

YBA 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.



Greetings YBA family.

Have you ever had one of those moments when the phone rings in the middle of the night and you stop think for a split second, "Oh No, I don't want to answer this call"? I've had a few of them. But have you ever stopped to think that maybe God gives us some of those moments to wake us up to the reality of the brevity of life and to the opportunities in front of us!

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A couple weeks ago, I had one of those "wake up call" moments. I was driving west on I-40 in the passing lane moving at a normal speed, when out of nowhere a car heading eastbound comes across the median, runs through the metal cables as if they were tiny threads. Within a couple seconds, I witnessed this car flip over right in front of me, then crash into another car and then another and before it was over, there were five cars that were involved and another five or six that had barely avoided being a part of this crash.



A myriad of thoughts ran through my head in an instant. My first thought was really not a thought at all, but rather a reaction. I swerved into the median and hit the brakes to avoid crashing into the upside-down car. Then my second thought was, "Oh no, I hope the people are going to be ok" as the cars kept smashing into one another. And then I realized that my wife Melissa was five or six cars behind me and I began to look in the rear-view mirror to make sure she was ok. She had watched the wreck unfold in front of her and wasn't sure if I had been affected.

When I got stopped and saw her a few hundred yards behind me, I immediately dialed 911 and called in the accident. As I spoke with the emergency dispatcher, my heart started beating really fast and I started sweating. All of a sudden it dawned on me that I had come very close to death. Over the next few days, I began to think about it and go over and over in my mind what happened.

Some might say I was lucky; others have told me that God's angels were watching out for us. I don't know for sure, but the truth is, if I had been traveling one mph faster, I might have hit head on with the car that flipped. This has caused me to slow down and think about this statement... "Life is fleeting."

David wrote in Psalms 144, "Man is like a breath; his days are like a passing shadow." In similar fashion we find these words in James chapter 4: "What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes."

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Now you may be thinking, "Wow, thanks Marty for such an encouraging message!" The truth is I deeply want to encourage each of us to STOP and REFLECT on the brevity of life. We need to make the most of every minute we are blessed to live on this planet. Unfortunately, too many times I take my minutes and days for granted. This WAKE-UP call reminded me that I need to live my life with a greater sense of urgency to share the Gospel message with people all around me. Life is fleeting, and the truth is I may not be here tomorrow and neither may my neighbor with whom I have been thinking about sharing the gospel. Maybe you have a friend that you have put off talking with because it's uncomfortable. But how much more uncomfortable is it to know that you had a chance to share and you blew it!

King David also wrote in Psalm 39: "LORD, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered - how fleeting my life is." If this is true that time is fleeting...and I think we both know that it is, then how we live really does make a difference. Making difficult choices are important for God's Kingdom. I'm sure you have heard the statistics that far too many churches today are in decline and a number of the churches that make up a part of our association are at risk of closing their doors in the near future.

I'm praying for a WAKE UP call for the KINGDOM. Are you aware that YBA exists to help the local church complete its part of the Great Commission? How can that happen if a church closes its doors? After these past 5 plus years as your Mission Strategist, I am convinced that God has a plan for the church to rebound from decline and make a difference in the community and to the ends of the earth. But it involves CHANGE and too many times we would prefer for things to stay the same, even if it means our church will close its doors. I stated earlier that sometimes God gives us some of those moments to wake us up to the reality of the brevity of life and the sense of urgency with our opportunities. My prayer is that every church and all believers will be open to the Wake Up Call that God might be trying to bring to you, in order to take hold of the opportunity that is before you today!

I've heard it said many times, "we are one day closer to eternity today than yesterday." And, yes, I know that is true. Will you ask yourself, "What can I do today to make an eternal difference?" "What does our church need to do to make a difference?" Our YBA vision statement says: "Our vision is to see the Great Commission fulfilled through sacrificial collaboration." *What might God be wanting to WAKE YOU or YOUR CHURCH UP to do?*

For the mission,
Marty

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Our Mission - Churches Strengthened, Planted, and Resourced

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Our Method - Cultivating Collaboration

We work to accomplish our mission, the mission of Christ, through **cultivating collaboration** between kingdom-minded, great commission churches, ministries, and clergy.

Please visit our website, www.yatesba.org and other social media sites for information, training and mission opportunities.



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YBA Missionary Profile: Rev. Gideon Thuam in Myawaddy, Myanmar



You may not be aware but YBA is supporting a missionary on the other side of the planet. His name is Gideon Thuam, and he used to pastor Gospel Baptist Church, a Burmese congregation that meets here at our Lakewood facility. But he felt a call to return to Myanmar as a missionary to his people. He returned to a town called Myawaddy, Myanmar, which is close to the border of Mae Sot, Thailand.

Gideon and his wife (Lily) have been there since 2018. As Gideon said about Myawaddy, "This is where God rewarded us with a son, Lemuel who is now almost a year and half old.

He also has shared that Myawaddy is like Sodom and Gomorrah because there are so many casinos and illegal gambling, prostitutes, etc. Gideon said that he estimates that the religion of 95 percent of the people there is Buddhism, with 5 percent other religions such as Muslim, Hinduism, Christianity. He feels confident that the Lord sent them there to rescue the perishing souls. Over the past 4 years of ministry and hard work, Gideon has had the privilege to baptize over 60 new believers into the church they have started. The church is called Myawaddy Gospel Baptist Church.



Myanmar, also known as Burma, has suffered decades of repressive military rule, widespread poverty, and civil war with ethnic minority groups. Gideon writes that "since the conflict started, it very dangerous and unsafe here in Myanmar. But God continues to protect us and provide for our needs." Gideon asks if we will pray for God to continue to strengthen he and his family for the work God has called them to do. He specifically asks that we will pray that he will not grow weary. Gideon asked me to thank you for your support and prayers. He asked, "Would you kindly continue to pray and support us as we continue to reach our lost souls?"

The collaborative cooperation of the churches of YBA allows Gideon and family to minister in this difficult place. Would you please stop right now and pray for this missionary family in Myanmar?





MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

**UMSTEAD PINES at WILLOWHAVEN
253 COUNTRY CLUB DR, DURHAM, NC**

Cost: \$75/golfer (Includes golf and lunch)

9:00 am - Shotgun Start

12:15 - 1:30 pm - Lunch & Door Prizes

**REGISTRATION & PAYMENT DEADLINE IS
FRIDAY, SEPT. 9, 2022**

**Go to www.yatesba.org to download
registration form.**

**All Proceeds go to benefit the Missions and
Ministries of Yates Baptist Association**

The YBA Annual Golf Tournament is coming up in September 19th! But did you know that it's more than just a time to get together and have a nice day on the golf course? Did you know that since the 2000 we have raised over \$163,000 dollars for mission efforts both local and international?

Did you know that YBA's Annual Golf Tournament has supported the following ministries?

The Good Shepherd Clinic and Children's Home in Guatemala, Church Planting in Oaxaca Mexico, Tsunami Relief efforts, World Changers projects, Orange County Correctional prison ministries (including support of the chaplain), Disaster Relief teams, Our own YBA Food Pantry ministry, Dental Bus ministry, Ramp Ministry, and many other community ministries.

Did you know that after we pay for the golf course, 100% of the money goes to directly to Mission Projects? This year we would love to have every church in YBA represented. **Start getting your teams ready!**

YBA PRIME TIME for Senior Adults

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

10:30 A.M. - 12:00 NOON (lunch follows)

Cost: \$8.00 (RSVP Required)

**Ebenezer Baptist Church
1210 Pleasant Green Road
Hillsborough, NC 27278**

**Special Guest Speaker:
Rev. Josh Benfield
Missionary**

**A catered lunch will follow the meeting.
You may pay at the door, but RSVP
is required by Thursday, September 15.**

Sponsored by Yates Baptist Association

Yates Baptist Association 74th Annual Mission Celebration Tuesday, October 25, 2022

"Nurturing Discipleship"



You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. ~2 Timothy 2:1-2

**Location: Yates Baptist Church
2819 Chapel Hill Road, Durham, NC 27707**

AFTERNOON SESSION: 3:30 PM

DINNER: 5:30 PM

(Chick-Fil-A Meal: Cost: \$8)

RSVP Deadline: Thursday, October 20

EVENING SESSION: 6:30 PM

We will once again have an Associational Choir for the Evening Session. If you are interested in being a part of this choir, please call 919-489-3396 or email office@yatesba.org (REHEARSAL TIMES: TBD)

3 WAYS TO PRAY, 3 WAYS TO ACT FOLLOWING THE OVERTURN OF ROE

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June 24, 2022

On June 24, 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court released its decision in [Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization](#).

The decision upholds a Mississippi law that bans elective abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy and also overturns *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 high court decision that made abortion legal in all 50 states.

We are thankful for today's ruling that protects preborn lives. Preborn children, like all humans, are made in the image of God and worthy of our care. That conviction has roots deep in the Christian tradition, and it extends far beyond the latest political or judicial skirmish.

The end of *Roe* marks a new beginning in our prayers and advocacy for vulnerable and voiceless children. In the days ahead, we must continue to pray and demonstrate the love of Christ. Here are six ways we can do that.

1. Pray for churches to extend compassion and care to mothers and fathers in crisis who are facing difficult circumstances. Many of them will choose life if they have the support of a faith family.
2. Pray for ministries like the [Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina](#), who provide adoption and foster care services as alternatives to abortion. Pray for staff and volunteers of frontline ministries, like pregnancy resource centers and sidewalk advocacy groups.
3. Pray that North Carolina legislators will craft or strengthen laws to protect unborn lives. The decision to overturn *Roe* means each state must decide its own position. Our elected representatives could have an unprecedented opportunity to stand for life.
4. Adopt or foster (or support those who do.) The need to care for mothers and families in crisis will now be greater than ever before. In the fall of 2021, N.C. Baptists partnered with the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina to launch the "[Every Child](#)" initiative, whose goal is for every child in the foster care system to have a loving, safe home. Learn more about how your church can launch its own ministry by visiting [every-child.org](#).
5. Volunteer to serve. Many of our local pregnancy centers or sidewalk prayer ministries across the state need Christians to help serve their communities. The local church must be the hands and feet of Jesus, helping women and parents in crisis. They need more of our love today than ever before.
6. Give to support life-saving initiatives. Pregnancy care centers and similar frontline ministries could see an influx of clients since *Roe v. Wade* has been overturned. N.C. Baptists want to ensure they have the resources needed to serve their communities. Because of your generosity, two ultrasound machines have been purchased to serve and equip pregnancy care centers in under-resourced areas. Many more are needed. Give today at [ncbaptist.org/give](#).

-By NC Baptist Communications

CHURCH MINISTRY POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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

Ebenezer Baptist Church - Hillsborough—Master’s Garden Preschool Director Needed. For more information, visit: www.ebconnect.org/ministryjobs or call 919-383-6668.

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.

Hope Valley Baptist Church - PT Director of Music Ministries Needed. 15 hours/week. For more information, go to: www.hvbc.org/work-for-hvbc// or email Robin Wimberly at robin@hvbc.org.

Hope Valley Baptist Church - PT Pianist Needed. 10 hours/week. For more information, go to: www.hvbc.org/work-for-hvbc// or email Robin Wimberly at robin@hvbc.org.

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church - PT Music Director Needed. For more information, call 919-489-3425.

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: templemusician2022@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>.

UPCOMING YBA MEETINGS

JULY

- Independence Day (YBA Office Closed).....July 4
- Oaxaca, Mexico Mission TripJuly 2-9
- Associational Leadership Team..... July 11, 12pm
- Missions & Ministry Team July 12, 2pm
- Nominations Committee.....July 14, 10am
- Annual Missions Celebration Committee July 14, 1pm
- Communications Team July 14, 2pm
- Golf Tournament Planning Team July 14, 5:30pm
- Church Strengthening Team July 19, 2pm
- Finance Committee.....July 27, 11am

AUGUST

- Nominations Committee.....Aug 4, 10am
- Missions & Ministry TeamAug 9, 2pm
- Annual Missions Celebration CommitteeAug 11, 1pm



YBA CHURCHES 2022 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AND SUMMER CAMPS

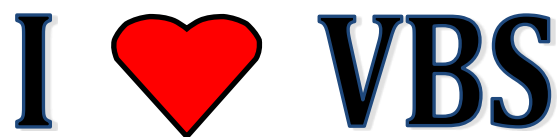
Ebenezer Baptist Church
1210 Pleasant Green Road, Durham, NC 27278
Date & Time: July 17-21; 6pm-8:30pm
Ages: 2year-5th grade (finished)
Theme: *“Sparks Studios”*

Gorman Baptist Church
3315 E. Geer Street, Durham, NC 27704
Dates: July 10-14
Times: 5:30-8 PM
Ages: 3 years – just completed 6th grade
Theme: Group *“Monumental”*

Grey Stone Church
2601 Hillsborough Road, Durham, NC 27705
Kid’s Summer Camp
June 6-August 12
7:30 am – 5:30 pm
Ages K-8th grade

Immanuel Baptist Church
3610 Hillandale Road, Durham, NC 27705
Dates: July 18-22
WinShape Day Camp
Drop off: 7:45 am – Pick up: 4:55 pm

Ridgecrest Baptist Church
1104 Milton Road, Durham, NC 27712
Dates: July 11th - 15th
Times: 9:00am - 12:00noon
Ages: Pre-K through 6th grade
Theme: *“Spark Studios”*



For more info about these events, contact the church or visit their website.