

# Baptist Men's Day



JANUARY 24, 2021

## 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 87th 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 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".

## "Prepare the Way"

*Luke 10:1*

- ◇ 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, 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 **33 The Series: Volume 1, Session 1: Manhood Realities** (all six sessions available for download at [www.33theseries.com](http://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](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 April 9-10, 2021 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) for information.

**Men's Outdoor Weekend.** Come join us for an inspiring weekend of outdoor fun and fellowship for men on April 30-May 1, 2021 at Camp Caraway in Asheboro. Skeet, rifles, pistol shoot, tomahawk throw, 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 NCBM video segment. NCBM has a Vimeo channel. Mission videos depicting a variety of mission opportunities—such as Hurricanes Recovery, International and National Missions, Mission Camps, Handyman, and more, can be shown and downloaded. Visit [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org).
- ◇ **7 minutes:** Singing of two praise choruses

**10 minutes:** Scripture & Theme Interpretation

Theme: Prepare the Way

Scripture: Luke 10:1-16

Anyone who played high school football is familiar with the “inside trap play—left”. The premise of the play is that the *left* guard looks like he is going to block the defensive lineman directly in front of him—like the majority of previous plays. However, when the ball is snapped, he quickly angles after the linebacker a bit further back. The *right* guard, takes a step to the side, goes behind the center, and hits the unsuspecting defensive lineman, who momentarily thinks that he has sprung free. The center takes the man who is in front of the right guard. It is an offensive guard's favorite play!

The job of the offensive line is to prepare the way for the ball carrier. If all the blockers do their jobs correctly on a trap play, they open a big hole in the defense for the ball carrier to run through! In our verse for today, Jesus sent out thirty-six pairs to prepare the way for him. They went to villages and towns to where he was planning to go. And, he gave them very specific instructions: 1) “Do not take a bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road; 2) “When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’; 3) “Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you,...Do not move around from house to house.” Every Christian who reads this probably dreams about what it would have been like to be one of the “Seventy-Two”, carrying out Jesus's game plan with specific directions.

We are still called to “prepare the way”. It is one of our primary duties as Christ-followers. Our job is to tell the good news of who Jesus is and what he has done for us on the cross. Your testimony of a changed life is quite enough. Fortunately, we also have many tools that can assist us in sharing the Gospel—the Roman Road, the Evangecube, the Three Circle Method, etc. None of these, however, work without the movement of the Holy Spirit. Just as an offensive lineman is tasked with keeping his body in shape and knowing what to do when each play is called, we are tasked to be prepared—ready to share the good news of what Christ has done for us—in all situations. Jesus' difficult conversations with the three men right before he sent out the seventy-two (Luke 9: 57-62) was his way of finding out if those three men were willing to do what it took to prepare themselves. *(And by the way, we don't know if they were part of the seventy-two or not!)*

The trap play in football does not always work. Sometimes the defensive lineman realizes what is happening to him and basically falls into the gap, clogging the path. Jesus let his “seventy-two” know that they, and their message, may not always be accepted as well. It's our job to be ready and to follow instructions (know the play!). It's the job of the Holy Spirit to change hearts and bring people to faith in Christ. Ready? Huh!

**10 minutes:** Discussion

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

- ◆ Among yourselves, identify at least three things that we as believers can do to be ready to share the Good News of Christ.
- ◆ What does it mean to you to know that it is the Holy Spirit who is responsible for a Gospel-hearer's response?
- ◆ Identify the role you think prayer plays in “preparing the way” of the Gospel.

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

Divide into groups of three. Encourage each man to pray for those who have been affected by COVID-19. Pray that they will receive the physical help needed, and that their dependence on God will be deepened. Pray also that we would each dedicate ourselves to be better equipped to be “preparers of the way” for the Gospel. The leader should 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 a challenge for the future.

# 2021 CALENDAR DATES—NC BAPTISTS ON MISSION

## JANUARY

- 15-16 Student Summer Ministry Interviews
- 22-23 Baptist Men's Board Meeting, Caraway
- 23 NCBM Annual Business Meeting, Caraway
- 24 Baptist Men's Day in the Churches

## FEBRUARY

- 22 Region 2 Mission Rally – TBD  
Region 8 Mission Rally – Statesville  
Region 10 Mission Rally - Franklin
- 23 Region 1 Mission Rally – Colerain  
Region 4 Mission Rally – TBD  
Region 6 Mission Rally – Albemarle  
Region 9 Mission Rally - Brevard, First
- 25 Region 3 Mission Rally – Lumberton  
Region 5 Mission Rally – Greensboro  
Region 7 Mission Rally – Mount Airy
- 26-27 Region 1 Disaster Relief Training, Manteo

## MARCH

- 12-13 Region 5 Disaster Relief Training, High Point
- 13 Construction Skills Training, Rose Hill
- 26-27 Region 3 Disaster Relief Training, Rose Hill
- 27 Construction Skills Training, Red Springs

## APRIL

- 9-10 Baptist Missions Conference, Hickory Grove, Charlotte
- 9-11 International Student & Scholar Cf, Caswell
- 10 Student Missions Conference, HGBC Charlotte
- 17 RA Car Race Day, FBC Salisbury
- 23-24 Region 7 Disaster Relief Training, Hudson
- 24 Construction Skills Training, Shelby
- 24 Operation Inasmuch
- 30-May 1 Men's Outdoor Weekend, Caraway

## MAY

- 1 Operation Inasmuch
- 14-15 Region 9 Disaster Training, Hendersonville
- 14-16 Deep Impact **KIDS** Weekend, Red Springs

## JUNE

- 13-16 Deep Impact **KIDS** Mini-Week, Shelby
- 13-16 Deep Impact Mini-Week, Duplin County
- 17-20 Deep Impact Mini-Week, Shelby
- 18-20 Deep Impact **KIDS** Weekend, Blowing Rock
- 18-26 Deep Impact, Honduras
- 21-26 Deep Impact, Fruitland
- 27-30 Deep Impact **KIDS**, Red Springs
- 27-July 3 Deep Impact, Atlanta
- 28-July 3 Deep Impact, Duplin County

## JULY

- 1-4 Deep Impact **KIDS**, Red Springs
- 4-10 Deep Impact, Caswell
- 5-8 Deep Impact **KIDS**, Duplin County
- 5-10 World Missions Week, Caswell
- 10-17 Deep Impact, Cuba
- 11-14 Deep Impact **KIDS** Mini-Week, Duplin Cty
- 12-17 Deep Impact, Shelby
- 19-24 Deep Impact, Outer Banks
- 23-Aug 2 Deep Impact, South Africa
- 24-31 Deep Impact, Puerto Rico
- 26-31 Deep Impact, Red Springs

## AUGUST

- 1-4 Deep Impact Mini-Week, Red Springs
- 1-4 Deep Impact **KIDS** Mini-Week, Mundo Vista
- 23 Regions 2, 8, 10 Mission Rallies
- 24 Regions 1, 4, 6, 9 Mission Rallies
- 26 Regions 3, 5, 7 Mission Rallies
- 20-21 BOM Board of Director's Meeting, Caraway
- 21 BOM Advisory Council & Board, Caraway

## SEPTEMBER

- 1-30 *NC Missions Offering Month*
- 11 Construction Skills Training, Red Springs
- 11 Igniting Men's Hearts Conference
- 24-26 Deep Impact **KIDS** Weekend, Shelby

## OCTOBER

- 1-3 RA Camporee, Carthage, NC
- 2 Construction Skills Training, Rose Hill
- 22-24 Deep Impact Weekend, Duplin County
- 23 Construction Skills Training, Shelby

## NOVEMBER

- 5-7 Deep Impact **KIDS** Weekend, Duplin County
- 9 Region 1 Men's Ministry Worship Rally
- 11 Region 3 Men's Ministry Worship Rally
- 18 Region 5 Men's Ministry Worship Rally
- 22 Region 7 Men's Ministry Worship Rally
- 30 Region 9 Men's Ministry Worship Rally