

# The Trumpet

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January 2017

## He Came From California...

He came from California to fight fires in the mountains of North Carolina. He leaves a renewed soul.

Dale Duncan, a long-time Baptist Men Disaster Relief volunteer, explains, "I saw this young firefighter come into the dining area for supper. He caught my eye because he looked so tense and stressed out. I walked over to his table and asked if there was anything he needed.

"Brother, he told me, there's nothing anyone can do except pray for me and my friends. So, I prayed for them and the young man asked if I could meet privately with him," Dale said. There, in the Avery County town of Crossnore, Michael Serota, a 43-year-old ex-convict, wept for Jesus to enter his life.

"I felt tears running down my face that I thought I never had any more. That night I renewed my life to Jesus and as I opened my eyes, the dim went away and life was brighter again," he gratefully proclaims.

Michael explains he knew Jesus and His love before going to prison. However, more than nine years behind bars left him an empty vessel. When he was summoned to fight the North Carolina wild fires Michael said he wasn't going to take the call. "But," he added, "that little voice inside me said, 'Take it.' I just want to say when you hear that little voice, listen to it."

In Crossnore, Michael was among 180 firefighters from across the nation housed and fed in a site manned by local volunteers

under the guidance of Dale Duncan. The site included a dining area, sleeping units, shower, and laundry units.

"On a Saturday night," Michael explained, "I walked in to eat dinner and I saw this man in yellow look at me. As I looked at him, I could see the eyes of Jesus in him. I got my food and I sat at my table and didn't touch a thing. Trying to understand what just happened, I felt his hand on my shoulder as he said, 'Hi, my name is Dale.'

"I felt this lump in my throat I haven't felt in sometime. I asked him if he could talk to me. We went into my room and I told him

everything about me. As I prayed 'The Sinner's Prayer,' I felt that I needed to apologize to a crew member I got into an argument with that day. I went to him and asked that he forgive me. He did, with a smile. That felt so good and the pressure is gone."

Michael gave his testimony to fellow firefighters and added, "If you feel you can't or are afraid to talk to someone, you may miss a door that is being opened for you."

*Submitted by NC Baptist Men.*



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## WBA DR: 2017 Plans

Jan 3, 2017: The new command center will open at **Haw Bluff Baptist Church** (1433 Haw Bluff Rd, Ivanhoe). An abandoned warehouse on Hwy 210 E has also been donated to store materials.

This will be expensive! Want to donate? Please mark all contributions as: NC Baptist Men, ref: Hurricane Matthew, Black River Rebuild.

Questions? Call or email Mike Moser at mose2911@gmail.com or 910-473-2911.

## WBA DR by the Numbers

WBA Disaster Relief for Hurricane Matthew has provided

- Tearout complete of 76 homes & Bethlehem Baptist Church
- 334 volunteers
- and an estimated 2240 manhours of work
- Command Center at Centerville BC, Kelly, maintained for 63 days!

# WMU

Marsha Cook, WMU Director

*WMU bringing Missions to Life, Missions for Life*

1Cor:9:22b-23 "I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the Gospel, that I may share in its blessings"

## Fun & Fellowship for Women of all Ages!

Jan 28 Salad Supper, Temple BC 6-8:00pm (Market Street)

Theme: "The Missing Puzzle Piece"

Missions Guest: Jane Poole, Ms. Jane & Friends Gospel

Ministries—Sharing the Gospel with Children in the Dominican Republic & NC

Bring: a salad or dessert *and* a non-perishable food for WBA Food Pantry

Be sure to RSVP! Call/text Sandy Rooks 910-470-2703 or rsrooks3@gmail.com

## Prayer Retreat

March 17-18 at Caswell Conference Center

Start your promo and make plans to attend.

Info packet mailing Jan 5

Cost: \$75

## WMU FOCUS WEEK February 5-12

Promote Missions Education, WMU & the Heck-Jones

Offering and what your WMU is doing,

Plan a Special Women's Event---Call Attention to WMU for the cause of missions.

## Seminary in a Day

A one day, six-hour course designed to improve pastoral skills for all levels of experience, designed for both pastors and lay-people. Teaching points include:

- Preaching – principles of biblical interpretation, preaching, outlines, illustrations, introductions, conclusions and filing
- Pastoral – secrets of effective pastoral care, counseling, and visitation
- Leadership – learning to be a pastoral leader, two effective secret weapons, managing church conflict

Saturday, January 21, 2017—8:30-3:30. Cost: \$10 for book.

Register at WBA Resource Center, (910) 799-1160 or andrea@yourwba.org

Developed and taught by Dr. Michael K. Moore (seneca43@yahoo.com or (910) 458-7146).

## January Pastor's Fellowships

Thursday, January 12, 2017

**DAYTIME:** Noon-1:15pm with Lunch at

WBA Resource Center

(610 S College Road, Wilmington)

**EVENING:** 6pm-7:15pm with Dinner at

Burgaw Baptist Church

(100 E Bridgers St., Burgaw)

## Upcoming Events

January 12	Pastors Fellowships
January 21	Seminary in a Day
January 26	Executive Committee Meeting
February 1	Senior Adult Rally
February 10	Minister/Spouse Valentine Banquet with Monthly Pastors Fellowship
February 16	Mission Team to South Africa

## Disaster Relief Training

March 31-April 1, 2017

Robeson County

Join us for a great two-day event where you and other volunteers from your church will learn the ins and outs of responding in a disaster. Be prepared for the next hurricane, wild fire, winter storm and more! Registration opens in January.



## Church Announcements

- Long Leaf Baptist (Wilmington) called Joshua Reilly as Pastor. He will begin January 8, 2017.
- Seagate Baptist (Wilmington) called Dave Wilder as Interim Pastor. He will begin January 1, 2017.

# 2016 Report, 2017 Expectations

Roy Smith

## Merry Christmas!

It is sad how society influences us to rush through the holidays. Last month many shops were displaying Christmas decorations even before Thanksgiving. In this “January” edition of the Trumpet, it is tempting to write **Happy New Year** even before we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus, on Christmas. I, for one, am thoroughly enjoying this season as we take in as many Church Christmas programs as possible.

I was impressed to learn that Poston Baptist Church in Wallace is extending their Lottie Moon Christmas offering through the month of January. I like that we give to international missions during the same season that we celebrate the birth of Christ. So, what are you giving to Christ this Christmas? We look forward to sharing Christmas lunch with homeless people through the Church Without Walls and Pastor James Jameson.

As we soon celebrate the New Year, many will make resolutions and set goals. This is a great time to reflect and pray about where God is working and where He is inviting us to join Him.

As I reflect on 2016 in the WBA, I am thankful for the opportunity to serve the pastors and congregations that make up the WBA. I am praying for the churches that will return to active status in 2017 as well as those new churches that will choose to affiliate with us. There are many things we can measure in church; the most important being the number of disciples who are making

disciples. God sees on the inside, but we only see outward signs. Thus, the number of baptisms is a wonderful kingdom performance indicator (KPI).

I look forward to the **WBA Executive Committee Meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>** (2 pm in the WBA Resource Center). We haven’t had an Executive Committee in several years. The Executive Committee is made up of a Pastor and Lay Representative from each member church. The meeting won’t be long, but should be inspirational as we celebrate the past year:

- over 290 baptisms reported,
- 49 churches reporting Annual Church Profiles,
- an increase in church contributions and
- most churches engaged in disaster relief after hurricane Matthew.

We will also look forward with plans for kingdom work in 2017:

- shifting from disaster relief to disaster recovery or rebuilding,
- making more disciples,
- leadership training,
- ministering to people next door,
- growing in prayer in order to bless our neighbors and networks through ministry, and
- continuing to fine tune our budget priorities.

## God bless us in the New Year!

### January Birthdays—Ministers and Spouses

Lamont Hemminger	2	Centerville
Wes Davis	2	FBC Wilmington
Connie Vigus	4	FBC Wilmington
Carolyn Moser	6	WBA Volunteer
Art Sauer	6	Rileys Creek
Kim McIntyre	7	Wrightsville Beach
Jan Blackwell	13	Pine Valley
Paul Waters	14	Myrtle Grove
James Jamison	20	Hope For All Nations
Richard Phillips	21	Retired
Wayne Holly	27	Castle Hayne
Ashley Welch	28	The Bridge
Mary Hawes	29	Retired
Vickie Armstrong	30	Retired
Whitnee Mays	31	Freedom

Please send birthdays (month/day) for ministers and spouses to [andrea@yourwba.org](mailto:andrea@yourwba.org) or call (910) 799-1160.



**GO CONFERENCE**  
*Discover your mission. GO change the world.*

**January 27-28, 2017 | Wake Forest, NC**

**Plenary Speakers: Danny Akin, Matt Carter, Tony Merida**  
**GO Talks: Andrew McNair, Brianna Weir**

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# Financial Report: November 2016

## Associational Gifts from Churches

Church	Nov 2016	2016 YTD	2015 YTD	Church	Nov 2016	2016 YTD	2015 YTD
Atkinson	625.00	1,625.00	1,000.00	Myrtle Grove	478.47	4,434.24	2,990.01
Barlow-Vista	176.16	2,108.59	1,132.69	Natmoore	0.00	1,010.68	0.00
Bear Branch	0.00	0.00	286.52	Nuevo Pacto Iglesia	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bethlehem	0.00	500.00	400.00	New Hope – Leland	0.00	0.00	0.00
Burgaw	2,125.00	5,678.00	3,500.00	Northside	0.00	400.00	6,650.00
Calvary	305.75	1,266.32	380.43	Oak Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00
Canetuck	0.00	0.00	0.00	Ogden	1,338.60	12,537.56	4,715.36
Cape Fear	212.71	1,169.11	350.72	Olivet	1,350.00	2,700.00	2,250.00
Castle Hayne	0.00	0.00	0.00	Penderlea	130.00	1,461.00	557.00
Centerville	0.00	4,048.15	2,265.26	Pine Valley	390.36	3,800.23	1,815.34
Chinese Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	Primera Bautista	0.00	525.00	375.00
College Acres	594.81	4,622.44	6,561.97	Renovation Church	0.00	0.00	0.00
Crossroads	0.00	0.00	738.24	Riley's Creek	1,250.00	16,000.00	10,353.54
Currie Comm.	0.00	250.00	0.00	River of Leland	0.00	0.00	0.00
FBC, Carolina Bch	0.00	0.00	0.00	St. Paul Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00
FBC, Wilmington	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	Salt Covenant	300.00	500.00	
Forest Hills	598.62	5,246.28	2,464.38	Scotts Hill	1,250.00	13,750.00	10,000.02
Freedom	0.00	100.00	2,500.02	Sea Gate	0.00	333.86	0.00
Galilee Missionary	0.00	600.00	0.00	Shiloh	406.47	3,458.94	2,744.72
Gibson Avenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	Silver Lake	0.00	100.00	0.00
Greenfield	0.00	400.00	0.00	Southside	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hampstead	100.00	400.00	11,951.14	Sunset Park	384.84	6,233.21	0.00
Haw Bluff	600.00	2,400.00	1,200.00	Temple	399.00	4,257.00	2,660.00
Hope for All Nations	0.00	340.00	100.00	The Bridge ILM	50.00	450.00	4,188.79
Ivanhoe	0.00	1,500.00	600.00	The Gathering	82.50	907.50	495.00
First Baptist, KBC	261.84	3,126.73	1,012.52	Topsail	0.00	5,262.95	1,345.47
Lake Forest	200.00	1,200.00	558.15	Victory Baptist	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
Lifewalk Church	0.00	0.00	1,662.31	Watha	0.00	0.00	0.00
Living Grace	0.00	0.00	0.00	Whispering Pines	0.00	4,465.71	626.18
Long Creek	200.00	1,400.00	600.00	Willard	24.44	407.16	439.56
Long Leaf	100.00	400.00	0.00	Wilm Korean	100.00	1,100.00	600.00
Masonboro	0.00	1,786.78	1,614.90	Winter Park	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mission of Burgaw	0.00	0.00	0.00	Wrightsboro	1,392.22	16,239.07	6,857.72
Mision Bautista	140.47	902.87	400.63	Wrightsville Beach	0.00	3,750.00	4,000.00
Moore's Creek	0.00	3,915.00	1,339.50				
Mount Holly	282.06	2,512.40	1,170.90				
				<b>Totals</b>	<b>15,849.32</b>	<b>153,581.78</b>	<b>108,453.99</b>
				<b>Budget Requirement</b>	<b>20,469.62</b>	<b>225,165.82</b>	<b>244,361.59</b>

### MISSIONS IMPACT 2016

Contributions in 2016 \$ 3,081.00  
 Goal \$ 15,000.00

### BUDGET SUMMARY

### NOVEMBER

### YTD

Budget Contributions	\$ 15,849.32	\$153,581.78
Other Contributions		17,378.91
Transfers		24,958.61
Total	\$ 15,849.32	\$195,919.30
Budget Expenses	- 14,658.87	-219,416.80
Net Difference	\$ 1,190.45	(\$ 23,497.50)

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