

*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,

I cannot believe that it is May 2023! ...SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED since our last newsletter back in March. Let me catch you up on some important information.

On March 28th, YBA had a Special Called Business Meeting and unanimously voted to sell the Lakewood property where our offices are located. We are about to close the deal to sell to Rebuild Fellowship Church. We are very excited about this, but unfortunately, there is so much misinformation out in the world today that I want each of you to know what is happening.

The sale of the Lakewood property has been a couple of years in the making with much prayer and seeking God's will at every step along the way. Through this process, your Associational Leadership Team has made every effort to find the best situation for YBA to do three things. First, to make a stronger investment in the health and growth of our partner churches. Secondly, we desire to invest in new church plants and mission efforts; and finally, we wanted to ensure a Gospel presence in the Lakewood community. We are grateful that we will be able to check each of these boxes. As part of the agreement with Rebuild Fellowship Church, we will be able to stay in our current offices rent-free for 15 years. This is amazing.

Someone asked me what we are going to do with the funds generated from the sale of the property. This is a very important question. We are preparing a plan on how to use these funds to advance and invest in God's Kingdom. We have made the decision that none of this money will be used for administrative costs, including salaries or internal business expenses. These funds will be used exclusively for mission and ministry purposes. We hope to share a full plan for these funds at our Annual Mission Celebration in October.

We also just had our Semi-Annual Meeting at Edgewood Baptist Church. It was a night focused on church planting. We heard the testimonies of two pastors from our association who God has called to plant churches in difficult places. We received a great challenge from John Wilson, Associate Pastor at Hephzibah Baptist Church in Wendell, NC. He shared how his church, which is over 200 years old, had never planted a church before. But now they have planted two churches in the last two years and are revitalizing a third church. John shared that they have a goal of planting 20 churches in the next 20 years. He challenged every church, saying "if we can do this, then your church can as well." He reminded us that the church is supposed to reproduce.

Although the testimonies, worship time, and message were powerful, I'm sure what resonated throughout our churches was a special presentation given by the Rebranding Team. If you haven't heard yet, there was a proposal to change our name from Yates Baptist Association to Triangle West Church Network or shortened to TriWest Church Network. There will be a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, May 16 at Lowe's Grove Baptist Church to discuss the proposal, ask questions and then vote on this proposal.

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Let me be completely transparent with you. Initially, I was not in favor of a name change, but after a lot of prayers and seeking the Lord to guide us, I believe this is the right time to make this change. As the Rebranding Team has studied the possibility of a name change, they focused on several areas. The first was the name “Yates.” I love the missional legacy of Matthew Tyson Yates, to whom our association was named after in 1948. But if I’m honest, outside of a few senior saints within our associational churches, not many people in our churches and even fewer in the community know who we are or why we bare the name “Yates.” It is important to give our association a regional connection. The word “Triangle” is both locally and internationally understood. TriWest can easily be remembered and is identifiable.

The second part of our name is even more challenging. It’s the word “Baptist.” First of all, we are not ashamed of being Baptist. In fact, just a little over 18 months ago we voted to accept the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 as our statement of faith in our Bylaws. We have strengthened our relationship with the NC Baptist State Convention, Baptists on Mission, the IMB (International Mission Board), NAMB (North American Mission Board), and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary over the past few years. We are Baptist. We are made up of Baptist area churches, and therein lies the key. **We are not deemphasizing the word “Baptist” but rather we are emphasizing the word “Church.”** We are a group of churches. We believe the church is God’s Plan A.

In the past, local associations did ministries and asked the churches to come along and help the association do the work. Our desire is to encourage, strengthen and support the local church to do the work. In fact, we also changed our mission statement back in 2021 to clearly state our threefold focus. “We exist to strengthen, plant, and resource churches, in order to glorify God through making disciples of all nations.” I hope you can clearly see in that statement, that everything we do is so that the local church can fulfill the Great Commission. Again, the desire is to emphasize the church. We are and will continue to be Baptist.

The third word change in the proposal is to change from the word “Association” to “Network.” Of the changes, this is certainly the least polemic but it is of equal importance. The term “Network” can be used as either a verb or noun and explains both who we are and what we want to do. If we are going to make a change, then the word “Network” seems to be appropriate.

I want to ask you to pray and seek God’s guidance as we look at this name change.

For the mission,  
Marty Childers  
Associational Mission Strategist

**There will be a Special Called Associational meeting  
Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.  
for the purpose of discussing and voting on the proposed  
name change for Yates Baptist Association.**

**Location:  
Lowe's Grove Baptist Church  
4430 S. Alston Avenue  
Durham, NC 27713**

The Rebranding Team Report is available on our website:  
<https://www.yatesba.org/upcomingevents>

*Everyone is welcome to attend, but only the Pastor  
and 3 Messengers are allowed to vote.*

# YBA Food Pantry



Antioch Baptist Church  
 1415 Holloway Street  
 Durham, NC 27703  
 (919) 688-8893

Food is received and distributed **ON THURSDAYS**  
 (10:00 am-12:00 noon).

**SECOND QUARTER PANTRY PROVIDERS (APR-JUNE)**

Agape Reconciliation, Bahama, Bells, Cristo La Solucion,  
 Iglesia Bautista Monte Carmelo, Lawrence Road, LifeSpring,  
 Lowe's Grove, Lystra, Mount Carmel, Mount Pisgah,  
 New Freedom, New Jerusalem, Mount Gilead, Temple, Yates

*Even if it is not your quarter to supply food,  
 donations are appreciated throughout the year.*

**PLEASE CHECK THE DATES ON ALL FOOD  
 ITEMS. EXPIRED ITEMS CANNOT BE  
 DISTRIBUTED. Thank you!**



**How does the  
 Food Roundup  
 help children?**

Your donations of food, supplies and gift cards not only provides NC children daily meals, but your efforts point them towards Jesus.

**April 2023**

[SCHFOODROUNDUP.ORG](http://SCHFOODROUNDUP.ORG)

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to this year's Baptist Children's Home Food Roundup. A truckload of food and supplies was delivered to the Cameron Boy's Home on April 28. If you were unable to donate food, financial donations can still be made. Send checks or gift cards to YBA designated for the BCH Food Roundup. Donations can also be made online through our website: [www.yatesba.org/give](http://www.yatesba.org/give) (Type BCH Food Roundup in the memo line.)

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  
 THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023

**PRAY FERVENTLY  
 IN RIGHTEOUSNESS**

**AND AVAIL MUCH**  
 JAMES 5:16B

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

[WWW.NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG](http://WWW.NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG)

ATRIUM WAKE FOREST BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER

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 A Mission of Health, Hope, and Healing for All

*"That they may see and know, and consider and understand together, that the hand of the Lord has done this, and the Holy One of Israel has created it."*

ISAIAH 63:20

**2023 MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING**

**WEEK of PRAYER**  
 MAY 8-14, 2023

To learn more or make a donation, please scan this code or visit [mothersdayoffering.org](http://mothersdayoffering.org)

Atrium Health  
 Wake Forest Baptist

# **Yates Baptist Association Senior Adult Luncheon**

**Tuesday, May 9, 2023  
12:00 p.m.**

**Location:**

**Olive Branch Baptist Church  
123 Olive Branch Road  
Durham, NC 27703**

**Guest Speaker:**

**Rev. Dan Johnson, Pastor  
Cross Culture Church**

**Catered Luncheon - Cost \$8**

**You may pay at the door but reservations  
must be received by by noon on Thursday, May 4.  
(Email [office@yatesba.org](mailto:office@yatesba.org) or call 919-489-3396)**

**MENU:**

**Country Style Steak OR BBQ Chicken, Green Beans, Red Potatoes, Rolls, Drink, Dessert  
(Catering by Home Plate Restaurant)**



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[www.every-child.org](http://www.every-child.org)

**CALENDAR OF YBA MEETINGS**

**MAY**

National Day of Prayer.....Thursday, May 4  
 Nominations Committee (Zoom) ..... May 4, 10am  
 Pastor’s Luncheon (Immanuel)..... May 4, 11am-1pm  
 Senior Adult Luncheon (Olive Branch).....May 9, 12pm  
 Annual Mission Celebration Comm (ROSBC) ..May 11, 1pm  
 Missions & Ministry Team .....May 16, 2pm  
 Special Called YBA Meeting (Lowe’s Grove)....May 16, 7pm  
 Memorial Day (YBA Office closed)..... Monday, May 29  
 Finance Committee (Zoom) ..... May 31, 11am

**JUNE**

Nominations Committee (Zoom) .....June 1, 10am  
 Pastor’s Luncheon .....June 6, 11am-1pm  
 Annual Mission Celebration Comm (Zoom) ..... June 8, 1pm  
 Associational Leadership Team..... June 12, 12pm  
 Missions & Ministry Team ..... June 13, 2pm

**YBA CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Immanuel Baptist Church Day Camp**  
 3610 Hillandale Road, Durham, 919-383-1422  
 June 19-23, Monday-Thursday (8am-5pm); Friday Family Day (10am-12pm) Cost: \$125 Registration open to the first 90 kids who are currently in K-5th grade.  
 For more info: [www.visitimmanuel.org](http://www.visitimmanuel.org)

**Rose of Sharon Baptist Church - Red Cross Blood Drive**  
 Dates: Mar. 23, May 30, June 15.  
 Time: 2:30-7:00 pm in gym.



VBS is one of the biggest outreach events of the year! Let us know the details of your church VBS (dates, theme, etc.), so we can pray with you. We can also share this information on our website. We are excited about how God can use our churches and VBS to reach children and families with the Gospel of Christ! Email details to [office@yatesba.org](mailto:office@yatesba.org).

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**Mission:Dignity Sunday**  
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 Psalm 92:14-15a (CSB)

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