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THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 7, 2026

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

We invite you to join us for a time of unified prayer for our nation and the world.

Date: Thursday, May 7, 2026

Time: 11:00 am

Location: Raleigh Baptist Association
820 S. New Hope Road
Raleigh, NC 27610

"Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples."

1 Chronicles 16:24 NKJ



Children's Music Camp June 15 - June 18, 2026 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Host Church: Aversboro Road Baptist Church
1600 Aversboro Rd, Garner

Featured Musical: The Bumble BEEatitudes created by Christy Semsen

Musical Director: Terry Denny of Aversboro Road Baptist Church

Drama Director: Christina Coston of Piney Grove Baptist Church

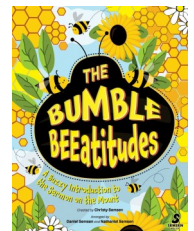
Interest Group Leaders:

Talented music leaders from local churches and music schools will lead a variety of interest groups.

Cost Per Child: \$90.00

Auditions:

Auditions for singing, speaking and non-speaking parts will be held on **Tuesday, May 5, 2026** from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Aversboro Road Baptist Church. Call Iris Woodard at 919.231.3995 or iris@raleighbaptists.org to schedule your child's audition.



For a Full Informational Flyer go: www.raleighbaptists.org



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TRAINING

Saturday, May 16th, 2026
Register Time: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Location: Salem Baptist Church, 1821 N Salem St, Apex, NC 27523

Make VBS unforgettable this year! Vacation Bible School is many churches' largest evangelistic ministry. As you plan and prepare for God to do amazing things, join the NCVBS Training Team for a free Regional Training!

This training equips your volunteer team to gain valuable Biblical learning, direction in VBS administration, insight into children's learning levels, cost-effective decorating ideas and more. A bilingual training is also available!

No matter which VBS curriculum you choose, experience fun and engaging breakouts that will generate renewed excitement and vision for Vacation Bible School. Sign your team up today!

Register At: <https://ncbaptist.org/events/vbs-regional-training/>

Network and Mission Opportunities



MORE THAN BIRTHDAY CAKE

So often, we think we're too busy to carve out time to meet a need. I'll be honest; sometimes I feel that way too. Kierra's 25th birthday fell on the Saturday of Easter weekend. I was busy with family in town, but I knew she didn't have anyone planning a lunch, baking a cake, or celebrating her day with her. All day Friday and Saturday morning, God gently nudged my heart to go see her. I'll admit I wrestled with it, but God kept nudging. So, I went. I picked up a gift and a cake and drove across town. Kierra was dressed up, ready to celebrate a birthday lunch alone. When I handed her the cake, a simple gift, and a birthday hug, her face lit up with a big smile in a way that brought a smile to my own face. In that moment, God quietly reminded me that this moment was about far more than the cake. It was about her feeling remembered and cared for on her special day. Isn't that the heart of the gospel? Sacrifice for others. On a weekend when we were celebrating the resurrection of Christ, I was reminded that Jesus meets us in our loneliness, pursues us when we feel forgotten, and calls us to do the same for others. What felt like an interruption to my plans became a sacred moment, one where love showed up in simple yet meaningful way for someone else.

That simple act of obedience became a gift, not only to Kierra, but to me.

Going out of our way for someone else is never wasted. We are never truly too busy for what matters to God. And giving our time, our presence, and our compassion is not just kindness, it is ministry. It is an act of worship.



The Caring Connections Ministry invests in relationships with families facing hardships or poverty and homelessness. If you would like to learn more, reach out to Cynthia Thelen at cynthia@caringconnectionsministry.com

How might you sacrifice a little time this week to bring presence, joy, and kindness to someone who needs it?

ASSOCIATIONAL PRAYER TIME

Monday, May 11, 2026

Monday, June 8, 2026

Monday, July 13, 2026

11:00 am

Raleigh Baptist Association
820 S. New Hope Rd, Raleigh

Northern Ministers Connections Group



We welcome all Pastors and Ministers that serve in the Northern part of the Raleigh Baptist Association to join us for our monthly support

group. This is a time to get to know others serving our congregations as well as offer support to one another. This group is led by Dr. Bill Slater. Feel free to reach out for more information at bill@raleighbaptists.org.

Upcoming Dates: Thursday at 9:30 am

June 4, 2026

July 2, 2026,

August 6, 2026

September 3, 2026

Location: Franklinton Baptist Church
102 W. Mason Street, Franklinton, NC



Giving Thanks

2026 MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

THE MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING • LIFTING BURDENS WITH LOVE



Rev. Mike Ester



Rev. Jimmy Lancaster

"Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine"

1 TIMOTHY 5:17

WEEK of PRAYER

MAY 3-9, 2026



Scan this code or visit mothersdayoffering.org to learn more.

Network and Mission Opportunities

Back-to-School, Packed with Love

Join us in collecting backpacks filled with school supplies to support low-income children. With the high cost of living, it can be difficult for families to provide new backpacks and essential supplies for the school year. This simple act of generosity and care can make a meaningful difference in helping a child be prepared and confident as they begin a new school year with everything they need. **The Raleigh Baptist Association will be accepting filled backpacks throughout the summer. Backpacks may be dropped off starting the week of June 22 and ending August 13.** Distribution will be made to year round students as well as traditional calendar students.

Below, you will find a list of suggested school supplies. In addition, if you would like to include a gift card in the bag for kids' clothes, this would be a blessing. Starting the school year with new clothes builds confidence and a strong sense of self-worth, which is important for children and youth, especially those already facing hardships and struggles.

A few helpful tips:

- Supply lists are organized below by grade level for your convenience and based off most frequently requested items by local schools.
- Once your backpack is complete, please label it elementary, middle, or high school to help us distribute them efficiently.
- Recommended clothing gift card stores: Marshalls/TJ Maxx, Ross, Old Navy

Elementary School (K–5)

- Backpack (larger sizes to fit large daily take home binder)
- Wide-ruled paper
- Folders (2-4 plastic with prong/pockets, different colors)
- Crayons (24 count pack)
- Washable markers
- Pencils #2, Ticonderoga brands often requested by teachers
- Pencil pouch
- Glue sticks
- Safety scissors
- Pink wedge erasers
- Headphones (no earbuds)
- 3 Ring Binder – 2 inch
- Composition notebook



Middle School (6–8)

- Backpack (sturdy)
- College-ruled spiral notebooks
- 3-ring binder (1–2 inch)
- Subject dividers
- Folders (plastic)
- Loose-leaf notebook paper (college ruled)
- #2 pencils
- Blue/black pens
- Highlighters
- Pencil pouch
- Index cards
- Sticky notes
- Headphones

High School (9–12)

- Backpack (sturdy)
- College-ruled notebooks or composition books
- 3 ring binder (2 inch)
- Subject Dividers
- Loose-leaf paper (college ruled)
- Pens (blue/black and a few colored)
- #2 Pencils
- Pink wedge erasers
- Highlighters (variety pack)
- Sticky notes
- Index cards
- Planner or student agenda
- USB Flash Drive

Drop-Off Location: Raleigh Baptist Association, 820 S. New Hope Rd, Raleigh, NC 27610

RBA Calendar and Bulletin Board

May 2026

- 5 Children's Music Camp Auditions-ARBC
Aversboro Road Baptist Church
- 7 National Day of Prayer Gathering - RBA
- 10 Mother's Day
- 11 Associational Prayer Time
- 25 Memorial Day - RBA Closed

June 2026

- 4 Northern Ministers Connections Group
- 8 Associational Prayer Time
- 15-18 Children's Music Camp-ARBC
- 21 Father's Day

July 2026

- 2 Northern Ministers Connections Group
- 4 Independence Day
- 6 RBA Closed
- 13 Associational Prayer Time
- 14 Missions & Ministry Council Meeting
- 14 Resource Commission Meeting

Ministry Openings

Mount Moriah Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC, a historic and vibrant Southern Baptist church is seeking a Full Time Minister to Children and Families. Our vision is to bring the Gospel to life in and through our church family as we worship, teach, train, and serve together. Preferred candidates will have experience leading and growing a Gospel-centered ministry to children and parents with particular giftedness in: connecting with the community, building personal relationships, recruiting, inspiring and developing volunteers. A 4-year degree from an accredited institution, in the area of children's ministry or children's education is preferred. We

are open to hiring the right person for part-time (25 hours) or full-time (40 hours) status. (Learn more about us on our website, www.mmbc.life/leadership Apply through our website or send a cover letter and resume by email or postal service. resume@mmbc.life Mount Moriah Baptist Church 3000 East Garner Road Raleigh, NC 27610 Attn: Personnel

New Grace Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC is seeking a part-time pianist to play for Sunday (and possibly Wednesday night) worship service each week. The ideal candidate will be comfortable playing traditional Baptist hymns and supporting congregational worship with consistency, reverence, and musical skill. Responsibilities: Accompany congregational singing of traditional Baptist hymns. Coordinate with the pastor or music leader regarding hymn selection and service flow. Arrive prepared and on time for each service. Compensation depends on experience and availability. If interested, contact Rev. Bobby Dean at bobidinho@gmail.com.

Woodhaven Baptist Church, Apex, NC is seeking a dependable and service-minded Building and Grounds Maintenance Technician to support the care, maintenance, and daily operations of our church facilities. This role works closely with the Senior Pastor and Building & Grounds Committee to ensure that buildings, systems, and equipment are well-maintained, safe, and ready for ministry use.

Responsibilities include performing routine maintenance and minor repairs, coordinating with vendors for specialized services, assisting with event setup and furniture movement, managing facility-related supplies, and helping oversee the use and condition of church equipment and vehicles. The ideal candidate will have general maintenance experience, strong organizational and communication skills, and the ability to prioritize tasks in a dynamic environment. This position requires physical capability, flexibility in scheduling, and a commitment to supporting the mission and ministries of the church. Email for sending resume: dave@woodhaven.org

For complete Church Staff Job Descriptions and Other Ministry Openings please visit our website under "Ministry Placement" Go To: www.raleighbaptists.org

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

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