



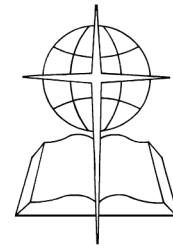
April 2020 Events

- Devotion from the Director of Missions
- BSBA Union Meeting Update - Canceled
- Bible Drill Update - Canceled

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- VBS Expo Update - Postponed
- Golf Tournament and VBS Kickoff Updates - Postponed
- WMU Upcoming Events Update



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The Burnt Swamp Bulletin

DEVOTION FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

Jeremiah 29:11-13 (KJV)

¹¹ For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.
¹² Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.
¹³ And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

In a time of Judgment and devastation for Israel, God gave His people a Word of Hope. He promised them of a time that they would call, pray, seek, and search for Him and He would hear. To know He would hear was an indication that He would answer. He promised them that He had a plan for them. His plan consisted of Peace and not Evil. His plan consisted of a Future and a Hope for His people.

This Word of Hope had to be like a Light in the midst of their darkness. In the darkness of night, it seems that the pain is greater, the temperature rises, the tick tock of the clock seems too slow. But with the first breaking of dawn, as the sun begins to rise, the pain seems to subside, the temperature seems to decrease, and the tick tock of the clock seems to stabilize.

This challenge of facing the Coronavirus, seems to be a dark time for the whole world. But there is a Light in the darkness. In **John 8:12** Jesus said, **"I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life."** This is His Truth and His Promise to us. He is the Light of the World and as we follow Him, we walk not in darkness. It is a dark time, but in the darkness, we still walk in the Light of Life.

In the darkness we are to call, pray, seek and search for Him with all our heart. As we do so, we can trust that He will hear us, and He will answer us. Our God has a plan for us, as He had for Israel. A plan for Peace and not Evil, for a Future and Hope. In Him we are overcomers. In Him we always Win. There is light in this darkness, and the Light is our Lord Jesus Christ. Continue to look to Him and expect Great Things as we walk in the Light.

*Rev. Steve A. Strickland
BSBA Director of Missions*

**ALL BSBA MEETINGS/EVENTS
HAVE BEEN CANCELED OR POSTPONED
AT THIS TIME!**

BSBA UNION MEETING UPDATE

The Union Meeting that was scheduled for **March 28th** has been **CANCELED!!**

BIBLE DRILL UPDATE

The **Regional Bible Drills**, that were scheduled in April, have been **CANCELED!!**

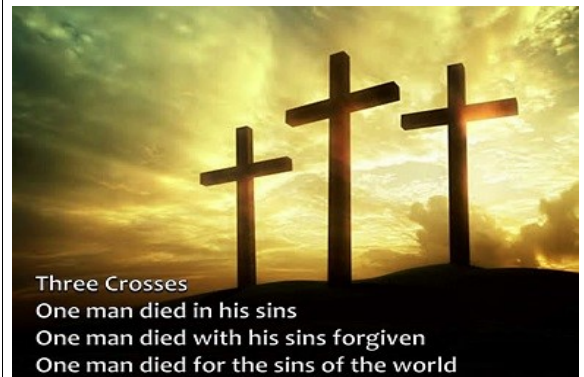
VBS EXPO UPDATE

The VBS Expo for *Concrete & Cranes*, scheduled at Mt Elim Baptist Church on **April 26th**, has been **POSTPONED!!**

GOLF TOURNAMENT & VBS KICKOFF UPDATES

The BSBA Golf Tournament and the VBS Kickoff have both been **POSTPONED!!**

**PRAYERS FOR OUR COUNTRY AND
OUR NATION, DURING THIS VERY
DIFFICULT & CHALLENGING TIME!**



Three Crosses
One man died in his sins
One man died with his sins forgiven
One man died for the sins of the world

WMU Upcoming Events:

- ⇒ **4/18** WMU Annual Meeting at Union Chapel Church has been **CANCELED!!**
- ⇒ **4/24-25** Missions Extravaganza has been **CANCELED!!**

You may contact **Mrs. Suzanne Locklear, BSBA WMU Director**, at **(910) 391-4722** for further details regarding these cancellations!



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Antioch - 2/13- Seniors Valentine Luncheon by Rev. Clyde Freeman; 3/1-4 Revival w/ Rev. Hedrick Jones; 3/13- Antioch Baptist Women's Meeting; 3/15-20 Preacher Clyde in Revival at Cherokee Chapel; 3/22- Monthly Singing; 3/27- Movie Night, "Overcomer".

Benson Chapel - 2/23- 2 souls saved; 3/1- 1 soul rededicated; 3/8- Mother/Daughter Day; 3/8-13 Rev. Johnny Locklear in Revival @ Bayside; 3/8-13 Rev. Tyler Chavis in revival @ Purvis; 3/15- Bible Drill; 3/16-20 Rev. Johnny Locklear and Rev. Tyler Chavis in Revival @ Morning Star.

Berea - 2/4 & 2/18 Food Pantry; 2/23- Baby Dedication; Appreciation Reception held for former Pastor Chris Hunt; 4/26- The VBS Expo for *Concrete & Cranes*, scheduled at Mt Elim Baptist Church, has been **POSTPONED**.

Bethany - 3/1- Assistant Pastor Matt Locklear preached in the morning service at Brush Arbor Christian Fellowship; 3/4- Assistant Pastor Matt Locklear finished the Wednesday night Bible Study on the Book of Jeremiah; 3/10-11 Pastor Charles & Bro. Jim Hunt attended a Conference in Atlanta, Georgia; Continuing missions at home and abroad.

Beulah - 2/2- Super Bowl Extravaganza Worship; 2/3-5 Winter Bible Study with Rev. Steve Strickland; 2/15- Valentine's Banquet; 2/19- Dinner & Movie Night; 2/29- WMU Banquet @ Berea.

Burnt Swamp - 3/1-3 Rev. Keith in Revival at Baker's Chapel, Mixed Choir sang; 3/8- Pastor Appreciation Day; 3/11- Church Bible Drill; WMU collecting items for rest home project.

Cedar Grove - 3/15- 1 soul saved; WMU had a mission drive, gave out care packet to those in need; 3/25- Children and Youth Choir Practice; 3/28- Church Conference; 4/12- EASTER Sunday; 4/15- Pastor Rodney scheduled for Revival at Piney Grove; 4/27- Pastor Rodney scheduled for Revival at Smyrna Baptist.

Dundarrach - 2/8- Valentine Dinner; 2/24- WMU Visitation; 3/15-20 Revival with Rev. Mitchell Cummings and Rev. Jeremiah Jacobs; 3/20- Pierce Choir Plate Sale at church; 4/27-29 Seniors Trip - Myrtle Beach Gospel Jubilee.

Elizabeth Heights - Special THANKS to Rev. Earnie Hammonds, Pastor at Mt. Olive Baptist, for such a great Winter Bible Study of the book of JEREMIAH; 3/1- Children/Youth Focus, 11:30 am-Vickie Godwin; 3/8-Special Speaker, Rev. J. Maynor; 3/15- Special Speaker, Rev. Larry Oxendine; 3/22- Special Speaker, Rev. J. Maynor; 3/29- Communion; 4/5- Next Monthly SINGING at 6 pm; 4/26-29 SPRING REVIVAL

Morning Star - 3 rededications in February; 3 souls saved during camp meeting in March; 3/1- Sunday night service: Rev. Mark Lowery; 3/7- MSCC Sanctuary Choir @ Union

Chapel Comm. Baptist; 3/10- MSCC Sanctuary Choir @ Riverside Independent; 3/14- Spring Church Clean up; 3/15-20 Camp Meeting Revival; **MSCC Brotherhood Steak plate sale has been CANCELED.**

Mt. Airy - Sunday nights and Wednesday nights Bible Drill/Speakers Tournament practice; 2/24- VBS Meeting, Berea Baptist Church; 2/26- BSBA Evangelism Conference at Elrod Baptist Church; 2/28-3/1 Couples Retreat at Myrtle Beach, SC; 2/29- Attended WMU Focus Banquet at Berea Baptist Church; 3/1- Senior Adults' Birthday Celebration; 3/8- Bro. Alex Locklear's Trial Sermon; Bro Locklear's wife and daughter did the special music; 3/15- Bible Drills and Speakers Tournament.

Mt. Elim - Raffle Tickets available for \$5, for Mr. Brewer who attends South Hoke Baptist Church. (He's received a double lung transplant); Raffle Tickets available for \$3, for Marlea Whitfield (1st Lady of Island Grove Baptist Church); 3/15- Donation Meal for Tim & Linda Beaman; Food Bank Every 3rd Thursday of the month (starting at 10 a.m.- until); UNC Sponsored Community Garden; TBA; 4/5-10 Spring Revival has been **CANCELED!**

New Point - 2/15- Brotherhood Visitation with Shut-in; 2/29- Youth Outing to Surge Trampoline Park; 3/6-7 Bible Drillers Yard Sale; 3/7- Breakfast Sale for Relay for Life; 3/15- Pray for Lost; 3/21- Brotherhood Visitation; 3/29- Communion Service; 4/5-8 Spring Revival - Guest Speakers, Preacher Sterling Chavis and Preacher Jimmy Strickland; Wednesday Night Bible Study.

Piney Grove - 4/12-15 Spring Revival with Guest Speakers: Bro. Zack Jacobs, Bro. Hilton Jacobs, Bro. Victor Jacobs and Bro. Rodney Locklear.

Pleasant View - Pastor Burnett and Ms. NC Indian Senior Citizen, Angeleta Hunt, were guest at Fairmont Middle School to read to the children and celebrate Dr. Seuss week; 3 new church members; 2/16- Adult Class service with shut-ins; 2/24- WMU Service with shut-ins; 3/4- Youth Plate Sale Successful; 3/8- Pastor at New Vision Church; 3/14- Men's Conference; 3/22- Youth Sunday, Guest Speaker Rev. Colton Locklear; 4/12- Easter Sunrise service at 7am.

Reedy Branch - 2/25-4/7 Tuesday night Men's Bible study; 3/7- Jail Ministry; 3/8- Student ministry & family lunch after worship service; 3/13-14 Kid's ministry sleep over; 3/14- Prison Ministry; 3/15- Church fellowship lunch; 3/20- Student Ministry lock-in; 3/27-28 Women's ministry event & dinner @ Percy & Willies in Florence SC; 3/29-4/1 Revival - Speakers, Rev. Earnest Goins, Rev. Sterling Chavis, Rev. Clyde Freeman and Rev. Israel Branch (Revival baskets for each speaker); Exercise classes every Tuesday & Thursday nights & Prayer night 2nd Tuesday each month.



CHURCH NEWS CONTINUED....

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South Broadway - January - 1 saved; February - 2 Baptized; March we got our pews covered 10-13; **3/15-** 52nd Annual Homecoming was canceled/postponed; WMU collection each month for our Oklahoma Christmas Drive; Baptist Men are Meeting 1st Saturday of each month.

Turnpike - **4/5-** We are planning to have "Old Fashioned" Homecoming; We have had 2 people to rededicate their lives back to the Lord (one in February and one in March).

Union - **4/19-24** Revival with Guest Preachers: Rev. Ivory Henderson, Jr. and Rev. Sam Henderson; Week Of Prayer; **4/22-** Youth Sunday with Guest Speaker Rev. Don Carter.

Union Chapel - **3/1-** Easter Play Practice at 5pm; **3/7-** Youth Choir Singing Benefit; **3/8-** One Confession of Faith; **3/12-** Lunch served/delivered to Senior Citizen Shut-ins; **3/15-** Pastor and Family Appreciation Day-Lunch Served; **4/4-** Brotherhood Steak Dinner has been **CANCELED**; WOM Church Project-send secret letter/card to unsaved.

Zion Hill - **3/2-** WMU Monthly Meeting; **3/14-** GA's Mission delivered laundry supplies to Red Springs laundry mat and sent Valentine's Day and Easter cards to Military; **3/15-** Spring Revival, 3 souls saved.

Morning Star Ministries

- ◆ The Missions Fair and the Barnabas Team Retreat have currently been **POSTPONED** to a later date, due to the virus threat.
- ◆ Pastor Charles and Bro. Jim Hunt attended a Leadership Conference in Atlanta.
- ◆ A Pastor's Manual to assist in Funerals, Visitations, and other Ministry obligations will be available for any Preacher or Pastor. You can get a free one at the Baptist Building. This Manual was provided by Revels Funeral Home and written by Pastor Charles. If you plan to pick up one of these Manuals, please call the office first, to see if they are open. The office # is (910) 521-9850.

SPECIAL: NC Baptist Resources & Information During COVID-19

During this uncertain time, we stand firm on the promises of God and His unshakeable faithfulness ([Romans 8:32](#)).

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina staff is committed to serving you as you minister under challenges resulting from the coronavirus. The resources provided below seek to aid in those efforts.

Please press **CTRL** and **click on the link** below or you can google the link to see the Resources:

<https://ncbaptist.org/covid-19-resources-information>



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Prayers & Support for Marlea

Let's continue to pray for **Marlea**, Pastor Jason Whitfield's wife, from Island Grove Church and for her family. As most of you already know by now, Marlea is in need of a **Double Lung Transplant** due to current health issues. She truly desires your prayers. We are praying that God will heal her lungs, either through divine intervention or through this transplant that is needed. We serve a God who can do ALL things! He is the GREAT PHYSICIAN! **When you pray, please lift her name up in prayer!**



If anyone would like to help with her medical expenses, you can send funding to our office at P.O. Box 1207, Pembroke, NC 28372 and earmark it **Marlea Whitfield Fund**. Thank you and may God Bless You!

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Burnt Swamp Baptist Association

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