December 2015/January 2016

The SBA exists to partner with our churches in:

# Merry Christmas

# Strengthening

Christ-like Servant Leadership

Send North America Conference

# Building

Christ-like Unity & Community

Leadership Training

# Advancing

Christ-like Love & Acceptance

Churches Planting
Churches Training

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Feliz Navidad



From your SBA Staff:

Chris Alford, Associational Missionary Christy Brister, Ministry Assistant

# **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Thursday, December 3, 2015 Orebank Missionary Baptist Church, 10 am

### **On Mission with Chris**

The most popular verse in the world says, "for God so loved the world." I've heard, quoted, and read that verse thousands of times but it still gets me. Especially during the Christmas season as we celebrate His coming. He came because He "SO" loved the world.

As I celebrate Christmas, there is always a nagging question that rolls around in my heart. Do I "so" love the world that He loved? Am I really willing to do whatever it takes to ensure that Every Man, Woman, and Child in my circle of influence has a repeated opportunity to hear, feel, see, and taste the gospel of Jesus?

Just as the Father sent the Son...He sends us. May this season be one of celebration and preparation for the mission ahead of us. One person or one church cannot complete the task before us. To complete Jesus' mission we need one another. We truly are better together.

Feliz Navidad!

### Chris Alford

Husband, Father, Pastor, Coach, & Missionary

## **Year-to-date Undesignated Gifts to the SBA** 10/01/2015 to 10/31/2015

Total Received	\$6,804.85
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# Strengthening Christ-like Leadership as a Coach

# SAVE THE DATE January 12, 6 - 8:30 pm Financial Issues Seminar Nolachucky Baptist Association

304 Calvary Dr., Morristown, TN

(423)-586-7331

Important financial information for pastors, staff, treasurers, finance committee chairmen, and financial secretaries. For more information, contact Gary Rickman at <a href="mailto:grickman@tnbaptist.org">grickman@tnbaptist.org</a>, 1-800-558-2090, ext. 2020; or Lana Rose at <a href="mailto:lose@tnbaptist.org">lose@tnbaptist.org</a>, 1-800-558-2090, ext. 2008.

# Building Christ-Like Unity and Community as a Connector

# **Holiday Office Hours**

The SBA Office will be closed Monday, December 21st and re-open on Monday, January 4th.

If you have an urgent matter during those dates, feel free to send an email to <a href="mailto:office@SullivanBA.org">office@SullivanBA.org</a> or leave a voicemail at 423-343-8010. We will monitor emails and voicemails for urgent matters during this time.

We hope you all have a very, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

# Advancing Christ-Like Love and Acceptance as a Catalyst



Your SBA Disaster Relief Team served in Manning, SC in the middle of October.

The Mudout Crew helped clean homes while the Feeding Unit served meals.

We would like thank our SBA Disaster Relief Team and Jim Ramey (our DR Coordinator) for being so willing to serve.

We would also like to thank our churches for supporting the ministries of the Sullivan Baptist Association.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

## **Roundtable Dates**

### Thursday, January 14 -

The Bagel Exchange., Kingsport, 10 am

Thursday, January 21-

CrossLife, Johnson City, 10 am



Due to Christmas holidays, there are no scheduled Roundtables for December.

# **Sullivan Secretaries**

# Tuesday, January 12th

The Mustard Seed Café 11:30 am



### **Bulletin Board**

First Baptist Church, Erwin, TN is accepting resumes' for a bivocational pastor.
Please send resumes' to:
First Baptist Church
200 Love Street,
Erwin, TN 37650

Mountain View Baptist Church, Johnson City, TN is advertising for a children's minister. Please send your resume' to: Mountain View Baptist Church PO Box 3489, Johnson City, TN 37602

# **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 or call 343-8010.

### Pulpit Supply Update

If you would be interested in adding your name to our SBA Pulpit Supply List, please send an email to contact the office.

If you are already on our list, we will need you to update your information no later than December 31, 2015. We will be sending an email/letter to those already listed this week. If you do not receive an email/letter, please contact the office.

### **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 <a href="www.SullivanBA.org">www.SullivanBA.org</a>.

Like our Facebook page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/sullivanbaptistassociation">https://www.facebook.com/sullivanbaptistassociation</a>



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