

# Rowan Southern Baptist Association Newsletter



## November, 2010

### Looking Ahead

November will be a very busy month. Just check out a few of the activities:

**Tuesday, November 2, 2010**- Be sure to get out and exercise your right to **VOTE!**

**Thursday, November 4, 2010**- Associational WMU Prayer Retreat/Bible Study at Trading Ford Baptist Church with Mrs. Phyllis Elvington. Dinner will be at 6:00pm with the meeting following. If you still have toothbrushes for our missions project, you may bring them to the meeting.



**Friday, November 5, 2010** is the deadline for turning in applications for the Annual Christmas Store. If you have any questions concerning the applications, call the office at 704-637-3407.

**Sunday, November 7, 2010** is the end to Daylight Savings Time. Don't forget to "*Fall Back*"

**Sunday, November 7, 2010**, Community Baptist will be hosting *The Taylors* in concert at 6:00pm. They are an award winning group that is reaching people with the good news of Jesus Christ through their Big-Band Southern Gospel style of music. Attention youth...you will want to check out this young and exciting family group! If you have any questions, please call 704-636-0984.

**November 8-10, 2010** will be the Annual North Carolina State Convention. It will be held at Koury Convention Center in Greensboro. Remember, you do not have to be a delegate to attend the State Convention, just to vote. If you have never taken the time to attend, it is well worth your time. Also, the office will be closed on Tuesday, November 9 in order to attend the convention.

**November 11, 2010** is Veteran's Day. Please pray our Veterans and their families. We would also like to express our appreciation to all of our Veterans for their service.



**November 14-17, 2010**: Revival at Emmanuel Baptist Church. Guest Speaker Dr. Rocky Branch. Services will be Sunday 11am and 6pm with Monday - Wednesday at 7:00pm nightly. Everyone Welcome! If you have any questions, please call the church at 704-630-0909.

**November 14-21, 2010** is the Annual Offering and Week of Prayer Baptist Children's Home of North Carolina. Any questions check out [www.bchfamily.org/offering](http://www.bchfamily.org/offering) or call 1-800-476-3669.

**November 21-28, 2010** is National Bible Week. Thank God we live in a country where we have the right to own a Bible.

**November 25, 2010** is Thanksgiving Day. The office will be closed Thursday and Friday for the holiday. May God bless you and your family with a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday.

**November 28, 2010** is the first Sunday of Advent.

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*Pastor Brent,  
We send our love & prayers  
We will all miss you!*

## Changes In R.S.B.A. Church Staff:

Over the last few months our associational churches have had a number of staff changes and we wanted to make you aware of them. First of all we would like to welcome **Dr. Oscar Ramirez** as the new pastor of **Oakland Heights Baptist Church**. Please keep Pastor Oscar, his wife Miriam and the entire church family in your prayers.

In addition to a change in senior pastor, we have had a number of other staff changes. We would like to welcome **Rev. Stephen Smith** and his wife Julie. **Pastor Stephen** is the new **Associate Pastor of First Baptist Church Rockwell**. Recently **Graham Honeycutt** and his family joined our association. He is the new **Director of Music and Family Ministries at First Baptist Church China Grove**. We would also like to welcome **Rev. Joe Basinger** and his family to our associational family. He is the new **Associate Pastor at South China Grove Baptist Church**. He is originally from Rowan County and we would also like to welcome him "home."

With all of the changes that we are experiencing in our association, please keep these pastors, their families and their church families in your prayers during this time of transition.

## Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Rev. Shane & Traci Utley on the birth of their 4<sup>th</sup> child, **Leah Hope Utley**. She was born on Friday, September 8, 2010 at 3:23pm weighing in at 7lbs. and 15ozs and 21 ½ inches long. She has an older brother Seth and a set of twin sisters Meredith and Hannah. Pastor Shane is the senior pastor of South China Grove Baptist Church. Please keep this precious family in your prayers.

## November Birthdays:

**Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>:** Rev. Sy Ponds, Pastor, Providence

**Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>:** Mrs. Claudia Robertson, Pastor's wife, North Main

**Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Rev. Chris Brown, Pastor, Whosoever Will

**Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Mrs. Sandy Motley, Pastor's wife, Trading Ford

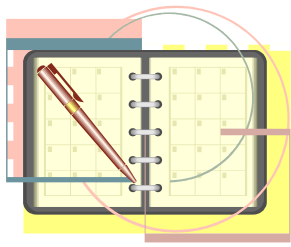
**Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>:** Mrs. Lori Smith, Pastor's wife, Southside

## November Anniversaries:

**Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>:** Rev. & Mrs. George (Peggy) Bradshaw, Pastor, Pine Ridge

**Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>:** Rev. & Mrs. Shane (Traci) Utley, Pastor, South China Grove





# Area Wide Youth Event

**Trading Ford Baptist Church**  
**3600 Long Ferry Road Salisbury, NC**  
**Saturday, November 6, 2010**



**3:00pm - Movie "To Save A Life"**

**5:00pm - Spaghetti Dinner & Discussion**

**6:00pm - Talent Time Youth Groups or Individuals are invited to sign up to share a talent**

**7:00pm - Special Guest: Danny Wallace**

**Author of Maskerade (To Become a Movie)**

**From severe childhood sexual abuse, Bi-Sexuality, +HIV to forgiveness and Healing. A real life story of God at work.**

**RSVP to: [sandym@medicalministries.org](mailto:sandym@medicalministries.org) or call 704-6-5986 and leave a message.**

**A love offering will be taken during the event.**

## No One Turned Away



## It Is Time For Our Annual Christmas Store... December 6-10, 2010 And We Need Your Help!



This Christmas will be very difficult for many of our Rowan County Residents. Our Annual Christmas Store is expecting an overwhelming amount of applications for assistance this year and **we need your help!**

The Rowan Southern Baptist Associational Christmas Store will need toys, clothes and gifts for children from birth through high school, (if a child is in high school they must be living at home and attending school full time to qualify)...so please do not forget our teenagers! In addition to the gifts, we are requesting any type of non-perishable food items as well as all types of candy for the children.

You may bring them by the associational office at any time Monday through Friday from 8:30am - 3:30pm. If you have any questions, just give me a call at 704-637-3407.

## Needed...Volunteers For Our Christmas Store

This year we will be having a new Coordinator, Ms Phyllis Smith from Woodleaf Baptist Church and we will need everyone's help. We need our "old faithfuls" as well as any new volunteers. There is a lot of work that needs to be done but it is such a blessing, just ask any of the ones that have helped before...there is nothing like it! If you have always wanted to help but have never "gotten around to it", this is the year! Call the office and we will sign you up!

## Need Groups To Provide Lunch For Volunteers



If your group would like to provide lunch for the Christmas Store Volunteers, usually around 20 each day please call the office and sign up today. Wondering what to fix...ANYTHING! They keep so busy that they are grateful for whatever you are willing to bring. The dates are **Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>**. Lunch needs to be at the office by 11:30am each day. By the way, Monday is already taken.

**P.S.** Do not adjust your color...just checking to see if you were reading this!



Serving as your Associational Missionary for the past three years has been a great joy for my family and me. This opportunity has granted me the distinct pleasure of building meaningful relationships with Pastors, church staff, church leaders, and congregations of Southern Baptist Churches in Rowan County.

As many of you are aware by now, after much prayer and counsel, Sunday, October 17, 2010, I accepted the call to become Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Grenada, Mississippi. Just as clearly as I believed God was calling me to come to Rowan County to serve as Associational Missionary, I now believe that God is calling me to Emmanuel Baptist Church. As a result of this decision, I submitted my resignation during the October 25, 2010 Fall Semi-Annual meeting which was held at Faith Baptist Church. I will continue serving through the last day of November, 2010.

To each member of the Rowan Southern Baptist Association, thank you for your love and concern for my family and me. Thank you for every prayer and word of encouragement. Thank you for opening your homes and hearts to us. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to minister in the churches of Rowan Southern Baptist Association.

To each Pastor, thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve along side of you in the work of equipping the saints for the work of ministry. Thank you for your faithful service to King Jesus and His church! Keep the good fight of faith!

To each church staff member, thank you to those who served double duty during Reach Rowan. Thank you for all you do behind the scenes.

To each church secretary and Mary, your luncheons are the best! I just loved the décor, door prizes, and delicious food, of course.

In the words of the Apostle Paul as recorded in the Word of God in his epistle to the Philippians, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ . . . And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Christ Jesus, to the glory and praise of God" (Philippians 1:3-6, 9-11).

To God Be the Glory,

Brent D. Barker  
Associational Missionary  
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