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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,

It's hard for me to believe that we are turning the calendar again. It seems almost unfathomable that we are beginning the month of September. I remember as a young boy listening to my mom and dad talk about how time flies. Honestly, I didn't quite understand. But now that I'm older it seems like the days, the weeks, the months and even the years begin to run together. It is a constant reminder of my mortality and that our life on this planet is at best, transitory. The Bible goes even further and describes it as fleeting in Psalm 39.

"O Lord, make me know my end and what is the number of my days; let me know how fleeting I am! Behold, You have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before You. Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath! Selah" (Psalm 39:4-5 ESV)

So, I'm guessing about now you're thinking. "Wow, Marty, that so inspirational!" I'm not writing this to make you depressed or sad but rather in an attempt for you and I to seek to make the most of each day. As a young man, one of the first Latin phrases I learned was "Carpe Diem." Which is translated best as "seize the day." My thought is as we look forward, lets you and I seize the day and truly live out the Great Commission we've been given.

Remember Jesus had just risen from the grave and was about to return to the Father. Just before He ascended, the last thing He said to His followers was, Go and Make Disciples of all nations... We know about the Great Commission, maybe you have it memorized. But have we really thought about what it means? Have you contemplated what are the personal implications for your life and your church?

Over the past 32 years I have given my life to try to help others better understand and live out the Great Commission, but I have also realized that our enemy, Satan, is gifted at trying to gets us on detours. His number one strategy is to get us focused on anything and everything else besides the Commission. If our number one focus becomes anything else than fulfilling the Great Commission then we are in trouble.

I called my State Farm Insurance agent the other day and do you know who answered the phone? It was Jake from State Farm. Really, I thought that was pretty cool then he explained that his name just happens to be Jake like the guy on the commercials. He assured me the he was not the guy from the commercial. Let me ask you a question, "Does it bother you that most Insurance company commercials don't seem to give you much info about their coverage or what they do?"

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In fact, it seems like all the insurance commercials are all funny or have a catchy phrase like “15 minutes can save you” or “that you better be protected against mayhem,” or “like a good neighbor...” You get my drift. But it bothers me that they have gone this way. You know what else bothers me, when we as the Church have forgotten what we are supposed to be about. Maybe we are more concerned about catchy phrases or big events or other detours that we have forgotten what we are to be about. We are to be about the Mission. By the way, did you know that it only becomes the Great Commission if we do it. Let us as Christ followers renew our commitment to Jesus and to His Commission. Our days are numbered, so let’s make the most of them. Let’s truly seize the day for Christ our King. Let’s share His-story with someone today.

One of the advantages of working with an organization like Yates Baptist Association is that I get to see the big picture of what God is doing in the churches in our area. Over the past few months, I have been encouraged by seeing Christ followers going into the community and making a difference. Making a difference in local Schools and working with First Responders. I’ve seen churches reaching out to refugees and moving to help with adoption and fostering children in need. And in the midst of all of this and so much more, I am seeing churches making disciples. Now I have just 2 questions as I close for today. What is your part in the Great Commission and could it be that Christ is asking you to step up and do more? Let’s be honest 15 minutes can do more than just save 15 percent on insurance. Fifteen minutes can make a difference in eternity.

Let’s Seize the day!

for His glory,
Marty

Fill the
TANK

LEAD YOUR CHURCH TO CELEBRATE BAPTISMS

Sunday, SEPT. 12

FILLTHETANKNC.ORG

Fill the Tank Sunday
Sunday, September 12th

Just think of the changed lives, the rejuvenated churches and the eternal impact we would witness if every church in the Baptist State Convention participated. (Even if a church doesn't have someone to baptize on that day, the focus on baptism will raise awareness of the lost, the need for a gospel witness and life-transformation in Christ.)

Churches sign up today at Fillthetanknc.org

PRIME TIME XXVII Senior Adult Event

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

10:30 A.M. - 12:00 NOON (lunch follows)

Cost: \$8.00 (RSVP Required)

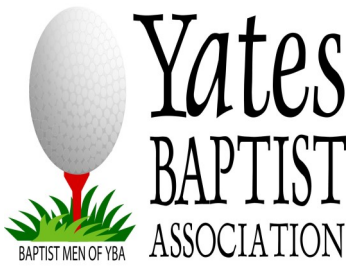
Email office@yatesba.org to make reservations.
(You can pay at the door.)

Ebenezer Baptist Church
1210 Pleasant Green Road
Hillsborough, NC 27278

Special Guest Speaker:
Mrs. Renea Henderson
(www.youlaughalot.org)



Sponsored by Yates Baptist Association



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

**UMSTEAD PINES at WILLOWHAVEN
253 COUNTRY CLUB DR, DURHAM, NC**

(Cost: \$75/golfer (Includes golf and lunch))

**8:30 am - First Session
1:45 pm - 2nd Session
(12:15 - 1:30 pm - Lunch & Door Prizes)**

**REGISTRATION & PAYMENT DEADLINE IS
FRIDAY, SEPT. 10, 2021**

For more information, go to www.yatesba.org
or call 919-489-3396

All Proceeds go to benefit the YBA Handyman Ramp Ministry, Orange County Prison Ministry, Good Shepherd Mission Center in Guatemala and the Oaxaca, Mexico Partnership

**Yates Baptist Association
73rd Annual Mission Celebration
Tuesday, October 26, 2021**



"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works."

~Titus 2:11-14

**Ridgecrest Baptist Church
1104 Milton Road, Durham, NC 27712**

AFTERNOON SESSION: 3:30 PM

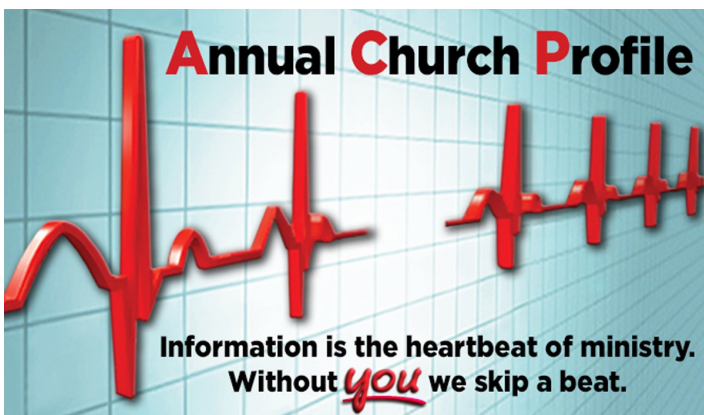
DINNER: 5:30 PM

(Chick-Fil-A Meal: Cost: \$6)

RSVP Deadline: Thursday, October 21

EVENING SESSION: 6:45 PM

Due to concerns for COVID, we have decided it would be best this year to NOT have an **Associational Choir**. We hope to include this as part of the 2022 Annual Mission Celebration.



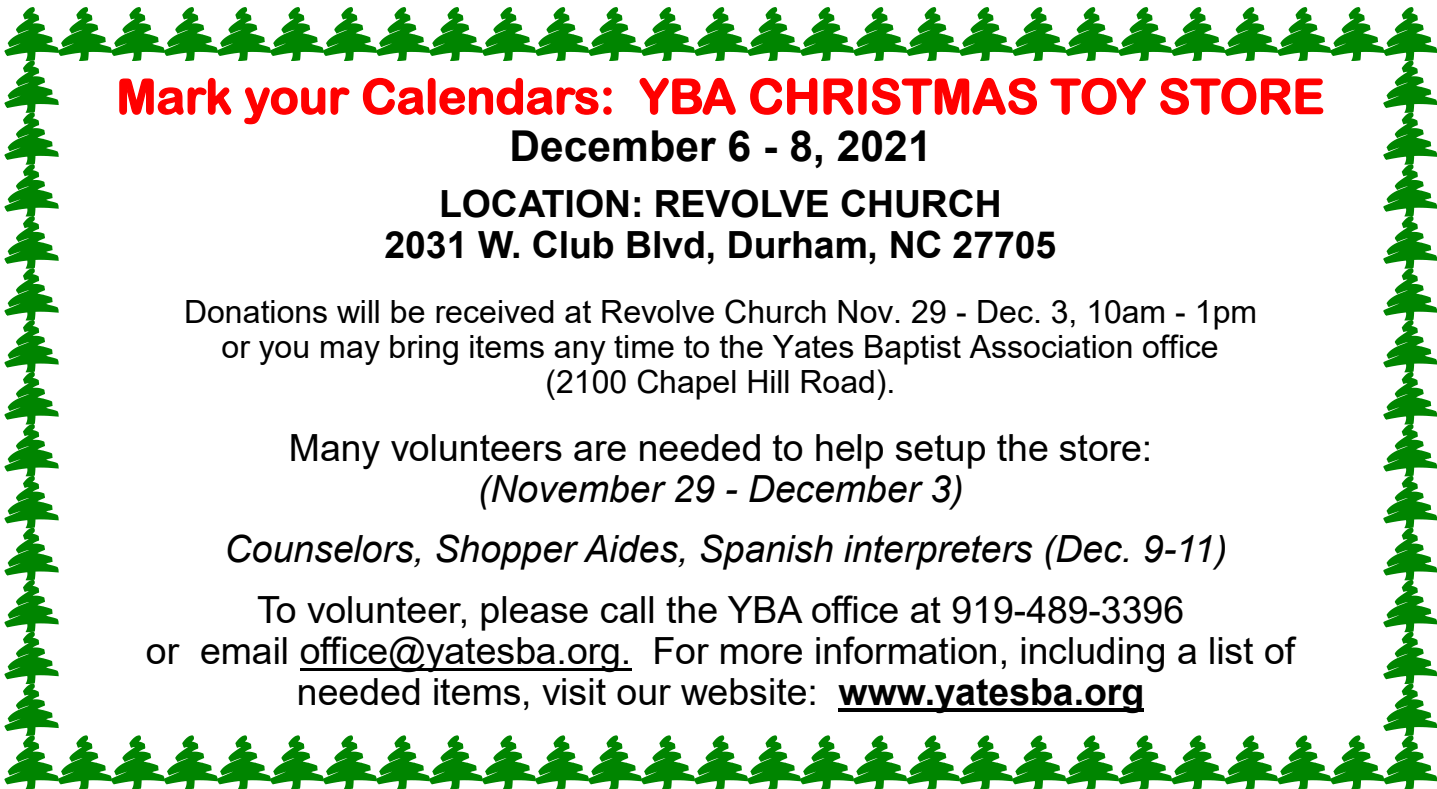
**PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR
CHURCH'S ACP**

Annual Church Profile forms and instructions have been mailed and emailed to each church. Please be sure to enter your church's information online or mail the forms back to us by October 18. The information requested in this form 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.



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.

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in Him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."
Romans 15:13 (HCSB)



Mark your Calendars: YBA CHRISTMAS TOY STORE

December 6 - 8, 2021

**LOCATION: REVOLVE CHURCH
2031 W. Club Blvd, Durham, NC 27705**

Donations will be received at Revolve Church Nov. 29 - Dec. 3, 10am - 1pm
or you may bring items any time to the Yates Baptist Association office
(2100 Chapel Hill Road).

Many volunteers are needed to help setup the store:
(November 29 - December 3)

Counselors, Shopper Aides, Spanish interpreters (Dec. 9-11)

To volunteer, please call the YBA office at 919-489-3396
or email office@yatesba.org. For more information, including a list of
needed items, visit our website: www.yatesba.org

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS / MINISTRY POSITIONS

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

Bethesda Baptist Church Preschool

Teachers/Assistants Needed. For more information, go to:

<https://www.bethesdabaptistchurch.com/jobs>

(1914 S. Miami Blvd, Durham, NC 27703)

First Baptist Church - Hillsborough

ESL Classes: "Beyond Basic ESL" Sunday mornings

Aug 22 - Nov 22 from 9am-11am,. For more information,

contact Carolyn Newman at cnewman52@gmail.com

(201 West King Street, Hillsborough, NC 27278)

Guess Road Baptist Church - Minister of Music Needed

If interested, please email your resume, cover letter, statement of beliefs and a photo to grbcpastor@gmail.com.

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church - Part-Time Director of Music

Ministry Needed (Up to 25 hours/week). For more information,

send email to: mcbsearch@gmail.com

Yates Baptist Church - Full-Time Minister of Music Needed

Yates Baptist Church in Durham, NC is seeking a skilled, energetic Christian woman or man as full-time Minister of Music and Worship. To find out more about this fulfilling opportunity, visit <https://yateschurch.org/momwsearch>

Ramp Ministry

The need for Handicap Ramps in our area continues to increase. If you or any member of your church are interested in learning more about getting involved in Ramp Ministry, please contact Roger Odle - rwodle54@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF YBA MEETINGS & EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Nominations Committee (Zoom) Sept. 2, 10am
Labor Day Holiday—YBA Office closedSept. 6
Associational Leadership Team (Zoom) Sept. 13, 10am
Prime Time Senior Adult Event (Ebenezer) Sept. 14, 10am
Annual YBA Golf TournamentSept. 20
Annual Missions Celebration Committee Sept. 21, 10am
Finance Committee (Zoom) Sept. 29, 11am

OCTOBER

Nominations Committee (Zoom)Oct. 7, 10am
Associational Leadership Team (Zoom)Oct. 11, 10am
Annual Mission Celebration Committee (Zoom)Oct. 12, 10am
Annual Mission Celebration at Ridgecrest Oct. 26



FINANCIAL REPORT: JUNE 2021

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$ 22,343.50
June Receipts:	\$ 13,683.54
Total Receipts To Date:	\$ 93,841.21
Budget Needs To Date:	\$134,061.00
YTD Net:	\$ (40,219.79)



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Love Your Neighbor

Basic Evangelism Seminar
A relational and respectful approach



Share Christ

Love

Welcome

Listen

Understand

Love Your Neighbor Seminar

Relational, Respectful Evangelism toward our Hindu Friends

Sept 17th, 6-9pm & 18th, 9am-5pm

Cedar Fork Baptist Church, Durham, NC

Associate Trainers: Walt and Katie Tucker

- Lively interactive teaching, videos, group discussions
- Practical strategies, tools, and action points for continued application
- Workbook packed with resources
- Principles applicable to people from a variety of backgrounds

Register:

LYN-RDU2021.eventbrite.com

Email Questions to:

rtpsasianchristians@gmail.com

"This seminar has given me a great insight in reaching out to Hindus. I am a born Hindu but now Christian and I needed this."

-Dhruti, Dallas

Cost: \$30.00

Registration cost covers your training notebook. Spouses can share a notebook.

No cost if previously attended a seminar

Location:

Cedar Fork Baptist Church
5117 S Miami Blvd, Durham, NC 27703

For more about Love Your Neighbor, visit:
www.nayajeevan.org/loveyourneighbor

"More than evangelism training... it's sensitivity training."

-Biman Majumdar, church planter, Leadership Building Coalition, Kolkata