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"Working together to advance God's Kingdom"

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YBA is a network of like-minded churches in the Triangle Metro Area of NC. We collaborate to strengthen, plant, and resource churches in order to glorify God through making disciples of all nations.



Greeting YBA family and Happy 2022.

I pray that you had a great time celebrating Christmas and ringing in the new year.

It seems every year leading up to Christmas, there's a common question people ask. I'm convinced that I had over a hundred people ask me this question in the first 3 weeks of December. The question is... "Are you ready for Christmas?" Now, I wonder what do people mean when they say that?

I guess they are asking if you have made all your preparations. Have you put up your Christmas tree? Have you put up lights and decorations? Have you bought all the gifts and wrapped them? Do you have your menu ready for Christmas gatherings with family and friends? Now there are at least another half dozen questions I can think about that fall under the heading "are you ready for Christmas." Then there is a second question that many people ask? Are you doing anything special for Christmas? It seems that many families and or individuals go on a vacation over the Christmas holiday. Maybe they get away with family and friends to a mountain cottage or they fly to some exotic beach or even a Christmas cruise. Now let me say that I am not against any of those things. They all sound really nice; especially the beach. But it's funny that when I tell people that I'll be spending Christmas with my family and loved ones at home, they say, "Oh" then they pause for a second and then finish the sentence by saying "that's great," as if they are disappointed that I don't have any elaborate get-aways planned. But here is the point I wish to make, its just a question of your geography but also the state of heart and mind. How did you celebrate the birth of the King of Kings?

This question leads me to think about another question that maybe you have answered or for sure someone will ask you over this next week. Did you make any New Year's Resolutions? What is your NEW YEAR'S resolution? Here are some common American New Year's resolutions. Exercise more, lose weight, get organized, learn a new skill or hobby, live life to the fullest, save more money / spend less money, quit some bad habit, spend more time with family and friends, travel more, read more. Now, let me ask you to make a list with a little twist. What should your resolution be with a Great Commission worldview? How about exercise your spiritual gifts more, organize your budget to advance Christ's Kingdom or live life to the fullest to see the Gospel shared with more people. How about spend more time with those who need to know Christ, or study the Bible more or learn how to share my faith with my family and friends.

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Since we just celebrated Christmas, the words written by Luke are probably fresh in your mind. “Fear not, for behold, I bring you **good news** of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a **Savior**, who is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:10-11

As we begin 2022, let’s remember that the Angel announced this good news to the shepherds. Luke went on to describe the news as something of great joy. Notice he didn’t just say joy, but GREAT JOY! I’m not sure what might bring you great joy today but whatever it is, it pales in comparison to the Good News the Angel was proclaiming and the Good News you and I have today that Jesus came to this earth, that he offers salvation as the Angel said to all.

So, let me ask you as a Christ follower and from a Christian worldview, what did you do special for Christmas? What are your resolutions for this New Year? If you are not sure or you still are looking for areas of service, let me ask you to consider becoming a part of one of our YBA ministry teams. All of our ministry teams are looking to restructure at this moment. Let me remind you that YBA exists to help our churches fulfill the Great Commission. We have 5 Ministry team opportunities for you to serve the church in accomplishing the Great Commission. Here’s a list of our teams. We’re looking for passionate believers to be a part of these teams.

1. Discipleship and Leadership
2. Missions and Ministry
3. Church Planting
4. Church Revitalization
5. Ministerial Care

Here are 3 more questions. Will you partner with us as we support church plants and churches that need to be revitalized? Will you partner with other churches to go and live on mission? Will you make a commitment for 2022 to make disciples?

I know that many are looking at this new year with uncertainty, but as Christ followers we can approach it with optimism and hope. Now let me be clear that our hope doesn’t come from any politician or political party, it doesn’t come from the CDC or any health or medical institution, nor does it even come from a denomination, association or local church. Our hope comes from Jesus! Let’s share the Hope this year.

for the mission,
Marty Childers
Associational Mission Strategist

UPCOMING MISSION OPPORTUNITIES IN 2022

- ◆ Ongoing Disaster Relief with Baptists on Mission in Kentucky, North Carolina and others...
www.baptistsonmission.org
- ◆ Pastor Training in Oaxaca, Mexico (February 24-March 1).
- ◆ New York City Vision Trip (March 14-15)
- ◆ Student GO IMPACT Mission Trip (see Page 4)
- ◆ Vision Trip/Pastor Training in Armenia (August 18-29)





SAFETY IN THE CHURCH

Saturday, April 9, 2022

9:00am - 1:30pm

Braggtown Baptist Church

3218 N. Roxboro St.

Durham, NC 27704

Lunch will be provided.

Cost: No charge (Free)

Space is limited. Pre-register at:
amodelministry.com/registration.yba
 or email office@yatesba.org

About the Safety Workshop

Join the Yates Baptist Association for "Safety in the Church" Training presented by "A Model Ministry," frontrunner in the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse. Through this training, participants will learn how to screen staff and volunteers, recognize methods of predators, and establish a culture of safety in your church.

Larry McGlothlin, Leadership Development Trainer and Children's Ministry Leader for over 20 years, covers the following topics:

- ❖ The Silent Epidemic of Child Sexual Abuse
- ❖ Why Sexual Abuse is Growing in Ministry
- ❖ Background Checks and Screening
- ❖ Sexual Abuse Awareness Training
- ❖ Policies, Procedures and Good Practices
- ❖ Administration and Monitoring

What to Bring

Bring a Picture: Our facilitator will walk us through an interesting photo-sharing exercise. Please bring a picture of a child in your life – either a hard copy or version on your phone.



Saturday, April 23, 2021

9:00am - 4:30pm

Cost: \$10

Lowe's Grove Baptist Church

4430 S. Alston Avenue

Durham, NC 27713

"The Nehemiah Initiative" is a one day conference with 5 sessions (workbook provided) where pastors, lay leaders, and whole congregations can come together to learn about the principles of revitalization. The conference is predicated on prayer, vision, faith, leadership, respect, dealing with resistance, revival and change as found in the life of Nehemiah. The conference will give you and your church hope, with biblical insights, that will help enable you to lead into a post-COVID phase of ministry. Join us as we share these eight principles for rebuilding your churches spiritual walls. Your church can experience revitalization and renewal.

This conference is especially for pastors and church leaders who desire to see the direction of their church turn around.

We will meet at Lowes Grove Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 23 from 9 am till 4:30 pm. The cost for the Conference is only \$10 and includes a workbook, lunch and snacks during the day. (You may either pay the day of the event or pay on our website at www.yatesba.org/give.)

**Please call the YBA office ASAP at 919-489-3396
 or email us at office@yatesba.org to reserve your spot today.**



UPCOMING MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

Oaxaca, Mexico Student trip-July 2-9, 2022

We have 20 spots for the IMB's GO IMPACT STUDENT mission trip this summer.

Ministry: We will be supporting local church plants in the city of Oaxaca. Ministry opportunities will include a VBS like activity including Sports Camps and English Camps for kids in grades 1-8. Camps will be avenues for us to teach God's Word through Bible Stories.

Total expected cost: \$1,400

For more information, contact Marty Childers at martychilders@yatesba.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE YATES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOOD PANTRY

Beginning the first of the year, volunteers are needed to help in the Food Pantry on Thursdays from 9am-12pm. If interested, please email office@yatesba.org or call 919-489-3396 for more details.

CHURCH MINISTRY POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Visit our website (www.yatesba.org/jobopenings) for more info and detailed job descriptions

First Baptist Church - Hillsborough - Part-Time Music Director Needed For more information, email office@fbchillsborough.org or call the church office at call 919-732-8174.

Temple Baptist Church - Minister of Instrumental Music Needed. This is a 20-hour per week position. Letters of interest and resumes may be emailed to: templmusician2022@tbcdurham.org

Yates Baptist Church - Full-Time Minister of Music Needed. Yates Baptist Church in Durham, NC is seeking a skilled, energetic Christian woman or man as full-time Minister of Music and Worship. To find out more about this fulfilling opportunity, visit <https://yateschurch.org/momwsearch>.



CALENDAR OF YBA MEETINGS

JANUARY

- Nominations Committee (Zoom)Jan. 6, 10am
- Associational Leadership Team (Zoom) Jan. 10, 12pm
- Annual Missions Celebration Committee (Zoom).....Jan. 11, 10am
- MLK Holiday (YBA Office Closed)Jan. 17
- Finance CommitteeJan. 26, 11am

FEBRUARY

- Nominations Committee Feb. 3, 10am
- Annual Missions Celebration Committee Feb. 8, 10am

Please note: The YBA Senior Adult Luncheon normally scheduled for February has been cancelled due to COVID health concerns. We hope to be able to resume these events in May.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

IRS issues standard mileage rates for 2022

The Internal Revenue Service issued the 2022 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.

Beginning on January 1, 2022, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

- ◆ 58.5 cents per mile driven for business use
- ◆ 18 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes.
- ◆ 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations.

Scenes from the 2021 Christmas Toy Store



More Scenes from the 2021 Christmas Toy Store



“Thank You” to Revolve Church for once again hosting this year’s Christmas Toy Store. Thank you especially to all the volunteers, and to each and every one who donated toys or made financial donations. Because of your generosity, the YBA Christmas Toy Store provided toys this year to 100 families (245 children).



A special “Thank You” from YBA and from the Baptist Children’s Home to everyone who baked cookies this year. We delivered 3,113 cookies plus a financial donation to the Mills Home in Kinston. The children and house parents were so grateful for your generous donation of Christmas goodies!



[Michael Bond and Loretta Warren counting and packing cookies.]