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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,

2020 has been a most interesting year and it just continues to surprise us. Covid-19, Racial Strife, Injustice, Economic strain, and how could we forget 2020 is an Election year. I am reminded of John 10:10 where it says, "The thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy." We know that the reference is a reference to be the Devil or Satan. The Bible also calls him the "father of all lies." Boy, has he been busy during 2020. Certainly, one of his most successful strategies seems to be to divide and conquer. And never in my life can I think of a time where the enemy has had so much success.

We are living in a time where we have greater communication, greater medical facilities, we have greater knowledge of the world and yet we are living in a time where there seems to be more misunderstandings, more strife, more division and more hostility.

Everybody is yelling about something, and if we are not Christ centered, we will easily find ourselves in the middle of the division and hostility. Ephesians 2 verse 14 says, "For He (Jesus) is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility." It's probably good here to remember the context of the book of Ephesians. Paul is in prison in Rome and he is writing to the church in Ephesus. They are trying to live for Christ in the middle of a pagan culture that did not like them and there was a lot of hostility towards Christians. People are being killed and put in jail and so Paul is trying to encourage the church. He reminds them in chapter 2 that they used to be far from God, lost and without hope, separated from God's love. But then Paul writes in verse 14 that, "He Himself is our peace who has made us both one and has broken down in His flesh the dividing wall of hostility."

Now that phrase dividing wall of hostility may not mean that much to you but this was a very important word picture for the people of Israel in the first century A.D. During the first century, if you wanted to visit the temple and you were a Gentile, you were allowed to go to the area that was called the court of the Gentiles. On the other side of that court was the temple but you were not allowed to go into the temple or even the courtyard that was closer. In fact, there was a **restraining wall** that was built to keep the Gentiles out, it was kind of like a "Keep Out" sign! If you were not Jewish you were not allowed to go in any further. This wall was built between the court of the Gentiles in the court of the Jews and was commonly known as the **wall of hostility**.

But the Good News is that Jesus himself has broken down this separated wall. And Paul is saying that there is no barrier between Gentile and Jew in coming to God.

I want to remind you that as an organization we must continually fight against becoming an institution rather than creating a movement centered and focused on Gospel advance. Now more than any other time, we need to wake up our churches and reach our communities for Christ, call out the called from within our churches to go across the street and to the ends of the earth. I know it's been said so much that it has become a cliché, but I still believe that **We are better Together**.

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Currently as a member of YBA you are helping the Gospel message in places like Guatemala, church planting in places like Oaxaca Mexico and among Burmese refugees in Thailand. Nationally we are partnering with churches in Pennsylvania. We are sponsoring missionaries here in the Triangle working with South Asian, Middle Eastern and North African populations. Together we are seeing new churches planted here in our back yard among Chinese, Hispanic and Korean populations. You and your church also help in local ministries with the Food Pantry and Toy Store. But there is so much more that is needed. So, the world may be divided, our nation may seem segmented but I am appealing to the body of Christ to refocus on the task given to us by Christ himself. We are to live missional lives and be on mission every day in order to make disciples of all nations. Let us together revision to work alongside Christ to tear down all walls of hostility that divide us and be the church the world needs to see as well as hear that there is Good News in 2020.

For His glory,
Marty

PRIME TIME Senior Adult Event

Scheduled for September 15, 2020
has been cancelled due to COVID-19

Special Called Associational Board Meeting Tuesday, September 29, 2020

7:00 p.m. Zoom Meeting

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss and vote on proposed Bylaws changes. A copy of the proposed changes has been sent to every church and can also be found on the home page of our website: www.yatesba.org.

Please send the names and email addresses of your Associational Board members so that we can send them an invitation to join the Zoom meeting. (As a reminder, the pastor and 2 lay leaders may serve as representatives for each church.) Send names and email addresses to: office@yatesba.org



This year YBA golfers can still compete! (...not among themselves for the LOW score) but battle together against COVID-19 for a HIGH score by reaching our goal of \$10,000 for pandemic relief aid for the following local and international ministries:

Yates Baptist Association Food Pantry
Orange County Prison Ministry
Good Shepherd Center/Clinic/Children's Home
in Guatemala
Medical Mission & Community Development
in Oaxaca, Mexico

Although we will not be together for the fellowship and fun at our annual golf outing due to the coronavirus, we believe this is the best decision to keep everyone safe and out of harm's way. However, we do not want the ministries to suffer a loss. Therefore, we challenge you to score a hole in one for the Ministries of the Yates Baptist Association by making a donation that will offset the loss of about \$10,000 in donations that would have been raised through the tournament. Let's all "Drive it deep down the fairway" and "Hole it out" to faithfully support the work God has called us to.

Donations may be mailed to YBA (PO Box 52381,
Durham, NC 27717)
or made online at www.yatesba.org/give





Baptist Children’s Home Food Roundup

**Collection Dates: Monday-Thursday
September 28 - October 1, 2020**

Yates Baptist Association
2100 Chapel Hill Road, Durham, NC 27707

Be the hands that help fill children's plates.

Help make this the best Roundup yet! A complete list of items needed is posted on our website and information has been sent to the church offices. Please help our volunteers by packing your church’s donations in small sturdy boxes. (Grocery store gift cards are also suggested.)

For more information call the Yates Baptist Association office at 919-489-3396. A detailed list of BCH Needs can be found on our website: www.yatesba.org
(Resources - Upcoming Events & Promo Materials)



**Yates Baptist Association
72nd Annual Mission Celebration
Tuesday, October 27, 2020**

VIRTUAL EVENT

AFTERNOON SESSION: 4:00 PM (VIA ZOOM)

EVENING SESSION: 7:00 PM (PRE-RECORDED)

Guest Speaker: Dr. George Robinson
Associate Professor of Missions and Evangelism
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

After prayerful consideration of all possible scenarios, we have made the decision to celebrate and worship together virtually this year. This has not been an easy decision, but based on the current COVID-19 statistics, we believe this is the best way to keep everyone safe and out of harm’s way. We will still have things to celebrate, testimonies to share, reports from the ministry teams (God stories) and an inspirational message.

More details will be forthcoming as plans are finalized but make plans now to join us virtually in October.



Mark your Calendars: YBA CHRISTMAS TOY STORE

December 7 - 9, 2020

**LOCATION: REVOLVE CHURCH
(formerly Mosaic Church)**

2031 W. Club Blvd, Durham, NC 27705

Donations will be received at Revolve Church November 30 - December 4, 10am - 1pm or you may bring items any time to the Yates Baptist Association office (2100 Chapel Hill Road).

Many volunteers are needed:
Store setup (Nov. 30 - Dec. 4)

Counselors, Shopper Aides, Spanish interpreters (Dec. 7-9)

To volunteer, please call the YBA office at 919-489-3396 or email mlbond@yatesba.org

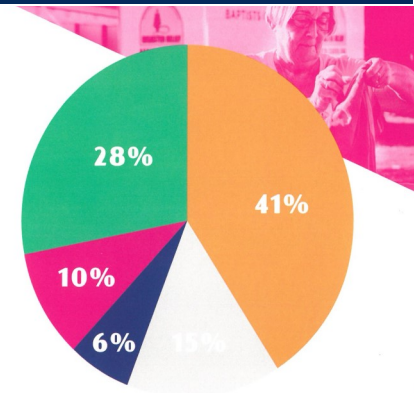
For more information including a list of needed items, visit our website:
www.yatesba.org



YOUR GIFTS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA MISSIONS OFFERING HELP:

- Spread the gospel.
- Relieve suffering.
- Plant new churches.
- Mobilize people in missions.
- Minister during disasters.
- Treat the sick.

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Baptists on Mission	\$856,720
Church Planting	\$596,000
Mission Camps	\$313,080
Associational Projects	\$210,000
Mobilization Ministry Projects	\$124,200

2020 Theme: "Compelled by Love"

The North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO) is a special offering received during the month of September that supports the ministries of Baptists on Mission, Church Planting, mission camps, associational projects and mobilization ministry projects. NCMO is your opportunity to impact lostness as God accomplishes many wonderful things through these various ministries.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS / MINISTRY POSITIONS

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

Hope Valley Baptist Church - Senior Pastor Needed

Hope Valley Baptist Church is prayerfully seeking a full-time pastor to lead our traditional congregation in southwest Durham, North Carolina. We are seeking a pastor who is a minister of the Word, teacher, spiritual guide, friend and fellow traveler. The prospective pastor is expected to carry out pastoral duties as a servant leader and provide effective support for the church organization. The church desires to hire someone who models the CBF approach to ministry, in particular, supporting women in leadership roles and working to build consensus. The candidate should hold a Masters of Divinity from an accredited seminary or divinity school. Please submit a letter of introduction, resume, statement of faith and references by September 30, 2020 to Hope Valley Baptist Church, 6900 Garrett Road, Durham, NC 27707.

Children's Clothing - YBA has been given several boxes of children's winter clothes (sizes infant - 4T) that we would love to share with anyone who needs them. Please call Teresa or Loretta at 919-489-3396 if you know of anyone in need.

The Summit Children's Clothes Closet (at Braggtown) - is open by appointment only to distribute children's clothing. For more info, contact Marcia Beard at fbeardart@mindspring.com.

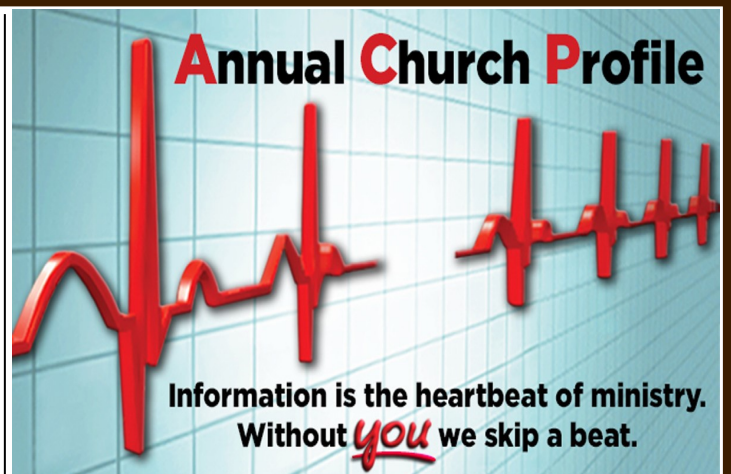
CALENDAR OF YBA MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER

- Labor Day (YBA Office Closed).....Monday, Sept 7
- Annual Mission Celebration Committee (Zoom).....Sept 8, 10am
- Associational Leadership Team (Zoom)Sept 21, 10am
- Finance Committee.....Sept 23, 11am
- Special Called Associational Meeting (Zoom) Sept 29, 7pm

OCTOBER

- Annual Mission Celebration CommitteeOct. 13, 10am
- YBA Annual Mission Celebration (Zoom/Virtual)..... Oct. 27



PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR CHURCH'S ACP

Annual Church Profile forms and instructions were mailed in August to each church. Please be sure to either enter your church's information online or mail the forms back to YBA by October 12. The information requested is essential to the work of the Association as well as the Baptist State Convention, so your help is greatly appreciated.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the YBA office at 919-489-3396 or email office@yatesba.org.

Associational Missions



July 2020

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS 2020

CHURCHES	JULY	YTD
Agape Reconciliation	\$ 594.00	\$ 594.00
Antioch	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Bahama	\$ -	\$ 5,195.93
Bells	\$ 286.68	\$ 2,630.79
Berea	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,400.00
Bethesda	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Braggtown	\$ 189.12	\$ 1,298.53
Calvandar	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Calvary	\$ 296.18	\$ 2,518.06
Cedar Fork	\$ 176.28	\$ 971.37
Cresset	\$ -	\$ 860.08
Dayspring	\$ -	\$ -
Durham Memorial	\$ 964.47	\$ 6,468.42
Ebenezer	\$ 495.62	\$ 1,811.48
Edgewood	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
Faith	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,750.00
Faith Community	\$ -	\$ -
First Hillsborough	\$ -	\$ 2,463.05
Gateway	\$ 270.08	\$ 1,820.00
Global Gates	\$ -	\$ -
Glory of Christ Fellowship	\$ -	\$ -
Gorman	\$ 333.33	\$ 2,333.31
Gospel	\$ -	\$ 275.30
Great Faith	\$ -	\$ -
Grey Stone	\$ 500.00	\$ 550.00
Guess Road	\$ 549.42	\$ 5,190.41
Hanmaum	\$ -	\$ -
Harvest Glen	\$ 984.00	\$ 1,658.00
HillSide	\$ -	\$ -
Hope Valley	\$ 425.87	\$ 4,001.61
Iglesia Bautista Monte Carmelo	\$ -	\$ -
Iglesia Bautista La Fe	\$ -	\$ -
Iglesia Cristiana Emanuel	\$ -	\$ -
Immanuel	\$ 479.38	\$ 4,662.40
Lawrence Road	\$ 458.22	\$ 2,635.90
Leesville Road	\$ -	\$ 1,186.86
LifeSpring	\$ 407.37	\$ 1,220.01
LifeZone	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Lord's Wing Korean	\$ 75.00	\$ 522.00
Lowe's Grove	\$ 451.70	\$ 4,781.88
Lystra	\$ -	\$ 250.00

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS 2020 ~ Continued

CHURCHES	JULY	YTD
Mision Cristo La Solucion	\$ -	\$ -
Mosaic	\$ -	\$ 760.63
Mount Carmel	\$ 219.39	\$ 1,585.75
Mount Gilead	\$ -	\$ -
Mount Hermon	\$ 382.78	\$ 2,233.75
Mount Moriah	\$ -	\$ 600.00
Mount Pisgah	\$ 254.00	\$ 423.00
NC Myanmar	\$ -	\$ -
New Freedom	\$ -	\$ -
New Jerusalem	\$ -	\$ 1,375.00
North Durham	\$ -	\$ -
Olive Branch	\$ -	\$ -
Page Road	\$ -	\$ -
Park View	\$ 100.00	\$ 700.00
Plainview	\$ 365.00	\$ 3,191.00
Red Mountain	\$ -	\$ 125.00
Restoration Church	\$ 50.00	\$ 200.00
Ridgecrest	\$ 666.67	\$ 5,979.69
Rose of Sharon	\$ -	\$ 1,275.00
Sunrise	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,400.00
Temple	\$ -	\$ 1,436.48
The Church at NC	\$ -	\$ -
The Point-Chapel Hill	\$ 50.00	\$ 350.00
The Point-Espanol	\$ 50.00	\$ 350.00
The Summit	\$ -	\$ 2,625.00
University	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Waypoint	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Yates	\$ -	\$ 5,898.63
Church Missions Giving	\$ 10,924.56	\$ 96,158.32
Other Contributions	\$ 1,881.30	\$ 18,871.69
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 12,805.86	\$ 115,030.01

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$ 22,854.33
July Receipts:	\$ 12,805.86
Total Receipts To Date:	\$115,030.01
Budget Needs To Date:	\$159,980.33
Difference:	\$ (44,950.32)