

SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:

- Important information concerning Reach Rowan with special insert
- Executive Council Mtg. date changed
- WMU Report
- Brotherhood report
- Worldwide Mom's Day of Prayer
- Christmas Store Report



# E-Newsletter

VOLUME 1, ISSUE 1

JANUARY, 2009

## My House Shall Be Called a House of Prayer for All Nations

Isaiah 56:6-8 (NKJV) “Also the sons of the foreigner Who join themselves to the LORD, to serve Him, And to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants—Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And holds fast My covenant—<sup>7</sup>Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.”<sup>8</sup>The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, says, “Yet I will gather to him *Others* besides those who are gathered to him.”

Matthew, Mark, and Luke recorded that the Lord's house is to be a house of prayer.

Matthew 21:13 And (Jesus) said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

Mark 11:17 And he (Jesus) taught, saying unto them, It is not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? But ye have made it a den of thieves.

Luke 9:46 (Jesus) Saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

The text sheds light on what a house of prayer looks like.

A house of prayer is characterized by:

1. Service. Those who have joined themselves to the Lord will serve the Lord, and be his servants. Two different words are used to define service. One refers to ministerial service, and the other refers to missionary service. From a ministerial service, we are to serve one another! The body of Christ is called by God to see to it that we care for one another. From a missionary service, we are to serve the nations! God has placed on His people the responsibility of serving the nations.
2. Love. Those truly joined to the Lord will love the name of the Lord! Today many people are hostile to the name of Jesus. They suppress the name. They hate the name. A genuine child of God will love the name of Jesus.
3. Obedience. A person who is joined to the Lord will honor what God honors. In Exodus 20:8 God clearly says, “Honor the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.” A person who is joined to the Lord will hold fast to God's covenant.

4. Worship. Who shall ascend to the holy hill of God? He who has clean hands and a pure heart. Worship on the holy mountain of God will include rejoicing, giving the tithes and offerings, and praying.
5. Soul-winning. Isaiah declared, “I will gather to him others besides those who are gathered to him.” Those joined to the Lord are called to gather to the Lord others who have not yet been joined to the Lord.

How does your church measure up to our Lord's call to be a house of prayer? Lord Jesus, increase our service. Increase our love for Jesus, and the world. Increase our obedience. Increase our worship. Increase our soul-winning (See Publications on REACH ROWAN).



**Lord,  
make our house,  
a house of prayer!**

*Focus on  
WMU Week  
Feb. 9-15, 2009  
This year's Focus:  
"Called to Love  
Through WMU"*



**Worldwide  
Mom's  
Day of Prayer  
Oakdale Baptist  
Saturday,  
January 17, 2009  
9:00am—2:00pm**

Prayer website:  
[www.momsdayofprayer.com](http://www.momsdayofprayer.com)

## WMU Theme for 2008-2009: "Called to Love"

Now is the time to make reservations for WMU Missions Extravaganza at Life-way Ridgecrest Conference Center, March 20-22, 2009. This is an excellent opportunity for meeting and learning how to pray for missionaries. Break-out sessions on Friday afternoon and Saturday provide time for laughing, listening, learning, and sharing with women all across North Carolina. For more information, call Dee Dee Moody at 704-637-3325 ([deemoo@carolina.rr.com](mailto:deemoo@carolina.rr.com)) or visit the website at [www.wmunc.org](http://www.wmunc.org). Information is also available in Tarheel Talk..

A message from Shirley Napier, President of Christian Women's Job Corps Board of Directors: "Thanks to everyone for their prayer support in 2008. We are asking you to continue being prayer warriors for CWJC in

2009. With prayer support, the ministry seeks to fulfill its purpose, focuses on God's will, and allows God to use us. We wait for His direction. Thanks to everyone who has been a member of the "Just \$10" Club. CWJC needs your continued financial support in 2009. Ask your friends, Sunday School classes, WMU groups, and others to join. Monies will be used for Bibles, study materials and classroom aids for the students.

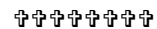
CWJC will re-double our efforts for mentors and volunteers after January 1, so get your questions ready. CWJC Rowan is God's ministry. This is His time for CWJC organization and outreach to desperate women who need a "hand-up" not a "hand-out" and who have a tender heart to receive God's love. He is blessing us with women who will begin a Bible study in January. Come, see how you can serve!"



The WMU Emphasis Book for 2008-2009 is an excellent read! [Compelled by Love: The Most Excellent Way to Missional Living](#) by Ed Stetzer and Philip Nation. The book may be ordered at [wmu.com](http://wmu.com) or by calling 1-800-968-7301.



Many of us through the years have met Rebekah Naylor, IMB missionary to India for 35 years. On the North Carolina Baptist State Convention website, there is an excellent biography and video of her life story, posted December 8, 2008. The selection is entitled "A Modern Lottie Moon."



**Don't Forget  
to Register for  
WMU Missions  
Extravaganza  
Ridgecrest Conference  
Center  
March 20-22, 2009**

## Legacy: A Mother/Daughter Retreat

There will be a special Legacy: A Mother/Daughter Retreat that will be held at Fort Caswell on March 27-28, 2009. This event is sponsored by Embrace, NC Baptist Women's Mission & Ministries. More information is

available on the North Carolina Baptist State Convention website or [www.embracenc.org](http://www.embracenc.org) or by calling 1-800-395-5102 ext. 5514

"A woman who fears the Lord will be praised..."

Proverbs 31:30



# Reach Rowan



**Reach Rowan**, sponsored by Rowan Southern Baptist Association Youth Leadership Team, is an evangelistic initiative to reach Rowan County, North Carolina with the gospel through door-to-door evangelism, backyard VBS, parties in the park, and nightly evangelistic events. Jr. High, Sr. High, and College students from participating churches will be divided into three person teams. Each team is accompanied by an adult supervisor. Teams are assigned neighborhoods and streets

for door-to-door surveys, teams are deployed throughout the county to conduct evangelistic Backyard Bible Clubs and “parties in the park” for local children. Evangelistic events and worship services will be held each night.

To sign up or for more information, please go to our website:

[www.RowanSBA.org](http://www.RowanSBA.org)

Click on Reach Rowan

Acts 18:9-10

## Participating Churches:

Calvary Baptist

Carmel Baptist

Franklin Baptist

Lao Baptist

S. China Grove Baptist

Trading Ford Baptist

Please join us

for this evangelistic effort!

## Two Important

**Meeting this**

**Month:**

*Associational Council:*

*Mon., January 12,*

*7:00pm*

*Associational Office*

\*\*\*\*\*

*Executive Council*

*Meeting:*

*(Pastor and 2*

*Representatives)*

*Monday, January 19,*

*(Note date change)*

*7:00pm*

*Associational Office*

*Any questions,*

*please call the office*

*at 704-637-3407*

## January, 2009 RSBA Brotherhood Up-Date

January 9—Baptist Men’s Board Meeting at Caraway Conference Center. Please pray for these NC Men Leaders and for our Associational Men’s Director, Clyde Yates.

January 25—Baptist Men’s Day in churches. This is a means of recognizing and showing appreciation for the service of men in our churches. If you need help planning this special observance, just call

Clyde Yates at 704-633-0099.

February 2—RA Faith & Family Night with the Charlotte Bobcats, followed by a concert

March—Father/Son Overnight Camp (grades 1-6) Camp Caraway

March 20-21—Baptist Missions Conference/Baptist Men’s Convention, Hickory Grove, Charlotte.

**Special:** I have been approached by Cabarrus Baptist Association missionary for mission/evangelism ministries, who is seeking to form a Christian Men Job Corps and asked us to pray with him about this effort. Note: Our association’s WMU this past year has worked to initiate a Christian Women’s Job Corps. Prayer is the key to such a timely and very needed outreach!

### Rowan Southern Baptist Association Summary Financial Report - November 2008

		Month	Month	YTD	YTD	Total
		Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
<b>General Fund Spending:</b>						
1000	Salaries, Allow ances, Honoraria	\$5,939	\$6,063	\$64,057	\$66,691	\$72,754
2000	Employee Benefits	1,011	1,151	12,508	12,662	13,813
3000	Ministry Support	551	600	5,134	6,600	7,200
4000	Organizational Support	519	1,423	7,354	15,648	17,070
5000	Operating Expenses	1,654	2,053	20,591	22,587	24,640
6000	Capital Expenditures	0	125	900	1,375	1,500
<b>Total General Fund Spending</b>		<b>\$9,675</b>	<b>\$11,415</b>	<b>\$110,545</b>	<b>\$125,562</b>	<b>\$136,977</b>
			<b>Beginning</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Spending</b>	<b>Ending</b>
<b>Funds Report:</b>			<b>Balance</b>			<b>Balance</b>
9010	General Fund		\$66,655	\$6,818	\$9,675	\$63,798
9020	Disaster Base Fund		764	0	0	764
9021	Disaster Relief Building		500	0	0	500
9031	Feeding Unit		100	0	0	100
9040	Baptist Men Mission		623	0	0	623
9041	WMU		82	0	0	82
9042	N. C. Baptist Hospital		100	0	0	100
9043	Christian Women’s Job Corps		429	0	0	429
9061	Huneycutt Scholarship Fund (Principal)		27,840	0	0	27,840
9070	Seminary Extension		534	0	0	534
9080	Christmas Store		463	1,470	117	1,816
9090	Language Ministry		537	0	0	537
9105	Baptist State Convention - Missions		1,132	0	0	1,132
9107	Baptist State Convention - Summer Intern Program		0	0	0	0
9110	Administrative Assistant Retirement		0	0	(10)	10
9120	Payroll Taxes Payable - Federal		335	0	(335)	670
9130	Payroll Taxes Payable - State		86	0	(86)	172
<b>Total Funds</b>			<b>\$100,180</b>	<b>\$8,288</b>	<b>\$9,361</b>	<b>\$99,107</b>
<p>Note: Detailed financial reports will be published at the end of each calendar quarter. Any questions should be directed to Darrell Carper, Treasurer. 704-433-2136 or darrellcarper@bellsouth.net</p>						



**Non-Profit Organization**  
**U.S. Postage PAID**  
**Permit No. 39**  
**Salisbury, NC**

**Rowan Southern Baptist Association**  
**832 South Main Street, Salisbury, NC 28144**  
**Phone: 704-637-3407 Fax: 704-637-5722**  
**E-mail: RowanSBA@bellsouth.net**



**January Birthdays:**

- 1-Rev. Mike Motley, Pastor, Trading Ford
- 12-Mrs. Norma Thomas, Pastor's wife, Franklin
- 15- Rev. Brent Barker, RSBA Associational Missionary
- 17- Rev. John Gray, Associate Pastor, Carmel
- 19- Mrs. Elaine Beaver, Pastor's wife, Main Street
- 23- Mrs. Linda Gray, Pastor, wife Associate Pastor, Carmel
- 31- Rev. Bill Little, Pastor, Dunn's Mountain



**Pastor Corner:**

**Attention all pastors,  
associate pastors  
& retired pastors:  
Don't forget to join us  
for our weekly  
Pastor's Conference  
every Tuesday  
11:30am  
Place: TBA**

**Rowan Southern  
Baptist Association  
E-Newsletter**

Why not receive your e-mail faster and easier. Sign up today and receive your newsletter by email. Just go to our website: **www.RowanSBA.org**

Click on E-Newsletter  
And register!

Any questions just call the office.



**January Anniversaries:**

- 17-Rev. & Mrs. Franklin (Ruby) Myers, Pastor, Spencer First
- 27- Mr. & Mrs. Bob (Mary) Jones, Administrative Assistant

**Prayer Requests:**

**Please keep Rev. Richard Gross, Pastor of Oakdale Baptist and Rev. Harold Hughes, Pastor of Sherrill's Ford in your prayers during their illness.**

