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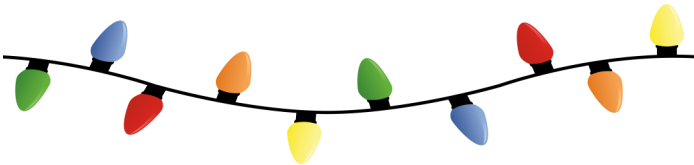
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*Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas
from the RBA Ministry Team*

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**Operation Christmas Child
Shoe Box Collection**

November 16-23, 2026

Drop Off Locations:

- Cary First Baptist Church, Cary
- Good Hope Baptist Church, Cary
- Faith Baptist Church, Knightdale
- Faith Baptist Church, Youngsville
- Louisburg Baptist Church, Louisburg
- Mid-Way Baptist Church, Raleigh
- North Henderson Baptist Church, Henderson
- Piney Grove Baptist Church, Fuquay Varina
- Richland Creek Community Church, Wake Forest
- Salem Baptist Church, Apex
- The King's Chapel, Raleigh
- Trinity Baptist Church, Raleigh
- Wakefield Central Baptist Church, Zebulon
- Wendell Baptist Church, Wendell

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BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD
DAY of PRAYER

**Baptist Women's Day of Prayer
Monday, November 2, 2026
10:00 am - 12:00**

"The Power of Being Prayed For"

Location: Raleigh Baptist Association
820 S. New Hope Rd, Raleigh

Special Music by Teresa Middleton and Lee Ann Spahr.

Guest Speakers will be Amy Boone and the WMU of NC Staff.

Mission Project will be writing blessing cards to recipients of Mission Dignity of North Carolina.

ASSOCIATIONAL PRAYER TIME

**Monday, November 9, 2026
Monday, December 14, 2026
Monday, January 11, 2027**

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

- ♦ **November 5, 2026**
- ♦ **December 3, 2026**
- ♦ **January 7, 2027**

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

Network and Mission Opportunities



Help Families Thrive Together

Thrive Together Parenting Conference | April 10, 2027 | Garner, NC

Foundations Family Therapy invites churches throughout the Raleigh Baptist Association to partner with us for the **Thrive Together Parenting Conference: Raising Emotionally Strong Kids**, featuring nationally recognized family therapist and **Raising Boys & Girls** podcast co-host **David Thomas, LMSW**.

Presented by **Foundations Family Therapy** in partnership with **Aversboro Road Baptist Church** and **Community of Hope Ministries**, this community-wide event will equip parents with practical tools for raising resilient, emotionally healthy children.

The conference will feature David Thomas as keynote speaker, breakout sessions led by licensed therapists and local experts, and resources for parents and families. We anticipate approximately **300 parents and caregivers** from across our community.

Partner With Us

Raleigh Baptist Association churches can help by:

- **Sharing the conference** with parents and family ministries.
- **Purchasing a block of tickets** for families within your church or community.
- **Helping sponsor the event** to keep it accessible to local families.
- **Connecting us with businesses or community partners** interested in supporting families.



Our hope is to bring churches, mental health professionals, community organizations, and families together to help parents and children thrive. **Ticket sales open November 2, 2026.**

To learn more about church partnerships, group tickets, or sponsorship opportunities, contact:

Elizabeth Edwards, LMFT

Director of Operations | Foundations Family Therapy

eedwards@foundationsft.com

We would be honored to partner with your church to invest in stronger parents, healthier children, and thriving families.

Volunteer Opportunities at ReStore Put your faith into action with Habitat for Humanity ReStores!

The Habitat ReStores are seeking dependable volunteers to support our mission through regular, hands-on service. Volunteering in the ReStore helps fund affordable home construction and critical repairs, making a direct impact in our community. It's a meaningful way for people of faith to live out their values of helping their neighbors and putting faith into action through consistent and practical support.

Ready to get involved?

Contact Volunteer Manager Emily Bissette or visit our website to learn more.
919.744.2425 or emily.bissette@trianglerestores.org or trianglerestores.org/volunteer



Dear Praying Friends,



It is with a grateful heart that I share my appreciation, thanks and gratitude for the prayer support that you have provided for my dear daughter, Anna Brooke, during her medical crisis. On June 29, 2026 she was diagnosed with a very rare form of cancer. After two intensive surgeries, recoveries and a series of treatments, she continues her battle to overcome cancer with God's help and miraculous healing. She has been encouraged and touched by your many acts of kindness, goodness and generosity to her during this season of severe hardship and trial in her life. Thank you for your cards, letters, text messages, emails, voicemails, and calls to her and to me during the past four months. Thank you also for the gifts and acts of love

that you have sent to her. Your acts and expressions of grace have brought her joy, encouragement and hope to help sustain her on her journey and in her fight against cancer. As she continues treatment, I ask for you to specifically pray for her to have endurance, peace, and strength over the next several weeks. Thank you again from the depth of my heart for your ministry of intercession and encouragement to my daughter, Anna Brooke.

With love and thanksgiving for each of you,

Patrick Fuller

Network and Mission Opportunities

Save the Date!



SUPPER FUNDRAISER

NOVEMBER 4TH | 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

THE TALLEY CENTER
RALEIGH, NC

More information to follow!

Join Us for the 2026 Stone Soup Supper!

Urban Ministries of Wake County is excited to host the **2026 Stone Soup Supper on Wednesday, November 4, at NC State's Talley Student Union**. For nearly 20 years, this special event has brought together hundreds of supporters to enjoy wonderful soups from local restaurants, take home a piece of handmade pottery, celebrate our community, and—most importantly—raise critical funds for Urban Ministries.

For More Information Contact:

Brian Buechler

Urban Ministries of Wake County

Email: bbuechler@urbanmin.org



Attention Music and Children's Leaders

Mark your calendar for the next Children's Music Camp

Children's Music Camp

June 14-17, 2027

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

More details coming soon!

RBA Hunger Fund

Please consider supporting this important mission effort by giving a gift to the RBA Hunger Fund as we help families, children and seniors overcome hunger in the Triangle Region of North Carolina.

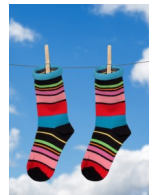


You may donate by mailing a check or making an online donation on our website. Please indicate "Hunger Fund".

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Warmth for Winter Mission Project

We will be collecting **New** socks, underwear and small blankets for men, women and children. These items will be distributed to those in need during the winter months.



Please deliver items to the Raleigh Baptist Association located at 820 S. New Hope Rd, Raleigh during the hours of 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday - Thursday.

Thank You for Your Support

Thank you to the individuals and churches that donated backpacks and school supplies to our back to school drive. We were able to distribute over 200 backpacks filled with school supplies to several school social workers, Caring Connections Ministry and church leaders which serve children in need.



Appalachian Christmas Outreach



If you are interested in another backpack mission opportunity please consider participating in the Baptist On Mission **Appalachian Christmas Outreach 2026**. Their goal is to collect 26,000 backpacks of items to be distributed to Appalachian children in areas of need in late November and December 2026. **Statewide collection date will be Saturday, November 7.**

Local Backpack Drop Off Locations:

- Olive Chapel Baptist Church, Apex, NC
- Raleigh Baptist Association, Raleigh, NC (Please deliver to RBA by Thursday, Nov. 5)
- Shiloh Baptist Church, Garner, NC
- Wakemister Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC

For complete guidelines go to:

baptistsonmission.org/Appalachian-Christmas-Outreach

2026 Annual Church Profile

The **Annual Church Profile (ACP)** is a survey that collects information from NC Baptist churches and associations. As your church completes the survey each year, you have access to data from prior year submissions at [SBC Workspace](#) and [ChurchPOP](#).

The 2026 ACP will be available January 1, 2027

The data submitted on this survey is based on the January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 church year.

<https://ncbaptist.org/ministries/information-technology-services/annual-church-profile/>



RBA Calendar and Bulletin Board

November 2026

- 1 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 2 Baptist Women's Day of Prayer
- 5 Northern Ministers Connection Group -
Franklinton Baptist Church
- 7 Appalachian Backpacks Collection Date
- 9 Associational Prayer Time
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 16-23 OCC Shoe Box Collection
- 26 Thanksgiving Day - RBA Closed

December 2026

- 3 Northern Ministers Connection Group -
Franklinton Baptist Church
- 14 Associational Prayer Time
- 24 Christmas Eve - RBA Closed
- 25 Christmas Day - RBA Closed
- 31 New Year's Eve - RBA Closed

January 2027

- 1 New Year's Day
- 7 Northern Minister's Connection Group -
Franklinton Baptist Church
- 11 Associational Prayer Time
- 12 M&M Council
- 12 Resource Commission
- 13 Martin Luther King Day - RBA Closed

Ministry Openings

Mount Moriah Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC, is seeking to hire a Part-Time Administrative Assistant. This hourly position requires 30 hours in-the-office per week, Monday-Friday. Ideal candidates will be sincere followers of Jesus who are committed to membership and involvement in a local church. They should be friendly, energetic, cooperative, organized, and adaptable.

Required qualifications include strong computer skills, including proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite. Preferred skills include the ability to manage social media and update the church website. Please send your resume to resume@mmbc.life.

Samaria Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC is seeking a highly organized and detail-oriented Administrative Assistant to assist our Pastor, staff and church members in various administrative tasks in a church office, working 15 hours per week/ 3-4 shifts, Monday – Thursday.

Responsibilities include: Individual will need to be available to work on site to act as the receptionist; have excellent phone etiquette while handling incoming calls; maintaining office equipment and supplies; assist in calendar management; composing, typing, and mailing church correspondence; preparing church bulletins and newsletters, as well as maintaining church website and church Facebook.

Experience: Previous experience as an Administrative Assistant or in a similar role is preferred. Experience using Microsoft Word, Publisher, Excel, PowerPoint, Google Drive, Gmail and Calendar Docs is essential. Strong organizational skills and attention to detail are a plus for success in this position.

Qualified applicants email their resume to:
gerdie@nc.rr.com

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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