

Little River Baptist Association

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From Missions/Ministry Development: Future—Just Ahead

The Lord has given me past articles about both patience and finding joy in His presence during our time of anticipating the future of LRBA. A new focus seems to be on our courage—trust while moving into the future. Our courage is based on trust that God is with us, always.

Abraham went without knowing where he was being led, although knowing that he was being led by Yahweh. Joshua found courage in God's word of being with him as the Israelites moved into the promised land. Jesus tells us to 'Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them. . .and lo, I am with you always.' Paul says that he must honor Christ. . .by fearless courage.

As we enter this new year, there will be unknown factors; yet we can move courageously forward, trusting in our Lord's presence. Our DOM Search Committee is beginning their work of prayerfully seeking God's choice of our future leader. This will take time and we must join hearts & spirit in prayer with and for them. We can't see into our promise-land future. Yet, we know that God is on His throne, that His love for the world is true as demonstrated through Jesus. As we wait patiently and prayerfully, we find joy in sharing these truths and the truth of the Gospel of salvation. The LORD is with us in 2017.

Alice Davis

Executive Committee: Missions Mindset for the Future. . .

Please plan on sending your church representatives to the Exec. Comm. Mtg.,
Mon., **Jan. 30th**, at Pleasant Memory BC, Coats. . . **7 PM.**

Early Bird Workshop for ALL VBS Directors & Pastors Thursday, Feb. 2nd at LRBA Office—6:30 PM

LifeWay will have multiple curriculums to view or purchase. Buy or order your VBS materials with no shipping cost. LRBA discount ticket for this night only!

WMU Pastors' Appreciation Banquet—Feb. 7th—6:30 PM

Ron's Barn, Hwy. 55, Coats 27521

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Pray with our churches as they seek a new Pastor : Anderson Creek, Antioch, Buies Creek First, Coats, Erwin 1st, Harmony, and Overhills Community Baptist churches. (Antioch and Coats are accepting resumes now.)

Pray for ours serving away: J & B—S E Asia; K & K—Asia; Dias family—Africa; R—N. Africa; M—Middle East; M in M; Greenes in Massachusetts

Baptist Foundation Loans / Scholarships 2017: Applications due Feb. 15th. For applications & details, call Lori Williams at 1-800-521-7334 or go to www.ncbaptistfoundation.org and pull down 'loans & scholarships.'

BSCNC Offering FREE Training for Church Staff

2/9=Excel; 2/14=Wordpress; 3/2=Word 3/21=Wix; 3/23=PowerPoint
All begin at 9 AM at Baptist Bldg, Cary. Pre-register with J. Autry at BSCNC ext.5592

Campbell University Divinity School Events

2/7—Visitation Day & Covenant / Commissioning Service at Butler Chapel, 10:30 am.
Staley Lectures at Butler Chapel, 7 pm. Details: 1-800-760-9827, ext. 4765
2/28—Cammack Preaching Lectures at Butler Chapel, 10:40 am and 1:45 pm
3/24—Doctor of Ministry Open House—Ministry to the next level—call phone# above

Calendar of Events

BSCNC (800) 395-5102 / www.ncbaptist.org

January

1 New Year's Day !
10 WMU Leadership Team Mtg. at LRBA office, 6:30 PM
11 Senior Adult Council Meeting at LRBA office, 2 PM
16 Association Council Meeting at LRBA office, 7 PM
22 Baptist Men's Day in the Churches
27-28 **GO** ⇔ Missions Conf. at Southeastern Seminary / See go.sebts.edu
30 **Executive Committee Meeting, Pleasant Memory BC, 7 PM**
579 Old Stage Rd., N., Coats 27521



February

7 Region 4 Baptist Men's Rally at Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest
8 Senior Adult Council Meeting at LRBA office, 2 PM
12-19 Focus on WMU Week of Prayer and Heck-Jones Offering
27 Disciple-Making Conf. at Center Grove BC, Clemmons—BSCNC x5551

March

10-11 State Prayer Conf., Osborne BC, Eden—BSCNC .5514 OR praync.org
17-18 Baptist Men's Annual Mission Conf., Calvary BC, Winston-Salem
18 LRBA WMU Annual Prayer Retreat at Camp Agape, Fuquay-Varina
20 LRBA 141st Annual Mtg., Spring Session at Erwin First BC
24 Assoc. Youth & High School Bible Drills—Antioch BC, 7 PM (reg. 6:30)
25 Assoc. Children's Bible Drill—Antioch BC, 10 AM (registration 9:00)
24-25 WMU Missions Extravaganza & Annual Mtg., First BC, Greensboro