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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

## NC Missions Offering

Relief for today. Hope for tomorrow.  
September 2023 goal = \$2.5 million

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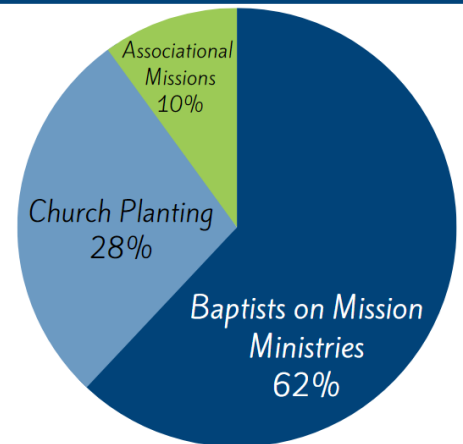
*Treat the sick.*

*Plant new churches.*

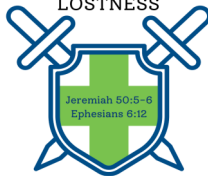
*Mobilize people in missions.*

*Minister during disasters.*

Learn more & give online at: [ncbaptist.org/ncmo](http://ncbaptist.org/ncmo)



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LOSTNESS



## RBA Annual Meeting

at Asheboro First Baptist

October 16th

4:30pm - business session  
5:30pm - dinner provided  
6:30-8pm - evening worship

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

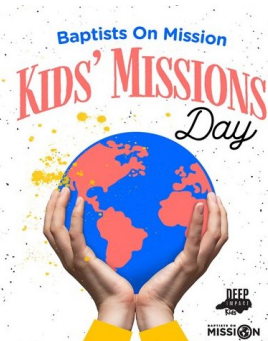
## Women's Conference

at Oakhurst Baptist

Saturday, September 23  
11am-1pm

Register by September 10th  
with Oakhurst at 336-625-3856

Speaker - Jodi Aiken  
\$5/person, includes lunch



## Kids' Missions Day

at Cross Road Baptist  
with Baptists on Mission

for kids in grades 1-6  
Saturday, September 30  
8:30am-3:30pm  
\$5/person  
(includes lunch)

Register at [bit.ly/DIKids2023](http://bit.ly/DIKids2023)

## Annual Church Profiles

ACPs have been mailed to  
each of our churches!

Complete & submit online or to RBA  
by October 16th  
to receive a \$25 gift card  
to a local restaurant.

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

\*Pray for our churches seeking senior pastors. Pray for their interims and search committees.

## PASTOR JEFF JOYCE

As I write this article for the newsletter, I am preparing to leave for a Leadership Lab sponsored by the North American Mission Board in Atlanta, Georgia. It has been on my calendar for several months, and many of my fellow AMSs have told me how good and profitable the sessions will be. I believe them and am looking forward to a couple of days of encouragement, instruction, and fellowship. All that being said, and realizing I need to leave for Atlanta in just a few hours, I have yet to pack the first thing for this trip. I don't even have the route I'll travel pulled up on GPS. As a matter of fact, I'm not sure how I will be able to accomplish some of the tasks I need to get done before I leave and still be able to leave on time. Some of you are reading this and thinking, "That's poor planning Jeff. How can you be so irresponsible?" You know you may be right.

If you would, allow me to play on my lack of preparedness and relate it to another future event many of us are anticipating. Recently, I passed a church sign that said, "Jesus is returning, are you ready?", and it caused me to ponder that question. Most of you reading this article are born again children of God who believe that one day Christ will return and take his bride home to Heaven. You believe it could happen any moment, in the "twinkling of an eye", and yet, are you ready? I'm not necessarily referring to the status of your relationship with Christ; no, you can tell me the day and time you received Christ as your Savior, and I believe you. My question is more addressing your anticipation for the event. Is this a trip you are eagerly anticipating - one that you are making sure others know you are taking? We know it's going to be an amazing trip, and anyone can go with us, but are we encouraging others to join us?

As I read through the New Testament, I keep coming across comments by several of the writers sharing their longing for the return of Christ, and how this longing is affecting their daily lives and activities. I wonder if Christ's return is having an effect on our comings and goings day in and day out. The imminent return of Christ and these writers' response to it seems to fuel their Christian walk.

- Listen to James, "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door." James 5:7-9.
- Peter wrote, "But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer." 1 Peter 4:7.
- John shares, "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John" Revelation 1:1.
- Paul, on several occasions shares: "Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;" Titus 2:12,13; Therefore, you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. 1 Corinthians 1:7; Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Philippians 4:5

How are you living in light of Christ' anticipated return? Are you ready? Are you encouraging others to be ready? Just something to ponder with me.

Your servant in Christ,  
**Jeff**

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

3	Virginia (Tudy) Phelps	Retired Pastor's Wife
6	Tracy Jackson	Pastor's Wife, Beulah
9	Tommy Brown	Pastor, Huldah
9	Katie Jones	Wife of Minister of Music, Balfour
16	Charles Phelps	Retired Pastor
20	Richard Crider	Pastor, Oakwood Park
22	Carolyn Ashley	Pastor's Wife, Firelight
23	Joe Edwards	Retired Pastor, Franklinville FBC
23	Sarah Smith	Pastor's Wife, Richland
23	Tim Steen	Pastor, Glenola
25	Sarahy Saucedo	Pastor's Wife, Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel
26	Thomas & Sarah Smith	Pastor, Richland
27	Gary & Joanna Mason	Retired Pastor, Balfour
28	Rick Davis	Associate Pastor, Asheboro FBC

### CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES

Thomas Smith	45	Richland
Sam Hicks	19	West Asheboro
Doug Davis	19	Triad Cowboy Church
Pastor K'Them	14	Highland Mission
Eddie Hill	1	Panther Creek

**Don't forget!**  
**October is Pastor Appreciation Month!**

**Replenish**  
**A Retreat for Pastors & Their Families**

Mon- Wed, Sept 18-20  
at Fort Caswell  
\$99/room



Learn more & register at: [bit.ly/pastor-retreat](http://bit.ly/pastor-retreat)

# News & Upcoming Events

## Mark your calendars:

- ♦ September - NC Missions Offering, see front page for details, learn more at [ncbaptist.org/ncmo](http://ncbaptist.org/ncmo)
- ♦ Sept 9 - Men's Conference at Apex Baptist Church (Apex, NC), 8:30-4pm, [bit.ly/BOM-mens-conference](http://bit.ly/BOM-mens-conference)
- ♦ Sept 9 - Field of Makers with NC BAM, 9am-4pm, purchase tickets at [ncbam.org/field-of-makers/](http://ncbam.org/field-of-makers/)
- ♦ Sept 9 - [Operation Christmas Child](#) - Project Leader Workshop, Balfour Baptist Church, 3-5pm
- ♦ Sept 18-20 - [Replenish Retreat](#) for pastors & their families, see 2nd page for details, [bit.ly/pastor-retreat](http://bit.ly/pastor-retreat)
- ♦ Sept 23 - Free training for ramp building, see below for details, [bit.ly/ramp-training](http://bit.ly/ramp-training)
- ♦ Sept 23 - Women's Conference at Oakhurst Baptist, see front page for details
- ♦ Sept 30 - Deep Impact Kids at Cross Road Baptist, see front page for details, register at [bit.ly/DIKids2023](http://bit.ly/DIKids2023)
- ♦ **Oct 16 - ACPs due & RBA Bi-Annual Meeting at FBC Asheboro, see front page for details**
- ♦ Oct 17 - [Senior Citizens' Day](#) at the NC State Fair, RSVP to [rbaoffice2022@gmail.com](mailto:rbaoffice2022@gmail.com)
- ♦ Oct 21 - [Ignite Randolph](#) at Bicentennial Park in Asheboro, free event, see below for details
- ♦ Oct 27-28 - NC Baptist Women's Conference, [ncbaptist.org/events/womens-discipleship-conference/](http://ncbaptist.org/events/womens-discipleship-conference/)
- ♦ Oct 28 - Drop off Appalachian Christmas backpacks at Unity Baptist Fellowship, [bit.ly/Christmas-backpacks](http://bit.ly/Christmas-backpacks)
- ♦ Nov 5-6 - NC Baptist Pastors' Conference: Shepherd the Flock, register at [ncpastorsconference.org](http://ncpastorsconference.org)
- ♦ Nov 11 - D-Life bootcamp at FBC Asheboro, 9-1pm, register: 336-629-9191 (church office), [livethedlife.com](http://livethedlife.com)
- ♦ Nov 26-28 - [Central Carolina Bible Conference](#) at Whites Memorial Baptist, 7pm each night, see below



## 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](http://bit.ly/ramp-training)



## Appalachian Christmas Outreach ~ Backpacks for Children/Youth ~

with the RBA Missions Team

Filled backpacks are due  
on Saturday, Oct 28 (9-12pm),  
at Unity Baptist Fellowship in Sophia.

For more info & a list of items to pack,  
please visit: [bit.ly/Christmas-backpacks](http://bit.ly/Christmas-backpacks)

Questions?  
Contact Jimmy Kiker  
at 336-848-5184



## Ignite Randolph

October 21st

5pm (preconcert starts at 4:30pm)

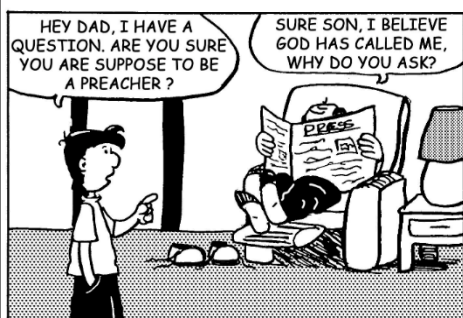
Free event

Bicentennial Park in Asheboro

[Ignite Randolph](#) is uniting the church of Randolph County in order to reach the lost of our community. We are excited to bring like-minded churches together to pursue the Great Commission.

## P.K. Preacher's Kids

by David Ayers



Taken from: [baptistpress.com/resource-library/comics/monday-october-15-2001-6/](http://baptistpress.com/resource-library/comics/monday-october-15-2001-6/)



## Central Carolina Bible Conference

Nov 26-28  
7pm nightly

Whites Memorial Baptist Church  
2930 Whites Memorial Rd., Franklinville, NC 27248

For more info &  
to download/print a flyer, visit:  
[randolphbaptistassociation.com/news](http://randolphbaptistassociation.com/news)

RBA Church Receipts 2023	August	YTD
Antioch	-	-
Asheboro 1st	831.03	6,672.58
Balfour	2,175.72	18,483.36
Beulah	-	8,400.00
Cedar Falls	-	225.00
Cedar Grove	100.00	700.00
Center Cross	-	700.00
Central Falls	260.40	1,499.46
Cross Road	416.00	3,328.00
Deep River	108.37	975.01
El Shaddai	-	-
Firelight at Greystone	274.02	1,811.59
Forest Park	-	700.00
Franklinville 1st	2,000.00	2,000.00
Glenola	492.02	4,721.59
Gravel Hill	-	-
Highland Christian Church	-	818.83
Huldah	600.00	1,800.00
Liberty 1st	451.25	1,353.75
Macedonia	-	390.00
Maple Springs	-	2,830.27
Mt. Pleasant	-	2,800.00
Oakhurst	476.80	2,935.59
Oakwood Park	-	1,000.00
Panther Creek	-	-
Ramseur 1st	244.76	1,667.87
Randleman 1st	-	-
Richland	-	420.00
Riverside	200.00	400.00
Russell's Grove	-	670.00
Sandy Creek	2,725.14	5,185.19
Seagrove 1st	856.00	2,320.00
Shady Grove	330.22	2,006.46
Sophia	-	900.00
Staley	-	639.04
Triad Cowboy Church	300.00	2,400.00
Union Grove	822.63	5,046.54
Unity Baptist Fellowship	125.00	1,000.00
Victory	-	450.00
West Asheboro	-	500.00
Westfield	-	600.00
White's Memorial	300.00	2,400.00
Worthville	100.00	800.00
Other Undesignated		2,889.81
Total Undesignated	14,189.36	94,439.94

Balances	August	YTD
Total Receipts	14,282.37	94,977.13
Total Expenses	9,978.91	91,385.61
2023 Budget: Needed:	12,576.63	100,613.04
2023 Budget: Received:	14,189.36	94,439.94
Over or Under Budget:	1,612.73	(6,173.10)

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!



### Retreat Giveaway!

Enter by Oct to win two \$500 gift cards for a retreat!  
One gift card will be for you and the other for your pastor.  
Enter now: [bit.ly/i-love-my-pastor](https://bit.ly/i-love-my-pastor)

### Coats for New York City

with NC Baptist

Share the love of Jesus by providing warm coats and the  
gospel to NYC residents.

You and your church can partner by:

- collecting new or gently-used coats.
- volunteering to distribute in NYC.
- praying for this ministry.



Learn more at [ncbaptist.org/coats](https://ncbaptist.org/coats)



### 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





# Info Luncheon for Pastors

**Thurs, Sept 21  
11-1pm  
at FBC Liberty**

Sponsored by RBA. All pastors welcome. Registration required.



Register at: [bit.ly/megasite-church-plan](http://bit.ly/megasite-church-plan)

659 S Fayetteville St., Liberty, NC 27298



**Pastors, lunch is catered; please RSVP by Monday, Sept 18.**

This event will allow local pastors to learn about upcoming plans for the Greensboro-Randolph Megasite from the local government perspective with Scott Kidd (Liberty's town manager), Darrell Frye (Randolph County Commissioner Chairman) and Neal Jackson (NC State Rep & RBA Pastor).

This is not an open community meeting; it is an opportunity to provide pastors with information that can help with church planning and engagement as we look forward to new people coming to our area. Praise God for the opportunity to share the Gospel with more people!

[Bit.ly/megasite-church-plan](http://Bit.ly/megasite-church-plan)

## Part-Time Job Opening:

Part-Time Church Secretary  
First Baptist Church, Liberty NC

Days/Hours: 3 days per week,  
9-1 PM, 12 hours total per week



Applicant should be proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel with some experience with Microsoft Publisher and Power Point if possible. Responsibilities include typing and printing weekly church bulletins, monthly newsletters, posting contributions, maintaining up-to-date member addresses and email lists, ordering materials, and answering the phone.

Please mail or email your resume to: First Baptist Church, PO Box 815, Liberty, NC 27298 / [fbcliberty@gmail.com](mailto:fbcliberty@gmail.com)  
Receiving resumes through September.



**Annual Fundraiser**  
at Shady Grove Baptist

Saturday, Oct 7  
3-7pm

Choice of BBQ or Hamburger Steak

Baked beans, Slaw, Roll,  
Drink, & Dessert

Eat-in or Take-out  
\$12.00/plate

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### Truett Conference Center & Camp

Father & Son Warrior Weekend  
Oct 7-9

Forged Man Camp  
Nov 3-5

Winter Youth Retreat  
Jan 13-15, 2024

Marriage Matters Conference  
Feb 9-10, 2024

For more information, visit [truettcamp.org](http://truettcamp.org)  
or contact them at 828-389-8828  
or [info@truettcamp.org](mailto:info@truettcamp.org).



WIN a Lodge Lovers  
Retreat for YOU  
and YOUR PASTOR!



### Retreat Giveaway! from [Energize Ministries](http://energizeministries.com)

You can win two \$500 gift cards for a fabulous retreat from [Lodge Lovers](http://lodge-lovers.com).  
One gift card will be for you and the other for your pastor.  
Submit the form at the link below, and on October 5th,  
Energize Ministries will be drawing the first winners just in time for Pastor Appreciation Month!

Go to [energizeministries.com/lodge-lovers-sign-up/](http://energizeministries.com/lodge-lovers-sign-up/) to enter today!





# IGNITING THE HEARTS OF MEN CONFERENCE

A ONE DAY EQUIPPING EVENT DESIGNED TO  
HELP MEN DEEPEN THEIR WALK WITH CHRIST

September 9, 2023  
Apex Baptist Church | Apex, NC

## Men's Conference

Topics to Include – *Fatherhood, Leadership, Discipleship, Anger Management, Forgiveness, Mentoring Young Men, Mission Involvement, Men's Ministry Development, and much more!*

For more information and to register, visit [www.baptistsonmission.org/mensconference](http://www.baptistsonmission.org/mensconference) ,  
or contact Melanie Crawford at [mcrawford@ncbaptist.org](mailto:mcrawford@ncbaptist.org) or 919-459-5596.

## 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.

## RBA Resource Library

Did you know that the RBA office has a resource library?  
Visit [libib.com/u/rba](http://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 [contact Erica](#) to let us know!



## Church Loans

With NC Baptist Foundation  
For more information, please visit  
[www.ncbaptistfoundation.org/ncbfs/](http://www.ncbaptistfoundation.org/ncbfs/)  
or contact Robert Simons  
at 1-800-521-7334 or  
[rsimons@ncbaptistfoundation.org](mailto:rsimons@ncbaptistfoundation.org)



## *Royal Tea: For Such a Time as This*

*When?*

Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 PM

*Where?*

Lenoir Presbyterian Church.  
1002 Kirkwood St NW, Lenoir, NC 28645

*Who?*

This event is a Women's Luncheon and Fundraiser geared toward bringing Bethel alumni and supporters together.

*Speaker?*

Regina Satchell, Women's Campus Co-Director

*Cost?*

\$15.00 registration fee

To reserve a place, please contact **Cynthia Brown** at [clambert1@northstate.net](mailto:clambert1@northstate.net).  
**Make checks payable to Bethel Colony of Mercy**

**Mail to: Cynthia Brown**  
**1167 Hawksview Rd,**  
**Franklinville, NC 27248.**



As this is a fundraiser, any additional donations are welcome. If possible, bring paper-product donations/non-perishable food items.

