

Triangle West Baptist Network

TriWest News

"Working together to advance God's Kingdom"

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TriWest is a network of great commission churches in the Research Triangle of North Carolina. Our mission is to see local churches strengthened, planted, and resourced to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the glory of God.



Hello TriWest family,

I cannot believe that we have to change the calendar one more time as we head into the last quarter of this year. I remember my parents saying when I was young that time flies, but I had no idea it would move this fast. Depending on when you read this, we have somewhere close to 114 days till Christmas. Because time really does fly, I have realized that we must make the most of each and every moment we have.

Over the last few weeks, I've been working with one of our churches, teaching a small book called *Flickering Lamps*. You may or may not have heard of this book, but you probably have heard of its author, Henry Blackaby. Some of you surely remember the Bible study that came out back in the 90s called *Experiencing God*. It was and still is one of the best Discipleship books that I've ever seen. Henry and his son Richard wrote *Flickering Lamps* with the church in mind. In fact, they specifically wrote this book for the declining church in America.

I told someone last week that *Flickering Lamps* is kind of like the Reader's Digest version of *Experiencing God*. It is a much shorter book, but it is equally impactful. Through this book, God has reminded me of many things and I wanted to share some with you today. First and foremost, the Bible is abundantly clear that all things were created for the purpose of glorifying God. Therefore, the local church exists to glorify God. *Flickering Lamps* reminds us that God is still in control. Even though many times our circumstances are difficult, and may even seem quite daunting, God is still in control. Why don't you stop right now and just say those 4 words: "God is in control."

I hope and trust that you believe that, and if you do, then that changes everything. Whatever is going on in your life right now, whatever is going on in your church, whatever is going on in your family, God is bigger than whatever situation you are facing.

Blackaby interweaves the story of his family's ministry in Saskatoon, Canada with the letters to the seven churches in the book of Revelation. *Flickering Lamps* reminds us of basic biblical principles such as: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God." Christ did not command us to build our church. He said that He would build His kingdom and He would build His church. You and I must be kingdom citizens first. Blackaby reminds us to allow God to direct our steps. We all know Proverbs 3:5-6 says "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths." Yes, we all know it but have we figured out how to actually do it?

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Blackaby reminded me that so many times we put our trust in our church budgets or our own abilities, gifts, talents, or even our traditions, but we are slow to put our ultimate faith and trust in God. He calls us to be people of faith. All of us know that it says in Hebrews 11, "Without faith, it is impossible to please God." I believe that now more than ever, it is imperative for the church to walk by faith. To believe in what cannot be seen, to trust God to do amazing things that seem impossible.

As I read through the story of the Blackaby's ministry in Canada, I was amazed and reminded of the power of God. The book recounts how the Blackaby left a successful ministry on the West Coast and moved to Canada, 1700 miles away, to a small church that was falling apart, both physically and spiritually, and how God showed up and did a miraculous work. This tiny church started a college ministry and a few months later they started a Bible college. And if that wasn't enough, just within months of Blackaby's arrival, they started not one, but several mission churches. After reading this book a friend said, "This is unbelievable." TriWest family, we need to be reminded that our God can still do anything He desires.

There is one more phrase I want to share with you. Blackaby says, and I quote, "The truth is, God can lead any church to a vibrant future. However, He requires churches to humble themselves and seek His direction." I have people almost every week ask me a similar question. They will ask about this church or that specific church or sometimes the church in general. The question is, "Marty, do you think that this church can turn things around?" My obvious answer is "No, the church themselves cannot turn things around." But then I love to respond, "But our God can!" Will you trust the Lord to lead your church? Please let us know how we here at TriWest can come alongside you to see what God can do.

For the mission,
Marty



Every Church. Every Community.

ServeNC is an opportunity for every NC Baptist church to love its community in Jesus' name through service projects.

If your church didn't exist, would your community notice? Whether it's painting a school, cleaning up a yard, serving meals to those in need or building a wheelchair ramp, your church knows the specific needs that exist in your community and can choose the best project to make a difference through ServeNC.

Commit your church to one week of being on mission together and display the gospel to those in need, August 3-10, 2024. For more information and to sign up, visit:

<https://ncbaptist.org/servenc/>

North Carolina
MISSIONS
Offering

ncmissionsoffering.org



Give the gift of

RELIEF FOR TODAY.
HOPE FOR TOMORROW.

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."
Romans 15:13 (ESV)



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NCMO Supports:

■ Baptists on Mission Ministries	\$1,417,500
■ Church Planting	\$710,000
■ Associational Missions	\$372,500



The North Carolina Missions Offering:

- ✘ Shares the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- ✘ Relieves suffering.
- ✘ Treats the sick.
- ✘ Helps plant new churches.
- ✘ Mobilizes volunteers for missions.
- ✘ Responds to various disasters.



NCMO stands for the North Carolina Missions Offering. This is a special offering received during the month of September that brings relief to those in need, helps plant churches, and mobilizes NC Baptists for missions. The state-wide goal is \$2.5 million. This offering is used for Baptists on Mission Ministries, including Disaster Relief, local ministries, SendNC, and international missions just like the trip that I am on right now in Armenia. It also helps support a large part of the church planting budget for the State Convention. We need more churches planted in NC and this offering helps to accomplish that.

What you may not know is that 10% of the offering that is received from the churches who are a part of our network comes back to the local association. In other words, if our churches were to give \$100,000, then \$10,000 of that would come back to TriWest Baptist Network.

Unfortunately, last year we only had 12 of our network churches who gave to the North Carolina Missions Offering. The total giving was just over \$20,000 which means we received \$2,000 for local ministry projects. But I know we can do better!

Can you make sure to give an offering to the NCMO through your church so that your church can be counted in this partnership that helps ministries like disaster relief, international missions in places like South Africa, Guatemala, and Armenia, as well as church planting here across our state and even helping your local Baptist network?

Our prayer is that this year we will have many more than just 12 churches who participate in the NCMO.

"Now, may the God of hope, fill you with all joy and peace, as you believe so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13.

"PRIME TIME" for Senior Adults

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023
 10:30 A.M. - 12:00 NOON (lunch follows)
 Cost: \$10.00 (RSVP Required)

Temple Baptist Church
 2121 Umstead Road
 Durham, NC 27712

Special Guest Speaker:
 Renea Henderson
 Christian Comedian



A luncheon catered by Golden Corral will follow the meeting.
 Menu: Fried Chicken, Pot Roast, Green Beans, Potatoes, Rolls, Drink and Dessert.

*You may pay at the door, but RSVP is required by Friday, September 8.
 Email office@yatesba.org or call 919-489-3396.*

75th Annual Mission Celebration Tuesday, October 24, 2023 "All For God's Glory"

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
 do all to the glory of God.
 ~1 Corinthians 10:31

Rose of Sharon Baptist Church
 4109 Guess Road, Durham, NC 27712

MISSIONS FAIR: 4:00 PM

DINNER: 5:00 PM

(Chick-Fil-A - Cost: \$8.00 - RSVP required by Oct. 20)

Email: office@yatesba.org
 or signup & pay online: www.yatesba.org/give

EVENING SESSION: 6:00 PM

Speaker: Rev. Michael Clifton

Associate Pastor of Rock Spring Baptist Church in Louisburg, NC

You are invited to participate in the TriWest Network Choir.
 Rehearsals will be held at 7pm on Oct. 9, 19, & 23 at Rose of Sharon Baptist Church. Please let us know ASAP if you are interested in participating.
 Email office@yatesba.org to sign up.



TRIWEST BAPTIST NETWORK

24TH ANNUAL
 GOLF TOURNAMENT
 and MISSIONS
 FUNDRAISER

FOR MEN, WOMEN, YOUTH

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

UMSTEAD PINES at
 WILLOWHAVEN GOLF COURSE
 253 Country Club Drive
 Durham, NC

COST: \$100
 (Includes Golf & Lunch)
 FORMAT:
 Superball-Shotgun Start

One Session - Start time: 9:00 a.m.
 Followed by Lunch & Door Prizes

All proceeds go to support the following ministries:
 Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry, Good Shepherd Mission Center in Guatemala, Church Planting in Armenia, Mexico and Myanmar

OUR GOAL FOR 2023 IS \$15,000

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
 For more details, go to: www.yatesba.org/golf-tournament

GOLFERS, SPONSORS & DOOR PRIZES NEEDED

SAVE THE DATE!



**Free wheelchair ramp
 construction trainings!**

September 23, 2023 - Thomasville

February 10, 2024 - Cary

9:30 am - 11:30 am

Great life/skills training for adults and youth (13+)!

Training provided by Baptists on Mission and sponsored by NCBAM.

Scan to learn more & register.



Christmas Toy Store Ministry

Sharing the love of Jesus



Store Setup: November 27 - December 1
 Braggtown Baptist Church
 3218 N. Roxboro Street, Durham, NC 27704

Parents Shopping: December 4 - 6

How can I help?

Pray for this Ministry

Donate Toys

Volunteer to help...

(Needed: Counselors, Hispanic interpreters, Shoppers aids, Store setup, mark Bibles with the plan of salvation)

The TriWest Missions and Ministry Team is working to expand this ministry in order to reach more families, not only with help for Christmas, but also in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In order to do this, we need your help. It takes all of us working together. For more information and for a list of needed items, please visit our website: www.yatesba.org/christmas-toy-store. To sign up to volunteer or if you have questions, please email: office@yatesba.org. We will have a special training for counselors this year, so please sign up by November 1 if you plan to help in this area.

Please deliver toy donations to Braggtown Baptist Church from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Monday, November 27 - Friday, December 1. You may bring items to the TriWest/YBA Ministry Center at other times (2100 Chapel Hill Road, Durham, NC 27707).

PLEASE INCLUDE THE PRICE PAID FOR THE TOYS.

This will assist volunteers with pricing.

The deadline to receive toys is Friday, December 1.

TRIWEST CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER

Labor Day (TriWest Office Closed) Sept 4
 Prime Time for Senior Adults (Temple) Sept 12, 10:30am
 Annual Mission Celebration Comm.....Sept 14, 1pm
 Golf Tournament Fundraiser Sept 18
 Finance Committee (Zoom) Sept 27, 11am

OCTOBER

TriWest Leadership Team Oct 9, 12pm
 TriWest Network Choir (Rose of Sharon)..... Oct 9, 7pm
 Missions & Ministry Team Oct 10, 2pm
 Annual Mission Celebration Comm (Zoom) Oct 12, 1pm
 TriWest Network Choir (Rose of Sharon)..... Oct 19, 7pm
 TriWest Network Choir (Rose of Sharon)..... Oct 23, 7pm
 Annual Mission Celebration (Rose of Sharon)..... Oct 24

TRIWEST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Durham Memorial Baptist Church - PT Worship Leader Needed. For more information or to submit a resume, please email: secretary@durhammemorial.org. Visit our website (www.yatesba.org) for job description.

Grey Stone Church - Has a few spots available for Fall Bus Trip to Celebrators 2023 in Pigeon Forge, TN with Dr. David Jeremiah & Candace Cameron Bure. October 16-20, 2023. Cost: \$900/person for the week. For more information, contact Randall Floyd: email randall@gsdurham.com or call 919-354-6169.

Hope Valley Baptist Church - Seeks a 30-hr/wk Minister to Children, Youth and their families. A detailed job announcement is available at: <https://www.hvbc.org/work-for-hvbc/>

Mt. Hermon Baptist Church - PT Music Minister Needed. An opportunity to lead an existing choir and praise ensemble. Approximately 15 hours/week. Wed. & Sun. services. For more info, go to: www.yatesba.org/jobopenings. Send resumes to mhbcresumes@gmail.com or call Steve at 919-730-9112 for further information.

Mt. Hermon Baptist Church is sponsoring a medical screening ministry in partnership with Baptist on Mission 14 October 9 am to 4 pm at the church. **Needed: nurses, phlebotomists, vital takers, Spanish speaking counselors/care givers, etc.** Please contact Kathryn Dempsey at 919-624-7078.

Ridgecrest Baptist Church will be offering GriefShare: "Loss of Spouse" and "Surviving the Holidays." GriefShare is a biblical, Christ-centered grief support ministry. If you have experienced a recent loss or find yourself stuck in the grief journey, you may attend these free sessions in a welcoming, supportive, confidential group setting. Sign up on GriefShare.org. Please text or email Jim Burch with any other questions (919-812-0933, james.burch@duke.edu).

"Loss of Spouse"- Wed., Sept 20, 2023 6:00-8:00pm
 "Surviving the Holidays"- Oct 11, 2023 6:00-8:00pm

TriWest Food Pantry



Antioch Baptist Church
 1415 Holloway Street
 Durham, NC 27703
 (919) 688-8893

Food is received and distributed **ON THURSDAYS**
 (10:00 am-12:00 noon).

THIRD QUARTER PANTRY PROVIDERS (JUNE-SEPT)

Berea, Calvary, Church at NC, Durham Memorial, Faith, Gorman, Great Faith, Iglesia Bautista La Fe, Iglesia Cristiana Emanuel, Lighthouse at Leesville Road, LifeZone, NC Myanmar, North Durham, Plainview, Red Mountain, Ridgecrest

FOURTH QUARTER PANTRY PROVIDERS (OCT-DEC)

Antioch, Bethesda, Calvander, Cedar Fork, Cross Culture, Edgewood, Gateway, Hope Valley, Olive Branch, Page Road, Sunrise, The Point-Espanol, The Summit, Waypoint

Even if it is not your quarter to supply food, donations are appreciated throughout the year.

PLEASE CHECK THE DATES ON ALL FOOD ITEMS. EXPIRED ITEMS CANNOT BE DISTRIBUTED. Thank you!

If you would like to support the ministries of the TriWest Baptist Network (YBA), donations can be made online:

**www.yatesba.org/give
 or you may scan the QR code to the right.**



every
CHILD
 foster & adoption ministry

UPDATE
 Total Foster Homes Licensed
363
 Total Children Served in Foster Homes
742

every-child.org

TRIWEST BAPTIST NETWORK (YATES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION)

On Mission Together for the Cause of the Gospel

Partners in Christ

- Financial Support
- Teamwork
- Church Planting
- Church Revitalization
- Pastoral Care
- Prison Ministry
- Kingdom Initiative

Partners Together

God is at work and we are excited to join Him on mission every day!! We pray this letter finds your church experiencing spiritual growth and discipleship. As fall approaches we are reminded of the blessings the Lord has so lavishly poured out on His people. The TriWest Leadership Team would like to express gratitude for each of the pastors and churches in our association.

Thank you for partnering with us in fulfilling the Great Commission.



How can we build a partnership with your church and support each other in the work God is calling us to do?



We have missed hearing from some of you and would like to reconnect with each of our pastors and churches. Over the past three years a lot of things have changed both culturally and financially. Hope is rising as we look to the future!

The association relies on Kingdom investments given by TriWest Baptist Network member churches as we partner missionally to take the Gospel to the nations. Member church's financial support allows us to offer increased resources and assistance to associational churches and pastors in reaching the lost with the Good News that Jesus saves!

As a member of the TriWest Baptist Network, how can your church be actively involved?

⇒ **Be Represented!**

Elect responsible members as messengers and encourage them to attend the semi-annual sessions of the Association.

⇒ **Be Counted!**

Send your church's annual report, the Congregational Profile, to the Association giving the information requested. This information is shared with the NC Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

⇒ **Be Supportive!**

Establish a certain percentage of your church's undesignated receipts to be forwarded to the Association monthly.

Churches can set up monthly financial giving by check to the Yates Baptist Association or giving online at: www.yatesba.org/give.

TriWest Baptist Network (Yates Baptist Association) exists to provide missional resources and support for pastors and churches. As stated in our Bylaws, the association is a network of like-minded churches in the Triangle Metro Area of North Carolina with a vision to see the Great Commission fulfilled through sacrificial collaboration. Our mission is to collaborate to strengthen, plant, and resource churches in order to glorify God through making disciples of all nations. Your contributions assists the Leadership Team the ability to offer assistance through the following associational initiatives:

- ⇒ The Church Strengthening and Church Planting Teams connect with pastors in providing assistance with church growth, including church revitalization and church planting. This team is a vital support ministry as it walks alongside pastors and churches as prayer partners, filling pulpit needs, and offering support during church transitions.**
- ⇒ The Missions and Community Ministries Team organizes community events with an evangelistic outreach focus. These events minister to individuals from diverse backgrounds and make contact with unreached people groups. The Alamance-Orange County Correctional Ministry leads small groups from local churches to host an evening worship service on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 7-8:30 PM. Churches are encouraged to participate in this rewarding ministry.**
- ⇒ The Ministerial Care Team exists to encourage pastors and lay leaders as they seek to serve the local church. Monthly luncheons are hosted to connect with church leadership to develop strong missional relationships.**
- ⇒ The Kingdom Initiative Ministry Team seeks to develop an awareness of cultural diversity through offering language translators, identifying possible host churches within the association, and locating available church planting spaces, as we take the Gospel to the multicultural communities that exist within the associational church communities.**

Pastors and churches are invited to update your contact information by phone or email. We would love to see how we can be on mission for together!!

**Marty Childers, TriWest Mission Strategist
Frank Shipp, Finance Committee Chair**