

# 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 89th observance of Baptist Men's Day this year falls on January 22. But if January 22 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 "Programs/Men's Ministry/ Baptist Men's Day".

## "Living on Mission"

*John 20:21*

- ◇ 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. Leader's packet is available 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 Baptists on Mission, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512. Put the name of the particular ministry you wish to give to in the memo line.

**NC Missions Conference.** Plan to attend the NC Baptist Missions Conference, which will be held April 14-15, 2023 at Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Charlotte. Call the Baptists on Mission office at 919-459-5596, or go online to register at [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org).

**Men's Outdoor Weekend.** Plan join us for an inspiring weekend of outdoor fun and fellowship for men on May 4-5, 2023 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 PowerPoint presentation. [Click on 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 BOM webpage.
- ◇ **7 minutes:** Singing of two praise choruses

**10 minutes:** Scripture & Theme Interpretation

Theme: Living on Mission  
Scripture: John 20: 21

Early in my career with Baptists on Mission I led a mission team to the Southern African country of Lesotho (Luh-sue-too). While there we traveled to remote villages high in the mountains. For the most part, the chiefs of the villages were welcoming, and called their people together to give us opportunity to present the Gospel message.

Often we started by asking the question, "Do you know who Jesus is?" Frankly, I was very surprised that almost everywhere we went in these remote villages, the answer was, "Oh yes. Jesus is the son of God". (Many had been taught at Catholic schools.) But we soon discovered that a follow-up question revealed the true spiritual understanding of most we met. "Do you know what Jesus has done for you?" Silence. It was then that we were able to share about a Savior and what he had sacrificed for all people.

I learned a good lesson in Lesotho that has served me well over the years. Those two questions are simple—and very effective. You certainly do not have to go to remotest Africa to find people who *might* be able to give you an answer to the first question—but have no clue how to answer the second. The mission field is all around us.

Our purpose at Baptists on Mission is to help churches involve men, women, and students in mission. There are many platforms we utilize to accomplish this. In all, nineteen ministries. Volunteers serve hot plates of food, cut trees off of houses, patch roofs, wash clothes, and provide showers after a disaster like Hurricane Ian. Teams serve in areas of our nation like Appalachia, Pennsylvania, New England, and Alaska doing children's ministry, sports clinics, block parties, and construction projects. Young people gather together for a week of mission service to the community through Deep Impact and Deep Impact Kids. Mission camps and Rebuild Centers provide housing, meals, and meaningful service for volunteers to do right here in our own state.

All of these ministries require the use of some kind of supplies, materials, skillset, and tools. All of them also provide opportunity to do the most fundamental act of any mission—share the Gospel of Christ. Since my journey to Lesotho I have always encouraged mission volunteers to include two vital "tools" to the list of items they plan to take with them. That is, two questions—"Do you know who Jesus is?" and "Do you know what Jesus has done for you?" Armed with that, and the Holy Spirit, as Christ promised, we can be living on mission anywhere, and at any time.

**10 minutes:** Discussion

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

- ◆ Where do you think missionaries are needed the most?
- ◆ What are the basics of the Gospel message? Together, decide what you would share with someone if you only had a few minutes to do so.
- ◆ What might "Living on Mission" look like for you? What changes, if any, might you need to make in order to do so.

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

Divide into groups of three. Encourage each man to pray for the confidence and opportunity to share a simple, but accurate plan of salvation. Pray for open eyes and an open heart to toward those around us who might not know what Jesus has done for all of us—and specifically for them. 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 BOM—[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.

# 2023 CALENDAR DATES—NC BAPTISTS ON MISSION

## JANUARY

- 2-4 Here & Now Missions Experience for College Students & Young Adults, Shelby Mission Camp
- 20-21 BOM's Board Meeting, Caraway
- 21 NCBOM Annual Business Meeting, Caraway
- 22 Baptist Men's Day in the Churches

## FEBRUARY

- 20 Region 2 Missions Rally - Rosemary Baptist Church - Roanoke Rapids, NC
- 20 Region 8 Missions Rally- Westport Baptist Church - Denver, NC
- 20 Region 10 Missions Rally - Peachtree Memorial - Murphy, NC
- 23 Region 3 Missions Rally FBC Shallotte - Shallotte, NC
- 23 Region 5 Missions Rally - Bethany Baptist Church - Winston Salem, NC
- 23 Region 7 Missions Rally - Sulphur Springs Baptist - Hiddenite, NC
- 25 Construction Skills Training, Red Springs
- 28 Region 1 Missions Rally - Edenton Baptist Church - Edenton, NC
- 28 Region 4 Missions Rally
- 28 Region 6 Missions Rally - FBC Indian Trail - Indian T rail, NC
- 28 Region 9 Missions Rally - Shoal Creek Baptist Church - Burnsville, NC

## MARCH

- 4 Region 3 Disaster Relief Training, Fayetteville
- 10-11 Family Missions Weekend, Red Springs
- 11 Construction Skills Training, Charity
- 18 Region 5 Disaster Relief Training, Asheboro
- 25 Construction Skills Training, Shelby

## APRIL

- 1 RA Car Race Day
- 14-15 Baptist Missions Conference, Hickory Grove, Charlotte
- 29 Region 7 Disaster Relief Training, Mount Airy

## MAY

- 5-6 Men's Outdoor Weekend
- 19-21 Deep Impact **KIDS** Weekend, Red Springs
- 20 Region 9 Disaster Training, Hendersonville

## JUNE

- 12-16 Deep Impact **KIDS** Weekend, Hendersonville
- 12-17 Deep Impact, Shelby
- 15-18 Deep Impact (half), Shelby
- 17-24 Deep Impact, Honduras
- 19-23 Deep Impact **KIDS** Weekend, Shelby
- 19-24 Deep Impact, Hendersonville
- 25-28 Deep Impact **KIDS** Mini-Week, Red Springs
- 26-July 2 Deep Impact, Philadelphia, PA
- 29-July 2 Deep Impact **KIDS** Mini-Week, Charity

## JULY

- 3-8 Deep Impact, Caswell
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- 2-8 World Missions Week, Caswell
- 9-15 Deep Impact, Atlanta, GA
- 10-14 Deep Impact **KIDS**, Red Springs
- 10-15 Deep Impact, Morehead City
- 16-19 Deep Impact **KIDS** Mini-Week, Morehead City
- 22-31 Deep Impact, South Africa
- 24-29 Deep Impact, Boone
- 29-Aug 2 Deep Impact **KIDS** Mini-Week, Charity
- 31-Aug 3 Deep Impact (half), Red Springs
- 31-Aug 5 Deep Impact, Red Springs

## AUGUST

- 21 Regions 2, 8, 10 Mission Rallies
- 22 Regions 1, 4, 6, 9 Mission Rallies
- 23 Regions 3, 5, 7 Mission Rallies

## SEPTEMBER

- 1-30 *NC Missions Offering Month*
- 8-9 Family Missions Weekend, Charity
- 9 Igniting the Hearts of Men Conference
- 16 Construction Skills Training, Charity
- 22-24 Deep Impact **KIDS** Weekend, Shelby

## OCTOBER

- 7 Construction Skills Training, Shelby
- 13-14 Family Missions Weekend, Shelby
- 20-22 Deep Impact Fall Weekend, Duplin
- 28 Construction Skills Training, Red Springs

## NOVEMBER

- 4 Marriage Conference, Pleasant Garden
- 9 Region 1 Men's Worship Rally
- 14 Region 3 Men's Worship Rally
- 16 Region 5 Men's Worship Rally
- 20 Region 7 Men's Worship Rally
- 28 Region 9 Men's Worship Rally