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Member Churches:

\*Antioch  
 Asheboro FBC  
 Balfour  
 Beulah  
 Cedar Falls  
 Cedar Grove  
 Center Cross  
 Central Falls  
 Cross Road  
 Deep River  
 \*El-Shaddai  
 Firelight  
     at Greystone  
 Forest Park  
 Franklinville FBC  
 Glenola  
 Gravel Hill  
 Highland (Mission)  
 Huldah  
 Iglesia Bautista  
     Emmanuel  
 \*Liberty FBC  
 Macedonia  
 Maple Springs  
 Mt. Pleasant  
 Oakhurst  
 Oakwood Park  
 Panther Creek  
 Ramseur FBC  
 Randleman FBC  
 Richland  
 Riverside  
 Russell's Grove  
 Sandy Creek  
 Seagrove FBC  
 \*Shady Grove  
 \*Sophia  
 Staley  
 Triad Cowboy Ch.  
 Union Grove  
 Unity Baptist  
     Fellowship  
 Victory  
 West Asheboro  
 Westfield  
 White's Memorial  
 Worthville



**Outdoor Live Nativity**  
 at Deep River Baptist Church

December 9-10  
 6pm & 6:45pm

2 performances each night  
 Refreshments included!

[deepriverbaptistchurch.com](http://deepriverbaptistchurch.com)  
[facebook.com/deepriverbaptistchurch](https://facebook.com/deepriverbaptistchurch)



**New Year's Eve Party**  
 at Glenola Baptist Church

December 31  
 8pm - 12:30am

All are welcome to enjoy  
 refreshments,  
 music, fellowship, and  
 a devotion together.

[glenolabaptist.org](http://glenolabaptist.org)  
[facebook.com/GlenolaBaptist](https://facebook.com/GlenolaBaptist)



**Lottie Moon**  
**Christmas Offering**

Dec 3-10 = [Week of Prayer](#)  
 for International Missions

100% of your gifts to the  
 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering  
 support international missionaries.

Learn more, get promo resources,  
 and give now at [imb.org/lottiemoon](http://imb.org/lottiemoon)



**Spreading the Word**

Want to promote  
 your church's event, ministry, or job opening  
 in the Newsletter, on RBA's website,  
 or on RBA's social media?



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 at [rbaoffice2022@gmail.com](mailto:rbaoffice2022@gmail.com)  
 or 336-625-4175.

# PASTOR JEFF JOYCE

## Hope for Christmas

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. (Matthew 1:23)

Peter calls what God the Father gave us, in the person of his Son Jesus, a "living hope." Paul refers to it as a "blessed hope." Last week, I shared with Bobby that it could be "his hope."

As I traveled down Fayetteville Street, I saw a man sitting on the curb. It was quite apparent he was homeless, as well as under the influence of something. The Holy Spirit nudged me to see if he wanted to join me and a group of preachers for breakfast. When I made my way back to invite this young man to come eat with us, he made it clear he was not capable of walking the few hundred feet to the restaurant, even with my help. I sat down on the curb beside him, asked him his name, and how I might help him. He shared his name was Bobby, and he could use a ride to Daymark, a local substance abuse treatment facility.

I went and got my car, helped the young man into the front seat, put a bag containing his belongings in my back seat, and we proceeded to embark on the short drive to the Daymark facility. I wanted to initiate some small talk to put Bobby at ease. "Bobby where you from?" "Rockingham county," he replied. "Do you have any family?" "No," he said. I asked, "No wife or children, mom or dad?" Again, he replied "No." "Well, how old are you, Bobby?" "Thirty," he said. To which I replied, "You have a lot of life in front of you, don't you?" Suddenly, he turned to look at me, and tears began to roll down his face, and he asked, "Then why doesn't it feel like I do?" Brokenness and defeat were streaming down his face, reeking from his skin and clothes. My heart was filled with compassion as I spoke, "Bobby, Satan is trying to destroy you. He hates God, and because God loves you, he wants to see you destroyed. He is using drugs and alcohol and people to kill you. But Bobby, Jesus loves you. He loves you so much He came to Earth and gave His life so you could have hope. A hope for the future and a hope for today." As Bobby looked at me, you could tell he was trying to process the words coming from my lips, so I asked him if anyone had ever shared that with him. Again,

he looked up and the tears started rolling down his cheeks, and he said "No, not like that."

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1	Susie Davis	Pastor's Wife, Triad Cowboy Church
3	Mark Hall	Associate Pastor, Asheboro FBC
3	Jimmy & Ginger Kiker	Pastor, Unity Baptist Fellowship
5	Doug & Susie Davis	Pastor, Triad Cowboy Church
10	Neal & Tracy Jackson	Pastor, Beulah
12	Lena Chaney	Pastor's Wife, Union Grove
13	John Rogers	Transitional Pastor, Liberty FBC
13	Gary Mason	Retired Pastor, Balfour
13	Santiago & Sarahy Echeverria	Pastor, Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel
14	Travis & Kristiana Shelton	Youth Pastor, Beulah
16	Heather Marsh	Wife of Min of Youth/ Maple Springs
17	Nathan & Erica Smith	Pastor, Center Cross
19	Emma Reeder	Pastor's Wife, Westfield
19	Michael Smith	Spouse of Min of Children, Asheboro FBC
20	Roger & Shirley Carlson	Pastor, Staley
21	Robert Kidd	Retired Pastor
22	Drema & Terry Hill	Retired RBA Admin. Assistant
22	Rick & Janet Davis	Associate Pastor, Asheboro FBC
23	Robbie George	Pastor, Gravel Hill
29	Deb Miller	Retired Pastor's Wife, Center Cross
30	Pastor K'Them & Nai Soung	Pastor, Highland Christian Church
30	Tracy Marsh	Min of Youth/ Maple Springs

I would like to tell you Bobby gave his life to Christ that morning and began a new life as a changed man, but to my knowledge, that did not happen. What did happen though, as I walked Bobby into the Daymark offices to begin the intake process, gave him my phone number, and started to leave, is he looked up at me with a smile on his face. The first one I had seen him have. It was a smile that said thank you for genuinely caring about me. I saw a glimmer of what might be hope. Over the last couple of days, my prayer time has included Bobby, and a request to the Lord to bring him to a place of salvation, to a person that would walk with him through this, and ultimately to the life of hope Jesus died to provide him.

Paul says some sow, some water, and some get to reap the harvest. First, I ask that you pray for me to be a faithful gospel farmer, and then I ask that you join me in the sowing, watering, and reaping opportunities the Lord provides us. God places "Bobby's" in our lives every day; Lord help us see them and love them like you do!

### CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES

Tim Fonner	24	Russell's Grove
Chris Heppding, Sr.	15	Randleman FBC

Your servant in Christ,  
**Jeff**

# News & Upcoming Events

## Mark your calendars:

- ♦ Dec 3-10 - Week of Prayer for International Missions, see front page
- ♦ Dec 9-10 - Outdoor Live Nativity at Deep River Baptist Church, see front page
- ♦ **Dec 21 - Jan 1 - RBA Office closed for the holidays**
- ♦ Dec 31 - New Year's Eve Party at Glenola Baptist Church, see front page
- ♦ Jan 4 - Celebrate Recovery Kick-off at Glenola Baptist Church, see below
- ♦ Jan 27 - Youth Leader Bootcamp, see below
- ♦ April 15 - RBA Spring Meeting
- ♦ Aug 3-10 - ServeNC, see below
- ♦ Oct 21 - RBA Annual Meeting



**OLD FASHIONED  
Christmas  
Fruit Bags**

We provide prepared bags in bulk,  
individual fruits, and fruit baskets.

apples	nuts
oranges	chocolate drops
peppermints	gum

Call to order  
**Steen Family Produce**  
**336-596-1704**

## Youth Leader Bootcamp

January 27, 2024  
gam at Caraway Conference Center  
\$28/person, scholarships available  
Includes lunch & free book  
Registration TBA

## ServeNC

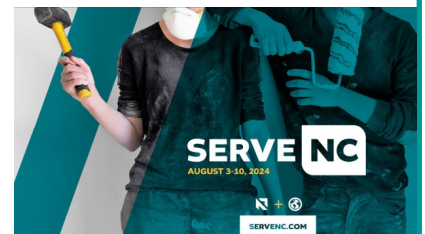
**If your church didn't exist,  
would your community notice?**

ServeNC is an opportunity for every NC Baptist church  
to love its community in Jesus' name through service projects.

Commit your church to one week of being on mission  
together and display the gospel to those in need,

**August 3-10, 2024**  
(or a week of your choice).

Sign your church up  
to participate at  
[ncbaptist.org/servenc/](http://ncbaptist.org/servenc/)



## Celebrate Recovery Kick-Off

at Glenola Baptist Church



7pm  
Thurs, January 4, 2024

Refreshments served at 6:30pm

Volunteers still needed for all areas of service -  
refreshments, childcare, music, etc.

Contact Deana Norton at 336-736-7729  
to learn more and volunteer.

[celebraterecovery.com](http://celebraterecovery.com)

## P.K. Preacher's Kids

by David Ayers



Taken from: [baptistpress.com/resource-library/comics/monday-december-17-2001-5/](http://baptistpress.com/resource-library/comics/monday-december-17-2001-5/)

The deadline for submitting material for the next Newsletter is **noon on December 15.**

Church Receipts 2023	November	YTD
Antioch	-	-
Asheboro 1st	885.07	8,849.53
Balfour	2,053.64	24,562.16
Beulah	1,200.00	13,200.00
Cedar Falls	-	300.00
Cedar Grove	100.00	1,000.00
Center Cross	679.00	1,379.00
Central Falls	147.02	1,932.70
Cross Road	416.00	4,576.00
Deep River	-	1,225.01
El Shaddai	-	-
Firelight at Greystone	340.36	2,575.43
Forest Park	100.00	1,000.00
Franklinville 1st	-	2,000.00
Glenola	519.74	6,504.62
Gravel Hill	-	1,000.00
Highland Christian Church	-	1,491.83
Huldah	600.00	2,400.00
Liberty 1st	-	1,353.75
Macedonia	-	510.00
Maple Springs	-	4,127.27
Mt. Pleasant	400.00	4,000.00
Oakhurst	430.45	4,066.38
Oakwood Park	-	1,000.00
Panther Creek	-	-
Ramseur 1st	212.94	2,293.91
Randleman 1st	-	5,000.00
Richland	-	420.00
Riverside	200.00	800.00
Russell's Grove	-	670.00
Sandy Creek	-	8,014.48
Seagrove 1st	-	3,163.00
Shady Grove	319.79	2,769.62
Sophia	300.00	1,200.00
Staley	-	829.98
Triad Cowboy Church	300.00	3,300.00
Union Grove	778.31	7,092.43
Unity Baptist Fellowship	125.00	1,375.00
Victory	-	450.00
West Asheboro	-	500.00
Westfield	-	900.00
White's Memorial	300.00	3,300.00
Worthville	100.00	1,100.00
Other Undesignated	-	2,889.81
Total Undesignated	10,507.32	135,121.91

Balances	November	YTD
Total Receipts	11,266.41	137,589.82
Total Expenses	17,444.73	135,205.06
2023 Budget: Needed:	12,576.63	138,342.93
2023 Budget: Received:	10,507.32	135,121.91
Over or Under Budget:	(2,069.31)	(3,221.02)

A complete financial statement is available upon request.

If you'd like to receive emailed Newsletters  
or be taken off our mailing list,  
please contact Erica at 336-625-4175 or  
[rbaoffice2022@gmail.com](mailto:rbaoffice2022@gmail.com). Thank you!



## Disciple-Making Conference

Feb 27, 2024 in Charlotte, NC  
\$15/person

What if your church was known more for multiplying  
disciples than adding worship attenders? Register at:  
[ncbaptist.org/events/2024-disciple-making-conference/](https://ncbaptist.org/events/2024-disciple-making-conference/)

## Annual Church Profiles

While the deadline has passed,  
we would still like to hear from you!

Churches, please complete & submit ACPs  
online at [bit.ly/2023ACP](https://bit.ly/2023ACP).

Questions? Contact Erica at [rbaoffice2022@gmail.com](mailto:rbaoffice2022@gmail.com)



## RBA Website

Visit our website today!

[randolphbaptistassociation.com](https://randolphbaptistassociation.com)

- [Job Openings](#) - positions within the RBA church family
- [RBA Ministries](#) - how we can help you
- [RBA News](#) - known church events



## Praying for the Nations

2023's prayer emphasis with NC Baptist

Sign up for resources & weekly prayer reminders at:

<https://ncbaptist.org/praying-for-the-nations/>

PRAYING  
*for the*  
**Nations**



### Ramps Needed!

RBA currently has a list of several ramps that need to be built. Some of the requests already have the funding but are in need of manpower. If you or your church can serve your community in this way, please contact our Randolph BAM leader, Joe Edwards at 336-460-4508.

## Fraser Fir Wreaths!

**All proceeds benefit *Rampin' Up 2024!***

Order by Dec 4 (2 sizes available). Pick up Nov. 28 at NCBAM in Thomasville.

Orders of five or more wreaths can be delivered to your church!



Place your order at:

[bchfamily.regfox.com/fraser-fir-wreaths](http://bchfamily.regfox.com/fraser-fir-wreaths)

Deadline: Dec 4 by noon





## If your church didn't exist, would your community notice?

ServeNC is an opportunity for every NC Baptist church to love its community in Jesus' name through service projects.

Whether it's painting a school, cleaning up a yard, serving meals to those in need or building a wheelchair ramp, your church knows the specific needs that exist in your community and can choose the best project to make a difference through ServeNC.

Commit your church to one week of being on mission together  
and display the gospel to those in need,  
August 3-10, 2024.

[Sign your church up to participate here:](https://ncbaptist.org/servenc/)  
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# October Update

Total Foster  
Homes Licensed

**381**

Total Children  
Served in Foster  
Homes

**779**

Thank you NC Baptists!



Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend

## WINTER YOUTH RETREAT

January 13-15, 2024



### PRICE INCLUDES:

- BIBLICAL TEACHING
- GREAT ACTIVITIES
- WORSHIP SERVICES
- MEALS
- LODGING
- RECREATION
- & MUCH MORE



SATURDAY AFTERNOON  
TO MONDAY MORNING

“

I loved the variety & the type of activities. I also appreciated the depth and detail of the spiritual aspects of this retreat. -2021 Youth Pastor

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[www.truettcamp.org](http://www.truettcamp.org) 828.389.8828 177 Truett Lane Hayesville, NC 28904



Conference Center & Camp

## Marriage Matters Conference

February 9-10, 2024



Enjoy a Romantic Weekend  
Receive Practical & Biblical Marriage Tips  
Semi-Formal Dinner  
Great Accommodations on Property  
Be Equipped to Face Life Together

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# SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Help ease the cost of your education by applying for one of the five scholarships offered by Provision Financial Resources. Learn more about the requirements by visiting our website.

APPLICATIONS OPEN JANUARY 1, 2024



## **BULLARD FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

- Be committed to preparing for full-time Christian ministry.
- Be a member of a North Carolina Baptist church.

## **LUTHER H. BUTLER SCHOLARSHIP**

- Be a full-time student at one of six NC Baptist Universities.
- Be a member of a North Carolina Baptist church.

## **MARTHA WATSON SCHOLARSHIP**

- Be a full-time student at any institution of higher education.
- Be a member of a North Carolina Baptist church.

## **MILDRED FRANCES THOMAS MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP**

- Be a music major with an interest in piano and/or organ.
- Be a member of a North Carolina Baptist church.

## **NELL J. CLARY SCHOLARSHIP**

- Be a full-time student at any institution of higher education.
- Be a member of a North Carolina Baptist Church



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# 2024 TRUETT RETREATS



## **January 13-15: Winter Youth Retreat**

Grades 6-12: Youth Groups can bond, make memories, and encounter the Gospel in a fun, friendly environment.

## **February 9-10: Marriage Matters**

An amazing event for a husband and wife to improve their relationship through Biblical guidance and a weekend getaway.

## **March 22-24: Women's Conference**

Ages 18+: An event for women to connect, be encouraged and equipped to follow the Lord closer.

## **April 5-7: Mother & Daughter Retreat**

Ages 6-12: Invest in your relationship in a fun setting that continually points participants towards Jesus.

## **April 26-28: Grandparent Camp**

Ages 6-12 w/ a grandparent: Bridge the generational gap by making lasting memories with a retreat that appeals to all ages!

## **May 3-5: Father & Daughter Campout**

Ages 6-12: Get outside and unplug from the worries of daily life to grow in relation to the Heavenly Father.

## **June 6-8: Western Happiness Retreat**

All ages: An event for people of all ages with developmental disabilities to enjoy a weekend of fun, friendship, and faith!

## **October 4-6: Father & Son Warrior Weekend**

Ages 6-12: Dads fight for your sons in the battle for being a man after God's own heart while enjoying great outdoor recreation.

## **November 1-3: Forged Man Camp**

Ages 18+: Come be men with great outdoor recreation and iron sharpening iron in the beautiful fall mountains.

## **August 16-18: Grandparent Camp**

Ages 6-12 w/ a grandparent: Bridge the generational gap by making lasting memories with a retreat that appeals to all ages!

\*\*\*Retreats repeat annually on the same weekend.\*\*\*

## *Revive*

*Isaiah 57:15*

We are the ideal place to retreat from the burdens of daily life. Here, you will feel

God's presence. Our staff will take excellent care of you. The end result is that you will be more alive in Christ than before.

## *Refresh*

*Philemon 1:7*

Spend time in fellowship with others. Deepen your friendships. All your needs will be met, allowing you to rest and adventure as much as you wish!

## *Renew*

*Isaiah 40:30-31*

Encounter the transformative power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Thousands of guests have had their hearts renewed and transformed to be molded more into the image of our Savior.





# SUMMER CAMP 2024



Week 1

**June 10-14: Girls Camp #1**

Week 2

**June 17-21: Boys Camp #1**

Week 3

**June 23-28: Youth Camp #1**

Week 4

**June 30-July 5: Youth Camp #2**

Week 5

**July 8-11: Children's Church Camp**

Week 6

**July 15-19: Boys Camp #2**

Week 7

**July 21-26: Youth Camp #3**

Week 8

**July 29 to Aug 2: Girls Camp #2**

## **Girls Camp & Boys Camp**

**\$240 per person (ages 7-17)**

These incredible overnight camps feature strong friendships, outdoor adventure, and the transformative power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## **Youth Camp**

**\$350 per person (ages 12-17)**

Designed for churches to experience mission projects, outdoor recreation, and spiritual mentoring. All activities, food, and lodging are included in the price!

## **Children's Church Camp**

**\$275 per person (ages 6-11)**

A similar experience as Youth Camp, but catered to younger kids. Experience the thrill of summer camp in a comfortable setting focused on the Gospel.



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