

Strawberry Baptist Association

Spirit



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On-Mission for Him

It is an exciting year for the SBA! We have already helped in sending out over a dozen people to the mission field! In addition, we are hoping to get churches involved in praying with each other and for each other. I pray that you share this excitement! Another possibility that is in prayer is sharing resources for equipping type weekend collaborations.

The need to work together is often misunderstood as doing everything together. As in, if you are to help another church you must do their projects and go on their trips. This can be overwhelming for a small church that is struggling to accomplish things in their own communities. It can also seem a distraction to churches large enough that they do not ‘need’ the association or other churches to stay busy. In seeking an interaction of value to all the churches of all sizes I’d like to remind us of the conference in Jerusalem.

In Acts 15 Paul and Barnabas came before the Apostles to deal with accusations that the gentile churches needed to submit to circumcision. At the end of the debating the message was returned to the churches with an encouragement to remain pure in several matters, and the message to churches was recognizing that God’s Holy Spirit was active among them. So, the support to the churches became messengers calling each other to faithfulness and encouraging them in their work! My desire is to see us as an association, calling each other to fidelity to God’s Word, and encouraging each other in the work of building God’s kingdom! Let us rejoice in each other’s successes and encourage each other by them.

In accordance with that goal I’d like to encourage you with a different mindset about the success of the church. Often it is the size of the church body that is seen. Sometimes, it is the building. When those become our metrics, the world – and too many of our own, draw a false conclusion about the power of the church. We instead ought to be reminded that God is the author of faith, our sustainer, and ultimately the one who builds His church – His bride. And God will make it beautiful in its time. Our churches are outposts meant to point to our King – remember, we are ambassadors! We are in a world hostile to God but represent a King more powerful than all He created. Focus on how powerful God is. He sustains, He builds, He saves! Encourage one another that we are on the same side, with the same awesome God working all things for His glory. And when God blesses one of us, all benefit, we are not alone, and should never settle for even the appearance of being alone, but always in cooperation in support of God’s work through each of our congregations.

David

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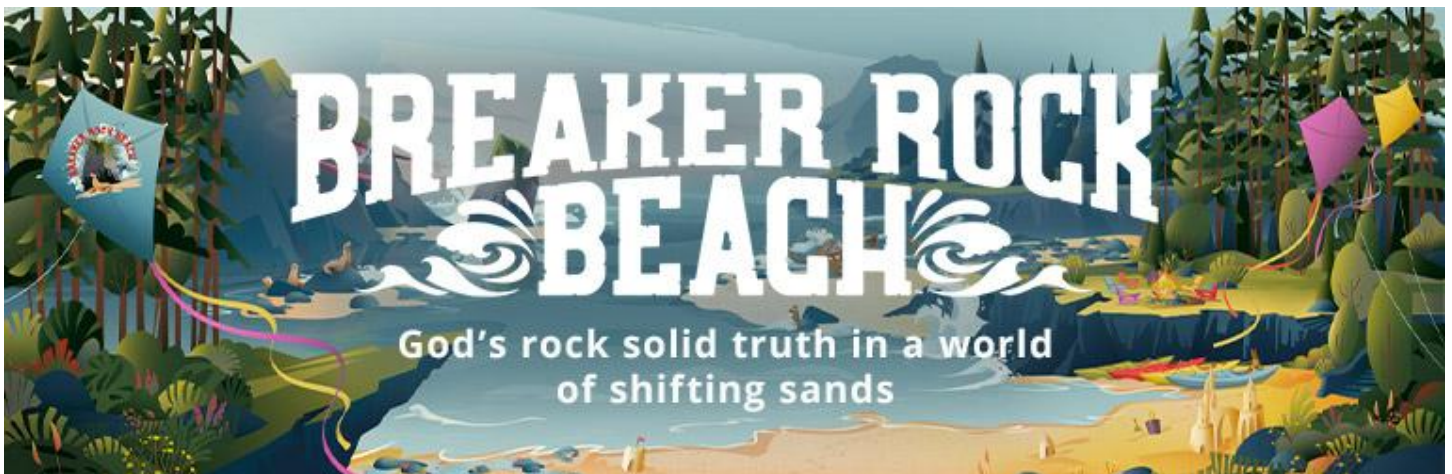
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New Website

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Mission Trips

Thaxton - SBCV Youth Missions Chesterfield VA June 17-21

Thaxton - Bedrock (*Roanoke*) – Nicaragua Somotilla, NI - June 22-28

Pecks - Lynch, KY June 23–28

Bedford Baptist – Mobile, AL July 6-13

Thaxton - SBCV Family Missions Hampton, VA -July 18-20

Thaxton - IMB - England London Cambridge, Oxford July 27-Aug 6

Diamond Hill – Colombia Aug 30-Sept 8

Thaxton - Send Relief Bedrock–Brownsville, TX Oct 9-13



Church News

Bedford - VBS - Breaker Rock Beach “*God’s Rock-Solid Proof in a World of Shifting Sands*” June 17–21.

***Worship Service** on the Mountain again on Sunday, June 9th, at Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center. This is a family & outreach event. We will Worship, enjoy a picnic lunch, have pool time and games. Departure time from the church is after Sunday School at 10:45 am. We will take the Church bus, which will provide return trips or just meet us there. **5th Sunday** - June 30th. Join us for pizza, ice cream & patriotism after morning worship. Our Missions Team is gearing up for their **Mission Trip** July 5–13 to Mobile, Alabama.

Pecks - VBS – The Great Jungle Journey “*An Epic Cruise from Genesis to Revelation*” June 2-7.

*Brandon is preaching through the **Book of James** “*Gospel Wholeness*”, applying our Faith to our daily lives.

Quaker

*We sent a **Mission Team** consisting of 14 members to the Coalfields of West Virginia. **Send Relief** from the **North American Mission Board** of the Southern Baptist Convention organizes two day mission trips throughout the USA. Our team accomplished two projects, one group helped paint classrooms and hallways for the Borderland Baptist Church, while the second team constructed a 22 foot handicap ramp for an elderly couple. The youngest member of the team was 11 years old and the most mature was above 75 years of age. There were 60 churches from as far away as Colorado participating in this mission endeavor. Any church interested in joining a Send Relief mission effort can go online to SendRelief.org.

Thaxton - VBS – Breaker Rock Beach “*God’s Rock-Solid Proof in a World of Shifting Sands*” June 23-26.

***Good News Clubs at Montvale Elementary School Sept- Oct.** We still need volunteers to help us launch a Good News Club. It requires being available one day a week from 2:00-3:30 pm for six weeks during Sept & Oct. It also requires one day of training beforehand this summer/fall. Please contact the church office if you or your church is interested in getting trained and serving alongside us (540-586-8348).

***Prayer** - We have set aside 4 different Wednesday evenings (6:30 pm) for people of all ages to gather in prayer for these trips and our other summer and fall ministries (VBS & Good News Clubs): May 22, June 19, July 17 and August 14.

Trinity

***Family Day**, Saturday, June 15th @ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Everyone is Invited!

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***Pastors** – if you need to be out of the Pulpit, or planning to be on Vacation or attend a Conference or Seminar, check out our new SBA Website – spiritofsba.org for a list of **Supply and Interim Pastors**. The list includes our convention representatives, like Skip Wallace (BGAV) and Shawn Ames (SBCV), retired pastors like Phil Bailey and Vernon DeLong, along with several lay speakers, like Randy Krantz and Kyle Dooley.

Ministry Opportunity

Thaxton Baptist Church (TBC) is seeking a man who has a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ and a calling by God to work with **Youth**. He will work with the volunteer **Youth Ministry Team** to guide our existing programs, including Sunday School, Wednesday night, weekly discipleship, and planned activities in a manner consistent with the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 and TBC’s Core Values. He will work alongside the Senior Pastor and Ministry Team to develop and cast the vision for the ministry. He will be expected to be present at all youth functions.

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June

- 4 Pastor's Conference
- 9–12 Southern Baptist Convention - *Indianapolis, IN*
- 16 Father's Day
- 24–28 Quilt Camp (*Advanced Class*) *Quaker Baptist Church, 3 - 8 pm.*