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Yates Baptist Association is a network of churches working together in mission and ministry for the purposes of church growth and church renewal in the Durham - Chapel Hill Metro area.

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Greetings YBA Family,

I hope you're enjoying spring, with warmer temperatures, beautiful flowers, green trees and yes; even the pollen. Remember, we are to be thankful in all things! After living nearly half my life in very different climates from North Carolina, I really enjoy the changing of the seasons. Over the past few years, I have noticed something interesting. It seems that as each season begins, we quickly begin to long for the next one. I remember last summer everyone was saying, "Oh it's so hot; I can't wait for Fall." Then as the leaves changed and the temperatures cooled off, others would say, "Oh, I'm ready for Christmas and the Holiday season." I remember last year reading on September 1st that it was only 115 days left until Christmas! Why is it that sometimes we are calling for change and looking forward to it and other times we resist it with all of our being!

Change is a word that causes many people to cringe. Sometimes we say we endure change, but I believe as Christ followers we should be the most flexible and adaptable people on the planet. Last month I had a significant birthday that requires me to write a new number at the beginning of my age. The longer I live the more I am convinced that change is a part of God's plan. All I have to do is look at pictures of myself over the decades.

I did a google search (there's a great example, I never said those words until the 2000's) on famous quotes on change. I found nearly 100 quotes but I wanted to share my top 10.

Quotes on change

1. "Your life does not get better by chance; it gets better by change." – Jim Rohn
2. "The most successful people are those who accept and adapt to constant change. This adaptability requires a degree of flexibility and humility most people can't manage." – Paul Lutus
3. "Enjoying success requires the ability to adapt. Only by being open to change will you have a true opportunity to get the most from your talent." – Nolan Ryan
4. "There can be no life without change, and to be afraid of what is different or unfamiliar is to be afraid of life." – Theodore Roosevelt
5. "Intelligence is the ability to adapt to change." – Stephen Hawking
6. "We first make our habits, then our habits make us." – "The wise adapt themselves to circumstances, as water molds itself to the pitcher." – Chinese Proverb
7. "You cannot change anyone, but you can be the reason someone changes." – Roy T. Bennett
8. "Yesterday I was clever, so I wanted to change the world. Today I am wise, so I am changing myself." – Jelaluddin Rumi
9. "Change almost never fails because it's too early. It almost always fails because it's too late." – Seth Godin
10. "We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails." – Dolly Parton

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Today many pastors find themselves stuck between change and their congregation, or as the old saying goes, "stuck between a rock and hard place." One of my daily prayers is that as church members we will be faithful to support our pastors and follow their leadership as they follow the leadership of Christ, realizing that that statement implies change! In other words, don't be the rock or the hard place for your pastor.

Where is your church on the mission to reach the lost? Is change happening? And if so, what kind of change is it? I believe that the Gospel message never changes but the way we present it and the way we share this message of hope must adapt to reach the lost in a world of constant change.

And over the last month, I've been reminded several times that change is going to happen one way or another. I was reminded that we can be a part of change or we can fight it.

Sometimes we just are not on the same page. We hear one thing but think another. Do you know what I mean? There are moments when we understand what is being communicated but somehow there is a disconnect. Listen to the following story which illustrates this point. Bubba asked his daughter to pass him the newspaper. She replied, "Dad, newspapers are so outdated nowadays, here just use my iPad, it is much better." After a loud crashing noise, Bubba was heard saying, "That fly didn't stand a chance." You see Bubba needed something but his daughter thought he wanted something else. When we talk about change in our church sometimes, we hear one thing but we are missing the point. We don't need to change things just for change's sake, we need to make changes to reach the lost and disciple people to go to the ends of the earth.

for His glory,
Marty



We had 94 people go out at 6 different locations to prayer walk on April 17. Here are some of their comments:

- ◆ "It was a very special time."
- ◆ "We were able to pray with several people we met while walking and they were very grateful."
- ◆ "Surprisingly, it wasn't that hard to do."
- ◆ "It felt so good to know others throughout Durham were also prayer walking too."
- ◆ "It was very special for our family, as it was our kids' first time formally prayer walking."
- ◆ "We had a good time and hope to plan future prayer walks."
- ◆ "Thanks so much for initiating this prayer walk, we had a great day."
- ◆ "We had several opportunities to speak to people who were receptive and who allowed our teams to pray for them."
- ◆ One lady said. "she felt specific burdens for specific houses and that she was going to go back and pray in that area again."
- ◆ "We plan to continue to make a concerted effort to continue to prayer walk in these communities at least once a month. We would like to expand our area as our participation increases. We had a wonderful time on Saturday!"
- ◆ "I was filled and energized by the experience. The idea that "the neighborhood looks different by walking it" is undoubtedly true."

Yates Baptist Association Senior Adult Luncheons

The May Event has been cancelled.

Mark your calendars for
Tuesday, September 14
for Prime Time.
(More information coming soon.)

Pennsylvania Partnership Mission Trip

Tamaqua, PA
July 23-30, 2021
Back Yard Bible Club
and Service Projects



15 Team Members needed.

Cost: (Approx. \$400.00)

plus VBS material. For more info
contact Michael Bond at 919-489-3396
or email mlbond@yatesba.org

NOTICE OF Special Called Meeting

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA

Saturday, May 22, 2021

1:00 pm

Calvary Baptist Church
134 South Peace Haven Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27104

In compliance with Baptist State Convention of North Carolina bylaws, notice is hereby given of a special meeting of the convention called by the Board of Directors at the date, time and location listed above.

The sole purpose of the meeting is to elect a person to the office of Executive Director-Treasurer. The Board of Directors will nominate Todd Unzicker as the candidate.

The meeting is open to all NC Baptist, but voting will be limited to registered messengers in attendance who have been elected by their respective churches.

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To comply with social distancing guidelines, online registration is requested. Churches will receive an email and letter with their church ID and PIN number. The ID, PIN and a unique email address are required for messengers to register online.

[NCSpecialMeeting.org](https://www.ncspecialmeeting.org)



Bus Trip to Amish Country, PA
Dates: September 28-30, 2021
 Includes *Double-Occupancy Hotel; Show Tickets,
 4-Buffer-Meals, Attraction-Admissions, Insurance & Tips,
 Holiday Bus and Tour Guides.



\$425.00 Per Person

ARRANGEMENTS:

Day 1: Travel to Amish Country PA

- Brunch Stop at Cracker Barrel (on your own)
- Check in **Hotel: Fulton Steamboat Inn (717-299-9999)**



5:30 pm Dinner at Miller's Smorgasbord (included) Includes appetizers, soups, salads, breads, hot entrees, carving stations, and bakery-fresh desserts. Amish Heritage dishes and American favorites! *****Optional Visit to The Bible History Exhibit (\$7.50)**



Day 2: Itinerary



- Breakfast Buffet at the Hotel (included)
- 9:00 am Visit *Kitchen Kettle Village** (Lunch on your own)
 Visit over 40 local shops in one outdoor shopping village, filled with homemade Lancaster County food, fresh baked goods, and tasty canned goods.
*****2:00 pm Pickup for Transportation to Show**

3:00 pm Sight & Sound Theater presents: QUEEN ESTHER (included) Set in the opulent Persian Empire, see one of the most epic Bible stories come to life as a young girl enters a world of royalty and risk. With a crown and courage, can she believe that in God's plan that she was made for such a time as this?



6:00 pm Dinner at the Hershey Farm Restaurant & Shoppes

Day 3: Itinerary

- Breakfast Buffet at the Hotel (included) time TBD

8:00 am Amish Farmland Bus Tour (included). Learn about the Amish and the Mennonite communities. See a working Amish Farm, visit an Amish Shopping area, and pick up some tasty treats for the trip home as your guide takes you on a 3-hour tour through the countryside.

11:30 am Travel Home with a Dinner Stop (**TBA on your own)

HOSTED BY YATES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Randall Floyd (LiveSite) 919-391-3699 email: livesitetravel@gmail.com

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*****To Reserve your spot contact Jan Perry: 919-475-3654 or email: jans.piano@gmail.com**



**Tuesday, June 8 - 10:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Caraway Conference Center, Sophia, NC**

According to George Barna, 1 in 5 churches may consider closing within the next 18 months. As Mark Clifton says, “we are closing churches where we need to be planting churches.”

“Legacy Churches: Celebrating Adoption and Restart” is a one-day conference to assist associational mission strategists, pastors, church staff and laity in keeping existing church facilities in evangelical hands for kingdom purposes and gospel proclamation.

There will be a conversation around the need for church restarts within existing church facilities. Since most school systems are now closed to new churches utilizing their facilities as an initial starting place, there will be a presentation about the unique needs of new churches seeking a meeting place to reach new people. The day will conclude with a Q&A and a panel discussion.

There is no cost to attend this conference as it is provided by your gifts through the Cooperative Program. Lunch is provided.

WAKE FOREST BAPTIST HEALTH

Giving Thanks

WEEK OF PRAYER
MAY 2-9, 2021

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING
That They May See and Know

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
PSALM 51:10

Stella Grant mugs for the camera with her big brothers.

MEET STELLA

What began as an overnight hospital stay for newborn Stella turned into 22 days of complications. Born with Down syndrome, Josh and Gina Grant's little girl wasn't thriving. Exploratory stomach surgery was a last resort...but it worked. What wasn't working was figuring out how to pay all the medical bills. The family was talking bankruptcy when their bills were paid by the Mother's Day Offering. "They helped save Stella's life," says Gina. That was 2014, but the Grant family's gratitude is still fresh all these years later...even though Josh was sick with COVID in January and slowly recovering. "With Stella and her follow-up surgery, even when I had COVID, we know it's in the Lord's hands," he says. "Every trial we had has always brought us closer to Him. Today, people are losing jobs, insurance, people they love. They need help, and now's the time to help them."

Additional Mother's Day Offering stories and information on how you can help are available at mothersdayoffering.org

Wake Forest Baptist Health

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | MAY 6TH, 2021

LORD POUR OUT YOUR
LOVE, LIFE, AND
Liberty

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17

70 Years of Prayer for America 1952-2021

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

WWW.NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG

Special National Day of Prayer Event
To be held at Durham Memorial Baptist Church on
Thursday, May 6, 2021
at 7:00 p.m.
(133 Robbins Road, Durham, NC 27703)
Everyone is welcome to attend.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS / MINISTRY POSITIONS
(For additional information, go to www.yatesba.org)

Bethesda Baptist Church Preschool
Children's Director, Teachers/Assistants Needed. For more information, go to: <https://www.bethesdabaptistchurch.com/jobs> (1914 S. Miami Blvd, Durham, NC 27703)

Bethesda Christian Academy
Elementary Teacher and Athletic Director Needed. For more information, go to: <https://www.bcacrusaders.org/employment-at-bca.html> (1914 S. Miami Blvd, Durham, NC 27703)

Durham Memorial Baptist Church
National Day of Prayer Event - Thursday, May 6 at 7pm
(133 Robbins Rd. Durham)

CALENDAR OF YBA MEETINGS & EVENTS

MAY

National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 6
Nominations Committee (Zoom) May 6, 10am
Associational Leadership Team (Zoom)..... May 10, 10am
Annual Missions Celebration Committee (Zoom)..... May 11, 10am
BSCNC Special Called Meeting May 22, 1pm
Finance Committee (Zoom)..... May 26, 11am
Memorial Day (YBA offices closed)..... May 31

JUNE

Nominations Committee (Zoom) June 3, 10am
Annual Missions Celebration Committee (Zoom)..... June 8, 10am
Associational Leadership Team (Zoom)..... June 14, 10am

Associational Missions



March 2021

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS 2021

CHURCHES	MAR	YTD
Agape Reconciliation	\$ -	\$ -
Antioch	\$ -	\$ -
Bahama	\$ -	\$ 1,709.07
Bells	\$ 342.46	\$ 930.90
Berea	\$ 200.00	\$ 889.00
Bethesda	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Braggtown	\$ 217.73	\$ 629.36
Calvandar	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Calvary	\$ -	\$ 918.07
Cedar Fork	\$ 108.51	\$ 408.03
Dayspring	\$ -	\$ -
Durham Memorial	\$ 799.86	\$ 2,007.74
Ebenezer	\$ 274.46	\$ 860.09
Edgewood	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Ephesus	\$ -	\$ -
Faith	\$ 250.00	\$ 750.00
Faith Community	\$ -	\$ -
First Hillsborough	\$ 507.11	\$ 1,993.31
Gateway	\$ 246.62	\$ 727.59
Global Gates-Catalyst	\$ -	\$ -
Glory of Christ Fellowship	\$ -	\$ -
Gorman	\$ -	\$ 666.66
Gospel	\$ -	\$ -
Grace Park	\$ -	\$ -
Great Faith	\$ -	\$ -
Grey Stone	\$ -	\$ -
Guess Road	\$ 440.58	\$ 2,107.32
Hanmaum	\$ -	\$ -
Harvest Glen	\$ -	\$ 1,912.50
HillSong	\$ -	\$ -
Hope Valley	\$ 136.00	\$ 408.00
Iglesia Bautista Monte Carmelo	\$ -	\$ -
Iglesia Bautista La Fe	\$ -	\$ -
Iglesia Cristiana Emanuel	\$ -	\$ -
Immanuel	\$ 950.60	\$ 2,593.31
Lawrence Road	\$ 849.18	\$ 1,556.19
Leesville Road	\$ -	\$ 999.75
LifeSpring	\$ -	\$ -
LifeZone	\$ -	\$ -
Lord's Wing Korean	\$ -	\$ 75.00
Lowe's Grove	\$ 599.60	\$ 2,735.07

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS 2021 ~ Continued

CHURCHES	MAR	YTD
Lystra	\$ -	\$ -
Mision Cristo La Solucion	\$ -	\$ -
Mount Carmel	\$ 215.36	\$ 660.39
Mount Gilead	\$ -	\$ -
Mount Hermon	\$ 361.52	\$ 1,033.78
Mount Moriah	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Mount Pisgah	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
NC Myanmar	\$ -	\$ -
New Freedom	\$ -	\$ 300.00
New Jerusalem	\$ 825.00	\$ 825.00
North Durham	\$ -	\$ -
Olive Branch	\$ -	\$ -
Page Road	\$ -	\$ -
Park View	\$ -	\$ -
Plainview	\$ 371.00	\$ 1,283.00
Red Mountain	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Restoration Church	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Ridgecrest	\$ 1,333.34	\$ 2,666.68
Rose of Sharon	\$ -	\$ 185.00
Sunrise	\$ 400.00	\$ 815.00
Temple	\$ 50.00	\$ 454.83
The Church at NC	\$ -	\$ -
The Point-Chapel Hill	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
The Point-Espanol	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
The Summit	\$ 808.34	\$ 1,212.51
University	\$ -	\$ -
Waypoint	\$ -	\$ -
Yates	\$ 433.83	\$ 2,513.69
Church Missions Giving	\$ 12,921.10	\$ 40,976.84
Other Contributions	\$ 2,034.20	\$ 8,509.87

TOTAL INCOME **\$ 14,955.30** **\$ 49,486.71**

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Monthly Budget Needs: \$ 22,343.50
March Receipts: \$ 14,955.30
Total Receipts To Date: \$ 49,486.71
Budget Needs To Date: \$ 67,030.50
Difference: \$ (17,543.79)