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## Summer Pastors Breakfasts



Pastors, we invite you to come together for our upcoming pastors breakfasts on the first Tuesday of each month.

**Tuesday, July 7** 8:00-10:00 am

***Shepherding Sheep Who Have Wandered Away***

Pastors Roundtable

We will discuss how to effectively minister to church members who have not returned to the church campus and may be growing disconnected from God and fellow believers.

**Tuesday, August 4** 8:00-10:00 am

***Reconnecting the Church through Small Groups***

Ken Braddy - Sunday School Director, LifeWay

You will gain practical tips and tools for relaunching small groups online and on campus to enhance care, fellowship and discipleship.

**Tuesday, September 1** 9:00-11:00 am

***Preparing for Retirement Seminar***

Don McLeod from Guidestone will be our guest

Register at [threeriversba.org/events](https://threeriversba.org/events) or call TRBA at 864-834-9635



## Happy 4th of July!

As we celebrate our nation's birthday, let us remember to continue to pray for our country.

## TRBA Disaster Relief Serving Local Communities

The TRBA Disaster Relief Chainsaw Unit was called out to help several local communities with clean-up and tree removal. Our teams served in Greenville, Pumpkintown and Seneca. We are so grateful for the men and women who have served with us to minister in these communities.



## June Pastors Breakfast

On Tuesday, June 9, TRBA hosted a Pastors Breakfast discussing *Biblical Response to Racial Unrest*. Thank you Chaplain Bennie Durham and Sergeant Conrad Mansell from the Greenville County Sherriff's Office, and Alex Sands, President Elect of the SC Baptist Convention, for speaking on this very important topic.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### Churches and Dates

Contact these churches for ideas and information to help with your VBS.

Church	Dates	Time	Contact Person	Contact Info
Northwood	July 26-29	6:30-8:00 PM	Suzanne Rogers	864-616-6494
Gap Creek	August 5-7	6:30-8:30 PM	Ethan Griggs	gapcreekstudents@gmail.com

Pelham First had a great week of VBS in June thru a virtual platform and also had a Drive-Thru VBS Kit pick up and Drive-In Family Finale. Over 200 registered, mostly from the community. All virtual graded classes, crafts, music, intros and promos were videoed in a make shift studio on campus and are available to view at [pelhamfbc.com/VBS](http://pelhamfbc.com/VBS). The VBS Leadership Team and Media are available to assist you. Amanda Turner 864 901-2309 Samantha Powers 864 915-7567 Zach Powers (Media) 803 331-1853 or [zachpowers@pelhamfbc.com](mailto:zachpowers@pelhamfbc.com)

## Ordination Council Invitation

Pastors are invited to participate in the Ordination Council for Rev. Trent Henson

New Associate Pastor  
Washington Baptist Church  
Sunday, July 5 4:00 PM

# Sing! GLOBAL

GETTY MUSIC WORSHIP CONFERENCE

August 30 – September 2, 2020

SING! Global Worship Celebration  
with Keith and Kristyn Getty

If you plan to register for this online conference and would like to attend a Watch Party, please contact Tom Capps.





**Monday, September 14 9:00 - 11:30 AM**  
**TRBA Mission Center**

- How healthy is your church?
- If nothing changes, where will your church be in 5 years?
- What are you willing to do to lead your church to make a Kingdom impact in its community?

### ***Restoring Hope to Churches & Communities***

Hosted by TRBA Revitalization Team  
 Special Guest - Bob Bickford  
 Associate Director, Church Replanting  
 North American Mission Board

For information and registration, visit [threeiversba.org](http://threeiversba.org)

Space is limited, call Randy or Tom if interested.



## **TRBA Annual Missions Celebration** **ACROSS Our World**

**Sunday, October 11 Live Stream**

Special Guest - John Brady  
 Vice President for Global Engagement  
 International Mission Board SBC

## **GLOBAL MISSIONS LUNCH FOR PASTORS AND MISSION LEADERS**

**Monday, October 12 Noon**  
**Washington Baptist Church**

John Brady, International Mission Board  
 Discover how to engage the nations all around us.

*"The gospel is not virtual . . . it is viral.  
 It is spread person to person throughout the  
 community and around the world."*

## **A Word of Encouragement**

Let's remember to give thanks for the privilege of prayer as we continue to navigate 2020. The pandemic, economic crisis, social, and racial tensions demand we pray as never before. We have an opportunity to take all of these needs to our heavenly Father. Two verses come to mind as I think of God promises to us.

*Isaiah 41:10; "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."*

*1 Peter 5:6-7; "Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you."*

These promises are in God's word for such a time as this. The two things that stand out in my mind are the words "fear not" and "He cares for you". Let's hold to the fact that God wants us to fear not and to never forget He cares for us. Please meditate upon these truths today as you serve the Lord.

## **WELCOME NEW PASTORS**

### **Three Rivers Baptist Association Welcomes**

Dr. Gary Rogers - New Pastor  
*Northwood Baptist Church*

Rev. Barry Ellis - New Pastor  
*Gap Creek Baptist Church*

Rev. Rick Schubert - New Pastor  
*Pleasant Hill Baptist Church*

Rev. Dean Kunda - New Associate Pastor  
*Airport Baptist Church*

*Pray for these men as they shepherd God's people.*

## **Pray for These Churches in Transition**

Duncan First	Dr. Randy Kennedy	Interim
Enoree	Dr. Steve Crouse	Interim
Forestville	Dr. Bill Cashion	Interim
Gap Creek	Rev. Barry Ellis	New Pastor
Lima	Rev. Joe Hayes	Interim
Northwood	Dr. Gary Rogers	New Pastor
Oneal	Rev. Harold King	Interim
Pleasant Hill	Rev. Rick Schubert	New Pastor
Taylors First	Dr. Allen McWhite	Interim
Trinity Way	Dr. Gene Lockaby	Interim

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## July

6	Amy Baker	Abner Creek
6	Dwain Simmons	Freedom Fellowship
14	Terri Paris	Fairview
15	Allison Grubbs	Washington
15	Johnny Larrabee	Edgewood
16	Kim Clark	Holly Springs
16	Shannon Hardin	Clearview
16	Emily Hoffman	Greer Station
16	Ashley Merck	TRBA
18	Jamie Southerlin	Paris Mountain
19	Kevin Batson	Taylors First
19	Paul Manous	Hillcrest
28	Eric Sinclair	TR Community Church

## August

3	Tommy Wallace	North Fork
11	David Cline	Taylors First
12	Patrick Clark	Pelham First
12	Scott Norman	Taylors First
12	Becci Owens	Forestville
12	Bill Tyler	Riverside
13	Mark Lawing	Airport
17	Ruth Anne Catoe	Slater
17	Retta Durham	Clearview
18	Denise Sudduth	TRBA
19	Rosa Manous	Hillcrest
26	Eddie Leopard	Fairview
26	Brian Richardson	Clearview
31	Kevin Elders	Pebble Creek
31	Larry McDonald	Greer Station



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