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 93rd 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 responsibly 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 for more Men's Ministry resources. Go to "www.baptistsonmission.org/men".

"His Workmanship"

Ephesians 2:10

◊ 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 BOM—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 **One At A Time: The Unexpected Way God Wants to Use You to Change the World,** a six week series by Kyle Idleman. Curriculum and video access available through Rightnow Media. Plan a meal. Incorporate worshipful singing, small group discussion, and a prayer time. Use this as a kick-off to doing the rest of the series over the next several 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, bring breakfast biscuits, 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 go toward Disaster Relief. Go to www.baptistsonmission.org. Click on "Give" at the top of the page, and then "Disaster Relief". You can give online or make checks payable to Baptists on Mission, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512. Put "BOM Disaster Relief" in the memo line.

NC Missions Conference. Plan to attend the NC Baptist Missions Conference, which will be held April 2-3, 2027 at Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Charlotte. Call the Baptists on Mission office at 919-459-5596, or go online for info and to register at www.baptistsonmission.org.

Men's Outdoor Weekend. Plan to join us for an inspiring weekend of outdoor fun and fellowship for men on April 30- May 1, 2027 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/men 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. [Contact Mark Abernathy at mabernathy@ncbaptist.org to have one sent to you]
- ◊ **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 Helene Rebuild, International and National Partnerships, Mission Camps, Handyman, and more, can be downloaded and/or shown. Visit 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: His Workmanship
Scripture: Ephesians 2:10

The second chapter of Ephesians reminds us that we have been saved by the grace of God, through faith in His son Jesus. (v.8) This is an important understanding of the Christian faith. We are reminded that it has nothing to do with anything we have done ourselves. (v.9)It is totally a gift that God has provided us. There's nothing for us to be proud of or brag about. It is all about understanding and proclaiming what Christ has done for us!

Now that we understand that, we can go on to the understanding and celebration that we are God's workmanship! I hope that brings some vidid images to your mind. Some see God as a skilled craftsman, putting His unique and expert touch on our lives. When we see a set of finely crafted wooden furniture we admire it's workmanship. The furniture has value in and of itself, but even more so when we know a skilled workman has put time and effort to make it exceptional.

Others may see God as a potter—carefully shaping, molding, and making us from a lump of clay. He spins us on the wheel for as long as it takes to produce the exact things he is looking for in us. And, his work is never quite finished. Should something displease Him, or He sees that adjustment need to be made, He sticks his finger in, and starts us all over.

No matter the image you have, it should thrill us to know that each of us, as believers and proclaimers of Christ Jesus, are God's workmanship. But the creation God has fashioned (and is fashioning) us into is made for a purpose. We are not made to sit on a shelf.

First of all, we are created in Christ Jesus. Inasmuch, we have undergone a spiritual rebirth. What was there before, with it's ultimate destination of sin and death, is there no longer. It has been replaced by a new creation. We have been made alive in Christ and live by his power.

And with in mind, we are being fashioned to do "good works", which God has planned for us to do. What are these good works, you might ask? The answer to that is a varied as each one of us are. We find our purpose in life the same way Jesus did—through constant communication with the Father. We find our purpose through reading and meditating on Scripture. We find our purpose by depending on the Holy Spirit to guide us each day. Rejoice in the fact that YOU are God's workmanship. Find out what He has in store for you.

- Mark Abernathy, Baptists on Mission

10 minutes: Discussion

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

- What images come to mind when you hear and consider that *you* are God's workmanship?
- What do you think is the significance of being "created in Christ Jesus"?
- What do you think these "good works" are that God has created us to do? How and why might that be different for each person?

10 minutes: Prayer time in small groups.

Divide into groups of three. Along with other needs that might surface from the group, encourage men to give thanks to God for allowing us to be "his workmanship". Pray that we would be the instruments he has created to be for good works according to his purposes. 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)

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.

2027 CALENDAR DATES–NC BAPTISTS ON MISSION

JANUARY
22-23 - BOM Board Meeting
22 - BOM Advisory Council Meeting w/Board, Caraway
23 - BOM Annual Business Meeting, 1:00 pm, Caraway
26-29 - National SBDR Roundtable - Charlotte, NC

FEBRUARY
16 - Regional Rallies - 1,4,6
20 - DR Training - Leland, NC
20 - Construction Skills Training - Charity
22 - Regional Rallies - 2,5,8,10
23 - Regional Rallies - 3,7,9

MARCH
6 - DR Training - Edenton, NC
13 - Construction Skills Training - Red Springs
20 - DR Training - Winston Salem, NC
20 - Construction Skills Training - Shelby

APRIL
2-3 - Living Sent Conference - Charlotte, NC
17 - DR Training - Lenoir, NC
30 - May 1 - Men's Outdoor Weekend - Caraway

MAY
1 - DR Training - Asheville, NC

JUNE
14-18 - Deep Impact Week - Charity & Marion
21 - 25 - Deep Impact Week - Shelby
28-July 2- Deep Impact Week - Black Mountain

JULY
12-16 - Deep Impact Week - Black Mountain
19-23 - Deep Impact Week - Shelby & Spruce Pine
26-30 - Deep Impact Week - Charity

AUGUST
23 - Regional Rallies - 1,4,6
24 - Regional Rallies - 2,5,8,10
26 - Regional Rallies - 3,7,9

SEPTEMBER
11 - Igniting the Hearts of Men Conference
25 - Construction Skills Training - Charity

OCTOBER
9 - Construction Skills Training - Red Springs
16 - Construction Skills Training - Shelby

NOVEMBER
5-6 - Blue Hat Training, Shelby
6 - ACO Statewide Collection Day
11 - Region 1 Men's Worship Rally
12-13 - ACO Processing Day, Shelby/Red Springs
16 - Region 3 Men's Worship Rally
18 - Region 5 Men's Worship Rally
22 - Region 7 Men's Worship Rally
30 - Region 9 Men's Worship Rally