



*Coach  
Connector  
Catalyst*

# *Sullivan Baptist Association Connections*

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August / September 2016

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

## **Strengthening**

**Christ-like  
Servant Leadership**

***Association  
Sunday School  
Training Event***

## **Building**

**Christ-like  
Unity & Community**

***Clothes Giveaway***

## **Advancing**

**Christ-like  
Love & Acceptance**

***BCM  
Coffee Cart***

## **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](http://www.goldenoffering.com).

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## **EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING**

**Thursday, September 8, 2016**

**New Fellowship Ministries**

**6:30 pm**

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**On Mission with Chris**

This summer was supposed to be a personal opportunity to regroup, plan, and prepare for the fall. However, it has been anything but that...it has been a whirlwind of activity, opportunities, and challenges. One thing I've learned over the years, the world and kingdom work never pauses.

This summer I've been blessed with the opportunity to visit with several churches and update their teams on what God is doing in our association. I'm encouraged to see a great spirit of cooperation in our associational family and a genuine belief that we are Better Together.

There have been numerous rewarding and challenging moments as churches have navigated transition, looked to find new ways to engage their communities, and surprise...conflict resolution.

As we move into a new school year, I'd like to encourage you to get involved in one of our roundtables. They are a great place to fellowship and grow together.

Please pray for me as we connect churches, people, and ministries together to reach every Man, Woman, and Child in our mission field. Also, pray as I prepare for 5 days of Pastor's Conferences in Nicaragua.

Last but not least...this month our association will experience a tremendous loss as Christy and her family leaves to hills of East Tennessee behind and embraces the hot metropolis of Houston. She will be missed and her absence will be felt. Thank you Christy for faithfully serving our Sullivan Baptist Churches.

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

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

Total Received.....	\$72,813.00
Total Needed.....	\$71,507.25

## ***Strengthening Christ-Like Leadership as a Coach***

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Association Sunday School Training Event  
Tuesday, August 23, 2016  
Indian Springs Baptist Church  
6:30 pm - 9 pm**

**Conferences for Pastors and Sunday School Directors, Adult Teachers and Group Leaders, Youth Teachers, Children Teachers, and Preschool Leaders.**

**Theme: Making Connections**

## ***Building Christ-Like Unity and Community as a Connector***

**Connecting churches together to impact lives in our region.**

Orebank Missionary Baptist will have their annual clothes giveaway.

Saturday, August 20, 8-12.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more info or to donate, call the church at 288-4881.

## ***Advancing Christ-Like Love and Acceptance as a Catalyst***

**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](mailto:etsubcm@gmail.com).

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Roundtable Dates

**Thursday, August 11** - The Bagel Exchange, Kingsport, 10 am

**Thursday, August 18** - Summit Leadership Foundation, Johnson City, 10 am

**Thursday, September 8** - The Bagel Exchange, Kingsport, 10 am

**Thursday, September 15** - Summit Leadership Foundation Johnson City, 10 am

## Sullivan Secretaries

*Tuesday, October 11th*

Clark's Grocery

11:30 am



## Job Board

**Clark Street Baptist Church** in Johnson City is seeking a part-time youth director.

Please send resume and inquiries to:  
Clark Street Baptist Church,  
Attn: search committee,  
200 Clark Street,  
Johnson City, TN 37604

or email [clarkstreetbc@gmail.com](mailto:clarkstreetbc@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto: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 at [www.SullivanBA.org](http://www.SullivanBA.org).

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



**Chris Alford,**  
**Associational Missionary**  
**Christy Brister,**  
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