



Preparing for the Future....Tomorrow

We either walk by faith or by fear! God is looking for a Christian, a Church, or an Association that will truly seek Him. He wants us to walk in a new and living way (Hebrews 10:20). The Lord has left us on Earth to grow in grace and bring glory to Him! How can God use our time, talents, and treasure in the next ten years?

The best way for Robeson Baptist Association to help our churches is to concentrate on our priorities and then focus our energies on these areas.

Our four priorities are:

1. Congregational Health / Church Strengthening
2. Mission / Evangelism - Community Relations
3. Leadership Care - Developing Leaders
4. Ministry / Discipleship - in all age groups

All of these priorities must be covered and under girded by prayer. Join someone today and pray.

Remember: The association of tomorrow is not and cannot be the association of yesterday or even the association of today. *It must be the association of the future!*

Father, give us your wisdom, help us to follow You, and be faithful as we move towards tomorrow.

ROBESON BAPTIST NEWS

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Reaching Robeson With Real Love!

Remember the Past....Yesterday

The Robeson Baptist Association was officially organized at Raft Swamp Baptist Church November 1, 1883. Twenty-six churches united to form a new association. Most of these churches had formerly belonged to the Cape Fear Association, which stretched from Cumberland County to New Hanover County. Elder W.T. Jordan preached the introductory sermon and Elder D. Johnson was pastor of the host church.

The names of the Churches which formed the original Robeson Baptist Association were:

Ashpole, Antioch, Back Swamp, Big Branch, Bear Swamp, Clybonville, Cape Fear, Cheerful Hope, Ephesus, Hog Swamp, Long Branch, Lumberton, Mount Elam, Mount Moriah, Pleasant Grove, Pine Grove, Pleasant Hill, Providence, Raft Swamp, Red Springs, Saddletree, Spring Hill, Ten Mile, Tolarsville, White Pond and Zion's Tabernacle

We should honor and remember our Past! God has been good to Robeson Baptist Association. We have seen many changes in our past and have some wonderful churches in six counties. In the twentieth century our Association has been effective by presenting to our churches the progress, methods, and ministries uniquely created by the Southern Baptist Convention. God has given our Association the opportunity to begin ministries and introduce missions that met the needs of people in our communities. Our Associational structure has provided a "pipeline" through which denominational information and programs could flow. This was very effective as long as the programs would fit all churches in every community. The "Church Age" has now given way to the Age of Missions.

Thank you Lord for how you have worked in our past. Help us not to live in yesterday.

Celebrating our Present.....Today

*"You can do what I cannot do. I can do what you cannot do.
Together we can do great things."*

- Mother Teresa

God is always pleased with *teamwork*. The key to an effective church in a community is unity. The Lord wants a *partnership* to multiply the potential of ministry, to clarify His mission, magnify the best in each other, and testify to the community and the world of His love and grace. (John 17:20-21)

Why do we have an Association?

The churches in any area should cooperate instead of compete with one another. God has presented the Robeson Baptist Association on opportunity to connect local churches in our mission of reaching our community and the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

How can we reach our community?

We must focus on our vision! (Proverbs 29:18)

We emerge as God's People with a new sense of mission.

We are energized by the Great Commandment.

We are ejected into our mission field by the Great Commission.

We must become His Church in cooperation.

We will Enhance our Impact

We will Extend our Outreach

We will Expand our Support

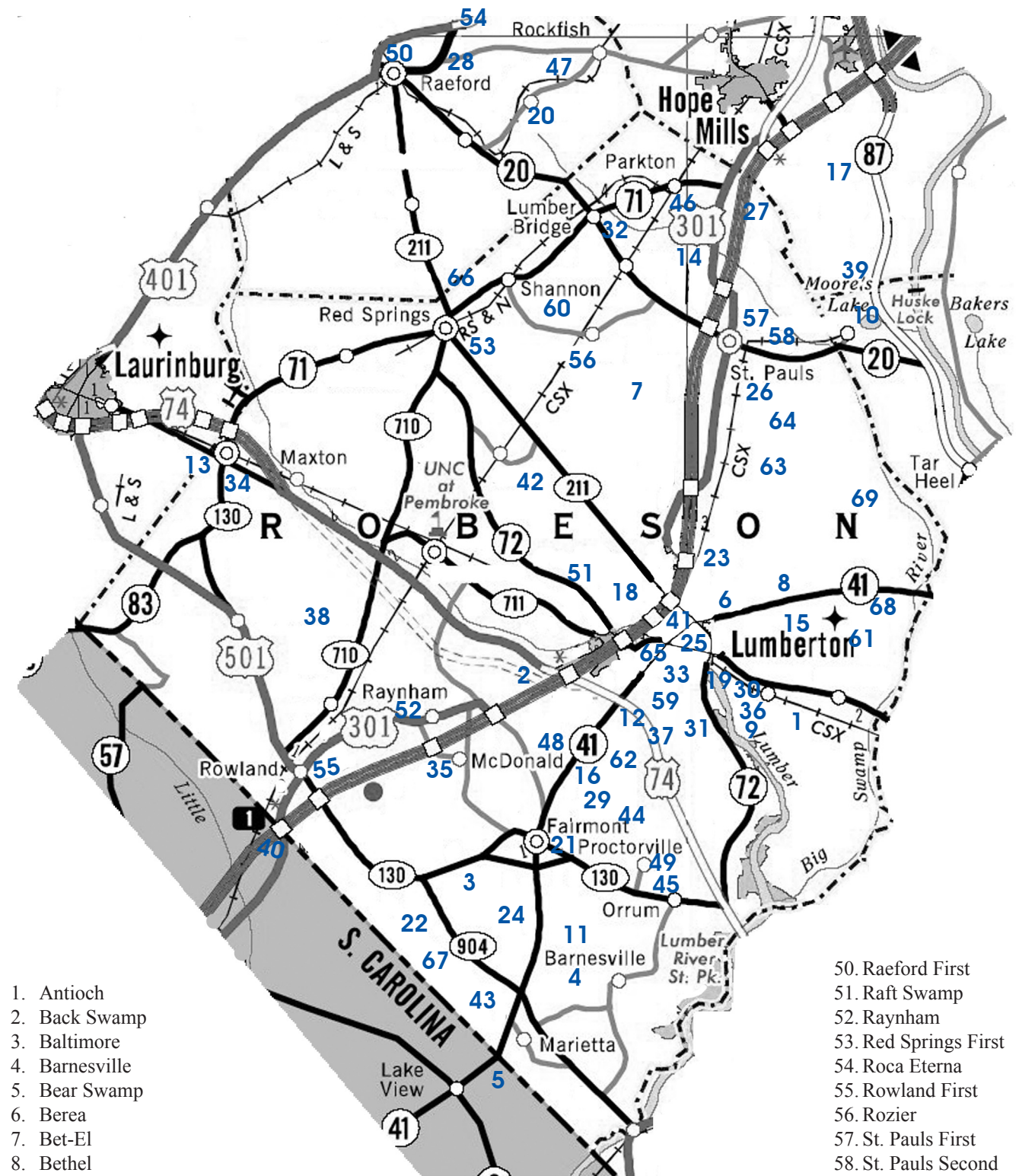
We must fulfill our purpose as an Association.

Edify - to empower each church to fulfill its mission

Encourage - to promote unity and fellowship among churches

Equip - to provide means to minister beyond geographical boundaries

God, let us be pleasing to you today. as Your Church begins to foster an atmosphere of learning, nuturing, and continually working together.

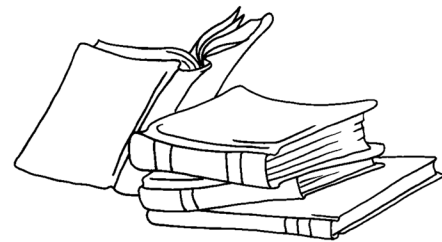


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| 1. Antioch | 20. Ephesus | 30. Hyde Park | 40. Mt. Zion | 50. Raeford First |
| 2. Back Swamp | 21. Fairmont First | 31. Long Branch | 41. North Lumberton | 51. Raft Swamp |
| 3. Baltimore | 22. Five Forks | 32. Lumber Bridge | 42. Oak Grove | 52. Raynham |
| 4. Barnesville | 23. Forest Acres | 33. Lumberton First | 43. Oakdale | 53. Red Springs First |
| 5. Bear Swamp | 24. Friendship Memorial | 34. Maxton First | 44. Oakton | 54. Roca Eterna |
| 6. Berea | 25. Godwin Heights | 35. McDonald | 45. Orrum | 55. Rowland First |
| 7. Bet-El | 26. Great Marsh | 36. Midway | 46. Parkton | 56. Rozier |
| 8. Bethel | 27. Green Springs | 37. Mt. Elim | 47. Pittman Grove | 57. St. Pauls First |
| 9. Beulah | 28. Hillcrest | 38. Mt. Moriah | 48. Pleasant Hope | 58. St. Pauls Second |
| 10. Bladen Union | 29. Hog Swamp | 39. Mt. Vernon | 49. Proctorville | 59. Sand Hill |
| 11. Bloomingdale | | | | 60. Shannon |
| 12. Broad Ridge | | | | 61. Singletary |
| 13. Calvary | | | | 62. Smyrna |
| 14. Carolina | | | | 63. Ten Mile |
| 15. Cedar Grove | | | | 64. Tolarsville |
| 16. Centerville | | | | 65. West Lumberton |
| 17. Charity | | | | 66. Westside |
| 18. Clybonville | | | | 67. White Pond |
| 19. East Lumberton | | | | 68. Zion Hill |
| | | | | 69. Zion's Tabernacle |

USED SUNDAY SCHOOL MATERIALS

Can be sent to:
 Luke 19-10 Ministries
 15 Birkhall Circle
 Greenville, SC 29605
 Phone (864) 640-154.
 They asked that you call them before sending materials so they can give shipping instructions.

These materials are used to give to poor people who can not afford it and they send a lot of it to the 3rd world countries who does not know God. They take used Bibles, Sunday School books, Devotionals and any book that teachers the word of God. No Magazines.



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PRAYER CALENDAR



Group IV

Raft Swamp	September 28-Oct. 4
Clybonville	October 5-11
West Lumberton	October 12-18
North Lumberton	October 19-25
Hyde Park	October 26-Nov. 1
East Lumberton	November 2-8

Group VI

Singletary	November 9-15
Zion Hill	November 16-22
Bethel	November 23-29
Berea	November 30-Dec. 6

CHURCH NEWS



Barnesville - On July 20 they made 500 Salvation bracelets that were sent to Clara Huff missionary who lived in Wilmington but served in Chile. The bears made by Mrs. Jessie Barnes and sent to men and women serving in the military have been sent by the dozens. In the last 3 years, they have went to 42 states and 8 countries. This is a wonderful ministry.

Rev. William Gentry, Interim Pastor

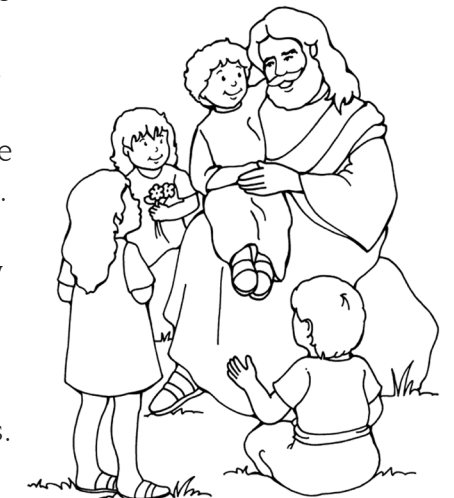
Sympathy to

The family of Rev. Frank Bowers, former pastor of Parkton Church and former moderator of the association passed away on September 13, 2008. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Dot Bowers and their family.

HIS LITTLE ONES

His Little Ones Pregnancy Support Services is holding its Life Banquet on Friday, October 17th at Kingdom Place in Lumberton from 6:30 to 8:30. The cost of the meal is \$6.00. We will have praise and worship and an auction of baskets to help meet the needs of the His Little Ones. If you or your church would like to make a basket for the auction, please let Helen Rogers know by calling 910-308-2583. Oakton Baptist Church is providing the meal. We need help with desserts and tea. Please make plans to attend. God is blessing every week as Moms

are coming to know Jesus as their Savior and babies are being clothed. We are open every Tuesday from 5:00 to 8:00 pm and Saturdays by appointments.



CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES



OCTOBER 2008

- 5-8 Robeson County Crusade at RCC
- 6 **Ministers Conference**
- 10-12 Literacy Missions Conference, Caraway
- 11-12 Royal Ambassador/Challenger Leadership Training, Caraway
- 12 **World Hunger Day**
- 23 **Fall Semi-Annual Meeting, Robeson Baptist Association Antioch**

NOVEMBER 2008

- 3 **Ministers Conference**
- 3 Baptist Women's Day of Prayer
- 9-16 **Week of Prayer & Special Offering for Baptist Children's Homes**
- 10-12 Baptist State Convention Annual Session, Raleigh
- 20 Region 3 NCBM Men's Ministry Rally
- 27 **THANKSGIVING DAY**

WMU PROJECT



Our Associational WMU Christmas project for the women's prison ministry is to collect hard candy that is individually wrapped. We need the candy in the associational office by October 24, 2008



Ministers' Anniversaries



OCTOBER

- 1 Rev. & Mrs. Gary Lucas, Back Swamp
- 14 Rev. & Mrs. Jeff Broadwell, Long Branch

NOVEMBER

- 5 Rev. & Mrs. Baxter Leigh, Forest Acres
- 27 Rev. & Mrs. Robert Britt, Beulah