



Fall Bi-Annual Worship
Lakewood Church
Kannapolis
October 28, 2019

6:30 pm
7:00 pm
Hymn#353
Intro New Staff
Special Music
Message
Hymn #56
Call to Order
Charlotte Angels
NC Baptist Foundation
NC Baptist Aging Ministry
DOM Report
Enlistment Team Report
2020 Proposed Budget

Registration
Welcome – Steve Leigh
Victory In Jesus - Congregation
Jimmy Barrett

Dean Burris, Metrolina Baptist Church
To God Be the Glory - Congregation
Antoine Lassiter, Moderator
Laura King
Robert Simons
Robert Leonard
Jimmy Barrett & Steve Davis



ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

Staff

Associate Missionary	Jimmy Barrett
Associate Missionary	Steve Davis
Administrative Assistant	Krissy Harvell
Financial Secretary	Kim Smith

Officers

Moderator	Antoine Lassiter	Think Kingdom-Kannapolis
Vice Moderator	Jesse Watkins	Friendship Southern
Treasurer	Marilyn Blackwell	First Baptist Concord
Assist. Treasurer	Kim Hall	Parkwood

Trustees:

2020	Don Clay	Memorial Baptist
2021	Ed Hall	Bethlehem
2022	Curtis Parker	Central



Cabarrus Baptist Association 2020 Proposed Budget

Personnel	2019	2020
DOM Salary	\$43,867.00	\$42,797.00
Housing Allowance	\$4,800.00	\$6,600.00
TOTAL	\$48,667.00	\$49,397.00

Admin Asst Salary	\$35,938.68	\$31,332.60
Admin Asst Annuity	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
Admin Asst Insurance		\$9,600.00
TOTAL	\$38,338.68	\$43,332.60

CBA Asst Salary	\$9,277.00	\$9,560.00
TOTAL	\$9,277.00	\$9,560.00

Sharing House Director	\$10,815.00	\$11,139.45
TOTAL	\$10,815.00	\$11,139.45

Christmas Bonus	\$2,113.42	\$2,050.56
Continuing Education	\$1,000.00	\$800.00
Medical Reimbursement	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
SS Matching	\$4,754.02	\$4,252.07
Travel Expense	\$2,000.00	\$1,800.00
TOTAL	\$10,867.44	\$9,902.63

Operations	2019	2020
Bi-Annual Worship	\$3,000.00	\$400.00
Financial Review	\$500.00	\$450.00
Hospitality	\$3,400.00	\$2,400.00
Miscellaneous	\$900.00	\$800.00
New Equip/Maintenance	\$3,000.00	\$1,400.00
Office - Insurance	\$3,800.00	\$3,500.00
Office - Lights & Water	\$4,500.00	\$3,900.00
Office - Maintenance	\$7,900.00	\$7,900.00
Office - Phone	\$3,600.00	\$3,400.00
Office - PSNC	\$600.00	\$500.00
Office - Trash	\$600.00	\$600.00
Office Expense	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Postage	\$600.00	\$600.00
TOTAL	\$35,900.00	\$29,350.00

Missions	2019	2020
Bible Drills	\$200.00	\$0.00
Church Planting	\$130,400.00	\$106,000.00
Counseling Center	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00
Fair Mission	\$250.00	\$200.00
Leadership Training	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
Military Support	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Ministry Asst/Sec	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
Partnerships	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00
Pastor's Conference	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00
Raceway Mission	\$200.00	\$400.00
Revitalization & Health		\$7,200.00
Secretary's Conference	\$500.00	\$500.00
Sharing House	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Sr. Adults	\$1,000.00	\$900.00
Summer Interns	\$4,000.00	\$1,500.00
VBS Clinic	\$1,000.00	\$800.00
TOTAL	\$169,950.00	\$143,200.00

Total Personnel	\$117,965.12	\$123,331.68	42%
Total Operations	\$35,900.00	\$29,350.00	10%
Missions	\$169,950.00	\$143,200.00	48%
TOTAL BUDGET	\$323,815.12	\$295,881.68	

Church Receipts	\$175,000.00	\$130,000.00
BSCNC Receipts	\$129,050.00	\$115,500.00
Other receipts	\$18,000.00	\$50,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$322,050.00	\$295,500.00



Associational Officers 2019-2020

Moderator – Antoine Lassiter	Think Kingdom
Vice Moderator – Jesse Watkins	Friendship
Treasurer – Marilyn Blackwell	FBC Concord
Asst. Treasurer – Kim Hall	Parkwood
Clerk - Krissy Harvell	CBA Staff
Asst. Clerk – Leigh Ann Davis	RR @Odell

Trustees

Don Clay (2020)	Eva Drive
Ed Hall (2021)	Bethlehem
Curtis Parker (2022)	Central

CBA Leadership Team

Moderator – Antoine Lassiter	Think Kingdom
Healthy Leaders – Keith Navey	Eva Drive
Healthy Missions-Jesse Watkins	Friendship
Healthy Growth – Leon Hawks	Crosspointe
Baptist Men – Bennett Cooke	Eve Drive
WMU – Donna Rodgers	Parkwood
Tony Hall (2020)	Conquerors Shield of Faith
Eddie Griffin (2020)	Shadybrook
Ann Whitley (2021)	Franklin Heights
Darrell Brumfield (2021)	Kerr Memorial
Dean Burris (2022)	Metrolina
Jim Collier (2022)	FBC Concord

Personnel Committee

Dean Hunter (2020)	Central
Marvin Tyson (2021)	United Love
Gloria Hawks (2021)	Crosspointe
Saul Cibas (2022)	Charity
Dave Snyder (2022)	Parkwood

Constitution & By Laws

Antoine Lassiter (2020)	Think Kingdom
Willie Rash (2020)	Centerview
Bill Nix (2021)	Glorieta
Willie Rash (2020)	Centerview
Steve Leigh (2022)	Lakewood
Fletcher Hartsell (2022)	Crosspointe



Associational Officers 2019-2020

Enlistment Team

Healthy Missions – Jesse Watkins
Healthy Leaders – Keith Navey
Healthy Growth - Leon Hawks
John Lindsay (2021)
JR Beaver (2022)

Friendship
Eva Drive
Crosspointe
Northwest
Jackson Park

Mutual Care Team

Edward Pigg – (2020)
Jesse Watkins– (2020)
Russell Willis – (2021)
Don Davis – (2021)
Marvin Tyson (2022)

Central
Friendship SBC
Pitts
River Rock @ Odell
United Love

Bi-Annual Planning Ministry Team

Moderator - Antoine Lassiter
Host Church - Pastor
Host Church – Worship Leader
CBA Staff

Think Kingdom

Counseling Center Board

Dennis Welch (2020)
Brian Duncan (2020)
John Johnson (2020)
Saul Cibas (2021)
Jim Collier (2021)
Teresa Almond (2021)
Angie Beaver (2022)
Bill Nix (2022)

Charity
Fusion City
Parkwood
Charity
FBC Concord
Glorieta
Charity
Glorieta

Historical Tables

Year	Meeting Place	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher of Annual Sermon
1935	Concord First	E. S. Summers	L. E. Barnhardt	Organized Oct 8
1936	McGill Street	E. S. Summers	L. E. Barnhardt	J. S. Tyson
1937	Centerview	E. S. Summers	J. S. Tyson	E. S. Summers
1938	Coldwater	E. S. Summers	J. S. Tyson	Grady J. Hanes
1939	North Kannapolis	J. Clyde Yates	J. S. Tyson	F. A. Bowers
1940	Mt. Pleasant	J. Clyde Yates	J. S. Tyson	J. A. Seymour
1941	Kannapolis First	J. Clyde Yates	J. S. Tyson	H. B. Hiatt
1942	Centerview	C. E. Baucom	J. S. Tyson	J. C. Gwaltney
1944	Whites Memorial & N.Kannapolis	T. W. Fogleman	S. W. Preslar	Z. W. Rotan
1945	Concord First	W. V. Tarlton	Z. W. Rotan	W. W. Jones
1946	Southside	W. V. Tarlton	H. G. Matheny	R. F. Gardner
1947	Calvary	W. V. Tarlton	H. G. Matheny	J. T. Davis
1948	McGill Street	H. M. Stroup	Virginia Beall	W. T. Furr
1949	West Concord	D. M. Branch	Virginia Beall	H. F. Goodwin
1950	ShadybrookWest Point	D. M. Branch	Virginia Beall	D. M. Branch
1951	Kerr Street	D. M. Branch	H. A. Privette	Ralph L. Cannon
1952	Lakewood & West Point	Virgil M. Hailey	H. A. Privette	John H. Knight
1953	McGill Street & Southside	Virgil M. Hailey	H. A. Privette	J. W. Parham
1954	Mt. Pleasant First	R. F. Gardner	H. A. Privette	Farrell Shimpock
1955	Kannapolis First	E. C. Upchurch	N. H. Joyner	Thurman Stone
1956	Coldwater	E. C. Upchurch	N. H. Joyner	N. H. Joyner
1957	Calvary	John Knight	N. H. Joyner	V. M. Hailey
1958	West Point & Memorial	John Knight	N. H. Joyner	H. A. Privette
1959	Eastside & Bethlehem	Norman Joyner	Bill Cochran	C. Thron Bennet
1960	Sharon & Young Street	H. L. Register	Goerge H. Cooke	E. W. Pate
1961	Lakewood & Kerr Street	H. L. Register	George H. Cooke	Horace V. Kinney
1962	Wilmar Park & Calvary	T. E. Sherrill	George H. Cooke	E. W. Pate
1963	Roberta & Franklin Heights	E. W. Pate	Harry J. Moore	Ernest P. Russell
1964	West Concord & Lakewood	John U. Garner	Harry J. Moore	C. D. Carnington
1965	Mt. Pleasant First & N.Kannapolis	John U. Garner	Harry J. Moore	John U. Garner
1966	Shadybrook & McGill Street	Ernest P. Russell	Harry J. Moore	John U. Garner
1967	Concord First & Lakewood	Charles R. Pierce	Harry J. Moore	F. Paul Gibson
1968	Central & Young Street	Coy Privette	Harry J. Moore	F. Paul Gibson
1969	Pitts & Calvary	Coy C. Privette	Harry J. Moore	Jacks H. Mace
1970	Providence, Coldwater & Centerview	Roy Q. Gregg	Harry J. Moore	Louis A. Howard
1971	Parkwood, Central & Shadybrook	Roy Q. Gregg	Harry J. Moore	Victor Trivette
1972	Memorial, Grace & Southside	William D. Byrd	Harry J. Moore	Jack Hill
1973	Poplar Grove, Jackson Park & Brookdale	William D. Byrd	Harry J. Moore	New L. Duncan
1974	Lane Street, Kerr Street & Immanuel	Ralph Burnson	Harry J. Moore	Ansel R. McGill
1976	Oak Ridge, Franklin Heights & Wilmar Park	Victor L. Trivette	Harry J. Moore	George E. Johnson

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1977	Enochville First, Coldwater & Blackwelder Park	Victor L. Trivette	Harry J. Moore	Randall Turner
1978	Wilmar Park, Brookdale & North Kannapolis	Randall B. Turner	Harry J. Moore	J. Ed Hall
1979	Calvary, West Concord, & Rodgers Park	Randall B. Turner	Harry J. Moore	Frank B. Hopkins
1980	McGill Avenue, Lakewood & Mt. Pleasant First	J. Ed Hall	Harry J. Moore	Dr. Ken Altom
1981	N. Kannapolis, Royal Oaks, & Pitts	J. Ed. Hall	Harry J. Moore	Frank B. Hopkins
1982	Centerview, Miami & Skyland	Claude Connell	Harry J. Moore	Thomas E. Hogan
1983	Southside, West Point & Glorieta	Frank B. Hopkins	Harry J. Moore	Yates Brooks
1984	Enochville First, Poplar Grove & Kannapolis First	Farrell Shimpock	Harry J. Moore	Warner Bumgardner
1985	Calvary, Brookdale & Oakridge	Farrell Shimpock	Harry J. Moore	Jerry W. Townsend
1986	Southside, Concord First & Blackwelder Park	Jerry W. Townsend	Joanne Potts	E. Eugene Hunsinger
1987	Glorieta, Odell & Eastwood	Jerry W. Townsend	Joanne Potts	Darrell Coble
1988	Central, Pitts & Parkwood	Robert Leonard	Joanne Potts	Stan Welch
1989	United Love, Phaniels, & Franklin Heights	Robert Leonard	Joanne Potts	Ray Rippy
1990	Parkwood, Enochville First & Glorieta	Darrell Coble	Joanne Potts	David Morrow
1991	Lane Street, Howell & Kerr Memorial	Darrell Coble	Joyce Kluttz	Roger Clark
1992	Concord First, Memorial & Shadybrook	Lynn Sasser	Joyce Kluttz	Tom Huneycutt
1993	Kannapolis First & First Baptist – Chestnut	Robert Howard	Joyce Kluttz	Robert Leonard
1994	Wilmar Park, Eva Drive, & Concord First	Lynn Sasser	Joyce Kluttz	Curtis Parker
1995	Concord First, Central	Lynn Sasser	Joyce Kluttz	Jere King
1996	Parkwood & Blackwelder Park	Carrol Taylor	Joyce Kluttz	Randy Clipp
1997	Concord First, Central	Carrol Taylor	Joyce Kluttz	Tom Cabaniss
1998	West Point	Don Davis	Joyce Kluttz	Edward Pigg
1999	Memorial, North Kannapolis	Don Davis	Brenda Boyles	Scott Davis
2000	McGill, Providence	Stan Welch	Brenda Boyles	Bill Nix
2001	Central, Mt. Pleasant First	Stan Welch	Brenda Boyles	Jimmy Barrett
2002	West Cabarrus, Franklin Heights	Mike Steiner	Brenda Boyles	Dave Holladay
2003	Southside, Kannapolis First	Mike Steiner	Brenda Boyles	Operations In As Much
2004	Pitts, Charity	Jimmy Barrett	Brenda Boyles	Stanley Spence
2005	Blackwelder Park, Concord 1 st	Jimmy Barrett	Brenda Boyles	100 Days of Prayer
2006	Parkwood, United Love	Raiford Troutman	Brenda Boyles	Terry Faulkenberry
2007	Centerview, Friendship	Raiford Troutman	Brenda Boyles	Randy Wadford
2008	Brookdale, Eva Drive	Curtis Parker	Brenda Boyles	Stephen Burrows
2009	Memorial, Central	Curtis Parker	Brenda Boyles	Herb Rhedrick
2010	Pitts, Crosspointe	Curtis Parker	Brenda Boyles	Tim McQueen

Year	Meeting Place	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher of Annual Sermon
2011	Jackson Park, Glorieta	Steve Davis	Brenda Boyles	Leon Hawks
2012	Pitts, Calvary	Steve Davis	Brenda Boyles	Michael Waters
2013	Parkwood, Providence	Scott Davis	Brenda Boyles	Mike Hubbard
2014	Concord 1st, Kerr	Scott Davis	Brenda Boyles	Willie Rash
2015	Kannapolis 1 st , Poplar Grove	Mike Farley	Brenda Boyles	Mike Sparks
2016	Shadybrook, Carolina Cowboy Ch.	Tom Cabaniss	Brenda Boyles	Brian Upshaw
2017	Blackwelder Park, Brookdale	Mike Hubbard	Scarlett Rumberg Krissy Harvell	Ron Larson
2018	Pitts, Genesis	Mike Hubbard	Krissy Harvell	Dr. Richard Blackaby
2019	FBC Concord, Lakewood	Antoine Lassiter	Krissy Harvell	Doug Small, Steve Leigh



Spring Bi-Annual Worship
First Baptist Church, Concord
April 29, 2019

Total attendance: 49

of Churches Represented: 15

Opened with singing a Hymn: He Lives

Pastor Jim Collier welcomes all to the worship.

Multi-Mission Offering: He shared about their one time offering for multi mission offering to cover all missions. They set theirs up to be split between 6 missions. In a years time their church was able to give \$104,000. Offering was over an 18-week period.

Praise & Worship:

When we all get to Heaven

What a beautiful Name it is

Antoine- came to open the business portion of our spring biannual worship. He said let's take a moment to honor the sovereignty of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ. Let's give applause to the praise team for leading us in worship of Him.

Jimmy came to share the audit report.

Ann Wall performed an audit report and we are in order and good standing. Excellent order.

Steve Davis- stood to give a report. They are now officially known as Associational Strategist. We are currently an association of 82 churches but we are still doing very poorly as a body of Christ to minister and lead our community to a saving relationship.

What would happen today if each person prayed for their neighbors specifically, or even if each person chose 10 individuals to pray specifically in our neighborhood. Bless Every Home. You can go to their website and commit to pray specifically for those neighbors, then begin so introduce yourself to them and develop a relationship with them eventually leading them to Christ.

What would happen if we all did this? I believe a revival would sweep our community. Can you imagine if the people of Cabarrus Baptist Churches began to pray like this? Can you imagine?

We want to continue to encourage the churches of the CBA to reach our community. Our goal is to encourage our churches to continue the great commission.

Jimmy- introduced Thomas McDonald, pastor of CrossLife Church and Craig Scott, who is pastoring ---Liberty Station Cowboy Church and he also is serving as interim at Grace Baptist leading the

church, who when they started there were 8 people including him and his wife and today there are 23 and good things continue to happen.

Thomas shared that CrossLife is in the 98 pocket of lostness in the state convention. Where 70% of residents do not know Jesus. In 6 days they will be launching CrossLife. He feels like a church of the broken. People are coming to them who have been hurt by the church.

Thomas shared about his experience on Bless Every Home and it helped him and his wife form a relationship with one of their neighbors who haven't been to church in many years and now they have attended for 5 consecutive Sundays- God is working- keep praying for me and my wife Tiffany.

Craig Scott shared about how Him and Terri his wife were led into the ministry of starting Liberty Station Cowboy Church. And what led him to serve as interim at Grace Baptist, a church that has struggled with leadership and the burning of their church.

Pastor Jim Collier asked for a special time of prayer for these churches.

Music- Oh Come to the Altar

Speaker: Doug Small

How are you, look around and make sure your neighbor's awake- ask them to borrow some money.

God doesn't answer prayer, He answers people who pray. He doesn't answer a set of words. God wants to communicate with you so He can communicate with you.

God is doing something around the world. There is a holy desperation around the world that's driving people to pray everywhere but here. We are a nation distracted by everything around us but the burden of people's souls.

Doug used to lead alive ministries and God ouches him in the prayer room and told him this is what he needs to do: Project Prayer.

Churches are called to be houses of prayer. Right now we are churches of praising and preaching not prayers.

Prayer leads to missions. Help churches to becoming Praying Missional Churches.
Until you and your church embraces the need to discover on how to pray

We don't understand the complexity of prayer. It's so simple yet complex.

1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people,
2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. - 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Supplications/ petition
Prayers
Intercession

Giving of thanks

Paul picked 4 words. He could have said I just want you to pray but he said 4 words.

Supplication- request petitions of sense of need

Prayer- worshipping

Intercession- praying for others

Giving thanks- thanking God verbalize our gratitude.

Paul's theology of prayer- Continuum

Supplication/ Petition. - self focused prayer

Worship. God focused prayer - presence of the Face of God. Centers us- maturing Christian. It's not getting God to please me it's about pleasing Him. When you go to God and not expect him to please you but for you to please Him.

Intercession - others focused in prayer become missional in the Heart of God. The uncomfortable Middle. Joining God in mission. Every one of us needs to be praying for a country.

Thanks/ praise- pervasive affects all other aspects. The character of my WITNESS.

Self focused

Prayer-

Needs

The Hand of God.

Prayer is at its heart- worship and at its edge mission.

3 aspects of Prayer:

Petition, intercession, communion.

The heart of prayer is communion with God this vital relationship of prayer. The asking comes out of the abiding in Him.

FOUNDATION: the highest calling of prayer is communion - relationship with God.

Establish your own prayer closet -

3 kind of churches

1. Pray in crisis

2. Prayer ministry.

3. A persuasive Prayer Ministry- to a house of prayer.

Finding a center for Prayer Ministry.

A relational Center not transactional but transformational.

Hierarchical and Departmental:

Evangelism, prayer and discipleship are the essence of the church not merely departmental. Most churches offer all kinds of ministries but focusing on the 3 listed above.

There has to be a change in the spirit of the church. A new level of humility.

The church is here to get you healthy to minister the needs of others. Becoming a missional church.

God is up to something in our nation in an incredible way.

Every ministry in the church should become a ministry of prayer.

Fulfilling the great commission

The great commitment is to love others as yourself and love your enemies too.

The best Praying is praying the Bible.

Antoine Lassiter, Moderator, closed in prayer.

Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

For period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

Introduction

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSCNC) exists to help local churches fulfill their divinely appointed mission from God. The convention staff, under the leadership of Executive Director-Treasurer Milton A. Hollifield Jr., is committed to helping Baptist churches and associations maximize their ministry outreach for the purpose of building God's kingdom through a strategy of "impacting lostness through disciple-making."

Following are brief summaries of some state convention ministry activities that have taken place from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. These summaries are abbreviated versions of ministry reports that will be published in the program book for the 2019 BSCNC Annual Meeting, scheduled for Nov. 11-12 in Greensboro.

ADULT EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHP

During the summer of 2018, we set out to host Gospel Conversations Trainings across the state and to find trainers to be a part of the DiscipleNC team, with the ultimate goal of having a trainer in every region of the state. From July 2018 to June 2019, we have hosted eight trainings with a total of 227 people representing 49 churches in attendance. At the Gospel Conversation Trainings, attendees learned practical tools to share their faith and were given time and space to practice in the field. These tools included "3 Circles," personal testimony and understanding spheres of influence.

ASSOCIATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Associational mission strategists (AMSs) across North Carolina play a crucial role in the life of our churches and can be a vital, significant and strategic force in the effort to help plant new churches and assist in the revitalization and replanting of existing congregations. For this reason, Associational Partnerships continues to offer opportunities, training and resources to help associational missionaries enter the field with a fresh, intentional and deliberate approach. We are grateful for the important strategic ministry partnerships with the associational leaders representing 77 associations across the state.

Events, conferences and training: Associational Partnerships and the North Carolina Associational Missions Conference (NCAMC) formed a joint planning team consisting of the AMS officers and Baptist state convention staff that collaborate to enhance our relationship and plan the annual NCAMC. During this year's three-day training event in April, we offered a full day devoted to potential and new AMS training and a full agenda of education, training and fellowship opportunities for all associational staff. A conference for new and potential AMSs was offered at Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center in Talladega, Ala., in January. The theme was "Associational Transitions ... Moving Into a New Future!"

Associational Partnerships assists associations with filling vacant associational ministry positions through associational search committee training along with a database of possible candidates. Associational Partnerships continues to develop and connect potential AMSs, new AMSs and experienced AMSs with training and orientation opportunities offered by the convention and other entities that resource associational missionaries such as the Southern States Associational Missions Conference, the Network of Baptist Associations (NOBA) and the Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Leaders (SBCAL). Premier training is available during these opportunities for sharpening skills and developing competencies for future associational challenges.

CHILDHOOD EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP

Safety and security has been a primary focus of ministry this past year throughout the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and our own state convention. This emphasis has led to many opportunities for training and resource development. A new resource available at ncbaptist.org/children is a "Framework for Creating Safety and Security Policies" to assist churches in writing policies specific to their context and culture. The resource is available at ncbaptist.org/safetypolicyframework. Other resources available to assist churches in this area are available at ncbaptist.org/children-resources-all.

CHURCH HEALTH AND REVITALIZATION

Church revitalization continues to be an emphasis for the BSCNC as it is desperately needed in many North Carolina churches. According to LifeWay statistics, 48 percent of North Carolina churches are plateaued, while 38 percent are declining. Based on these figures, church revitalization is more than just a topic for discussion, it is a call to action. We recognize that our churches did not get into a state of decline quickly, so it will not be a quick process to return to disciple-making. Therefore, we have come to understand that equipping the pastor for this journey of revitalization is paramount. To address this need, we have 11 revitalization cohorts meeting monthly. These cohorts are pastors brought together within their local associations as they prepare for the difficult call to church revitalization.

CHURCH PLANTING

Church Planting N.C. celebrated the addition of 80 new churches in 2018. Of these 80 new church starts, 57 of those received training, coaching, and financial assistance through the North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO) and the Cooperative Program. In addition to the newly planted churches, 23 additional churches, mostly new mission works, joined the BSCNC through affiliation. Of the new church plants launched in 2018, 68 percent identified as non-Anglo, which included 24 Hispanic congregations, four Asian congregations and 10 African American congregations. We were also blessed to add 17 new congregations who identify as being multiethnic.

New churches planted in 2018 reported 152,901 evangelistic contacts, and we praise God with them for 7,117 professions of faith through the members of these churches. We rejoice in a reported total of 1,537 baptisms in 2018, an increase of 636 baptisms from 2017. New churches have a tendency to reach those who have been unreached with the gospel. Over the last four years new N.C. church plants have reported more than 28,000 professions of faith.

COLLEGIATE PARTNERSHIPS

At the conclusion of the 2018-19 academic year, the Collegiate Partnerships Team notched a benchmark of seeing a full five years since implementing the new church-based strategy designed to fulfill a vision of seeing a reproducing gospel presence on every single college or university campus in North Carolina. North Carolina boasts a staggering 185 collegiate campuses. After only five years, gospel saturation throughout North Carolina's collegiate landscape has certainly increased, but there are still more than 100 college or university campuses yet to be engaged by a reproducing gospel presence. Even though the Collegiate Partnerships Team has identified a much more vast mission field across our collegiate landscape than had been previously targeted by the campus ministry system prior to 2014, by helping local churches engage these campuses in an effort to fulfill the Great Commission, North Carolina has seen far greater gospel saturation since we shifted our strategy from being convention-led to church-led.

COOPERATIVE

PROGRAM

After decades of faithful and fruitful service to Southern Baptists through the International Mission Board and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSCNC), Mike Creswell has retired. His work to promote generous giving to missions through the Cooperative Program has impacted countless lives for the gospel. The work to promote the Cooperative Program has been assigned to the Communications Team within the Administration and Convention Relations group of the BSCNC. Will Taylor has assumed this responsibility as well as integrating new churches seeking to join the convention as member churches. From July 2018 to July 2019, Taylor has been in consultation with more than a dozen churches that wish to join the Baptist state convention as member churches.

We celebrate that over the past 13 years, N.C. Baptists have given more to support Southern Baptist Convention missions through both the Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong special offerings than any other state convention. In the years to come, we hope to encourage Baptists across North Carolina to give generously to missions through the Cooperative Program in a way that is consistent with our core Baptist convictions, that God's people are to obey God's Word in fulfilling the Great Commission.

DISCIPLE-MAKING CULTURE

The central focus of the Evangelism and Discipleship Group is to engage our state convention's strategy of "impacting lostness through disciple-making" as we strengthen churches by helping them develop a "disciple-making culture" that results in lives that are transformed by the power of God. We believe that a disciple is a transformed follower of Christ who is engaging the lost with the gospel and making disciples who, in turn, make more disciples. A disciple-making culture exists in a church when this process becomes the norm. Our staff is passionate to see this as a reality in North Carolina Baptist churches across our state. The Evangelism and Discipleship Group is comprised of two teams, the Disciple-Making Team and the Church Strengthening Team.

DISCIPLE-MAKING CONFERENCE

The 2019 Disciple-Making Conference was held on Feb. 26 at Green Street Baptist Church in High Point. Attended by approximately 700 people, the conference focused on disciple-making in a rapidly changing culture. The keynote speaker was John Stonestreet, president of the Colson Center for Christian Worldview. More than 40 breakout sessions were hosted, providing practical application to a vast array of evangelism and discipleship issues faced by the local church.

EMBRACE AND WOMEN'S EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP

During the 2018-2019 ministry year, Embrace continued equipping women to make disciples in order to impact lostness. During the 2019 Disciple-Making Conference, Embrace hosted two breakout sessions to help women understand the postmodern culture that surrounds them and how to live as followers of Christ in a culture that encourages compromise.

Roundtables: In the spring of 2019, Embrace hosted five roundtable events across North Carolina. The curriculum of the 2019 roundtables was "How to Study Your Bible." Through this training, women learned the Bible study principles of observation, interpretation and application. Women learned the techniques of exegesis and were exposed to tools and resources for Bible study to help them grow in their walk with Christ.

N.C. Baptist Women's Retreat: During the weekend of Oct. 26-27, 2018, Embrace hosted the 2018 N.C. Baptist Women's Retreat. The 2018 theme was "Holy. Chosen. Beloved." based on Colossians 3:12-14.

Embrace Leadership Network: Embrace also launched the third year of the Embrace Leadership Network (ELN) at the beginning of 2019. The twofold goal of ELN is to holistically equip women for kingdom service in their local churches or associations and to introduce them to other like-minded women's ministry leaders from across the state.

Missions involvement: Embrace hosted "Embracing New York City," a four-day mission trip to New York City held Sept. 13-16, 2018. The ladies who participated in the trip worked alongside Graffiti Coney Island in the New York City borough of Brooklyn. Graffiti was launched in 2016 by Pastor Stephen Trainer. Graffiti's ministries include a church and the Graffiti Ministries Learning Center.

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PARTNERSHIPS

Great Commission Partnerships exists to mobilize and empower churches to make disciples among unreached people groups and in least-reached places in North Carolina, throughout North America and around the world. We do this through a catalytic focus on multifamily housing, the Peoples Next Door initiative, and by helping churches form partnerships with church planters and missionaries in North America and around the world.

Multifamily housing: Nationally, 95 percent of those living in multifamily housing communities are unchurched. Throughout North Carolina, one out of every three people live in multifamily housing. When Great Commission Partnerships was tasked with catalyzing gospel work in multifamily housing communities, we knew of only 44 communities being engaged. Churches are now engaging 96 multifamily housing communities throughout the state, with 20 communities newly engaged in 2018. Great Commission Partnerships has catalyzed the engagement of 57 communities since the inception of this initiative in June 2017. Still, there is much to be done.

Peoples Next Door: Great Commission Partnerships formed the Peoples Next Door initiative to help churches discover, engage, and make disciples of the unreached people groups who are now living in North Carolina. Churches are engaging 86 of the 162 people groups that have been identified throughout our state. There are 76 people groups still unengaged.

Church Partnerships: Over the course of last year, Great Commission Partnerships orchestrated six vision trips with 19 pastors and leaders to help churches form partnerships in strategically unreached areas of the world. Learn more about these trips at ncbaptist.org/visiontrips. These trips are for North Carolina pastors and leaders to explore how they might partner alongside of church planters and missionaries in each of these strategic areas. We know of 273 North Carolina churches who are engaged in partnerships in cities throughout North America, and 82 North Carolina churches who are engaged in partnerships around the world.

OFFICE

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PRAYER

The Office of Prayer exists to serve, resource and partner with N.C. Baptist congregations, associations, institutions and ministries in mobilizing prayer toward revival, spiritual awakening and impacting lostness through disciple-making. God is truly working in a heightened way in North Carolina and beyond by calling pastors, ministry leaders, associational leaders and individual believers to seek Him for an outpouring of God's manifest holy presence through revival and spiritual awakening. This is not pervasive, yet it is taking place gradually in certain churches, associations and areas all across our state. Below are some of the ways the Office of Prayer has sought to join the Lord and fan the flames of God's prayer activity over the past year.

“Awaken” Prayer Gathering: The 2019 “Awaken” Prayer Gathering was held at Pleasant Garden Baptist Church on March 8-9. Richard Owen Roberts, founder and president of International Awakening Ministries in Wheaton, Ill., was the keynote speaker on Friday night and Saturday morning. Saturday morning featured a “Broken Before the Throne” concert of prayer. The 2020 “Awaken” Prayer Gathering is scheduled for March 13-14 at Pleasant Garden Baptist Church.

Pray for 30 Days: The “Pray for 30 Days” emphasis calls on North Carolina Baptists to unite in prayer for God to send revival and spiritual awakening to our state, nation and world during the month of October prior to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Annual Meeting in November. The 2018 theme was “Who is My Neighbor?” based on Luke 10:29.

STRATEGIC FOCUS TEAM

The Strategic Focus Team assists churches in taking a missionary approach to North Carolina’s pockets of lostness. In 2011, the Baptist State Convention commissioned a study to better understand the current state of lostness in North Carolina. This study found 250 small geographic areas scattered across the state where the lost population is growing unusually fast. We call these small geographic areas pockets of lostness. Many of these pockets cluster around the state’s major cities like Charlotte, Greensboro and Raleigh, but most of these pockets dot the landscape of smaller cities and towns like Beaufort, Taylorsville and Sylva. The population in these pockets is growing, changing and filled with groups of people not easily attracted to our churches. Since few of these people will come to us, we must go to them.

That realization compelled messengers attending the 2013 Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Annual Meeting to affirm the strategy adopted by the board of directors to assist local churches to impact lostness through disciple-making across North Carolina starting in the most concentrated areas of lostness. Since 2014, strategy coordinators from the Strategic Focus Team have worked with local associations to help the churches take a missionary approach to these pockets of lostness. Each strategy coordinator primarily works in and around one of North Carolina’s major population centers.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

This year has seen a focus on increasing the number of ways to deliver training to N.C. Baptist worship leaders, particularly through the extensive development of online training. Our primary training for worship leaders is through one of the Worship Leader Boot Camp experiences. We now offer a variety of possibilities depending upon how deep a worship leader wants to go and how much time they can allot the learning experience. We now offer five varieties of Worship Leader Boot Camps. To learn more, visit WorshipLeaderBootCamp.org.

YOUTH EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP

Summer Youth Weeks 2018 consisted of seven weeks of camp at Fort Caswell. These weeks combined worship, small and large group studies, special interest tracks, church group devotions, a missions opportunity to package meals for Haiti and many other fun activities. The theme for the summer was “Reimagine,” based on Psalm 78:1-2. Students took an in-depth look at the parables of Christ that challenge us to reimagine the kingdom of God. Attendance for the 2018 camps was 6,484, representing 277 churches. Total decisions reflected the greater things God was doing at camp, which included 367 first-time professions of faith, more than 890 recommitments and 15 called to full-time Christian ministry. Campers also packaged the 2 millionth meal for Haiti since beginning the project in 2011.

During the summer of 2019, we sponsored eight weeks of youth camp for teenagers at Fort Caswell. The theme for our 2019 camps was, "On This Rock," based on Matthew 16:18. Students took a closer look at how the church was formed with Jesus as its foundation. As of June 1, 2019, attendance was slated to total 6,638 representing 273 churches.