



*Coach
Connector
Catalyst*

Sullivan Baptist Association Connections

April/May 2016

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

Strengthening

*Christ-like
Servant Leadership*

*All Nations Camp
for Students*

Building

*Christ-like
Unity & Community*

*Revitalizing Your
Church
Conference*

Advancing

*Christ-like
Love & Acceptance*

*Reaching GenZ
Conference*

The Connect>1 Evangelism Campaign

**The Connect>1 Evangelism Campaign
May 24, 2016
6:30 pm
Litz Manor Baptist Church**

Pastors, can you imagine every church member engaged in personal evangelism? The Connect>1 Evangelism Campaign seeks to engage individuals in evangelism by empowering the church's existing small group organization. Learn more at an Orientation for pastors, staff, small group point persons, or Sunday School Directors.

For more information or to register, contact Chris Alford at chris@SullivanBA.org or call the SBA Office at 423-343-8010.



EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING

Thursday, May 5, 2016

West Colonial Hills

10 am

On Mission with Chris

This past week, I was reading Romans 1 and was reminded of the simplicity of God's plan for leaders and His church.

That we, the leaders, would be servants.

That we, the leaders, who have been given life through Christ Jesus would urgently model how to pass it on. That we would model what it looks like to live a life on mission. If our people only see us in action on Sunday morning then they will assume that is the "real" way to accomplish the mission. They need to see, hear, taste, and feel what its like to live on mission with urgency, as a servant, every day.

The basic message of God is simple. We don't have to enhance it or over explain it. We need to help people open their eyes and arms to embrace the gospel message God has painted on the tapestry of life and plainly written in His word.

The truth about our culture and the lost over generations of people, is that they are illiterate regarding life. We as deep, devoted, followers of Jesus should be the most life literate people in our circles of influence. Mark Twain once wrote, *"The man who does not read has no advantage over the man who cannot read."* One could say "The man who has been given life abundant but doesn't live it, has no advantage and is of no use to the man who doesn't have it."

As you read the closing verses of Romans 1, you see the reality of our American culture...even our culture here in the Bible belt. People have proclaimed themselves to be wise yet they are fools and in their foolishness they keep inventing new ways to wreck their lives and the lives of others.

We have the Good News. We know the Good News! May the Good News permeate every sphere of influence in which we live so that the lost of the Tri-Cities can hear, see, touch, & taste the Gospel without having to go anywhere.

Chris Alford

Husband, Father, Pastor, Coach, & Missionary

Year-to-date Undesignated Gifts to the SBA 10/01/2015 to 2/29/2016

Total Received	\$35,731.21
Total Needed.....	\$39,726.25

Strengthening Christ-Like Leadership as a Coach

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.



Building Christ-Like Unity and Community as a Connector

Revitalizing Your Church Through Compassion Ministry

A key consideration for church revitalization is to turn a church's focus from inward to outward. Compassion ministry is one of the means by which this change can occur. Dr. Charles Roesel will lead the participants to engage their communities by meeting needs and sharing Christ.

Date: April 25, 2016 (Conference offered at two different times)
Central Baptist Church, 300 N Roan Street, Johnson City, TN 37601

1st Time: 10:00 AM-1:00 PM EST
2nd Time: 6:00 PM-8:30 PM EST



All church and associational leaders are invited. Meal being provided at both conference times. Everyone is encouraged to attend but in order to receive the free meal, you need to RSVP by April 22, 2016. RSVP to Carrie Smith as to which conference time you will be attending at 800-558-2090 ext. 2025 or email at csmith@tnbaptist.org.

Advancing Christ-Like Love and Acceptance as a Catalyst

Reaching Gen Z

Thursday, April 7, Mountain View Baptist Church

10:30 am – 12:30 pm (Lunch will be provided.)

Keynote Speaker: Randy Davis, Executive Director, TBC

A place for Pastors, children's ministers and youth ministers to come together to focus on the urgency of reaching an entire generation that could be marked by spiritual indifference and spiritual lostness.

If you have not registered for this event and would like to attend, please contact Chris Alford at chris@SullivanBA.org or call the SBA Office at 423-343-8010.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Roundtable Dates

Thursday, April 14 -

The Bagel Exchange, Kingsport, 10 am

Thursday, April 21 -

CrossLife Johnson City, 10 am

The Roundtables will take a summer hiatus May - July.

Sullivan Secretaries

Tuesday, April 12th

The Bagel Exchange, Kingsport
11:30 am



Bulletin Board

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.

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