



*Coach
Connector
Catalyst*

Sullivan Baptist Association Connections

February / March 2016

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

Strengthening

*Christ-like
Servant Leadership*

Breaking Barriers

Building

*Christ-like
Unity & Community*

Pulpit Supply List

Advancing

*Christ-like
Love & Acceptance*

*Revitalizing Your
Church
Conference*

Associational Missions Emphasis



**BIG, SMALL, OR SOMEWHERE IN-
BETWEEN...**

**JOIN THE MONTHLY
ROUNDTABLE CONVERSATIONS
ON "START SOMETHING NEW"**

2016

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS EMPHASIS

EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING

Thursday, March 3, 2016

Litz Manor Baptist Church

6:30 pm

On Mission with Chris

There are 3 questions that I’m frequently asked. 1. What is the benefit of belonging to an association? 2. Why do we put so much emphasis on Revitalization and Church Planting? 3. Why is coaching important?

I’m going to give a very short and blunt answer...**missions...the lost!** You see, I have this crazy belief that every Man, Woman, and Child should have a repeated opportunity to hear, see, taste, feel, and smell the gospel of Jesus.

The challenge is that your church or my church cannot accomplish the vision alone. Conservative estimates are that 75% (*its really 80-85%*) of your county does not attend church and is likely lost.

The number of lost/unchurched in your county

- Sullivan County, TN - 117,446
- Washington County, TN - 94,159
- Hawkins County, TN - 42,600
- Scott County, VA - 16,980
- Washington County, VA - 41,180

In the midst of this reality...

- 85% of our churches are declining or plateaued.
- 10% are growing via transfer growth
- And based on the phone calls I get, a large percentage of leaders are burning out.

We are better together when we unite together to fulfill Jesus’ mission.

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

Year-to-date Undesignated Gifts to the SBA 10/01/2015 to 12/31/2015

Total Received.....	\$22,548.17
Total Needed.....	\$23,835.75

Strengthening Christ-Like Leadership as a Coach

Over the years, in Revitalizations and Church Plants, my wife and I have found ourselves in situations where we were excited to be serving, but honestly not having an idea about how to overcome the obstacles that we faced.

Have you ever had a big vision, but a teeny tiny budget? Okay, no budget?

Have you ever had an important mission, but only a few people committed to help?

Maybe you've had no place to meet, inadequate place to meet, no paid staff, and a pretty terrible website.

Still, you believe that God wants to do something amazing and you have to remind yourself that God isn't limited by all of the above obstacles. The church belongs to Him and we're just stewards.

That's why we are offering the **BREAKING BARRIERS** Learning Community for smaller and medium sized churches that feel stuck and are looking to be a part of a discussion / workgroup that collectively works through the obstacles they face. This will be a group of 4-12 pastors/leaders who work and learn together for the common good. This Learning Community will be full of all kinds of coaching, ideas, resources and tools to help you lead your church to healthy growth.

If you are interested in participating, Contact Chris at the office or at chris@sullivanba.org.

Building Christ-Like Unity and Community as a Connector

Pulpit Supply List

FYI...the SBA has a pulpit supply list. It is current and up-to-date with the names of those who are available to supply preach; as well as, those who are willing to do interim pastoral work. If your church is in need, please feel free to contact the SBA Office for a copy of the list. We have more information about each candidate (including references) available upon request.

Also, if you are aware of someone who would like to be included on our pulpit supply list, please have them contact the office to fill out a questionnaire and reference sheet. We may be reached at 423-343-8010 or via email at office@SullivanBA.org.

Advancing Christ-Like Love and Acceptance as a Catalyst

Revitalizing Your Church Through Compassion Ministry

Monday, April 25th

Holston Baptist Association

10 am - 1 pm

and repeated at

Central Baptist Church, Johnson City

6 pm - 8:30

Speaker: Dr. Charles Roesel



Dr. Roesel is the author of It's a God Thing: The Amazing Results of Ministry Evangelism and Meeting Needs, Sharing Christ. God used Charles to take a plateaued church of 300 in a small count seat town and to over 3,000 through meeting needs and sharing Christ.. **Watch for more information about this conference in the near future!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Roundtable Dates

Thursday, February 11 -

The Bagel Exchange, Kingsport, 10 am

Thursday, February 18 -

CrossLife Johnson City, 10 am

Thursday, March 10 -

The Bagel Exchange, Kingsport, 10 am

Thursday, March 17 -

CrossLife, Johnson City, 10 am

Sullivan Secretaries

Tuesday, April 12th

The Bagel Exchange, Kingsport
11:30 am



Bulletin Board

Clark Street Baptist Church, 200 Clark St, Johnson City, has 33 - 10.5 oak pews available. Donations for the pews will be accepted.

Call the office at 423-926-5622. Leave a message; Hours are M - Th. 8:30am - 12:30pm.

Email: clarkstreetbc@gmail.com

Clark Street Baptist is seeking a part-time Youth Director.

Email: clarkstreetbc@gmail.com

Send resume to:

Clark Street Baptist Church

Attn: Youth Director

200 Clark Street,

Johnson City, TN 37604

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.

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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