



*Coach
Connector
Catalyst*

Sullivan Baptist Association Connections

August/September 2015

*The SBA exists to
partner with our
churches in:*

Strengthening

*Christ-like
Servant Leadership*

*Coaching
Workshop*

Building

*Christ-like
Unity & Community*

*Associational VBS
Clinic*

Advancing

*Christ-like
Love & Acceptance*

*Tennessee Travel
Teams*



Tuesday, October 22, 2015

Calvary Baptist Church

6 pm

Registration begins at 5:15 pm.

Reminder ACP Packets and Messenger Sheets are due in the
SBA Office

by Monday, October 12, 2015. ACP Packets were mailed on
Thursday, July 30, 2015.

Please call the SBA Office if you have any questions,
343-8010 or email office@SullivanBA.org.

EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING

Thursday, September 3, 2015

Lynn Garden Baptist Church

10 am

On Mission with Chris

We live in a world that is lonely and has lost hope. The cultural naysayers are constantly spreading a depressing pessimistic view of the world. Predictions are that this generation will be the first to be less successful than the previous generation, and will be the first to leave the world in worse shape than when they found it. And why shouldn't they? When we (and they) look around all we see is death, poverty, sexual deviance, and war. Read the paper, watch the news, or surf the net and it becomes crystal clear why the world is generally pessimistic.

But we, the people of the Sullivan Baptist Association, have found a reason to hope. We have a reason to roll out of bed every morning, a reason to dream. Though it may sound trite, **our hope is Jesus**. Our hope lies in the fact that our Creator desires to see transformation in our world. We are the people through whom He wants to make Himself known and create change. We have been given an opportunity to make something of ourselves, to surpass those who have come before, and to leave a legacy of change in our wake.

This is why we have established “Advancing Christ-Like Love and Acceptance” as one of our core values. Because we believe that the church is not a building, but the church is who we are and what we do. So by extending ourselves and loving our neighbors and our city, we intend to share the hope and freedom that we have found in Jesus.

Let us not grow weary, let us be faithful to our calling and Jesus' mission.

Chris Alford

Husband, Father, Pastor, Coach, & Missionary

Year-to-date Undesignated Gifts to the SBA 10/01/2014 to 6/30/2015

Total Received	\$84,084.40
Total Needed	\$83,311.38

Strengthening Christ-Like Leadership as a Coach

Roundtables bring together pastors and church leaders, who are serving in the Tri-Cities area to connect, share, inspire, and equip one another. They are a great opportunity to live out *iron sharpening iron*. After taking a brief summer break, our roundtables are starting once again in August.

In our upcoming roundtables, experienced leaders will facilitate in a gospel-centered environment where we will speak to each others ministry needs, best practices, and connect with a network of leaders.

In addition to our monthly roundtable we are exploring a new "Breaking Barriers" roundtable focused on helping churches break through the 200 barrier as they faithfully reach their community for Christ. If you are interested in joining this new roundtable as a participant or as a coach please contact Chris at chris@sullivanba.org.

Check the upcoming events page for times and locations.



Building Christ-Like Unity and Community as a Connector

Due to the recent SCOTUS ruling on same-sex marriage, we would like to recommend the following resources for your church. There is an FREE eBook available on The Ethics & Religious Liberty website. You can find that at <https://erlc.com/store/>, then download the eBook titled Protecting Your Ministry.

Also, the Tennessee Baptist Convention published a special, additional articles in the July 15, 2015 edition of the Baptist & Reflector. They have delivered extra copies of that edition to the SBA Office. If you would like a copy of that edition, please feel free to drop by the office to pick up a copy during business hours.

Advancing Christ-Like Love and Acceptance as a Catalyst

The SBA along with Tri-Cities Baptist Church is partnering with God's activity of church planting in the city of Portland, Oregon. We are partnering with the North American Mission Board (NAMB) who is providing pastors and churches like yours an opportunity to see the work and prayerfully get involved.

We have been given the opportunity to take a "Catch the Vision Tour (CTV) to learn about Portland and this church planting strategy. The dates for the CTV Tour is **September 28-30, 2015**.

We will be spending time together getting to know planters and vision/strategy for church planting, touring Portland to grasp the need and understand the culture, and take in a baseball game!

If you would like more info on the CTV trip, contact Chris Alford at the SBA office. For more information on NAMB's Send City initiative go to <http://www.namb.net/send-cities/> for more information:

UPCOMING EVENTS

Roundtable Dates

Thursday, August 13 -

The Bagel Exchange., Kingsport, 10 am

Thursday, August 20 -

Willow Tree Coffee House, Johnson City, 10 am

Thursday, September 10 -

The Bagel Exchange., Kingsport, 10 am

Thursday, September 17 -

Willow Tree Coffee House, Johnson City, 10 am

Sullivan Secretaries

Tuesday, October 13th

Cookout, Kingsport

11:30 am



Every Tuesday - 830 Prayer, Bill's Automotive

Bulletin Board

To Give Away:

Baldwin 520 Organ

with 2 external speakers

If interested please contact

Orebank Missionary Baptist Church

423-288-4881

M-F 9 am- 12 noon



Ministry Opportunities

We are currently searching for ministry partner in the following areas:

- Simple office work...such as filing, cleaning, etc.
- We are also looking for a volunteer reporter.

If any of these opportunities spark your interest, please contact the office at

office@SullivanBA.org or call 343-8010.

Stay Connected

There are several ways to stay connected with the SBA on upcoming events:

Subscribe to our weekly newsletter, the SBA Happenings

Visit our website and check out the SBA Calendar at www.SullivanBA.org.

Like our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/sullivanbaptistassociation>



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