

# BAPTISTS ON MISSION



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### Mission Statement

The goal of Baptists on Mission is to help NC churches involve their members in missions.

## A Message from Our Executive Director



# The Light of Christ shines brightest in the darkest night.

Jesus said, “This will be your chance to tell the Good News.” Do you remember where Jesus was when he said this?

It wasn’t right after feeding the 5,000. It wasn’t right before the Sermon on the Mount. It wasn’t right after the triumphant entry. It was not when I would have expected.

It was while the disciples were admiring the beauty of the temple that Jesus told them about the destruction to come. And Jesus said, “There will be wars, rumors of wars, earthquakes, famines, plagues.” Then Jesus warns that they will be “arrested, imprisoned and persecuted for His sake.” Then in Luke 21:13, of all the things He could say, Jesus says, “This will be your chance to tell the Good News.”

What is Happening Today? Exactly what Jesus said: there are Wars, Earthquakes, Tornadoes, Hurricanes, Famine, and Floods – none of us are immune to disasters. It could be financial, sickness, broken relationships or other difficulties that people experience. Jesus is talking about how we should live in the midst of disasters.

When I think of these needs, I think of opportunities that we have to show and tell the Good News of Jesus, to be Jesus’ hands and feet in the midst of disasters, in the midst of need. Meeting human needs in Jesus’ name provides opportunities for the Light of Christ to shine brightest in the darkest night.

**Baptists on Mission exists to glorify God by involving churches and Christians in meeting human needs in Jesus’ name.** This really is our chance to tell the Good News.

**Richard Brunson**  
Executive Director-Treasurer  
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Local, State, National and International Projects

Missions Camps/ Rebuild Centers

Dental/ Health Screening Ministry

Children/ Student Mobilization

Disaster Relief and Recovery

## From Our President



# No Place Like Home

What do you think of when you hear the word missions? I would say that most of us think of leaving town, going far away, and sharing the gospel.

While we are called to take the gospel around the world, there is fertile ground all around us in the places we live, work and play, 24 hours a day, seven days a week and 365 days per year. The nations and our neighborhoods are mission fields, and the opportunity – and the responsibility – is enormous and exciting.

My first overseas mission trip was with a team to South Africa in 2001. We went door-to-door in a local community sharing the gospel and assessing interest for a new church. Although we were thousands of miles from home on that trip, God taught me that no matter where we are, we are on mission.

I have been thinking about local missions a lot lately. Have you ever stopped to consider that God has placed you where you live in your specific neighborhood to be a light for Him? Our **personal mission field** includes our daily activities. Think about your circle of influence – family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, strangers, retail associates. Who are we impacting with the gospel as we live our daily lives at home?

In the same way, **your local church** is located where it is to be a gospel presence in your community. Here are some questions and thoughts to consider as you think about ministering where God has placed you.

- Where is your home church located geographically?
- Is your church known for serving, sharing, and ministering to the needs of the neighborhoods?
- Do you agree that we are called to serve and minister at this specific location and surrounding community?
- Consider creating a map surrounding your church. Mark your church, neighborhoods, businesses, other churches, hospitals, parks, rest homes, schools and more.
- Create a list of local mission opportunities.

**If your church does not know where to begin in ministering deeper into the community, Baptists on Mission** has a number of categories of local missions projects that your church can participate in and adapt to fit your context. **Also, our Compassion Ministry Team is hard at work helping to engage churches in local missions.**

**Visit:** [baptistsonmission.org/local-ideas-servenc](http://baptistsonmission.org/local-ideas-servenc) or [baptistsonmission.org/compassionministries](http://baptistsonmission.org/compassionministries)

- Children’s Projects
- Elderly Projects
- Community Ministry Projects
- Health Care Projects
- Construction Projects
- Servant Evangelism Projects
- Economic Needs Projects
- Sports Projects

**My home church recently made a list:** Handy man, local school/teacher appreciation, prison ministry, community breakfast, goody bags for emergency workers, ESL, prayer shawls, senior support, meals on wheels/ food bank, health screening/dental, and caregiver support. The list included national and international opportunities as well.

Plans are being made for a special opportunity for churches to serve their community through an initiative called **ServeNC**. The idea behind ServeNC is to have every church be on mission in every community across the state during the **week of Aug. 3-10, 2024**. What a beautiful testimony it would be to have every N.C. Baptist church serving locally during the same week.

Thank you for serving at that place you call home.

Steve Couch

# Event Dates

## 2024

### JANUARY

- 19 - 20 BOM Board of Directors Meeting - Caraway
- 20 BOM Advisory Council & Board Meeting - Caraway
- 20 BOM Annual Business Meeting - Caraway
- 20 Baptist Men's Day

### FEBRUARY

- 10 Wheelchair ramp training - Baptist Building, Cary
- 20 Region 1 Rally - Meherrin Baptist, Murfreesboro
- 20 Region 4 Rally - Grove Park Baptist, Burlington
- 20 Region 6 Rally - Hickory Grove - Mallard Creek Campus, Charlotte
- 22 Region 2 Rally - The Memorial Baptist, Greenville
- 22 Region 5 Rally - High Rock Baptist, Lexington
- 22 Region 8 Rally - FBC Morganton, Morganton
- 22 Region 10 Rally - Cowee Baptist, Franklin
- 24 DR Training - Kellum Baptist Church - Jacksonville
- 26 Region 3 Rally - FBC Clinton, Clinton
- 26 Region 7 Rally - Enon Baptist, East Bend
- 26 Region 9 Rally - Woodland Baptist, Waynesville

### MARCH

- 9 Construction Skills Training - Shelby Mission Camp
- 9 DR Training - Summit Church - Raleigh
- 14 - 16 Youth & College Leaders Retreat - Charity Missions Camp
- 16 Construction Skills Training - Red Springs Mission Camp
- 23 Construction Skills Training - Charity Mission Camp
- 23 DR Training - Christ Community Church - Huntersville

### APRIL

- 5 - 6 Baptists Missions Conference, Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte
- 20 DR Training - Florence Baptist Church - Forest City

### MAY

- 3-4 Men's Outdoor Weekend - Camp Caraway, Asheboro
- 4 DR Training - Lighthouse Baptist Church - Dillsboro
- 17 - 19 Deep Impact **KIDS** - Red Springs Mission Camp

### JUNE

- 10 - 13 Deep Impact *HALF* - Shelby Mission Camp
- 10 - 14 Deep Impact **KIDS** - Hendersonville, NC
- 10 - 15 Deep Impact - Shelby Mission Camp
- 17 - 21 Deep Impact **KIDS** - Shelby Mission Camp
- 17 - 22 Deep Impact - Hendersonville
- 23 - 26 Deep Impact **KIDS** Mini - Charity Mission Center
- 24 - 29 Deep Impact - Winston Salem
- 27 - 30 Deep Impact **KIDS** Mini - Red Springs Mission Camp

### JULY

- 1-5 Deep Impact **KIDS** Family Week - Charity Mission Camp
- 1-6 Deep Impact - Charlotte
- 6 - 13 Deep Impact - Cuba
- 8 - 12 Deep Impact **KIDS** - Red Springs Mission Camp
- 8 - 13 Deep Impact - Morehead City
- 14 - 17 Deep Impact **KIDS** Mini - Morehead City FBC
- 15 - 20 Deep Impact - Columbia, SC
- 20 BOM Board of Directors Meeting - Baptist Building, Cary
- 20 - 26 Deep Impact - Puerto Rico
- 22 - 25 Deep Impact *HALF* - Charity Mission Center
- 22 - 27 Deep Impact - Charity Mission Center
- 29 - Aug 1 Deep Impact *HALF* - Red Springs Mission Camp
- 29 - Aug 1 Deep Impact **KIDS** Mini - Blowing Rock Conference Center

### AUGUST

- 3 - 10 ServeNC
- 16 - 17 BOM Board of Directors Meeting - Caraway
- 17 BOM Advisory Council & Board Meeting - Caraway
- 19 Region 1, 4, 6 Rallies
- 20 Region 2, 5, 8, 10 Rallies
- 22 Region 3, 7, 9 Rallies

### SEPTEMBER

- 1-30 *NC Missions Offering Month*
- 14 Construction Skills Training - Shelby Mission Camp
- 20 - 22 Deep Impact **KIDS** - Charity Mission Center
- 21 Construction Skills Training - Red Springs Mission Camp

### OCTOBER

- 18 - 20 Deep Impact - Red Springs (Student Fall Retreat)

### NOVEMBER

- 1-2 DR Blue Hat Training - Shelby Mission Camp
- 7 Men's Worship Rally - Region 2
- 12 Men's Worship Rally - Region 4
- 14 Men's Worship Rally - Region 6
- 14 - 16 Youth & College Leaders Retreat - Shelby Mission Camp
- 19 Men's Worship Rally - Region 8
- 21 Men's Worship Rally - Region 10

# LIVING SENT

EVERY CHRISTIAN IS A MISSIONARY



APRIL 5-6, 2024 • HICKORY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH • CHARLOTTE, N.C.

Speakers include **Anne Graham Lotz**, **Quintell Hill**, **Mark Richt** (former head football coach at Georgia), **Shauna Pilgreen** (author and missions speaker), **Todd Unzicker**, **Tom Richter**, **Jeff Iorg**, **Alicia Jones** (missionary in Hungary), **Rebekah Naylor** (former IMB Medical missionary) and **WORSHIP LEADER Laura Story**.

**Cost:** Friday w/supper - \$15  
Saturday only - \$15  
Friday & Saturday - \$20  
Friday & Saturday with Supper - \$30  
(Includes: General sessions, breakout sessions, event materials and lunch on Saturday.)

**Special features include** include 100 different mission breakout sessions, Friday night missions opportunities supper, mission testimonies, mission fair exhibits and much more.

**Pre-registration is required.** Registration Deadline: March 25, 2024

**For registration, hotel information and additional details, visit:**  
[www.baptistsonmission.org/MissionsConference](http://www.baptistsonmission.org/MissionsConference) or call 919-459-5596.

## SPEAKERS



TOM RICHTER



ANNE GRAHAM LOTZ



QUINTELL HILL



JEFF IORG



MARK RICHT

Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you". John 20:21

SCAN FOR INFO  
OR TO REGISTER



## WORSHIP LEADER



LAURA STORY

# LODGING OPTIONS

You must make your own reservation directly with the hotel of your choice. Be sure to ask for the special 2024 **Baptist Mission Conference** rate but it must be by the deadline date to guarantee the rate per night.

Below are some of the available hotels:

### Fairfield Inn & Suites Charlotte/Matthews

\$114 per night  
540 East Independence Blvd  
Charlotte, NC 28227  
980.245.9200  
Reserve by March 14

### Holiday Inn Express University

\$129 per night  
6020 University Pointe Boulevard  
Charlotte, NC 28262  
704.496.9780 (Group Code UTW for direct call to hotel)  
Reserve by March 15

### Hampton Inn, Charlotte/Matthews

\$149 per night  
9615 Independence Pointe Pkwy  
Matthews, NC 28105  
704-841-1155  
Reserve by March 5

### Hilton Garden Inn Charlotte North

\$129 per night  
9315 Statesville Road  
Charlotte, NC 28289  
704.597.7655  
Reserve by March 5

### Staybridge Suites

\$ 129 per night – Studio 1 king or 2 queens  
\$ 134 per night – Suite with 1 king or 2 queens  
(includes full hot breakfast)  
6017 Tyvola Glen Circle  
Charlotte, NC 28217  
Reserve by March 15  
980.938.0006 (Group Code UTW for direct call to hotel)  
Staybridge Suites Charlotte Airport/Tyvola booking link: (group code: BAP)

The meeting is open to ALL Baptist men, women and students. Conference includes worship, general sessions, breakout sessions, missions fair exhibits, missions testimonies, Friday missions opportunities supper and more!

## REGISTRATION FORM

North Carolina Baptist Missions Conference  
April 5-6, 2024  
Complete and return by March 25, 2024

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### Cost:

- # \_\_\_\_\_ Friday w/supper - \$15  
(Friday supper and Friday session only)
- # \_\_\_\_\_ Friday & Saturday - \$20  
(includes Saturday lunch)
- # \_\_\_\_\_ Friday & Saturday - \$30  
(with Friday Supper and Saturday lunch)
- # \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday only - \$15  
(includes Saturday lunch)

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-registration is required. Registration Deadline: March 25, 2024.

**Covers:** General sessions, breakout sessions, event materials and lunch on Saturday.

**For registration and additional details, call 919-459-5596 or visit [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org) to register online**

### RETURN TO

Baptists on Mission  
PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512



# 2023 Involvement Stats

## AGRICULTURE MISSIONS

- Partnering with the Shelby Mission Camp to provide opportunities for volunteers to learn about and participate in community gardening projects in the Shelby. In 2023, numerous churches and individuals participated in community garden activities such as planting, installing drip irrigation, harvesting and distributing fresh produce.
- Continuing to promote church and community gardens as an outreach and ministry tool.
- Partnering with Togo Christian Mission to develop an Agricultural Demonstration Farm in Togo. The land purchase has been finalized. A trip is being planned for the spring of 2024.
- We will continue to provide information and support to in-field missionaries on drip irrigation, composting, well drilling, and solar-powered pumping systems.

## AVIATION MINISTRY

- 62 Active NC Pilots
- 52 Trips Flown in NC
- \$90,896 in Public Benefit
- 7,236 Miles Flown

## BAPTIST EDUCATORS

- Continue to encourage churches in adopting a school to supply school supplies or host luncheons for teachers, etc.
- 25 known volunteers involved in religious education through BOM

## CHILDREN'S MISSIONS

- 376 DI Kids participants
- 683 Kids One-Day Missions Events
- 32 Family Mission participants
- 76 RA Race

## CHURCH RENEWAL

- 8 CRJ Weekends in NC, 80 team members participating.
- 9 NC CRJ Overviews presented, 2 team members
- 8 NC Prep Group Training, 2 team members
- 2 CRJ Weekends in GA, 40 team members.
- 2 Overviews presented in GA, two team members
- 2 Prep group training in GA, two team members
- 2 Prep group training in IL, two team members
- 2 CRJ Weekends in IL, 27 Team Members
- 3 Overviews presented in IL, 2 team members
- 1 Overview presented in KY, 2 team members
- 1 Team Member Training session in High Point, 30 team members

- 1 Mission Service Corps Commissioning Service, 4 Team Members
- Total Volunteer hours 24,416

## DISASTER RELIEF/RECOVERY

### RESPONSE LOCATIONS:

- Out of State:
  - Typhoon Mawar, Guam
  - Hurricane Idalia, Florida
  - Flooding, Vermont
  - Wildfires, Hawaii
  - Flooding, Massachusetts
  - War, Israel

### GRAND TOTAL STATS

- Volunteers – 1,192
- Volunteer Days – 5,210
- Volunteer Hours – 52,906
- Laundry Loads – 1,096
- Showers – 2,146
- Assessments – 849
- Salvations – 26
- Chaplaincy Contacts – 1,152
- Meals Prepared – 10,769
- Water tanker – 30,000 gallons potable water
- Jobs Completed (chainsaw, tearout/spray, temp. roofing) – 563
- Churches involved – 433

## FAMILY FOUNDATIONS

- In April, we shared with 40 Mission Conference attendees at Hickory Grove, Charlotte, how to face trials and unexpected crises as a family of faith during our breakout sessions
- In November, the ministry hosted a one-day statewide marriage conference at Pleasant Garden Baptist Church in November with 85 in attendance. Tom & Jackie Richter led the marriage enrichment sessions.

## INTERNATIONAL MISSION PARTNERSHIPS

- Armenia: 54 volunteers on 8 teams
- Cuba: 90 on 13 teams
- Guatemala: 24 teams & 175 volunteers
- Roma Partnership:
  - Hungary: 18 teams & 184 volunteers
  - Romania: 2 teams & 23 volunteers
  - Ukraine: 1 team & 19 volunteers
- Ukraine Partnership: 9 teams & 40 Volunteers
- Kenya: 5 teams & 35 Volunteers
- South Africa: 68 volunteers on 6 teams
- Moldova: 8 teams & 38 volunteers
- 4 churches partnered with Moldova Mother Churches to support church planters

## LEAST OF THESE PROJECTS

- Lighthouse School in Gaza: 15
- Armenia Church Planters: 21
- Haiti: School, Medical Clinic donations
- Door of Hope, South Africa: major repairs to Child Development Center

## MEDICAL MISSIONS

### MOBILE DENTAL MINISTRY

- 118 Dental Clinics completed
- 2,166 People served
- 1,495 Volunteers
- 52 Professions of faith/salvations
- 76 sponsoring churches or organizations

### HEALTH SCREENING MINISTRY

- 36 Clinics completed
- 614 Patients seen
- 377 Volunteers
- 14 Professions of Faith
- 25 Sponsoring Churches/Organization

## MEN'S MINISTRY

- 179 participants in Men's Ministry Worship Rallies
- 123 participants for the Men's Outdoor Weekend
- 165 Igniting the Heart of Men Conference

## NATIONAL MISSION PARTNERSHIPS

- Alaska: 8 teams & 92 volunteers
- Appalachian Coalfields: 37 teams & 489 Volunteers
- Appalachian Christmas Outreach: 47 teams & 689 volunteers
- 20,744 backpacks collected
- Hawaii: 1 team & 6 volunteers
- New England: 24 teams & 326 volunteers
- Pennsylvania: 24 teams & 380 volunteers
- Rocky Mountain: 19 teams & 168 volunteers

## NC STATE MISSION PROJECTS

- Baptist Builders: provided assistance in Hurricane Florence Rebuild & Tropical Storm Fred:
- Homes assisted: 2,068 total
- Construction Skills Training: 132 participants in 6 trainings
- Handyman Assistance Requests: 300
- Impact NC: Volunteers helped rebuild Edgewood Baptist Church in Windsor & are building Samaritan Colony Women's Center in Rockingham
- Red Springs, Charity, & Shelby Mission Camps: over 5,000 volunteer days each

## STUDENT MOBILIZATION MINISTRY

- **Deep Impact:**
  - 14 Trips
  - 1,120 Participants
  - 72 Churches Represented
  - 140 Projects
  - 1,564 People Served
- **College Here and Now:**
  - 1 Trip
  - 33 Participants
  - 12 Churches/Campuses Represented
  - 6 Projects
  - 50 People Served

## GENERAL EVENTS:

### BAPTIST MISSIONS CONFERENCE

- 1,275 participants

### REGIONAL MISSIONS RALLIES

- 3,221 total participants in February and August



# 2024 MISSIONS RALLIES

for **MEN, WOMEN & YOUTH**

## YOU ARE INVITED TO THE FEBRUARY 2024 REGIONAL MISSION RALLIES

Come join us for a night of mission inspiration as we experience what God is doing through NC Baptists around the world. There will be worship, testimonies, videos, and information on mission opportunities.

*Mark your calendar now* FOR THIS EXCITING EVENT FOR MEN, WOMEN, & YOUTH.

### ► REGION 1

**Tuesday, February 20**  
Meherrin Baptist  
519 Meherrin Lane  
Murfreesboro, NC 27855

### ► REGION 2

**Thursday, February 22**  
The Memorial Baptist  
1510 Greenville Blvd SE  
Greenville, NC 27858

### ► REGION 3

**Monday, February 26**  
First Baptist, Clinton  
408 College Street  
Clinton, NC 28328

### ► REGION 4

**Tuesday, February 20**  
Grove Park Baptist  
108 Trail One  
Burlington, NC 27215

### ► REGION 5

**Thursday, February 22**  
High Rock Church  
135 Lowes Blvd  
Lexington, NC 27292

### ► REGION 6

**Tuesday, February 20**  
Hickory Grove Baptist (Mallard Campus)  
1320 Mallard Creek Rd  
Charlotte, NC 28262

### ► REGION 7

**Monday, February 26**  
Enon Baptist  
6321 Old US 421 Hwy E  
East Bend, NC 27018

### ► REGION 8

**Thursday, February 22**  
First Baptist, Morganton  
502 West Union St  
Morganton, NC 28655

### ► REGION 9

**Monday, February 26**  
Woodland Baptist  
545 Crabtree Rd  
Waynesville, NC 28785

### ► REGION 10

**Thursday, February 22**  
Cowee Baptist  
6301 Bryson City Road  
Franklin, NC 28734

### REGISTRATION IS DUE ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE RALLY DATE

Supper 5:50 PM (no charge)  
Program 6:30 – 8:30 PM

### HOW TO REGISTER:

- [www.baptistsonmission.org/rallies](http://www.baptistsonmission.org/rallies)
- Scan the QR Code
- Melanie Crawford  
(919) 459-5596
- [mcrawford@ncbaptist.org](mailto:mcrawford@ncbaptist.org)



### Information needed:

name, email, phone number, church

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- [FACEBOOK.COM/NCMISSIONS](https://FACEBOOK.COM/NCMISSIONS)
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# HOPE FROM THE ASHES

## In August, a deadly, out-of-control wildfire wreaked havoc and destruction on the Hawaiian island of Maui.

Fanned by strong and powerful winds, the blaze scorched the historic oceanfront town of Lahaina, reducing the picturesque place to a sea of rubble and ruins. The fire claimed the lives of nearly 100 people, while destroying thousands of homes and hundreds of businesses.

Following the fire, disaster relief volunteers from North Carolina and other states traveled to Maui to assist residents as they returned to their property. For many returning homeowners, it marked the first time they had witnessed the devastation firsthand while coming to grips with losing everything they owned.

One of the ways Baptists on Mission volunteers served residents of Lahaina was by helping them sift through ash and debris in hopes of finding any personal items or valuables that might have survived the fire. "It might not seem like much, but when you feel like you've lost everything, finding even a little trinket can give you a lift," volunteer Xzavier Curry said.

Some can only handle searching for an hour, while others spend days looking through the rubble. It's an emotional time for homeowners and volunteers alike, because, as Curry said, "you feel it with them." Stories from homeowners and volunteers are captured in the following pages.



# Helping Hawaii residents 'move on'

As fire rushed down the mountainside toward the picturesque town of Lahaina on the northwest coast of the Hawaiian island of Maui, Linda Rickabaugh knew she only had a few minutes to evacuate.

"We watched it come down the hill," said Rickabaugh, recalling the events of early August, when a series of wind-driven wildfires wreaked havoc and destruction across the Hawaiian islands. "It was moving about one mile a minute. I looked down Front Street, and it was covered in smoke. Then we smelled the smoke which means the wind had changed direction so we knew it was coming at us."

As she drove away from her home just a stone's throw from the Pacific Ocean, Rickabaugh saw the flames in her rearview mirror and feared the inevitable. Along the way out of town, Rickabaugh stopped to pick up people on the side of the road whose homes and cars had already been destroyed and were trying to escape by foot.

"We thought we'd be back in three days to clean up the mess," Rickabaugh said. "As it turns out, we saw footage from a helicopter that flew down the neighborhood showing the devastation. That's when we knew we weren't coming back. That was the tough part, knowing you can't come back. But we're back today, going through the ashes, looking for valuables."

Three days turned into three months before Rickabaugh could return to the site of the place she'd called home for 32 years. When she did, a

group of volunteers in yellow shirts from Baptists on Mission was waiting for her. They had traveled all the way from North Carolina to help Hawaii residents like Rickabaugh to lend a helping hand.

Volunteers worked with Rickabaugh and other displaced homeowners by sifting through piles of ash and debris helping them search for any personal items that might have survived the fire. Although a day of searching failed to unearth any valuables or mementos, it provided Rickabaugh with some comfort in what will be a long healing process.

"Now that I've seen it, now I've gone through it, I realize there's not that much here so I can move on," Rickabaugh said.

Rickabaugh said she isn't sure where she'll go from here, but she added that one thing is for certain – having Baptists on Mission volunteers by her side made all the difference.

"This group of people right here, couldn't have done it without them," Rickabaugh said. "That's for sure."





“At 7:30 p.m., we saw the glow over the hill. We had no idea Lahaina was already gone. And then we smelled smoke and knew it was coming for us. We were separated from our family for three days. No one knew if we were alive. It means the world to have you helping us today. Thank you for holding us up.”

**Alohani Kahaialli**  
*Maui resident*



“I’ve been to Maui quite a few times, and it’s always been a place of renewing. So when I saw the fires, I knew I had to be here to do whatever I could, to pay back in a way. This has totally changed my life, to be reminded how important the little things in life are. I’m going home to figure out how my husband and I can come back and help again.”

**Johnie Lee**  
*N.C. Baptists on Mission volunteer*



“For most of these homeowners, this is the first time coming to their property and seeing the total loss and devastation. It’s an emotional time for them as well as the volunteers. Finding the smallest item can bring hope during these times.”

**Xzavier Curry**  
*N.C. Baptists on Mission volunteer*



**“I never knew an organization like this even exists, so blessings to everybody who’s helping out. It does give you a little hope to have some closure. These people are amazing. We can’t believe it. They’ve come all the way here just to help people find stuff. That’s amazing.”**

*Angela Ruiz, Maui homeowner*

# Give the gift of

RELIEF FOR TODAY.  
HOPE FOR TOMORROW.

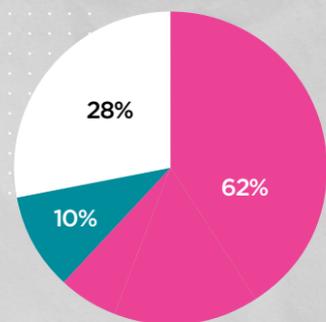


2023 GOAL:  
**\$2.5 Million**

**Join in the week of prayer**  
for the NCMO from **AUG. 27 TO SEPT. 3**. Additional prayer points are available at [ncmissionsoffering.org/pray](http://ncmissionsoffering.org/pray).

## Pray for...

- Disaster relief volunteers with Baptists on Mission
- Church planters and church plants across North Carolina
- Physical and spiritual needs of those served through medical, dental and health screening ministries
- Mission camps in Red Springs and Shelby
- Local Baptist associations across the state
- More individuals and churches to become involved in missions
- Volunteers ministering through national and international partnerships



■ Baptists on Mission Ministries	\$1,417,500
■ Church Planting	\$710,000
■ Associational Missions	\$372,500

**NC BAPTISTS**

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# Scripture tells us to provide for the poor.

When you are harvesting in your field, and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow so that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. – Deuteronomy 24:19

Pray for volunteers to assist with the harvest (Luke 10:2) – *The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest.*

What better way to introduce people to the love of Jesus Christ than to share His love by helping meet their physical needs?

Many have responded to these Biblical teachings by hosting or participating in garden ministries.

At the Shelby Mission Camp this year, volunteers from more than 30 churches pitched to help provide a successful harvest from the Camp's gardens and others in the Shelby community. Activities included creating garden beds, planting, pruning, weeding, and harvesting. There were kids as young as three through adults in their 80s helping out.

A Hands-on Field Day was held in the spring to share gardening needs and opportunities and a chance to get hands dirty and learn by doing.

Volunteers planted approximately 7,500 square feet of vegetable garden. From that space, more than 1,900 pounds of produce was harvested and distributed to local food pantries and some directly to needy families. Produce from the Mission Camp included tomatoes, several varieties of peppers, corn, squash, okra, potatoes, green beans, and watermelons.

Volunteers planted 2,500 square feet of garden at the Crossroads Rescue Mission to be used in the Rescue Mission's kitchen. Produce included cucumbers, tomatoes, okra, green beans, watermelons, cantaloupe, and corn.

Fresh produce was also provided to several local food pantries, including the Washington Outreach Ministry, Crossroads Rescue Mission, Calvary Baptist Church, and Union Baptist Church. Approximately 175 families were served

with the food from this year's harvest.

Volunteers also built and installed eight raised-bed planters at three senior living centers and the homeless shelter. These grew tomatoes, bell peppers, Jalapeno peppers and squash.

Plans are underway at Shelby Mission Camp for next spring to plant approximately 15,000 square feet of garden space with a similar selection of vegetables. There will also be opportunities to help pack produce boxes that will be sent out to pantries to distribute to needy families. Please plan to participate in these opportunities.

Plans are underway to hold another Hand-on Field Day to provide a learning opportunity for volunteers interested in learning more about garden ministry. Please check the Ag Mission Ministry or Shelby Mission Camp webpage for updates.

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# Partnering with NC Baptist Associations to Share the Gospel



The Aviation Ministry's primary mission is Angel Flights. However, we also conduct Youth Flying events for children 8-17 years of age. Most of the time, it is a child's first airplane ride! We tell them they are about to see God's creation from the air, and once airborne, they are amazed at what they see! Once they are back on the ground, it is so much fun to hear the kids tell their parents what they saw from the air. The excitement in their voices makes it a pure joy for us pilots, knowing we might have sparked a child's dream to be a pilot one day. After the flight, the pilot presents the child with a certificate and logbook as mementos of their first flight. On the back of the logbook, there are instructions on how to receive free online pilot training. The Lord can use more missionary pilots, which might be the catalyst for some of our youth to look to aviation as a career and consider serving the Lord in that capacity.

During the annual Baptists on Mission conference in 2023, Tony Abernathy with the South Fork Baptist Association and Gene Kirby with the Catawba River Baptist Association approached us at our booth and asked if we would hold a Youth Flying Event for each of their associations. When asked how many churches are in their associations, they

replied 65-70! This number of churches did overwhelm us for a moment. Let's see, 70 churches times ten youth per church = 700 kids! Little did they know that the aviation advisory team had been discussing how we could get the word out to more churches in NC about Youth Flying, and through them, God provided the answer. The aviation advisory team discussed their requests, and we decided it could be done if we kept the count to 100 youth per association.

September 30, 2023, we held a Youth Flying Event in Lincolnton hosted by the South Fork Baptist Association. Their Baptist Men arrived early to set up tents for the various activities. They provided a free hotdog meal for all the participants and space for activities like face painting, dining, and sharing the Gospel. We flew 31 youth that day. Originally, 50+ youth registered, but due to bad weather, the event was moved to a different day, causing some participants to miss the event.

November 4, 2023, we flew to Morganton and had another wonderful event hosted by the Catawba River Baptist Association. They, too, had their Baptist Men set up an area in a hangar provided by the Foothills Regional Airport for a free hotdog meal and a place to share the Gospel using beaded Gospel-sharing bracelets. We flew 72 youth that day.

Both associations gave out DVDs of the Jesus Movie and Gospel tracts.

Hosting a Youth Flying Event could be a way for the 'NC Baptist on Mission Aviation Ministry' to help you facilitate outreach to your community, whether you are an individual church, a children's home, or an association.



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# Release Time Ministry 12+1+2=36

Yes, the math is correct. The formula is twelve volunteers, one church, two schools (one middle and one elementary) and thirty-six professions of faith!!! Way to go, Tarheel Baptist Church. Blessings to Barbara, Lisa, Jean, Linda, Eddie, Jennifer, Tammy and Tommy. Then there's Pansy, Sandy, Leon and Rebecca, too. All are committed to **Release Time Ministry. The purpose: to reach students with the gospel of Christ and teach them His ways.**

Another formula from First Baptist Clarkton: **4+1+1=37**. Blessings to Pam and Camilla, along with Austin and Gabriella, who are working with the School of Discovery (middle school) to share the good news of Jesus.

The beauty of Release Time Ministry is how GOD is working across Bladen County, NC. It's the best-kept secret in NC! But God, in his uniqueness, has opened up the schools of this county for **religious education during the school day**. Yes, indeed, these churches are ministering monthly to students in a very coordinated way with the leadership of Austin and Gabriella as co-directors of this ministry.

Churches across Bladen County, along with county leadership and school administrators, are on the same page. So, students in all but two schools are offered an opportunity to leave school during electives and attend church for Christian instruction. This ministry is reaching middle and elementary students, and God has again shown us that the high schools have Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Interestingly, too, many of these students are unchurched, and until this ministry, some had never been inside a church building. Just last year, the ministry of 14 churches and 51 volunteers found 437 unchurched students out of the 1,086 students in the county. As the ministry grew, and because of prayers, dedication, and God's moving, 114 professions of faith were made. **At such a time as this, Jesus, Rescues, Restores and Redeems! To God be the glory.**



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# Church Renewal Journey

## North Carolina / Illinois Church Renewal Journey Partnership:

We are working with the Illinois Baptist State Association (Convention) to help them develop a strong Church Renewal Journey (CRJ) Ministry. We have three churches already and are working with the Salem South Association for a Simultaneous Awakening Weekend. If you are a CRJ Team Member (or want to be?), we could use your help with some Renewal Weekends in Illinois. If you are interested, go to [www.churchrenewaljourney.net](http://www.churchrenewaljourney.net) and click on Number 5 to register as a Team Member. We are, of course, still scheduling Renewal Weekends in NC. Go to the above website and scroll down to see the schedule of churches and weekends we are working with for 2024.

Go to [www.churchrenewaljourney.net](http://www.churchrenewaljourney.net) to request a no cost Overview of the Church Renewal Journey or email [crj@ncbaptist.org](mailto:crj@ncbaptist.org) or call Bob Foy 980-722-4777



## Pastor's Evaluation Letter from recent Awakening Weekend at Friendship Baptist Church in Hudson, NC

Dear Bob Foy and team,

I want to thank you for the excellent job you each did leading our Awakening Weekend at Friendship Baptist Church. Friendship, like most churches, had been negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and had also experienced a difficult series of staff turnover. This resulted in diminished attendance and a discouraged congregation.

Lay Renewal is exactly what we needed. Beginning with the preparation process, we could see the church pulling back together under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The prayer emphasis culminating in the 24-hour prayer vigil was well worth the time and effort.

Through the small groups and coffees, our congregation dropped their walls and began to share their burdens once again with one another. Both the men's and the women's groups were impactful with each of the men who have children at home declaring a deeper commitment to praying for and discipling their kids.

Our Sunday evening evaluation service went very well, lasting over 2 hours, with nearly everyone in attendance sharing a testimony. The vast majority indicated a desire to start small groups and to schedule an Equipping Weekend sometime in the future.

I am looking forward to seeing how the Lord will use this past weekend to change the trajectory of the church. Once again, thank you for your willingness to serve local churches through the Church Renewal Journey.

In Christ,

Jeff Stading, Pastor, Friendship Baptist Church

**Mission Service Corps Commissioning:** CRJ Team Members, Joey and Genevieve Hamer were commissioned as Mission Service Corps Missionaries for the North American Mission Board at their home church, Hocutt Baptist Church in Clayton, NC, on Sunday, Oct 1, 2023. They will be serving as our NC Church Renewal Journey State Youth Coordinators, which they have been doing for several years already. If you are interested in helping with Youth on Renewal Weekend, please contact them at [gmhamer@gmail.com](mailto:gmhamer@gmail.com)

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## Calling All Churches:

# News from the Baptist On Mission Compassion Ministries Team

Calling all churches, small groups, families, individuals, and anyone with a desire to help advance the kingdom of Christ by helping meet needs in their community. The Baptists of North Carolina are partnering with churches in the state to declare a day of Service for Christ—or “SERVE NC.” The goal is to impress the people of the state, believers or nonbelievers that the churches in their communities care about them. The dates for these days of serving together are August 3 – 10, 2024.

Jesus reminds his disciples that they will be serving him when they help people who are hungry, thirsty, in jail, lacking clothing—any needs that keep them from living the life God has for them. SERVE NC is a plan to share Jesus’ compassion in ways that will bring people to know God’s love better.

The Compassion Ministry team is excited about SERVE NC because it is what we are all about—Compassion. As of the middle of November 2023, over 500 churches had signed up to participate in a ministry project during the week of August 3–10, 2024. One of the most exciting parts of the project is the freedom of your church (or group, or you yourself) to choose what kind of need and what kind of project will best express Christ’s love to your particular community. The web page [www.servenc.com](http://www.servenc.com) gives a myriad of ideas and suggestions, as well as

ways to get training and support for your project. State associations will have access to helpful and knowledgeable liaisons who will have all of the information you need.

The website, [www.servenc.com](http://www.servenc.com), is also where you can officially register your church as part of the Serve NC movement. They are offering promotional materials and T-shirts, along with other great tips and ideas.

In the meantime, the Compassion Ministries team is working hard on new resources for any church or individual with a “passion for compassion.” Our website can be found at Baptists on Mission, [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org), under “Ministries” then “Compassion Ministries. The new resources and materials for an easy “on-ramp” for getting people out of the pews and into the community will soon be available, along with some examples and stories about churches who really shine in the area of compassion.

The book of Romans gives us the principle: “Do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and restraint and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?” (Romans 2:4, NASB) God’s kindness to us can translate into our kindness to others. We can rejoice in being part of repentance.



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# Rainbows and Ashes

by Janet Daughtry



It's 5:15 am—time for breakfast—so the disaster relief teams from many states can head out at 6. We watch the beautiful sunrise over the mountain and ocean each morning as we drive to Lahaina. Almost every day, we see a rainbow. The fire was in August. Now, at the end of November, the residents we are meeting are just now seeing their homes for the first time. Twice a week, a new “zone” is opened for residents to return. The EPA has been in to check the area for hazards. It looks like a war zone of ash and soot and downed power lines, twisted metal, and some partially collapsed walls. Yes, the smell of burning is still in the air. So many burned-out vehicles. There are little blue flags where pets were found. Red markers where residents perished. Some properties are too dangerous for us to enter

I open the equipment trailer, and the teams collect their Tyveck suits, masks, goggles, shoe covers, shovels, screens, and buckets. And a Bible. They wait in the background until the resident is ready to speak. It's overwhelming to see your property, home and business in ashes. Perhaps to see where a loved one perished. To hope your cat will be found. They need time. They know where their bedroom was, where the safe was, and where their valuables were. So we help them dig and sift through ash with the hope of finding some of their past. And we find a few things... a gold ring and coins often melted together. Sometimes that's a little closure.

You all who serve in Disaster Relief know that's not our purpose here. The reason may be to sift ashes. But the purpose is to show the love of Jesus Christ. So we stand beside these hurting people to show love, support and encouragement as they process this loss. Listen to their horror stories of escaping.... some by swimming out to sea for hours!

We can have prayer and give them a new Bible.

Floods, hurricanes, and tornadoes are disasters, but there is something so devastatingly final about this. Please continue to keep these families in your prayers.

*10“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. 13For I am the LORD, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.” Isaiah 41:10*

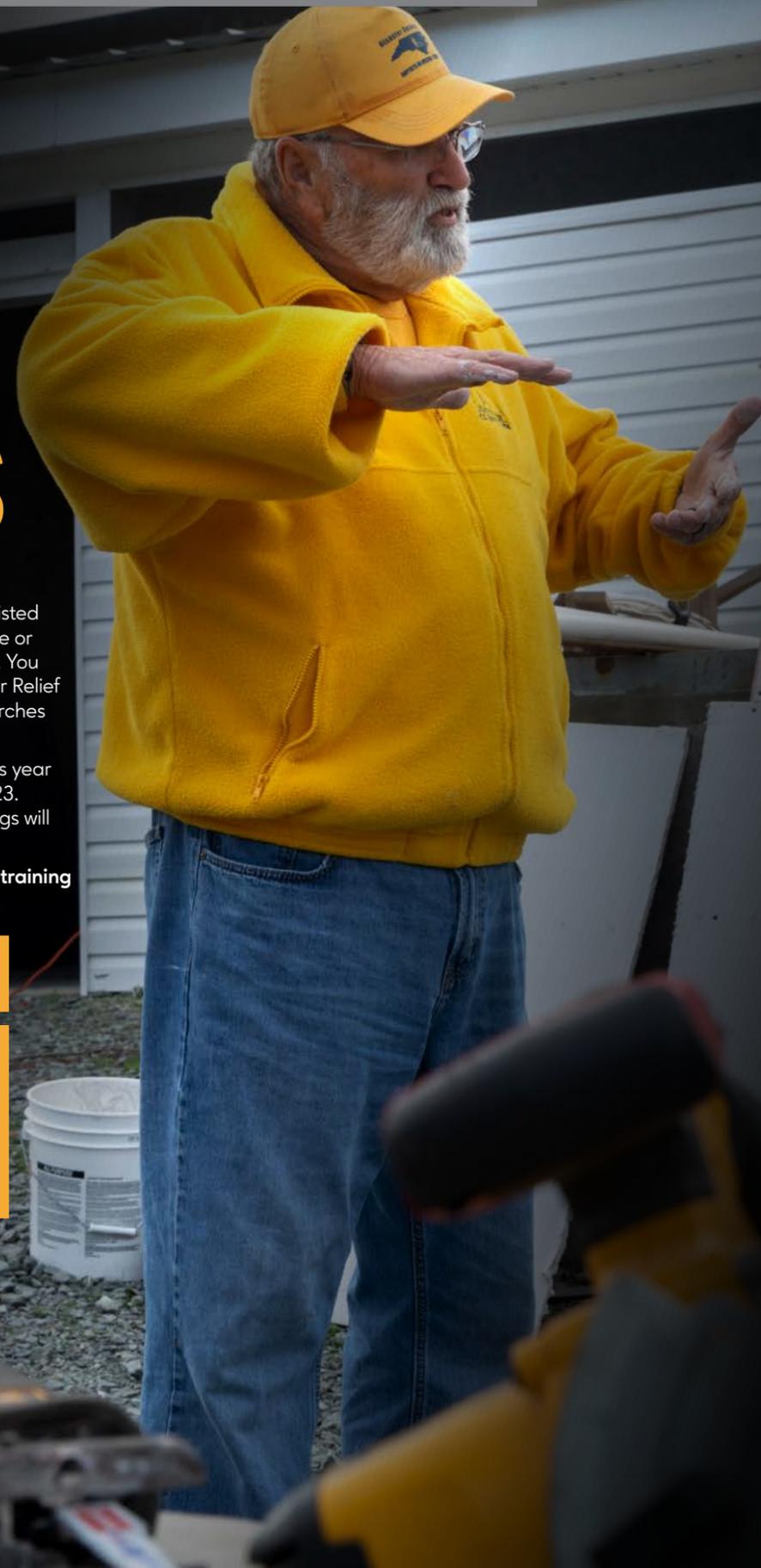
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# Disaster Relief Trainings



The spring disaster relief trainings for 2024 are listed below. You can come to training as a new trainee or you can come to training to update your badge. You can also come to training to learn a new Disaster Relief ministry. Please help us promote within your churches and we look forward to seeing you in the spring.

We will also offer virtual trainings in the fall of this year for those whose badges expire at the end of 2023. Watch the website to see the dates these trainings will be offered.

[baptistonmission.org/training/disaster-relief-training](http://baptistonmission.org/training/disaster-relief-training)

## Locations and dates for in person Spring 2024 Disaster Relief trainings:

- February 24 – Jacksonville, NC
- March 9 – Raleigh, NC
- March 23 – Huntersville, NC
- April 20 – Forest City, NC
- May 4 – Dillsboro, NC



# What a year 2023 was!

By Mark Hinson

As always, God has been good to Disaster Recovery and has given us what we need to overcome many obstacles along the way. Disaster Recovery has deployed to six mainland Disaster Recovery events since April 2023. Included were the Cherryville microburst, Rocky Mount Tornado, Durham and Greensboro Windstorms/Tornado, flooding in Vermont and Hurricane Idalia in Live Oak, Florida. We also sent Recovery volunteers to Maui for ash out and Guam for typhoon recovery. Each deployment brings their own challenges with them. No two are ever the same. Each unique event gives us an opportunity to learn from and use that knowledge in future events. I want to thank everyone for all their hard work and faithful service to the Lord in 2023.

In 2024, we kick off the new year with Regional Mission Rallies, spring Disaster Relief and Recovery Trainings, and the Baptists Missions Conference in Charlotte, which is always an amazing event and a blessing to attend. We must prepare ourselves in mind and body to be ready and willing when God needs us. These events help us do just that. Please consider your place of ministry and join us at these events this year and be involved in what God is doing through Disaster Response.

In response to Hurricane Idalia, there was a resident in Live Oak, Florida, who couldn't get out of their driveway to

the grocery store and pharmacy. It was two weeks before they found out we were there to help. They were almost out of food and needed medicines refilled. Praise God they learned about our ministry and called on us to clear the driveway. We immediately responded to their needs. Many other stories were told of how we delivered a blessing to what seemed like a hopeless situation.

Many times, after a natural disaster, families will resolve to sleep in a vehicle or a tent because their house is destroyed by the storm, or they can't live in the house because it is full of mold. Jesus said in Matthew 8:20, "Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head." Jesus knew what it was like to be without a nice bed, a roof, or food at times. We have no reason to complain about anything when others are in dire need of a safe place to sleep and food to eat.

Lord, use us to be a minister of your love and compassion!

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# Disaster Rebuild: Rebuilding Lives, Offering Hope

*I am happy for my neighbors, but who will help me?*

Those are the words of a homeowner who went to our Canton Rebuild Site to seek help. He had been waiting for two years, living in temporary housing without the resources to repair or rebuild his old home or secure other permanent housing. The same story is repeated over and over after a disaster. Volunteers at Baptists on Mission rebuild sites in Canton, Rose Hill, Lumberton, and New Bern are answering that call.

Baptists on Mission volunteers have offered hope for the future to nearly 2000 families in Eastern NC whose homes were damaged by Hurricane Florence and over 90 families in Haywood County whose homes were damaged by Tropical Storm Fred. Since January 2021, 27 families have received the keys to a brand new home thanks to the service of thousands of volunteers and funding from several state government grants and private donors. Seven brand-new homes are being built right now! Baptists on Mission are thankful that God is glorified as churches and individuals meet human needs in Jesus' name.

In 2024, you can be a part of building new homes thanks to generous grants from the Governor's Office of State Budget and Management to serve the Lumberton, Duplin County,

and New Bern areas. Our rebuild site in Canton is also building new homes plus repairing damaged existing homes in Haywood County in response to Tropical Storm Fred.

The State of NC has recognized the impact of Baptists on Mission volunteers by appropriating \$5 million in state funds for natural disaster response, allowing us to build and repair many more homes. You can answer the call by sending teams from your church to work for a day or longer. You can adopt a family and see their home repaired through to completion.

Whether you are a skilled construction pro or a novice, you can be a blessing to families on the long journey back after floods have destroyed their homes. We need volunteers of all skill levels. Volunteers who can install plumbing, electrical, and HVAC are particularly critical.

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Register your team for Hurricane Florence rebuilding in Rose Hill (Duplin County), New Bern, or Lumberton at:  
[baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/By-Mission-Type/Disaster-Relief/Hurricane-Florence](https://baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/By-Mission-Type/Disaster-Relief/Hurricane-Florence)



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## Family Foundations

# Marriage Enrichment: “Do You See your Spouse as a Gift from God?”

On Saturday, November 4th, the Family Foundations ministry hosted a one-day marriage enrichment event at Pleasant Garden Baptist just south of Greensboro. We were delighted to have Tom & Jackie Richter as our guest speakers for the day! We hope to have the Richters return in 2024 for another marriage enrichment event - so watch for information on that coming soon.

The Richters covered topics like communication, beliefs, sex, money, and work/family time balance.

Some highlights from the conference:

- “You married a spouse, not a Savior – your spouse can never meet all your needs – but your Savior can!”
- “Invite Jesus into your marriage. Take everything to Him in prayer.”
- “Do you see your spouse as a gift from God?”
- “Realize every day that you are a sinner saved by God's grace, and so is your spouse!”
- “Nobody can build you up or tear you down like your spouse and vice versa.”
- “Remember to speak with kindness to your spouse – in public and in private.”
- “When you experience conflict in your marriage, turn toward each other, not away from one another.”
- “Never get so comfortable or complacent that you stop learning how to improve your marriage together.”
- “Realize that you are your spouse's only legitimate means of romance (sexual intimacy).”

“Prioritize weekly date nights – schedule it, don't miss it, and remember to turn your phones off!”

Prayers for your marriage:

- Pray for God-honoring communication in your marriage
- Pray for family relationships
- Pray for daily disciplines
- Pray for your finances
- Pray for intimacy and a renewed spark
- Pray for healthy time management and joy in time spent together

Suggested books on God-centered marriage:

- The Meaning of Marriage* by Timothy Keller
- Saving Your Marriage Before it Starts* by Les & Leslie Parrott
- His Needs, Her Needs* by Willard F. Harley, Jr.
- Sacred Marriage* by Gary Thomas

Are you interested in hosting a marriage enrichment event at your church? Reach out to us and let us know how we can help and pray. It is never too late to commit your marriage to the Lord – you will be amazed at what He can do!

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# Armenia: The Land of Noah

*“You strengthened us so that now we can strengthen others.”*

When Asatur Nahapetyan, General Secretary of Armenian Baptists, recently thanked Baptists on Mission volunteers and churches for their involvement over the past 20 years, he underscored the goal of our partnership with Armenian Baptists.

Over the past century, Armenia has experienced genocide, endured 70 years of Soviet occupation with its enforced atheism, suffered wars with Azerbaijan and Turkey, and felt ignored by the international community. Since 2002, Baptists on Mission has had the privilege of walking alongside the Armenian Baptist Union to plant and strengthen churches, train pastors, and build church buildings.

We are standing with Armenian Baptists as a new generation of leaders rises up to reach their country and region with the gospel. They have provided humanitarian assistance and spiritual encouragement to another country after a recent earthquake, supported and strengthened church planters in other countries, and developed leaders to reach their own country. Each step of the way, you were there!

There are open doors for the gospel and tremendous opportunities to plant new churches all across the country and region. Churches are filled to capacity, hundreds of children participate in VBS, and many new believers are committing their lives to Christ. We can join them as they fan the flames of revival sweeping the country by praying

for revival to sweep the country, volunteering to serve in Armenia, and donating to help build new church buildings.

Construction has begun on a new Yezidi Kurdish Christian Church building in a southern Armenian town that is reaching a traditionally pagan people group. There are only a handful of Kurdish Christian churches in the world and we are excited to assist this house church that has been waiting for a building since 2014. There are three other towns where Armenian Baptists feel led to plant new churches.

Teams can lead Pastor or Women’s Conferences, conduct sports camps or VBS, help with the construction of the new Yezidi Christian church, or assist pastors and church planters. Contact Paul Langston to learn more about serving in this country at the crossroads between Europe, Asia, and the Middle East.

### Will You...

**Pray:** That church planters will answer God’s call and many hearts will be open to the gospel.

**Give:** Sponsor a church planter for \$200 monthly or help with church construction costs.

**Go:** Send a team to serve alongside Armenian believers and strengthen church planters.

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Register your Team: <https://baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/Outside-US/Armenia>



# CUBA

Every day in Cuba, all over the country, people are hoping and praying for clean water. Many wells are contaminated and the water that the country provides from water tankers to many villages and towns is not clean enough to drink unless boiled. After a major hurricane hit the island nation a few years ago, Baptists on Mission sent a few volunteers with a water purification unit to provide clean drinking water to those effected by the storm. Water was pumped from the contaminated wells through the water purification unit and people were able to take all the clean water they wanted home for drinking and cooking. The idea was born from that one experience that if we could provide some type of water purification unit for churches in communities, the church could provide clean water to those around them and talk about the “Living Water.” As of this printing over 30 water purification units have been set up in churches from Santa Clara to Guantanamo.

This past summer, Deep Impact and DI Kids Mission groups raised \$25,000+ to provide more water purification units for Cuba. Twelve of them went in December 2023. We have enough money for 10 more. Hopefully we will get them to Cuba in 2024. The water units costs approx. \$1,100 each. We are so thankful for DI and DI Kids for raising this money

as well as the many people who have given towards the purchase of these units.

Churches are using these units to minister to those in their community. Many pastors have shared how clean water has contributed to their church growth and the growth of God’s kingdom. When I sit with pastors and hear their stories, I thank God for allowing Baptists on Mission to partner with the Eastern Baptist Convention of Cuba churches. You are a part of that partnership. We are thankful.



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# A Hub of Christian Love in GUATEMALA

By Rev. Richard Seagle, First Baptist Church, New Bern, NC

“FBC New Bern first went to Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, in 2012, soon after Baptists on Mission initiated a relationship with missionaries Roger and Vicki Grossmann and the Good Shepherd Ministries. We have seen the Grossman’s initial vision materialize into a facility that has made a tremendous difference for the Kingdom of God. What began as a retreat and training center in the highlands of Guatemala for Baptist leaders and pastors has now become a hub of growth for many different groups of Christians.

Good Shepherd Ministries meets not only the spiritual needs of Guatemalans but their physical needs as well. A clinic operates on-site for local indigenous people who have little access to health care. The clinic, which provides immediate patient care and education in a Christian setting, exposes the Mayan population to the transforming power of Jesus Christ. Good Shepherd Ministries also operates a Children’s Home in the city of Quetzaltenango and two family unit houses at the

Good Shepherd Center. The often abandoned and abused children that are taken in will touch your heart. Most of these children receive more love than they have ever known while learning about the love of Jesus.

Our church has fallen in love with Roger and Vicki Grossmann and their heart and vision for the people of Guatemala. We believe so heavily in their ministry that we have sent new groups year after year to participate in the work there. We have done construction work, provided ministry supplies, and ministered with the children in many ways. Good Shepherd Ministries is a unique mission opportunity in a unique and beautiful setting. Mountains surround the center and volcanoes can be seen in the distance. However, nothing is more beautiful than experiencing the love of God that is shared through Good Shepherd Ministries with the neighboring Quiche people and the beautiful children God places in their care. We look forward each year to our trip to Guatemala.

It has changed my life. I hope you will consider going and allowing it to change yours, as well.”

Teams who serve in Guatemala through Baptists on Mission enjoy staying at the beautiful Good Shepherd Center. Whether serving in construction, leadership training, or medical, volunteers can visit and meet the children at the Good Shepherd Children’s Home and host a “family night” for the older youth who live in two cottages near the center. Team members come away with a greater appreciation for mission work in Guatemala and feel that they are part of the growth of God’s Kingdom there. In 2024, construction, medical, leadership training, and staff relief teams are needed. We also need couples to serve throughout the year as Children’s Home Assistants who commit to stay at the children’s home for 1-2 months. Pray about being a part of this meaningful ministry!

Guatemala dates for 2024 are posted on our webpage. Follow the QR code. Then, click on the link to view and download a .pdf of the details and date list.

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# Discovering Contentment in KENYA

By Carmie Cook, New Friendship Baptist, Greensboro, NC

“Coming from a world where even the temporary absence of electrical power or running water would send most of us into a tailspin, spending time with people who see these items as luxuries was humbling. On our visit to the Lake Victoria region of Kenya, our team helped build simple 16’ x 16’ houses with mud walls and metal roofs for four families who desperately needed them. While witnessing neighbors come together to help assemble the houses or prepare a meal for the workers, we were reminded of the importance of community. Peter, a widower, was so grateful for his new home that he sacrificed one of his three remaining ducks to serve as a meal for those who helped build his house. At the dedication ceremony for each house, we were able to present the Gospel to the community and give a Bible to the new homeowner. Seeing the elation of Peter when he received his Bible was such a blessing. He truly viewed it as the precious, priceless gift that it is.

Each day, we shared Bible stories, crafts, and games with the children who gathered. For two days, we shared at local schools. We were so impressed with how well-behaved the children were at each place. They eagerly listened to the stories and participated in crafts, taking great pride in their work. While visiting one day at a school for orphans one of the interpreters brought two birthday cakes to be divided among almost 100 children. After singing “Happy Birthday,” we divided the cakes into bite-size pieces. The children were so happy to receive one bite of birthday cake! Many had never celebrated a birthday before!

The pastors we worked with are beacons of light to the villagers. They display a contentment that only comes from Jesus Christ. They know the secret of being content (Phil 4:12b) and are living Rom 5:3-5. “We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character

produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”

God is at work in the lives of the Kenyan people. We can learn much from them. My prayer is that I will be more grateful for the provisions of God that I take for granted and that I will see inconveniences for what they are rather than thinking of them as real problems. Lord, help me to be content in You!

A trip to Kenya and participation in the Houses of Hope ministry is a life-changing adventure. Teams can be as small as five or as large as sixteen. Come experience Africa while assisting families in need, sharing the Gospel, and providing Bible Study opportunities!

A mission trip to Kenya can be planned for almost any time of the year. Visit our website at [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org) to find out more about this life-changing opportunity. (Mission Projects/Outside US/Kenya).



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**Armenia** – Help church planters (\$200 per month), build a new Yazidi Kurdish Christian church, or sponsor a child to a summer sports camp.

**Ukraine** – Provide a nutritious meal for Roma children through the Love Help Teach soup kitchen that feeds 150 children per day and has expanded to also offer meals to senior adults affected by the war.

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# MOLDOVA PARTNERSHIP

## A Great Opportunity for North Carolina Baptists

By Pastor Matthew Laughter, FBC Rockwell, NC



“Jesus looked out upon the masses of people who were coming to him, and saw them as sheep without a shepherd. Then He told his disciples, “The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.” (Matt. 9:37-38) There is a harvest field in the small country of Moldova.

The partnership between NC Baptists and the Baptist Union of Moldova is a tremendous opportunity. There are 750 villages where no evangelical presence is found. The Baptist churches and their pastors have a strong and practical vision to reach these villages. This past summer, Will Graham held an evangelistic event for the first time in Moldova. Now the hearts of the people have been softened and a greater harvest is ready. These churches are sending out workers into the field. We have the opportunity to help them go and send more!

This partnership has truly blessed our church. We are encouraged by hearing of salvations and new believers being discipled. In October, we traveled to Moldova to see the great work that is being done. Through in-home visits and a medical clinic, we shared the gospel openly and

prayed powerfully for the people we came in contact with. It was such an encouragement to our hearts to hear these believers praying for our church as we have been praying for them. I can testify that these believers are genuine in their motivation. They are humble and grateful for our support and partnership.

God has provided a ripe field of souls in Moldova. The people are beginning to see the lack of real relationship from the Orthodox church. They are having their eyes opened to Jesus, the true and great High Priest, who alone can be their Good Shepherd. I would encourage any church to invest in this partnership to see results of lasting fruit. God is sending out the workers from the churches in Moldova. Will we help them stay in the field? The workers cannot harvest the crop if they cannot stay and do the work. Come join this great partnership!”



Moldovan Baptists have invited North Carolina Baptists to partner with them in the coming years. Recent events in the Ukraine have served as a reminder of how fleeting this opportunity may be. The primary focus of the partnership is that of supporting church planting through strong Moldovan “mother churches.” These churches are led by visionary pastors who are gospel-focused and mission-hearted. There are over 750 villages in Moldova with no evangelical presence. The desire of these churches is to see that every village in their region has an evangelical church.

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Check out the details about this exciting new partnership by utilizing the QR code. Click on the link and pray about how you and your church can participate!

# ROMA PARTNERSHIP

## Action Speaks Louder

Jared Willis is a college student from Fairview Baptist Church, Apex. He served as a summer intern in Hungary, working with our on-site coordinator, Alicia Jones and North Carolina teams hosting summer camps in public schools in Hungary. For more information on the summer internship, contact Teresa Jones.



In the spring leading up to my journey to Hungary this past summer, the LORD made it abundantly clear that this was how He wanted me to serve Him. Having previously participated

in two separate one-week camps in Hungary, I was eager to find a way to dedicate more of my time to serving the LORD. As the weeks passed in preparation for my trip, everything seamlessly fell into place until the day of my flight, when I embarked on my transatlantic journey alone. My mind was full of unexpected apprehensions.

My background in kid's ministry was limited, and the prospect of being away from home for nearly two months loomed before me. Doubts crept in about my skill set and whether I could truly impact people's lives. Or if I'd find myself primarily engaged in logistical work, such as driving and coordinating supplies.

Fortunately, the LORD had a well-defined plan for the summer long before I set foot in Hungary. This plan encompassed a range of responsibilities, each contributing to the overall ministry. One of the valuable lessons I learned during this summer was that there is a time and place for all kinds of tasks. Some weeks, I felt a strong desire to share the message of Jesus, and the classroom setting provided me with the opportunity to do so. In other weeks, when the busy schedule left me feeling weary, I enjoyed supporting logistical aspects. It was truly remarkable to witness how the LORD utilized the gifts I offered, aligning them with His purpose in Hungary. The diversity of abilities in people exists because there are diverse needs within the church and in evangelism.

During this past summer, a specific verse took on a profound, personal significance

for me: John 13:35 – "By this, all the world will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." While I did manage to learn some Hungarian during my time there, it was far from sufficient for meaningful spiritual conversations. Nevertheless, even if I had been fluent in their language, it became evident that actions speak louder than words. I significantly underestimated the impact that demonstrating love can have on those who are not yet believers. It was perplexing for them to comprehend why a foreigner would show them such genuine love, and the LORD used this to draw others closer to Him. I am so grateful for the time that God allowed me in Hungary and for the work that He is still doing there!

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# South Africa – Door of Hope Village

## OFFERING HOPE TO THE HOPELESS

Dirty clothes. Tired muscles. Joyful hearts. That is what characterizes the people who volunteer at the Door of Hope. People come together with different skill levels but the same heavenly burden for children impacted by abandonment in South Africa. Serving at Door of Hope is more than the opportunity to do manual labor and cuddle cute babies. Imagine yourself on one of these trips. The concrete block you just made will go to provide a safe, loving home for a child moving into the Door of Hope Village, desperate for a forever family. The wall you just painted will be the backdrop to the laughter of toddlers playing without a care in the world knowing that people love them. The classroom you spread gravel for will help children not only know they are loved but that they are loved by their Heavenly Father, who will always be there. Now, come back to reality because it is time for you to know something: there is a place for you to be involved in Johannesburg, South Africa, and it will leave an eternal impact.

Sarah Johnson, three-time volunteer at Door of Hope Village

What's not to like about the Door of Hope? At first glance, it's a future given to kids that otherwise might not be alive. This alone draws so much love, and it's not until you look a little deeper that you find out that the Door of Hope is God's stepping stone to add to His Kingdom. Not only does the DOH save kids from abandonment, but it also shows these kids the love of God. Giving these kids a future is wonderful! Showing these kids the gospel and telling them that God loves them and they are His children is what it's all about. They give kids the opportunity to live a better life and to be rooted in faith, hope, and love, all the while growing closer to God. You constantly see God's hand at work and can feel His presence in every step taken. With the goal of housing kids all throughout their youth into adulthood and having a school and a neighborhood that displays God's glory in every direction, this is just the beginning for the Door of Hope Village. What does hope look like? At Door of Hope Village, it starts with a pile of dirt, gravel, concrete mix, and water. Teams take those simple components and offer hope and a future to children whose lives began with abandonment.

Chandler Norris, three-time volunteer at Door of Hope Village

**You can offer hope to the hopeless through Baptists on Missions' partnership with Door of Hope Children's Mission. There is still space for your team in 2024!**

**Learn more or register your team at:**

**<https://baptistsonmission.org/Missions/Outside-US/South-Africa>.**

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# UKRAINE PARTNERSHIP- Ministry of Presence

Mark and Donna Gibbs from Biltmore Baptist Church led a team to Western Ukraine in September 2023. Read Donna's story.

"What are you doing here? You do know we are at war, right? It's dangerous here!" A Ukrainian man made his way across the aisles to my husband, the collective of English-speaking voices in a hardware store piquing his curiosity. He inquired as to Americans were in a hardware store in a war-torn region far from home. Their answer was both surprising and comforting to him, triggering a lengthy and heart-felt "Thank you. Thank you so much for coming." It had been a heavy morning, the government having just released the announcement of the imminent return of last winter's dreaded blackouts, in addition to the unnerving news that a Russian missile hit a nearby target the day before.

This curious gratitude was echoed throughout our time in Ukraine. "Why are you coming to us when everyone else is leaving?" The repeated question caused us to examine our motives more thoroughly, and it also became the stage of our mission. Our answer was simply put, "Jesus runs toward pain, and He has called us to do the same." "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2). Yes, ministry of presence is inconvenient, but it isn't complicated.

Our team was called to Ukraine with a multi-purpose strategy. In addition to my providing some general mental health assessment and support to the local IDP shelters, our team was primarily there to assist in the renovation of an early 1800s building purchased by Hungarian Baptist Aid and Baptists on Mission. It was quickly determined

that, instead of prioritizing a worship center on the main level, the underbelly of the building would be the top priority. What is now a dark, century-old dungeon will soon be revived to serve as a multi-use space: a combined bomb shelter and feeding station. Doesn't that bring a poignant new meaning to the phrase "multi-use facility"?

Our small team worked tirelessly alongside a handful of locals in that dark, dirty dungeon. I won't sugar-coat it - it was hot, messy, and very challenging physical work, with an emotional heaviness to boot. It was shared work. We sang, we ate, we shared our stories, we shared scriptures, and we shared testimony of the evidence of God in each of our lives. The result was that all of us (American, Ukrainian, and Hungarian brothers and sisters in Christ) walked away, lifted and inspired. Hope and encouragement were born out of war. What an unsuspected outcome, right? Only God...

As a Professional Christian Counselor, I work with trauma every day. I've been in the trenches of trauma work for many years. But war trauma is a trauma of a different kind. We couldn't offer them safety. We couldn't stop their pain. We couldn't reframe their circumstance to make it seem better. We couldn't even pretend their nightmare would soon be over... because there is no Band-Aid for unearned, relentless suffering. We could only be present, attend to the tasks of their day, cry, laugh, eat, rejoice... and conquer hopelessness and isolation alongside them. *Ministry of Presence is inconvenient and messy, but it isn't complicated.*

Yes, war trauma is of a different kind. But so is war resilience. There will be no simple *bounce back* for these beautiful people we met or for the country of Ukraine, but my prayer is that every day, they experience the ministry of God's perfect and sacrificial presence and the ingredients of a resilient *bounce forward*.



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## Medical Dental Ministry

# Clayton church meets needs at the local flea market

When Dave and Cheryl Pittman first heard the idea of taking the Baptists on Mission dental bus to the Brightleaf Flea Market in Smithfield earlier this year, the thought resonated with them. After all, the Pittman's daughter is a vendor at the gigantic flea market located about 35 miles from Raleigh.

But after Pittman's approached their pastor about holding a dental clinic at the flea market on a Sunday, an entire church got involved in a unique outreach to its community.

Bethesda Baptist Church in Clayton held its first dental clinic at the flea market on Sunday, Aug. 20. Volunteer dentists, dental assistants and dental hygienists along with about 15 members of the church offered physical and spiritual care to people at the flea market, which has large indoor and outdoor vendor spaces and draws between 8,000 and 10,000 visitors each Sunday throughout the year.

As patients completed paperwork for teeth cleanings, fillings and extractions, church members also counseled and prayed with them, while providing other activities for children. Members also distributed hygiene packets along with gospel tracts in English and Spanish. Many of the flea market's vendors and visitors are Latino, and several Spanish-speaking church members were involved in the ministry.

During the clinic, 46 people had dental needs met, and nine people made professions of faith.

"We were more concerned with being the church in our community than just going to church," said Will, one of Bethesda Baptist's pastors. Many church members commented that, "Jesus healed on the Sabbath, so why should we not minister to people both physically and spiritually on Sunday?"

Following the August event, the flea market's owners requested a church service to be held there on Sunday mornings. The services began about three weeks after the initial clinic.

"The owner and the manager were impressed with our sincerity



and compassion for the people and how we were attempting to build relationships there," said Pittman, a member of Bethesda and volunteer with Baptists on Mission.

Bethesda Baptist hopes to hold dental clinics at the flea market once a quarter while continuing to hold weekly church services, which have expanded to include a Sunday school for children.

The church intends to replicate this ministry in other surrounding communities where large numbers of unchurched people gather. Bethesda's goal is to glorify God and launch new churches out of this ministry with disciples intentionally ministering in those places.

Church members understand that in order to reach the lost, they must go to where they live and work. The flea market ministry has caused them to think outside the walls of the church building.

"They now have a real focal point to carry out the Great Commission," Pittman said. "We are now given the opportunity to interact with and witness to people who may never enter our facilities. We are quickly learning how important building personal relationships are in our efforts to reach people for the Lord."



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THE DENTAL MINISTRY IS ALWAYS IN NEED OF DRIVERS/HOSTS TEAM WITH A CURRENT CDL LICENSE WHO HAVE A HEART TO SERVE OTHERS AND LIVE WITHIN AN HOUR OF CARY

Health Screening Ministry

# A Partnership of Goodwill



Since its founding 120 years ago, Goodwill® Industries has grown significantly, but their philosophy has remained the same: “Not a charity, but

a chance.” Those were the words of Reverend Edgar J. Helms of Boston, the Founder of Goodwill. Today, Goodwill across North America continue to work to enhance people’s dignity and quality of life by strengthening communities, eliminating barriers to opportunity, and helping individuals reach their full potential through learning and the power of work. Goodwill Industries of Eastern North Carolina, Inc. (GIENC®) serves 51 counties throughout the greater Triangle, Sandhills and eastern North Carolina. Focused on employment, education, and life enrichment opportunities, GIENC recognized the need for uninsured and underinsured individuals to have access to health and dental care. To combat this, GIENC partnered with Baptists on Mission. Through our Health Screening and Dental Ministries, and \$175K in grants from GIENC over the past two years, we have been able to bring our services to those in need in Eastern North Carolina.

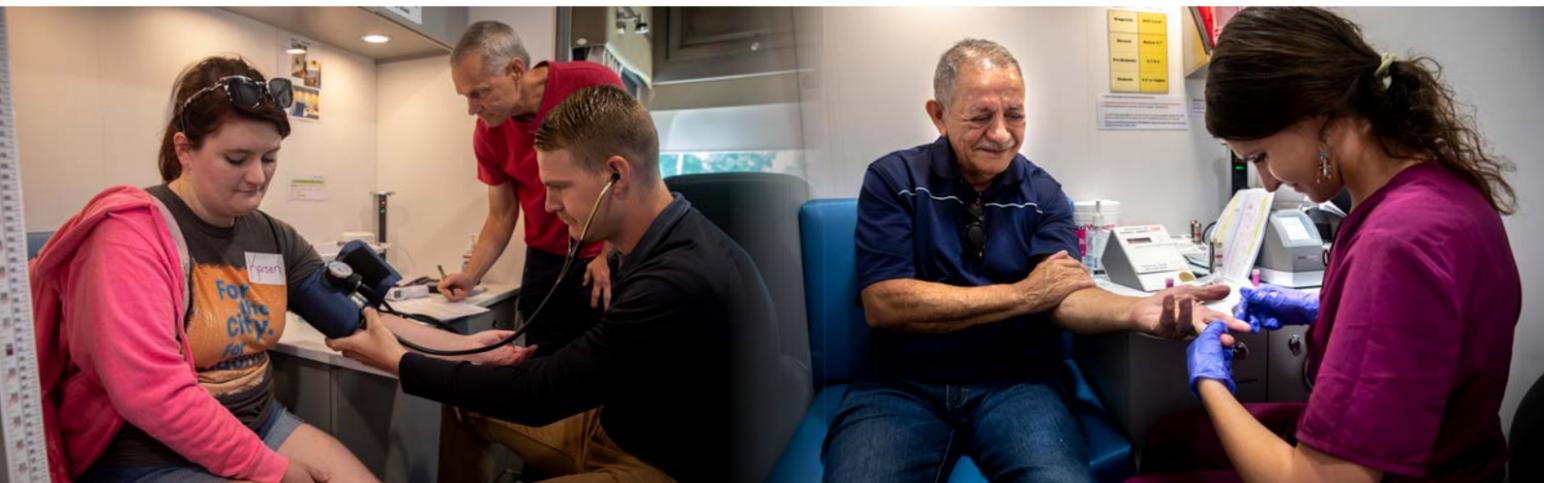
In November, GIENC and Baptists on Mission partnered for the first time to bring the Health Screening and Dental

Ministry units to their Rocky Mount location. Though the weather outside was chilly and cloudy, the atmosphere in the bus was warm and cheerful. Underserved people of Rocky Mount got a chance to have their medical needs met. The medical services provided include basic vital signs checks, A1C diabetes screenings, cholesterol screenings, as well as depression screenings, and basic eye exams. At the end of their screenings, patients meet with a Registered Nurse or Doctor to review their results and receive referrals for providers who can continue to address any concerns. In addition to having their health needs met, patients on the Health Screening bus also have a chance to have their spiritual needs met. They can see that not only does God love them, but people in their community care for them as well. At the Rocky Mount clinic, one person even came to accept Christ into their heart as a result of a time of prayer with a pastor that was there for the event.

The partnership between GIENC and Baptists on Mission has already been fruitful. Needs are being met in communities throughout or state and with them the love of Christ is being shared. As a result of the partnership, Baptists on Mission will be looking to host more events at GIENC Employment Program Centers throughout Eastern North Carolina. When individuals and organizations put others first, communities benefit.

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# APPALACHIAN COALFIELDS

## Evidence of God’s Compassion to Those in Need

By Carson Helms, Sandy Ridge Baptist Church, Monroe, NC

Our pastor had challenged our congregation to consider ways we could reach others for Christ. As mission coordinator, God led me to Baptist on Mission’s Appalachian Coalfield Ministry. A trip to Rogersville, TN, was planned. We chose to do home repairs, VBS and needs distribution. Our host organization was well organized, with a heart for people in need. They helped us find lodging in a nearby church and were most helpful every day we were there.

I was delighted to take 32 individuals on this trip. Our group consisted of whole families, youth, and seniors. And we saw God at work! Team members used their personal gifts and talents for God’s glory. Individuals shared Jesus and prayed

with families. Our children and youth helped people they did not know. This trip also allowed our team members to interact with each other in fellowship, laughter, and Christian growth as we shared each night about our day’s adventures.

One place we saw God’s hand at work was at a home where a ramp was being built for a lady. Her home was a simple storage shed with no electricity or plumbing. We felt devastated that she did not have basic necessities. After the ramp was finished, we asked her to test it out in her wheelchair. She had tears in her eyes as she rolled herself down the new ramp. God had just blessed her with a way to get out of her home, giving her a little more independence. I praise God for allowing us to help in

this way. Our team was blessed by the joy it gave her!

Our pastor, Eddie Powers, stated, “The trip to Tennessee through the Appalachian Coalfields Ministry revealed the evidence of Christian growth, maturity, and obedience of the church to God’s call to be on mission. We have been on many mission trips, but this was the largest group, with the widest diversity of ages, I’ve been privileged to participate within the 20 years of pastoring this wonderful church family. This is the work of God through His people for His Glory.” Why go on a mission trip? It is the greatest opportunity to show you love God by having compassion for others in need.”



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**APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS OUTREACH 2024**

Appalachian Christmas Outreach 2024 is underway now! Please join us in our goal of preparing and providing 22,000 backpacks for children throughout Appalachia and other places of need! Find out more at [www.baptistsonmission.org/aco](http://www.baptistsonmission.org/aco)

Baptists on Mission has developed the Appalachian Coalfields Ministry in order to minister both physically and spiritually to people in some of the poorest areas of our nation. Teams serve in the states of West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, and North Carolina. Projects include week-long service in children’s ministry, sports clinics, and construction, to name a few. Opportunities may also include the collection, delivery, and distribution of items such as food, school supplies, clothing, etc., which can be done in the course of a few days. There are dozens of requests for mission teams to help in 2024. See how your church can play a part.



# The Promise of Transformative Experiences in PENNSYLVANIA

By Rev. Shannon Owen, Turkey Creek Baptist, Pisgah Forest, NC

“In August, a dedicated team of three men and three women from Turkey Creek Baptist Church embarked on a mission trip to Towanda, PA, responding to an opportunity orchestrated by the Lord. Our mission was to collaborate with Harvest House Community Fellowship during Towanda’s annual Riverfest.

The team’s engagement began with a day of prayer walking through the community alongside Harvest House members, setting the spiritual tone for the upcoming event. On the second day, the team contributed to the local crisis pregnancy center by engaging in cleaning and construction work.

Throughout the evenings and on Saturday, the team passionately shared the gospel with the people of Towanda during Riverfest. Engaging in faith-filled conversations, offering heartfelt prayers for the shared needs of individuals, and making the transformative message of Jesus the central part of our mission. The highlight of the trip was witnessing six individuals, whom we had connected with and prayed for during Riverfest, walking through the doors of Harvest House that Sunday morning.

As the week ended, the team gathered for a powerful worship service before returning to Brevard, NC, the following Monday. This impactful journey marked the beginning of a five-year mission partnership between the Transylvania Baptist Association, of which our team is a part and the churches in the Northern Tier of Pennsylvania.

The formalization of this partnership took place during the Annual Meeting in Brevard, NC, in October of this year. This is a part of Baptist on Missions ongoing state partnership with the churches of Pennsylvania/South Jersey.

The vision for the partnership extends beyond occasional visits. Over the next five years and beyond, teams from both regions will alternate in ministering to one another’s communities. This reciprocal relationship will witness teams from the Brevard area supporting and collaborating with Northern Tier churches in Pennsylvania and vice versa.

We are all filled with anticipation as we look forward to witnessing the unfolding of God’s plans over the next five years. The growth of this ministry partnership holds the promise of transformative experiences for both communities involved, fostering a spirit of unity and shared purpose in spreading the message of faith, hope, and love.”

**Mission partners are needed in Pennsylvania/South Jersey for short term mission trips as well as the possibility of long term partnerships – such as the one described above! Evangelism, outreach events, children’s ministry, and construction needs all can be found on the current projects list found on the BOM Pennsylvania/South Jersey webpage. Each one of these requests represent church planting couples, pastors, and congregations who are asking for help in reaching their lost communities for Christ. If you and your church have been involved in furthering God’s kingdom in Pennsylvania – thank you! If you have not had opportunity to do so, please pray about how God might use you and your congregation!**

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Pennsylvania projects for 2024 are posted on our webpage. Follow the QR code. Then, click on the link to view and download a .pdf projects request list.

# Soul-Refreshing Work in NEW ENGLAND

By Lydia Tatum, Trinity Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC

Ranked by Barna research as the least biblically literate area in the United States, the beautiful state of Maine has become the mission field and adopted home to church planters and founders of Multiply Maine, Roger and Caroline Ferrell. In the nine years since its founding, Multiply Maine has planted nine churches in the coastal Maine area. Baptists on Mission partner with the Ferrells to connect church groups with their growing mission in Maine, and, as with most mission partnerships, the teams go to help but come back transformed by joining in the Holy Spirit’s work.

Sitting by the fire at the end of a beautiful Maine day in October, our mission team sang hymns of praise to the soft notes of Roger’s acoustic guitar and Caroline’s gentle harmonies. There we found our souls refreshed not just for the next day’s work but for the next season of faithfulness to God’s call on our lives. Many Christians may admit to shying away from Gospel conversations with non-believing friends and co-workers

and even more so with strangers. A mission trip focused on evangelization might seem a bit daunting for a team more equipped and trained for using their strong hands rather than their vulnerable hearts. Yet, Jesus has issued a call to all believers to go and make disciples and to invite the lost to come alongside us as we walk this journey of life.

While meandering through a coastal Maine town and connecting with shop owners through simple introductions and offers for prayer, our group of believers discovered that being in the presence of Christ and living our Christian faith openly and authentically may actually be simpler than they imagined. Each day, the team went throughout the community to meet people with a smile, a small bag of treats, a prayer, and an offer to join the good people of Anchor Church for worship and lunch on Sundays at the Rotary Club. And, each day, the people of Boothbay shared

their burdens and prayer requests and revealed in their openness to prayer that they may be more receptive to the goodness of the Gospel than the latest statistics might suggest. God is moving in Maine, drawing people to Christ and saving them by His grace. Through the work of Multiply Maine and church groups like this one, Baptist on Mission is joining hands with God and making disciples right here in the United States.”

**The project in Maine is just one way mission teams are making a difference throughout New England. Others serve through children’s ministry, camps, sports and music outreach, and more. Visit BOM’s New England webpage and pray about how you and your church can make a Kingdom difference in New England this year!**



# ROCKY MOUNTAIN

## Making a Big Difference in Small Towns

By Dr. David Heller, AMS, Columbus Baptist Association

“The Columbus Baptist Association sent two teams to Wyoming last summer – year two of a five-year commitment. One team served in Shoshoni with Wind River Church, supporting pastor John Scudder and wife, Debbie, in reaching their community. The ladies of the team held a three-day Women’s Bible Study, which included a time of study, crafts, and an opportunity for fellowship. A VBS was also conducted in a nearby park, providing kids games, snacks, and crafts. Relationships were built, and the gospel was shared with the children through Bible stories each day. Each evening, revival services were held at the church. Testimonies were given and singing helped to set the tone of worship as the gospel was shared. The team enjoyed working with the people of Shoshoni and planted many seeds. Two accepted Jesus as a result!

Another team served in Medicine Bow, where they did repair work at the Wind City Church with pastor Justin Stockton and wife Misty. The church deck was refinished, and the entire church interior was thoroughly cleaned. In addition, the team did some upkeep of the community cemetery. One of our team members was not only a pastor but also worked with a funeral home and was a big help in performing this task. The cemetery had not been touched in quite several years. In the evenings, we assisted with community-wide revival services. Three

individuals accepted Jesus! These services resembled a community block party, with a Bouncy house and other fun activities. Hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn and hot chocolate were served before the services began. Special music and testimonies led to sharing the gospel each night of this annual community revival.

Events like these make a big difference in these small Wyoming towns. We are so thankful for each of our volunteers and grateful to God for the opportunity to serve with these two church plants, which have become like family to our Association!”

**This is just one example of how mission teams serve in the Rocky Mountain region. In 2024, teams are needed to serve at the Mountaintop Baptist Assembly in Wyoming and the Inlow Baptist Camp in New Mexico. These camps minister to a thousand campers each summer. Teams of 8-12 are needed to cook, serve, and clean up after each meal for a week of camp. The camps take good care of the volunteers, providing housing and meals and making sure they feel welcome and a part of the camp family. The teams’ service helps make it possible for the camps to make tuition affordable. They love having volunteers on campus as a visual example to the children of what true Christian service looks like. Is this the place God is calling you and your team to serve in 2024?**

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Rocky Mountain projects for 2024 are posted on our webpage. Follow the QR code. Then, click on the link to view and download a .pdf projects request list.



# ALASKA

## Serving in the “Last Frontier”

Mission teams from North Carolina continue to make a Kingdom difference in our sister state of Alaska. This past summer, a team from Pitts Baptist in Concord made a return trip to work in Anchorage. The team assists an established church in finding new ways to reach out to and become relevant to their surrounding neighborhoods once more. This included going house to house to place door hangers, offering to pray with those they met, and inviting families to bring their children to a Wednesday night children’s ministry, which the team led. The teams also spent time on the nearby coastal walkway, which runs by the church, engaging tourists and locals with prayer and gospel conversations. Because of the short summer, Alaska congregations try to make the most of warm days to show their neighbors that God loves them and that the church is there to help.

For the third consecutive year, several

teams worked at a Christian youth camp on the Kenai Peninsula. The camp draws children from all over Alaska – and beyond. Teams offer assistance in a multitude of various construction and maintenance needs. This includes finishing or remodeling cabins, painting projects, tree removal for fire protection, vehicle maintenance, and more. Teams enjoy working at the camp and meeting the campers and staff who work there all summer long. Our volunteers are welcomed and well-taken care of while at the camp.

Southside Baptist Church in Elm City, NC, sent a team to work in the Wasilla area. They engaged in “park parties,” going to a different town park in the morning and then again in the afternoon. The team used a variety of activities and youthful energy to attract children who visit the parks daily during the warm summer days. Once they had their attention, the team used games and activities to convey the

gospel message to children and parents alike. All the while, the host pastor is circulating among the crowd, meeting people and inviting them to join the church in worship and fellowship.

Finally, a team of eleven traveled to Anchorage to help put a new roof on an old church that is undergoing a complete renovation. The renovation is not just on the physical building. The congregation itself is being transformed and regrown. The team’s efforts are a great help in this effort.

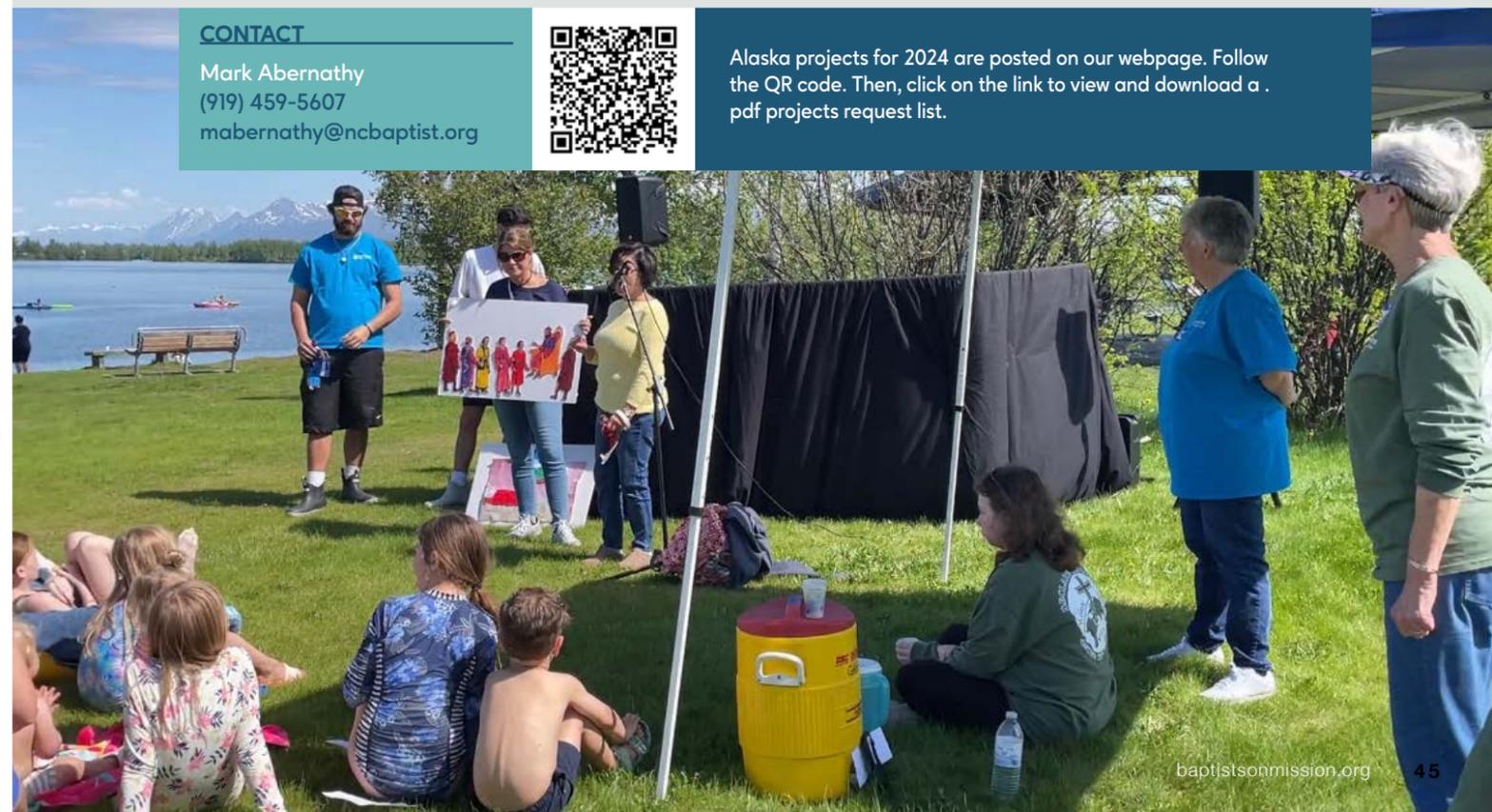
The opportunity for sharing Christ and furthering His Kingdom in Alaska is great. Many Alaska congregations are small, and some are located in isolated areas. Our participation in missions in Alaska provides needed resources, leadership, and, possibly most importantly, - encouragement. Be in prayer about this exciting Partnership and your participation in it next summer!

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# CONSTRUCTION SKILLS TRAINING

Every church serves every community! Your church can meet some of the pressing needs for assistance in our community by building wheelchair ramps, installing grab bars, doing small home repairs and assisting with other construction needs. But you may not feel that you know how. Hands-on training for those with limited construction experience can help us move out of our seats and into the streets.

Hanging and finishing drywall, laying laminate flooring, framing a wall, or building a wheelchair ramp may seem like foreign languages. Still, they can be the avenue for you to make Christ known and seen in your community. You can be “Jesus with skin on” to your neighbors or worldwide.

Construction skills training can open the door for you to serve at Red Springs, Shelby, or Charity Mission Camps, participate in Serve NC, or go on a construction mission trip.

Bring your family, youth group, church, or a group of friends to learn the basics. You can be one of those who help hurricane survivors return home or meet a need

in your own community. Every year, we have projects in the Appalachian Coal Fields, New England, the Rocky Mountains, and throughout NC, where you can use your new skills.

You will also learn about our Rebuild Centers and Mission Camps and how you can practice your new skills while impacting a community for Christ.

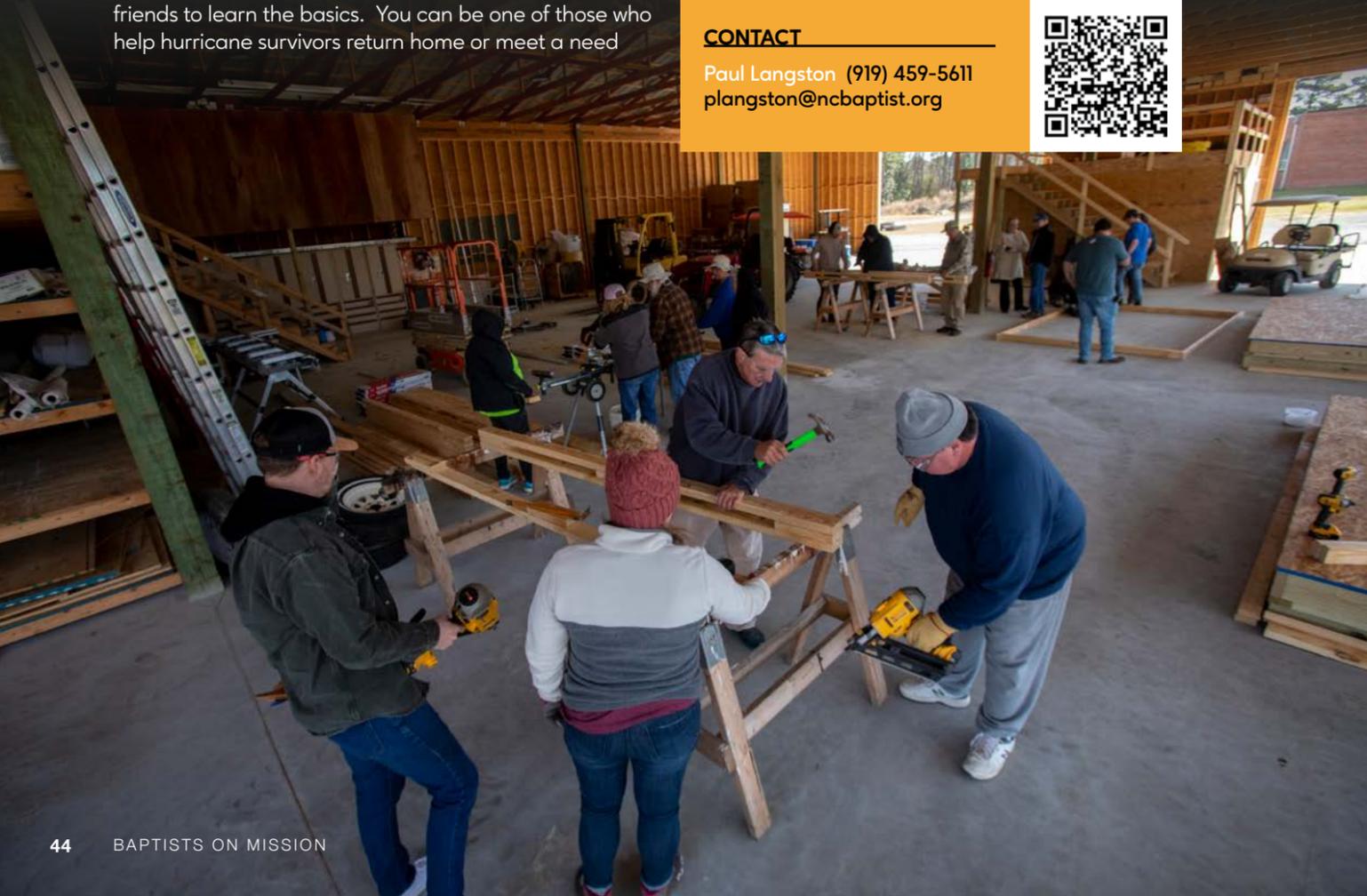
**March 9 and September 14, 2024- Shelby Mission Camp**  
**March 16 and September 21, 2024- Red Springs Mission Camp**  
**March 23 and October 12, 2024- Charity Mission Center**

**\$10 for Saturday training only**  
**\$21 for Friday overnight and Saturday training**

**Register:**  
[baptistsonmission.org/training/construction-training](http://baptistsonmission.org/training/construction-training)

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# Missions Camps CHARITY MISSION CAMP

**Purpose**— The purpose of the Charity Mission Camp is to assist churches, individuals, and organizations to get involved in missions by using their God-given Deeds. We accomplish this by offering affordable short-term missions opportunities to men, women, students and families.

**Facilities**— Our facility can house 200 volunteers in our 62,000 SQ FT facility. We have 16 private shower stalls, with handicap availability and a self-serve laundry room. Our site has a game room, a lounge, a gym, and sports fields. We have an exercise room for physical health and a prayer chapel for spiritual health. We also have a tool room with all the necessary tools and supplies. Teams can use classroom and conference rooms to have Bible studies and team building time. There is an on-site thrift store and food pantry.

**Opportunities to serve**— Construction, Handyman ministry, Wheelchair ramp construction, youth camps, Men retreats, Women retreats, Couples Retreats, Prayer Retreats, Packing and distributing senior adult food boxes, working in the thrift store or food pantry, Sports camps, VBS, Backyard Bible clubs. We are also willing to work with your team on creating your own mission experience that fits your church.

## PLAN A TRIP

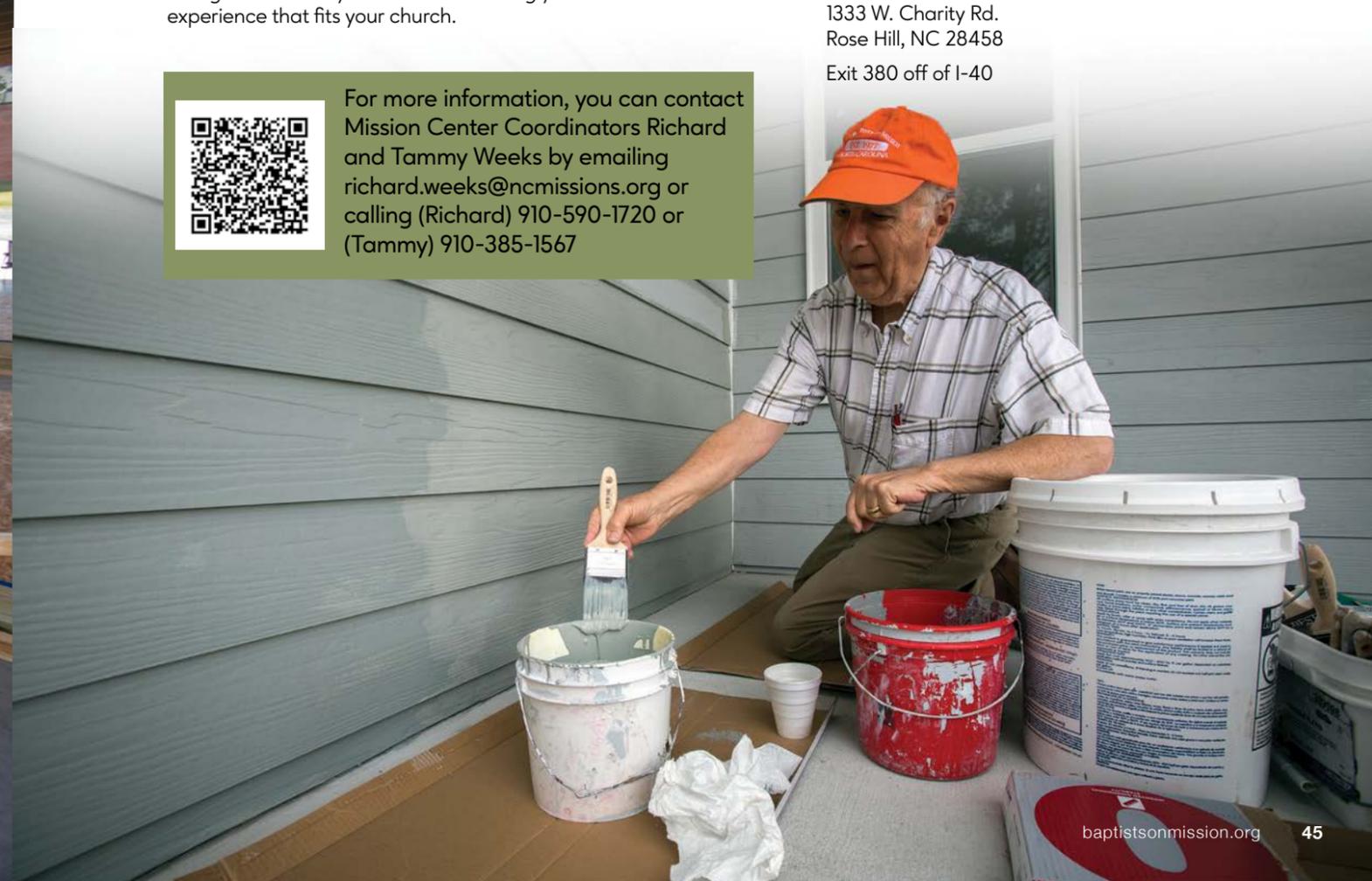
- The cost is \$21 per person per night. This includes lodging, meals while you are here, and supplemental insurance.
- Volunteers must be 13 years old and up. Youth groups must have 1 adult per 4 youth.
- Workdays are Monday-Saturday. No Saturday evening meals, and the camp is closed on Sunday.
- RV sites are available on request.
- Registration is online at [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org).
- We will contact you one week before your arrival date.

## LOCATION

1333 W. Charity Rd.  
 Rose Hill, NC 28458  
 Exit 380 off of I-40



For more information, you can contact Mission Center Coordinators Richard and Tammy Weeks by emailing [richard.weeks@ncmissions.org](mailto:richard.weeks@ncmissions.org) or calling (Richard) 910-590-1720 or (Tammy) 910-385-1567



# Missions Camps

## RED SPRINGS MISSION CAMP

**Purpose**—The purpose of Red Springs Mission Camp is to get churches involved in missions. By providing affordable short term options, your church or youth group can experience missions without the cost and time involved in an out-of-state mission trip. You will be helping people who are in need in their own state.

**Facilities**—Our facility can house up to 200 volunteers per day and the ministry opportunities are endless. Our tool room and warehouse are fully equipped with all the supplies you will need for a construction or non-construction project.

Ministries offered through Red Spring Mission Camp are: Construction, Handyman Projects, Children's Ministry, Women's Ministry, Sports Camps, VBS, Yard work for the Elderly, Painting, Disaster Relief Work (Following a Disaster), Community Distribution (August), Community Thanksgiving Dinner (November), Community Toy Distribution (December)

### PLAN A TRIP

Here are some things to know before you go!

- Cost is \$21 per person per night. This includes lodging, meals while you are here, and supplemental insurance.
- Volunteers must be 13 years old and up. Youth groups must have 1 adult per 4 youth.
- Work days are Monday–Saturday. No Saturday evening meal and the camp is closed on Sunday.
- RV sites are available on request.
- Registration Forms for your group can be found on [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org).
- We will contact you one week before your trip to verify date, number in team, arrival time, and any special skills of team.

### HOW CAN I HELP?

**Labor needs:** volunteers with a servant's heart; roofers; carpenters; electricians; painters; cooking teams; children's workers; cleaning teams; couples to work in warehouse.

**Material needs:** building supplies; cleaning supplies; non-perishable food; furniture; appliances; toiletry items

**Location**—The camp is located at 114 Industrial Road, Red Springs, NC on the corner of Hwy 211 and Industrial Rd.

For more information contact Mission Camp Coordinators Larry and Teresa Osborne, [losborne@ncbaptist.org](mailto:losborne@ncbaptist.org), (910) 843-7700 office, (919) 264-4397 cell  
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# Missions Camps

## SHELBY MISSION CAMP

**Purpose**—The goal of Shelby Mission Camp is to involve churches in missions. We work with youth, seniors, all ladies, all men or mixed groups. We would consider it a privilege to host you and your church group at the Shelby Mission Camp.

**Facilities**—Shelby Mission Camp currently has two metal buildings on 12 acres of land with another 30 acres for future development. The administration building house, feed, and sleep 200 mission volunteers per day. The warehouse is used to store building materials and tools.

### PLAN A TRIP

- Daily \$21 per person fee covers lodging, 3 meals, and supplemental volunteer insurance.
- Work days are Monday–Saturday.
- No supper is provided on Saturday night and the camp is closed on Sundays.
- Teams need to bring their own tools (some tools can be provided), towels, wash cloths, toiletries and bedding (don't forget your pillow).
- RV sites are available by reservation only.
- Participants must be 13 years or older.
- Youth groups must have a 1:4 ratio of adult to youth and at least 2 skilled construction workers for every 10 youth.
- Call or e-mail one week before your mission trip to verify date, number in team & team skills, and arrival time.

### HOW CAN I HELP?

**Current needs:** Current Needs: Construction is a big part of what we do as we help hurting people. We need skilled help with roofing, plumbing, HVAC and electrical. Help is also needed for building wheelchair ramps, floor replacement, painting or yardwork. Whatever your skill level we have a place for you.

For those that prefer other ministry opportunities, bible schools, sports camps, senior adult ministry of various kinds, the potato project, Books on Mission, and working with other helping ministries in our communities are also needs.

**Location**—GPS will not find our location at 302 Sharpton Drive in Shelby, NC; however, you can use 1327 S Lafayette Street, Shelby, NC 28152, which is located directly across the street. We do have a street sign for Sharpton Drive, which is off Hwy 18 (Lafayette Street). Our sign, Baptists on Mission, is at the entrance of Sharpton Drive and we are at the end of the street.

For more information, contact Robbie at (704) 467-3706 or [ralexander@ncbaptist.org](mailto:ralexander@ncbaptist.org).

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The Alexander Family.  
Shelby Missions Camp Coordinators.



# Community Mobilization: ServeNC

## Moving Out of Our Seats and into the Streets

### If your church wasn't around, would your community notice?

More than 80% of Americans say that the church is judgmental, only wants to lecture them, is hypocritical, and that our God is irrelevant. But they also say that they would like to know there is a God and that He cares for them. We can be the people who turn that narrative upside down!

On August 3-10, 2024, we are calling every NC Baptist church from the mountains to the coast to serve every community by being Jesus with skin on. ServeNC is an opportunity to mobilize every age in your church to meet needs and show the community that God cares for them. He is sending YOU!

Imagine the impact of thousands, even hundreds of thousands, of NC Baptists, spreading out across our state to show Christ's love through serving! Serve NC is an opportunity for people of every age from every church to serve every community in NC.

Jesus went through the towns and villages of His day teaching, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing. When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them and He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." (from Matthew 9:35-38)

Will your church answer the call? Will you answer the call? Every person using their gifts to bring glory to God, bless and preserve the community, and make disciples. That is the church on mission.

Your church can sign up to participate in Serve NC at: <https://ncbaptist.org/servenc/>

- Plant a garden
- Assemble hygiene kits
- Build a wheelchair ramp
- Play basketball with children
- Lead a Bible Club
- Free oil changes
- Give caregivers a break
- Free car washes
- Cook and deliver cookies
- Laundromat ministry
- Landscape a yard
- Smoke alarm check

For more information on how your church can be involved in local missions, contact Paul Langston at (919) 459-5611 or [plangston@ncbaptist.org](mailto:plangston@ncbaptist.org).



Learn more ways that you can make Jesus' love real to your community at: <https://baptistsonmission.org/mission-projects/local-ideas-serve-nc>

# Impact NC Projects

Volunteers are helping build a new facility in Rockingham, NC, which will offer new hope to women recovering from addictions. Your prayers, generosity, and service are being used to turn despair into victory. Since 1975, Samaritan Colony in Rockingham has offered hope to hundreds of men overcoming drug and alcohol addictions. They have prayed for ten years to offer women from underserved communities the same avenue to a new life. Baptists on Mission volunteers are helping make this dream a reality.

Construction on the SECU Women's Recovery Center at Samaritan Colony began in the fall of 2022. Dennis Holloway has been overseeing volunteers who are constructing this 13,000-square-foot 14-bed facility that will be the avenue to new life through a 28-day residential treatment program for 136 women annually. You can help!

In 2024, Baptists on Mission volunteers will be able to help complete Centerville Baptist Church and replace their church parsonage that was destroyed in Hurricane Florence, plus build the first facility for a church plant in eastern NC. God can use a church on mission to transform a neighborhood and change lives. By raising walls, doing electrical or plumbing work, hanging and finishing drywall, or

painting, you can make a difference. Teams can work just one day or serve longer.

If your church, association, or ministry could benefit from having others come alongside you to complete a project, please let us know how we can help. Teams can help you with an outreach event to build relationships with your community, do targeted construction projects, lead sports camps, and a lot more.

To claim a project:

1. Visit our website at [www.baptistsonmission.org/missions/north-carolina/impactnc](http://www.baptistsonmission.org/missions/north-carolina/impactnc) or contact Paul Langston at (919)459-5611 or [plangston@ncbaptist.org](mailto:plangston@ncbaptist.org) to get information on specific requests.
2. You will be put in contact with the requestor to ask any questions and to arrange a specific date of service.
3. Team Leaders will need to register online with NCBM and will be sent registration instructions, as well as information on supplemental mission insurance.
4. Your church/ team will be responsible for conducting background checks for those 18 or older on any project involving service with or to children or youth. Team leaders will be sent information to help with this.

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## Men's Worship Rallies to be Held throughout the State in November 2024

Men's Worship Rallies will be held in five locations throughout the state in November 2024. These rallies feature an excellent meal, great fellowship, worship, a spiritual challenge for men, missions information, and a prayer time. The purpose of the rallies is three-fold – 1) to worship and fellowship together as men, 2) to share information on mission opportunities, and 3) to provide inspiration and a model for how to strengthen the ministry to men in your church. All men and their pastors are invited to the rally closest to them. Rally dates are as follows: Region 2 Thursday, November 7; Region 4 Tuesday, November 12; Region 6 Thursday, November 14; Region 8 Tuesday, November 19; and Region 10 Thursday, November 21. Specific rally sites will be listed on our website later in the year. Registration is \$5 per person, which will cover the meal's cost.



## Igniting the Hearts of Men Conference



In September 2023, men from across the state gathered at BOM's second Igniting the Hearts of Men Conference at Apex Baptist Church. Keynote speakers Brett Clemmer, president and CEO of Man in the Mirror Ministries, and John Tolson, founder of the Tolson Group, both challenged attendees to make it a priority to identify, support, and disciple young men. Resources and ideas for doing so were shared with the men. In addition, sixteen different breakout sessions were offered. Subjects ranged from fatherhood, marriage enrichment, missions involvement, money management, leadership, ministering to boys and youth, and much more. Jonathan Waggett of



Coats Baptist led the men in worship, and Apex Baptist hosted the event tremendously! This one-day equipping event is designed to help men realize the great potential that each one has when following God's plan for our lives. Our next Igniting the Hearts of Men Conference is scheduled for September 2025. Details are still developing, but we anticipate having it in the Triad area of the state. Stay tuned for more information, and plan to join us in September 2025!

## 2024 Men's Outdoor Weekend



Last year's Men's Outdoor Weekend was an absolute blast! Over 125 men gathered for a weekend of fellowship, worship, and outdoor fun. This annual event at Camp Caraway in Asheboro provides men a fun outdoor experience that will challenge them to walk closer to Christ. The weekend begins with worship on Friday night, followed by fellowship around the campfire. Saturday morning features demonstrations on a variety of shooting activities. Saturday afternoon includes participation and competition in skeet, archery, tomahawk throw, pistol shoot, and rifles. Information is also shared on how your church might begin an outdoor ministry to the men in your area. This year's event will be May 3-4, 2024. Visit our webpage for more information on how you and your men can participate in this great event!

## Men's Ministry Training Available

The Baptists on Mission Men's Ministry Advisory Team is available to provide men's ministry training for the local church and/or the Baptist Association. Training helps churches develop an intentional strategy for reaching and discipling men. Included is discussion on reaching men spiritually, developing leadership among men, engaging men in the ministry of the church, and involving men in missions. We will also discuss what resources are available for men's ministry, including small group ministry. If you would like help in training and preparing the men of your church or association, contact Mark Abernathy at 919-459-5607 or [mabernathy@ncbaptist.org](mailto:mabernathy@ncbaptist.org).



For more information on these events and for starting or strengthening your ministry to men, contact Mark Abernathy at 919-459-5607 or [mabernathy@ncbaptist.org](mailto:mabernathy@ncbaptist.org) or visit our Men's Ministry webpage at [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org) (Church Programs/Men's Ministry)

# ENGAGING STUDENTS THROUGH MISSIONS



Two statements I often hear from Student Ministry and College Ministry Leaders are: *I want to see more students connect with our ministry. And I want to see my students go deeper in their walk with Christ. These are common statements and are often followed up with this question: How can I engage my students (middle school, high school, college) to pursue a deeper relationship with God and each other?*

After listening to comments and hearing questions, my response has always been... the best way to connect with students and build deeper relationships with God and each other is by **engaging them through missional service**. Whether you agree or not, you cannot deny what happens in students' lives or anyone's life when they serve together to meet human needs in Jesus' name.

Missions create the perfect environment for spiritual growth. When you get a group of students together for just one day to serve someone in need, you've allowed them to connect through shared experiences. They learn to use their gifts and talents in practical ways, learn something new, get outside their comfort zone, and share Christ through words and deeds. In short, they become the hands and feet of Jesus! As a bonus, they learn to engage with God, each other, and their communities on a deeper level all because you scheduled a one-day mission project or took them to Deep Impact over the summer, or rather than them going to the beach during spring break, you brought your college students

to one of the Baptists On Mission Camps and Centers.

Baptists On Mission and Deep Impact offer numerous options for you and your ministry to serve on mission for Jesus, including our week-long **Deep Impact Summer Mission Week**, **Deep Impact Weekend Retreat**, **Deep Impact One-Day Mission** event at your church or association, and **College Mission** opportunities during a break or weekend. If you are looking for mission opportunities, **Deep Impact Student Missions** and **Deep Impact Collegiate Missions** are here to help you engage your students through missions.

New for 2024 is our **Youth and College Leaders Mission Retreats**. These retreats are designed to engage those who serve as leaders of students in their church, college ministry, or college campus. Our goals for these retreats are to provide leaders a chance to step away from their ministry context for a time of personal growth, to build connections with other leaders from across the state, allow leaders to serve together through a mission project and equip them to lead missions in their ministry and community. Our spring retreat will be March 14-16, 2024, at the Charity Mission Center in Rose Hill, NC. The fall retreat will be at the Shelby Mission Camp on November 14-16, 2024.



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To learn more about any of our Deep Impact Student Missions and Deep Impact Collegiate Missions opportunities, including the Youth and College Leaders Mission Retreats, visit our website: [baptistsonmission.org/di](http://baptistsonmission.org/di) or contact Brandon Powell, Student Missions Coordinator for Baptists On Mission, at [bpowell@ncbaptist.org](mailto:bpowell@ncbaptist.org) or 919-459-5626.



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2024 DEEP IMPACT STUDENT MISSIONS

SCAN FOR INFO OR TO REGISTER



[baptistsonmission.org/di](http://baptistsonmission.org/di)

Deep Impact offers gospel-centered, missions-focused, life-impacting camps and trips for students in 6th-12th grades and their leaders.

<b>di MISSION WEEKS</b>	<b>Shelby</b>	June 10-15	\$299
	<b>Shelby (half)</b>	June 10-13	\$199
	<b>Hendersonville</b>	June 17-22	\$299
	<b>Winston Salem</b>	June 24-29	\$299
	<b>Charlotte</b>	July 1-6	\$299
	<b>Morehead City</b>	July 8-13	\$299
	<b>Charity Mission Center</b>	July 22-27	\$299
<b>di MISSION WEEKS</b>	<b>Charity Mission Center (half)</b>	July 22-25	\$199
	<b>Red Springs (half)</b>	July 29-Aug 1	\$199
<b>di CITY SERVE</b>	<b>Columbia, SC</b>	July 15-20	\$395
<b>di INTERNATIONAL</b>	<b>Cuba</b>	July 6-13	\$1,950
	<b>Puerto Rico</b>	July 20-26	\$1,390
<b>SERVE NC</b>	<b>August 3-10</b>	Visit <a href="http://SERVNC.COM">SERVNC.COM</a> for details and to register your church	
<b>di MISSION RETREATS</b>	<b>Youth &amp; College Leaders - Charity Mission Center</b>	March 14-16	\$50
	<b>Student Fall Retreat - Red Springs</b>	Oct. 18-20	\$139
	<b>Youth &amp; College Leaders - Shelby Mission Camp</b>	Nov. 14-16	\$50

# "BEYOND JUST A SUMMER JOB"



I've always had a heart for serving others since I was a little girl, but I never knew how to serve others in Jesus' name and to "go" in His name.

That is, until God allowed me to be a part of something bigger than me.

What I initially believed would be just another summer job ended up being gospel-centered kingdom work that forever changed how I saw myself and served God. Let me tell you about this summer job that changed my life. Deep Impact Kids.

Deep Impact Kids wasn't just any camp; it was where the gospel took center stage, missions were our focus, and God transformed lives in ways we could hardly fathom. What initially seemed like another summer gig became a calling, a purpose that shaped me into a young woman striving to work for God.

Working with DI Kids, you see God's hands in the lives of children. 1 Timothy 4:12 states, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, conduct, love, faith, and impurity." This verse transformed into a tangible lesson for these kids. I

had the privilege of witnessing children aged 5 to 12 earnestly engage in working and serving others. It was a testament to my life

to see that these kids go out and clean cars for free, go and make birdhouses and deliver them to residents, play rounds of bingo with residents in the nursing home, bake treats for police officers, firefighters, and EMS workers, and plant seeds of the gospel. Their service echoed the profound truth that they were inspired by the love of Jesus, a love so profound that they were excited to share it with others.

One of my most memorable moments last summer was when I had the opportunity to witness a 6-year-old sharing the gospel through drawing a butterfly. You should have seen her preaching every step of the gospel. She was smiling ear to ear and wanted to tell everybody about her Savior, Jesus. She was unashamed and wanted everyone to know about him. Being part of those special moments meant being part of memories that these children will carry back home and as they grow up.

While planning, setting up, and the whirlwind of camp activities, one thing that remained clear was worth it all. Let me say it again: Jesus was and is worth it all. To witness these children living out the great commission, being the hands and feet of Christ, was a reward beyond measure. And in that, I found something beyond just a summer job - God revealed his purpose and calling for me. I will always thank God for allowing me to serve with Deep Impact kids.

Are you willing to dedicate a summer of missions to the Lord for those in high school or college? Are you ready to wholeheartedly embrace God's will and say yes to His calling? If yes, I pray you'll pray for the opportunity to serve with Deep Impact Kids staff this summer!



Saved and Called to a Holy Calling

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SCAN FOR MORE INFO



Red Springs Mission Camp	May 17-19	\$125
Hendersonville	June 10-14	\$235
Shelby Mission Camp	June 17-21	\$235
Charity Mission Center (mini)	June 23-26	\$160
Red Springs (mini)	June 27-30	\$160
Charity Mission Center (Family Week)	July 1-5	\$185
Red Springs Mission Camp	July 8-12	\$235
Morehead City FBC (mini)	July 14-17	\$190
Blowing Rock Conf Center (mini)	July 29-Aug. 1	\$225
Charity Mission Center	Sept. 20-22	\$125



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## Baptists on Mission Values, Culture, Systems

### **BOM Purpose:**

To Glorify God by involving Christians in meeting human needs in Jesus' Name.

### **BOM Vision:**

That every Christian sees themselves as a missionary who is to share Christ's love through their words and actions. We believe that a Christian is called to use his/her gifts in such a way that "our good works bring glory to God." (Matthew 5:14-16)

### **1. VALUES— the deepest commitments and beliefs held by Baptists on Mission:**

- Love: Every person is loved by God, and He desires to be in a relationship with them.
- Prayer: The power of prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit are the key agents for transformation.
- Calling: God calls all of us to serve Him by serving others in His name.
- Giftedness: The giftedness of every believer is a vital part of the Body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12)
- Sending: Every Christian is a Missionary who is called, gifted and sent.
- Respect: Every person we serve is valued by God and should be treated with kindness and respect (Galatians 5: 22-23).
- Humility: We recognize that everything we have and do comes from God and that what God does counts.
- Excellence: Every act of ministry and service is for God and deserves our best effort.
- Integrity: Personal integrity in all that we do.

### **2. CULTURE— the expressions of Baptists on Missions' values we seek:**

- Practicing sacrificial service to each other (teamwork) and to churches and volunteers with whom we are in contact.
- Our Board of Directors/Ministry leaders places great value on lay leadership.

- Passionately glorifying God by serving others and making Him known to the best of our abilities.
- Good, detailed planning of life-changing mission projects and events.
- Communicating well. We will speak the truth in love.
- Developing trust among co-workers and volunteers, healthy discussions on best practices and a strong commitment to Christ, our work and each other.
- Inclusion of volunteers regardless of religion, gender, age, race, or ethnicity so that they might know Jesus.
- Responding to every phone call and email as an opportunity to glorify God.
- Valuing all opportunities to serve. No job is beneath any team member.
- Accessible and respectful interaction with people who contact us.

### **3. Baptists on Mission System of Operation are the day-to-day processes by which staff carry out our ministries and include:**

- Helping churches and individuals to be personally involved in missions.
- Connecting people with their place of individual ministry/service.
- Answering phone calls by saying, "How may I serve you?"
- Responding to emails and other communication promptly and with accuracy and kindness
- Actively promoting BOM opportunities when communicating with people.
- Reporting to work promptly and with a willingness to work until the job is complete
- Building relationships with ministry partners
- Seeking the input of all team members

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