



# Yates Baptist Association

"Working together to advance God's Kingdom"



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Greetings YBA family.

Have you ever had your computer to freeze on you? Now I don't mean to literally freeze at lower than 32 degrees (although that may have happened to someone). I'm referring to when your computer is unresponsive. I just attended a Revitalization workshop a few days ago and when the presenter was ready to start, his computer was frozen. He said, "Oh, when it sits too long it will freeze." This has happened to me as well. As I began to reflect on this, I looked up common issues or reasons for a computer to be unresponsive.

Here are some of the answers...

The top two reasons were number one, inactivity for a while or number two, your computer has too many programs operating at any once, causing it to freeze up. So, either it has been inactive for a while or your computer has too many programs operating at any once, causing it to freeze. When the presenter this weekend realized his computer was frozen, he said, "oh I just need to reboot it."

That got me thinking... Rebooting your computer involves two steps – **shutting down the computer and then starting it up again.**



The more I thought about it the more I began to think through this analogy within the context of the church. Now, I don't want to over simplify, but I do want to ask you to think with me about this question. If the computer sits too long it needs to be rebooted. If the computer is overloaded with too many programs it can become ineffective. I definitely think we can look through the lens of the church today and learn something from this analogy. The church was formed to praise, prepare and proclaim. (Yes, I know we could add some other things, but go along with me for a few moments.)

- ◆ **Praise** - We are called to live "for the praise of His glory" (Ephesians 1:12). John Piper famously said "Missions is not the ultimate goal of the Church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't."
- ◆ **Prepare** - Paul explained that one of the goals of the church is to "present every person mature in Christ" (Colossians 1:28). Ephesians 4:11-12 says, "He gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."
- ◆ **Proclamation** - Jesus told us to Go and make disciples. Mark 16:15 says it this way, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Romans 1:16 says that the Gospel message is "the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes."

So today, May 2022, lets ask the question: "Is our church doing these 3 things?" If not, then maybe we need to reboot. Maybe that means your church needs to stop being inactive or maybe that means your church needs to stop doing so many things and just focus on three main things like Praise and Worship, Preparing the Saints (Discipleship and Proclamation), and Intentional Outreach proclaiming the Gospel.

For the mission,  
Marty

## **Mission profile: Agustín Meneses in Huajuapán de León, Oaxaca, México**



People often ask why do we have an Association and what does the Association do. I hope over the next few issues of our Newsletter to spotlight some of our missional connections.

YBA has been in a partnership with missions in southeastern Mexico for the past few years. The leadership team approved to provide funds to help a local church planter in Oaxaca Mexico. Let me share a brief profile of pastor Agustín Meneses.

Melissa and I lived in Mexico for the last 5½ years of our time with the IMB. We lived about four hours from the city of Oaxaca. I have come to care deeply for this area and people here but especially the kingdom work in this

mountain state. Before we moved to Mexico, I was praying that God would show me some Mexican national pastors that I could become friends with so that we could work together.

After arriving in Mexico, I went on a vision trip with another missionary down into the state of Oaxaca where we spent over a week visiting dozens of towns and villages. Almost everywhere we went we kept hearing of a pastor who lived in a town called Huajuapán de León. After numerous curvy roads through the mountains state, we finally met pastor Agustín.

Here is a brief overview of his story. He left the border city of Juárez, where he was an associate pastor of a church of about 600 members while also working as a part-time businessman and as he told me, “We had a good life.” But God called him to go and pastor a dying church in northern Oaxaca where they had only 10 members.

He and his wife Juanita along with their 2 sons moved there not knowing anyone. He preached the Gospel and begin to evangelize and disciple people. In the first six months, they begin to baptize new believers and reach people and grew to over 40. Their first challenge was that they had a very small space to meet. It was similar to where we might hold a Sunday school class of 10-15 people (and they had 40). They begin to meet outside under a large tent. After the first year the church members began to say we need to build a bigger church and Agustín said “you’re right, God has called us to build His church.” And they all agreed to build a bigger church.

Interestingly, the members were talking about a physical building of blocks and cement, but Agustín was talking about building the Kingdom of God. After they all came to understand each other, Agustín announced that they would start a bigger building once they had planted 7 churches! What a challenge!

He began to make connections with the villages and towns around the city and began to disciple several men to be sent out as church planters. After they started seven churches, they began to build and put-up walls and they moved the tent to cover the building until they could put a roof on it. This was nearly 10 years later after he moved there. Since then, they have planted another 9 churches and are almost finished with their sanctuary.

He and his family have faced much adversity but remained faithful. In March of 2018, Agustín’s oldest son, Misael died unexpectedly at age 19. Then 2 years later their youngest son Jahaziel was diagnosed with testicular cancer. Jahaziel has finished chemo treatments and as of last month is cancer free. Praise God! In the nearly 12 years that I have known pastor Agustín he has never complained or lost his faith. He truly is a modern-day Paul for the southeastern part of Mexico. As you give to YBA you are helping to support the ministry there in northern Oaxaca.



### YBA Food Roundup Report

**THANK YOU** to each and every one who helped to make this year's BCH Food Roundup such a success. A truck load of food and other needed items along with gift cards and financial donations were delivered to the Cameron Boy's Camp.



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According to our Executive Director for NC Baptist, Todd Unzicker, there are 16,000 children today that are in the foster care/adoption system in the state of North Carolina. He has asked us as NC Baptist the question, "How can we eradicate that? The answer is the church! So NC Baptists, along with the Baptist Children's Home, came up with this initiative called "Every Child", where NC Baptist will offer training to churches and families who are called to foster or adopt. Dr. Mark E. Smith who serves as the Foster & Adoption Church Liaison for the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina will be with us next Thursday to share with us about how your church can be more involved with this ministry.

Come and celebrate Cinco de Mayo with other pastors and leaders who are coming to learn and pray together. **We will meet in the conference room at YBA office (2100 Chapel Hill Road).**

**Pastors Lunch and Learn - Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> - 11:30 to 1 pm**  
**Burrito bar from Moe's Southwest Grill - Cost \$5/person**

\*PLEASE make your reservation by May 3. Email: [office@yatesba.org](mailto:office@yatesba.org) or call: 919480-3396.

For additional information, check out this video; <https://vimeo.com/679196910/e0d5cb4a02>

## **3 Big Values of Local Associations**

Over the past couple of weeks, I've had the ability to spend time with leaders from local associations all over the country. I'm grateful that, as I was beginning my time in ministry, I served with pastors who modeled for me the importance of being involved in a local association. Even now, though I am not serving as a pastor, the quarterly meetings of our local association are some of the most meaningful interactions I have with area pastors and churches.



As I was reflecting on the past couple of weeks, the value of the local association struck me. I want to share three things of great value that local associations bring to the table for pastors.

### **1. Relationships are formed in the local association**

All of my ministry as a youth and music minister, then later as a pastor, was served in smaller, rural contexts. In some cases, our church was the only SBC church for miles around. Ministry can be isolating, even in a large city. It can be suffocatingly lonely in remote, rural communities.

For Southern Baptists, the local association is the first level of cooperation between churches. Associations are made up of pastors who are – generally speaking – serving in similar cultural contexts and who have a heart for their community or region. So, if you're longing for relationships, reach out to your Director of Missions or Associational Missions Strategist, or even another area pastor, and begin forming a relationship.

### **2. Partnerships are formed in the local association**

Churches all over North America are struggling. This was true before the Covid-19 pandemic, and it has become even bigger since then. So the truth is that you are probably either 1) serving in a church that is struggling or 2) you know of a struggling church in your area. As I mentioned above, the local association is the first level of cooperation for Southern Baptists. That means the local association should be our first level of partnerships. Do you need extra workers for a VBS or other event that's coming up? Reach out to churches in your local association. Is your church struggling to reach its neighborhood through effective evangelism? Another pastor in town could provide some evangelism training, or a couple of churches could form joint teams to do some door-to-door evangelism in their respective neighborhoods one or two weekends a month. (By the way, if you're looking for some simple evangelistic outreach methods, check out [NAMB's free evangelism resources!](#))

### **3. Local associations help local churches fulfill the Great Commission**

The average SBC church has fewer than 100 attendees on any given Sunday morning. In many cases, that makes it very difficult for a single church to organize an overseas mission trip or fund a new church plant. But, if organized through a local association, several churches could partner for a trip or a church plant. The saying is cliché, but it is true: We are better together.

Consider this as well: It speaks volumes to a community about the gospel when local churches work together as partners, rather than compete against one another as rivals. As we partner together, we preach about the power of the gospel – and that will serve as a witness to a lost and dying world.

Just like churches, no local association is perfect. They are, however, wonderful groups of churches who can work together to build relationships, create partnerships and help one another fulfill the Great Commission.

Kyle Bueermann, NAMB Replanter Development Coordinator  
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**CHURCH MINISTRY POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

Visit our website ([www.yatesba.org/jobopenings](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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>.

**UPCOMING YBA MEETINGS**

**MAY**

National Day of Prayer ..... May 5  
 Nominations Committee..... May 5, 10am  
 Associational Leadership Team..... May 9, 12pm  
 Annual Missions Celebration Committee ..... May 10, 10am  
 Missions & Ministry Team ..... May 10, 2pm  
 Finance Committee..... May 25, 11am  
 Memorial Day (YBA Office Closed)..... May 30

**JUNE**

Nominations Committee.....June 2, 10am  
 Annual Missions Celebration Committee .....June 14, 10am  
 Missions & Ministry Team .....June 14, 2pm



**YBA CHURCHES 2022 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AND SUMMER CAMPS**

**Bethesda Baptist Church**  
 1914 S Miami Blvd, Durham 27703  
 Dates: June 24-26  
 Times: June 24 & 25: 6:30-8. June 25: 10:45-1PM  
 Ages: *Potty-trained -5<sup>th</sup> grade.*  
 Theme: *Group "HayDay"*

**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 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
 Theme: *Group "Monumental"*

**Grey Stone Church**  
 2601 Hillsborough Road, Durham, NC 27705  
 Summer Jam (VBS)  
 Dates: June 12-16  
 Times: 6:15-8:30 pm  
 Ages: 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
 Theme: *"Spark Studios"*

**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-8<sup>th</sup> grade

**Guess Road Baptist Church**  
 3102 Guess Road, Durham, NC 27705  
 Dates: June 27th - July 1st - 6:30 pm to 8 :30 pm  
 Ages: *Preschool, Grades 1 - 3, Grades 4 - 6, Teens*  
*Grades 7 - 12*  
 Theme: *"Spark Studio"*

**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 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
 Theme: *"Spark Studios"*

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



## Church Building Loan Interest Rates

### **3.99% 1 Year Adjustable Interest Rate**

The interest rate will remain the same for one year. It will adjust on each anniversary of the loan to the then current annual adjustable interest rate. It may not adjust more than 1.5% (150 basis points) up or down at any annual adjustment or 5% (500 basis points) up to ten (10) years.

### **4.25% 3 Year Adjustable Interest Rate**

The interest rate will remain the same for three years. It will adjust on each third anniversary of the loan to the then current 3-year adjustable interest rate. It may not adjust more than 3.00% (300 basis points) up or down at any three-year adjustment or 5% (500 basis points) up to ten (10) years.

### **4.50% 5 Year Adjustable Interest Rate**

The interest rate will remain the same for five years. It will adjust on each fifth anniversary of the loan to the then current 5-year adjustable interest rate. It may not adjust more than 5.00% (500 basis points) up or down at any five-year adjustment or 5% (500 basis points) up to ten (10) years.

**Each loan may be made up to a 25-year term. All rates cannot fall below a floor of 3.99%. No penalty for early pay off. Posted rates are for loans > \$50,000.00. Contact Russell Jones for rates on loans < \$50,000.00.**

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