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Sullivan Baptist Association Connections

October/November 2016

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

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Disaster Relief Team

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Workshop*

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Golden Offering



The Golden offering is a child coming to Christ through Journey Camps. It's English being taught to someone from another country and sharing Jesus with them in the process. It's some of the poorest people in America receiving physical help and the gospel. It's a boy at a youth detention facility being saved and baptized. And so much more!

Your contribution to The Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions provides invaluable financial support for Tennessee ministries. The annual offering sustains ministries not funded through the Cooperative Program. The eternal impact of this offering in the lives of others is immeasurable. Thank you for making it all happen.

For more information go to www.goldenoffering.com.

ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, October 27, 2016

Higher Ground Baptist Church

6:00 pm

On Mission with Chris

As I write, I am sitting on a patio in Nicaragua listening to the sounds of nature and a small town come to life. The rich coffee is helping me focus as I study and write before our missions team awakes and the work of the day begins. In partnership with New Vision, we are leading 4 One-day conferences for local pastors. This years theme is Leadership. At this moment, we have traveled to two separate communities where 50ish pastors and leaders have gathered to sharpen their skills with one another.

They keep thanking me and the team for teaching them and providing training, but...what they don't realize is that they are training us. You see these guys (from our American point of view) do not have anything...yet they are faithful. They don't have the latest books or even the good ole books. They don't have comforts, technology, air conditioning, and some of them don't even have a horse...they walk. Yet...They are faithful!

They love their communities! Even though they don't always agree, They work together! Watching them walk into the conference is like watching battle tired warriors gathering to prepare for yet another mission. But even though they are tired, even though some have homes in severe disrepair, even though some are buying food on credit, even though they have illnesses with no medicine; they perk up at the sight of their comrades., They pray with power together, they encourage one another...and they listen attentively anticipating that the Holy Spirit is going to give them something useful before they head back out into battle. Oh how we the church in the Tri-Cities could learn from them. We are in a battle. We must collaborate for the mission. We cannot afford to only look to the interest of our own churches. Our communities need us to love them and to love them together.

I came to teach...but at the end of the day...I'm the student.

Chris Alford

Husband, Father, Pastor, Coach, & Missionary

Year-to-date Undesignated Gifts to the SBA 10/01/2015 to 6/30/2016

Total Received	\$84,395.68
Total Needed.....	\$71,507.25

Engaging

During this quarter, several of your Disaster Relief Team members delivered 40,000 pounds of flood recovery items for our Methodist friends to West Virginia. We lead a team to Warren Michigan and now getting recover buckets to take to Louisiana.



Our orange and white semi is pulling our Miles for Smiles trailer. We have served twice at the Farmers Market for Shades of Grace Methodist, the Wise Va RAM and we will have the dental trailer at Sullivan Baptist in two weeks.



Equipping

SAVE THE DATE
SBA Children's Workshop
Tuesday, November 29, 2016
New Fellowship Ministries Baptist Church
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

This 90 min session lead by Vickie Hulsey of the SBA will help pastors, staff, and church leaders make observations about, safety and security, issues that can have a strong impact on children, leaders and the church as a whole. Safety and guidelines will be reviewed for the sake of the children, youth, church leaders, parents, and all others who might be involved with children at your church.

Cost is \$5.00 for pre-registration, \$7.00 at the door. Light snacks with coffee and drinks will be provided. To register contact our Sullivan Associational Missionary Chris Alford or our secretary Hanna Brimer at: 423-343-8010

Expanding

ETSU Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM)

Coffee Cart

The BCM is wanting to start a new ministry this fall called The Coffee Cart. We are going to convert an old hotdog cart into a cart full of coffee and pop tarts to share with students. This is an effort to serve the campus, but also to be used as an opportunity for information about the BCM, gospel conversations, and prayer.

We are asking for donations from churches of pop tarts, hot chocolate, and coffee.

If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan Chapman at etsubcm@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Roundtable Dates

Thursday, October 18th - The Bagel Exchange, Kingsport, 10 am

Thursday, October 13th - Summit Leadership Foundation, Johnson City, 10 am

Thursday, November 8th - The Bagel Exchange, Kingsport, 10 am

Thursday, November 10th - Summit Leadership Foundation Johnson City, 10 am

The Summit

- ♦ Worship
- ♦ Pastors Conference
- ♦ Tennessee Baptist Convention

November 13-17, 2016 at the Sevierville Convention Center

Thanksgiving schedule

The office will be closed on November 24th and reopens on the 30th after the Holiday.

For urgent situations please contact the office at office@SullivanBA.org

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