

The Pittsboro Baptist Church's Connections Team, consisting of Lee Allenbaugh, Jay Beaver, Allan Blume, Don Dodson, Kimberly Houston, Josh Jurius, Lynn McCarthy, Karl Shaffer, and Jenice Walton, have compiled the following descriptions of connections that correlate to the attached Excel spreadsheet.

2. ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING—The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering provides support for thousands of missionaries in North America. These men and women are planting new churches in unreached communities and meeting needs through compassion ministries in cities, small towns and college campuses. Every dollar given goes to train and resource thousands of missionaries involved in church planting and compassion ministries who share the life-transforming gospel of Jesus Christ across the United States, Canada and their territories.

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering provides half of the financial support for two new church plants in North America every day. This ministry focuses on the 246,000,000 people in North America who do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ. Through North American Mission Board (NAMB), Southern Baptists support 3,057 North American missionaries and Church Planters, as well as 3,758 chaplains, including military chaplains. (visit NAMB.net for more information)

3. BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME OF NC—Baptist Children's Home of NC was founded in 1885 as one of the largest child care facilities in the South. The idea to establish an orphanage came to John Haymes Mills, an editor of the Biblical Recorder, as he traveled the state after the civil war. He witnessed firsthand the aftermath and misery of the war. Seeing the children and females left behind, especially the indigent orphaned children, touched his heart.

He presented his idea to establish an orphanage to the N.C. Baptist State Convention. At first, they opposed his proposal but later decided to move forward with the idea. They appointed Mills as the first general superintendent and commissioned him with the task of fund raising and locating a site. He chose the site of the first orphanage to be in Thomasville, NC. Monies were secured, the orphanage was constructed and the first resident was admitted in November of 1885.

Now this ministry has grown to serve all 100 counties of N.C. with locations in 23 different NC communities, plus an orphanage in Guatemala.

The mission of the BCH is to always give hope and to change lives for the better. The vision is to provide the highest quality of Christian services to children, adults and families in a caring culture.

There are many services and programs offered to children of all ages. Some of the services provided are residential care for orphaned children, emergency temporary care, transitional care, foster care, retreats for residents, residential care for single moms with babies, boys and girls camps for troubled youth, college outreach ministry, residential care for special need adults and care for aging adults (NCBAM). The Baptist Children's Home offers many opportunities to those who are unable to fend for themselves.

BCH is a non-profit organization with a strong base of supporters. This is an important ministry of the Baptist denomination which receives support from the NC Baptist State Convention. Churches and community organizations are essential partners in helping the Baptist Children's Home.

Churches also help by supporting cooperative missions giving through the NC Baptist State Convention.

PBC has been a supporter of the Baptist Children's Home for a long time. The Lunch Break Mission Group, led by Carolyn Johnson, collects grocery items in April for the annual Food Roundup held by the BCH. Matt Cashion of Cashion Fishing Rods holds an annual fundraiser with proceeds going to the BCH. Danny Braswell started the NCBAM ministry (one of the programs offered by BCH) at Pittsboro Baptist in 2019.

4. BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NC—The BSCNC, which cooperates with the Southern Baptist Convention, includes 77 local Baptist associations and about 4,300 churches across the state. Each church is autonomous, and each church voluntarily decides to join the BSCNC in ministry and missions efforts. Gifts through the Cooperative Program and the North Carolina Missions Offering make the missions and ministries of the BSCNC possible. The convention owns three conference centers to equip people of all ages to grow in Christ and share the gospel effectively. The centers are Fort Caswell Assembly near Southport,

Caraway Conference Center near Asheboro and Truett Conference Center near Murphy, North Carolina. The convention staff works with local churches to plant one new church every 4 days in the state and equip churches in ministries for preschoolers, children, youth, adults, deacons, men, women, VBS, prayer, church revitalization and much more. The BSCNC also gives support to the Biblical Recorder, the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Baptists on Missions, the North Carolina Baptist Foundation and other ministries.

5. CASHION RODS FUNDRAISER LUNCH—In November of 2018 and 2019, Cashion Fishing Rods hosted a Customer Appreciation and BBQ Lunch Fundraiser for NC Baptist Children's Home. 100% of Lunch Donations went to the Baptist Children's Homes of NC. In 2018 the event raised \$3,112.02 and 2019 the BCH received a check for \$4,495, along with 12 Cashion Fishing Rod & Reel combos. The staff of Cashion Fishing Rods had the privilege to deliver the rod/reel combos and received a tour of the boys' camp in Cameron, NC. The boys' camp visit was inspiring, gaining a glimpse how the boys are poured into. The boys camp of Cameron, NC and girls camp bring their entire camps and witness to the crowd through song and sharing. In 2019 a young lady shared a very powerful testimony that filled the hearts of all those in attendance. The event would not be possible without the generous donations from the body of Pittsboro Baptist Church. PBC members generously volunteer their time and cooking talents. The 2020 NC Baptist Children's event is on hold due to current COVID-19 concerns. However, Cashion Rods continues to partner with the Baptist Children's Home and look forward to hosting the event in the future.

6. CHEMO BAGS FOR UNC CANCER PATIENTS--Since 2013, the PBC members and the Lunch Break Mission group have supplied goodie bags for patients receiving chemotherapy. Items included in the bags are hard candy, note pads, pen, lip balm, lotion, hand sanitizer, tissues and most importantly, a card of encouragement and a prayer square made by the Prayer Quilt ministry.

7. CHRISTMAS EVE MEAL FOR FIRST RESPONDERS-- In 2007 Don and Sherry Dodson began an annual Christmas Tradition for the on-duty Law Enforcement Personnel and First Responders of Pittsboro and Chatham County. They have been inviting those on duty over-night on Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning to come to Pittsboro Baptist Church for a meal. A small number of church members will serve them a hot home cooked meal between 12:00 AM and 3:00 AM. The meal is served in the Fellowship Hall of the Church. The number of church members involved is kept to a minimum so that the guests can relax and feel comfortable by just getting away from the stresses of their job for a few minutes. This Ministry was begun shortly after the Dodson's joined PBC. Don, a retired police officer with Cary Police Department, saw a need for the local L/E and 1st responders to have somewhere to get something to eat and a hot cup of coffee on a night when almost everything is closed. The numbers of participants will vary depending upon the activity level for each agency. Some years there may be only 12 to 15 that come to the Church. But there have been years when the number would be well over 30. There is always an allowance made for the on-duty personnel working in the County's Communication Center as well as those working in the Detention Center to have a to-go meal brought to them by the Sheriff's Deputies that attend. No one that is working is left out. Invitations have always been addressed to the agency head or supervisor in charge so that it is with their permission that their employees may participate. We have had the Pittsboro PD Chief and the County Sheriff attend in the past.

8. CORA (Chatham Outreach Alliance) FOOD PANTRY-- CORA is a not-for-profit, 501c(3), food pantry that serves Chatham County residents in need of food. Their ultimate goal at CORA is to end hunger in the community by soliciting, collecting, and purchasing food for distribution through the food pantry and a network of alliances, programs, and special events. CORA serves any Chatham County resident who needs emergency food. The pantry is a place of hope and comfort for many in our community, a respite from their struggles where there is always an empathetic ear, supportive smile, and shelves of food to help meet their needs. CORA currently fills 100% of client requests and turns no resident away. For years, we have been

collecting items (food, personal necessities, money offering) for CORA from VBS attendees as our Missions project for VBS.

9. EASTER PASSION PLAY— Beginning in 2009, Minister of Music, Debra Magee, and Drama Team Director, Donna Rezen, decided to add a dramatic presentation to the annual Easter Cantata music. Rezen wrote a script adapted from the Bible about the last week of Jesus' life. The music and songs, along with a narrator told the story while actors dressed in period costume depicted the scenes. After the 2010 performances were standing room only, it was decided to move the production to Northwood High School's auditorium in 2011. With the expanded stage, the production grew with 80+ actors, around 30 people in the choir and around 15 people in the orchestra, as well as stagehands, technical crew, and expert seamstresses. Over 100 people from 20+ area churches were involved. After a 2015 hiatus due to scheduling issues with the high school, 2016 was the seventh and final year of the production. The total attendance was 1,015 for the three 2016 performances with an estimate that more than half in attendance were first timers. Churches involved in the production: Bynum United Methodist Church, Chapel Hill Bible Church, Emmaus Baptist Church, First Baptist Church Cary, Joy Baptist, Merritt's Chapel United Methodist Church, Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, New Elam Baptist Church, New Salem Baptist Church, Rock Springs Baptist Church, Staunton Memorial CME Church, The Lamb's Chapel, and University Presbyterian Church.

10. FEED THE STAMPEDE--Beginning in 2012, the Youth Ministries began an outreach ministry to Northwood High School Varsity and Junior Varsity football teams. Volunteers from PBC and local law enforcement prepared and served meals on various Thursday and Friday afternoons prior to that evening's football game. A short devotion was presented by a church member or a guest speaker. This outreach is an effort to provide an opportunity for Christian fellowship and service to young men who may not otherwise have that opportunity.

11. GRIEFSHARE--GriefShare was founded in 1998 as a spring off of Divorce Care by Church Initiative out of Wake Forest, NC. Today approximately 20,000 churches provide grief recovery support groups, where one can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one.

Julie LoRusso started the first GriefShare session at PBC in the summer of 2017. A cycle of GriefShare is 12 weeks, plus an orientation for a total of 13 weeks. In 2018, she had cycles starting in January and another in August. In 2019, Chatham Community Church hosted the January cycle and Julie hosted the August cycle. This year, Chatham Community Church had planned to start a cycle in March, but the COVID 19 pandemic interrupted the on-site meetings. GriefShare worked diligently to give its leaders capabilities to host online. Chatham Community Church did do a cycle using Zoom which was recently completed.

GriefShare also has an annual event program called 'Surviving the Holidays' in November. Julie has facilitated that event since 2017.

In the fall of 2018, GriefShare also launched a new program for 'Loss of a Spouse'. Julie Lorusso and Rhonda Myers attended the launch at Church Initiative in Wake Forest. They then hosted that event in December 2018, July 2019 and February 2020. This program offers some specific help but is limited to only one session. It is designed to encourage the participants to join a cycle of GriefShare.

The gospel is presented in the videos 3 different times during the regular GriefShare cycle, as well as during the 'Surviving the Holidays' and 'Loss of a Spouse' sessions.

Julie Lorusso works with Karen Jackson and Trish Hillabush at Chatham Community Church. (Karen and Trish started GriefShare together at their church) Julie and Karen started working together in 2018 and routinely have meetings together to discuss their collaborative schedules, training of new facilitators, means for improving the program and the vision for the next year. Pittsboro Presbyterian Church has also started the program (partnering with Chatham UMC) and Trish has reached out to them and we will also be partnering with them in the future. Julie has helped facilitate the meetings at Chatham Community when one of the facilitators had a 6 week long emergency. Paul LoRusso is available for the male participants. He ensures they feel comfortable at the sessions and provides male counseling, as needed.

The number of participants per cycle varies. The first cycle at PBC had 4 participants, including an individual who found the local GriefShare on a google search. PBC GriefShare has had up to 8 participants in a cycle. PBC GriefShare is funded by the church with church members donating dinners, snacks and decorations for the events.

There is not any official follow up with the participants. They are welcome to complete the cycle up to 3 times and some participants have completed it twice. Julie has a list of counselors that she has compiled throughout the years to refer people to if they need additional help. PBC has 2 people attending the church as a result of participating in the GriefShare program.

Julie's future goal is to have GriefShare available every week of the year for whoever needs the help!

12. HABITAT FOR HUMANITY— In 1991, Pittsboro Baptist Men took the lead in building one of the first Habitat houses in Pittsboro, organizing volunteers from other churches to help as well. From then up until 2002, PBC's Baptist Men would assist others in Habitat projects five to six times per year. PBC took the lead for a house build again in 2001-2002, coordinating assistance from other churches. From 2002-2006, our men helped once or twice a year with a house. The last house PBC's Baptist Men helped build in 2006, belonged to Javier Benitez, the pastor of our Spanish Mission church.

13. JUDGEMENT HOUSE— Judgement House is a realistic walk-through drama depicting the lives of several individuals, the choices they make and the eternal consequences they face from those choices. PBC and Emmaus Baptist Church sponsored Judgement House from 2009-2017. This was a huge undertaking with as many as 90 volunteers fulfilling many jobs: hall monitors, registration, sound and lighting, counselors, follow-up teams, construction and props, parking attendants, hospitality, nursery workers, meal preparation, actors and directors, tour guides, administrative workers, bus drivers, set up and tear down crews. Some of the titles were: "Unexpected", "Words", "Invasion", "Overdose", "Shaken", "Treasured". The production required 12 weeks of practice and preparation. Cumulative statistics from the last 3 years (2015-2017): Attendance 3786, 1st time commitments 300, rededications 259, special prayer 149.

14. LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING— The annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering provides half of the financial support for 3,600 full time missionaries who serve around the world through the International Mission Board. (Visit IMB.org for more information)

15. MILES OF HOPE— Nathan and Kimberly Houston, PBC members, have two lovely daughters who have cystic fibrosis. They organized the Take CF Away Cycle & 5K & Family Fun Day held in Pittsboro May 4, 2019 to raise money for research to find a cure for cystic fibrosis. They used the church facilities as a place to store donations and for a volunteer meeting. Church members volunteered in various capacities throughout the day. The event was a tremendous success with thousands of dollars going directly to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, an organization that is working tirelessly to fund life-saving research that will improve the lives of those affected by CF and hopefully one day discover a cure. Visit takeitaway.org for more information. The Houstons have since formed a non-profit, Take It Away 501(c)(3), to continue to raise money to find a cure, but in 2020, plans for another event have been stalled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

16. NC BAM—North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry (NC BAM) is an outreach program to give support to aging adults (65+) in the community. The focus is to allow seniors to maintain their independence as long as possible. BAM is supported by the NC Baptist State Convention and administrated through the Baptist Children's Home of NC. It provides services to older adults such as wheelchair ramp construction, transportation assistance, visits and spiritual ministering. Danny Braswell started the BAM ministry at PBC in 2019 and it is an ongoing ministry.

17. NC BAPTIST MEN— NC Baptist Men/Baptists on Mission is a Christian missions organization that is an auxiliary to the Baptist State Convention of NC. The purpose of Baptists on Mission/NCBM is to help churches involve their members in missions. (For more information, visit Baptistsonmission.org) The

involvement of the men of Pittsboro Baptist Church with this organization dates back many years. They have been involved in helping with Habitat for Humanity, establishing a Spanish Mission within our church, and helping with disaster relief work within NC and MS. The Heritage Team has a more detailed list of the involvement of the men of PBC in this organization.

18. OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD-- Since 2007, Pittsboro Baptist Church has served as an official drop-off location for Operation Christmas Child, a Samaritan's Purse ministry that distributes gift-filled shoeboxes to demonstrate God's love to children in need in 100+ countries. As a drop off location, we open our doors during OCC National Collection Week every November and collect shoeboxes from area churches and individuals throughout the week. The shoeboxes are boxed up in large cartons and transported to the Area Drop Off location as another stop over as they make their way to their final destination to the hands of a child in need. It takes several volunteers' time, talents, and resources to make this a success each year at PBC. However, the most important part of this is the impact we can have on those in our community dropping off the shoeboxes. We take the opportunity to pray with each of them and over the boxes they have delivered. Even though PBC's role is small in the bigger picture of OCC, the impact and value are immeasurable. PBC's Children's and Youth ministries, as well as Preschool families, have given shoe boxes to the organization consistently for the past couple of decades.

19. OPERATION INASMUCH--This was done about every 2-3 years, usually led by the men's group. Sometimes it was a team from men, SIS, and others. This is a ministry that began in a Baptist church in Fayetteville and spread to other churches. Its goal is to set aside a day where as many church members as possible are involved. It includes a number of ministry items- teams to: 1) fix homes, 2) serve meals, 3) minister to people that need prayer/personal interaction, 4) set up kid's activities and offer a lunch, etc. Activities occur in and outside the church. We have not done one for 15 years. It is a large event, and the last one was attended by 20-30% of the members, whereas one of the goals is it to be a churchwide event to have us "commune" with each other while serving others.

20. PANDA PACKS--Panda Packs began in 2010 in conjunction with Pittsboro Elementary School. This was a ministry that provided backpacks filled with shelf stable foods and drinks for eligible students to take home over the weekends and extended holidays. Panda Packs was a supplemental food program designed to meet the nutritional needs of students whose family experienced economic hardships. This outreach supported 14 families, feeding 36 children. The average cost was \$215 per week to feed all the families. In 2016 the school was awarded a grant for Panda Packs and they took over the program. CORA has also helped to sustain this program.

21. PRISON MINISTRY— The Prison Ministry began under the leadership of Brenda Cooper at the NC Correctional Institute for Women in Raleigh. The ministry served girls in the Institute ages 16 to 20. Some were pregnant. A meeting was held once a month with a devotion followed by one-on-one time with the girls. Devotions were led by church members {ladies} as well as some guest speakers from other churches. Prison Ministry Bibles, magazines, refreshments and other items were given during each visit. Our church family was so helpful in providing these gifts. Prayer request forms that were received from inmates during our visit were forwarded to our Intercessory Prayer Team for us to pray. The girls were so thankful they were being prayed for. In December 1991 the Pittsboro Baptist Church Choir went to the N. C. Institute and performed our Christmas Musical. The inmates were so moved. The Prison Ministry was ended in the mid-1990s due to some changes at the institute.

22. REACH OUT CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER--This is a Christ centered ministry providing a safe environment for young women in an unplanned pregnancy. It is based in Sanford and serves surrounding counties. (See reachoutpc.com) The center provides care and support before and after the birth of the baby. The center offers free pregnancy testing, training classes, abortion education, and other educational and support services to the mothers as well as the fathers. The center ministers spiritually to both the mothers

and dads. The center also provides diapers, baby clothing, strollers, beds and other items needed for the babies.

The Pregnancy Center had posted a need for baby supplies in "The Link", (newsletter of the Sandy Creek Baptist Association). Carolyn Johnson, leader of the Lunch Break Mission Group at PBC, saw the posting. She presented this to the group as a possible mission project. They agreed to collect the requested items and donate to the center. That was 15 plus years ago. The Lunch Break Group is still involved in collecting items such as diapers, baby clothing, pack and plays and monies for the center.

The SIS group hosted a "baby shower" for the Pregnancy center gifting them with much needed baby items. Three years ago, the Quilting group became involved with the center by providing baby quilts. The quilters donate between 25 - 30 baby quilts per year to the center.

23. RELAY FOR LIFE--PBC sponsored a team at the 2014 and 2015 Relay for Life Foundation events to earn money for cancer research. Money was earned through donations, selling of baked goods and a raffle of donated products. Any group can sponsor a team. The team's job is to raise funds on their own to support the group. Our church did not interact with other groups to do this. Janet Crutchfield spearheaded several. I know others have too. We have done at least 8 in the past 20 years; my best guess is last one about 6 year ago.

24. ROCA FUERTE-- This is the Hispanic Church on the land next to PBC's 902 property. We gave them the land around 1995. PBC assisted them with the construction of the church building. Before that, they met in our building. The two churches were very active in worshipping together for several years, which ended more than 10 years ago. Most PBC members are not aware of the connections between the two churches. PBC has financially supported Roca Fuerte, and they regularly use our facilities and equipment. But the personal connection is largely over. The Heritage Team has a detailed list of the events that led to the completion of the church on the property at 902 and the church's connection to PBC.

25. SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE--The Angel Tree outreach was originally established in 1979 at Lynchburg, Virginia. "Every child deserves to experience the joy of Christmas morning" was the driving force that spread nationally via the Salvation Army. Clothes and toys for local children of needy families are provided through the support of donors. The Angel Tree is a testament to the power of people coming together to help their neighbors in need.

PBC Lunch Break Missions participated from 2014-2017 in providing Christmas for 20-25 needy children with the assistance of church members. The PBC participants would claim a ticket on a Christmas tree that states the child's wishes and sizes. The unwrapped items were then delivered to the local Salvation Army office, Pittsboro, NC. After 2017, the Pittsboro office moved to the Siler City location and the contact person was no longer available.

26. THE SANDY CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION--The association was organized in 1758. It is a sub component of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. From the beginning, the main emphasis has been on missions and spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ worldwide.

The association is a support system providing assistance, training, church planting, resources, mission opportunities and more to the member churches. Currently there are 50 Southern Baptist churches and mission members of the association. They are located in the Alamance, Chatham and Lee county area. They also publish a monthly newsletter called "The Link".

Each member church selects representatives to attend the associational meetings held in April and October of each year. The current representatives from PBC are John and Connie Goin and Susie Griffin. This is a fellowship event, including food. It provides an opportunity to hear reports from missionaries, both foreign and domestic, along with other various mission groups. Lots of information is presented as to how each church may become involved in the mission field. Member churches take turns in hosting this event. The churches also contribute financially to the association.

PBC has been connected to the Sandy Creek Association for many, many years through various mission projects. Currently, the church, through various groups, is a regular supporter of the Baptist Children's Home and the Reach Out Crisis Pregnancy Center.

27. SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION-- The Southern Baptist Convention is a fellowship of more than 50,000 locally autonomous churches and missions, committed to taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every town, every city, every state and every nation in the world. Churches voluntarily contribute to the mission outreach and education organizations of the SBC through the Cooperative Program. Those gifts support six seminaries (one of those in North Carolina), the International Mission Board (IMB), the North American Mission Board (NAMB) and the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission (ERLC). (visit SBC.net for more information)

28. WOUNDED WARRIOR FISHING PROJECT--The Wounded Warrior Project is a non-profit organization that was established after 9/11/2001. Its objective was to provide a transition to civilian life and a positive future for veterans and service members who had incurred a physical or mental trauma or illness while serving in the military. Its headquarters are in Jacksonville, Fla. Under the umbrella of Wounded Warrior Project, individual Wounded Warrior Fishing Tournaments sprang up nationally. In 2006, an annual fishing tournament was birthed at the Jordan Lake site. Bells Baptist Church of Apex, NC became involved with providing the veterans with a celebratory dinner served post competition. In 2015, Joyce Cotton from Bells Baptist Church of Apex, NC asked PBC Lunch Break Mission group to partner with them in providing casseroles for the annual event. The veteran participants in Chatham Co. have grown in numbers yearly from 60 to 150 veterans. The entire day of recreational therapy and fellowship is the volunteer's way of thanking the veterans for their sacrificial service.