

# *Rowan Southern Baptist Association Newsletter*



Greetings in the Name of King Jesus:

I want to express what a joy it is to now serve the Rowan Association. Kellie and I are truly blessed to be a part of this great community of churches.

While this is a time of getting to know everyone, it has become clear rather quickly there is much work to be done. The role I intend to fulfill as I come to this association is to assist our churches as they seek to reach Rowan County and fulfill the Great Commission. It is vital to our very existence that getting the Gospel to our community and the world be at the heart of everything we do.

One area that we need to partner with each other on immediately is the annual Toy Store. Some changes are in store for this year. First of all, we are already six months behind in planning and preparation for this ministry. So, I need EVERY church to roll up their sleeves and be ready to get to work. Second, this year the store will not be held at the Associational office, it is being moved to North Main Baptist Church. Pastor Dale, very graciously volunteered to be our host church. This move is very important for several reasons. It offers more room not only in the area of shopping, but the more vital role of counseling with those who come to us. By being able to utilize classroom space for counseling it will offer privacy and the possibility of more openness between the parents and helpers.

Thirdly, this year the store hours are being expanded. This will allow for many more families to be ministered to. The hours will be: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9am til 8pm. Wednesday we will operate: 9am til 4pm. Thursday afternoon we will target our Hispanic families, but will schedule any who need to come that day as well.

I realize that with the temperatures hovering in the high 90's and summer in full swing, it may be difficult to think about Christmas. But, I would encourage each church to start looking at their calendars and plan for a Sunday ingathering specifically designated for the Toy Store. With the expanded hours and new location the needs are going to be great and I know we can make this the greatest Toy Store ever.

There are many other plans in the works as we begin this great journey together. Remember I am here to serve you as we seek Reach Rowan and serve Our Lord by fulfilling His Great Commission!

For Him,

Pastor Ken

***Executive Promotional Council***

***Monday, July 25, 2011***

***Associational Office***

***7:00 pm***

**Vacation Bible School**  
**North Main Baptist Church**



July 11-15  
6:30-8:30 pm  
July 10 (Kickoff) 5:30 pm  
Ages 3-12<sup>th</sup> grade

*Hear It!  
Believe It!  
Connect It!*



**Music & Arts Camp for kids!**

**July 11-15, 2011**  
**8:45 – 12:15 Monday-Thursday**  
**8:45 – 12:45 on Friday**

*Singing, puppets, art, clowning, hand  
bells, guitar, keyboard, drums, field  
trip, and more!*

For kids who were in grades 1-6 this  
past school year  
(2010-2011).

**Cost: \$30 per child (cost will not  
exceed \$55 per family)**

**For more information, contact  
Russ Robbins at First Baptist Church,  
Salisbury (704) 633-0431**



**Vacation Bible School**  
**Franklin Baptist Church**  
**“Cosmic City”**

*Explore The Awesome Wonder Of God*  
**July 11-15**  
**6:00-8:40 pm**  
**Ages PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade**

**WMU News!**

**Red Box Ministry brightens life for prisoners**



Each year, RSBA participates in the WMU NC “Red Boxes” project for incarcerated women. In the past, we have collected shampoo, toothbrushes, and other toiletry items which are placed in the boxes and delivered at Christmas time. This year’s item is **Bar Soap, 4-5 oz size only**. Our goal is 750 bars. The bars may be taken to the Associational Office or brought to the November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting that will be held at High Rock Community Church (West/Jake Alexander) in Salisbury. Please remove price stickers if possible.

**“Share A Mission” “Do A Mission”**

Saturday, September 24  
8am-1pm (Associational Office)  
Training update and missions project for leaders  
of WMU age-level organizations. WMU  
Directors and church secretaries will soon receive  
more information.

On **November 3, 6:30 pm**, a prayer retreat  
focusing on **“Human Exploitation”** will be held  
at High Rock Community Church (West/Jake  
Alexander) in Salisbury. This will be a dinner  
meal. All men and women of the Association are  
invited to attend. Details are forthcoming.  
Reserve the date!

**FOLLOW ME**

**Women's Prayer and Evangelism Conference**  
will be held at First Baptist, Church in Charlotte,  
NC. The dates are **September 16-17** and the cost  
is \$80.



**“On Butterfly Wings”**

Sept. 30-Oct. 1 (Caswell)  
Go to [www.wmunc.org](http://www.wmunc.org) for registration form and  
instructions

## LifeWay Women's Event

LifeWay Women brings Beth Moore's inspiring message to women around the world on Sept. 10

### **Date/Time:**

Sept. 10, 10:30 am-5:00 pm  
(Doors open at 9:00 am)

### **Location:**

North Kannapolis Baptist Church  
312 Locust Street  
Kannapolis, NC 28081

Call church office at 704-933-2125 or Women's Ministry Coordinator at 980-229-1457 for ticket information. Seating is limited, so call ahead to reserve your seats today!

Tickets are \$25.



## Did You Know?

A few months ago, Pastor Bobby Seagroves, his wife, Janette, and their grandson, took the responsibility of taking our most recent load of Bible study literature to the Pilgrim Tract Society in Randleman, NC. They loaded down their minivan of Sunday School materials and devotional guides. Because they couldn't get everything in their van, Pastor Ed Bitner agreed the following day to take the remaining load. We truly appreciate them for taking on such an important task.

The Association would like to continue collecting materials for the Pilgrim Tract Society. The Pilgrim Tract Society will **ONLY** accept **Sunday School (Bible Study) Materials, devotional guides and Bibles**. If you donate resource kits, make sure they are complete and come with a teacher's guide. Please do not send **CD's** or **Christian Magazines** as they **will not** be accepted. Thank you for supporting this valuable ministry.

## SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY SUNDAY, JULY 17

Imagine what could happen if every Southern Baptist church from across North America focused on loving its community in practical ways on the same day. That's the prayer behind this year's first-ever Serving Your Community Sunday on July 17.

The **North American Mission Board** is challenging churches to participate in some kind of community ministry project on July 17. Your church could choose to postpone morning worship services and spend the day serving the community or plan a project for later in the day. Churches could even pick a different day this summer for their ministry project. Regardless of when churches participate in community ministry this summer or what churches do, the point is the same—demonstrates love and the gospel in practical ways to people in the community.

## Josh Hunt Coming to South Yadkin Baptist Association!

**7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, August 18, 2011**  
**at Fairview Baptist Church, Statesville, NC**  
**Cost: \$10/person**

Make plans now to bring all Sunday School or Small Group teachers and leaders. Josh Hunt will be teaching his newest conference, "Make Your Group Grow." (for pastors, staff & adult leaders)

There are three additional conferences offered:

Missy Hunt: "Children's Leaders Conference"

Jackie Fisher: "Preschool Leaders Conference"

TBD: "Youth Leaders Conference"

Find out more about Josh Hunt at

[www.joshhunt.com](http://www.joshhunt.com).

## July Birthdays

- 2 Rev. Russell Robbins, Minister of Music, Salisbury First
- 6 Rev. Joe Smith, Pastor, Faith Baptist
- 8 Mrs. Elizabeth Walters, Wife of former RSBA DOM
- 8 Mr. Dean Orbison, Minister of Music, West Corinth
- 12 Mrs. Janie Parsons, Pastor's Wife, Gold Hill First
- 19 Mrs. Betsy Farmer, Minister to Students' Wife, Salisbury First
- 20 Mrs. Wanda Gross, Pastor's Wife, Oakdale
- 27 Dr. Dale Robertson, Pastor, North Main

## July Anniversaries

- 7 Bishop & Mrs. Chris (Patricia) Brown, Whosoever Will
- 10 Rev. & Mrs. David (Tonia) Smith, Associate, Sherrill's Ford
- 30 Rev. & Mrs. Toney (Janie) Parsons, Pastor, Gold Hill First
- 31 Rev. & Mrs. David (Jeanette) Ayers, Pastor, Yadkin

**The Associational Office will be closed on**  
**Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>!**

