



*Coach
Connector
Catalyst*

Sullivan Baptist Association Connections

October/November 2015

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

Strengthening

*Christ-like
Servant Leadership*

*Learning
Community*

Building

*Christ-like
Unity & Community*

*Bivocational
Ministers & Wives
Retreat*

Advancing

*Christ-like
Love & Acceptance*

*Church
&
Community*



Thursday, October 22, 2015

Calvary Baptist Church

6 pm

Registration begins at 5:15 pm.

Reminder ACP Packets and Messenger Sheets are due in the
SBA Office

by Monday, October 12, 2015. ACP Packets were mailed on
Thursday, July 30, 2015.

Please call the SBA Office if you have any questions,
343-8010 or email office@SullivanBA.org.

EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING

Thursday, December 3, 2015

Orebank Missionary Baptist Church

10 am

On Mission with Chris

Nicaragua

It was an honor to be invited to go to Nicaragua in September to speak at a series of Pastor’s Conferences. As someone who spent his childhood and youth in Spanish speaking countries, I love the chance to give back to the cultures that deeply enriched my life.

Two things impacted me on this particular trip...

One, the laser focus of the association (of approx. 45) churches in the Somotillo, Nicaragua area. They come from a variety of backgrounds, educational levels, and preferences...but they are laser focused on the task of making disciples who make disciples. Late night coffee with key leaders talking about their vision and passion was certainly a highlight. It was also an impacting leadership development experience.

Two, the impact of the SBA has had in the Somotillo area. The mission house, we stayed at, was primarily built by churches from the SBA. The radio studio that sends out the gospel message to an area with 3 million potential listeners across 3 countries was built with a key partnership with an SBA church.

My prayer is that our influence around the world through missions will grow and that we will continue to deepen our laser focus on the mission we have here at home. We can do more together than we can ever dream of doing alone.

Chris Alford

Husband, Father, Pastor, Coach, & Missionary

Year-to-date Undesignated Gifts to the SBA 10/01/2014 to 8/312015

Total Received	\$105,949.46
Total Needed	\$87,616.83

Strengthening Christ-Like Leadership as a Coach

Learning Community

Its pains me to say this, but 2016 is just around the corner. Are you (we) ready? In 2016 we are launching 2 learning communities.

The first one is on the Church and it's mission. This will be a once-a-month journey where we gather to initiate conversations and create environments for kingdom leaders to pray, learn, strategize and act in concert with God's mission in our communities and region.

The second learning community is an interactive coaching environment to help small to medium sized churches who feel they are pushing up against growth barriers and can't seem to find a way through them. This is not a silver bullet solution approach, but an honest journey exploring what keeps our churches from growing and what can we leverage to push through.

Building Christ-Like Unity and Community as a Connector

Save the Date!

Bivocational Ministers & Wives Retreat

January 28—30, 2016

Contact John Parrott (jparrot@tnbaptist.org) for further information.

Advancing Christ-Like Love and Acceptance as a Catalyst

Church & Community



As an association we want to be a catalyst in our region for sharing the gospel and love of Jesus. As we look around we see unmet needs that we are not equipped to meet and we see churches and church members capable of meeting them but not sure where to start.

With that in mind...we are asking you to submit to the SBA the names of solid gospel centered community groups and ministries that are serving our region. Our goal over the next few months is to establish a network of ministries that fit the mission and values of our churches, and establish a working partnership with them.

If you lead, are a part of, or know of a gospel ministry that is focused on serving our community, please send the office their info so we can get this process started.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Roundtable Dates

Thursday, October 8 -

The Bagel Exchange., Kingsport, 10 am

Thursday, October 15 -

CrossLife Johnson City, 10 am

Thursday, November 12 -

The Bagel Exchange., Kingsport, 10 am

Thursday, November 19 -

CrossLife, Johnson City, 10 am

Sullivan Secretaries

Tuesday, October 13th

Cookout, Kingsport
11:30 am



Bulletin Board

Ridgeview Baptist Church in Church Hill, TN, is currently accepting resumes' for an Associate Pastor of Families. He will oversee the ongoing gospel investment in preschool, children's, youth, and college ministries. He will effectively, lead and assist the leadership teams within all family ministries and work alongside the Pastor to implement the vision of the church. Please submit your resume' to search@ridgeviewbaptist.org by October 15, 2015 for prayerful consideration.

First Baptist Church in Erwin, TN is accepting resumes' for a bivocational pastor. Please send resumes' to:

First Baptist Church
200 Love Street,
Erwin, TN 37650

Ministry Opportunities

We are currently searching for volunteer ministry partners in the following areas:

- Simple office work...such as filing, cleaning, etc.
- We are also looking for a volunteer reporter.

If any of these opportunities spark your interest, please contact the office at

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 and check out the SBA Calendar at www.SullivanBA.org.

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

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Associational Missionary
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