

BANNER

DECEMBER 2025

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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 **Growing Faith** 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. Trinity Union Grove **Unity Baptist** Fellowship Victory West Asheboro Westfield White's Memorial

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

Worthville



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100% of the money given sends and supports missionaries.



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Disciple Making Conference

Feb 24, 2026 8am-3pm Charlotte, NC

Every church equipped to engage every generation with the gospel.



Learn more and register: ncbaptist.org/disciple-making-conference/

Youth Leader Boot Camp

Saturday, January 31st

8am-3pm at Caraway Conference Center

\$25 /person; scholarships available. Open to all denominations.

Register by January 25 at randolphbaptistassociation.com.

Questions? Call us at 336-625-4175



Pastor Jeff Joyce

Every church. Every community.

"Christmas" is literally the contraction of the term "Christ + Mass," referring to a religious service held in honor of Christ. The very meaning of this condensed term is that a celebration of Christ will be held in a religious service. How crazy it is today that Christmas has gotten so far away from its original intent, that many people celebrate Christmas without recognizing Christ at all.

Matthew 1 opens by sharing with us of the lineage of Jesus Christ or Jesus the Messiah, "the anointed one". It goes on to tell us about the birth of Jesus the Messiah and how "the anointed one"/ "the chosen one" came to be among us. How the Holy Spirit moved upon a virgin girl named Mary, and she became pregnant, without ever knowing a man. "Impossible" most people say, but it was prophesied by the prophets of the Old Testament.

I look further and see an Angel reveal to Joseph, as he contemplates divorcing young Mary, the truth of her pregnancy and the instructions he is to follow. Name this child Jesus, for He shall save His people - not from the Romans, not from poverty, not from humility - but He shall save His people from their sins. The one thing that would keep them from having a relationship with the God who created them, sustained them, and loved them. Jesus came to be the hope for the forgiveness of their sin, the very means of enjoying God the Father in a personal way.

Mathew also reminded us of Isaiah's name for the child, He would be called Immanuel, and in that way, we would know that this child was God living among us. God loving us enough to come and provide a way that we could enjoy that relationship with him. How amazing! How wonderful! The gift we totally do not deserve, but that is impossible for us to live without.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1	Susie Davis	Pastor's Wife, Triad Cowboy Church
3	Mark Hall	Transitional Interim

3 Jimmy & Ginger Kiker Retired 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

Santiago & Sarahy Echeverria 13 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 RBA Admin. Assistant

19 Emma Reeder Pastor's Wife, Westfield

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 Jonathan & Jennifer Burris Pastor, Sophia 23 Gary & Sandra Eller Pastor, Shady Grove

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Eric & Natalie Pace Pastor. Macedonia

29 Wife of Retired Pastor, Center Cross Deb Miller

30 Pastor K'Them & Nai Soung Pastor, Highland Christian Church 30 Tracy Marsh Min of Youth, Maple Springs

CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES

Tim Fonner 26 years Russell's Grove 17 years Randleman FBC Chris Heppding, Sr.

This time, once a year, we have a religious service set aside to honor the birth of this Christ, a "mass" to celebrate the Christ child. Yet many, even those calling themselves believers, complain about or seek to avoid such services. Opting instead for another party or family function.

May we rather, with anxious anticipation look forward to the "Christ Mass," and celebrating the birth of Jesus, our Savior, and Immanuel, God in our midst.

Have an amazing Christmas. May God bless you.

Your servant in Christ,



FINANCES & CALENDAR

Church Receipts 2025	November	YTD
Antioch	-	-
Asheboro 1st	791.67	9,635.08
Balfour	1,859.39	24,715.38
Beulah	1,200.00	13,200.00
Cedar Falls	75.00	300.00
Cedar Grove	100.00	1,100.00
Center Cross	765.00	2,449.00
Central Falls	155.78	1,806.72
Cross Road	416.67	4,583.37
Deep River	150.00	1,575.00
El Shaddai	-	1,070.00
Firelight at Greystone	201.04	776.09
Forest Park	100.00	1,100.00
Franklinville 1st	165.00	1,835.00
Glenola		,
0.0	341.49	3,864.52
Gravel Hill	-	500.00
Growing Faith	-	-
Highland Christian Church	-	1,987.92
Huldah	-	1,147.47
Liberty 1st	-	1,336.51
Macedonia	-	-
Maple Springs	-	3,516.59
Mt. Pleasant	-	4,400.00
Oakhurst	546.52	4,766.89
Oakwood Park	-	1,000.00
Panther Creek	-	-
Ramseur 1st	225.54	2,618.10
Randleman 1st	-	2,500.00
Richland	-	420.00
Riverside	-	800.00
Russell's Grove	-	1,005.00
Sandy Creek	2,506.51	10,510.71
Seagrove 1st	· -	3,738.00
Shady Grove	298.00	3,342.73
Sophia	-	1,300.00
Staley	_	984.84
Triad Cowboy Church	300.00	3,400.00
Trinity	674.36	4,202.00
Union Grove	712.89	8,550.47
Unity Baptist Fellowship	125.00	1,250.00
Victory	-	-
West Asheboro	_	750.00
Westfield	_	400.00
White's Memorial	300.00	3,000.00
Worthville		1,100.00
	100.00	
Other Undesignated	375.58	3,372.72
Total Undesignated	12,485.44	138,840.11
Total Receipts	14,353.89	176,120.29
Total Expenses	14,626.49	175,408.16
Net Income (Loss)	(272.60)	712.13
2025 Budget: Needed:	13,622.70	149,849.70
2025 Budget: Received:	12,485.44	138,840.11
Over or Under Budget:	(1,137.26)	(11,009.59)

Mark your Calendars

- ♦ Dec 31 2024 ACPs due, see below
- Dec 24 Jan 4, 2025 Office Closed for the holidays
 2026
- 2026 Helene Relief trips, see below
- ♦ Jan 1 2025 ACPs open, see below
- ◆ Jan 31 Youth Leader Boot Camp, see front
- Feb 20 Sweetheart Dinner for RBA sr. pastors & wives
- Feb 24 Disciple Making Conference, see front
- March 6-7 Teen Xtreme
- ♦ April 20 RBA Spring Meeting
- May Caraway Cookout for sr. adults & Caraway staff
- ♦ June 13 Youth Fishing Tournament at High Rock Lake
- Oct 19 RBA Annual Meeting

Annual Church Profiles

2024 ACPs are due by Dec 31, 2025. 2025 ACPs will open on Jan 1, 2026.



Learn more at <u>ncbaptist.org/acp</u>

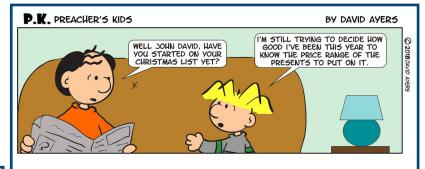
- Please report 12 months of data
- Only one submission per church
- Digital form preferred

Helene Relief Trips

Churches, let us know when you have another trip planned!



<u>bit.ly/RBA-Helene-plan</u>



Taken from: baptistpress.com/resource-library/comics/tuesday-december-4-2018-3/

A complete financial statement is available upon request.

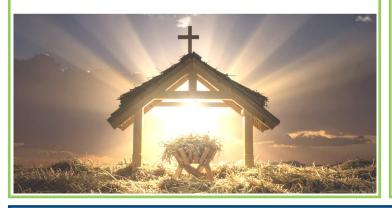
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NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Events

- Dec 7, 6pm Children's Christmas Play,
 Cross Road Baptist Church
- Dec 12, 6pm Christmas on Sunset: live nativity, choir performances, free treats;
 First Baptist Church of Asheboro
- Dec 21, 3-5pm Christmas Celebration & Dinner with Highland Christian Church, located at Southside Baptist Church (1001 Greenhaven Dr., Greensboro, NC 27406)
- Dec 21, 6pm Carols, Candlelight & Communion Service, Cross Road Baptist Church



Prayer Walk

Dec 6th, 9-10am Hosted by Russell's Grove Baptist Church



All are welcome to come pray!

Park/meet on Salisbury St. side of the Asheboro courthouse.

Christmas Music

- Dec 3, 6:30pm Eric Horner concert, Shady
 Grove Baptist Church
- Dec 14, 6pm Christmas
 Cantata Come See the Star
 choir performance, First
 Baptist Church of
 Asheboro
- Dec 14, 6pm Adult
 Musical Presentation Oh What a Glorious
 Night, Cross Road Baptist Church



If you'd like to receive emailed Newsletters or be taken off our mailing list, please contact Erica at 336-625-4175 or <u>rbaoffice2022@gmail.com</u>. Thank you!





The need is still great!

Learn more about Helene relief at ncbaptist.org/helene & randolphbaptist

association.com/news



- Options include sharing the message, a ministry moment with updates on our work, & a display table with resources.
- Mid-week ministry presentations: adaptable for all ages, these programs share our work & encourage participants to engage with missions & ministry every day. (Think evening programs, Missions Groups, WMU, youth groups, etc.)
- os special offerings: You can choose to support residents in need, folks who need help with prescription costs, or contribute to our efforts toward the first Couple's Memory Care.
- BINGO! We'll bring the supplies & prizes, you bring the people. We'll share about our ministry before the games begin. This is a great way to fellowship & support local missions at the same time!



Email: BRHFoundation@thrivemorenc.org
Call: Stephanie - 919.413.4614
Visit: thrivemorenc.org/giving

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100% of donations made to Baptist Retirement Homes go directly to the mission work we do.

Want to learn more? We'd love to come and share what God is doing through our ministry.

Contact Stephanie Moody Shaffer: 919.413.4614 or sshaffer@thrivemorenc.org



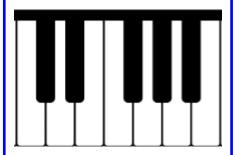




Pianist Needed

Randleman FBC for 11am Sunday services

Contact Pastor Heppding: cheppding@hotmail.com or 336-953-9646



Praying for the Nations

2025's prayer emphasis with NC Baptist

Sign up for resources & weekly prayer reminders at: ncbaptist.org/praying-for-the-nations-2/





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 us at 336-625-4175.



Introducing Denise Wilson, preforming as sassy 5 1/2 year old "Edith Ann"

SHARE A SMILE MINISTRY

Christian Entertainment for Church Groups and Birthday Parties "Edith Ann", a 5 1/2 year old, tells jokes & sings gospel songs.

Denise Wilson (336) 302-2259 · kdwilson2937@gmail.com

EVENTS 2025

Feb 21-23 College Retreat

Apr 5-6 Missions on the Mountain

May 10 Mighty Mountain Run

Jun 6-8 Summer Father/Son

Jun 16-20 Children's Camp 1

Jun 23-25 Grand Camp Session 1

Jun 23-27 Children's Camp 2

Jun 26-28 Grand Camp Session 2

June 30 - Jul 2 Children's Mini Camp

Jul 6-9 NC Baptist Ministers Wives Retreat

Jul 7-11 Warrior Camp for Boys

Jul 14-18 Children's Camp 3

Jul 14-19 Horizons Camp for Girls

Jul 19-21 Happiness Retreat 1

Jul 21-25 Children's Camp 4

Jul 21-23 Happiness Retreat 2

Jul 24-26 Happiness Retreat 3

Jul 28 - Aug 1 Children's Camp 5

Aug 1-3 Summer Mother/Daughter

Oct 6-9 Fall Festival Senior Adult Retreat

Oct 17-19 Fall Father/Son

Nov 7-9 Fall Mother/Daughter

Dec 31 Trinity Quartet NYE Concert





