

# Baptist Men's Day



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## IDEAS FOR PLANNING BAPTIST MEN'S DAY IN YOUR CHURCH

The fourth Sunday in January is the designated day each year for Baptist Men's Day. Churches use this day to remind their entire congregation of the importance of Baptist Men's ministry within the church, community, and the world. The 82nd observance of Baptist Men's Day this year falls on January 24. But if January 24 is not a convenient date for Baptist Men's Day in your church, please feel free to plan it for any another Sunday.

Here are some tips to help you prepare for this important day in your church:

- ◇ Form a planning team. This team should reflect the size of your church and Baptist Men's group. Those who comprise the team might include the church Baptist Men's director, the Men's Ministries director, the pastor or assigned staff member, and two or three other men.
- ◇ Your planning team should begin meeting at least two months before Baptist Men's Day. Look toward accomplishment of the following:
  - Coordinate the date on church calendar.
  - Determine what you hope to accomplish.
  - Plan activities to accomplish these goals.
  - Determine who will carry out these goals.
  - Make assignments.
  - Secure needed materials.
  - Keep track of the progress.

### Six Weeks Before...

- ◇ Select a special ministry project to be completed in conjunction with Baptist Men's Day. (see special section on p. 2)

Visit our website at [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org) for more Men's Ministry resources. Go to "Church Programs/Men's Ministry/Baptist Men's Day".

## "Rescued and Redeemed"

*Matthew 8: 14-17*

- ◇ Plan a Sunday morning prayer breakfast along with Baptist Men's Day. (See p. 2)
- ◇ Consult with your pastor about the Sunday morning service. Ask your pastor about adopting the ideas - or similar ideas - suggested on page 3. If your men do not participate in the service, ask your pastor to bring a challenging message to men or to suggest a guest speaker to do so.
- ◇ Plan a recognition time during the morning or evening service for men involved in missions and ministries through your local Baptist Men. Sample certificates are available from NCBM—[mabernathy@ncbaptist.org](mailto:mabernathy@ncbaptist.org).
- ◇ Select men to share testimonies of missions and ministry involvement in each adult Sunday School class.
- ◇ Select men to share testimonies of missions and ministry involvement during the service.

### One Month Before...

- ◇ Place announcements of BMD activities in the church bulletin and newsletter.
- ◇ Have a display of Men's Ministries materials and photographs of your activities over the past year ready for display in the church foyer.
- ◇ Enlist men to make announcements about BMD activities in all adult Sunday School classes for each of the next four Sundays.
- ◇ Begin practice for men's choir.
- ◇ Begin creation of a short PowerPoint of the past year's Baptist Men's activities to be shown during the worship service.
- ◇ Confirm with those responsible for all activities you have decided upon.
- ◇ Check progress of all plans and correct anything not progressing as scheduled.

## BAPTIST MEN'S DAY SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

Plan a special event for the Saturday before Baptist Men's Day. Some suggestions are listed below. There may be other activities appropriate to your church and community as well.

Conduct a "Handyman Ministry Day" dedicated to helping those who may not be physically able to do simple household chores. This can be for church members, and/or as an outreach to the community.

Conduct an Outdoor Ministry event and/or wild game supper, incorporated with a men's worship rally on Saturday night.

Plan a Men's Golf tournament or other outing that unchurched men could be invited to.

Plan a showing of the "The Real Win" DVD (session 1—available from Lifeway) for the night before Baptist Men's Day. Plan a meal and be sure to invite unchurched men. Incorporate worshipful singing, small group discussion, and a prayer time. Use this as a kick-off to doing the rest of the six session series with your men.

*(Visit our website at [www.baptistsonmission.org/mensministry](http://www.baptistsonmission.org/mensministry) or e-mail [mabernathy@ncbaptist.org](mailto:mabernathy@ncbaptist.org)—for more info)*

## BAPTIST MEN'S DAY SUNDAY GATHERING

A men's gathering is an excellent way to start your Baptist Men's Day celebration. It allows men to gather for fellowship, a spiritual challenge, and prayer before the activities of the day.

This gathering can serve three purposes: it calls men together to discover what God is doing in their lives and the life of the church; it is a good way to encourage ongoing relationship-building among men; and it can be used as a challenge to begin small groups (prayer or book study) if they do not already exist in your church. When praying men come together, it makes a difference!

If your church does not currently have a Baptist Men's Ministry, perhaps this would be a good time to discuss beginning one. Call the Baptist Men's office for starter information.

Some churches ask the church hostess to prepare a breakfast for this. In others, men prepare the food themselves or meet in a local restaurant.

## Suggested Schedule:

- ◇ **25 minutes:** Breakfast and fellowship.
- ◇ **3 minutes:** Welcome & opening prayer.
- ◇ **5 minutes:** Promote opportunities for your men, including: Disaster Relief Training, Local, State, National, or International Mission Projects. Go to our website for ideas.

Also Promote:

**Special Baptist Men's Day Offering.** Consider taking up a special offering to help in one of several on-going ministry needs. To learn more, go to [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org). Click on "Giving/Least of These" to see a list of possibilities. You can give online or make checks payable to NCBM, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512. Put the name of the particular ministry you wish to give to in the memo of the check.

**NC Missions Conference.** Plan to attend the NC Baptist Missions Conference, which will be held April 15-16, 2016 at Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Charlotte. Call the NCBM office at 919-459-5596 or visit our website at [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org) information.

- ◇ **10 minutes:** Explanation of the Men's Ministries program in your church or a challenge to begin one. Go to the NCBM website at [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org) to view information about how to have a well-rounded ministry to men in your church on a consistent basis. Cast a vision for your men of how this might look in your church. Download any number of Men's Ministry handouts, including the manual "Men's Ministries: A Resource for Starting and Strengthening Men's Ministries In Your Church" or show a Men's Ministry Power-Point presentation. [Click on Church Programs/Men's Ministry and go to the Events and Resources page]
- ◇ **5 minutes:** Show a NCBM video segment. NCBM has a YouTube channel. Mission video segments can be found on this channel, depicting a variety of mission opportunities—such as Disaster Relief, International and National Missions, Handyman, and much more. Go to our website at [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org). Click on the YouTube icon at the top of the page. You can stream the video from the site, or call the Baptist Men's office to see about receiving one of these videos on DVD (according to availability): 1-800-395-5102, x 5596.
- ◇ **7 minutes:** Singing of praise choruses

**10 minutes:** Scripture & Theme Interpretation

Theme: Rescued and Redeemed  
Scripture: Matthew 8:14-17

A general definition of the word "redeem" is to "buy back" or "recover something by making payment". Most of us have heard the story of the Ragman by Walter Wangerin, Jr. It tells of a mysterious man who roams the streets of the city, calling out for people to bring to him their old, worn out, useless rags. He takes not only their old rags, replacing them with clean, new ones—he also takes on their infirmities and afflictions, making them new as well! (*Google "old rags for new" if you are unfamiliar with the story*). The Ragman, of course, is our Christ, the one who has "bought us back" by paying our unpayable debt owed to God.

The passage in Matthew 8 tells of Jesus' miraculous healing of Peter's mother-in-law. Upon seeing that she had a fever, he simply touched her. Her fever was gone. In the following verses he also heals those who are demon-possessed and those who were sick.

A search through the Bible will reveal a bit about "curing", but much, much more about "healing". What is the difference? In *Psychology Today* we read that "you can cure without healing, and you can heal without curing". Jesus did both. He sometimes cured people of physical ailments - their illnesses, their blindness, their inability to walk. But he always sought to "heal" them. Healing means to make whole. Peter's mother-in-law was apparently cured of her fever. But she was also healed. How do we know this? We read that she got up and began to wait on him. In other words, she immediately went back to what she knew, and what she apparently loved to do—show hospitality to her guests! She was made whole again.

Many of us have need for, and seek, a cure for many things. It may involve prayers to have a cancer disappear, or a relationship restored, or a job become available. Sometimes those prayers are answered the way we hope—and sometimes they are not. But how many times do we simply long for, and pray for, healing? We would surely feel blessed if the healing included a cure for what we perceive to be our ailments. But would we know to feel equally blessed—would we recognize the miraculous work of God—if we were not cured, but still received the peace of Christ that permeates our spiritual and emotional selves?

Thanks be to God for sending his son Jesus to rescue us from our sin, and redeem us with his blood. Healing is made possible through Him!

**10 minutes:** Discussion

Ask men to gather in small groups of three to discuss the following questions:

- ◆ What is something that you have been "cured" of in your life?
- ◆ What is something that you have prayed for, but not found the cure you hoped for?
- ◆ What does it mean to you to find "healing" in Jesus? How have you experienced this?
- ◆ In what ways can we share the gift of rescue, redemption, and healing, with others?

**10 minutes:** Prayer time in small groups.

Divide men into groups of three. Ask each man to share two things: 1) a prayer request on behalf of someone else, and 2) a specific prayer request for himself. Once these are shared the group should go immediately into prayer. The leader should then close the session with prayer at around the nine-minute mark.

## BAPTIST MEN'S DAY SERVICES

Baptist Men's Day is an opportunity to highlight the contributions of the laymen of the church. Make this a special day for them. By doing so, the family is strengthened. There is great need in our society for strong Christian male role models. Recognizing the contributions of the men of the church, make those role models visible.

Work with your pastor to plan the service. Recognize one or two outstanding members of the Baptist Men. Present them with a certificate of appreciation. (Sample certificates are available from NCBM—[mabernathy@ncbaptist.org](mailto:mabernathy@ncbaptist.org))

Enlist men to hand out bulletins, take up the offering, and sing in a men's choir. You may also want to enlist men to read Scripture, give a short testimony, or share a meaningful song.

Also consider building the service around men sharing personal testimonies of their salvation experience and/or missions involvement. Give at least three men five minutes each to share about how God is working in their lives. Include participants of local, national and/or international mission projects, as well as individuals who have become active in men's small groups or other spiritual development activities for men.

You might also consider allowing a time to let the men report on their activities from their Mission Action Team, small group, or prayer team during the past year. Ask the pastor to sum up these activities and to bring a challenge for the future.

# 2016 CALENDAR DATES—NC BAPTIST

## January 2016

- 24 Baptist Men's Day in the Churches
- 29-30 Baptist Men's Board Meeting, Caraway  
Conference Center, Asheboro
- 30 NCBM Annual Business Meeting, Asheboro

## February 2016

- 8 Region 2 & 6 Missions Rally
- 9 Region 3 & 4 Missions Rally
- 15 Region 8 & 10 Missions Rally
- 16 Region 1 & 9 Missions Rally
- 18 Region 5 & 7 Missions Rally
- 26-27 Region 2 Disaster Relief Training  
Nash County

## March 2016

- 18-19 Region 4 Disaster Relief Training

## April 2016

- 1-2 Region 6 Disaster Relief Training,  
Cabarrus County
- 2 RA Car Racer Day, Salisbury First Baptist
- 15-16 Baptist Missions Conference, Charlotte
- 16 Student Missions Conference, Charlotte
- 22-23 Spring Father/Son (1-6 grade), Caraway

## May 2016

- 13-14 Region 8 Disaster Relief Training  
Catawba County
- 13-15 Deep Impact KIDS Weekend (Grade 1-5)  
Red Springs Mission Camp
- 14 NCBM Golf Tournament
- 20-21 Region 10 Disaster Relief Training,  
Cherokee County
- 20-21 Men's Outdoor Weekend, Caraway

## June 2016

- 16-19 Deep Impact Mini Week Shelby
- 17-18 Caraway Summer Father/Son Camp #1
- 18-25 Deep Impact Honduras
- 20-25 Deep Impact Sandhills
- 20-24 Caraway for Children Camp (Coed) #1
- 26-Jul2 Deep Impact Week Philadelphia, PA
- 27-Jul1 Caraway Summer Camp for boys - Week 1
- 27-Jul2 Deep Impact Stokes/Forsyth

## July 2016

- 3-9 Deep Impact Caswell
- 4-9 World Missions Week, Caswell
- 5-6 Father/Daughter Camp, Caraway Conf. Ct.
- 7-8 Mother/Son Camp, Caraway Conf. Ct.

## July 2016 (continued)

- 9-16 Deep Impact Week Bahamas
- 11-15 Caraway Summer Camp for boys – Week 2
- 11-15 Deep Impact KIDS (Grades 4-5)  
Shelby Mission Camp
- 11-16 Deep Impact Rockingham
- 18-22 Caraway Summer Camp for boys – Week 3
- 18-22 Deep Impact KIDS (Grades 4-5)  
Red Springs Mission Camp
- 18-23 Deep Impact Week Shelby
- 22-24 Caraway Summer Camp Father/Son # 2
- 25-29 Caraway for Children Camp (Coed) #2
- 25-30 Deep Impact Week Red Springs
- 31-Aug 3 Deep Impact Mini Week Red Springs

## August 2016

- 1-5 Caraway for Children Camp (Coed) #3
- 15 Region 5 & 7 NC Mission Celebration
- 16 Region 3 & 4 NC Mission Celebration
- 20 Local Church Brotherhood Leadership  
Development West (Men and Boys)
- 22 Region 8 & 10 NC Mission Celebration
- 23 Region 1 & 9 NC Mission Celebration
- 25 Region 2 & 6 NC Mission Celebration
- 26-27 NCBM Board of Directors Meeting,  
Caraway Conference Center
- 27 NCBM Advisory Council & Board, CCC

## September 2016

- 1-30 NC Missions Offering Month
- 17 Local Church Brotherhood Leadership  
Development, East (Men and Boys)
- 23-25 Deep Impact KIDS Weekend, (Grades 1-5)  
Shelby Mission Camp

## October 2016

- 7-8 Men's Work & Worship Weekend,  
Red Springs Mission Camp
- 21-23 Fall Father/Son Camp (Grade 1-6), Caraway
- TBD Church ACC Day @ WFU
- TBD RA Camporee

## November 2016

- TBD RA Day
- 10 Region 2 Men's Ministry Worship Rally
- 17 Region 4 Men's Ministry Worship Rally
- 21 Region 6 Men's Ministry Worship Rally
- 28 Region 8 Men's Ministry Worship Rally
- 29 Region 10 Men's Ministry Worship Rally