



# BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Fayetteville, NC 28314

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## Mission Conference Speakers,

The following is some guidance for speaking at our missions conferences:

- Plan to speak twice about 30 to 40 minutes each to the church (or a small group in the church)
  - You will also be expected to speak to our students in the Academy on missions; this presentation is designed to excite the students about the possibility of being called to the field or participating in short-term mission's trip.
- You must report on your work—the facets of your ministry (we don't need salvation numbers; you may, however, share professions of faith). Tell us conversion stories of people who have been radically changed by the power of the gospel.
- Please talk to us about the role your family plays in the ministry.
- Share about baptisms, church membership, discipleship, budget, attendance.
- Tell us about your struggles. Be honest and transparent (you don't have to be concerned with us dropping your support if you say you are struggling). Don't be afraid to talk with us and to us.
- We want to learn about the people groups you are trying to reach; educate us. Talk to us about their dialects, their access to preachers, churches, Scriptures, etc...
- Explain the differences between your culture and ours. What do we as American Christians not understand, as a rule, about your people?
- Help us understand how you contextualize the gospel.
- Explain the challenges of teaching the Word of God in a new language. Talk to us a little about your preparation for the field—the time, the effort, etc...
- Explain unique differences between our church and the church you are planting. Elaborate on costs, facilities, the expectation of those who attend, etc...
- Show maps, videos, pictures and more pictures.
- Keep in mind our church has a high turnover because of the military so don't assume our congregation knows you or remembers you.
- Do not feel obligated to preach a text but if the Spirit leads you to preach then you must preach the text (leap frogging from one verse into a topical message is not acceptable for the conference).
- Give us your heart so we can pray for you better.
- Feel free to incorporate your wife into your presentation with a testimony.

Please don't hesitate to ask questions or seek more clarity as needed via Pastor Bill Sturm, [bsturm.bbc@gmail.com](mailto:bsturm.bbc@gmail.com) or 910.868.5156. You must arrive with your presentation ready to be tested on our media systems on Saturday (DVDs work best). We will conduct a full rehearsal Saturday before the conference begins. You cannot wait till you arrive to build a presentation; if you are a veteran missionary do not show the same presentation you made to raise support.

Proclaiming Christ,

Sean Harris, Pastor

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