognized for its outstanding work with refugees over the past few years. In fact, at one point they used the tagline "Reach Durham, Reach the Nations." More churches are intentionally beginning to reach out to internationals and refugees. But the truth is many internationals living here in the Triangle have never had contact with a Christian. Pray that we will open our eyes to the nations that are in our neighborhoods. God is bringing the nations to us and we must be faithful to minister in Jesus' name and tell them about Him.

SATURDAY, MAY 27

Yates Baptist Association Staff

Continue to pray for your YBA staff as we work to create a missional environment within the churches of Yates Baptist Association. The YBA staff is working in partnership with the churches of the Association to seek out the opportunities where we can work together to extend the Kingdom of God. We are happy to have Marty Childers now serving as our DOM. After a long search, God has placed him here to lead YBA as we move forward together. Pray for Marty that he will have spiritual discernment to direct us to be more united and focused in our efforts. Teresa Dotson serves as the Administrative Coordinator for the Yates Baptist Association. She completed 10 years of service with YBA a few months ago. Pray for Teresa as she bears many operational responsibilities, from the finances of the Association to staying in communication with the different churches and programs that have touch with Yates, and many things in between. Reverend Michael Bond, Partnership Missionary, works to connect churches with mission opportunities and to help churches to find and discover their own opportunities for meeting needs in Jesus' name. He also supports the senior adult ministry of the Association. Pray for Michael as he serves with YBA as well as his pastoral duties. Pray for your YBA staff to know the will of the Father and to be faithful in leading us to do the work God has called us to do.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS & MINISTRY OPENINGS

(For additional information, go to www.yatesba.com)

Berea Baptist Church - PT Pianist Needed (2 hours on Sunday)

For more information, call 919-544-7151 or email BereaBaptistDurham@gmail.com

Ebenezer Baptist Church - Missions Yard Sale

Saturday, May 6, 7:00 am - 12 noon. All proceeds go to fund missions locally, nationally & internationally. For more info, call 919-383-6668. (1210 Pleasant Green Road, Hillsborough)

Harvest Glen Baptist Church - PT Pianist Needed (For Sunday morning services.)

If interested, please call Pastor Richard Hedges at 919-598-3320.

Hope Valley Baptist Church - PT Youth Minister Needed

For more info or to submit a resume, contact Pastor Bill Bigger at bill@hvbc.org or call 919-493-1809.

Leesville Road Baptist Church - PT Youth Pastor, PT Minister of Music and PT Pianist Needed

For detailed job description, go to www.yatesba.com (Church News) Please send resumes to: 6211 Leesville Road, Durham, NC 27703 Or email: LRBCDurhamNC@gmail.com Attn: Personnel Committee

Olive Branch Baptist Church - PT Administrative Assistant

For detailed job description, go to www.yatesba.com (Church News and Events.) Please send resumes to rjc1058@yahoo.com or call 919-801-4312 for more information.

Rose of Sharon Baptist Church - Cruze-In Car Show

Saturday, May 20, 10am—2pm. Hot dogs, hamburgers & BBQ (4109 Guess Road, Durham) For more info, call 919-477-3993

Temple Baptist Church - Fish Fry - Friday, May 5

Dine-in or Carry out. 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. & 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. (2121 Umstead Road, Durham) For more info, call 919-309-0050

University - Office Administrator Needed

30 hours/week, M-F to perform general office work, serve as secretary to the pastor, coordinate correspondence, prepare worship bulletins/ monthly newsletter, coordinate communication including Facebook/ website, etc. Contact Dr. Mitchell Simpson, pastor, to submit resume: mitchbettysimpson@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF YBA MEETINGS & EVENTS

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|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| National Day of Prayer .....                           | May 4            |
| Prayer As a Strategy .....                             | May 6, 9:30am    |
| Associational Leadership Team.....                     | May 8, 12:00pm   |
| Annual Meeting Planning Committee.....                 | May 9, 10:00am   |
| Senior Adult Quarterly Luncheon (Mt. Hermon).....      | May 9, 12:00pm   |
| Senior Health Support of the Triangle .....            | May 18, 11:00am  |
| “RPM” (Revitalization Prayer Meeting) .....            | May 22, 6:00pm   |
| Ministers & Families Night Out (Durham Memorial) ..... | May 23, 6:00pm   |
| OCC Prison Ministry (Calvary) .....                    | May 21, 7:00pm   |
| Finance Committee.....                                 | May 24, 12:00pm  |
| Prayer As a Strategy .....                             | June 3, 9:30am   |
| Ministers Lunch & Prayer (Location TBA) .....          | June 6, 11:30am  |
| Associational Leadership Team.....                     | June 12, 12:00pm |
| Annual Meeting Planning Committee.....                 | June 13, 11:00am |
| Personnel Committee .....                              | June 14, 10:00am |
| OCC Prison Ministry (Antioch).....                     | June 18, 7:00pm  |
| Finance Committee.....                                 | June 28, 12:00pm |

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**UPCOMING PARTNERSHIP MISSION TRIP**

Riverbend Baptist Church, Nazareth, PA  
Back Yard Bible Club & Service Projects  
July 14 - 20, 2017

15 Team Members needed

Cost: (Approx. \$300.00) plus VBS material

Contact Michael Bond ASAP to sign up.

Call 919-489-3396 or e-mail: [mlbond2@frontier.com](mailto:mlbond2@frontier.com)

**Yates Baptist Association  
Senior Adult Luncheon**

**Tuesday, May 9, 2017 - 12:00 noon  
Catered Luncheon - Cost \$7  
(RSVP by Friday, May 5)  
Mt. Hermon Baptist Church  
4511 Old NC 10, Durham, NC 27705**

MENU

Country Style Steak  
Fried Chicken  
Green Beans, Red Potatoes  
Rolls, Drinks and Dessert

*Special Music  
Provided by*

**Mike & Emily Smith**

**"Thank You" YBA Churches  
for being the hands and feet of Jesus!**

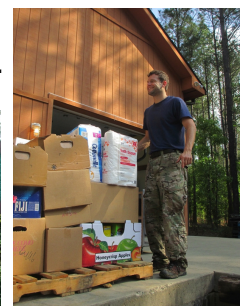
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**"Working together to  
advance Christ's Kingdom"**



A special Thank You to everyone who contributed food and gift cards for the Baptist Children's Home Food Round Up. The collection was a huge success!



# Associational Missions



# March 2017

## ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS 2017

| CHURCHES             | MAR         | YTD         |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Angier Avenue        | \$ -        | \$ -        |
| Antioch              | \$ -        | \$ 100.00   |
| Bahama               | \$ 490.10   | \$ 1,424.10 |
| Bells                | \$ 441.92   | \$ 1,127.40 |
| Berea                | \$ 200.00   | \$ 600.00   |
| Bethesda             | \$ -        | \$ -        |
| Braggtown            | \$ 350.64   | \$ 941.78   |
| Calvandar            | \$ -        | \$ -        |
| Calvary              | \$ 730.02   | \$ 1,451.21 |
| Cedar Fork           | \$ 584.36   | \$ 883.60   |
| CH Chinese Christian | \$ -        | \$ -        |
| Church at NC         | \$ 50.00    | \$ 50.00    |
| Cresset              | \$ 671.42   | \$ 671.42   |
| Dayspring            | \$ -        | \$ -        |
| Durham Memorial      | \$ 2,155.06 | \$ 3,028.77 |
| DM Spanish Mission   | \$ -        | \$ -        |
| Ebenezer             | \$ 286.39   | \$ 536.39   |
| Edgewood             | \$ -        | \$ -        |
| Ephesus              | \$ 100.00   | \$ 300.00   |
| Faith                | \$ 16.66    | \$ 33.32    |
| Faith Community      | \$ -        | \$ -        |
| First Hillsborough   | \$ 477.33   | \$ 1,450.76 |
| Gateway              | \$ 273.02   | \$ 792.64   |
| Gorman               | \$ 333.33   | \$ 999.99   |
| Gospel               | \$ -        | \$ -        |
| Grace                | \$ -        | \$ -        |
| Great Faith          | \$ -        | \$ -        |
| Grey Stone           | \$ 250.00   | \$ 250.00   |
| Guess Road           | \$ -        | \$ 2,110.96 |
| Hanmaum Church       | \$ 800.00   | \$ 800.00   |
| Harvest Glen         | \$ -        | \$ 1,326.00 |
| HillSong             | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Hope Valley          | \$ 1,842.20 | \$ 2,633.86 |
| Immanuel             | \$ 196.07   | \$ 645.70   |
| Immanuel Hispanic    | \$ -        | \$ 925.00   |
| Japanese Ministry    | \$ -        | \$ -        |
| Journey              | \$ -        | \$ 250.00   |

## ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS 2017 ~ Continued

| CHURCHES               | MAR          | YTD          |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Lawrence Road          | \$ 324.31    | \$ 1,058.41  |
| Leesville Road         | \$ -         | \$ -         |
| LifeZone               | \$ -         | \$ 200.00    |
| Lowe's Grove           | \$ 405.65    | \$ 1,085.79  |
| Lystra                 | \$ 500.00    | \$ 500.00    |
| Mosaic                 | \$ -         | \$ 527.00    |
| Mt. Carmel             | \$ 184.39    | \$ 533.62    |
| Mt. Carmel Hispanic    | \$ -         | \$ -         |
| Mt. Gilead             | \$ -         | \$ -         |
| Mt. Hermon             | \$ 264.32    | \$ 476.39    |
| Mt. Moriah             | \$ 300.00    | \$ 600.00    |
| Mt. Pisgah             | \$ 100.00    | \$ 300.00    |
| New Freedom            | \$ -         | \$ -         |
| New Jerusalem          | \$ 825.00    | \$ 825.00    |
| North Durham           | \$ -         | \$ -         |
| Olive Branch           | \$ -         | \$ -         |
| Page Road              | \$ -         | \$ -         |
| Park View              | \$ -         | \$ 312.50    |
| Plainview              | \$ 254.00    | \$ 815.00    |
| Red Mountain           | \$ -         | \$ -         |
| Ridgecrest             | \$ -         | \$ 750.00    |
| Rose of Sharon         | \$ 600.00    | \$ 650.00    |
| Sunrise                | \$ 400.00    | \$ 800.00    |
| Temple                 | \$ 235.00    | \$ 357.00    |
| The Summit             | \$ -         | \$ 125.01    |
| Triangle Pointe        | \$ -         | \$ -         |
| University             | \$ -         | \$ -         |
| Yates                  | \$ 958.89    | \$ 3,479.25  |
| Church Missions Giving | \$ 17,100.08 | \$ 38,227.87 |
| Other Contributions    | \$ 1,550.00  | \$ 4,550.00  |

### TOTAL INCOME

\$ 18,650.08

\$ 42,777.87

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

Monthly Budget Needs From Churches: \$ 20,750.08

March Receipts: \$ 18,650.08

Total Receipts To Date: \$ 42,777.87

Budget Needs From Churches To Date: \$ 62,250.24

Difference: \$ (19,472.37)