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YBA is a network of like-minded churches in the Triangle Metro Area of NC. We collaborate to strengthen, plant, and resource churches in order to glorify God through making disciples of all nations.

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Greetings YBA Family,

We just had a great Annual Mission Celebration! In fact, it was the best meeting we have had in years! OK, yes, it was also the first we have had in person in 2 years! But if you missed it, you truly missed a great time of testimonies, worship and celebrating both who our God is, as well as being challenged by the call to be involved in completing the Mission Task.

I want to thank Pastor Marc Francis, the staff, and members from Ridgecrest Baptist Church who hosted our meeting. They did an amazing job. Brother Al Huffman led us to the Throne of God in worship in both sessions. The music and worship experience set the tone for the entire meeting. We heard inspiring messages from Andrew Ivester, Miguel Tantas and Noel DeAsis that encouraged and challenged us greatly. We were reminded that our hope is and should always be found in Christ and that we have a responsibility to put that hope on display for others.

I shared during my report that almost exactly 40 years ago in a town called Boiling Springs, God taught me a huge lesson. I had walked on to the football team at Gardner Webb College and over a two-year span had earned a partial athletic scholarship. I loved football and was postured to be starting as defensive cornerback in my Junior year. But that October, I had 3 concussions in a two-week period. (I know some of you are probably thinking, OK, now that explains a lot). When I went to see the doctor because of severe headaches, he asked me something that I had never even considered. The doctor said, "Have you ever thought about quitting football." Now, remember we didn't know all that much about concussions back in the early 1980's, and I certainly didn't want to quit. I have never been a quitter. But after praying about it and seeking wise counsel, I believe God led me to walk away from football, and from my own dreams. It was a very difficult decision. But If I had not quit football, I probably would not have met and married my amazing wife. So, it turned out for the best!

In May of 2007 God called us to do something very clear, and it was also one of the hardest things I've ever had to do. God very clearly, over a period of several weeks using scripture and other Christian friends, made it clear that he was calling us to leave Bolivia after living there for nearly 20 years. We had raised our kids there. I had lived there longer than anywhere else in my whole life. That was a difficult decision. But God used it for His Glory.

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About six years ago, God called us to resign from the International Mission Board without telling us what the next step would be, and that was really hard. But every time that God has called us away from something, He has called us to something. I am blessed to serve as your Mission Strategist for YBA, but I would not be here if I had not been willing to make a difficult decision.

Let me ask you what God might be asking you to do today? Or maybe even, what is God calling you to leave today in order to move to the next phase of your life. Make no mistake, God has called all of us as His children to be a part of the Great Commission. He is called each church and each believer to live on mission. But in order to do that, we may have to change our plans and our priorities in order to follow Christ and His plan.

I spoke with a friend of mine today who is serving in another part of the world. He shared with me that he thinks God wants him to do something new, but he is not sure what...but he said, "I don't know what is going on, but God is up to something." I reminded my friend, "Yes, God is always up to something and it almost always calls us to sacrifice and get in line with HIS plan, which in the end it is always best."

For the Mission,
Marty



Saturday, November 13, 2021

9:00am - 4:30pm

Cost: \$10

Lowe's Grove Baptist Church

4430 S. Alston Avenue

Durham, NC 27713

"The Nehemiah Initiative" is a one day conference with 5 sessions (workbook provided) where pastors, lay leaders, and whole congregations can come together to learn about the principles of revitalization. The conference is predicated on prayer, vision, faith, leadership, respect, dealing with resistance, revival and change as found in the life of Nehemiah. The conference will give you and your church hope, with biblical insights, that will help enable you to lead into a post-COVID phase of ministry. Join us as we share these eight principles for rebuilding your churches spiritual walls. Your church can experience revitalization and renewal.

This conference is especially for pastors and church leaders who desire to see the direction of their church turn around.

We will meet at Lowes Grove Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, November 13th from 9 am till 4:30 pm. The cost for the Conference is only \$10 and includes a workbook, lunch and snacks during the day. (You may either pay the day of the event or pay on our website at www.yatesba.org/give.)

**Please call the YBA office ASAP at 919-489-3396
or email us at office@yatesba.org to reserve your spot today.**

Scenes from the 73rd Annual Mission Celebration



Marty Childers recognized the following for their service to YBA: Parliamentarian, Ray Evans (Ebenezer), Moderator, Jim Baggett (Lowe’s Grove), and Treasurer, Frank Shipp (Rose of Sharon).



A special thanks to Ridgecrest Baptist Church for hosting this event.



Drop-off site: Grey Stone Church
2601 Hillsborough Road, Durham, NC 27705

- Monday, Nov. 15 -- 12pm-5pm
- Tuesday, Nov. 16 -- 1pm-5pm
- Wednesday, Nov. 17 -- 12pm-5pm
- Thursday, Nov. 18 -- 12pm-5pm
- Friday, Nov. 19 -- 1pm-5pm
- Saturday, Nov. 20 -- 1pm-4pm
- Sunday, Nov. 21 -- 1pm-4pm
- Monday, Nov. 22 -- 10am-5pm



Christmas Cookies for the Baptist Children's Home



The churches of Yates Baptist Association have the privilege of sharing homemade cookies with the Baptist Children's Home of North Carolina.

Please note requirements below:

1. All cookies **must be** HOMEMADE and placed in zip lock bags.
2. Place zip lock bags in shoe boxes or small boxes.
3. Do Not use metal or glass containers.
4. Do not tape or tie boxes.
5. Please print the number of cookies and type of cookie in each package on the top of the container.

(Please indicate if the cookies contain any nuts or peanut butter for children with food allergies.)



Deliver to either location by 1pm on Thursday, December 16.

Yates Baptist Association Ministry Center
 2100 Chapel Hill Road, Durham 27707

Calvary Baptist Church Office
 1204 Lynn Road, Durham 27703

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS / MINISTRY POSITIONS

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

Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry

Annual Pecan Fundraiser—Orders due by Nov. 6
 \$15/lb. For more information or to place orders, go to: www.aoprisonministry.org or call Kris at 508-446-0741.

Durham Memorial Baptist Church

Craft and Bake Sale, Saturday, Nov. 13, 9am-1pm
 Proceeds go to the DMBC Building Fund
 (133 Robbin Road, Durham)

First Baptist Church - Hillsborough

ESL Classes: "Beyond Basic ESL" Sunday mornings
 Aug 22 - Nov 22 from 9am-11am. For more information, contact Carolyn Newman at ccnewman52@gmail.com
 (201 West King Street, Hillsborough, NC 27278)

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church - Part-Time Director of Music

Ministry Needed (Up to 25 hours/week). For more information, send email to: mcbsearch@gmail.com

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>

Ramp Ministry

The need for Handicap Ramps in our area continues to increase. If you or any member of your church are interested in learning more about getting involved in Ramp Ministry, please contact Roger Odle - rwodle54@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF YBA MEETINGS & EVENTS

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

BSCNC Annual Meeting	Nov. 8-9
Church Revitalization Conference (Nehemiah Init.)	Nov. 13
Associational Leadership Team (Zoom)	Nov. 15, 10am
Annual Missions Celebration Committee	Nov. 16, 10am
Thanksgiving Holiday—YBA Office closed.....	Nov. 24-26
Toy Store Setup.....	Nov. 29 - Dec. 3
Finance Committee (Zoom)	Dec. 1, 11am
Christmas Toy Store.....	Dec. 6-8
Associational Leadership Team (Zoom)	Dec. 13, 10am
Christmas Cookies for BCH Deadline	Dec. 16
Christmas Holidays—YBA Office Closed	Dec. 23-31

*Give Thanks to the Lord, for He is Good. His love endures forever.
 Psalm 136:1*

Christmas TOY Store



Toy Store: December 6 - 8
Setup: Nov. 29 - Dec. 3 (10am-1pm)
 Location: Revolve Church
 2031 W. Club Blvd., Durham, NC 27705

Revolve Church will be open to receive donations on Monday, November 29 - Friday, December 3, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Or you may bring items to the YBA Ministry Center at other times. (2100 Chapel Hill Road, Durham, NC 27707)

Toys and Items Needed

GIRLS

Dolls (all ethnic groups), paper dolls, doll houses/furniture, doll buggies, dishes, tea sets, cookware, comb/brush sets, story books, games, puzzles, coloring books/crayons (8 to a box), jump ropes, back packs.



BOYS

Trucks & cars (large and small), action figures, model car kits, back packs, throw games, horse shoe sets, basketballs, footballs, helmets, handballs, balls and bats, games, puzzles. (NO GUNS PLEASE.)



BABIES TO 4 YEARS

Pull toys, squeeze toys, bath tub toys, small riding toys, educational toys, plastic buggies and tricycles, picture books, rattlers, clothes, linens, bottles, etc.

STOCKING STUFFER'S FOR ALL AGES

Jacks, marbles, gum, whistles, mini-games, balloons, small cars/trucks/air planes, candy canes, flash cards.

TEENS

Earbuds, wallets, inexpensive watches, purses, socks, scarves, knitted caps, gloves, games, clock radios, basketballs, bats, baseballs, soccer balls, jewelry, makeup, curling irons, back packs.



CHILDREN'S CLOTHING (Boys & Girls)

Must be new items: Pants, shirts, underwear, sweaters, dresses, caps, gloves, socks, shoes, coats or jeans.

LARGE BROWN PAPER BAGS AND PLASTIC YARD BAGS for carrying purchases from the store.

MONETARY GIFTS to buy Bibles and items needed to complete the Toy Store. Online donations can be made at www.yatesba.org/give

Make checks payable to Yates Baptist Association and mail to:

PO Box 52381, Durham, NC 27717-2381

Please do not remove price tags from gifts. This will assist volunteers with pricing.

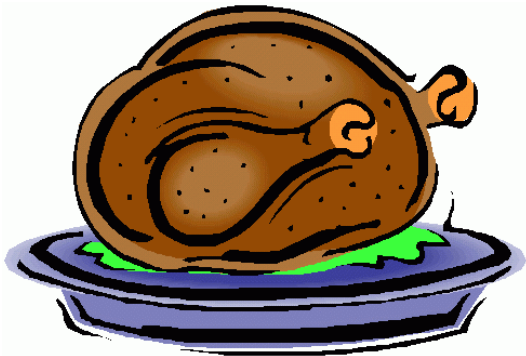
TO VOLUNTEER, call Michael Bond at 919-489-3396

or email office@yatesba.org

For more info, go to: www.yatesba.org/christmas-toy-store



YBA Food Pantry Thanksgiving Baskets



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

Antioch Baptist Church and the YBA Food Pantry will provide Thanksgiving Baskets for families during the holidays. The Basket will consist of a Turkey, Assorted Vegetables, Rolls and a Dessert. If you are interested in donating a Turkey(s) for the basket, we will be appreciative. If you are also interested in donating prepackaged pies, cranberry sauce or pack of rolls, this would be welcome also. Please contact Mary Sims at 919-688-8893 and notify her of your contribution to the box for proper planning. Our hope is to donate 150 boxes.

Please deliver all items by Friday, November 19th at 3:00 P.M. The food pantry is open on Thursday, November 18th from 9-12 if you would also like to deliver on this date.

Volunteers are welcome to assist with packaging boxes and distributing them on Sunday, November 21st at 3:00 P.M. Please contact Pastor Michael D. Page at 919-949-4022 if you or your organization would like to volunteer.

Thank you for your support in blessing families during this holiday season.

The following donations are needed:

Turkeys
Dinner Rolls
Cranberry Sauce

Pre-packaged Pies
Large Empty Boxes
(Financial Donations also accepted.)

For more information, please contact Pastor Michael Page at 919-949-4022 or Yates Baptist Association at 919-489-3396.