

Yates Baptist Association
Slogan, Purpose, Vision and Core Values (Priorities)

SLOGAN: Working Together to Advance Christ's Kingdom

PURPOSE STATEMENTS: The Yates Baptist Association is a network of churches working together in mission and ministry for the purposes of church growth and church renewal in the Durham-Chapel Hill Metro area.

The Association exists:

- to be a vital resource for churches and church leaders
- to foster fellowship and cooperation among churches and church leaders
- to model mission and ministry in our cultural context, providing opportunities for churches to partner together
- to reach the communities of the Durham-Chapel Hill Metro area and beyond with the Gospel
- to encourage churches of different races and ethnicities to come together for shared Gospel witness to the growing racial and ethnic diversity of this region.

VISION 2016:

- Move Associational offices and operations to the Lakewood property and develop a plan to implement the initial phases of the Impact Center at Lakewood
- Establish the ministries of the 5 Core Values with team leaders/members and action plans for the coming year
- Call a Director of Missions to lead the ministry and mission of the Association
- Reorganize the structure to mobilize more persons for the Core Value ministries and less in the administrative functions (better ratio of ministry to administrative)

CORE VALUES (Ministry and Mission Priorities):

Church Revitalization (Psalm 85:6; John 17:7-19; Colossians 1:27-29)

The Association commits to being a valuable resource in the revitalization of existing congregations that desire to fulfill their mission in the context of their surrounding communities

Church Planting (Matthew 28:18-20; Matthew 16:15-19)

The Association commits to supporting strategic church planting in our region by partnering with local congregations, the BSCNC, NAMB, and church planting networks. The Association will continue to support language and particular ethnic-based church plants for our area in partnership with the BSCNC.

Missions and Community Ministries (Romans 10:8-17; Matthew 25:34-40)

The Association commits to collaborating with congregations to reach out to the multi-ethnic population of our region, to partnering together for "hands-on" mission and ministry opportunities locally, nationally, and internationally, and to become a model and catalyst for congregations through on-site mission and ministries at the Lakewood Impact Center.

Ministerial Care (1 Timothy 5:17; Hebrews 13:17)

The Association commits to caring for the needs of ministers and to building a network of fellowship, care, and support for pastors and church ministerial staff.

Leadership Development (Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Corinthians 12:12-26)

The Association commits to providing biblically-based training and resources for current and future lay congregational leaders that equip them to be effective in facing the challenges churches face in our region.