



*Coach  
Connector  
Catalyst*

# *Sullivan Baptist Association Connections*

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June/July 2016

*The SBA exists to  
partner with our  
churches in:*

## *Strengthening*

*Christ-like  
Servant Leadership*

*Association  
Sunday School  
Training Event*

## *Building*

*Christ-like  
Unity & Community*

*All Nations Camp  
for Students*

## *Advancing*

*Christ-like  
Love & Acceptance*

*Connect>1  
Evangelism  
Campaign*

## VBS 2016



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

DO YOU have a desire to see people come to know Jesus Christ?  
DO YOU want to see your church grow?  
DO YOU want to impact your community for Christ?  
DO YOU want to see an increase in Sunday School attendance?

## JUST SAY YES TO VBS!

**EVERY CHURCH CAN USE VBS MATERIALS WITH:**

- Mission trips
- Backyard Kids Clubs
- Wednesday night Children's programs
- Sunday School
- One day events
- Sunday night Children's programs
- Summer programs
- Inner City activities

**For more information, check out the following link regarding VBS statistics** <http://www.tnbaptist.org/page.asp?cat=child&subcat=vbs>

If your church needs assistance or coaching with VBS or Backyard Bible Clubs, please contact the SBA Office at 343-8010 or email [office@SullivanBA.org](mailto:office@SullivanBA.org).

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## EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING

**Thursday, September 8, 2016**

**New Fellowship Ministries**

**6:30 pm**

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**On Mission with Chris**

It is no secret that I’m passionate about Every Man, Woman, and Child having a repeated opportunity to accept or reject the gospel of Jesus without having to go anywhere or do anything. I believe that the only way we can accomplish this daunting task in the Tri-Cities is Together.

Recently I had the opportunity to tour some of the ministries we support directly and indirectly as an association. It was a great reminder of how we are **BetterTogether**. My tour included several compassion ministries, the Sullivan County jail, Women’s job corps, the BCM, and an update on our church plant...I’m continually overwhelmed by the footprint the SBA has in our region.

As I look to the fall there are 3 areas we need to strengthen in our network of churches.

**Expand:** It is imperative that our network continues to focus and multiply our efforts in Expanding the Kingdom, through mission work, revitalization efforts and church planting.

**Equip:** No one is an expert in all things, and all have expertise they can share to others. We must equip our people and our leaders for the eternal work of the ministry so that we might be efficient and effective.

**Engage:** We must be more intentional about engaging our associational Mission Force with our Mission Field. We want to serve as a connector for gospel focused ministries, churches, and volunteers.

This summer I hope to meet with most if not all of our pastors, key leaders, and really anyone who will listen to talk about how can we better orient our association and partner churches around these vital areas of ministry.

If I can serve you or your church in any way, never hesitate to call.

*Chris Alford*  
**Husband, Father, Pastor, Coach, & Missionary**

**Year-to-date Undesignated Gifts to the SBA 10/01/2015 to 4/30/2016**

Total Received .....	\$53,296.72
Total Needed.....	\$55,616.75

## ***Strengthening Christ-Like Leadership as a Coach***

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Association Sunday School Training Event  
Tuesday, August 23, 2016  
Indian Springs Baptist Church  
6:30 pm - 9 pm**

**Conferences for Pastors and Sunday School Directors, Adult Teachers and Group Leaders, Youth Teachers, Children Teachers, and Preschool Leaders.**

**Theme: Making Connections**

## ***Building Christ-Like Unity and Community as a Connector***

### **All Nations Camp**

Cost:

Early bird is \$90 per person by June 30.

\$110 per person after July 1.

All Nations Camp is for students 7 years old to 17 years old from all nations. Enjoy great fun, games, nature activities, awesome, energetic worship and insightful Group Bible Studies.

For more information, please contact William Burton at 423-231-6113 or email

[wburton@tnbaptist.org](mailto:wburton@tnbaptist.org).



## ***Advancing Christ-Like Love and Acceptance as a Catalyst***

**The CONNECT>1**  
EVANGELISM CAMPAIGN  
is an emphasis to **EQUIP & ENGAGE**  
every church member in personal **EVANGELISM**  
through the church's small groups or **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Pastors, can you imagine every church member engaged in personal evangelism? Can you imagine your Sunday School classes or Small Groups returning to their original evangelistic passion?**

**The Connect>1 Evangelism Campaign seeks to engage individuals in evangelism by empowering the church's existing Small Group or Sunday School organization.**

**Your church should have received a Connect>1 packet in the mail, if you would like more info or assistance setting up your fall outreach, contact Chris Alford at [chris@SullivanBA.org](mailto:chris@SullivanBA.org) or call the SBA Office at 343-8010.**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Roundtable Dates

The Roundtables will take a summer hiatus May - July.

## Sullivan Secretaries



*Tuesday, July 12th*  
Crazy Tomato, Kingsport  
11:30 am

## Ministry Opportunities

If you or someone know would be interested in working an internship or needs community service hours, please have them contact the office at [office@SullivanBA.org](mailto:office@SullivanBA.org) or call 343-8010.

## Stay Connected

There are several ways to stay connected with the SBA on upcoming events:

Subscribe to our weekly newsletter, the SBA Happenings

Visit our website at [www.SullivanBA.org](http://www.SullivanBA.org).

Like our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/sullivanbaptistassociation>



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