

## Little River Baptist Association

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### **From our Moderator: 'Our God is a Holy God'**

Nothing is more important than our relationship with Jesus Christ. At one point in His earthly ministry, Jesus challenged His followers saying, *If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.* ~ Luke 14:26 (NKJV) In our society, we so value our families that these words sounds extremely harsh; but they serve to remind us of the importance of our commitment unto our Lord.

One reason we are not totally committed to Him can be found in Exodus. Camped before the Mount of the LORD, Israel received the Law and built the Tabernacle. In Exodus 40, Moses assembled God's House according to God's instructions. *Then the cloud covered the Tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord {so} filled the Tabernacle* that Moses was unable to enter it. The last verse of Exodus reads:

*For the cloud of the LORD was above the tabernacle by day, and fire was over it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.* ~ Exodus 40:38 (NKJV)

We tend to think that if we just had God's physical presence in our churches, everything would be better. Notice, God's presence was visually among His people *all the time*, but they still rebelled. What I observe from the Exodus narratives is that a people's relationship with God can become common-place and meaningless. Consider Leviticus chapter 10 where the sons of Aaron offered *strange fire before the Lord and they died* ~Leviticus 10:1-2 (NASB). It seems that worshiping God had become so common-place that even the priests carelessly began to ignore the holy nature of the LORD God.

As Christians, we are the temple of the Holy Spirit; therefore, we already possess God's presence. What remains is for God's people to do everything humanly possible to keep our relationship with Him meaningful. We must never become so comfortable in His presence that we forget the LORD God is a holy and jealous God Who demands our complete commitment.

Rev. Billy Stines

### **LRBA 141<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting—Spring Session** **'Impact: Compelling the Lost to Come to Life'**

**Mon., March 20<sup>th</sup>** ~ Prelude at 6:45 / Meeting at 7 PM

Come be inspired toward God's work through God's Word and mission reports.

Erwin 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church, 300 South 12<sup>th</sup> St., Erwin 28339

**LRBA Resource Center** 1004 Summerville-Mamers Road, Lillington, NC 27546

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### **Prayer Conf. with Chris Schofield, BSCNC / March 3-5 Holly Springs Baptist Ch, 385 Holly Springs Ch Rd, Broadway, NC 27505**

**Childcare will be provided for all events.**

**Fri, Mar 3:** 6 PM-Dinner \$10 Reservations by noon, Feb. 27. Program: 7-8:30pm.

**Sat, March 4 :** 9 am-Breakfast; program at 9:30 am; lunch; program 'til 3 pm.

**Sunday, March 5 :** 11am-Worship with guest speaker Chris Schofield

**LRBA WMU Prayer Retreat ~ Sat., Mar 18 ~ 9am-3pm ~ Camp Agape**  
1369 Tyler Dewar Lane, Fuquay-Varina 27526 / \$20 reg. to LRBA by Feb.28

**Associational Bible Drills** as listed below. Contact Shannon LaBelle ahead at (919) 639-5466 / (919) 210-5284 / < shlabelle@hotmail.com > LRBA Bible Drills Director  
Mar. 24—Youth & High School Bible Drills at Antioch BC, 7:00 PM (reg.6:30)  
Mar. 25—Children's Bible Drill at Antioch BC, 10:00 AM (register at 9:00)



### **Calendar of Events**

**BSCNC (800) 395-5102 / [www.ncbaptist.org](http://www.ncbaptist.org)**

#### **March — Pray for N American Missions & A Armstrong Easter Offering**

7 'Leading Change in the Church' Conf. with T. Rainer / 9am-4:30pm  
Reg. [www.leadingchange.church](http://www.leadingchange.church) / \$10 / Carpool from Holly Springs BC

10-11 State Prayer Conf., Osborne BC, Eden—BSCNC x5514 OR [praync.org](http://praync.org)

17-18 Baptist Men's Annual Mission Conf., Calvary BC, Winston-Salem

**20 LRBA 141<sup>st</sup> Annual Mtg., Spring Session at Erwin First BC**

24-25 WMU Missions Extravaganza & Annual Mtg., First BC, Greensboro

#### **April**

3 Associational Council at LRBA office, 7 PM

7-8 Father-Son Overnight at Camp Caraway, (grds 1-6) BSCNC ext. 5599

8 'Share Jesus Now' Evangelism Training at LRBA Office, 9-12noon / \$5

11 LRBA WMU Leadership Team Meeting at LRBA office, 6:30 PM

16 **Easter Sunday . . . He is Risen, indeed!**

17 Easter Monday, LRBA office closed

20 VBS Clinic & Expo—for ALL Teachers, 6:30-8:30 PM, Lillington BC

22 Regional Bible Drills for all ages at Coats Baptist Church