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 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

For as the earth brings forth its bud,  
 As the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth,  
 So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth  
 before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:11

## RBA Spring Meeting

April 15 at Oakhurst Baptist Church

6:30-8:00pm

Refreshments to follow

Guest speaker: Quintell Hill



Join us to learn about how RBA and  
 our churches are impacting  
 our community for Christ and how  
 you can get involved.

## April Food Round-Up for Baptist Children's Homes



Total goal = \$400,000  
 in food, supplies, & gift cards

Learn more at [bchfamily.org/food-round-up](https://bchfamily.org/food-round-up)

**Drop off items at RBA on  
 April 22-25 (8am-1pm).**

## For RBA Pastors' Wives



**Call Erica to reserve your seat**

## Let's get together!

Space is limited.  
Sr. Pastors' Wives,  
 please register  
 by April 4<sup>th</sup>.

If space is still avail-  
 able, registration  
 will open to other  
 RBA ministers'  
 wives after April 4<sup>th</sup>.

RSVP now at [bit.ly/PW-girls-night-out](https://bit.ly/PW-girls-night-out).

Our MK rep is Debbie Roberts, pastor's wife at Oakhurst.

## Revival

at [Center Cross Baptist Church](https://centercrossbaptistchurch.com)

Sun-Tues, April 7-9  
 7pm - Services  
 6pm - Sunday Night Refreshments

Speaker - Evangelist Craig Church

1789 Center Cross Church Rd.  
 Asheboro, NC 27205



**CCBC**  
 CENTER CROSS BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Just last week, I sat in a little Mexican restaurant with a couple of local pastors, and our discussion turned to a conversation on the "fear of the Lord." It seemed to be our consensus that, in the days in which we are living, there seems to be a falling away from this biblical truth, and just maybe, we pastors and the church at large may have a hand in this disturbing trend.

The definition of fear as seen in Scripture takes at least three directions. The first is a picture of sheer terror and fright as Moses shares what the nations will experience as the Lord provides victories for Israel over its foes. The second is fear leads to service unto the Lord similar to what a servant may experience toward a master. And finally, we can see fear in the reverence and awe Isaiah expresses in his encounter with the King high and lifted up in Isaiah 5:1-6.

The writer of the Proverbs, as well as the Psalmist speak to us about "the fear of the Lord." They tell us it is the beginning or foundation of wisdom and knowledge. For the unbeliever, it is the fear of judgement and eternal separation from God as seen in Luke 12:5 and Hebrews 10:31. While for the believer, it is the motivating factor in the complete surrender of our lives to him as Lord. In either sense, if this fear is missing, we will have an incorrect understanding of God, and thus a failing relationship with Him.

I do believe that Christ's invitation to the woman at the well and the woman caught in adultery in John 4 and John 8 are both beautiful pictures of our Lord's willingness to meet sinners right where they are, but with expectations of a change taking place as they surrender their lives to Him. It is a dangerous theology that allows a professing child of God to live any way they feel and expect a holy God to be accepting of their lifestyle.

As we carry Christ to every community, let us do so with a healthy reverence and awe for the God who loves us and the Savior who died for us. May we be willing to meet people right where they are with the wonderful message that Christ died so they may become "new creatures/ creations" in Christ; old things have passed away and all things have become new. New life is available and expected when you surrender your life to the Savior.

As I sit to put this article together, we are in the midst of Passion week, looking forward to all the celebrations surrounding the Easter holiday. Egg hunts, family cookouts, spring break and such have become fixtures for many families in our communities. For others who are believers, we have Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, sunrise services and the like to remind us of the sacrifice

and hope that is provided in Christ and His resurrection from the dead. So many of our friends, families and neighbors are not aware of the significance of this wonderful celebration, nor of the peace and joy it could bring to their lives. By the time you read this, I realize Easter may be past, but the amazing message the events this holiday is based on deserve to be shared year-round.

In Christ,  
Jeff

## Free Books!

FBC Asheboro is renovating their current library and needs to rehome hundreds of books.



Call/email to schedule a time to come by during their office hours (Mon-Fri, 8am -4pm). Please bring your own boxes.

336-629-9191 / [elucas@fbcasheboro.com](mailto:elucas@fbcasheboro.com)

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

5	Fred Ashley	Pastor, Firelight
7	Jan Strider	Pastor's Wife, Deep River
10	Charles & Pamela Fleshman	Retired Pastor
11	Pam Stanley	Wife of Retired Pastor
14	Eddie Hill	Pastor, Panther Creek
18	Paula Dawkins	Pastor's Wife, Worthville
23	Gracie Hill	Pastor's Wife, Panther Creek

## CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES

Gerald Hussey	17	Central Falls
Fred Ashley	13	Firelight at Greystone
Eric Pace	8	Macedonia
Stephen Owen	1	Asheboro FBC
Santiago Echeverria	2	Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel



## Welcome New Pastor!

**Jonathan Burris,**  
Sr. Pastor at Sophia Baptist

## Kids Club+

Sunday Nights, starting April 14th  
5:00-6:00pm  
3 years old - 6th grade

[Facebook.com/FirstBaptistLiberty](https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistLiberty)



# News & Upcoming Events

## Mark your calendars:

- ♦ April - Food Round-Up for Baptist Children's Homes, see front page, [bchfamily.org/food-round-up](http://bchfamily.org/food-round-up)
- ♦ **April 1-4 - RBA office hours will vary this week; please call ahead if you'd like to stop by.**
- ♦ April 5-6 - Baptist Missions Conference in Charlotte, NC, [baptistsonmission.org/MissionsConference](http://baptistsonmission.org/MissionsConference)
- ♦ April 7 - Fill the Tank Baptism Sunday, see below, learn more & sign up at [fillthetanknc.com](http://fillthetanknc.com)
- ♦ **April 15 - RBA Spring Meeting at Oakhurst Baptist Church, see front page**
- ♦ April 18 - Girls' Night Out for Pastors' Wives, see front page, RSVP at [bit.ly/PW-girls-night-out](http://bit.ly/PW-girls-night-out)
- ♦ April 22-25 - Drop off items for Food Round-Up at the RBA office (M-Th, 8-1pm)
- ♦ April 28 - Community Prayer Meeting
- ♦ May 19-25 - RBA Pastors' Retreat at Pawley's Island, contact RBA for details, 336-625-4175
- ♦ May 28 - Caraway Cookout for Senior Adults, [bit.ly/caraway-bags](http://bit.ly/caraway-bags)
- ♦ June 22 - RBA Youth Fishing Tournament at High Rock Lake, more details to come
- ♦ Aug 3-10 - ServeNC, see below, [servenc.com](http://servenc.com)



**April 7th**

What if we could see thousands profess Christ through believer's baptism on a single day?

We're encouraging every N.C. Baptist church to fill their baptism tanks on April 7 – or an upcoming Sunday – and trust God to save people between now and then.

Will you sign up to "fill the tank?"

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

**EVERY  
CHURCH,  
EVERY  
COMMUNITY.**

**ServeNC**

**Any project(s) / Any week**

**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 [servenc.com](http://servenc.com)



**Caraway Cookout**

Senior Adult Cookout &  
Service Opportunity

May 28th, 11am-1pm  
at Camp Caraway's  
Davis Dining Hall

RBA is hosting a cookout for our churches' senior adults & Caraway's camp staff. Senior adults will pray over the camp counselors and pack goody bags for them.

**Goody bag donations are needed!**  
Visit [bit.ly/caraway-bags](http://bit.ly/caraway-bags) to sign up.

Want to attend or have questions?  
Call Renea Henderson at 336-953-0908

**Anchored: Ladies' Conference**

at [Balfour Baptist Church](http://Balfour Baptist Church)

Saturday, May 18th from 8-12pm

\$10/person

Sign up with Leondia Leonard: 336-963-0033



**P.K. Preacher's Kids**

**by David Ayers**



Taken from: <https://www.baptistpress.com/resource-library/comics/monday-june-17-2002-5/>

The deadline for submitting material for the next Newsletter is **noon on April 20.**

Church Receipts 2024	March 1-25	YTD
Antioch	-	-
Asheboro 1st	869.76	2,773.72
Balfour	1,805.59	8,384.54
Beulah	1,200.00	3,600.00
Cedar Falls	75.00	75.00
Cedar Grove	100.00	300.00
Center Cross	-	-
Central Falls	116.02	410.16
Cross Road	482.00	1,314.00
Deep River	-	375.00
El Shaddai	-	-
Firelight at Greystone	-	342.00
Forest Park	200.00	400.00
Franklinville 1st	162.00	542.00
Glenola	364.30	1,551.35
Gravel Hill	-	-
Highland Christian Church	-	560.00
Huldah	-	600.00
Liberty 1st	-	451.25
Macedonia	-	-
Maple Springs	1,838.46	1,838.46
Mt. Pleasant	400.00	1,200.00
Oakhurst	313.84	1,145.61
Oakwood Park	-	1,000.00
Panther Creek	-	-
Ramseur 1st	194.82	656.36
Randleman 1st	-	-
Richland	-	-
Riverside	-	-
Russell's Grove	-	335.00
Sandy Creek	-	-
Seagrove 1st	-	955.00
Shady Grove	260.35	824.29
Sophia	-	300.00
Staley	-	249.26
Triad Cowboy Church	300.00	900.00
Union Grove	628.83	2,105.42
Unity Baptist Fellowship	125.00	375.00
Victory	-	-
West Asheboro	-	750.00
Westfield	300.00	300.00
White's Memorial	300.00	900.00
Worthville	100.00	300.00
Other Undesignated	2,824.36	2,824.36
Total Undesignated	12,960.33	38,637.78

## Finances shown as of March 25th

Balances	March 1-25	YTD
2024 Budget: Needed:	12,902.61	38,707.83
2024 Budget: Received:	12,960.33	38,637.78
Over or Under Budget:	57.72	(70.05)

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!



RAMP MINISTRY

**HELP  
NEEDED**



## Ramp Ministry: Help Needed!

Contact Joe Edwards  
at 336-460-4508 to volunteer.

## Community Prayer Service with [Pray NC Pray - Randolph County](#)

6pm on Sunday, April 28  
Everyone is welcome!

Rushwood Church  
1810 Old Farmer Rd.  
Asheboro, NC



## RBA Website

Visit our website today!

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

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





## 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/)  
[ncbaptist.org/servenc/](https://ncbaptist.org/servenc/)

**Coming  
Soon**



**First Baptist Church Liberty**  
**3yrs-6th grade**

**Starting 14th April, 2024**  
**5:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

**659 S. Fayetteville St, Liberty, NC 27298**



<https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistLiberty>



# Anchored

with *joy*

## Ladies' Conference

Balfour Baptist Church

Saturday, May 18th

8:00am - continental breakfast

9:00-12:00pm - conference

\$10/person, includes light lunch

no childcare available

1642 N Fayetteville St, Asheboro, NC



Sign up with Leondia Leonard

Cell: 336-963-0033

Home: 336-626-4731



Who's Your  
Anchor?



Finding Joy in  
the Journey

### Speakers:

- Leslie Madren - "The Farming Pastor's Wife" from Browsers Wesleyan of Asheboro
- Denise Wilson - "Share a Smile" ministry from Oakwood Park Baptist Church



## Praying for the Nations

2024's prayer emphasis with NC Baptist

Sign up for resources & weekly prayer reminders at:

[ncbaptist.org/praying-for-the-nations-2/](http://ncbaptist.org/praying-for-the-nations-2/)

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.

EVERY CHILD

Initiative update:

Foster Homes  
Licensed to Date

**403**

Foster Children  
Served to Date

**840**



For more information contact  
Dr. Mark E. Smith  
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828-450-9136 cell

 SHARING HOPE... CHANGING LIVES  
Baptist Children's Homes  
of NORTH CAROLINA

 **NC BAPTISTS**

*every*  
**CHILD**  
foster & adoption ministry



# 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.



177 Truett Lane, Hayesville, NC 28904  
828-389-8828  
[www.truettcamp.org](http://www.truettcamp.org)

Scan for more info/to register.

