

*From The Desk Of Dougald W. McLaurin, Jr.*

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Dear Church Clerk,

THANK YOU for your service to Tar River Baptist Association by serving as Church Clerk to your church. Each year we emphasize the importance of your reporting on the activities of your church by completing the Annual Church Profile. The importance of you submitting this form can not be overemphasized. Through this information, Tar River Baptist Association, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, LifeWay Christian Resources, and the Southern Baptist Convention glean information that assists us in planning, training, and resource needs for the Baptist Churches across the nation. THANK YOU!

If you file on line, the process has become very simplified! All you have to do is go to [www.tarriverbaptist.com](http://www.tarriverbaptist.com), click on the Annual Church Profile Information and Forms block and everything you need is there except for your user name and password:

- Your link to Ask Ned (where you enter your data)
- A form to submit that has the data Tar River Association needs
- A PDF version of the ACP Booklet that you can print out to give to persons in your church that provide information
- The 2010 – 2011 NC WMU Form
- The 2010 – 2011 NC Baptist Men Form
- Even a copy of this letter

As we have reviewed what TRBA uses from the ACP, we have determined the information on our web page is the most important. We have discovered that the few questions we placed on our web site were the only questions we needed to have answered that we could not simply obtain from downloading your church's information once it was submitted to BSCNC. Therefore, we – in keeping with the times – have taken a step toward “being green” and saving a few trees by reducing the need for so many forms.

Please be assured that TRBA Staff and volunteers stand ready to assist all those that do not file on line. If you file on line (and don't forget the TRBA page), that is ALL you have to do. We have discovered that many of our churches already file on line (THANK YOU!). We encourage you to have someone in your church family file on line for you if you do not know how. You will discover how easy it is after doing it the first time. They guide you step-by-step and the information will be immediately uploaded to their site.

Again, THANK YOU for your valuable service to Tar River Baptist Association. Check out our web site periodically for additional information that may make your “work load” lighter. In fact, it is our hope to put many things that you would have to “drive to Louisburg for” on the web site. In this day of high gasoline prices, we need to think more in those ways to be good stewards.

God Bless!

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