The Randolph Baptist Association Newsletter

BANNER



Rev. Jeff Joyce Associational Mission Strategist jjoyce.rba@gmail.com randolphbaptistassociation.com Erica Smith Administrative Assistant <u>rbaoffice2022@gmail.com</u> Office hours: 8-1pm, M-Th PO Box 2167 Asheboro, NC 27204 facebook.com/randolphbaptist instagram.com/randolphbaptist Physical address: 350 N. Cox St., Suite #10 Asheboro, NC 27203 336-625-4175

VOLUME 81 JULY 2023 NUMBER 7

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



Small & Healthy Church Forum

for pastors to fellowship and share ministry ideas

Tuesday, July 18th, 10:30-1pm at the RBA Office

Lunch Provided RSVP to Erica, 336-625-4175



Women on Mission Project

Red Box Prison Ministry

Look how you've served!



Eight churches collected 365 bottles of lotion for the Red Box prison ministry. These lotions will be part of a Christmas gift for incarcerated women.

Red Ministry Trailer

The RBA Ministry Trailer is available for our churches to borrow for their events: a great tool to serve the community **popcorn**, **snow cones**, **cotton candy**, **& hot dogs!**

Contact Erica for more info or to book it for your event: 336-625-4175 or rbaoffice2022@gmail.com



PASTOR JEFF JOYCE

The lostness around us screams out, sometimes at a deafening level. This cancer pulls relentlessly at our families, neighbors, and communities. How disappointing it would be for those of us that have the answer, the solution, the hope found in Jesus Christ to turn away from these blinded by the enemy. May we exhibit the heart of Jesus, realizing that many are often unaware that help even exists, or they chose to look for the help they need in all the wrong places. May we be diligent in "Combatting Lostness" as it rears up its ugly head coming after the very people we love.

We have talked about 5 "P's": Prayer, Preparation, Proclamation, Prayer (yes again), and Praise. Let me share what this may look like. For many of our churches VBS is one of the biggest outreaches we have all year. We share the gospel with children and families, spending a lot of time, energy, and resources to put on a good event. Prayer is a key component as we cry out to the Lord for volunteers to help lead our VBS, because truly, the fields are white unto harvest. Next, we prepare our teachers, classrooms, snacks etc. My prayer is that we are spending time throughout VBS proclaiming the Good News of the gospel and bathing these presentations in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to draw students to himself in salvation and discipleship. Then finally, I hope you celebrate in a big way the goodness of the Lord and all He accomplishes through His servants as His word is spread and people's lives are changed.

Let's seek to Combat the Lostness around us in some other needed areas as well. Our communities are in the midst of an opioid crisis that is affecting over 16,000 people or nearly 11% of our county. What can we do? Pray, cry out to the Lord that He would lead His church to be a point of hope in this sea where so many are drowning. Ask the Lord to provide insight and resources as we prepare to fight this battle. Let us not be afraid to proclaim with strong voices full of compassion the hope and victory that is found only in Jesus. Then, may we as people of prayer, ask the Lord to change the hearts of those struggling, that He would break the addiction that is incapacitating our loved ones, friends, and neighbors. And finally, can we look forward to celebrating with each individual as they find deliverance from the

JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1	Jack & Sandra Livingston	Retired Pastor
2	Tim & Dawn Steen	Pastor, Glenola

3 Michael & Karen Bentley Min of Music, Asheboro FBC

5 Gerald & Gaylene Hussey Pastor, Central Falls
9 Renea Henderson Wife of Deceased Pastor
10 Jimmy Austin Pastor, Mt. Pleasant
12 Travis & Stacy Brock Pastor, Sandy Creek

13 Joyce Rogers (Interim) Pastor's Wife, Liberty FBC

14 Caron Norton Pastor's Wife, Victory
15 Sam & Jamie Hicks Pastor, West Asheboro

15 Chris & Ally Heppding
 15 Tracy & Heather Marsh
 Pastor, Randleman FB
 Min of Youth, Maple Springs

Janet George Pastor's Wife, Gravel Hill
 Candace Curry Wife of Youth Pastor, Cross Rd

24 Jean Thomas
 24 Barbara Hall
 Wife of Deceased Pastor
 Wife of Deceased Pastor

24 Mary Edwards Retired Pastor's Wife, Franklinville FBC

25 Ronnie & Lena Chaney Pastor, Union Grove

25

26

28

29

29

Santiago Echeverria

Justin & Candace Curry

Jack Livingston

Doug Davis

Peggy Dunn

Pastor, Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel

Retired Pastor

Youth/Children's Pastor, Cross Rd

Pastor, Triad Cowboy Church

Pastor's Wife, Ramseur FB

Alan & Pam Stanley Retired pastor

CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES

Ronnie Chaney 19 years Union Grove Garry Reeder 10 years Westfield Tim Strider 3 years Deep River Again, we look ahead and see opportunity on the horizon, as the largest development project in our state is full steam ahead in the northeast corner of our county. Can we not employ our 5 "P's" as we seek direction as to how we, as Christ's body in Randolph County, may be about bringing hope to the lostness that will be arriving in our beautiful home. What an opportunity we have as the Lord is bringing the masses to us. Missions here at home.

bondage Satan has them in.

Lord, You are kind, and You never make mistakes. May we be ever-seeking and excited for all the chances and challenges You bring our way. Please let us find favor in Your sight as we seek to help bring victory in this eternal battle.

Your servant in Christ, Jeff

NC Baptist Ministers' Wives Retreat

July 10-12 Caraway Conference Center \$155-\$255/person

Register at:

ncbminwives.wixsite.com/ncbmw

News & Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars:

- July 4 Independence Day; RBA office closed
- July 10-12 NC Baptist Ministers' Wives Retreat at Caraway Conference Center, see 2nd page for details
- July 26 Church Communications Training with NC Baptist, see below for details
- Aug 15 Deadline for special project grants, learn more at <u>ncbaptistfoundation.org/special-project-grants/</u>
- September NC Missions Offering learn more at ncbaptist.org/north-carolina-missions-offering/
- ◆ Sept 9 Field of Makers with NC BAM, 9am-4pm, purchase tickets at ncbam.org/field-of-makers/
- Sept 23 Free training for ramp building, see below for details, bit.ly/ramp-training
- Sept 30 Deep Impact Kids at Cross Road Baptist, 8:30am-3:30pm, \$5/person, register at bit.ly/DIKids2023
- ♦ Oct 16 RBA Bi-Annual Meeting at FBC Asheboro, 4:30-8:00pm, dinner provided
- Oct 21 <u>Ignite Randolph</u> at Bicentennial Park in Asheboro, 5pm (preconcert @ 4:30pm), free event
- Oct 28 Drop off Appalachian Christmas backpacks at Unity Baptist Fellowship, bit.ly/Christmas-backpacks
- Nov 5-6 NC Baptist Pastors' Conference: Shepherd the Flock, register at ncpastorsconference.org
- Nov 11 D-Life bootcamp at FBC Asheboro, 9-1pm, register: 336-629-9191 (church office), livethedlife.com
- Nov 26-28 Central Carolina Bible Conference at White's Memorial Baptist, 7pm each night
- Nov 27-29 Senior Adult Trip "Christmas by the Sea" at Fort Caswell, \$195/person, contact RBA to register

Known VBS Schedules

Pray for each of these churches for:

- The Gospel to be shared
- Salvations to occur
- Children/youth to attend
- Willing VBS workers
- Safety for all
- Strength & energy for all workers
- Wisdom for the pastor

For more information about each VBS (times, themes, ages), visit randolphbaptistassociation.com/news.

Dates	Church	
July 10-14	Victory Baptist, Seagrove	
July 16-20	Union Grove Baptist	
July 24-28	Unity Baptist Fellowship	





Church Communications Training

with NC Baptist

Online Zoom meeting Wednesday, July 26, 9-10am

Learn practical tips for scheduling content, managing groups and pages, communicating through Messenger, understanding analytics and more.

Register at <u>ncbaptist.org/communicationstraining</u>

Thursday Courthouse Prayer

with Pray NC Pray

Praying for revival in our cities, county, state, and nation

7:20-7:35am every Thursday from July 13-August 17 Randolph County Historic Courthouse lawn 145 Worth St., Asheboro, NC Learn more at facebook.com/prayrandolph/





Free Training for Ramp Building

with NC Baptist Aging Ministry
Sept 23, 9:30-11:30am
201-A Idol Street Thomasville, NC 27360
Register at bit.ly/ramp-training

Church Receipts 2023	June	YTD
Antioch	-	-
Asheboro 1st	695.87	5,227.17
Balfour	1,974.63	14,068.72
Beulah	1,200.00	7,200.00
Cedar Falls	-	150.00
Cedar Grove	100.00	500.00
Center Cross	-	350.00
Central Falls	172.02	1,084.16
Cross Road	416.00	2,496.00
Deep River		649.98
El Shaddai	-	-
Firelight at Greystone	147.36	1,378.75
Forest Park	-	500.00
Franklinville 1st	-	-
Glenola	655.06	3,737.55
Gravel Hill	-	-
Highland Christian Church	-	818.83
Huldah	-	1,200.00
Liberty 1st	451.25	902.50
Macedonia	140.00	270.00
Maple Springs	-	2,830.27
Mt. Pleasant	-	2,000.00
Oakhurst	541.25	2,043.20
Oakwood Park	-	1,000.00
Panther Creek	-	-
Ramseur 1st	191.69	1,221.81
Randleman 1st	-	-
Richland	420.00	420.00
Riverside	-	200.00
Russell's Grove	670.00	670.00
Sandy Creek	-	2,460.05
Seagrove 1st	-	1,464.00
Shady Grove	294.95	1,428.05
Sophia	-	600.00
Staley	-	438.30
Triad Cowboy Church	300.00	1,800.00
Union Grove	657.96	3,555.42
Unity Baptist Fellowship	125.00	750.00
Victory	-	-
West Asheboro	-	500.00
Westfield	300.00	600.00
White's Memorial	300.00	1,800.00
Worthville	100.00	600.00
Other Undesignated	-	2,889.81
Total Undesignated	9,853.04	69,804.57



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. Thank you!

	June	YTD
Total Receipts	10,004.83	69,837.67
Total Expenses	8,533.60	67,706.23
2023 Budget: Needed:	12,576.63	75,459.78
2022 Budget: Received:	9,853.04	69,804.57
Over or Under Budget:	(2,723.59)	(5,333.41)

A complete financial statement is available upon request.

What can RBA do for you?



We are here to serve and connect our 45 Southern Baptist churches. Here's some of the ways we can help:

- Red ministry trailer serve concessions for church event
- White trailer haul camp luggage or various donations
- Resource library borrow Bible studies and DVDs
 - Background checks for church volunteers
- Ramp ministry request a ramp or volunteer to build
- Wix websites Erica may be able to help with start-up

 Contact us today!



<u>Did you know?</u> NC Baptist has events!

- Social media trainings
- Women's Discipleship Conference at Caraway
- Pastor's Conference in Greensboro
- Senior Adult Choir Festival in Greensboro
- Coats for the City Outreach Project
- Worship Leader Training at Caraway
- ♦ And many more!

Visit ncbaptist.org/events/ to learn more today!

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/



BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

Caraway needs volunteer bus drivers!



Dates Needed: June 27 June 30 July 10-13 July 17-21 Volunteer bus drivers are needed to drive campers/ guests to different local activities during summer camp ministries.

The driver must love Jesus, possess a valid class C CDL or higher with Passenger endorsement, and apply online as a volunteer with references (www.campcaraway.org/application-for-employment/).

Please contact Mark Moore with questions: 336-521-9207 or mmoore@caraway.org.



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.

RBA Resource Library

Did you know that the RBA office has a resource library? Visit libib.com/u/rba for a list of our Bible studies.

If you'd like to borrow one or if we don't have the one you're looking for, please <u>contact Erica</u> to let us know!



Church Loans

With NC Baptist Foundation
For more information, please visit

www.ncbaptistfoundation.org/ncbfs/
or contact Robert Simons
at 1-800-521-7334 or

rsimons@ncbaptistfoundation.org

NC Baptist Foundation Special Project Grants

Application period now open. Deadline is August 15th. Award notification is September 30th.

Funds are given for projects that will further the cause of Christ. Learn more and apply at: ncbaptistfoundation.org/special-project-grants/

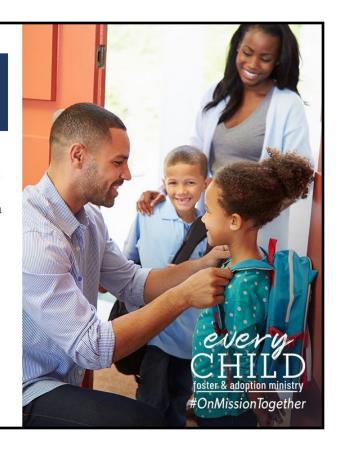
NC BAPTISTS

We believe that EVERY CHILD deserves a safe, stable, and loving home. Whether it is a temporary placement or a long-term living situation, we know that the local church can bridge the gap for the thousands of children in the North Carolina foster care system.

Every Child Progress to date

Foster Homes Licensed to date: 338 Foster Children served to date: 692

For more information call Dr. Mark Smith 828-450-9136





TRUETT CAMP