

Baptist Men's Day



JANUARY 27, 2019

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 85th observance of Baptist Men's Day this year falls on January 27. But if January 27 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 who will carry out 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".

"Known By Love"

John 13: 35

- ◇ 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** (skeet, 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 **Session One of "The Real Win" DVD** (all six sessions available for download at Lifeway.com for only \$3.99 per.) for the night before Baptist Men's Day. Plan a meal (wild game?) 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 hunting and fishing series.

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 beginning 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 will need teams to assist families in Eastern NC for the next year or more. NCBM plan to set up three 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 April 5-6 2019 at Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Charlotte. 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 Hurricane Florence Recovery, International and National Missions, Mission Camps, Handyman, and much more, can be shown and downloaded from this channel. Visit www.baptistsonmission.org.
- ◇ **7 minutes:** Singing of 2-3 praise choruses

10 minutes: Scripture & Theme Interpretation

Theme: Known By Love
Scripture: John 13: 35

The chorus of a popular Christian song from the 70s proclaimed, “they will know we are Christians by our love, by our love—yes they’ll know we are Christians by our love.” The song mentions, as evidence of this, unity in the body of Christ, serving together as believers, and guarding the dignity of others. Those three things have been on abundant display through the recent outpouring of Christ’s love in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence.

Unity. God has blessed North Carolina Baptists with a big family of brothers and sisters from other states. For years we have had opportunity to serve our “sister states” in time of disaster. When our hour of need came, they responded in kind. Baptist disaster feeding and recovery teams from eighteen different states served throughout Eastern North Carolina in the weeks and months following Hurricane Florence. Church signs all over the area proclaimed “Thank You Texas (or Virginia or Missouri) Baptists!” This displays to the world that God has a big family—a family that cares about each other and comes to one another’s aide in time of need.

Service. Days before the hurricane struck, men and women from all over our state were packing their bags and moving into position. Many—scores—of them served virtually non-stop for weeks. Most were away from their homes during that time, sleeping on a cot or air mattress, night after night. Days ended late and began early. Within days of the hurricane, these dedicated servants were joined by volunteers from all over who came to serve hot meals, cut up fallen trees, remove soaked items from homes, and tear out ruined floors and sheetrock. All did this without pay and without notoriety. The world sees that followers of Christ seek to serve—as he did.

Dignity. Most people have an independent mindset that lead them to think along the lines of “We take care of our own around here.” Natural disasters have a way of altering that way of thinking. It is in times likes these that people understand—many for the first time—that they are totally dependent on someone else. Baptist volunteers are careful to come alongside the homeowner with a sense of empathy. It’s a perfect time to declare to them that we ALL are dependent on God, whether victims of natural disaster or not. The world seed a God who cares about them and has a wonderful plan for their life.

God, thank you for the opportunity to show the world what Christ-following is all about!

10 minutes: Discussion

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

- ◆ How have you seen the love of God most effectively displayed through the actions of Christians—at any point in your life?
- ◆ In what ways—even if unintentional—is it possible for us to be a hindrance to showing God’s love to the world?
- ◆ What specific ways can our church display Christian unity and service to our world, while guarding each person’s dignity?

10 minutes: Prayer time in small groups.

Divide men into groups of three. Encourage each to pray for families who are still suffering as a result of Hurricane Florence. Pray that they will receive the physical help needed. Pray that they will come to a clear understanding of who God is and their need for a relationship with Him. 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)

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.

2019 CALENDAR DATES—NC BAPTIST

January 2019

- 3-5 Here & Now Experience, Shelby Mission Camp
- 18-20 Student Summer Ministry Interview
- 25-26 Baptist Men's Board Meeting, Caraway
Conference Center, Asheboro
- 26 NCBM Annual Business Meeting, Asheboro
- 27 Baptist Men's Day in the Churches

February 2019

- 18 Regions 2, 8 10 Missions Rally
- 19 Regions 1, 4, 6, 9 Missions Rally
- 21 Regions 3, 5, 7 Missions Rally
- 22-23 Region 1 Disaster Relief Training, Elizabeth City

March 2019

- 8-9 Region 3 Disaster Relief Training, TBD
- 22-23 Region 5 Disaster Relief Training, TBD
- 30 RA Car Race Day, Salisbury, First Baptist

April 2019

- 5-6 Baptist Missions Conference, Charlotte
- 6 Student Missions Conference, Charlotte
- 12-14 International Student & Scholar Conference,
Caswell
- 26-27 Region 7 Disaster Relief Training, Taylorsville
- 27 Operation Inasmuch

May 2019

- 3-4 Men's Outdoor Weekend, Caraway
- 3-4 Family Missions Weekend, Shelby Mission Camp
- 4 NCBM Golf Tournament
- 4 Operation Inasmuch
- 17-18 Region 9 Disaster Relief Training, Asheville
- 17-19 Deep Impact KIDS Weekend (Grades 1-5),
Red Springs Mission Camp
- 31-Ju 1 Family Missions Weekend, Red Springs Mission Camp

June 2019

- 13-16 Deep Impact KIDS (Grades 1-5), Camp Cale
- 13-16 Deep Impact Mini Week, Shelby
- 15-22 Deep Impact Honduras
- 17-22 Deep Impact Boone
- 24-28 Deep Impact KIDS (Grades 1-5), Red Springs
Mission Camp
- 23-29 Deep Impact Week Atlanta
- 24-29 Deep Impact Hendersonville/Fruitland
- 30-July 6 Deep Impact Caswell

July 2019

- 1-6 Deep Impact KIDS Caswell (WMW)
- 1-6 World Missions Week, Caswell
- 6-14 Deep Impact Week Cuba
- 8-13 Deep Impact Shelby
- 14-17 Deep Impact KIDS (Grades 1-5), Truett
- 15-20 Deep Impact Outer Banks
- 20-27 Deep Impact Puerto Rico
- 22-27 Deep Impact Week Red Springs
- 28-31 Deep Impact KIDS (Grades 1-5), Mundo Vista
- 28-Aug 31 Deep Impact Mini Week Red Springs

August 2019

- 12 Regions 2, 8, & 10
- 13 Regions 1, 4, 6, & 9 Missions Rally
- 15 Regions 3, 5 & 7 Missions Rally
- 23-24 NCBM Board of Directors Meeting,
Caraway Conference Center
- 24 NCBM Advisory Council & Board, CCC

September 2019

- 1-30 NC Missions Offering Month
- 7 Men's Ministry/Challenger/Royal Ambassador
Leadership Training – West
- 13-14 Family Missions Weekend, Red Springs Missions Cp
- 14 Men's Ministry/Challenger/Royal Ambassador
Leadership Training – East
- 20-22 RA Camporee
- 27-29 Deep Impact KIDS (Grades 1-5), Shelby
Mission Camp

October 2019

- 5 Marriage You Always Wanted Conference,
Raleigh
- 11-12 Men's Work & Worship Weekend,
Shelby Mission Camp
- 18-19 Family Missions Weekend, Shelby Mission Camp

November 2019

- 1-3 Deep Impact Weekend, Shelby
- 7 Region 1 Men's Ministry Worship Rally
- 14 Region 3 Men's Ministry Worship Rally
- 15-17 Deep Impact KIDS Weekend (Grades 1-5),
Red Springs Missions Camp
- 19 Region 5 Men's Ministry Worship Rally
- 21 Region 7 Men's Ministry Worship Rally
- 25 Region 9 Men's Ministry Worship Rally