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 Asheboro FBC
 Balfour
 Beulah
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 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



Women on Mission Project

January - February

WOM is collecting new and gently-used scrapbooking supplies for foster care kids to make their own Lifebooks.

Items needed: 1"-2" binders, photo sleeve inserts, scrapbooking paper, stickers, etc.

Drop items off at RBA on Feb 26-29 (8am-1pm).

Don't have time to shop? You can donate online (see below).



Youth Leader Bootcamp

January 27th
 8:30am-2:30pm
 at Caraway Conference Center



\$28/person
 Scholarships available
 Includes lunch & free book

Register by Jan 19th
 at bit.ly/ylbc2024



Online Giving

RBA now offers an online giving option via PayPal! Donate toward RBA's general fund or support a specific ministry (ramps, WOM project, pastoral ministry, etc.)

Donate now at bit.ly/DonateRBA or click the button on the bottom of our [website](https://www.randolphbaptist.org). Note: you do not have to have a PayPal account.

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

CHRIST TO EVERY COMMUNITY

Can you believe it is already 2024? Everyday that passes we are closer to the return of Christ!

I believe it is of the utmost importance that we keep this truth ever in front of us. It should inspire us, give us direction, and challenge us to do all we possibly can to make sure Christ is taken to every corner, crook, and crevice of our county.

As most of us are aware, the final instructions of Christ for His followers, before He went back to Heaven, was to go everywhere and make disciples. In the book of Acts, the challenge was to begin in Jerusalem, right where you are. Start at home, in your own family, your neighborhood, among your own people. It very well may be your most difficult task, but it is your Jerusalem.

So many other things seem to crowd in and demand our attention but will any of those things really matter when our Savior returns and our loved ones and friends without Christ are separated for all eternity from the love of God to be cast into eternal damnation. Priorities may be a little different at that time. Why not start the new year with a different focus, on sharing the hope only Jesus can provide with the people of Randolph County, with your community.

I think CT Studd, missionary to China, India and Africa sums it up well in this familiar poem...

Only One Life, Twill Soon Be Past

Two little lines I heard one day,
Traveling along life's busy way;
Bringing conviction to my heart,
And from my mind would not depart;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1	Nathan Smith	Pastor, Center Cross
2	Juanita Kidd	Wife of Retired Pastor
13	Chris Heppding, Sr.	Pastor, Randleman FBC
14	Shirley Carlson	Pastor's Wife, Staley
16	Mark & Karen Hall	Associate Pastor, Asheboro FBC
18	Joseph & Mary Edwards	Retired Pastor, Franklinville FBC
19	Linda Williams	Wife of Deceased Pastor
21	Dollie Crider	Wife of Retired Pastor, Oakwood Park
21	Karen Bentley	Wife of Music Min, Asheboro FBC
28	Mary Ann Green	Wife of Deceased Pastor
31	Tim Fonner	Pastor, Russell's Grove

CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES

Russell Chrisco	41	Cedar Falls
Neal Jackson	14	Beulah
John Rogers	2	Liberty FBC

Only one life, yes only one,
Soon will its fleeting hours be done;
Then, in 'that day' my Lord to meet,
And stand before His Judgement seat;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.
Only one life, the still small voice,
Gently pleads for a better choice
Bidding me selfish aims to leave,
And to God's holy will to cleave;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.
Only one life, a few brief years,
Each with its burdens, hopes, and fears;
Each with its clays I must fulfill.
living for self or in His will;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.
When this bright world would tempt me sore,
When Satan would a victory score;
When self would seek to have its way,
Then help me Lord with joy to say;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.
Give me Father, a purpose deep,
In joy or sorrow Thy word to keep;
Faithful and true what e'er the strife,
Pleasing Thee in my daily life;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.
Oh let my love with fervor burn,
And from the world now let me turn;
Living for Thee, and Thee alone,
Bringing Thee pleasure on Thy throne;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.
Only one life, yes only one,
Now let me say, "Thy will be done";
And when at last I'll hear the call,
I know I'll say "twas worth it all";
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

What of eternal value will you do with your life in 2024?

In Christ,
Jeff



Winter Weather Policy

If schools are closed,
the RBA office will be closed.
This includes any
scheduled evening meetings.

News & Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars:

- ♦ Jan 4 - Celebrate Recovery Kick-off at Glenola Baptist Church, see below
- ♦ Jan 27 - Youth Leader Bootcamp, see front page
- ♦ Jan 28 - Baptist Men's Day, see below, bit.ly/baptist-men-day
- ♦ Feb 26-29 - drop off scrapbooking supplies at RBA (8am-1pm), see front page
- ♦ Feb 27 - Disciple-Making Conference, see next page
- ♦ April 15 - RBA Spring Meeting
- ♦ Aug 3-10 - ServeNC, see below, ncbaptist.org/servenc/
- ♦ Oct 21 - RBA Annual Meeting



Baptist Men's Day



Churches use this day to remind their entire congregation of the importance of Baptist Men's ministry within the church, community, and the world. In 2024, the 90th observance of Baptist Men's Day falls on **January 28**. Visit bit.ly/baptist-men-day for more info.

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

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/



Scholarships Available

Provision (formerly the NC Baptist Foundation) has several educational scholarships available for Baptist students.

Online applications for these scholarships are open on **January 1, 2024**.



Visit provision.org/scholarships for more info.

P.K. Preacher's Kids

by David Ayers



Taken from: baptistpress.com/resource-library/comics/monday-december-3-2001-4/

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

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RBA Church Receipts 2023	December	YTD
Antioch	-	-
Asheboro 1st	702.01	9,551.54
Balfour	1,954.64	26,516.80
Beulah	1,200.00	14,400.00
Cedar Falls	-	300.00
Cedar Grove	100.00	1,100.00
Center Cross	-	1,379.00
Central Falls	151.06	2,083.76
Cross Road	424.00	5,000.00
Deep River	125.00	1,350.01
El Shaddai	-	-
Firelight at Greystone	-	2,575.43
Forest Park	100.00	1,100.00
Franklinville 1st	-	2,000.00
Glenola	459.67	6,964.29
Gravel Hill	-	1,000.00
Highland Christian Church	-	1,491.83
Huldah	-	2,400.00
Liberty 1st	-	1,353.75
Macedonia	-	510.00
Maple Springs	1,528.08	5,655.35
Mt. Pleasant	400.00	4,400.00
Oakhurst	371.03	4,437.41
Oakwood Park	-	1,000.00
Panther Creek	-	-
Ramseur 1st	219.53	2,513.44
Randleman 1st	-	5,000.00
Richland	-	420.00
Riverside	-	800.00
Russell's Grove	-	670.00
Sandy Creek	-	8,014.48
Seagrove 1st	-	3,163.00
Shady Grove	204.40	2,974.02
Sophia	-	1,200.00
Staley	-	829.98
Triad Cowboy Church	300.00	3,600.00
Union Grove	852.66	7,945.09
Unity Baptist Fellowship	125.00	1,500.00
Victory	-	450.00
West Asheboro	-	500.00
Westfield	300.00	1,200.00
White's Memorial	300.00	3,600.00
Worthville	100.00	1,200.00
Other Undesignated	-	2,889.81
Total Undesignated	9,917.08	145,038.99

Balances	December	YTD
Total Receipts	10,506.91	148,096.73
Total Expenses	12,523.18	147,728.24
2023 Budget: Needed:	12,576.63	150,919.56
2023 Budget: Received:	9,917.08	145,038.99
Over or Under Budget:	(2,659.55)	(5,880.57)

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. 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 attendees? Register at:
ncbaptist.org/events/2024-disciple-making-conference/

~~~ NC Baptist Events ~~~

Learn about all NC Baptist events
at their website: ncbaptist.org/events/

Upcoming events include: marriage conference,
college student conference, handbell festivals,
mother/daughter retreat, grandparent camp, etc.



RBA Website

Visit our website today!
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/

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/

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.

October Update

Total Foster
Homes Licensed

381

Total Children
Served in Foster
Homes

779

Thank you NC Baptists!





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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WINTER YOUTH RETREAT

January 13-15, 2024



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Marriage Matters Conference

February 9-10, 2024



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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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Scan for more info/to register.

