

# Rowan Southern Baptist Association Newsletter

## Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:00 pm

Friday - Closed



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Rev. Ken Clark, Interim Director of Missions

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## **“Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?” (Psalm 85:6)**

In September 1857, a man by the name of Jeremiah Lanphier, carried a great burden for revival. He announced that he would conduct a noon prayer meeting each Wednesday at the North Reformed Dutch Church in New York City. Only 6 showed up the first week. Twenty came the next week and forty the week after.

The decision was made to hold these prayer meetings on a daily basis. Suddenly prayer meetings began to spring up in printer's shops, fire stations, police stations and theaters. By March 1858, Burton's Theater, capable of holding 3,000, was filled each day. It wasn't long until prayer meetings began in Boston, New Haven, Philadelphia, Washington, and Chicago. As a result, in less than 6 months over 200,000 conversions took place in the Northeast. It is known to us today as “The Great Awakening!”

In 1858, C. H. Spurgeon, after hearing of this great move of God, called his great congregation together and said, "The Spirit of God is saving multitudes in the United States. Since God is no respecter of persons, we will pray until He sends similar showers of blessing upon our land!"

On October 24 a series of meetings will begin. We call this our Associational Revival, but that name bothers me. Meetings are not revival. Revival is not something you can schedule or plan for. But it is something we can plead for God to send.

Revival is when God visits us, when His fire lights upon us, when he comes like a stormy wind and a heart-rending tempest. It is when men are shaken with a wholesome and Godly fear, yet they are aware of the presence of a Holy and loving God.

Revival is when prodigals come home, when church leaders submit to the Great Shepherd, and spiritual life revives dead Christians and dead churches. Revival is where God's Word reigns supreme, His will is welcomed, His voice is heard, His work prospers and His house is honored. Revival is where God's people pray, love, give and worship.

I would like to encourage each of our Associational churches to participate in the gatherings that will begin in a few weeks. This participation can be in many forms but let me share the words of R.A. Torrey, who gives us a genuine prescription for revival. First, let a few Christians get thoroughly right with God. If this is not done, the rest will come to nothing. Second, let them bind themselves together to pray for revival until God opens the window of heaven and comes down. Third, let them put themselves at the disposal of God for His use as He sees fit in winning others to Christ.

This is a prescription that every one of us ought to be willing to take with great pleasure. Just as we are quick to follow our doctor's orders and take whatever he prescribes in hopes of getting well when we are sick, let us follow this prescription in hopes that God will hear us from heaven and bless us with an awesome display of His presence when we gather October 24-26 at Faith Baptist Church.

Churches! Pray!

Pastor Ken



**Rowan Southern Baptist Association**  
**Semi-Annual Meeting**  
**Monday, October 17th**  
**7:00 pm**  
**First Baptist Church**  
**302 Patterson Street**  
**China Grove, NC**

**“Human Exploitation”**

**Prayer Retreat**

**November 3, 6:00 pm**  
 High Rock Community Church  
 (West/Jake Alexander).  
 This will be a dinner meal.  
 All men and women of the  
 Association are invited to attend.  
 Purchase tickets at the  
 Associational Office by  
 October 31.  
 Cost \$7.

**Rowan Southern Baptist Association**  
**Fall Revival**  
**October 24-26**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Faith Baptist Church**  
**203 North Main Street**  
**Faith, NC**



**Guest Speaker:**

***Dr. Mark E. Harris***  
***Senior Pastor***

***First Baptist Church***  
***Charlotte, NC***

***\*Nursery provided for ages up to kindergarten***



**WMU News!**  
**Red Boxes Project**

This year’s item is Bar Soap,  
 4-5 oz size only. Our goal is  
 750 bars. The soap 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

**October Birthdays**

- 3 Mrs. Jackie Cockerham, Pastor's Wife, Calvary
- 7 Rev. Billy Honeycutt, Pastor, Landis
- 15 Mrs. Traci Utley, Pastor’s wife, South China Grove
- 21 Mrs. Emily Sides, Pastor’s wife, Emmanuel
- 24 Mr. Duane Herman, Minister to Children & Youth, Enon
- 29 Rev. George Bradshaw, Pastor, Pine Ridge

**October Anniversaries**

- 15 Pastor & Mrs. Stephen Smith, Minister Children & Youth, Rockwell First
- 17 Mr. & Mrs. Duane (Michelle) Herman, Minister Children & Youth, Enon
- 24 Rev. & Mrs. Keith (Ginger) Mason, Pastor, Community



**Join us**  
**For the 17th Annual**

**Walk for Life!**

**Saturday, October 22, 2011**  
**Registration begins at 9 am**  
**Rowan County Fairgrounds**

**\*For more information contact Rhonda at  
 704-633-7695.**



Dear Associational Churches,

I am excited about the opportunity to serve as this year's Operation Inasmuch Coordinator for our county! I look forward to partnering with you and serving "the least of these" in our community. The Operation Inasmuch event is a great way for churches to join together, build relationships, and do great ministry!

If you are not familiar with Operation Inasmuch, please visit these two websites for more information: [www.operationinasmuch.org](http://www.operationinasmuch.org) and [www.ncoperationinasmuch.org](http://www.ncoperationinasmuch.org) (NC Baptist website).

My purpose for contacting you is to ask you and your church *to prayerfully consider participating in next year's Operation Inasmuch* here in Rowan County. The dates are Saturday, April 28 and Saturday, May 5.

I also want *to make you aware of an Operation Inasmuch training event* that is coming up very soon for churches in our region. This training event is scheduled for Saturday, October 15 at Summerfield First Baptist Church in Summerfield from 10-2. Please contact Rev. Richard Beeson 336.207.6710 or [rcbeeson@summerfieldfbc.com](mailto:rcbeeson@summerfieldfbc.com) if you would like to attend.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to partner in ministry together and serve "the least of these" in our community. Please contact me directly if you have any questions. [neil@neelroad.org](mailto:neil@neelroad.org)

In Christ's Love and Service,

Dr. Neil Westbrook, Senior Pastor  
Neel Road Baptist Church



NOVEMBER 6,  
2011

Because of you, Kourri accepted Jesus.

**changed!**

Give & change children's lives!  
BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES  
ANNUAL OFFERING  
WEEK OF PRAYER: NOVEMBER 13 - 20  
[www.bchfamily.org/offering](http://www.bchfamily.org/offering) ☎ 1.800.476.3669

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KOURY CONVENTION CENTER  
SHERATON HOTEL  
GREENSBORO, NC

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

**ANNUAL MEETING**  
BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA  
**NOVEMBER 7-8, 2011**

Rowan Southern Baptist Association  
 General Fund Financial Report  
 August 2011

	Month Actual	Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Total Budget
<b><u>Salaries, Allowances, Honoraria</u></b>					
DOM Salary	\$0	\$1,360	\$0	\$10,881	\$16,321
DOM Housing Allowance	1,950	1,679	5,363	13,432	20,148
Adm. Assistant Salary	1,589	1,589	12,709	12,709	19,063
Office Help	0	50	450	400	600
Clerk Honorarium	0	50	0	400	600
Treasurer Honorarium	0	50	0	400	600
Staff Christmas Bonuses	0	87	0	693	1,040
<b>Total Salaries &amp; Allowances</b>	<b>\$3,539</b>	<b>\$4,864</b>	<b>\$18,521</b>	<b>\$38,915</b>	<b>\$58,372</b>
<b><u>Employee Benefits</u></b>					
DOM Retirement	\$0	\$373	\$0	\$2,981	\$4,471
DOM Health Insurance	0	757	0	6,055	9,082
DOM Life Insurance	0	28	0	220	330
Workers' Compensation Insurance	0	113	862	900	1,350
Payroll Taxes	122	124	972	993	1,489
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$122</b>	<b>\$1,394</b>	<b>\$1,834</b>	<b>\$11,148</b>	<b>\$16,722</b>
<b><u>Ministry Support</u></b>					
DOM Travel Expense	\$232	\$417	\$232	\$3,333	\$5,000
DOM Covention/Education Exp.	0	167	123	1,333	2,000
Adm. Assistant Conf./Ed. Exp.	0	17	0	133	200
<b>Total Ministry Support</b>	<b>\$232</b>	<b>\$600</b>	<b>\$356</b>	<b>\$4,800</b>	<b>\$7,200</b>
<b><u>Organizational Support</u></b>					
Evangelism/Fair Mission	0	25	0	200	300
VBS	0	17	600	133	200
WMU	0	0	150	0	0
Youth Ministry	0	125	0	1,000	1,500
Pastors' Conferences	209	0	441	0	0
Church Sec. Training	0	10	0	83	125
Bible School Teachers Assistance	0	160	1,152	1,280	1,920
Disaster Recovery Tr. Maintenance	0	8	63	67	100
Christmas Store Supplement	0	125	0	1,000	1,500
<b>Total Organization Support</b>	<b>\$209</b>	<b>\$470</b>	<b>\$2,406</b>	<b>\$3,763</b>	<b>\$5,645</b>
<b><u>Operating Expenses</u></b>					
Office Supplies & Expense	\$83	\$208	\$1,883	\$1,667	\$2,500
Postage	0	167	361	1,333	2,000
Office Equipment Maintenance	0	250	1,683	2,000	3,000
Telephone	275	308	2,346	2,467	3,700
Natural Gas	26	83	622	667	1,000
Electricity	382	208	1,778	1,667	2,500
Water	26	50	173	400	600
Building Maintenance & Repairs	144	100	670	800	1,200
Lawn Care & Custodial Service Contract	200	217	1,700	1,733	2,600
Insurance	0	100	1,216	800	1,200
Web Site Development	0	100	700	800	1,200
Miscellaneous Expense	72	83	934	667	1,000
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,209</b>	<b>\$1,875</b>	<b>\$14,067</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$22,500</b>
<b>Total General Fund Spending</b>	<b>\$5,310</b>	<b>\$9,203</b>	<b>\$37,183</b>	<b>\$73,626</b>	<b>\$110,439</b>
<b>Total General Fund Receipts</b>	<b>\$9,175</b>	<b>\$9,203</b>	<b>\$74,448</b>	<b>\$73,626</b>	<b>\$110,439</b>

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<u>Funds Report:</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Spending</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
General Fund	\$66,180	\$9,175	\$5,310	\$70,045
Disaster Base Fund	647	0	0	647
Christian Women's Job Corps	1,242	0	0	1,242
Strategy Coordinator Association Fund	1,912	0	0	1,912
Huneycutt Scholarship Fund (Interest)	625	0	0	625
Huneycutt Scholarship Fund (Principal)	27,175	0	0	27,175
Seminary Extension	334	0	0	334
Christmas Store	3,008	0	0	3,008
Haiti Mission Fund	740	630	250	1,120
Payroll Taxes Payable - Federal	211	0	(211)	423
Payroll Taxes Payable - State	44	0	(44)	88
Bibles For Prison	447	0	0	447
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$102,566</b>	<b>\$9,805</b>	<b>\$5,305</b>	<b>\$107,066</b>

Deposit Locations:

Premier FCU Checking Account	\$79,741
Petty Cash	150
The North Carolina Baptist Foundation Inc. (Huneycutt Scholarship Fund Principal)	27,175
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$107,066</b>



**October is Staff Appreciation Month!**

***Churches, this is your opportunity to show your pastor and church staff how much they mean to you.***

**Rowan Southern Baptist Association Christmas Store will be held on  
 December 5-9**



**We need your prayers, financial donations and new toys. Bring  
 donations anytime to the Associational Office  
 Monday-Thursday 8:30-4:00.**

**Please contribute to this mission so that  
 underprivileged children can have a blessed Christmas and learn the  
 true meaning of Christmas.**