

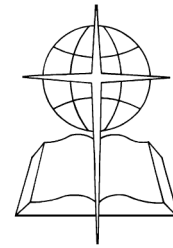


**September 2020 Events**

- Message from the Director of Missions
- ACP Update/End of Year Reports
- BSBA Meetings/Events Canceled

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- WMU Update
- NC Missions Offering
- Ministry Opportunity
- Camp Grace Update



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# The Burnt Swamp Bulletin

## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

As we continue to navigate through this unprecedented season that has included a pandemic and unrest across the nation, in many of our cities and communities, I want to encourage you to continue seeking God for His will and direction as we close out the year. Many of our churches continue to have alternative type services outdoors or online. Some of our churches have returned to the buildings with many safety precautions in place. Some churches are offering a variety of options that include attending in the building, pulling up on the church grounds and listening on the radio or watching online. Whatever decisions your leadership continues to make, we do advise you to continue to proceed with as many safety measures as possible to keep all of our folks safe.

During this time, we have been required to change many of our activities and alter our calendars. Many of our usual year to year events have been postponed or canceled. One of those important events that you may have not been able to have, as of yet, is **Pastor Appreciation Day**. I want to encourage our Churches to take time, in some form or fashion, to Honor our Pastors and their families. Consider a Drive-Thru Event or have one of the outdoor services designated to Honor Him and His family. You could also consider a Drive-by Celebration, at his Home, to shower his family with Appreciation. The event does not have to include a meal and that should not keep us from showing our yearly Appreciation for the Great Work our Pastors have done for us during this very trying time. If you have already done something to show your Appreciation, Thank You so much!

As we approach **REVIVAL** season, if necessary, consider having an outdoor Revival or Revival services Online (Virtual) and/or offer both. If you do schedule such events, please let us know and we will help promote and advertise your dates and times.

As a reminder, it is time for us to close out our **2019-2020 Fiscal Year** and prepare for the **2020-2021 Fiscal Year**. We will be con-

tacting all of our committees this week for meetings and we are asking all of our officers to prepare their end of year reports. Certainly, our reports and our process will be different this year. We will be communicating options for you to consider of the possibility of how to close out the year without an **Annual Meeting**. Keep the Executive Council in Prayer, as they consider these options to be presented to all of you.

May God Continue to Greatly Bless,  
Rev. Steve Strickland  
BSBA Director of Missions

### ACP UPDATE/END OF YEAR REPORTS

All ACP Forms have been mailed out to each church's ACP Contact Person. If for some reason you do not receive this information, please contact us at (910) 521-9850. The deadline for submitting data this year is Monday, **10/5**.

A friendly reminder that all BSBA Committee Reports need to be completed by the end of September. Please email those reports to: [stevestrickland1013@gmail.com](mailto:stevestrickland1013@gmail.com)

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE:

**ALL BSBA MEETINGS/EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER HAVE BEEN CANCELED, AT THIS TIME! WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF ANY IMPORTANT UPDATES THROUGHOUT THE MONTH!**

**THANK YOU!**

### WMU UPDATE

⇒ All WMU Meetings/Events for the month of SEPTEMBER have been **CANCELED** at this time!

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



**Bethel Hill** - Bethel Hill is having Sunday morning service in the Parking Lot on 89.1 Radio Station and Facebook. Pastor Hammonds is Preaching at 9:00 am. Each day members receive a Phonevite from Pastor Hammonds with Scripture. We are praying collectively at 7:00

PM on Monday and Wednesday nights. Praying for the Nation during the Pandemic, families who have been affected, those who have lost their jobs, the sick and those lost without the Savior.

**Cedar Grove - 6/28-** Graduation/Promotion Service: 1 College Graduate Mr. Nick Jacobs, High School Graduate Miss Lauren Lepin, and all the kids from our church were promoted to the next grade. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU; **7/17-19** Vacation Bible School - A great turn out during this virus; **8/2-** Deacon Ordination Service - The church Ordained 2 Deacons (Deacon Greg Mittcell and Deacon Bradley Locklear). Congratulations Men;

**8/16-** Special Singers, Sister Miley Brewer and Sister Kayla Wickens; **8/29-** Baptism - 3 candidates to be Baptized; **8/30-** Communion.

**Gospel Tabernacle** - Service on Sunday's @ 9:00 a.m. in Church Parking Lot; **8/30-** Communion; **9/13-** Grandparents Day.

**Turnpike** - 4 re-dedications to the Lord (1 on Sunday 8/23, 1 on Sunday 8/16, 1 on Sunday 7/19 - Mrs. Roshawana Deese, and 1 a couple of months ago); Soul winning station; **8/23-** Pastor and Wife was given a token of Appreciation for their service to Turnpike Baptist Church; We would like to Congratulate Shawn and Christy Chavis for the birth of their son, Shawn Mickey Chavis, born on August 15th.

### **NC MISSIONS OFFERING** **(Sunday, Sept. 20th)**

North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO) is a special offering that supports the ministries of NC Baptists Men, Church Planting, Mission Camps, Associational Projects and Mobilization Ministry Projects. NCMO is received during a special church emphasis each September, but contributions may be made at any time throughout the year. NCMO is an opportunity to impact lostness through various ministries that God uses to draw more people to Himself.

This year's theme is "**So They Know**" and the offering goal is \$2.1 million. The theme verse is John 13:34-35:

*"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." (KJV)*

**We're on the Web**  
[www.burntswamp.org](http://www.burntswamp.org)

### **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY**

The following is an advertisement from **Calvary Way Baptist Church**, seeking an Associate Pastor of Discipleship and Family Engagement:

This is an incredible opportunity to be part of a healthy, dynamic church that is Reaching People, Making Disciples and Building Relationships with young families in this area. Calvary Way is positioned to reach a wide area in and around the town of Pembroke for Jesus through the utilization of a contemporary, creative approach to ministry focusing on the central issues of Christianity.

Please forward all resumes and inquires to:  
[pastor@calvarywaybaptist.org](mailto:pastor@calvarywaybaptist.org)

### **CAMP GRACE UPDATE**

Due to the impact of COVID-19, there has been a significant monetary impact on Camp Grace's Ministry. They are requesting assistance with two specific things:

1. **First and foremost**, pray for their ongoing ministry to continue in every way possible, and that they would come through this difficult time financially stable.
2. **Second**, consider making a special gift to help Camp Grace with their ongoing operating expenses. Not only did their Spring Retreat season and Summer Camp have to be canceled, but also their late Summer and Fall Church Group Retreats are canceling as well. Any financial assistance would be greatly appreciated. You can send that directly to **Camp Grace, 145 Grace Drive, Fairmont, NC 28340** or mail it to **BSBA, P.O. Box 1207, Pembroke, NC 28372** and  earmark it for **Camp Grace**.

### **UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE**

The family members of **Mr. Samuel Dial** will be hosting a blood drive at **Elrod Baptist Church** on **Saturday, September 12, 2020** from **9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.**, as a way to contribute to all those who are in need of blood due to a medical condition. Mr. Samuel Dial passed away with Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

If you are interested in participating, please contact **Ms. Paisley Locklear** at **(910) 774-0302** to register. If she does not answer, please leave her a voicemail. You can also reach her by email at: **Plock4568@gmail.com**. In the Subject Line please put Blood Drive.

There will be COVID-19 precautions taken and also free testing on site. The address for Elrod Baptist Church is **538 McRae Road, Rowland, NC 28383**.



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## Burnt Swamp Baptist Association

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