

## Contributions From the Churches

Church	Jun/Jul	Year to Date
Bear Creek	2,056.80	7,474.92
Bethany	700.00	2,450.00
Bethel	393.00	1,491.52
Bethlehem	3,209.17	12,290.12
Blue Creek	476.60	1,645.70
Brookwood	964.52	3,215.01
Calvary	600.00	600.00
Cedar Fork	974.39	3,506.84
Centerview	2,000.00	7,000.00
Enon Chapel	1,887.20	6,160.95
Galilee	415.33	1,245.99
Grants Creek	2,975.96	12,428.78
Hallsville	1,421.12	5,387.22
Harris Creek	3,856.59	13,603.98
Jacksonville First	5,333.34	18,666.69
Kellum	2,333.34	8,166.69
Korean	360.00	840.00
Maple Hill	0.00	0.00
Maysville First	3,470.87	10,725.23
Memorial	350.00	1,233.00
Midville	374.37	1,309.00
New Hope	0.00	2,397.61
New Life	100.00	300.00
New River	600.00	2,300.00
N. Topsail	981.79	3,001.81
Piney Grove	2,601.00	8,902.00
Potters Hill	0.00	150.00
Providence	2,492.66	9,173.21
Richlands First	2,916.66	10,208.31
Rock Creek	400.00	1,400.00
Salem	2,281.58	8,048.67
Swansboro First	3,959.52	14,070.04
Tar Landing	1,750.00	6,125.00
Victory	200.00	700.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>52,415.81</b>	<b>186,218.29</b>

## Living Proof Live Beth Moore Simulcast

September 10, 2011  
E. J. Hines Baptist Center  
10:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Rock Creek Community Church will be hosting this event. Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$10 at the church office (Gum Branch Road) on Monday-Thursday between 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM or at the door for \$15. The doors will be opened at 9:30 AM. There will be a break from 12:00 - 1:30 PM to allow time for attendees to have lunch at one of several nearby restaurants. Child-care will not be provided. For more information, contact Lissette Cox at 324-4810.



Rev. Mike Wilkinson, pastor of Swansboro FBC, passed away on August 20, 2011. Please remember to keep the Wilkinson family and the members of our sister church at Swansboro in your thoughts and prayers.

New River Baptist Association is located at 2734 Commerce Road. The Beacon is published bi-monthly. Church news and/or announcements should be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month before publication. Information may be faxed to 455-9906 or by email to nrbaptist@yahoo.com.



# THE BEACON

New River Baptist Association  
www.newriverba.com

September/October 2011

## GOD'S PLAN FOR SHARING Associational Mission Blitz - 2011



Thursday Night, September 22  
Centerview Baptist Church, 7:00 - 8:30 PM  
Evangelism Rally and  
Breakout Sessions on Personal Evangelism

Saturday Morning, September 24  
Individual Churches will conduct evangelistic efforts  
in their own local communities.

For more information, contact Joe Cappar at 347-3146.

## Associational Annual Meeting

October 25, 2011  
TBD  
Jacksonville, NC



4:00 PM - Afternoon Session  
5:30 PM - Supper  
6:30 PM - Evening Session

All interested persons are invited to attend. Messengers, please share the information, found in the Book of Reports, with your churches.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ—

Irene has only recently blown her way in and out of our communities leaving various amounts of destruction in her aftermath. Several of our churches, as well as our Associational campus, have experienced differing levels of wind and rain damage. Our brothers and sisters at Midville, especially, are struggling with major challenges as they face the daunting task of a complete restoration of their sanctuary building, both upstairs and downstairs. Please pray for Pastor Bill Smith and Midville's members; and, at some point, they may need more physical help, also.

Experiences like these force us to re-evaluate—both at home and at church. Our insurance policies get a closer look. Previous decisions regarding usage of rooms or buildings get scrutinized. Ideas about the future uses of spaces get consideration in the light of new possibilities. Adversity can lead to advantage. Consternation can lead to cooperation. Tragedy can lead to triumph!

The Apostle Paul understood these principles as he penned his epistles to the churches and church leaders in early Christendom. These churches were not reeling from the whims of tornadoes or hurricanes, but they were struggling with hurdles put before them by the world and its threats to their spiritual lives and the well-being of their Christian communities and their churches. [Thanks to Thomas Schreiner, New Testament Professor, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, for some of the background information here.]

The Galatians struggled with those who insisted Christians had to live according to Mosaic law. The Philippians faced an unraveling of their unity as a church. The Colossians struggled with those who insisted on Jewish mystical practices or pagan Jewish rituals. The Thessalonians felt threatened by the trials and persecutions of a hostile society on the outside and complacency on the inside. The Roman church faced a split over differences between Jews and Gentiles. Titus and Timothy were beset by proponents of false teachings in their churches.

The Ephesians, and other Christians to whom this letter circulated, needed encouragement toward unity and commitment to be the Body of Christ on the earth.

As the Apostle wrote his letters to counter the threats unique to each of his churches, he also reminded them to focus on the basics. He consistently reminded them of the sacrifice and the crucifixion and the resurrection of Jesus. He encouraged them to remember that Christ will return to claim His Church. He exhorted them to practice their faith, until His return, in Christlikeness, as examples for God in a pagan world. He challenged them to maintain their unity despite the threats of a heathen society to destroy them.

Dear Friends – each of our churches faces its own challenges: threats to the health, unity, and well-being of its congregation. These threats may be physical, or fiscal, or psychological, or spiritual. They may come from people outside the church. Or, they may come from people inside the church. Each threatening or challenging experience, however, is an opportunity for reevaluation — a time to examine the realities of church health and strength; a time to study the mission of our individual church and its future possibilities, and whether or not the course currently being steered is the one to accomplish God's purposes.

Adversity can be an advantage. Consternation can bring about cooperation. Tragedy can result in triumph. Be encouraged. Remember: Christ died for our sins and called us to serve in His Kingdom on earth represented by each of our local churches, and by all of us as the New River Baptist Association. The gates of Hades will not prevail against His church! He will return to receive us to Himself !! Until then — Let us stand firm in our faith in the face of whatever threat the ruler of this world may hurl at us. Let us remain Christlike as examples of His Saving Love and Power to those all around us in a lost and dying world.

PRAY TODAY 4 NRBA

Brother Joe

## Church Happenings

**Jacksonville FBC** - Lawrence Cole, Minister of Education, will be moving to Gainesville, FL in September.

**New River** - (1) will be holding revival services on September 11 - 14. Rev. Bill Davis will be the speaker. (2) September 25 will be the last day for Kimberly Wood, Minister of Education and Families, who is moving to Columbia, SC.

**Richlands FBC** - Call Gaynell Summerlin at 324-3606 for more information about a used Gordon Laughhead piano that is for sale.

**Tar Landing** - (1) On October 15-16, we will host a *Creation Weekend Safari* with Mike Snavelly. Join us for some Creation Apologetics training and good fellowship. To learn more, call the office at 346-8709 or go to [www.natureofcreation.org](http://www.natureofcreation.org). (2) Call 389-7006 for information about Money Map Coaches & Spending Plan Assistance. (3) *Understanding Your Grief*, a support group for education, grief, and healing meets every Thursday at 10 AM at the church.

## Planning Meetings

JWMU MAG  
September 26, 7:00 PM

BCM Team Meeting  
October 3, 7:00 PM

Senior Adult MAG  
October 4, 1:00 PM

E/M Team Meeting  
October 6, 10:00 AM

CD Team Meeting  
October 6, 4:30 PM

Finance Committee Meeting  
October 20, 6:00 PM

Executive Committee Meeting  
October 20, 7:30 PM

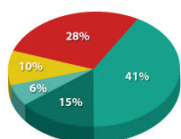
JWMU MAG  
October 31, 7:00 PM

## Prayer Calendar for Churches & Pastors

September 4-10	Rock Creek (Carlton Bradshaw)
September 11-17	Salem (Joe Samples)
September 18-24	Swansboro First (Wilkinson family)
Sept 25 - Oct 1	Tar Landing (Jack Marshburn)
October 2-8	Victory (Damon Lee)
October 9-15	Bear Creek (Jimmy Dale)
October 16-22	Bethany (Chris Jarman)
October 23-29	Bethel (Billy Cox)
Oct 30 - Nov 5	Bethlehem (Jerry Bryant)



### North Carolina Missions Offering



- 6% - Mobilization Ministry Projects
- 10% - Associational Projects
- 15% - Mission Camps
- 28% - Church Planting
- 41% - NC Baptist Men



**2011 Goal: 2,100,000**

### NC Campers on Mission State Fall Rally

September 15-18, 2011  
Denton Farm Park  
Denton, NC

For registration information, call Ed Parks at (252) 977-7357.

### Women's Prayer & Evangelism Conference

September 16-17, 2011  
First Baptist Church  
Charlotte, NC

For more information, call (800) 395-5102 x5561.

### 2nd Annual Crystal Coast Handbell Festival

September 17, 2011  
First Baptist Church, Morehead City  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Guest clinician Dave Harris, of the Raleigh Ringers, will be leading the workshop. Following the workshop, a concert by the Raleigh Ringers will be held at Croatan High School in Newport at 7:00 PM. For more information, contact Diane Hawkins at (252) 726-4142.

### NC Baptist Secretaries Retreat



October 31 - November 2  
Caraway Conference Center  
Asheboro, NC



Registration is due by September 30. The conference fee is \$190. The keynote speaker will be David Cox. For more information, go to [www.ncbaptistsecretaries.net](http://www.ncbaptistsecretaries.net).

### Upward Basketball and Cheerleading



Evaluations  
October 31, November 1 & 3  
E. J. Hines Baptist Center  
6-8 PM



For boys & girls in Grades 1-8

Registration is now open. Forms are available for pick up at the front desk of the Baptist Center. For more information, please contact Bonnie Grayson at 347-3146.

### Senior Adult Trip



December 12-14, 2011  
Myrtle Beach, SC



The cost, of \$175 per person, includes 2 nights at the Ocean Reef Resort, 2 Christmas shows, and one supper at Bennett's Seafood Buffet. The first payment of \$90 will be due by October 7. The remaining balance of \$85 will be due by November 4. For more information, contact Glenna DeVinney at 347-3146.

### CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

#### Ministers Conference



September 15 & October 20, 2011  
E. J. Hines Baptist Center  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Lunch will be available at \$2.00 a plate. Please RSVP by calling 347-3146 or sending an email to [nrbaptist@yahoo.com](mailto:nrbaptist@yahoo.com). For more information, contact Jack Marshburn at 346-8709.

## See You at the Pole Rally



September 17, 2011  
E. J. Hines Baptist Center  
6:00 PM



This year's theme, *Converge*, is taken from Matthew 18:20. *Dusty Maxwell* will be leading the Concert of Prayer. Praise and Worship music will be led by *Steadfast*. For more information, contact Joe Cappar at 347-3146.

## Music Leaders Fellowship



September 26, 2011  
E. J. Hines Baptist Center  
6:00 PM



Come share food, fellowship, and ideas with other music leaders. For more information or to RSVP, call Joe Cappar at 347-3146.

## WMU/Women's Ministry/Embrace Training



September 29, 2011  
E. J. Hines Baptist Center  
7:00 PM



For more information or to RSVP, please contact Billie Jordan at 743-3641 / [bjordan1@ec.rr.com](mailto:bjordan1@ec.rr.com) or Glenna at 347-3146 / [nrbaptist@yahoo.com](mailto:nrbaptist@yahoo.com).

## Family Ministry Leaders Meeting



October 27, 2011  
E. J. Hines Baptist Center  
6:30 - 8:30 PM



Joe McDowell, Minister of Education at Carmel Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker. For more information, contact Joe Cappar at 347-3146.

## RA/Challenger Leaders Training



September 13, 2011  
E. J. Hines Baptist Center  
6:30 PM



For more information, contact Joe Cappar at 347-3146.

## Operation Christmas Child Collection Week

November 14-21, 2011



*Encourage Your Church to Start Early  
Filling the Shoe Boxes*

## MULTICULTURAL MINISTRIES

### Japanese Ministry

*Fall Retreat*  
September 10-11, 2011  
Caraway Retreat Center



*Fellowship*  
October 15, 2011  
EJHBC, 1:00 PM

For more information, contact Yasushi Nemoto at 498-1526.

### Hispanic Parenting Conference



October 8, 2011  
E. J. Hines Baptist Center  
9:30 AM - 4:30 PM



Guillermo Soriano, from the Baptist State Convention Office, will be leading this conference. For more information, contact Dimas Castillo at 347-3146.