

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 86th observance of Baptist Men's Day this year falls on January 26. But if January 26 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 any other men as deemed necessary.
- ◇ 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 the church calendar.
 - Determine what you hope to accomplish.
 - Plan activities related to these goals.
 - Determine responsibility for each activity.
 - 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 for more Men's Ministry resources. Go to "Church Programs/Men's Ministry/ Baptist Men's Day".

"Compelled By Love"

2 Corinthians 5:14

- ◇ 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.
- ◇ Select men to share testimonies of missions and ministry involvement in each adult Sunday School class.
- ◇ Select men to share, during the worship service, a testimony of how they have experienced God at work in their life.

One Month Before...

- ◇ Place announcements of BMD activities in the church bulletin and newsletter.
- ◇ Have a display of Men's Ministries materials and photos 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** (skeeet, archery, etc.) and/or wild game supper, incorporated with a men's worship rally Saturday night.

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

Plan a showing of **33 The Series: Volume 1, Session 1: Manhood Realities** (all six sessions available for download at www.33theseries.com for only \$5.95 per) for the night before Baptist Men's Day. Plan a meal and invite unchurched men. Incorporate worshipful singing, small group discussion (guide available) and a prayer time. Use this as a kick-off to doing the rest of this six session series. (Six volumes available)

BAPTIST MEN'S DAY SUNDAY GATHERING

If you did not plan Saturday events, a Sunday morning men's breakfast gathering may be 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.

If your church does not currently have a Baptist Men's Ministry, perhaps this would be a good time to discuss starting one. Call the NCBM Office for starter information. 919-459-5596

Some churches ask the church hostess to prepare a breakfast for this gathering. 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.
- ◇ **10 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. Click on "Donate" to see a list and description 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.

Hurricane Florence Recovery. We still need teams to assist families in Eastern NC recover from the devastating effects of Hurricane Florence. NCBM operates recovery centers from which teams can serve. Teams can come for a day, a weekend, or any combination of days.

NC Missions Conference. Plan to attend the NC Baptist Missions Conference, which will be held March 27-28, 2020 at Calvary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. Call the NCBM office at 919-459-5596 or visit our website at www.baptistsonmission.org for information.

- ◇ **10 minutes:** Explanation and highlights of the Men's Ministries program in your church or a challenge to begin one. Go to the website at 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 Vimeo channel. Mission videos depicting a variety of mission opportunities—such as Hurricanes Dorian and Florence Recovery, International and National Missions, Mission Camps, Handyman, and more, can be shown and downloaded. Visit www.baptistsonmission.org.
- ◇ **7 minutes:** Singing of two praise choruses

10 minutes: Scripture & Theme Interpretation

Theme: Compelled By Love
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:14

A common understanding of the word “compelled” indicates that someone is forced to do something that he or she might not otherwise want to do. Many of us “old timers” were compelled by our fathers - by various means—to do our chores around the house. As young men we felt compelled to study hard and do well on college exams—possibly by the fear of receiving a failing grade. Later in life, we are compelled to work hard and be successful in our careers, in order to support our families. There are many factors that compel us throughout our lives.

How interesting it is that Paul chose to say that he was “compelled” by Christ’s love. He could just as easily have said that he was “motivated”, “encouraged”, or “inspired” by Christ’s love. Compelled implies something different. It brings to mind the Triumphant Entry passage from Luke 19, when the Pharisees tell Jesus that he should rebuke those who were singing out in praise. “I tell you”, Jesus answered them, “if they are quiet, the stones will cry out!”

What Christ did for us on the cross is stronger and more foundational than most can understand. It was not simply a nice thing or a kind thing that he did. It is the most powerful act in all of human history. Paul used a powerful word to express it. He understood that if Christ did that for us, then the very least he could do is share it with others.

This past year men and women have shared the love of Christ throughout the Eastern part of our state by helping families get back in their homes. Hurricane Florence may be a distant memory for us, but it is an everyday reality for many. Volunteers have worked with church planters and pastors in Pennsylvania, New England, and other “hard” places in our nation by sharing Christ’s love through sports camps, block parties, and servant evangelism projects. Doctors, dentists, and nurses have gladly witnessed to patients on NCBM’s mobile dental and health screening units. These are just a few examples.

Every Christian knows that Christ died for them personally on the cross. We also know that it is our duty—as well as our privilege—to share that good news with others. Perhaps we should make it our prayer that we not just witness when it is comfortable, convenient, or when we “feel good”, but that we gladly be *compelled* to do it—at all times and in all circumstances. True, most people do not like to be compelled to do something, but what a privilege it is to be compelled by the love of Christ! Compel us Lord!

10 minutes: Discussion

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

- ◆ What things have you been “compelled” by at different times in your life?
- ◆ What is the greatest news you have ever received? (The birth of a child, the news that a loved one has been healed, etc.)
- ◆ Why do you think it is better to be “compelled” by Christ’s love instead of just “inspired” by it?

10 minutes: Prayer time in small groups.

Divide men into groups of three. Encourage each to pray for families still suffering as a result of Hurricane Florence. Pray that they will receive the physical help needed, and that they will come to understand their need for a relationship with God. Pray also that we would each gladly be compelled to share Christ’s love with those around us. The leader should close the session with prayer at 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)

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 how God is working in their lives. Give at least two men five minutes each to share. 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.

2020 CALENDAR DATES—NC BAPTISTS ON MISSION

January 2020

- 3-5 Here & Now Experience, Red Springs Mission Camp
- 17-19 Student Summer Ministry Interview
- 24-25 Baptist Men's Board Meeting, Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro
- 25 NCBM Annual Business Meeting, Asheboro
- 26 Baptist Men's Day in the Churches

February 2020

- 17 Region 1, 4, 6, & 9 Missions Rally
- 18 Region 2, 8, & 10 Missions Rally
- 20 Region 3, 5, & 7 Missions Rally
- 21-22 Region 2 Disaster Relief Training, Greenville

March 2020

- 13-14 Region 4 Disaster Relief Training, Raleigh
- 14 Construction Skills Training, Shelby Mission Camp
- 27-28 Baptist Missions Conference, Winston-Salem
- 28 Student Missions Conference, Winston-Salem

April 2020

- 3-5 International Student & Scholar Conference, Caswell
- 4 RA Car Race Day, Salisbury, First Baptist
- 4 Construction Skills Training, Red Springs Mission Camp
- 17-18 Region 6 Disaster Relief Training, Matthews
- 25 Operation Inasmuch

May 2020

- 1-2 Region 8 Disaster Relief Training, Hickory
- 1-2 Men's Outdoor Weekend, Caraway
- 2 Operation Inasmuch
- 7 NCBM Golf Tournament
- 15-16 Region 10 Disaster Relief Training, Murphy
- 15-17 Deep Impact **KIDS Weekend (Grades 1-5)**, Red Springs Mission Camp

June 2020

- 14-17 Deep Impact **KIDS (Grades 1-5)**, Shelby Mini Week
- 14-17 Deep Impact Mini Week, Duplin County
- 18-21 Deep Impact Mini Week, Shelby
- 20-27 Deep Impact Honduras
- 22-27 Deep Impact Fruitland
- 28-Jul 4 Deep Impact Week Atlanta
- 29-July 3 Deep Impact **KIDS Grades 1-5**, Red Springs Mission Cp
- 29-Jul 4 Deep Impact Duplin County

July 2020

- 5-11 Deep Impact Caswell
- 6-11 Deep Impact **KIDS** Caswell (WMW)
- 6-11 World Missions Week, Caswell
- 11-19 Deep Impact Week Cuba
- 12-15 Deep Impact **KIDS Mini Week (Grades 1-5)**, Mundo Vista
- 13-18 Deep Impact Shelby
- 20-24 Deep Impact **KIDS (Grades 1-5)**, Shelby
- 20-25 Deep Impact Outer Banks
- 25-Aug 1 Deep Impact Puerto Rico
- 27-Aug 1 Deep Impact Week Red Springs

August 2020

- 2-5 Deep Impact Mini Week Red Springs
- 2-5 Deep Impact **KIDS Mini Week (Grades 1-5)**, Duplin County
- 17 Regions 2, 8, & 10 Missions Rally
- 18 Regions 1, 4, 6, & 9 Missions Rally
- 20 Regions 3, 5 & 7 Missions Rally
- 21-22 NCBM Board of Directors Meeting, Caraway Conference Center
- 22 NCBM Advisory Council & Board, CCC

September 2020

- 1-30 NC Missions Offering Month
- 12 Men's Ministry/Challenger/Royal Ambassador Leadership Training – West
- 18-20 RA Camporee
- 19 Men's Ministry/Challenger/Royal Ambassador Leadership Training – East
- 19 Construction Skills Training, Red Springs Mission Camp
- 25-27 Deep Impact **KIDS Weekend (Grades 1-5)**, Duplin County

October 2020

- 3 Construction Skills Training, Shelby Mission Camp
- 16-17 Men's Work & Worship Weekend, Shelby Mission Cp

November 2020

- 6-8 Deep Impact Weekend, Red Spring Weekend
- 6-8 Deep Impact **KIDS Weekend (Grades 1-5)**, Shelby Missions Camp
- 12 Region 2 Men's Ministry Worship Rally
- 14 Region 4 Men's Ministry Worship Rally
- 19 Region 6 Men's Ministry Worship Rally
- 23 Region 8 Men's Ministry Worship Rally
- 30 Region 10 Men's Ministry Worship Rally