



## May 2020 Spotlight

During this unusual time (COVID-19) our office will be closed, however, we will be responding to all voicemails and emails. - SBA Staff

### ***A Word From the Director:***

For twenty-five years I ministered in local churches before coming to this place of service as Associational Director of Missions. After almost eighteen years I now leave once more to invest my time and energy in the local church. Retirement promises new opportunities for service in the Kingdom of God. There will probably also be a few moments of regret as I leave behind so many wonderful working relationships.

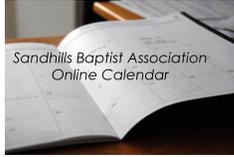
Things have changed in more ways than one might be able to count over these past years. Even the title of the position has gone from Director of Missions to Associational Mission Strategist. That in itself is enough to indicate what has been will not be. Relationships between churches are no longer the same as in years gone by, not in the past twenty years, much less two generations ago.

Changes on the associational level are often driven by changes on the local church level. A new generation now fills most leadership roles, and they are redefining those roles for a new century as they should. For example, the extraordinary means of communication now available, what were science fiction dreams only a few years ago, demand we modify how we begin, build, and maintain relationships among individuals and groups.

We know change may be constructive or destructive. Even anticipated and hopeful change may be rechanneled into something which is harmful and detrimental to the highest priority. Thus we need to be vigilant that the past does not dictate the future and old methods preclude the new. The ever present standard must always be the glory of God and the ongoing need to live out the values of his Kingdom.

The politics and morality of this world change with the whims of the people, a people who do not know the Creator and Lord of the universe. The Church is a counterculture in the midst of this sin-controlled society. We live according to the standards of the Kingdom of God founded on love of God and neighbor and self-sacrifice. Because this world changes, our methods must change and be under constant re-evaluation. The foundation of our faith and lifestyle, however, must never change – self-sacrificing love exemplified by our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the years ahead the fruit of the work of this Sandhills Baptist Association and each member church will be judged



## Sandhills Baptist Association Online Calendar of Events

# Upcoming Events



## National Day of Prayer - Thursday, May 7, 2020



## Mother's Day Offering Week of Prayer - May 4-11, 2020

Your gifts to the Mother's Day Offering will assist patients in financial need at **Wake Forest Baptist Health**.



## Memorial Day - Monday, May 25, 2020



## Summit Trace in Concert - Beaver Creek Baptist Church - Cameron

Saturday, June 20, 2020 @ 6 pm



## 2020 NC Baptist Ministers' Wives Retreat - July 13- 15, 2020

- Caraway Conference Center, Sophia, NC.



## Pinehurst First Baptist - Worship Pastor Search

## March 2020 Financials



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