

# Baptist Men's Day



Baptists on Mission

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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 88th observance of Baptist Men's Day this year falls on January 23. But if January 23 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](http://www.baptistsonmission.org) for more Men's Ministry resources. Go to "Church Programs/Men's Ministry/ Baptist Men's Day".

## "Hope for Tomorrow"

*Romans 15:13*

- ◇ 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 an uplifting message to men or to suggest a guest speaker to do so.
- ◇ Plan a recognition time during the morning 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, 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 EVENTS

Plan a special event for the Saturday before Baptist Men's Day. Some suggestions are listed below. You may think of others.

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. Any proceeds to go to missions.

Plan a showing of the opening session of **Tony Evans' Kingdom Men Rising** series. All eight sessions are available for rent (\$2.99) or purchase (\$3.99) at [Lifeway.com](http://Lifeway.com). 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 the series over the next few weeks or months.

## 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 ministry to men, perhaps this would be a good time to discuss starting one. Call the Baptist on Mission Office for starter information. 919-459-5607.

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](http://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.

**NC Missions Conference.** Plan to attend the NC Baptist Missions Conference, which will be held March 25-26, 2022 at Calvary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. Call the BOM office at 919-459-5596 or visit our website at [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org) for information.

**Men's Outdoor Weekend.** Come join us for an inspiring weekend of outdoor fun and fellowship for men on April 29-30, 2022 at Camp Caraway in Asheboro. Skeet, rifles, pistol shoot, tomahawk throw, archery, fishing, and more!

- ◇ **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](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 Baptists on Mission video segment. BOM has a Vimeo channel. Mission videos depicting a variety of mission opportunities—such as Hurricane Recovery, International and National Missions, Mission Camps, Handyman, and more, can be downloaded and/or shown. Visit [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org). Vimeo link is at bottom of the page.
- ◇ **7 minutes:** Singing of two praise choruses

**10 minutes:** Scripture & Theme Interpretation

Theme: Hope for Tomorrow  
Scripture: Romans 15:13

The past two years have undoubtedly been a challenging time for all. Very few, if any, have been unaffected by COVID and its consequences. For some, COVID has been an irritating inconvenience. For others, though, it has been devastating. Loved ones have been unexpectedly taken. Jobs and careers have been lost. Relationships have been strained. Plans have been waylaid. That would be enough for any society to bear. Add to that the societal and political fallout that has accompanied COVID, and it is no surprise that many men have been left in a state of despair.

Despite knowing better, it is easy in times like these for Christian men to lose focus on what is important, and forget who is in control of our future. We believe in our hearts that God is our King and that he has a divine plan and purpose. But when our vision of how that is *supposed* to look does not match up with the chaos we see in the world—we may be led to feel like it is our job to “fix” it! (As if God needs that!) What God does needs, or want, is for us to remain—confidently faithful.

Romans 15:13 is a blessing to believers—a benediction that encourages us to lay claim to the hope that God provides. It is a promise of hope, joy, and peace—commodities that have seemed to be in short supply recently. The “catch” to experiencing these, however, is predicated on one thing—trust in God. Trust is often difficult, especially when we are accustomed to taking charge of situations and “making things right”. If we can embrace the understanding that God’s plans are not our plans, that He can see further down the road than we can ever hope to, and that His perfect purposes for the world will be fulfilled in time, we *can* experience a peace that makes no sense to the rest of the world.

This doesn’t mean that we are not called to be agents of change in the world. All believers are called to actively be God’s hands and feet. It simply means that we are not to be angry about doing it. Anger implies impatience, which may convey an underlying thought that maybe God is asleep at the switch—unable or unwilling to bring the justice we believe should exist. Christian men are wise to remember that change may not come in the form we expect. It may not come as soon as we want. But God’s purposes will be realized. We are called to confident faithfulness.

The world is casting about for answers to questions that it does not fully understand. We, as Christians, have the answer. Let’s be confident in that—without displaying anger, impatience, or intolerance. Let us trust in the one who makes it possible for us to overflow with hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. Hope for today! Hope for tomorrow!

**10 minutes:** Discussion

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

- ◆ In what ways has COVID and its consequences affected *your* life *directly*.
- ◆ How has this affected your faith? (Be honest, you are among friends!)
- ◆ Are you willing to accept that hope, peace, and joy can be ours if we fully put our trust in God and his purpose and timing? If so, what things need to change in your life?

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

Divide into groups of three. Encourage each man to pray for those affected by COVID-19. Pray that they will receive the physical help needed. Pray that our dependence on God will be deepened. Pray also that we, as Christian men, would completely surrender ourselves to trust in God’s perfect plan, despite what we see around us. The leader will close the session with prayer 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 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 an encouraging message for the future.

# 2022 CALENDAR DATES—NC BAPTISTS ON MISSION

## JANUARY

- 3-5 Here & Now Missions Experience for College Students & Young Adults, Charity Rebuild
- 21-22 Baptist Men's Board Meeting, Caraway
- 22 NCBM Annual Business Meeting, Caraway
- 23 Baptist Men's Day in the Churches

## FEBRUARY

- 21 Regions 2, 8, 10 Mission Rallies
- 22 Regions 1, 4, 6, 9 Mission Rallies
- 24 Regions 3, 5, 7 Mission Rallies
- 26 Region 2 Disaster Relief Training, New Bern First Baptist

## MARCH

- 5 Region 4 Disaster Relief Training, Trinity BC, Raleigh
- 11-12 Family Mission Weekend, Red Springs
- 12 Construction Skills Training, Red Springs
- 25-26 Baptist Missions Conference, Calvary Winston-Salem
- 26 S Student Missions Conference, Calvary, Winston-Salem

## APRIL

- 2 RA Car Race Day, FBC, Salisbury
- 2 Construction Skills Training, New Bern Rebuild
- 9 R Region 6 Disaster Relief Training, Carmel BC, Matthews
- 23 Construction Skills Training, Shelby Mission Cp
- 29-30 Men's Outdoor Weekend, Caraway
- 30 Region 8 Disaster Relief Training, Hickory First Baptist
- 30 Construction Skills Training, Charity Rebuild
- 30 Operation Inasmuch

## MAY

- 7 Operation Inasmuch
- 13-15 Deep Impact **KIDS** Weekend, Red Springs
- 14 R Region 10 Disaster Training, Peachtree Memorial BC, Murphy

## JUNE

- 12-15 Deep Impact **KIDS** Mini-Week, Shelby
- 12-15 Deep Impact (half), Red Springs
- 16-19 Deep Impact (half), Shelby
- 16-19 Deep Impact **KIDS** Mini-Week, Hendersonville
- 18-25 Deep Impact, Honduras
- 20-25 Deep Impact, Hendersonville

## JUNE continued

- 26-July 2 Deep Impact, Philadelphia
- 27-July 1 Deep Impact **KIDS**, Red Springs
- 27-July 2 Deep Impact, Morehead City

## JULY

- 3-9 Deep Impact, Caswell
- 4-7 Deep Impact **KIDS** Mini-Week, Truett
- 4-9 World Missions Week, Caswell
- 9-17 Deep Impact, Cuba
- 10-16 Deep Impact, Atlanta
- 11-16 Deep Impact, Red Springs
- 17-20 Deep Impact **KIDS** Mini-Week, Red Sprs
- 18-23 Deep Impact, Outer Banks
- 22-31 Deep Impact, South Africa
- 23-30 Deep Impact, Puerto Rico
- 25-30 Deep Impact, Boone
- 30-Aug 6 Deep Impact, Puerto Rico
- 31-Aug 3 Deep Impact **KIDS** Mini-Week, Blowing Rk
- 31-Aug 3 Deep Impact (half), Duplin

## AUGUST

- 3-6 Deep Impact (half), Red Springs
- 19-20 BOM Board of Director's Meeting, Caraway
- 20 B BOM Advisory Council & Board, Caraway
- 22 Regions 2, 8, 10 Mission Rallies
- 23 Regions 1, 4, 6, 9 Mission Rallies
- 25 Regions 3, 5, 7 Mission Rallies

## SEPTEMBER

- 1-30 *NC Missions Offering Month*
- 9-10 Family Mission Weekend, TBD
- 10 Construction Skills Training, Red Springs
- 10 Igniting Men's Hearts Conference
- 16-18 Deep Impact **KIDS** Weekend, Mundo Vista
- 24 Construction Skills Training, New Bern Rebuild

## OCTOBER

- 8 Construction Skills Training, Charity Rebuild
- 8-9 Family Missions Weekend, Shelby Mission Camp
- 15 Construction Skills Training, Shelby Mission Camp
- 21-23 Deep Impact **KIDS** Weekend, Duplin County

## NOVEMBER

- 4-6 Deep Impact Weekend, Shelby
- 10 Region 2 Men's Ministry Worship Rally
- 14 Region 4 Men's Ministry Worship Rally
- 17 Region 6 Men's Ministry Worship Rally
- 21 Region 8 Men's Ministry Worship Rally
- 29 Region 10 Men's Ministry Worship Rally