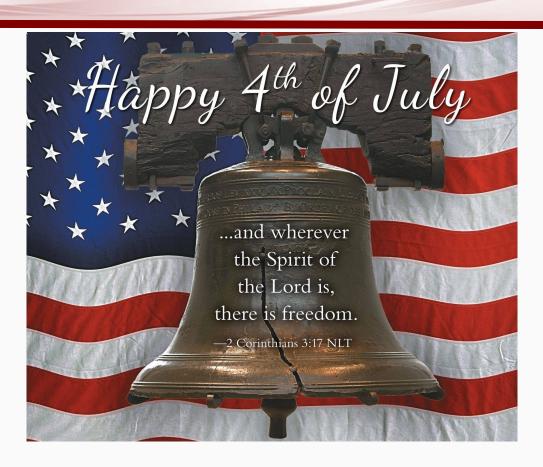
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Summer Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 16 - 6:00pm East Fork Baptist Church Dinner Included

Some very important information will be presented regarding the finances and future of the association at this meeting. Please make every effort to attend! Make plans now to represent your church, as 32 churches come together for an encouraging and informative evening of resourcing and fellowship.



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TERRY'S THOUGHTS



I am reading a book I picked up at the recent SBC Convention. The title of this book is "TurnAround" by Dr. Jason Allen, president of Mid-Western Baptist Theological Seminary. The premise of the book surrounds the process he went through to "turn around" a failing seminary and now finds itself in the best shape it has been perhaps ever. The enrollment is up significantly, the endowments are up significantly, the faculty are some of the best in the business, and a host of additional successes are very real today versus ten years ago when Dr. Allen arrived at the school. What seems to set this book apart from some I have read recently is its simplicity in process and its profound solutions for those wishing to follow Dr. Allen's process in their lives, homes, churches, or any organization one might be a part of.

This book is all about faithful leadership. Dr. Allen states, "I believe faithful leadership is remarkably simple. Not easy, but simple. To be a faithful leader you likely need to do less, not more. Leadership, I'll argue, is largely intuitive, commonsensical, and yes, spiritual in nature." Meaning instead of complicating matters, especially those matters that are secondary, let's keep it simple and allow God to do the heavy lifting. Then we follow His example as well as His instructions in order to be in line with His will for our lives each and every day. Great advice for God's people, correct?!

Looking to July, there are a couple items or events I wanted to remind you of. Obviously, there are a number of summer activities occurring such as vacations, VBS schools, mission trips, the Fourth of July celebrations, and etc. I, like many of you, will be participating in many of these activities and am looking forward to some very memorable times with you!

The first item I wanted to remind our pastors of is on Monday July 15th, beginning at 10:00 AM here at the association office, we will be hosting Todd Unzicker who serves as the Ex. Director of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSCNC). This will be a time of connection and a time for our pastors to hear from Todd on the activity around North Carolina and beyond. If you are a pastor or associate pastor you are invited! The deadline for registering for this event is Monday July 8th. To register please call our office or email me at transylvaniaams@gmail.com.

The second important event I want to remind you of is our quarterly Summer Ex. Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday evening July 16th beginning at 6:00 with dinner. We will gather at East Fork Baptist Church. PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO BE AT THIS MEETING. WE WILL HAVE SOME VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO SHARE WITH YOU!

Of course, there are a number of other events I could talk about and I encourage you to be involved in the activities of your church and our association this Summer. Finally, I am asking you to pray for our association as the leadership seeks to serve you in the best possible way and under the leadership of our Heavenly Father! Have a great July and remember we love you and consider it our honor to serve you!

Terry

Pastors Fellowship Luncheon Monday, July 15 - 10:00am

Please pray for our churches without pastors: Boylston & Rocky Hill Special Guest Todd Unzicker, Director/Treasurer, Baptist State Convention of NC

Pastors please make your reservation by calling or emailing the Baptist Center by Monday, July 8, **Church groups are needed** to minister at Sapphire Ridge (formerly Accordius Health/The Brian Center) on the first and fourth Sunday afternoons.

For more information and to sign up for your group to serve, please contact Christine Pace at 828-556-2838 or 828-884-2031.

Association Financial Summary May 2024

	Current	Year-to-Date
Biltmore Brevard	\$ 0	\$ 1,250.00
Blantyre	\$ 125.00	\$ 625.00
Blue Ridge	\$ 125.00 \$ 75.00	\$ 375.00
Boylston	\$ 388.59	\$ 2,229.12
Brevard First	\$ 1,017.30	\$ 6,346.02
Calvary	\$ 411.56	\$ 3,255.26
Carr's Hill	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,250.00
Carson's Creek	\$ 150.00	\$ 750.00
Cathey's Creek	\$ 200.00	\$ 996.00
Cedar Mountain	\$ 366.00	\$ 1,464.00
Cherryfield	\$ 0	\$ 1,838.12
Church at Sapphire	\$ 0	
Cove Church	\$ 0	\$ 0
Dunn's Rock	\$ 0	\$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 3,801.53
East Fork	\$ 0	
Enon	\$ 200.00	\$ 600.00 \$ 400.00
Faith Missionary	\$ 150.00 \$ 200.00 \$ 366.00 \$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 200.00 \$ 242.07	
Grace	\$ 242.07	\$ 0 \$ 1,767.84
Hope Church Brevard (See Off)		\$ 0
Lake Toxaway	\$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 1,035.50	\$ 331.00
La Primera Mission	\$ 0	\$ 0
Little River	\$ 1,035.50	\$ 2,071.00
Middle Fork	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,000.00
Morningside	\$ 175.00	\$ 1,036.22
Mt. Moriah-Calvert	\$ 0	
New Hope	\$ 0	\$ 0 \$ 0
North Toxaway	\$ 100.00	\$ 550.00
Oak Grove	\$ 100.00	\$ 800.00
Pisgah Forest	\$ 632.01	\$ 3,207.85
Rocky Hill	\$ 400.00	\$ 2,000.00
Temple	\$ 131.25	\$ 656.25
Turkey Creek	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,000.00
Zion	\$ 0	\$ 635.13
Miscellaneous	\$ 200.00 \$ 175.00 \$ 0 \$ 100.00 \$ 100.00 \$ 632.01 \$ 400.00 \$ 131.25 \$ 200.00 \$ 0 \$ 845.00	\$ 845.00
Checking Interest	\$ 2.30	\$ 12.32
Total Receipts		
Total Expenses	\$ 7,246.58	\$ 41,092.66

2024 Budget \$149,879.00 Needed Monthly to Meet Budget \$12,490.00

The association has been consistently running approx. \$6,000/per month below budget, and cannot continue to function unless drastic changes take place. Please pray about what increase your church can make in giving to support the association.

Red Box Prison Ministry
for the NC Women's Prison

TBA Goal: 300 Pairs of Women's Winter Gloves
Collected gloves should be delivered to the Baptist
Center by Wednesday, July 31. Hard to find winter
gloves in local stores? Donations can be made to the
Baptist Center to order gloves in bulk online.

A musical mission team from Pennsylvania will be visiting our area July 10-14. If your church would like them to assist with a music-oriented mission project, please contact the Baptist Center as soon as possible.

Church News

Carr's Hill - will have a five-day CEF Club "One Way" Race August 5-9, 3-5pm.

Cathey's Creek - will have "Dino-Might" VBS July 7-11, 6-8:30pm.

Cherryfield - will have "The Great Jungle Journey" VBS July 19-21, 6-8:30pm.

Little River - will have "The Great Jungle Journey" **VBS** July 8-12, 5:30-8:30pm.

Morningside - will have "Scuba...Diving into Friendship with God" VBS July 21-25, 6-8:30pm.

New Hope - will have "Christmas in July" **VBS** July 11 & 12, 6-8pm and July 13, 10am-2pm.

Rocky Hill - will host "Christmas in July" at Cedar Mountain House July 12, 1-3pm to collect items for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Everyone is invited to drop by.

New from Lifeway



The companion to the soon-to-be-released film, this study provides a compelling look at true discipleship, underscoring the power of producing disciples who make disciples and the way these relationships transform individuals, families, and even entire communities. Exclusively in theaters August 23. Watch the trailer at:

https://www.lifeway.com/en/product-family/the-forge

Join us in this January Bible Study to see that the faithfulness of God through Joshua ultimately points to the faithfulness of God through Jesus Christ, our Savior. JOSHUA

For more info about these and many more resources, please visit www.lifeway.com.

TBA Mission Trip to Northern Tier Pennsylvania August 12-19, 2024

Isaiah 6:8 (ESV) And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

The Lord has brought together an awesome mission team to travel up to the northern tier of Pennsylvania and minister alongside our brothers and sisters in PA. Our team consists of 12 individuals from 4 different churches in our association, including Yvonne Hogsed, Robert & Dorie Blake, Brooks & Brenda Harrell, and Dewey & Kathie Aiken (Dunn's Rock), Suzanne Lawson (Rocky Hill), Nathan Smith and Terry Stockman (Brevard First), and Shannon & Kim Owen (Turkey Creek). We will be traveling by van to Harrisburg, PA on Monday, Aug 12, and from Tuesday through Sunday, we will be working out of Towanda, PA, ministering along the Route 6corridor. Throughout the week, we will meet and minister alongside our brothers and sisters from Tunkhannock, Falls, Factoryville, Ulysses, Wellsboro, and Mansfield, PA. On Sunday, our team will join our partner church, Harvest House Community Fellowship, for worship before heading back to Harrisburg for the night and then returning home on Monday morning, Aug 19th.

We would greatly appreciate your prayers as we seek to share the Gospel along the northern tier of Pennsylvania. Thank you for your support, and we are looking forward to sharing the stories of our ministry upon our return.

Rev. Shannon Owen TBA Mission Support Team

An Evening of Corporate Worship

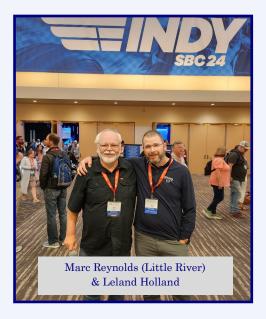
Therefore, by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. Hebrews 13:15

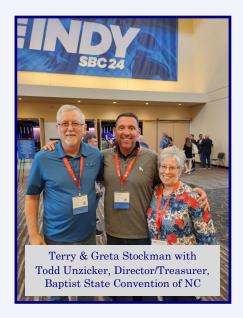


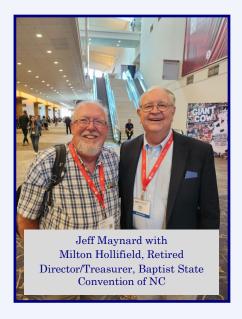
The churches of Transylvania County are invited to come together for an evening of worship on July 13th at 6 pm at Turkey Creek Baptist Church. We will come together as the body of Christ to offer a sacrifice of praise to our God.

Our Association's partnering church from Towanda, PA, Harvest House Community Fellowship, will be leading the worship service.

We cordially invite everyone who names the name of Christ to come together for this evening of worship.







Allow me to share just a brief report of the goings on at the recent Southern Baptist Convention. Along with those of us, depicted in the pictures, who were in attendance from Transylvania Baptist Association, there were 16,000 plus brothers and sisters, which included 10,000 plus messengers from Southern Baptist Churches around the world who gathered for a time of fellowship, worship, and to take care of the Lord's business.

We had incredible times of worship, an amazing time of commissioning 83 fully funded new missionaries to go to the world, of catching up with old friends, and meeting new friends. We tackled some difficult issues along the way, but did so in manner that was in order and honored Jesus. We didn't agree on everything, however, we all showed the world what could happen among God's people when we disagree in love.

The good thing is that on the major issues we all agreed. We also agreed that the most critical issue facing Southern Baptists is the advancement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ at any cost. Additionally, we all agreed it was important to proudly stand on the inerrant truth of God's Word, to proclaim that Word to the world, and to live our lives according to the precepts of His Word.

Finally, there was a sense of joy among so many, and contrary to some of the reports from secular news outlets, the convention was a rousing success which the smiles on the faces of those depicted in the pictures proves.

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of this great gathering and I look forward to reconvening with my brothers and sisters from around the world next year in Dallas (in short BIG-D).

Terry





2024 Annual Congregation Profiles

Extensive changes to the ACP have been made by the Baptist State Convention. A much simpler form along with moving to a calendar year of reporting are being implemented, and reporting will now be completed in January.

- A training session for church clerks will be planned for December (dates will be announced soon).
- The reporting year will be January 1st through December 31st of 2024.
- ♦ Baptisms and Memorials for the period of September 1st through December 31st of 2023 will be included in the 2024 statistics.

ServeNC signs are available now at the Baptist Center. Pastors, stop by to get yours today and show your community that you care. There are also other free resources to promote ServeNC at servenc.com.



Every church.
Every community.
August 3-10, 2024
Register your church today at
ServeNC.com

ServeNC is an opportunity for every NC Baptist church to love its community in Jesus' name through service projects.

If your church didn't exist, would your community notice? Whether it's painting a school, cleaning up a yard, or serving meals to those in need, your church knows your community's specific needs and can choose the best project to make a difference through ServeNC.

Commit your church to being on mission together and display the gospel during the week of Aug. 3-10, 2024.

INTERNATIONAL

What Happens When You Partner with IMB Teams?



One thing's for sure, you won't be a tourist! You will serve alongside IMB missionaries and be a vital part of the missionary task. Your time might look something like this:

Exit to Partnership - From the nations, to the nations - in pursuit of the Revelation 7:9 vision. Taiwanese churches have risen to the challenge of taking the gospel to places it's never been. IMB Journeymen Paul and LaTisha Brown play a vital role in equipping and working alongside

them. Raising self-sustaining churches is critical.

Serve alongside one of our IMB teams working among unreached peoples and be an active part of the missionary task. Start your missionary journey today at https://www.imb.org/2024/01/22/partnering-with-imb-teams/

July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Weekly Prayer N. Toxaway 7am Melissa Walters Birthday (Cedar Mountain)	3	Independence Day Baptist Center Closed	5	6 Carmen White Birthday (Calvary)
7 Religious Liberty Sunday Jessy Whited Birthday (Zion)	8	9 Weekly Prayer N. Toxaway 7am	10 Ed Snipes Birthday (Cove Church)	11 Weekly Prayer Baptist Center 9am TBA Leadership Meeting 10am Jayson Rogers Birthday (Temple)	12	13
14 Andrea Burress Birthday (Boylston/ Retired)	Pastors Fellowship With Todd Unzicker 10am	16 Weekly Prayer N. Toxaway 7am TBA Board Meeting East Fork 6pm	17	18 Weekly Prayer Baptist Center 9am	19	20
21	22	23 Weekly Prayer N. Toxaway 7am	24	25 Weekly Prayer Baptist Center 9am	Parker Anniversary (Pisgah Forest)	27 Maynard Anniversary (Brevard First)
28	29	30 Weekly Prayer N. Toxaway 7am	31			

NCBAM has provided smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors

for seniors free of charge.

If your home needs one, or you have a friend in need of one, please contact the Baptist Center as soon as possible for free installation.



Truett Conference Center & Camp

177 Truett Lane, Hayesville, NC 28904 https://truettcamp.org//upcoming-events/

Please check Truett's website https://truettcamp.org/summer-camps/ or contact them for more information atinfo@truettcamp.org or 828-389-8828

Truett is also a great place for teens and young adults to work for the summer. You can find out more information here: https://truettcamp.org/summer-camp-counselor/



Current Ministry Openings

Brevard First Baptist is seeking a teacher and an assistant for the 2024-25 school year. For more information, please contact Joy Guffey at 828-883-9839 or email firstbaptistweeschool@gmail.com.

Enon is seeking a pianist/music leader fluent with all worship styles. For more information, please contact the church at 828-877-4418 or praygoshare@gmail.com.

Little River is seeking a music minister and a youth minister. Please send resumes to employment@lrbchurch.org.

Pisgah Forest is seeking a part-time music director/leader. For more information, please contact Gene Parker at 828-508-9142.

Rocky Hill is seeking a worship leader. For more information, please contact Clint Owings at 828-883-9707 or cbowings@me.com.

Turkey Creek is seeking a center assistant for the preschool for the 2024-25 school year. For more information and to apply, please visit the church office, call 828-877-3355, or email info@turkeycreekbaptist.org.

It's Not Every Day a New Church Starts in Portugal

The work is hard and slow. It takes years of prayer and being steadfastly present to plant a church in Lisbon, Portugal. It's not a common occurrence.

Well, now is the time to celebrate. We have a new church that's healthy and strong!

This church plant was three years in the making. During that time, God taught me (IMB missionary Mark Bustrum) some vital lessons about the world of missions and church planting: God is the Lord of the harvest and He allows His people to participate. God plants the church by His Word,

through His Spirit, and for His glory. Together, we get to join Him and share the good news of Jesus.

What do I mean by together? This new church didn't start because of a single person. We are reaching the nations, together: You participated through your prayers, financial gifts, and sending missionaries — long and short-term. My team, made up of IMB missionaries and national partners, were onsite and present within the community for the ups-and-downs of ministry. We saw firsthand the greatest problem in our city — lostness — and followed God's ultimate plan of bringing His Word to those who have never heard the gospel.

Planting a new church wasn't just the crazy idea of a missionary. Our local Portuguese church, Igreja da Lapa, was the primary tool God used. He raised up men and women who took ownership of this mission. Because of your financial gifts, I was able to walk alongside co-pastors, Tiago and Filipe, as they rallied the church in service. Some families stepped up to be a part of the core group to help start something new. God used His church to raise funds as well. All the financial needs to start this new church came locally from sacrificial giving and faith. A lead pastor was even called from one of the families who helped start the church.

As we celebrate this new church in Lisbon, take time to celebrate, too. Your financial gifts and prayers helped to make this possible. You helped our friends be discipled and trained on their way to taking local ownership of the Great Commission to fulfill the Revelation 7:9 vision. You helped us be a steadfast presence and invest in peoples and places where less than 1% are evangelical.

Who planted this new church? God, the Church Planter, of course! Through this experience, He made His purpose clear. TOGETHER, we seek to take the gospel to every nation. TOGETHER, we take ownership of God's mission.

> Article courtesy International Mission Board Stories of Transformation www.imb.org

10 Things to Pray for Your Small Group

Whenever it's time to start a new Bible study or teaching session with my small group, I always like to start by asking, "What does God desire to do in our lives this season?" Starting with a spiritual growth goal in mind for the group helps establish a framework not only for the study itself, but it can also serve to give us a structure for prayers we can voice on behalf of each

- Express thanks to God for each person in your group (Philippians 1:3-4). 1.
- Ask God to increase their desire to know Him more and to deepen their walk with Him (Psalm 119:10).
- Ask God to give them a hunger for His Word (Colossians 3:16).
- Pray that they would develop a consistent and meaningful prayer life (Hebrews 4:16).
- Ask the Lord to strengthen their dependence on Him (Matthew 11:28-29).
- 6. Ask God to help them develop the fruit of the Spirit as they walk through the rhythms and interruptions of daily life (John
- 7. Pray that they would have God's wisdom to guide them in decisions and choices in their personal lives (Ephesians 1:17-19).
- 8. Ask for the Lord to give His wisdom to guide them as they raise up their children to love the Lord and walk in His ways (Proverbs 4:25-26).
- 9. Pray for their relationships with their spouse, family, and friends to reflect the attributes of Christ (Philippians 2:3-4).
- 10. Pray for the members of your small group to cultivate a desire to grow deeper together in community (2 Thessalonians 1:3).

Shari Edwards Article Courtesy Lifeway Women Read the full article at www.women.lifeway.com



HYGIENE KITS:

Prepare 2 men's kits for each women's kit made. Please use clear two-gallon plastic bags, and label with "MALE" or "FEMALE". DO NOT include mouthwash or aftershave. DO NOT use trial sizes.

Men's Kit: toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, washcloth, shampoo, deodorant, come, shaving cream, razors, hand lotion, Gospel message tract.

Women's Kit: toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, washcloth, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, comb, hairbrush, women's shaving cream, razors, hand lotion, Gospel message tract.

"JESUS LOVES YOU" TEDDY BEARS:

Call or visit the Baptist Center for the pattern. Please make bears carefully following the pattern instructions. DO NOT use buttons, craft eyes, or any other small parts which may be removed and swallowed.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR BREAK TENT:

- 8– and 12– ounce Styrofoam Cups
- Instant Lemonade Mix

OTHER ITEMS FOR FAIR WORKERS:

• Blankets & Towels (full size, new or gently used)

CLOTHING ITEMS ARE NOT BEING COLLECTED THIS YEAR.

MONETARY DONATIONS:

Please make checks payable to Transylvania Baptist Association with "Fair Ministry" on the memo line.

Send checks to the Baptist Center at 675 Hendersonville Hwy. Pisgah Forest, NC 28768

Please bring all items to the Baptist Center by Tuesday, September 3.

2024 Appalachian Christmas Outreach

Appalachian Coalfields Ministry, sponsored by NC Baptists on Mission, seeks to meet the physical and spiritual needs of people living in the Appalachian Area. One of the greatest ministry needs in this area occurs at Christmastime. We are calling on churches statewide to respond to this need through Appalachian Christmas Outreach in 2024.









GOAL and COLLECTION DATE:

The statewide goal is to collect 22,000 backpacks of items to be distributed to Appalachian children in areas of need in late November and December of 2024. The state-wide collection day for 2024 is Saturday, November 2 from 9am to noon. Thirty plus collection sites will be set up across the state for churches to bring their backpacks to. Specific sites will be listed on the Baptists On Mission website in September. We encourage churches to begin collecting and filling the packs early – and throughout the year.

AGE GROUPING and LABELING.

Each backpack should be labeled boy or girl as well as the appropriate age. Age groupings are 4-7, 8-10; 11-14; and 15-17 <u>Due to labels falling off in previous years, we use a ribbon system for labeling the backpacks.</u> A **royal blue** (or similar) ribbon will indicate a **boy's backpack**. A **pink** ribbon will indicate a **girl's backpack**. In addition, a **yellow** ribbon will indicate that the backpack is for **ages 4-7**, a **green** ribbon for ages **8-10**, a **red** ribbon for ages **11-14**; and a white ribbon for ages **15-17**.

Please prepare each backpack as you would for your own child or grandchild, with new items, not used. Please include items from each category listed to the right. Please do not neglect to put in a Bible! This may be the only Christmas present this child receives, and will be a witness of Christ's love.

ITEMS TO COLLECT

Each zippered backpack should include:

- 1) ITEMS OF NEW WARM CLOTHING including a winter cap, gloves, 2-3 socks, and scarf
- 2) METAL POP-TOP CANS OF FOOD (3-4 cans) such as ravioli, tuna, beef stew, vegetables, fruit
- 3) At least one or two NEW, AGE-APPROPRIATE TOYS Examples: small cars, balls, dolls, small stuffed animals, puzzles, jump rope, sidewalk chalk, Slinky, card games, Legos, other (no toy weapons, please!) For older youth category, substitute appropriate item for toy. No pocketknives! (See website for suggestions).
- 4) **HYGIENE ITEMS** including toothbrush, soap, washcloth, brush /comb, **full-sized** shampoo toothpaste, deodorant (please fit these items into a one-gallon Ziploc bag so they will not leak).
- 5) FRESH, WRAPPED CANDY (no chocolate please, as it may melt and no peanut products please due to allergies)
- 6) A CHILDREN'S or YOUTH BIBLE (no particular version is required) This is the most important thing that goes into the pack! Please include!
- 7) A COPY OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY (downloadable and printable pdf found on website)

For more information contact



Mark Abernathy
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919-459-5607

More information and specific details available on our ACO webpage at:

www.baptistsonmission.org/aco

"Your participation will mean so much and may make an eternal difference in a child's life!"

SEMINARY STUDIES WORKSHOP





Three days of teaching Three experienced professors Six relevant topics



Tate Cockrell Professor of Counseling



Professor of Theology & Patristic Studies



Sr. Professor of New Testament & Greek



Date: Tuesday-Thursday 17-19 September 2024



(V) 10:00am - 2:00pm, daily lunch included

The Region 9 Associations, in partnership with Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, are pleased to bring three days of solid Biblical teaching for pastors and lay leaders in our area. Topics will vary each day and will address everything from Theology to avoiding burnout.

Registration will open July 1. Email info@buncombebaptist.org to be added to the pre-registration list. Daily lunch provided.

A one-time/optional \$10 donation will be received on site.





