

# RBA CONNECTIONS

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## Merry Christmas From the RBA Staff:

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## Thank You

The Raleigh Baptist Association would like to thank our amazing champions and mission volunteers from the following churches that helped receive, pack and load approximately 35,000 boxes from the Triangle Area for children around the world.

Aversboro Road Baptist Church  
Central Baptist Church  
Christ Baptist Church  
Green Level Baptist Church  
McCullers Community Baptist Church  
Mt. Moriah Baptist Church  
Mt. Vernon Baptist Church  
Peace Presbyterian Church  
Salem Baptist Church  
Southbridge Fellowship Church  
Trinity Baptist Church  
Wake Forest Presbyterian Church  
Wendell Baptist Church



## ASSOCIATIONAL PRAYER TIME

Monday, December 12, 2022, 11:00 am  
Raleigh Baptist Association, 820 S. New Hope Rd, Raleigh

## Network and Mission Opportunities



The RBA would like to thank each church, church plant, Sunday school class, small group, mission circle and individual that supported our local mission efforts in 2022. We have had a remarkable year showing Gospel love with our Gospel partners. Each act of love and generosity could not have been given without you and the support that you have provided in supplication, service and support. Many lives have been impacted and souls changed because of your efforts this past year. It has been a joy to see God work and bring people together as you have made such an incredible difference in so many lives.

### Young Leaders Cohort with Dr. Bill Slater



1st Tuesday of Each Month

Starting January 3, 2023

10:30 am - 1:00 pm

If you know of a young leader that desires to be a healthy leader email Bill Slater at [bill@raleighbaptists.org](mailto:bill@raleighbaptists.org) to learn more about this new group.

# LOTTIE MOON

## Christmas Offering

*Providing financial support for missionaries  
as they share the gospel overseas*



### Coats for the Triangle

The RBA will be collecting **NEW** coats of all sizes for children, youth and adults in our region that need the warmth of a new coat this winter. Donations can be dropped off December 12-15 or January 9-12. Please join us by asking your family, small group, Sunday school class or mission circle to consider helping to provide for those in need during this season of vulnerability with the cold temperatures.

**Drop Off Location:** 820 S. New Hope Rd, Raleigh, NC

### RBA Hunger Fund

Please consider a special gift to the RBA Hunger Fund during the Christmas season. This fund is used to help reduce food insecurity in the Triangle region of North Carolina. During the winter months, hunger needs increase drastically. Please join us in making a difference for the sake of those that are hungry.



Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst." May our effort to fulfill the physical hunger needs in the Triangle region extend to open the hearts door for spiritual hunger to be filled in the lives of those who face hunger around us.

Donations can be mailed to the Raleigh Baptist Association, PO Box 46659, Raleigh, NC 27620 or Give On-Line at [www.raleighbaptists.org](http://www.raleighbaptists.org)



### Church Groups Conference "Helping You Thrive in Groups"

**Friday, January 20 - Saturday, January 21**

Providence Baptist Church  
6339 Glenwood Ave  
Raleigh, NC 27612

Join us January 20-21 for two main sessions as we gather together to hear from Jared Musgrove and Justian Elafros, two biblical voices in the realm of small group ministry. Our hope is that these sessions will help you thrive in your Life Group. Two meals, snacks, and gallons of coffee are included with the registration fee. Discounts and vouchers are available upon request. This conference is open to any and all who long for greater clarity on how small groups help Christians thrive in the local church. This conference will strengthen our understanding of what Life Groups are, why they matter, and how they can help you thrive as a Christ follower.

For Full Details and to Register Go To:  
<https://www.pray.org/event/groupsconference/>

# Network and Mission Opportunities

## Training Opportunities for the Upcoming Year

We are excited to offer a new Equipping Workshop format for church leaders for 2023. The workshops will be scheduled each quarter and will cover the following four areas of ministry (Evangelism and Disciple Making, Mission Engagement and Partnership, Leadership Development/Revitalization, and Church Management). These workshops will be led by facilitators who have the spiritual character, experience and capability to help you become the leader that God can use mightily. These workshops will be for two hours in the evening and will be held at the RBA office except for the Spring session which will be a part of the mid year meeting.



Here are the dates for the workshops so you can put these in your calendar:

1. Spring - April 25, 2023 **Missions Engagement and Partnership**
2. Summer - June 27, 2023 **Leadership Development and Revitalization**
3. Fall - September 26, 2023 **Church Management/Budgeting**
4. Winter - January 30, 2024 **Evangelism and Disciple Making**

We are looking forward to seeing you be a part of equipping Great Commission leaders that lead like Jesus. Details on the training events will be coming out in the near future. Feel free to contact us at the RBA office for additional information.

Together in His service,

Dr. Ken Tan  
[ken@raleighbaptists.org](mailto:ken@raleighbaptists.org)

## Caring Connections Ministry...Make a Difference

### Mentors Needed

Are you searching for an opportunity to **love your neighbor** by investing in the life of a woman struggling to overcome barriers of poverty? We are in need of female mentors to serve as an encourager, prayer warrior, accountability partner and to come alongside a woman to empower in along her journey of becoming self-sufficient.

### Poverty Education

If your church or small group is interested in learning more about the cycle of poverty, consider inviting Cynthia Thelen to speak at your event. You will learn about the impact of generational poverty and the systemic barriers that make it challenging to become self-sufficient. Cynthia will break down the myths of poverty and help you understand what it takes to move beyond those barriers.

Contact Cynthia at 919-231-3995 ext. 109 or [cynthia@caringconnectionsministry.com](mailto:cynthia@caringconnectionsministry.com)



## The Raleigh Baptist Association Now Offers On-Line Giving

Go to [www.raleighbaptists.org](http://www.raleighbaptists.org) and click on "**Give**" to sign up and give to support local missions through the RBA.





# RBA Calendar and Bulletin Board

## December 2022

12 Associational Prayer Time- RBA  
24 Christmas Eve  
25 Christmas Day  
26-30 RBA Closed

## January 2022

1 New Year's Day  
3 Young Leader's Cohort - RBA  
9 Association Prayer Time - RBA  
10 Missions & Ministry Council - RBA  
12 Resource Commission - RBA  
16 Martin Luther King Day

## Ministry Openings:

**Cary First Baptist, Cary, NC** is seeking a Communications & Graphics Ministry Assistant. This candidate is responsible for providing administrative and ministry-related support to one or more members of the ministerial team. The candidate will interact with church staff, church members and the community while furthering the purpose, mission, and vision of Cary First. This position is full-time, with very generous benefits.

Please see our website for full description:  
<https://www.caryfirst.com/jobs/>.  
Email Address: [myron@caryfbc.org](mailto:myron@caryfbc.org)

**Wakefield Central Baptist Church, Zebulon, NC**, seeks a full time Senior Pastor to faithfully preach and teach the Word and lead our congregation. An ordained minister with a MDIV or higher education. We are a mission-minded Southern Baptist congregation with

both traditional and contemporary worship music. Our sanctuary can hold 290 and we have average attendance of 70-80 each Sunday. If God is calling you to serve as our Senior Pastor, please send your resume on or before December 31, 2022, to: Wakefield Central Baptist Church, 308 Proctor Street, Zebulon, NC 27597, Attn: Pastor Search Committee or Email to:

[pastorsearch@wcbchurch.org](mailto:pastorsearch@wcbchurch.org).

**Woodhaven Baptist Church, Apex, NC** is seeking an Adult Choir Director. The person in this position will lead all matters related to the ministry of the adult choir along with leading congregational singing in worship services.

Email Address: [dave@woodhaven.org](mailto:dave@woodhaven.org)

**Woodhaven Baptist Church, Apex NC** is seeking an Audio/Visual Support Coordinator. The person in this position will ensure that A/V technology is utilized efficiently, effectively, and strategically in church events through outstanding communication and coordination with A/V team members and pertinent church staff.

Email Address: [dave@woodhaven.org](mailto:dave@woodhaven.org)

**Good Hope Baptist Church, Cary, NC** has an opening for a full-time Administrative Assistant/Office Manager. The ideal candidate must be a mature Christian who will not only represent Jesus Christ but Good Hope Baptist Church as well. You must

be an active member of a local church, pleasant, discreet, tactful, and capable of honoring confidential communications, along with excellent interpersonal written and verbal communication skills.

Primary duties will include but are not limited to aiding staff and church members, maintaining church management software, church communications including social media, keeping the calendars updated, room scheduling, electronic door system, creating, and maintaining church documents, ordering supplies and literature. Email resume To : [careers@goodhopechurch.org](mailto:careers@goodhopechurch.org).

**For complete Church Staff Job Descriptions and Other Ministry Openings please visit our website under "Ministry Placement"**

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The Great Commission  
To Church Mission  
For Kingdom Growth  
Matthew 28:19-20

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