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Greetings YBA family,

We are living in unusual days. I certainly never imagined going to the grocery store wearing a mask and gloves, did you? Over the past 6 weeks life has changed in dramatic ways. I have to admit that when I first heard of the Coronavirus, I thought that it was terrible for China, never thinking it would impact us. I tend to be an optimistic person, and I didn't think that COVID-19 would affect my life and the lives of those all around us. Boy was I wrong!

As a husband, father, grandfather and associational leader I wanted to provide answers but things were changing so fast and the situation seemed to get worse every day. A couple of weeks ago I felt overwhelmed and seemed that the uncertainty was going to overtake me. Then as I did my devotions each morning, God begin to encourage me. I was reminded of His love and mercy and how He has walked with us throughout the years. Over the past few weeks, I believe that God has been teaching me to be prudent and safe while at the same time to not be fearful.



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We are bombarded every day by news about the corona virus. Don't get me wrong, we need to know what's going on. We must stay up-to-date with the news but we can also be overwhelmed by it. The other day I remembered a story in the old testament the book of Second Chronicles that I believe has a word for us today.

The last part of 2 Chronicles 20:12 says, **"We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on You."** These words came from King Jehoshaphat as he was looking at being attacked by two enemy groups. Jehoshaphat realized that although the situation seemed hopeless and he didn't have a clue what to do, if he kept his focus on God, they would be all right. I pray that we will learn from king Jehoshaphat's example.

Hopefully, as we move forward into the months of May and June things will get back closer to what we used to call normal (even if we never get back to the old normal). My prayer is that we will learn from this experience to keep our eyes on KING JESUS. I believe that this story from the Old Testament can be a great help. I would ask that you go back and read chapters 17-19 of Second Chronicles and then chapter 20 and see what this great king did when he felt overwhelmed. In chapter 20, you'll see a good example for us.

- In verse 3, he called people together to pray and fast.
- In verses 4-7, he remembered God's faithfulness in the past.
- In verses 10 and 12, he confessed and professed God's power in the midst of man's weakness.
- And then in verses 18 through 20, they bow down and worship Him.

It's kind of reminiscent of the pattern in 2 Chronicles 7:14. In the midst of this uncertainty, I believe we should do the same. If we will pray and fast seeking God's face, remember His grace and mercy in the past, proclaim His power and worship Him as the KING; not only will He hear us, but our fears will be calmed by the God of comfort.

If you look at the rest of the story in 2 Chronicles 20, you will see that not only did God give them the victory but God's people didn't even have to fight. Verse 17 says, "You will not need to fight in this battle. Stand firm, hold your position and see the salvation of the Lord on your behalf."

My prayer is that we will be a people of faith. We will look to God as our salvation and we will stand firm and see what God can do. At the same time, we must remember that we have been called to a task. It is called the Great Commission.

I keep hearing people say that we are living in an "unprecedented time." Yet throughout history there have been dozens of plagues and pandemic events. And as devastating as the COVID-19 has been, we must put our faith in Christ and remember that there is a disease much worse than the Coronavirus and it is called Sin.

I am praying that the body of Christ, the church, will have a new sense of urgency to share the Gospel. Many pastors have told me that they are preaching to more people via Facebook Live or YouTube than they ever have before. But my prayer is that we will embrace technology and seek every possible way to share the BEST NEWS ever proclaimed. Jesus is the cure for the worst pandemic ever seen.

As we return to gatherings somewhere in the near future, I pray that we will be reminded that the church is not brick and mortar, but rather that it is you and I. We are the body of Christ sent into a dying and hopeless world. We have been sent, commissioned if you will, to share the hope and peace that only can be found in Jesus to those who are far from God but not far from us.

for HIS glory, Marty



Partnership Progress

This has been a year to remember even though it is less than half over. I hope that you are finding ways to minister to those who are serving us on the frontlines of our response to this pandemic. I pray that God has given His protection to you and your family during this time of social distancing. God is in control and we will be back serving Him all over the world in the near future. It has been a time to organize and pray for the work that continues through missionaries and local servants as they have reach out in the name of Jesus Christ.

Please pray for and continue your support of the Yates Association Food Pantry housed at Antioch Baptist Church. Please do not forget to collect food for the pantry and respond generously as there are many still in need that we can be a blessing to. The Baptist Children's Home postponed the Food Roundup for this spring and moved it to the fall the date to be announced later. They also suggested that people could still support them with financial donations to help them make it to the fall without problems.

All opportunities for gathering together and in person support have been cancelled, but know that God is not limited by this COVID-19 virus. He is still the great physician and still works miracles in the lives of His people and those that call upon His name. Until we are able to safely gather together please pray for the work that continues in the Kingdom.

Michael Bond
Partnership Missionary



We would like to share another opportunity for prayer with you. Fred Lunsford, a 95 year old retired pastor and Director of Missions from the far western mountains of NC has initiated a day of prayer on May 5th. Fred fought in WWII, stormed Normandy and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He came home from the war and has been preaching the gospel for 70 years. He has a tremendous burden for prayer and for our nation and has a place on top of a mountain where he goes regularly to pray.

Fred originally initiated a day of prayer for May 5 for 100 pastors to join him on the mountain to pray. Instead of 100, God raised up 200 pastors who had already registered to come to the mountain when all the restrictions related to the COVID-19 prevented such gatherings. So the actual gathering on the Mountain had to be postponed.

As a result, God gave Fred Lunsford and other pastors/leaders who are helping him (e.g. Greg Mathis, David Horton, Don Wilton, Ralph Sexton, etc.) an even greater vision. Fred is still going on the mountain to pray on May 5th--but now is praying that God will raise up Christians to join him from their place of prayer wherever they live. The goal is to have thousands of Christians praying and fasting on May 5th. Nearly 17,000 people registered in the first three days after the registration link was posted. As of today, there are currently 125,738 people signed up to pray. God must be up to something!

Christians are being asked to pray for two things--1) For the Lord to heal our land spiritually through revival and spiritual awakening and; 2) for the Lord to heal our land physically.

Participants can register to pray and view a brief video interview Fred Lunsford had with Greg Mathis, pastor of Mud Creek Baptist Church in Hendersonville NC at www.mudcreekchurch.org/prayingonthemountain. There's also a place on the link where you can register the number of believers that you have recruited that have committed to pray.

Please pass this invitation along to others. God has gripped Fred Lunsford's heart and is greatly using him to challenge others to seek the Lord for spiritual awakening. It is amazing how people are beginning to be drawn to the Lord and cry out to Him in prayer.

We all know that these are pivotal days. May we respond to what I believe is God's *kairos* time to seek Him, while He may be found (Isaiah 55:6) with His promise from of 2 Chronicles 7:14 in mind, "If my people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face; and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin and heal their land." May we unite and cry out to the Lord with our whole heart for His mercy and grace through revival and spiritual awakening (Jer. 29:13; Psalm 147:11).

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS / MINISTRY POSITIONS

(For additional information, go to www.yatesba.org)

Braggton Baptist Church

Part-Time Children's Ministry Developer Needed. Send resume to roy@bbcdurham.com (3218 N. Roxboro St. Durham 27704)

Durham Memorial Baptist Church

Full-Time Pastor Needed - Send resume and statement of faith to durhammemorialpastorsearch@gmail.com (133 Robbins Rd. Durham)

Rose of Sharon Baptist Church

Red Cross Blood Drive - Wed. May 6, 2:30-7:00pm
(4109 Guess Road, Durham) For more information, call 919-477-3993.

Temple Baptist Church

Part-Time Paid Church Musician Needed Send resume and references to Rev. Mark Mofield at music@tbcdurham.org or mail to 2121 Umstead Road, Durham, NC 27712.

CALENDAR OF YBA MEETINGS

MAY

Associational Leadership Team-Zoom Meeting May 11, 10:00am

Annual Missions Celebration Committee-ZoomMay 12, 10am

Finance Committee-Zoom MeetingMay 27, 11am

Other events and meetings will be announced in the near future. Visit our website: www.yatesba.org for updates.

WAKE FOREST BAPTIST HEALTH

Giving Thanks

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

WEEK OF PRAYER
MAY 3-10, 2020



*Then Moses said to Aaron,
"This is what the LORD has said,
'Among those who are near me I will be
sanctified, and before all the people
I will be glorified."
And Aaron held his peace.*

LEVITICUS 10:3

Vicki Gruver

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Happy Mother's Day

Charm is deceptive, and beauty
is fleeting; but a woman
who fears the Lord
is to be praised.

PROVERBS 31:30 NIV

Wishing you God's unending
favor, kindness and love this

Mother's Day
and always.



Associational Missions



March 2020

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS 2020

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS 2020 ~ Continued

CHURCHES	MAR	YTD
Agape Reconciliation	\$ -	\$ -
Antioch	\$ -	\$ -
Bahama	\$ 1,442.62	\$ 2,226.53
Bells	\$ 1,138.79	\$ 1,456.15
Berea	\$ 200.00	\$ 600.00
Bethesda	\$ -	\$ -
Braggtown	\$ 174.84	\$ 566.68
Calvandar	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Calvary	\$ 353.48	\$ 1,056.29
Cedar Fork	\$ 135.45	\$ 408.39
Chapel Hill Chinese	\$ -	\$ -
Cresset	\$ -	\$ 860.08
Dayspring	\$ -	\$ -
Durham Memorial	\$ 814.35	\$ 3,781.25
Ebenezer	\$ 218.89	\$ 678.23
Edgewood	\$ -	\$ -
Ephesus	\$ -	\$ -
Faith	\$ -	\$ 750.00
Faith Community	\$ -	\$ -
First Hillsborough	\$ 410.21	\$ 1,262.38
Gateway	\$ 289.06	\$ 753.48
Global Gates	\$ -	\$ -
Glory of Christ Fellowship	\$ -	\$ -
Gorman	\$ -	\$ 666.66
Gospel	\$ -	\$ 84.58
Grace Park	\$ -	\$ -
Great Faith	\$ -	\$ -
Grey Stone	\$ -	\$ -
Guess Road	\$ 537.98	\$ 2,721.40
Hanmaum	\$ -	\$ -
Harvest Glen	\$ -	\$ 674.00
HillSide	\$ -	\$ -
Hope Valley	\$ 681.00	\$ 2,043.00
Iglesia Bautista Monte Carmelo	\$ -	\$ -
Iglesia Bautista La Fe	\$ -	\$ -
Iglesia Cristiana Emanuel	\$ -	\$ -
Immanuel	\$ 554.54	\$ 1,784.03
Lawrence Road	\$ 310.35	\$ 1,009.63
Leesville Road	\$ -	\$ 421.31
LifeSpring	\$ -	\$ 247.04
LifeZone	\$ -	\$ 200.00

CHURCHES	MAR	YTD
Lord's Wing Korean	\$ 225.00	\$ 300.00
Lowe's Grove	\$ 1,102.75	\$ 2,994.13
Lystra	\$ -	\$ -
Mision Cristo La Solucion	\$ -	\$ -
Mosaic	\$ -	\$ 416.55
Mount Carmel	\$ 173.64	\$ 954.45
Mount Gilead	\$ -	\$ -
Mount Hermon	\$ 290.96	\$ 931.11
Mount Moriah	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Mount Pisgah	\$ 169.00	\$ 169.00
NC Myanmar	\$ -	\$ -
New Freedom	\$ -	\$ -
New Jerusalem	\$ -	\$ -
North Durham	\$ -	\$ -
Olive Branch	\$ -	\$ -
Page Road	\$ -	\$ -
Park View	\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00
Plainview	\$ -	\$ 1,025.00
Red Mountain	\$ -	\$ 125.00
Restoration Church	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
Ridgecrest	\$ 1,313.00	\$ 3,313.01
Rose of Sharon	\$ 600.00	\$ 675.00
Sunrise	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00
Temple	\$ 175.06	\$ 664.59
The Church at NC	\$ -	\$ -
The Point-Chapel Hill	\$ 50.00	\$ 150.00
The Point-Espanol	\$ 50.00	\$ 150.00
The Summit	\$ 375.00	\$ 1,125.00
University	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Waypoint	\$ -	\$ -
Yates	\$ 739.65	\$ 3,333.60
Church Missions Giving	\$ 12,875.62	\$ 42,277.55
Other Contributions	\$ 2,055.29	\$ 6,860.98

TOTAL INCOME **\$ 14,930.91** **\$ 49,138.53**

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Monthly Budget Needs: \$ 22,854.33
March Receipts: \$ 14,930.91
Total Receipts To Date: \$ 49,138.53
Budget Needs To Date: \$ 68,563.00
Difference: \$(19,424.47)