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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

LOTTO Pot O' Gold
North Central Baptist Association Blood Drive
Wednesday, March 19 • 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Lobby
Each successful donor will receive a \$10 Cashe Saver Certificate!
To make an appointment, visit obi.org or call 877-340-8777.
Walk-ins Welcome!
All donors get a Lotto Pot O' Gold scratcher with a chance to win a \$50 or \$100 Visa Gift Card or other fun prizes!
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*while supplies last. Photo ID required.
Our Blood Institute

DO YOU NEED A POSTER OR FLYER DESIGNED/PRINTED FOR YOUR EVENT? WE CAN HELP!

We can do M.O.R.E.!

What is the purpose of the church? While I agree there are many purposes and reasons why the church exists, its purpose is very simple and forthright. We are to make disciples who make disciples. The ultimate purpose of the church is to reach, train, and empower those that are now a part of the church so that they can work with those who are not "yet" a part of the church. To put it simply, to be a church means to serve God by reaching and teaching those who will become saved.

While I do agree that there is more to it, my question and quest revolves around that very task. How can we work together to reach our communities for Christ? M.O.R.E. (Mission.Opportunities.Reaching.Everyone) is our vision for the next few years at NCBA. Everything we will focus on will revolve around this vision. Our goal is to enable all of our churches to reach their own mission fields through mission actions focused on gospel opportunities.

Our first mission action concerns one of the greatest needs in all of our communities. It is the need of addressing food insecurity. These numbers change drastically from month to month but our schools are considered to have 75% of their students at or below poverty level and we often hear of kids/families going days without meals due to the circumstances they face.

Our plan is to build meal bags that can be given to families by your church, through your church members to help reach this need in their neighbors' lives. The ultimate need, of course, for most of the families is the Gospel, so our desired design is to use these food bags as opportunistic means to meet a physical need and an eternal spiritual need at the same time.

We will need your help to do this work. I would like to challenge all of the NCBA churches to involve the whole church or at least one or two of their small groups to raise funds so we can purchase the food and supplies, we will then bag them up and give them back to your church so your membership can impact the world around them for the causes of Christ.

I, also, would love to come to your church and take about 5 minutes to explain this mission action in more detail. But for the meantime, will you start by praying about joining in? Whether an individual, a class/small group, or the whole church, you can make a difference here and now. Praying to hear from you soon.

God bless,

Dr. Clark



Spring Outreach Strategy

The Spring Outreach Strategy is a comprehensive initiative designed to help churches engage their communities and share the hope of the Gospel during key moments in the spring season. We're focusing on four impactful components that will equip your church to make a difference.

As you view the four components below, click on each hyperlink to find additional resources. If you have questions or need additional materials, please don't hesitate to reach out to us for help.



- March 19 - NCBA Blood Drive 9am-1pm
- March 24-28 - Spring Break - NCBA offices closed
- April 4-6 - DNow @ FBC-Clinton for grades 7-12
- April 11 - Formosa is hosting the "Secret Church" simulcast by David Platt. You can find information about the event here: [Secret Church 2025: The Gospel of Matthew](#). Those who wish to attend the event can register [HERE](#) (not on the Radical.net website)
- April 20 - Easter!
- April 26 - Community-wide Block Party @ Immanuel Baptist Church - 10:00-2:00
- April 27 - NCBA Youth Rally @ Formosa