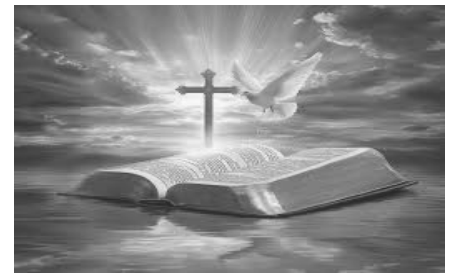




*Caraleigh Baptist Church  
May Newsletter  
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**Desk of Pastor Michael Simmons**

**Pastor's Paragraphs**

In Psalm 27:1, the Psalmist writes: "The LORD is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" Then in verses 13 and 14, he says: "I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD."

These are wonderful words of hope and encouragement to remember as we enter the month of May. For me, April was both a wonderful and a difficult month. We celebrated Easter and the glorious resurrection of our Lord in the beginning of the month. Then, a week later, I became seriously ill after the morning service and ended up in the hospital for four days fighting a condition that could have ended my life. The Lord was with me and with the doctors and medical staff who treated me. Now, I am growing stronger each day and thankful to be able to be about the work the Lord has called me to do. Thank you to everyone who prayed for me to recover. Your prayers were heard and answered. I am looking forward to May with flowers blooming and all the signs of life springing up all around us. This month we will share in the Lord's Supper on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mother's Day on May 10<sup>th</sup>, and Pentecost on May 31<sup>st</sup>. In the time in between, we will prepare for our Homecoming on June 7<sup>th</sup>. I don't know what will take place in May, but I am planning on seeing the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. I plan to wait on the Lord to do whatever he chooses to do, while being of good courage, knowing that he will strengthen my heart. I encourage you to do the same. God has a plan for our church and for each one of us. I encourage each of you to pray that he will help you discover your part in that plan and allow him to strengthen you each day, while fulfilling his plan in you.

Sandra and I look forward to serving the Lord with you throughout this month. We pray that you will be blessed the month and be a blessing to others.  
Pastor Michael

**Looking Ahead**

Church Service	11:00am	Sunday School	9:45 am
Thursday - Bible Study	11:00am		
May 7 <sup>th</sup> National Day of Prayer		May 10 <sup>th</sup> Mother's Day	



**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Betty Jo Watkins	May	03		
Cheryl Watkins		03		
Arnettie Williams		08		
Dawn McNamara		17		
Barry McNamara		18	Mr. & Mrs. Craig Collins	May 27

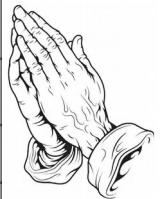
## Remember Pray for Our Shut - Ins

Edith Crumpler	54 Summit Ave.	Raleigh	NC	27603
Sue Denning	Smithfield Manor Rm. 421 902 Berkshire Rd.	Smithfield	NC	27577
Clyde Hutton	Raleigh Rehabilitation Center 116 Wade Ave.	Raleigh	NC	27605
Johnny Hutton	Lawndale Manor Assisted Living 601 Lakeside Dr.	Garner	NC	27529
Linda Hutton	Wedgwood Homes Apt. 26 740 Smallwood Dr.	Raleigh	NC	27605



## Prayer Request

Pastor & Deacons	Church Family	Caraleigh Comm	United States
US Leaders of US	World Leaders	World Hunger	Missionaries
Linda & Glenn Suggs	Betty Jo Watkins	Carolyn Murphy	Seth Tedder
Barry McNamara	Connie Crumpler	Angela Melton	Jean Myers
Mike & Cindy Poole	Sue Price	Mike Coats	Joyce Caudle
Barry West	Sue Denning	Donna Slohn	Israel
Michael Simmons	Clyde Hutton	Sandra Simmons	Bill Duemont
Wayne Skinner			



## Music Notes: Desk of Margie Huggins

May, with warmer weather, beautiful sunshine, and plenty of green leaves on the trees with beautiful flowers planted all around. What a wonderful gift from our Lord we have to look forward to. The music selections will continue to bless our Lord and each of us.

We are so very thankful our Pastor has recovered enough to be back with us. We must continue to pray for his health and strength, and don't forget to remember his precious care-giver, Sandra.

I wish to thank each of you for your prayers for me. I am doing better and happy to be back with you. There will probably be some surgery later, but not right now.

We will celebrate the anniversary of our church in June. So many memories go through my mind. But it is the new memories I want us to be thinking about making. I am asking God to lead us in selecting the right music He would have us to sing and play on that Sunday.

Have a wonderful month together. We look forward to the messages our Lord gives our Pastor each week.

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY! GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE!**

## Inspiration & Humor: Desk of Teresa Moore

### Pentecost

A hush fell over the waiting room, Hearts gathered like embers,  
 Holding their breath for a promise Whispered by the Savior who ascended.  
 Then—Wind. Not the gentle kind,  
 But the kind that shakes rafters And wakes souls.  
 Tongues of fire Settled on the humble,  
 And suddenly ordinary voices Carried extraordinary truth.

*Fishermen spoke like prophets, Strangers understood each other,  
And fear– That old familiar shadow– Fled before the blaze of courage.  
The Church was born that day, Not in stone halls But in burning hearts,  
Lit by a Spirit who still moves Wherever people dare to wait,  
To listen, To believe.*

*And even now, When we feel small or scattered,  
Pentecost reminds us: Flame begins with a spark,  
And God still breathes On those willing to catch fire.*

*~Author Unknown*

My Tinder Dates bio says that I have a corner office with views of the entire city, drive a \$500,000 vehicle, and that I'm paid to travel. My dates never seem too happy when I tell them I'm a bus driver.

Did you hear about the guy who got hit in the head with a can of soda?

He was lucky it was a soft drink



### **Missions Report: Desk of Connie Crumpler**

The totals for the Annie Armstrong Mission Offering was \$487. This was less than our goal of \$900, but still a good showing for our church. This offering is divided between North American Missions, Baptist Hospitals, and Baptist Retirement Homes.

We do not have a special mission for May, but since Mother's Day falls in May, may I suggest that you take a moment to honor a mother in your life. Most of us have our mothers in Heaven now, but all of us have interactions with other women who are mothers. Take a moment to let them know what a good job they are doing in raising their children. Take a mother some cookies (or another treat) to let her know that she deserves a treat because of all the work she does. Many young mothers today work outside of the home while still carrying the major burden of housework and preparing meals in addition to being involved mothers. Let them know they are appreciated and noticed. Our mission for May is to appreciate a mother! There is an envelope in your contributions envelopes for the Baptist Mother's Day Offering. If you want to make a gift to that offering, please use that envelope, and Barry will send it where it needs to go! The Week of Prayer for the Mother's Day Offering is May 3-9, 2026. The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 7, 2026. The Raleigh Baptist Association is holding a time of unified prayer for our nation and the world at 11am in their offices at 829 S. New Hope Road in Raleigh. Everyone is invited to join them.

**REMEMBER TO:** GIVE to missions (church offerings and organizations). Give sacrificially of your money, time, and talents!

**THANK** God for your blessings.

**PRAY** for someone (and don't forget the missionaries!)

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8 “

Then Jesus came to them and said ‘all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’” Matthew 28: 18-20

“Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.” 1 Chronicles 16:24