



Yates Baptist Association

"Working together to advance God's Kingdom"

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Yates Baptist Association is a network of churches working together in mission and ministry for the purposes of church growth and church renewal in the Durham - Chapel Hill Metro area.

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Greetings YBA Family,

We just had a great but strange Annual Mission Celebration. But doesn't that pretty much cover 2020. It was great because we were able to conduct our business and share together some of the good things that God has done over this unusual year. We were challenged by an inspiring message and heard testimonies of changed lives. But it still felt strange because we were socially distant and unable to gather together in one place, but again, this has been our new normal for 2020. I know I missed seeing many of you, greeting old friends and meeting new ones. I missed exchanging hugs and stories over a meal. But the fact that we miss it means it is still important to us and we will get through this together.

It is because of our current reality we find ourselves in that we need to be reminded of why we have an association and just who we are as Yates Baptist Association. We, together as YBA, are a network of churches partnering together to advance Christ's Kingdom. I know you have heard that before but let me say it in a little different way. We are a network of churches who believe our autonomy is important, but at the same time we believe it is crucial that we be interconnected and interdependent. Why? We have intentionally chosen to work together for the advance of the Gospel.

The mission of the church has not changed in 2000 years. Plainly stated, the mission of the church is to make disciples. Therefore, YBA's mission is to encourage and come alongside the churches and congregations to help them fulfill this biblical mandate. To be clear, this is not complicated. This is not elaborate nor ostentatious. It is simple...YBA exists to help you effectively fulfill your mission, to make disciples of all nations.

According to the Association of Religious Data from a few years ago, almost 78% of the people who live within the Research Triangle area are unchurched. Let that sink in! That means 3 out of every 4 people you see when you go to a restaurant or at the mall or walking in the park or even in your neighborhood are without the hope that Christ brings. I am praying that we can recapture a sense of urgency to share the Gospel with those who are lost, but also that we will see the joy in sharing the greatest message ever told.

I was so moved to hear Dr. George Robinson's message from Luke 15 at our Mission Celebration on October 27th. If you missed it, you can go to our Facebook page or to this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWz5biu-I5E>

I want to remind each of us that Jesus tells these three parables in Luke 15 about lost things in response to a comment from the religious people. The Pharisees and the scribes were murmuring. I love that word murmuring. Repeat it to yourself: murmur murmur, murmur. The word itself it sounds like gossip or talk that is not good! The Pharisees and scribes were saying to each other, "Hey this guy Jesus, can you believe it, he meets with sinners and actually eats with them." If we are going to impact our communities, we must associate with the world. Now I don't have all the answers for how to do that in a pandemic, but I know that the mandate is still valid. What do we need to do? I want to share three places to start.

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As an association, first I believe more than any time in history, we must find creative ways to have a greater impact in our communities. We have to find ways to share the Gospel with those who are far from God but not far from us. We need to help churches increase their missional effectiveness. As I've already mentioned several times, the Great Commission hasn't changed, but we must be willing to improvise, adapt, and do whatever it takes to help every local church improve its impact with its neighbors and the nations.

Secondly, we have to support our pastors and their families as they navigate these challenging days. We must be ready to think outside the box on how to minister, encourage and to love on the servants that have been called as shepherds to lead the local church. We need to help create a better system to support them. Pastors are currently in a pressure cooker of stress trying to navigate the moving target of Covid-19.

Finally, we must increase our efforts in planting new churches and re-planting initiatives with those declining churches. New churches reach new people. We need at least 100 more churches in the Durham-Chapel Hill area today! We must understand that it is not a question of revitalization versus church planting; it has to be both. I am personally praying for us to be willing to make difficult decisions to share the Gospel with those who are lost. Pray that we will be bolder in partnering with churches who are in decline, to help them do an auto assessment and begin to see options for Gospel advance in their community.

If we are going to truly see "Joy in the Harvest," we have to find ways to connect to the world that is far from God. We must be careful not to become the modern-day Pharisees and scribes who are appalled by the world, but rather see their spiritual condition of lostness as the greatest need. Together we have to engage our communities in a way that allows us to share the transforming power of the Gospel with those who are far from God. I look forward to seeing what God is going to do in the days ahead.

For His Glory,
Marty



Christmas Cookies for 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** in zip lock bags.
2. Place zip lock bags in shoe boxes or small boxes.
3. **No** metal, glass, foil, or plastic containers may be used.
4. Do not tape or tie boxes.
5. Please print the number of cookies in each package on the top of the container and label the type of cookie.

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

Deliver to either location listed below:

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

Calvary Baptist Church Office
1204 Lynn Road, Durham 27703

Homemade cookies only!



For more information call 919-489-3396.
Please deliver cookies by 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 17.

Christmas TOY Store



December 7 - 9, 2020

Location: Revolve Church
(formerly Mosaic Church)

2031 W. Club Blvd., Durham, NC 27705

The church will be open to receive donations on Monday, November 30 - Friday, December 4
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

CD players, CD's, 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. Do not fold – lay flat.

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, CONTACT MICHAEL BOND:
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Good News. Great Joy.

2020 National Collection Week
November 16-23



PACK SHOEBOXES, CHANGE LIVES!

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

Monday, Nov. 16 -- 12pm-5pm
 Tuesday, Nov. 17 -- 12pm-5pm
 Wednesday, Nov. 18 -- 8am-1pm
 Thursday, Nov. 19 -- 12pm-5pm
 Friday, Nov. 20 -- 12pm-5pm
 Saturday, Nov. 21 -- 1pm-4pm
 Sunday, Nov. 22 -- 1pm-4pm
 Monday, Nov. 23 -- 10am-5pm

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 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST WERE MADE THE PAST FIVE YEARS

SHARING HOPE...CHANGING LIVES
 Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina
 Annual Offering | bchoffering.org

YBA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer (WMU Virtual event) ...Nov. 2
 Baptist State Convention Annual MeetingNov. 10
 Associational Leadership Team Nov. 16, 10:00am
 Missions and Ministry Team Nov. 16, 6:00pm
 Annual Meeting Planning Committee Nov. 12, 11am
 Finance Committee Nov. 18, 11:00am
 Thanksgiving Holidays (YBA Office Closed)..... Nov. 25-27
 Setup for Christmas Toy Store (Revolve Church)..... Nov. 30-Dec. 4

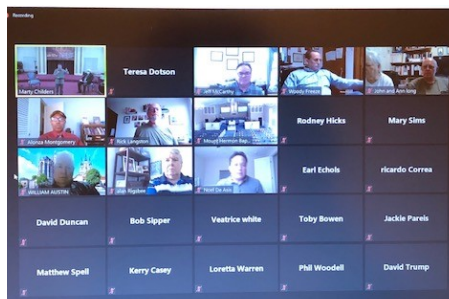
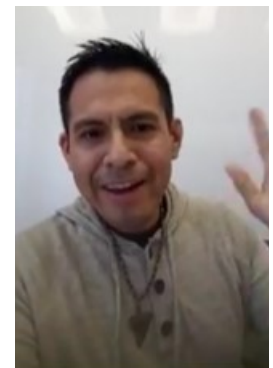
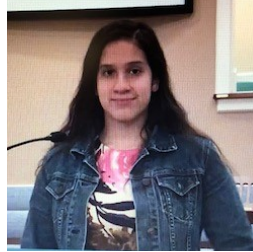
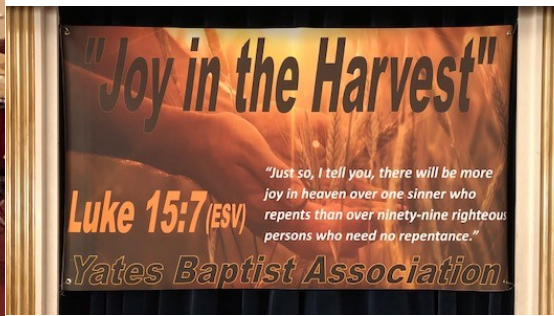
DECEMBER

Setup for Christmas Toy Store (Revolve Church)..... Nov. 30-Dec. 4
 Christmas Toy Store (Revolve Church)Dec. 7-9
 Deadline for Christmas Cookies for BCH.....Dec. 17, 1pm
 Christmas Holidays (YBA Office Closed)Dec. 23-Jan. 1

YOUR IMPACT THROUGH THE LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING



Scenes from the 72nd Annual Mission Celebration and the 1st "Virtual" AMC



Special thanks to The Summit Church for hosting the evening live stream session.

Associational Missions



Sept 2020

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS 2020

CHURCHES	SEPT	YTD
Agape Reconciliation	\$ -	\$ 594.00
Antioch	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Bahama	\$ 832.94	\$ 6,649.55
Bells	\$ 274.44	\$ 3,181.39
Berea	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,800.00
Bethesda	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Braggtown	\$ -	\$ 1,298.53
Calvandar	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Calvary	\$ 341.45	\$ 3,204.30
Cedar Fork	\$ 99.00	\$ 1,191.76
Cresset*	\$ -	\$ 860.08
Dayspring	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Durham Memorial	\$ 897.63	\$ 7,366.05
Ebenezer	\$ 225.60	\$ 2,204.91
Edgewood	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
Faith	\$ 250.00	\$ 2,250.00
Faith Community	\$ -	\$ -
First Hillsborough	\$ 323.82	\$ 3,681.35
Gateway	\$ 219.04	\$ 2,323.76
Global Gates	\$ -	\$ -
Glory of Christ Fellowship	\$ -	\$ -
Gorman	\$ 333.33	\$ 2,666.64
Gospel	\$ 194.83	\$ 470.13
Great Faith	\$ -	\$ -
Grey Stone	\$ -	\$ 550.00
Guess Road	\$ 580.38	\$ 6,362.19
Hanmaum	\$ -	\$ -
Harvest Glen	\$ 262.00	\$ 1,920.00
HillSide	\$ -	\$ -
Hope Valley	\$ 425.87	\$ 4,853.35
Iglesia Bautista Monte Carmelo	\$ -	\$ -
Iglesia Bautista La Fe	\$ -	\$ -
Iglesia Cristiana Emanuel	\$ 3,063.40	\$ 3,063.40
Immanuel	\$ 1,207.58	\$ 5,869.98
Lawrence Road	\$ 620.29	\$ 3,811.64
Leesville Road	\$ -	\$ 1,186.86
LifeSpring*	\$ -	\$ 1,333.60
LifeZone	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Lord's Wing Korean	\$ -	\$ 742.00

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS 2020 ~ Continued

CHURCHES	SEPT	YTD
Lowe's Grove	\$ 522.70	\$ 5,913.54
Lystra	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Mision Cristo La Solucion	\$ -	\$ -
Mosaic	\$ -	\$ 1,126.35
Mount Carmel	\$ 176.45	\$ 2,086.00
Mount Gilead	\$ -	\$ -
Mount Hermon	\$ 283.40	\$ 2,840.35
Mount Moriah	\$ -	\$ 600.00
Mount Pisgah	\$ 203.00	\$ 626.00
NC Myanmar	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
New Freedom	\$ -	\$ -
New Jerusalem	\$ 1,925.00	\$ 3,300.00
North Durham	\$ -	\$ -
Olive Branch	\$ -	\$ -
Page Road	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Park View	\$ 100.00	\$ 900.00
Plainview	\$ 410.00	\$ 4,051.00
Red Mountain	\$ 125.00	\$ 375.00
Restoration Church	\$ 50.00	\$ 250.00
Ridgecrest	\$ 666.67	\$ 7,313.03
Rose of Sharon	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,875.00
Sunrise	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,600.00
Temple	\$ -	\$ 1,991.77
The Church at NC	\$ -	\$ -
The Point-Chapel Hill	\$ 50.00	\$ 450.00
The Point-Espanol	\$ 50.00	\$ 450.00
The Summit	\$ 416.67	\$ 3,416.67
University	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Waypoint	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Yates	837.96	\$ 7,676.14
Church Missions Giving	\$ 17,868.45	\$ 124,126.32
Other Contributions	\$ 1,964.60	\$ 25,761.44

TOTAL INCOME **\$ 19,833.05** **\$ 149,887.76**

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Monthly Budget Needs: \$ 22,854.33
Sept Receipts: \$ 19,833.05
Total Receipts To Date: \$149,887.76
Budget Needs To Date: \$205,689.00
Difference: \$ (55,801.24)