

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



Title

Thank you for giving to our Hurricane Helene relief efforts in western North Carolina. Because of your generosity, we've been able to offer hope to thousands of people affected by the storm. That hope has come in many forms: a hot meal, a tree being removed, a home mudded out, clothes being washed, or, for some, sitting down with a chaplain.

The numbers speak for themselves:

- Over 450,000 hot meals have been provided so far!
- Over 5000 recovery jobs completed (chain saw, mud out or tear out, tarps on roofs)!
- Over 7000 volunteers so far!

Our recovery teams are still working as we move into the next phase of rebuilding homes. The Essential Rapid Repairs (ERR) program will provide the basics... insulation, flooring, sheetrock, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, a functional kitchen with basic appliances and a bathroom. We'll return to finish the homes later, but we want to get 500-1000 families back into a warm, safe, secure, functioning home before the worst of winter.

There is a critical need for licensed plumbers, electricians and people with construction skills because all this work must be done to code, working with county building inspectors. We'll also need hundreds of people willing to assist in many ways. Please encourage volunteers to sign up at www.helenerebuild.org.

Thank you for praying, giving and going in response to Hurricane Helene. The impact of this storm will be felt for many years. Thank you for your support

Richard Brunson
Executive Director-Treasurer
Baptists on Mission



Local, State, National and International Projects

Missions Camps/ Rebuild Centers

Dental/ Health Screening Ministry

Children/ Student Mobilization

Disaster Relief and Recovery

From Our President



Disaster: God is in Control

Eastern North Carolina has been my home since 1980. Natural disasters are a regular occurrence in eastern NC. My first knowledge of disasters began in 1984 when tornadoes left a path of destruction. Twenty-four tornadoes occurred within 7 hours. One of the tornadoes touched down and wiped out a mobile home park near Ayden, NC. There were 54 total fatalities from these tornadoes. Many more disasters have been experienced in eastern NC since the 80's. We experienced Hurricane Floyd in 1999, which caused extensive flooding and power outages over large portions of eastern NC. Soon after

this event, I attended Disaster Relief training in Edenton, NC. My instructor that day was Jay Dixon, who continues to serve as a Blue Hat in feeding. After my first response as a feeding volunteer, I was hooked and have been involved in many responses in NC and other impacted states.

Western North Carolina has experienced the wrath of Hurricane Helene. The area received rain for several days before the rain from Hurricane Helene. The soil was saturated, and all the rainfall became runoff. The steep slopes accumulated rainfall in the low areas between the hills and mountains. The destruction in and along the creeks and rivers there was tremendous. Some people have short-term problems, and others have been impacted forever by this storm. As I am writing this article, North Carolina is reporting 95 fatalities, and 92 people are still missing.

With people in need, we, as Baptists, need to be the hands and feet of Jesus. We can volunteer to help those in need, pray for those in need, and/or give to assist those in need. In James 2, we are told that faith without works is dead. As Christians, we are called servants to help those suffering from the impact of Helene. While volunteering with NC Baptists on Mission, we can help with physical needs like removing trees, cleaning out flooded homes, or putting a tarp on a leaking roof. This allows us to show God's love. While serving in the yellow shirts, we are often asked why do you take time to do this for me? While assisting with these physical needs, we often have the opportunity to speak with them about a much more significant concern: their spiritual needs.

One evening after dinner, while serving in Arden (just outside Asheville), volunteers shared their stories of how God is with us while we are serving. Volunteers assist anyone who calls with work that fits our abilities. As our volunteers shared their stories from the day, you could hear God's involvement in each story. He is with us at all times, and while we are volunteering, He guides us, those we are serving with and those we will be serving.

Our God provides hope for each of His children. The work being done by NC Baptists on Mission in western North Carolina provides a glimmer of hope for those who experienced damage from Helene. In helping those impacted by the storm, we can also offer eternal hope through belief in our Savior. If not accepted, we have planted the seed that God can water and continue to work with in the future.

Tim Etheridge

LIVING Sent

EVERY CHRISTIAN IS A MISSIONARY



MARCH 14-15, 2025 • CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH • WINSTON-SALEM, NC

Speakers include **Anne Graham Lotz, Tom Richter, Sheila Walsh, Lee Strobel, Jennifer Rothschild** and **Kyle Idleman**. Worship will be led by **Michael O'Brien**.

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

Cost: Friday and Saturday \$20, Saturday only \$15, Friday and Saturday with Friday supper \$32. (Cost includes General sessions, breakout sessions, event materials and lunch on Saturday.)

For registration, hotel information and additional details, visit: www.baptistsonmission.org/MissionsConference or call 919-459-5596. Pre-registration is required. Registration deadline: March 1, 2025.



Speakers



Worship Leader



JESUS SAID,
"AS THE FATHER HAS SENT
ME, I AM SENDING YOU".
—John 20:21

LODGING OPTIONS

You must make your own reservation directly with the hotel of your choice. Be sure to ask for the special 2025 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:

Best Western PLUS Hanes Mall

\$89 per night, Single / \$92 per night, Double

3330 Silas Creek Parkway
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
336.760.1660

www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.34179.html?groupId=X10DS2X7

Cut-Off Date: February 14

Courtyard Hanes Mall

\$119 per night

1600 Westbrook Plaza Dr
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
336.760.7144

Reserve by March 15

Fairfield Inn & Suites, Hanes Mall

\$109 per night

1680 Westbrook Plaza Dr
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
336.893.7540

Cut-Off Date: February 12

Hampton Inn, Hanes Mall

\$112 per night

1990 Hampton Inn Court
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
336.893.7540

Book Baptist Missions Conference – Hampton Inn, Hanes Mall

Cut-Off Date: February 21

Holiday Inn Express Winston Salem SW Clemmons

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6330 Jessie Lane
Clemmons, NC 27012
336.766.9922

Cut-Off Date: February 12, 5pm

Holiday Inn Express Medical Center Area

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110 Miller Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
Holiday Inn Express Winston-Salem Downtown West
336.721.0220

Cut-Off Date: February 17, 11:59pm

Home2 Suites by Hilton

\$129 per night

1010 Marriott Crossing Way
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
Book Baptist Missions Conference 2025 – Home2Suites by Hilton
336.930.1037

Cut-Off Date: February 21

La Quinta Inn & Suites

\$119 per night

2020 Griffith Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
336.765.8777

Cut-Off Date: March 3

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\$135 per night, King Studio Suite

\$155 per night, Double Queen Studio Site

3885 Oxford Station Way
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
336.837.3960

Book your group rate for Baptist Mission Conference 2025

Cut-Off Date: February 12

Springhill Suites by Marriott

\$121 per night

015 Marriott Crossing Way
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
336.765.0190

Book your group rate for Baptist Missions Conference Mar 2025

Rut-Off Date: February 21

REGISTRATION FORM

North Carolina Baptist Missions Conference

March 14-15, 2025

Complete and return by March 1, 2025

Name _____

Address _____

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Church _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Cell _____

E-mail _____

Cost:

_____ Friday and Saturday, \$20.

(The cost includes General Sessions, breakout sessions, event materials and lunch on Saturday.)

_____ Friday and Saturday with Friday supper, \$32.

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Pre-registration is required.

Registration Deadline: **March 25, 2024.**

For registration, hotel information and additional details, visit: baptistsonmission.org/MissionsConference or call 919-459-5596.

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RETURN TO

Baptists on Mission
PO Box 1107
Cary, NC 27512



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!

Hurricane Helene - No One Could Have Imagined

No one could have imagined the destructive power of the storm. No one could have imagined how large it would be, cutting a path through Florida, Georgia, Tennessee and the Carolinas. And when the rain from Hurricane Helene came, up to 30 inches of water fell in some parts of western North Carolina on that fateful day in late September.

When it finally stopped, towns were leveled, homes washed away and lives uprooted. With bridges and roads destroyed, it would be months before clean water and electricity could be restored in some of the hardest hit places.

According to Richard Brunson, Executive Director of Baptists on Mission (BOM), "we've responded to major storms for the past 40 years, Andrew, Fran, Floyd, Katrina, Florence, and dozens of others, but this will be our largest response."

Before Helene began its journey north from the Florida coast, Baptists on Mission Disaster Response was already working with state emergency management officials preparing for the worst. But no one could have imagined how destructive the storm would be.

At the same time, no one could have imagined how big the response would be. Operating 16 feeding and recovery sites during those first few weeks, BOM volunteers along with people from the local communities served wherever they could. Every mobile kitchen was put into operation, sometimes preparing 42,000 hot meals a day.

According to Tom Beam, Disaster Response coordinator for Baptists on Mission "Just about every piece of equipment we had was deployed, from water tankers, to shower and laundry, recovery units, equipment and bunk trailers. The needs are so great but the hope we have to offer is even greater."

While chainsaw teams removed trees off houses and property, other volunteers assisted homeowners who lost everything. Walls, insulation and flooring were removed, allowing water-soaked properties to breathe.

In some ways it looked very much like every other



deployment, only bigger. No one could have imagined the number of volunteers with over 10,000 signing up to help, many from other states.

As the feeding operation came to a close in mid-November, teams continued tearing out homes in preparation for the next phase of rebuilding. With the start of the Essential Rapid Repair program, it's a reminder that volunteers will be needed for years to come. Brunson can often be heard saying "this is going to be a marathon not a sprint." The work of getting families back into their homes will be ongoing for several years to come.



ERR - Essential Rapid Repairs

Imagine losing everything to a flood, where would you even begin the next steps. For some homeowners in Western North Carolina, our goal is to make that transition as comfortable as possible. We've initiated the first phase of the rebuilding process with the ERR Project - Essential Rapid Repairs.



This isn't a complete rebuild, but an effort to get families back in their homes as quickly as possible. We'll come back and finish the house later. The ERR project provides new electrical and plumbing, HVAC, insulation and sheetrock, flooring along with a functional kitchen and a bathroom.

God has been so generous throughout our Helene Relief efforts as we partner with agencies across NC from the state government, State Employees Credit Union, Lowes Building Supply and others. But we need your help, this is going to be a long term effort and we'll need everyone pitching in.

We continue to need licensed electricians and plumbers, people with construction skills and others willing to pitch in wherever needed. The cost for materials and supplies is about \$15,000. Would you encourage your church to sponsor a family and get them back in their home? Would you also challenge your church to send at least one team per month for the next year or more? This project will be ongoing for quite a few years.



To volunteer or support the ERR project visit www.helenerebuild.org/ or scan the QR code

To watch a video on the ERR project visit <https://vimeo.com/1025491653>

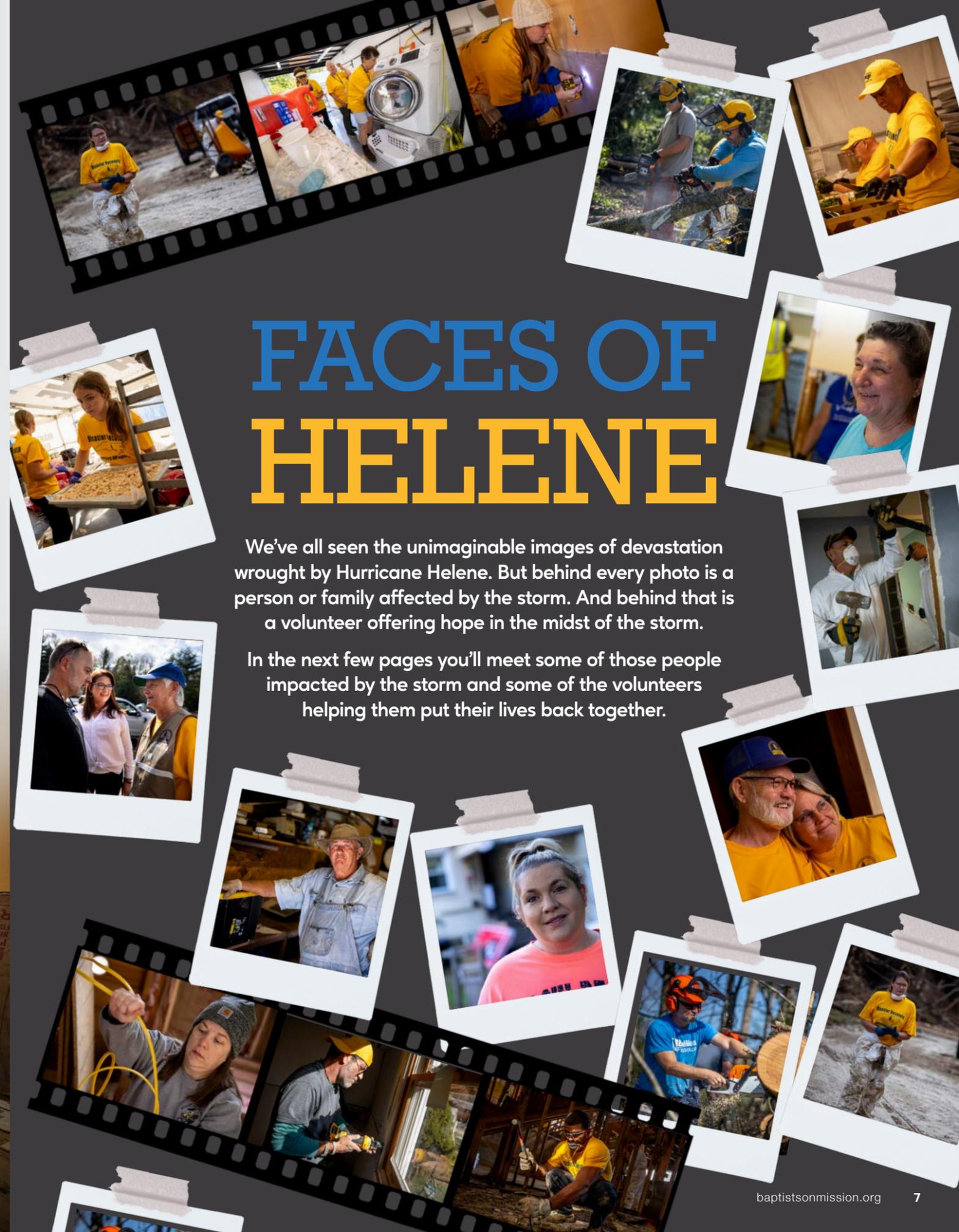
And just like we did after Hurricane Florence, we're going to establish rebuild centers in Spruce Pine, East Flat Rock, Burnsville, and Black Mountain as launching points for volunteers. We'll be able to house and feed folks as well as have all the supplies they need to help get people back in their homes.



FACES OF HELENE

We've all seen the unimaginable images of devastation wrought by Hurricane Helene. But behind every photo is a person or family affected by the storm. And behind that is a volunteer offering hope in the midst of the storm.

In the next few pages you'll meet some of those people impacted by the storm and some of the volunteers helping them put their lives back together.



“It’s Unexplainable”

Ben McKinney



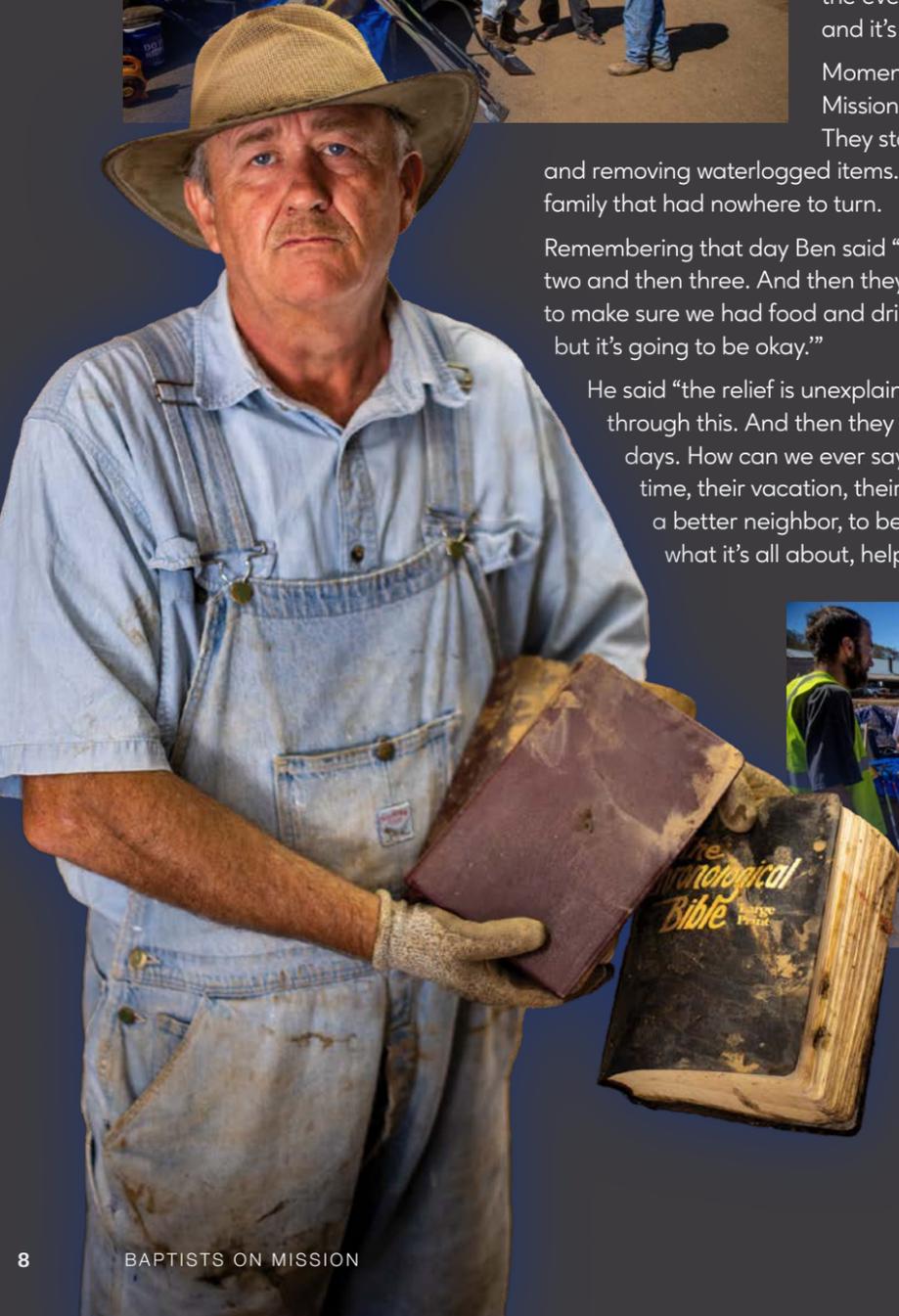
Ben McKinney and his wife lost everything when a wall of water swept through their home. Without flood insurance and overwhelmed by the enormity of the task, he sat in the driveway and cried. Ben said “I’ve seen people on TV, read about them in magazines, heard about them on the evening news. And then it happens to you and it’s total despair.”

Moments later, volunteers with Baptists on Mission walked up and asked if they could help. They started by mudding out areas of his home

and removing waterlogged items. In the process they offered hope to a family that had nowhere to turn.

Remembering that day Ben said “First there was one, and then there was two and then three. And then they returned a second day, and a third day to make sure we had food and drinks and to say ‘it’s disorganized right now but it’s going to be okay.’”

He said “the relief is unexplainable, I really felt like I couldn’t make it through this. And then they showed up. They’ve been here three days. How can we ever say thank you to people who give their time, their vacation, their money. You have challenged me to be a better neighbor, to be a better human being. Because that’s what it’s all about, helping a brother or sister in need.”



A Reminder of What God Does

Suzann Schlichter

For Suzann Schlichter, serving with disaster response isn’t just something she does half-heartedly. “It’s my passion,” she says. “To not be here would be disobedient to what God has called me to do.” Before deploying to Spruce Pine two days after Helene hit, she was in Red Springs and before that was serving in New York. “If we’re disobedient to His call, we’ll never know God’s blessings.”

One of the blessings for Suzann has been introducing her 9-year-old grand-daughter to Disaster Response. When her grand-daughter asked how she could help, Suzann suggested decorating laundry bags.

“The laundry bags touched me the first time I saw them. After a long hot day, it’s such a pick me up to get your clean laundry with a Scripture verse and words of encouragement.”

Clearly the young artist in the family understands the bigger meaning of the task when she said “Grandma, they give you dirty laundry, and you give back clean laundry. That’s a reminder of what God does, He cleans up our dirty laundry.”



“God Sends His People”

Elizabeth Silvers

Elizabeth Silvers and her family watched from their home as water rose quickly from a creek that sits 18 feet below their house. As long as people can remember, the water in Spruce Pine, North Carolina never got that high.

Water rushed over the bridge leading to their house as dumpsters, cars and other debris floated by. It wasn't long before the basement flooded, destroying her children's bedrooms and other areas of the house.

Without electricity for six days, the family tried to bail out the basement by hand as best they could but was quickly overwhelmed. Mold began to spread as they waited for power to come back on to drive the pumps.

That's when volunteers showed up to tear out flooring and drywall, to stop the spread of mold and give encouragement with conversations and smiles. As the pile of debris grew outside her home, so did a sense of hope.

Elizabeth said, “What Baptists on Mission has done for my family is just a blessing from God. It's hard to put into words, but it means the world. I didn't have a clue how to do any of this stuff. I know that God sends His people where they're needed. People helping people, that's what Jesus is about. That's what He taught us to do.”

To hear Elizabeth's story in her own words, scan the QR code below or visit <https://vimeo.com/1023608903>



Passing On The Blessings

Jesi and Alan



Jesi and Alan have always helped people in their local community, but when they signed up for their first mission trip last November, they had no idea what to expect.

Encouraged by interim pastor Paul Langston to “get out of their seats and into the streets” as he likes to say, the couple decided to spend a weekend serving with the Essential Rapid Repairs program in Canton, just west of Asheville.

“We live in Eastern North Carolina so we're used to hurricanes,” Jesi said. “Knowing the people out west have never experienced something like that made us want to go even more.”

Alan works for a local power company, so the couple worked on wiring a house. Alan showed Jesi the ropes, and by the end of the weekend she was pulling wire and installing outlets.

One of their concerns is people thinking they can't do anything to help the construction process.

“Folks don't realize how many ways there are to support those working on the houses,” they said. “If you can sweep or carry little pieces of sheetrock, you can help. If you can wash dishes, if you can run to Lowes and pick up supplies, if you can help out in the office, there's something for everyone. God has a place for you here.”

When asked if they'd do it again Alan responded, “We thought it would be a one-and-done deal, but not now. We're gonna make this a regular thing. God has been so good to us, we're just trying to pass on the blessings.”

They also want to remind others the need for volunteers will still be there in a year or two. Jesi said, “We want to be those people who say we're here for the long term because God wants us to help our neighbors.”



He's Never Let Us Down

Don and Marie Grindstaff

The land had been in the family for five generations, but one night of rain took it all away. What once was a large yard of grass was now a field of boulders, washed down from the mountainside.

The small creek where Don Grindstaff baptized his grandchildren was once far from the house, but Helene permanently raised and relocated it. Now the creek runs right beside what's left of their home.

Don and Marie are Disaster Response assessors and chaplains with Baptists on Mission, and they had just returned from assessing damage in Southport from Hurricane Debbie. One day later their own world was washed away.

Don recounted the evening of the storm, "You ever hear a bowling ball hit the floor? Well, multiply that about 2,000 times, and that's what we heard all night."

Hurricane Helene took everything away, their home, their property, their history. But there's one thing it couldn't take away - their steadfast belief that God is still in control and there's hope, even in the midst of the storm.

Marie said "We had no place to go back to, so we decided to go back to what we know, helping people. We started assessing damaged homes, preparing the way for volunteers to help others who've lost everything."

Knowing their house isn't salvageable and that they can't rebuild on the property, the Grindstaff's focus has shifted to how the storm has prepared them for what's to come.

Marie said "Although this is devastating for us, I think God's going to use it to help us

serve other people, because we know the devastation they're going through. We know the fear they're experiencing, the sleepless nights, the anxiety, the worry about what the next steps might be. I think this situation, now that it has hit us, is going to help us provide more hope for them."

Don finished by saying "there's more people that He's going to put us face to face with. And in disaster situations, standing in a muddy room somewhere where they've lost their home like we lost ours and we get to tell them there's hope. There's a God who will never leave. And that means everything."

To see more of the Grindstaff story, scan the QR code below or visit <https://vimeo.com/1021158174>



Disaster Relief Training

Disaster Response Training is important for participating in any disaster we have been asked to respond to. Training prepares you to know what to expect and how to prepare to respond. Training helps you get to know your leaders. And training gets you on the first call out for disasters we respond to. Of course, the best training is at a response site while helping hurting people.

baptistsonmission.org/training/disaster-relief-training

In the spring of 2025, we will have the following trainings and registration will open this fall:

- February 22 – Rocky Hock Baptist Church, Edenton, NC
- March 29 – Western Prong Baptist Church, Whiteville, NC
- April 12 – First Baptist Church, Clemmons, NC
- April 26 – Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Elkin, NC
- May 17 – Fruitland Baptist Bible College, Hendersonville, NC

For those volunteers who need to update their badges by the end of 2024, you can choose to participate in a zoom training this fall. Listed below are the ministries and dates. Registration will open in June.

Childcare/Family Care

Tuesday, August 13; 6:00 – 9:00 pm
Thursday, September 12; 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Recovery

Saturday, September 28; 9:00 – 11:00 am
Saturday, October 12; 9:00 – 11:00 am

Admin

Saturday, October 19; 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Shower/Laundry

Tuesday, September 10; 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Thursday, September 26; 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Logistics

Thursday, October 10; 6:00 – 9:00 pm
Saturday, October 12; 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Maintenance

Monday, October 7; 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Feeding

Thursday, October 24; 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Saturday, October 26; 10:00 am – Noon

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- Click **Create Account**
- Click **Add a Payment Method**
- Click **Add New Card**
- Enter credit card information
- Click **Add New Billing Address**, click **Save**

Thank you for supporting NC Baptists on Mission Disaster Response!

For assistance with registration, contact Tracey Ford 919-459-5606



2025 Event Dates

JANUARY

- 24-25 BOM Board of Directors Meeting - Caraway
- 25 BOM Annual Business Meeting - Caraway
- 26 Baptist Men's Day in the Churches

FEBRUARY

- 18 Region 1 Rally - Berea Baptist, Elizabeth City
- 18 Region 4 Rally - Neills Creek Baptist, Angier
- 18 Region 6 Rally - Rockingham, First Baptist
- 20 Region 2 Rally - Forest Hills, Wilson
- 20 Region 5 Rally - Pleasant Garden Baptist, Pleasant Garden
- 20 Region 8 Rally - Florence Baptist, Forest City
- 20 Region 10 Rally - Lighthouse Baptist, Sylva
- 22 DR Training - Rocky Hock Baptist, Edenton
- 24 Region 3 Rally - Charity Mission Camp, Rose Hill
- 24 Region 7 Rally - Union Baptist, Hamptonville
- 24 Region 9 Rally - Newbridge Baptist, Asheville

MARCH

- 1 DR Training - Hickory Grove Baptist, Charlotte
- 8 Construction Skills Training - Red Springs Mission Camp
- 14-15 Baptists Missions Conference, Calvary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem
- 22 Construction Skills Training - Charity Mission Camp
- 29 Construction Skills Training - Shelby Mission Camp
- 29 DR Training - Western Prong Baptist, Whiteville

APRIL

- 12 DR Training - First Baptist Church, Clemmons

- 26 DR Training - Pleasant Hill Baptist, Elkin

MAY

- 2-3 Men's Outdoor Weekend - Camp Caraway, Asheboro
- 3 DR Training - Ridgecrest Baptist, Durham
- 16-18 Deep Impact KIDS - Red Springs Mission Camp
- 17 DR Training - Fruitland Baptist Bible College, Hendersonville

JUNE

- 9-12 Deep Impact ½ Week - Shelby Mission Camp
- 9-13 Deep Impact KIDS, Hendersonville
- 9-14 Deep Impact - Shelby Mission Camp
- 16-20 Deep Impact KIDS, Shelby Mission Camp
- 16-21 Deep Impact - Hendersonville 1
- 22-25 Deep Impact KIDS Mini, Shelby Mission Camp
- 23-28 Deep Impact - Hendersonville 2
- 26-29 Deep Impact KIDS Mini, Blowing Rock
- 28-Jul 5 Deep Impact - Puerto Rico 1
- 30-Jul 5 Deep Impact - Lumberton Rebuild Center

JULY

- 5-13 Deep Impact - Cuba
- 7-10 Deep Impact ½ Wk - Red Springs Mission Camp
- 7-10 Deep Impact KIDS Mini, Charity Mission Camp
- 7-12 Deep Impact - Red Springs Mission Camp
- 14-18 Deep Impact KIDS, Charity Mission Camp
- 14-19 Deep Impact - Wilmington
- 21-25 Deep Impact KIDS - Red Springs Mission Camp
- 21-24 Deep Impact ½ Week - Charity Mission Camp 1
- 21-26 Deep Impact Charity Mission Center

- 28-31 Deep Impact ½ Week - Charity Mission Camp 2

- 28-31 Deep Impact KIDS Mini, Camp Dixie, Fayetteville

AUGUST

- 15-16 BOM Board of Directors Meeting - Caraway
- 16 BOM Advisory Council & Board Mtg - Caraway
- 18 Region 1, 4, 6 Rallies - TBD
- 19 Region 2, 5, 8, 10 Rallies - TBD
- 21 Region 3, 7, 9 Rallies - TBD

SEPTEMBER

- 1-30 NC Missions Offering Month
- 13 Construction Skills Training - Red Springs Mission Camp
- 13 Igniting the Hearts of Men Conference, Site TBD
- 19-21 Deep Impact KIDS Weekend - Camp Mundo Vista
- 27 Construction Skills Training - Shelby Mission Camp

OCTOBER

- 17-19 Deep Impact - Shelby Mission Camp
- 18 Construction Skills Training - Charity Mission Camp
- 18 Marriage Refresh w/Gary Chapmen, Pleasant Garden BC, Pleasant Garden

NOVEMBER

- 4 Men's Worship Rally - Region 3
- 7-8 DR Blue Hat Training - Shelby Mission Camp
- 6 Men's Worship Rally - Region 1
- 13 Men's Worship Rally - Region 5
- 18 Men's Worship Rally - Region 7
- 20 Men's Worship Rally - Region 9

2025 MISSIONS RALLIES

for MEN, WOMEN & YOUTH

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE AUGUST 2025 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 18
Berea Church
2033 North Road St
Elizabeth City, NC 27909
- ▶ **REGION 2**
Thursday, February 20
Forest Hills Church
1407 Forest Hills Rd NW
Wilson NC 27896
- ▶ **REGION 3**
Monday, February 24
Charity Mission Camp
1333 W Charity Rd
Rose Hill, NC 28458
- ▶ **REGION 4**
Tuesday, February 18
Neills Creek BC
4200 Neills Creek Rd
Angier, NC 27501
- ▶ **REGION 5**
Thursday, February 20
Pleasant Garden Church
1415 Neelley Rd
Pleasant Garden, NC 27313

- ▶ **REGION 6**
Tuesday, February 18
First Baptist, Rockingham
201 N Randolph St
Rockingham, NC 28379
- ▶ **REGION 7**
Monday, February 24
Union Baptist Church
760 Union Baptist Church Rd.
Hamptonville, NC 27020
- ▶ **REGION 8**
Thursday, February 20
Florence Church
201 S Broadway
Forest City, NC 28043
- ▶ **REGION 9**
Monday, February 24
Newbridge Church
199 Elkwood Avenue
Asheville, NC 28804
- ▶ **REGION 10**
Thursday, February 20
Lighthouse Church
2577 US Highway 441
Sylva, NC 28779

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
- Scan the QR Code
- Tina Holder (919) 459-5596
- tholder@ncbaptist.org



Information needed:
name, email, phone number, church

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BOM DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT



Baptists on Mission has added a part-time director of development to our staff for the first time in our 50 years of ministry. Dr. Clay Warf, who retired at the end of 2023 after serving as president of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation (now Provision Financial Resources of NC Baptists) for more than 25 years, began serving BOM as director of development this past July. Before his ministry with Provision, he served as pastor of two NC Baptist churches for almost 30 years.

In his new role with BOM, he will encourage financial support for our 19 ministries, especially in the area of legacy giving. "We have good NC Baptist people who have supported BOM their entire lives and who have never considered leaving BOM ministries as a beneficiary of their estate," Warf recently told the gathering of BOM volunteer leadership during a meeting at Caraway. "If just the 5000 active BOM volunteers would consider leaving a \$5,000 estate gift for our ministries it would mean \$25 million to meet needs in Jesus name in the future. We have great potential for future ministry if we will just be good stewards when it comes to distributing the accumulation of our wealth when we don't need it anymore."

Warf is available to share with church groups, individuals, and couples about the impact of BOM ministries and how we can continue to support the current 19 ministries even after we have done all we can physically on earth. He can be contacted through the Cary office.

In Loving Memory

CARL COLLINS



Henry Carl Collins Jr., 79, of Thomasville, NC, passed away on March 27, 2024. He was born in Sylva, NC, on April 16, 1944. Carl graduated from Swain High School and later NC State University. He enjoyed fishing, shooting, model trains and all sports affiliated with NC State. He is survived by his wife, Betty Fowler Collins; one son, one daughter and

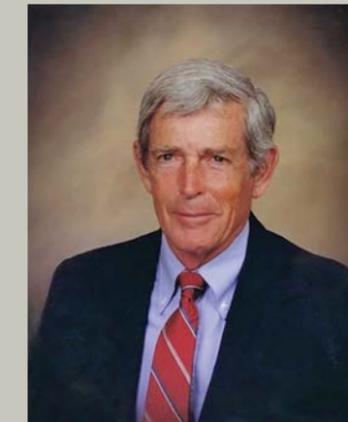
seven grandchildren. He dearly loved and enjoyed sharing his pictures of them.

Carl worked with Royal Ambassadors/Challengers in his church for many years, taking them to numerous BOM camps and events. One of his youth paid this tribute to Carl: "I remember being in youth group at Liberty Baptist Church with Mr Collins. We went on many mission trips and Carl was a very unique and kind individual." Carl touched many lives that is making a difference in the world today.

Not only in his church, but Carl also became a dedicated servant with North Carolina Baptist Men (now Baptists on Mission) first through his state Royal Ambassador and Challengers leadership for many years. He received numerous state and national awards. Later, he became involved in Disaster Relief as Safety Ministry Leader when the position was created in 2009.

Carl loved serving and put his whole heart into everything he did. He and his contagious passion for Baptists on Mission will be greatly missed.

GEORGE S. CROUCH



George Crouch, 93, passed away peacefully on June 26, 2024. He was born and grew up in Charlotte, NC, attended Central High School and graduated from Davidson College in 1956 after serving three years in the Army.

George was a faithful and loving husband to his wife of 69 years, Mary Ann (Corprew) Crouch.

He was a fantastic father to his three children and a proud grandfather of six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and one great on the way. George was a member of Providence Baptist in Charlotte, where he served faithfully.

Faith was an essential part of George's life. He shared his love of God and Jesus Christ as he served faithfully to his family, friends, and many people worldwide. George owned and operated two retail stores. George and Mary Ann shared their love of Jesus Christ around the globe through NC Baptist Men/Baptists on Mission in places like Togo, India, Mozambique, Haiti, and Honduras, in addition to many state and national projects. In addition to serving as NC Baptist Men/Baptists on Mission President from 2000-2003, George held many other leadership positions and was named NCBM Layman of the Year in 2003.

God used George's love for serving others, flavored by his great sense of humor, to touch and bless countless lives.



2024 Involvement Stats

AGRICULTURE MISSIONS

- A team visited Togo in the spring of 2024 to explore opportunities to partner with the Togo Christian Mission and an August 2024 trip to Cuba to discover opportunities there.
- Agriculture Missions also assisted with soil and water conservation at the Charity Mission Camp in Rose Hill, NC, a garden day at the Shelby Mission Camp in Shelby, NC, and began cooperating with the Veterans Farm of NC in Cameron, NC.

AVIATION MINISTRY

- 10 Active Pilots
- 140 Youth flow
- **Angel Flights**
 - 27 trips flown
 - \$20,932 Public Benefit
 - 12,175 miles flown
- **Hurricane Helene Relief**
 - 18 trips flown
 - 6,100 pounds of supplies flown
 - 5,000 pounds of supplies driven
 - 18 people in Swannanoa doing mud outs

BAPTIST EDUCATORS

- **225+ churches with church-to-school relationships**, who lead Bible clubs, youth outreaches, tutoring, and plan Teacher Appreciation Events. This means thousands of volunteers from our churches work in ministries for students in school.
- **40+ ESL ministries**, teaching English to hundreds of ethnic groups, mostly in the Charlotte, Greensboro, and Raleigh areas.
- Training opportunities are available from our team for churches who want to start outreach programs to schools and foreigners in their communities.

CHILDREN/FAMILY MOBILIZATION

- 615 total participants
- 10 DI Kids camps
- 3 Kids One-Day Missions Events
- 47 churches involved
- 124 mission projects completed

CHURCH RENEWAL JOURNEY

- Overviews, Prep Group Trainings, Weekends, BSC annual meetings displays:
NC events 129 with 29 team members
- Out-of-State events in IL, MS, TX, GA, OH
19 with 93 team members

DISASTER RELIEF/RECOVERY

RESPONSE LOCATIONS:

- North Carolina:
Claremont, Henderson, Sophia, Lumberton, Leland, Southport, NC Mountains
- Out of State:
Maine, South Carolina, Texas, Kentucky, Indiana, Vermont, New York, Connecticut
- Countries:
Brazil

GRAND TOTAL STATS (as of 12/20/2024)

- Volunteers – 13,080
- Volunteer Days – 50,254
- Volunteer Hours – 494,910
- Laundry Loads – 9,421
- Showers – 18,159
- Assessments – 7,506
- Salvations – 46
- Chaplaincy Contacts – 4,271
- Family Ministry - 429
- Meals Prepared – 524,478
- Water tanker – 420,000 gallons potable water
- Jobs Completed (chainsaw, tearout/spray, temp. roofing) – 4,989
- Churches involved – 4,003

FAMILY FOUNDATIONS

- 74 people were in attendance at the April 2024 Marriage Conference at Sunset Avenue Baptist, with Rex & Emily Stroud as the guest facilitators.
- Over 100 attendees participated in the Marriage Refresh Event at Sanford First Baptist led by Tom & Jackie Richter.

INTERNATIONAL MISSION PARTNERSHIPS

- Armenia: 103 volunteers on 12 teams
- Cuba: 123 on 16 teams
- Guatemala – 24 Teams & 210 volunteers
- Roma Partnership:
Hungary – 16 teams & 152 volunteers
Romania – 2 teams & 14 volunteers
Ukraine – 2 teams & 15 volunteers
- Ukraine Partnership:
2 teams & 11 Volunteers
- Kenya – 3 Teams & 35 volunteers
- South Africa – 26 volunteers on 4 teams
- Moldova – 3 Teams & 13 volunteers; 7 NC churches partnered for church planting

LEAST OF THESE PROJECTS

- Armenia Church Planters - 25
- Haiti – School, Medical Clinic donations
- Door of Hope, South Africa - Development of Door of Hope Village and support of Door of Hope baby houses

MEDICAL MISSIONS

MOBILE DENTAL MINISTRY

- 127 Dental Clinics completed
- 2,415 People served
- 1,933 Volunteers
- 33 Professions of faith/salvations
- 769 sponsoring churches or organizations

HEALTH SCREENING MINISTRY

- 47 Clinics completed
- 828 Patients seen
- 475 Volunteers
- 14 Professions of Faith
- 30 Sponsoring Churches/Organization

MEN'S MINISTRY

- 104 for Men's Outdoor Weekend
- 131 for Men's Worship Rallies (held in November)

NATIONAL MISSION PARTNERSHIPS

- 173 Teams & 2395 Volunteers
- Appalachian Coalfields: 41 teams & 632 Volunteers
- Appalachian Christmas Outreach: 55 teams & 835 volunteers; 21,142 backpacks collected
- Pennsylvania – 16 teams & 180 volunteers
- New England – 27 teams & 408 volunteers
- Rocky Mountain – 21 teams & 191 volunteers
- Alaska – 12 teams & 145 volunteers
- Hawaii – 1 teams & 4 volunteers

NC STATE MISSION PROJECTS

- Construction Skills – 91 participants in 5 trainings
- Disaster Rebuild assisted after Hurricane Florence, TS Fred, TS Helene - more than 2200 homes assisted
- Impact NC - assisted Crossroad Baptist Church in Whiteville and Samaritan Colony Women's Center in Rockingham
- Red Springs, Charity, & Shelby Mission Camps: over 5,000 volunteer days each

STUDENT MOBILIZATION MINISTRY

- **Deep Impact Students and Collegiate Missions:**
 - 11 Trips
 - 628 Participants
 - 48 Churches Represented
 - 108 Projects
 - 1,263 People Served

GENERAL EVENTS:

BAPTIST MISSIONS CONFERENCE

- 1,506 participants

REGIONAL MISSIONS RALLIES

- 3,453 total participants in February and August



Agricultural Missions Goes to Cuba

By Douglas Prevet

One North Carolina Baptists on Mission partnership is with Mi Campamento, or My Camp, near Santa Clara, Cuba. It is also called a seminary, and plans are to have classes for pastors in that central area of Cuba.

On a trip to My Camp in August 2023, Pastor Roy, the camp director, expressed the need for guidance on purchasing and planning agricultural production on the existing property and adjacent property to be purchased. Since then, North Carolina Baptists have helped purchase more land for farm production. The products will help feed those who attend retreats at the camp. Plans are to sell products to financially support the camp as well.



The camp has pigs, milk cows, chickens, ducks, and turkeys. Pigs are used when teams come and on special occasions. The milk from the brood cow is great and sometimes used for cheese. Avocado and papaya are collected from trees on the camp property. Fields of plantains, yucca, corn, and malanga are produced, with expansion plans. Tomatoes and squash are grown in certain seasons.

A team of six North Carolina Baptist men went August 23 – 30, 2024, with the intent of advising and helping with crop planning and production. We experienced “learning by doing” in helping with hoeing crops and applying fertilizer. With little knowledge of tropical crops and Cuban soils, we discussed soil conditions, the need for soil testing, and fertilizer nutrients and application with Pastor Roy and the farm manager, Tito. We likely learned more than they did!



Although the camp is very modest and has few recreational amenities, the Cuban Christians who were there were so thankful for all they had. They worshipped daily with beautiful singing and inspiring preaching. All who attended the camp retreat helped with food and farm work. As harsh as conditions are there compared to our paradigm of life, in the Cuban Christians’

testimonies and prayers, they said the camp was a “piece of Heaven.” I agree when you consider what matters - their faith and their relationships with each other.

Most teams who go to My Camp assist with masonry work, and our team did as well. The dining area and kitchen have been beautifully furnished. Additional sleeping rooms for campers are under construction. The dedicated and hard-working staff have made beautiful improvements to the campus. The sleeping rooms for North Carolina teams were comfortable, with air conditioning, a shower and a toilet. The food was great! The friendships and memories made are worth the trip! We can be assured that God is working in Cuba! I am thankful for the opportunities to go, and I recommend you pray about joining in!



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Bringing Hope Fast to the People in Western North Carolina

The Aviation Ministry’s primary mission is Angel Flights. However, after Hurricane Helene hit Western North Carolina, the Lord led several Angel Flight pilots to help those affected in Western NC. Four of us joined forces with many other General Aviation pilots to fly supplies into the NC mountains. We flew relief missions with AERObridge, formed in 2005 after Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast. Our missions were based out of Statesville, and we flew supplies to Jefferson, Morganton, Rutherfordton, Burnsville, Banner Elk, and Pickens, SC.

As we stood in line in Statesville waiting to pick up our cargo for each flight, we thought we would meet other pilots from the Carolinas and Georgia. However, to our surprise, we met pilots from Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Virginia. They had flown supplies from their churches and communities to NC. Since they were already here, they flew more supplies out of Statesville into one of six other locations before returning home.

Two of our pilots, instead of flying, chose to work with their local church. They took two trailer loads of supplies to Swannanoa. On their second trip, they stayed a few days to help distribute those supplies, do mud-outs and help a business owner recover merchandise. Another one of our pilots, who lives near Asheville, dedicated his time to working with crews rebuilding roads and replacing main water lines.

We were amazed by our AERObridge coordinator, James, in Statesville. He was missing both of his legs and most of his fingers. He did not know why God allowed this to happen to him, but he was grateful to God that he could still serve others. He zoomed around from the supply area to the planes in his electric wheelchair adorned with an orange flag so we could pick him out in the crowd. He made sure we were taking the requested supplies needed for the town we were flying to and updated our mission record before departure. He was thankful to God for all the pilots who showed up to help with this airlift operation.

I Peter 4:10 tells us this – “Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve others, as good stewards of the varied grace of God.”

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How Churches Can Impact Local Schools

This month, we feature Heart for Monroe, a ministry to schools and people in need in Monroe. Ginger Walle, out of Shiloh Baptist Church, decided to do a similar outreach in Monroe after a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. By praying for local schools and setting up tutoring programs for reading, Heart for Monroe has become a major go-to ministry for people seeking real help. They have built solid relationships with principals and community leaders, opening long-term doors for ministry.



People of all ages at the prayer walk

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One of the highlights for me was to accompany about 40 people from local churches one evening to a local school where prayer was the main event. I recently interviewed Ginger and she shared this:



Youth easily get involved in Reading Buddies

“The response of the prayer walks in our school system has been overwhelming. We have principals and teachers requesting multiple prayer walks throughout the school year due to the changes they have noticed on their

campuses. We have principals who will call and request prayer walks before stressful testing weeks or when a tragedy has occurred with a family or staff member in their school. We even have schools reaching out with prayer requests during the week. We are amazed how God continues to move in our schools and it is all because of prayer!”

Ginger also shared that a Title 1 Elementary School staff member sent this message after the last prayer walk...

“Every time we have a prayer walk, the next day, there is a noticeable shift in the atmosphere of the school. The teachers can see the change as our students are entering the building. They have a renewed sense of purpose and positivity. We are grateful to God for this transformation and have faith that it is only the beginning of many more blessings and opportunities for our students, parents, and staff.”

Another huge help in Monroe’s schools is “Reading Buddies,” started by Heart for Monroe. They ask principals if church folks can help by spending time reading to kids on a regular basis. This reading program has helped increase the relationships between churches and school students. Through the power of prayer and reading help, God is working and influencing the lives of these children and proficiency levels are improving!

If this kind of program has sparked an interest in your heart, NC Baptist Educators can help with that. Please contact



Children need reading buddies

Ginger with Heart for Monroe at ginger@heartformonroe.com or Kevin Rutledge at kevjanr@gmail.com. They can help you with ideas on things that work in building relationships with your local school. It is our dream that more and more churches would

walk the halls of our public schools and help principals and teachers see the local church as a positive resource for helping young people in the community. Prayer Walks and Reading Buddies have a major impact everywhere.

Our schools are a mission field. Can we serve them in Jesus’ name?

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Warning Low Power

While working yesterday, my computer alerted me that my battery was low and that I needed to plug it into a power source. If we don’t constantly recharge the batteries, our electronics are useless.

Think about it for a moment. Without power, the tools we depend on to do business every day are worthless. Their power source must be renewed, sometimes daily, like the Apple watch some of you wear. They have a fixed capacity and expected runtime.

Without the spiritual power God gives us, we’re not as effective as we could be for his glory and the good of others. Lack of spiritual power limits our effectiveness, endurance, and output.

Have you ever felt weary? How do you recharge the power source of your faith, mind and attitude when they have reached capacity?

Most modern Bible translations reference “renewal” at least 66 times in some form, and those are consistent across most translations! Among these verses are:

“Put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator” (Colossians 3:10).

“Renew your thoughts and attitudes” (Ephesians 4:23).

“Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength” (Isaiah 40:31).

“Be transformed by the renewing of your mind” (Romans 12:2).

God expects us to renew who we are—our knowledge, attitudes, strength, and mind. Just like a battery, we must turn to him—plug in, get connected, spend time—to recharge. We aren’t built with long-term energy storage. We are made with a constant need for renewal and recharging.

Church Renewal Journey (CRJ) is all about coming alongside the local church to help recharge its members when they need to be refreshed and renewed. As one of the nineteen ministries of the Baptist on Missions, CRJ looks forward to joining congregations with our lay team members for weekend events that promote unity, spiritual growth, and fun for the entire family.

Hurricane Helene ravished Western NC in late September 2024. However, Mount Beulah Baptist Church in Bessmer City did not let that stop them from having their Equipping Weekend on the first of October. Through tears of joy, Pastor Robert Austin commented, “This is exactly what we needed, and when we needed it.” It was no surprise to God that this church needed to be renewed after many of its members had spent days without power due to the storm, and some had family and loved ones a tad over 40 miles away who had lost everything.

Church Renewal Journey has several weekends scheduled for 2025, and we would love to have new faces join our teams. Go to www.churchrenewaljourney.net to learn more about how you can join our team or to schedule a weekend event for your church.

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Jesus Modeled Compassion

by Kathie Aiken

One great opportunity for NC Baptists to be involved in Compassion Ministry is Christmas time. Through Appalachian Christmas Outreach, thousands of children throughout Appalachia and Pennsylvania receive backpacks filled to the brim with toys, clothing, food, hygiene items, a Bible and more. Many of these children come from communities burdened with poverty and joblessness. Our churches can be involved in helping these families and then initiate more ministries like this in their communities.

One year, as we gathered in Wise, VA, for a significant Christmas outreach, several churches were working together to provide for the needs of families, to show the love of Jesus and to share His gospel. Families were guided to be served a meal during two parties while watching a fantastic, choreographed puppet show presenting the Christmas story. Over about two hours, they played

games and then received new coats, blankets, food boxes and Christmas backpacks. They also received new shoes and socks after their feet had been cleansed, and volunteers tenderly shared Jesus with them.

At the end of the second puppet show, a family of a mom and six children came in late. My heart ached for these shy little ones aged six months to 10 years. Mom had her hands full. I asked the puppet team if they would present another show for this family as they ate lunch. They graciously did so. After the show and meal, two teenage girls volunteered to guide this family from station to station to receive their gifts. Oh my, how those bags were filled with so many beautiful gifts! The children and mom were so excited and grateful for the love their family had been shown.

I noticed throughout the time the family was with us that three-year-old Bella never spoke. When they finished going through all the stations, I also noticed that she was wearing her new shoes and coat and being pulled backward by a backpack so filled with treasures that she could hardly walk. I bent low to speak to Bella as they went out the door to be escorted to their car with a food box filled over the top. I asked, "Bella, did you have a good time today?" Without speaking, her dark brown eyes looked up at me, and she encircled my legs tightly with her little arms. Bella was

saying thank you—no words needed.

You and I know the love of Jesus. The compassionate Holy Spirit of God lives within us. We meet others who do not know that love and compassion every day. Even if no words are spoken, they can see and feel when we do what Christ said to do- "Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." Have you met the Bellas around you? Do they see, do they know? Compassion.... just as Jesus modeledthat is His command and our privilege.



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A Lasting Marriage... A Lasting Ministry

I recently had an opportunity to talk with a couple who has been married for over half a century. They graciously allowed me to ask them a few questions about what God has taught them over the years.

Bobby and Wanda Temple have been married for 55 years. They have 3 children, 8 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. The couple has been serving with Baptists on Mission for many years. They currently volunteer with Disaster Relief whenever they are able and serve as Board Members at Large. They said they feel blessed to have had an opportunity to serve alongside each of their eight grandchildren in ministry work at some point.

When asked what priorities they set early in their marriage, the Temples mentioned things such as faithfulness to the Lord, His church, and His calling on their lives. They also highlighted the importance of serving in their local church together as well as individually. Bobby and Wanda have worked in many different ministries at their home church in Creedmoor, including serving as Sunday School teachers and Church Treasurer, in addition to participating in WMU and Brotherhood.

Talking with the Temples made me realize that they have plenty of helpful advice for younger married couples. Some

of the nuggets of wisdom they shared with me were:

- Don't expect perfection; focus on the good in your spouse.
- Take accountability for yourself and your actions when a fracture or problem occurs in your marriage.
- Learn to appreciate your differences and how God made both you with unique and special qualities.
- Always be willing to learn something new together!

Both Bobby and Wanda recounted how God has used their spouse to sanctify and grow them spiritually, particularly by witnessing their spouse's faithfulness in areas of Christian service over the years.

God has been faithful to use even the difficult times to strengthen their love for Him and each other as well. Even through times of hardship such as medical issues and various disappointments they have faced, they intentionally practiced the disciplines of prayer and waiting as they sought the Lord together. This commitment to doing marriage God's way has made their marriage stronger and more resilient, able to weather the toughest storms.

Bobby and Wanda Temple give us a beautiful example of a marriage dedicated to serving the Lord. Throughout my time with them, I saw a common thread of humility and a willingness to be about God's work. I was so encouraged by one particular thing Wanda shared, "So many of the ministry opportunities we've had, we were clearly not qualified for – but God did the work and used us anyway." May we all seek to serve the Lord in our marriages when those opportunities come our way.

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— MARK YOUR CALENDAR — MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

October 18, 2025
Speaker: Gary Chapman
Pleasant Garden Baptist, Pleasant Garden, NC



Armenia The Land of Noah

ENCOURAGING, STRENGTHENING, AND PLANTING CHURCHES

Armenia has experienced genocide, endured 70 years of Soviet occupation, suffered war with Azerbaijan and Turkey, and felt ignored by the international community. Baptists on Mission has had the privilege of walking alongside the Armenian Baptist Union for more than 20 years to plant and strengthen churches, train pastors, and build church buildings.

A new generation of Armenian leaders is rising up to reach their country and region with the gospel. They are supporting and strengthening church planters in other countries and developing leaders to reach their own country. We are walking with them every step of the way.

Doors are open for the gospel, and



there are tremendous opportunities to plant new churches across the country and region. Churches are filled, 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, sponsoring a church planter or pastor, volunteering to serve in Armenia, or donating to help build new church buildings.

Construction will soon be complete on a new Yezidi Kurdish Christian Church building for a house church in a southern Armenian town that is reaching a traditionally pagan people group. There are only a handful of Kurdish Christian churches worldwide, and this house church has been waiting for a building since 2014. We will celebrate the dedication of this new church building in May 2025. You can be a lifeline offering hope to a bi-vocational church planter like Vahram, who leads a group of about 20 believers meeting in a small space in his apartment by helping them purchase a small piece of property and then help build a small church building. You can help a group of twenty refugees from the war with Azerbaijan by renovating a second-



story porch to create a kitchen so that they can prepare their meals (total cost \$10,000).

Teams can lead Pastor or Women's Conferences, conduct sports camps or VBS, help construct a new 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-\$300 monthly or help with church construction costs.

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

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

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GUATEMALA Things Only God Can Do



Lake Gaston Baptist Church has been blessed to be a part of Baptist on Mission's partnership with Good Shepherd Ministries Guatemala in 2023 and 2024. Roger and Vicki Grossman are truly remarkable people whom God gifted in many ways. Their story is one that only God could write. It has been a humbling opportunity for us to participate with them as they follow God's call to minister to "the least of these." The medical clinic, the children's home, the school, the budding farm and the churches they support are gifts from God to the people of Guatemala.

In 2023, we helped with a variety of projects around the children's home, broke ground on a new director's home, and did evangelism in a nearby community. We felt an urge from the Lord to do more for the children in

this community, most of whom live in poverty. We saw children working in fields with no shoes on and the primitive living conditions many of the people had to endure. We decided to return in 2024 for a school evangelism outreach in this community. Our church provided backpacks and school supplies for all the children in the school, from the youngest to the oldest, and shared a gospel message with them. All was arranged, and after songs, games, and a gospel message, the backpacks were distributed. The joy on the children's faces was a sight everyone who helped will never forget. Roger and Vicki even brought some of the children from the children's home in Xela to help distribute the backpacks. This was a glorious picture of children ministering to children. It was a beautiful sight! It was an act of hope, joy and love that provided a glimpse of a brighter future. It showed those children that people from another part of the world cared about them in this obscure part of Guatemala. These are things only God can do!

When you go to Guatemala and minister with Roger and Vicki, you will

experience just how much God loves people. You will literally see the hands and feet of THE Good Shepherd vicariously care for people through Roger and Vicki's, and yes, your own hands and feet.

- Rev. Adam Hammond, Lake Gaston Baptist Church, Littleton NC

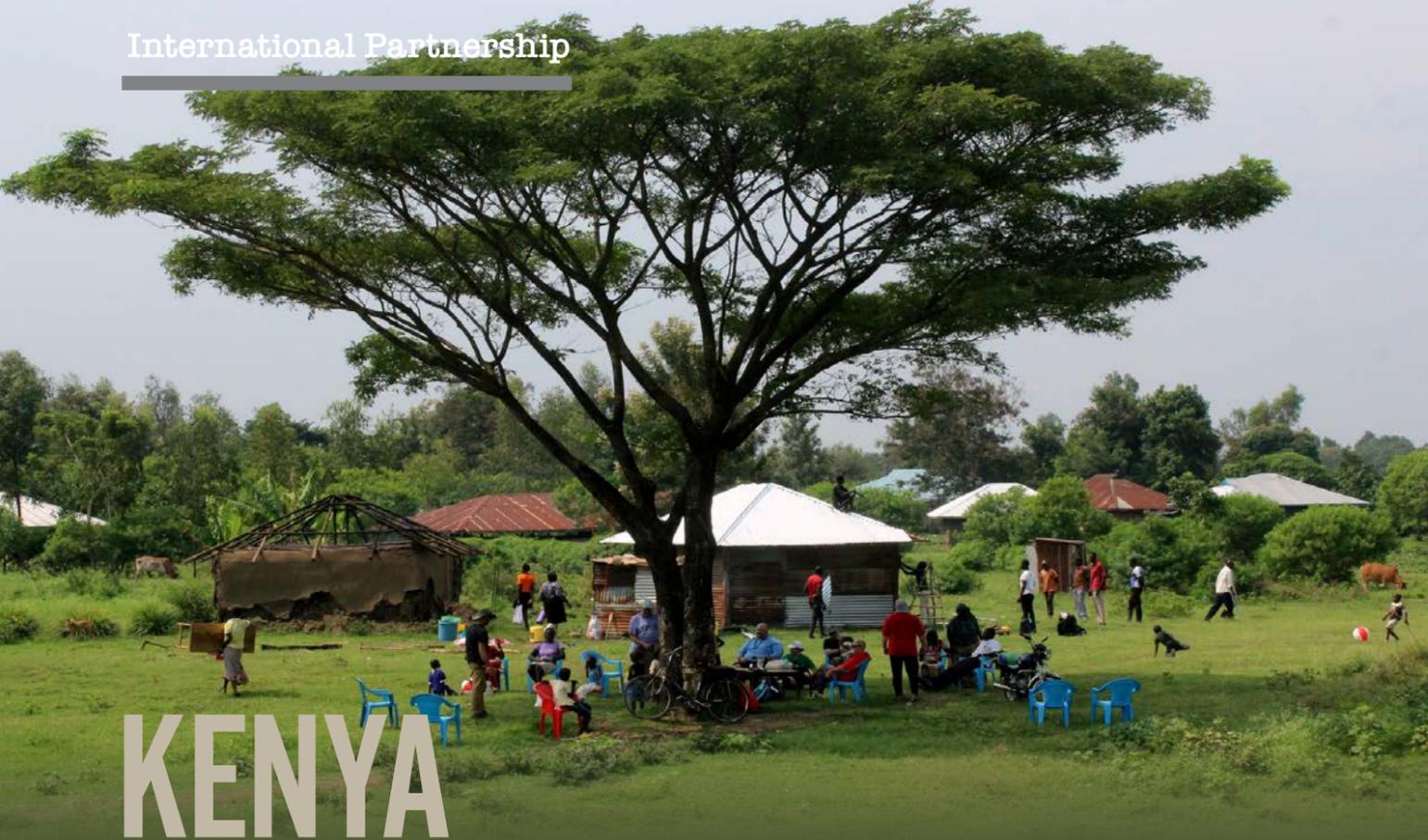
Teams who serve in Guatemala through Baptists on Mission enjoy staying at the beautiful Good Shepherd Center. Whether serving in construction, leadership training, or medical, volunteers have opportunity to visit and meet the children at the Good Shepherd Children's Home and to host a "family night" for the older youth who live in two cottages near the center. In 2025, 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 2025 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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KENYA

In July of 2024 a team of sixteen volunteers from First Baptist Church in Hildrebran traveled to Kenya to serve through Baptists on Mission's Houses of Hope ministry. Led by pastor Cory Smith, the team took the long day's drive from Nairobi to Ahero, where they were comfortably and safely hosted at our coordinator's house, which includes a new "bunk house" for volunteers.

Each day the team split up into two groups, each with its own driver, translator, and pastor. They served in different areas of the region, arriving with eager anticipation to a village of onlookers interested in what these "Wazungu" (visitors) were up to. After the expected greetings, the team members jumped in to help the "fundis" (experts) who were already there and ready to engage the team in building the simple pole and tin-roofed house. There was a job for everyone in the process. Some dug holes with an iron rod and metal bowl, some placed poles in the ground. Later, a maze of smaller sticks were nailed to the bigger poles to form the walls. The fundis did the roof and applied the tin. Sometimes, if there is time and water is available, the team helps apply the mud that fill in the walls.

Late morning some team members were led by the pastor to go door to door in the village, sitting with families to explain who they are and why they had come, giving their

testimony, and sharing the plan of salvation. Before leaving, they invited the family to come to the house dedication which was held at the end of the day. Some team members had opportunity to teach Bible stories and play with the children, others led the village women in a time of study and prayer, and many simply just enjoy sitting with and talking to village members. Many times team members were asked to pray for people.

Lunch was served to the team while in the village most days. As with anywhere we serve, they were offered the very best their hosts have to give. At the end of the day a dedication was held. This is a joyous occasion of singing, a gospel presentation, praying for the new homeowner (usually a widow or older person), and turning the house over to them. And this was all repeated three more times during the week in different villages. God was at work through the many interactions the team had each day.

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. Simply call the Baptists on Mission office with an 11 day timeframe. Trips begin on a Tuesday and conclude on the following Friday. Come experience Africa while assisting a family in need, and proclaiming the love of our Savior in a variety of ways!

A mission trip to Kenya can be planned for almost any time of the year. Visit our website at www.baptistsonmission.org or click the QR code to find out more about both this life-changing opportunity.



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Least of These

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

Partner with nationals we know and trust to offer hope in the midst of hopelessness with a one-time donation or a recurring gift to the *Least of These Projects*.

Armenia – Help church planters (\$200 or more per month), build a kitchen for a group of refugees living in a church building, or sponsor a child at 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.

South Africa – Help build a "Baby House" that will offer a home to infants abandoned beside the road, dumped in garbage cans, or thrown in rivers. Build cottages that will give toddlers not chosen for adoption a place to call home.

Cuba – Help build a new seminary in Santa Clara or provide a water purification unit (\$1,200) that will offer water to an entire community.

Haiti – Sponsor an elementary school student for \$30 per month. Provide a meal to students and their families who are battling to overcome gang violence and a food shortage for \$1 per person per day.

Hungary – In Roma Gypsy camps, a church building often serves as the only gathering place. Help some of the most rejected communities in the world experience the love of Christ.

Africa – Sponsor a church planter through Africa for Christ for \$200 per month, decreasing each year over five years. These church planters serve in countries across Africa.

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MOLDOVA PARTNERSHIP

From Death to Life in Christ

In October 2022, pastors from across North Carolina and I had the opportunity to travel to Moldova with BSCNC staff for a vision trip. During this trip, we covered a lot of territory. We met with many pastors, planters, and church leaders working tirelessly in the trenches to establish churches in this former Soviet bloc nation and stronghold of the Russian Orthodox Church. We were both encouraged and inspired by their stories of perseverance amidst persecution and financial struggles as they seek to spread the light of Christ into the dark places of this beautiful nation.

Upon our return, I was convinced that we had to do something to support these church planting efforts. The Baptist Union of Moldova identified a list of 18 churches that they believed were ready to successfully plant if only they had the needed financial support. On this list was Pastor Adrian Gherman of Emmanuel Baptist in Rautel, who I had connected with during our trip. They had already identified an unreached/unengaged area called Marandeni Village in desperate need of the gospel and a planter, Arthur Akiev, who was ready to be sent out. Our church family, in partnership with three other churches from our area, quickly adopted this planter and “mother” church to help them reach Marandeni Village for Christ.

In October 2023, I returned to Moldova with two of our three partner church pastors to see more of the work firsthand and strengthen relationships. We served Marandeni Village alongside our planter and “mother” church pastor during this time. One day, we delivered food to homes our planter had previously connected with in this impoverished village. That’s

when the miraculous happened. As we delivered food, we also delivered the Gospel and got to see three precious souls pass from death to life in this village that had, until recently, not been exposed to the true gospel of Jesus Christ. Since that day, our planter and sending church have continued to see open doors to the gospel and are presently planning the construction of a church building in the village.

Moldova is an amazing country filled with some of the hardest working, hospitable people you will ever meet. And they are in desperate need of the gospel. Maybe God would have you and your church family support a planter that is waiting on the starting blocks today?

- Pastor Todd Fletcher, Beulah Baptist, Tryon, NC

The partnership’s primary focus is supporting church planting through strong Moldovan “mother churches.” These churches are led by visionary pastors who are gospel-focused and mission-hearted. Over 750 villages in Moldova have no evangelical presence. The desire is to see every village have an evangelical church.

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!



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ROMA PARTNERSHIP

HIS Greater Purpose

By: Ella Crabtree

As a college student, Ella served as a summer intern through the Roma Partnership. For more information about the summer internship, contact Teresa Jones.



This summer, I had the incredible opportunity to serve as an intern to a missionary in Hungary, Romania, and Ukraine eight weeks with two fellow interns. Initially, I was uncertain about where the Lord wanted me to be. I hesitated to commit to a trip that would occupy my entire summer, unsure if it was His will. However, after receiving countless affirmations from Him, He made it clear I should go and serve Him through various camps for the Roma people in those countries.

I could easily write an entire essay about the irreplaceable experiences and lessons I learned during my internship last summer. However, the most significant takeaway was this:

the Lord can transform our trials and tribulations into opportunities for good, allowing us to uplift those facing their own challenges.



I shared my testimony at every camp where I volunteered, and this experience was truly life changing. I had never shared my story with a group, let alone with a large audience that didn’t speak my language.

At each camp, at least one person approached me after I shared, to ask questions or share their own experiences, leading to meaningful conversations about the Lord. Through this, I discovered a profound truth: regardless of where we are in the world, we all endure hardships.

I’d like to share a story that highlights one of the many ways the Lord used my testimony to encourage someone else. My first week of camp was in Nagyhalász, Hungary, where I was assigned to work with high school students—a choice I hadn’t anticipated, given I am pursuing a major in Elementary Education. Nonetheless, I was eager to dive into our first camp experience.

On the second day of camp, I shared my testimony with the kids. Later that day, as we walked to the soccer field to play sports, one girl I had connected with approached me and asked me how I managed to forgive others. This opened the door to a heartfelt discussion about my faith and the Lord. After the camp ended, I received a text from her expressing her gratitude for my encouraging testimony. Reflecting on this, I wish I could tell my younger self that while the trials may be challenging, the Lord will use them for His greater purpose.

Upon my return, I found it challenging to readjust to everyday life. I deeply missed the connections I had formed with the kids during my time there, along with the thrill of traveling from camp to camp each week, not knowing what new relationships might blossom. The Roma people remain close to my heart; I often reflect on them and hold onto the hope that the seeds we planted will bear fruit, and that I will see them in heaven one day.

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South Africa – Door of Hope Village

OFFERING HOPE TO THE HOPELESS

Making concrete blocks from a pile of dirt, gravel, concrete mix, and water may look like a lot of work, but it looks like hope to the children at Door of Hope Village in South Africa. Teams take those simple components and offer hope and a future to children whose lives began with abandonment.



Imagine making the concrete blocks that will be used to build a safe, loving home for a child who is desperate for a forever family.

Imagine the wall you just painted as the backdrop to the laughter of toddlers playing without a care in the world, knowing that people love them.

Not only does the Door of Hope save infants from abandonment, but they show the love of God and give children a place to grow up rooted in faith, hope, and love. Building homes is just the beginning. The vision for Door of Hope Village is to rescue abandoned babies and offer those not chosen for adoption a place to grow to adulthood. That will mean building a school, a child development center, and more in the years to come.

You can offer hope to the hopeless through Baptists on Missions' partnership with Door of Hope Children's Mission. There is space for your team in 2025!

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Learn more or register your team at:

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



UKRAINE PARTNERSHIP- HOPE for Ukrainian Internally Displaced Children

By Alicia Jones, on-site coordinator for the Roma and Ukraine Partnerships. She coordinated a team from Biltmore Baptist Church as they hosted this camp in Western Ukraine.

As we started the five-day camp, fearful and quiet eyes filled the room on Tuesday afternoon. The setting was quaint but full of life – ponies, sheep, kittens, a dog and even pigs. The camp began with Ukrainian words that brought smiles. Then, the leader of the Biltmore Baptist team, through translation, got hands raised to show the level of excitement. The level increased through the week; their faces reflected what they had found at this camp: HOPE – Hope, Opportunity, Peace and Eternal Life. That was the name of the camp and the four days of teaching at the camp. The fifth day was a special family day where squeals of joy came from the children as they tried out riding a horse, playing folk games and shooting a bow and arrow. Through it all, that one word summarized best what each child, helper and family received – Hope.

On Sunday morning, in closure, the songs the children learned throughout the week were shared, along with a clear presentation of the gospel in a rented space in the city center. Shockingly, they all came – children, parents, helpers and even younger siblings. One mother stood up and said, more than two years ago, the ground underneath my feet began shaking, and it had not stopped until this week. Her husband fights on the front line, and this week, she saw real smiles on her children's faces after two long years. She

said the first day they came home after camp and brought something so real, yet intangible, with them into the house – Hope. She said thank you through tears, but the room was full of wet eyes because the children had just shared the ribbon dance they had learned to a Ukrainian slow version of Hillsong, Alive.

The final moments of the dance had a gold canopy overhead, representing the eternal life that begins on earth – God's protection and covering of love amidst the harsh things of this world. The dancing children hardly wanted to leave that space of 1.5 yards square underneath the "shelter." The whole crowd, in a similar way, hardly wanted to leave the community center after each child had received their backpack and comic book-style Ukrainian Bible. These Bibles were so captivating that the children came to look at them during their free time at the camp. Several asked if they could take it home and now even the helpers hugged their copy as if it was made of pure gold. Through HOPE Camp 2024, involving sixty precious children, ten helpers and many others involved, pray that the seeds of the gospel produce many hardy feet that will one day walk on streets of gold in heaven.



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The Ministry Never Stops

Within hours of Hurricane Helene ravaging western North Carolina on September 27, North Carolina Baptists were setting plans into motion for the disaster response. People all over North Carolina, along the eastern US, across our country, and even around the world recognize the yellow shirts and hats of NCBOM that appear after a storm or other crisis has left its devastation. The staff is surprisingly small for an organization with such a large footprint.

On Monday, October 7, 10 days after Helene, I traveled to Cary to help with the final planning of the Health Screening Bus visit to this year's NC State Fair. We were excited to have been invited to bring the unit to the State Fair for the first time, where we would have the opportunity to meet and interact with hundreds of fairgoers over the 10 days of the Fair. For several years, our Dental Bus Ministry has provided services "behind the scenes" to the Fair workers, but this would be our first chance for our ministry to be visible to the general public there.

When I arrived at the office in Cary, all team members, regardless of their titles and normal areas of responsibility, were fully engaged in the disaster response efforts, trying to manage over 5000 volunteers who had registered. As a volunteer in the office, I occasionally had a question about my task, but it was difficult to find someone who was not on the phone speaking with a prospective disaster volunteer, donor, or someone seeking assistance. And this was on Day #10! This team was worn out but remained kind, thoughtful, and encouraging in their responses.

At one point, someone received a call regarding an accident that occurred at one of the sites. The team member immediately summoned everyone in the office (and yes, the office is small enough that you can call everyone together quickly!) to stop what they were doing so that we could gather in the common area to pray. What a heartfelt moment to gather together to lift the injured, the volunteers, the site leaders, and others in the midst of this challenging time.

With the scope of the disaster response efforts, it would be easy to cancel our Health Screening Ministry outreach at this year's NC State Fair. But we know there will be people there who need to see God's people at work and hear the Gospel message. And it is important for us to show up!

I would also encourage you to pray daily for our NCBOM leaders as they guide us through the disaster response efforts while continuing the day-to-day work of our organization. This disaster response will continue for a long time, so please try not to become weary. Ask how you can help to support our staff! They are truly the hands and feet of Jesus.

Sheila Prevatte, RN, BSN
Medical/Dental State Coordinator



Health Screening Ministry

Utilizing the Health Screening Ministry mobile unit is one-way churches can involve their members in local community outreach. Healthcare volunteers provide screening tests including A1C testing for diabetes, cholesterol evaluation, vital signs assessment, depression screening, and heart disease risk assessment. Once patients have been through the screening process, a healthcare provider will talk with each patient and explain the test results. During the process, lay workers and Healthcare volunteers alike can find opportunities to connect with patients and pray with them.



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Mobile Dental Ministry

Hosting the Mobile Dental Ministry at your church will generate lots of interest from people who need help in your community. The sight of the dental truck brings hope that a physical need can be met by dental professionals. With that hope comes the bigger opportunity to share the love of Jesus with hurting people.

Reserving churches and organizations enlist the help of volunteer Dentists, Dental Assistants, Hygienists, registration, prayer counselors and general laypersons to serve at the clinic. A Baptist on Mission volunteer driver and host serve as the dental ministry team that bring the dental truck to your location, set up rooms and equipment, clean instruments and share the love of Jesus.

RESERVATIONS NEED TO BE MADE SIX MONTHS TO A YEAR IN ADVANCE.
MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW.

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APPALACHIAN COALFIELDS

Never Stop Praying

“During the past fifteen years that Dewey and I have coordinated the Baptists on Mission partnership with the Appalachian Coalfields, we have seen many changes. Many pastors and ministry leaders throughout the five states have moved to other locations. The levels of poverty and joblessness in many towns have increased. Recently, the landscape of our mountains has been disrupted by floods and a hurricane. More importantly, lives have been changed forever.

Some things have not changed. Our God has not and will never change. His love and faithfulness are still just as great as ever. Also, the need for prayer and partnership is ongoing. For many years, we have understood the necessity of praying throughout towns and communities to lay the groundwork for effective outreach. We have seen how prayer walking—praying on-site with insight—can make a difference in difficult situations. Through prayer walking, the Holy Spirit is invited to prepare people’s hearts to hear and respond to the gospel as mission teams engage the community.

In past months, we have led prayer-walking and encouragement teams to visit pastors in Appalachia. We visited

these families to encourage them and prayer walk their towns. The result was that NC churches continued to pray for them and partner in follow-up ministry. Pastors’ families have been energized for outreach, and churches are growing.

During an encouragement trip with FBC Hendersonville, we met the Hatfield family. When it came time to prayer walk the Neibert, WV community, seven-year-old Brian asked to join us. He was the pastor’s son. We were glad to have him on our team. After a few stops, Brian asked if he could pray. Stopping in front of a house where children lived, Brian took his lollipop out of his mouth, closed his eyes with his face toward heaven and prayed. “Father God, this is Brian. I don’t know these kids who live in this house, but you do. I want to ask you to help them know Jesus. Help us to tell them about Him and take care of them Jesus. Amen.” Putting his lollipop back in his mouth, we proceeded down the street. We were in tears thinking about this child’s boldness and care in praying for his community. At many other houses, Brian prayed. He engaged people in conversation

about his church, sharing his love for Jesus. We returned to the church, challenged by this young believer to never stop praying.

Would you join us and Brian in praying and encouraging others in Appalachia? It can make a change forever... the best of changes.”

- Dewey and Kathie Aiken, BOM Onsite Coordinators, Appalachian Coalfields Ministry

APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS OUTREACH 2025

Appalachian Christmas Outreach 2025 is underway now! Please join us in our goal of preparing and providing backpacks for children throughout Appalachia and other places of need! Find out more at www.baptistsonmission.org/aco



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Appalachian projects include service in children’s ministry, sports clinics, and construction, to name a few. There are dozens of requests for mission teams to help in 2025. See how your church can play a part!

Impacted by God in PENNSYLVANIA

“On Mission...Where would God have you join Him? Is it Africa? Asia? Or is it among a small community of people in Reading, Pennsylvania?

In July, God orchestrated sixteen people ages 4 to 60 to join Him in His work with Larry & Shannon Baker at a community center on the outskirts of Reading, Pennsylvania. As we boarded the bus anticipating what God would do, we could not have imagined its long-term effects on our lives. Only God can take His people, connect them at an appointed time for His divine purpose, and accomplish something amazing. The names, faces, experiences and encounters will be engraved on our hearts for eternity like a monogram on fine silver with His reflection radiating back.

Each evening, our team conducted a sports-oriented VBS. After a fun and active opening session in the community center, our team led three sports skill stations the children rotated through – football, volleyball, and soccer. Each station had “coaches” who taught that specific skill. The kids loved it! During the day, we did painting projects around the community center. We also did a cookout for the surrounding neighborhood and took the hamburgers and hotdogs door to door, praying with people for their various needs.

The friendships and memories born out of an eleven-hour bus ride, tolling in 90+degree weather, and working with many energetic children are truly amazing! To see God draw

children to hear the name of Jesus – possibly for the first time – is impactful. To see an autistic child make progress during the week – is impactful. To experience God leading us to the door of a gentleman needing encouragement and hope after he had prayed specifically for that - was impactful. Why? Because their faces, those experiences, and these divine encounters are engraved on our hearts forever. It makes praying for them now—personal. That connection births a passion to partner. It creates a desire to make a long-term investment. It makes you want to board the bus again and again because Jesus is driving, and He knows the destination and purpose. As His children we get the privilege to go “On Mission” with Him. Will you join Him? Where is He prompting you to go?”

- Sharri Barham, Rock Spring Baptist, Louisburg, NC

Pennsylvania projects for 2025 are posted on our webpage. Follow the QR code. Then, click on the link to view and download a .pdf projects request list.

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Mission partners in Pennsylvania/South Jersey are needed each year for short-term mission trips such as the one above! Evangelism, outreach events, children’s ministry, and construction needs can all be found on the current projects list on the BOM Pennsylvania/South Jersey webpage. Each of these requests represents church planters, pastors, and congregations asking for help in reaching their communities for Christ. Thank you if you and your church have been involved in furthering God’s kingdom in Pennsylvania! If you have not had the opportunity to do so, please pray about how God might use your team!



Reminded of God's Care in **NEW ENGLAND**

"A team of eleven recently embarked on a mission trip to Hampstead, New Hampshire, answering the call from a local church seeking to engage their community - especially the "next generation." With the shared goal of reinvigorating the church and its outreach efforts, the team brought energy, love, and the message of Christ to the community through a unique three-day youth soccer camp.

The camp was a tremendous success, attracting children from across the community. The kids eagerly honed their soccer skills each day, enjoying the camaraderie and fun of learning a new sport. More importantly, the team used this opportunity to share the gospel of Jesus Christ, weaving spiritual lessons into their daily interactions. The children and their parents, some of whom were sporadic churchgoers and others unchurched, experienced the warmth of the church's outreach.

The team's ministry extended beyond the soccer field. They wanted to make a lasting impact, so they visited nearby towns, connecting with adults in the area. Several team members at a local community center engaged in meaningful conversations that stirred spiritual curiosity, creating opportunities to share Christ. A particularly powerful moment occurred when two men visited a local restaurant. There, they started a conversation with men sitting at the bar, leading to one of them ultimately accepting Jesus Christ as his Savior.

Time spent together deepened bonds as the team worshipped and thanked God for His work through them. Ranging in ages from 20 to 60, the team laughed, prayed,

and grew closer to each other and their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As the soccer camp came to a close, the impact of their efforts became clear in many ways. One particularly moving moment came when a parent handed the team a note, thanking them on behalf of her nephew. The boy had recently gone through a difficult family situation, and the three days of camp had provided a space where he felt loved and reminded of God's deep care for him.

This Baptists on Mission trip was a powerful reminder of the difference that can be made when we step out in faith to be the hands and feet of Jesus. The team left New Hampshire with full hearts, encouraged by the ways God had worked through them, and eager to return in the future to continue building on the connections they had made."

- Martha Cogdill, Bannertown Baptist Church, Mount Airy, NC

This is one example of how mission teams make a difference throughout New England. Teams serve through children's ministry, evangelistic 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!

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The Spirit of the Lord Moving **ROCKY MOUNTAIN**

"Our mission trip to Big Piney, Wyoming, was a remarkable and unforgettable experience. It is undeniable that God was working and moving in the lives and hearts of the people in the community of Big Piney and among our team, who took a step of faith out of their comfort zone to obey God. Throughout the seven-day journey, the team continually claimed the promise stated in Romans 8:28 - "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." God abundantly blessed the team's obedience and used it to fulfill His plan and purpose on the trip- to reach many physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

During the week, we met and ministered to some amazing people through Vacation Bible School. Despite only 408 people in Big Piney, we had a great turnout and many kids came. The four salvations recorded during the week were among the biggest blessings. Praise God! Four souls are now freed from the bondage and slavery of sin and redeemed by

the most high King! How amazing! God is so good. In addition to those who came into a saving knowledge of the Lord, many seeds were planted in the hearts of the people, young and old. Many friendships were established. It was remarkable how the spirit of the Lord was moving so freely throughout the week.

Even though our stay was brief, lifelong memories were made, everlasting relationships were built, and the hearts of many discovered a deeper understanding of the faith. We give God all the glory, honor, and praise for all He did and continues to do. We encourage others to step out of their comfort zone and faithfully obey God, joining Him where He's already at work. When we submit to God, He blesses us and others through His unlimited power. Please join our team in praying that God will continue to work in and through the lives of others worldwide to further the Kingdom of God!

-Brianna Warren, Gethsemane Baptist Church, Hendersonville NC



Cook teams are needed each summer to serve at our sister camps in Wyoming and 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 volunteers, providing housing and meals. The teams' service makes 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 where God is calling you and your team to serve in 2025?

Rocky Mountain projects for 2025 are posted on our webpage. Follow the QR code. Then, click on the link to view and download a .pdf projects request list.



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ALASKA

Serving in the “Last Frontier”

By Lisa May, Southside Baptist Church, Elm City NC



“It was only an informational meeting. Much was said, but all I could think about was...Alaska?!?! Surely I did not hear that right as a possible destination for our church mission team! It is COLD there, and I am the coldest-natured American in existence. It is a wilderness there, and the extent of my survival skills is limited to being able to drive to the grocery store. Nope...surely not Alaska...but...I DID hear it right.

As more information was shared about the suggested trips, I did not feel that God was leading me to any certain one, but I listened intently about Alaska. The more it was discussed, the less convinced I was that I would be going. And yet, I was drawn to

researching...ALASKA of all places. God was inserting it into my heart, and whatever He implants will take a solid root. His way is always right, and all I need to do is to remember to listen and yield. Everything else will fall beautifully into His divine plan of perfect placement with willing people.

That summer, our Southside Baptist Church mission teams joined with other area churches to carry out three mission trips, one being to Alaska. It is comforting to see how God worked in the hearts of these brothers and sisters in Christ uniting all of us for the common goal of assisting in the spread of the Gospel Message of Jesus. This, of course, was our main goal as “The Great Commission” directs. We, also, desired to just let the Love of Jesus be seen through all that we did.

With that in mind, we were partnered with a church in Wasilla, Alaska, where their commitment to Jesus shines in all that they do. We were called to assist, support, and carry out anything needed to further their calling in that area. While there, we performed puppet skits

and songs, Bible stories with flannel board cut-outs, crafts, and sports games in two different park areas. We were able to perform our puppet show and Bible stories at a local daycare, too. We canvassed the neighborhoods with church informational flyers, Salvation bracelets, and Bible crafts for any households with children. Additionally, we organized the church pantry and thrift store and provided other services as well. We were a diverse group with different skill sets, but God brought us together, so we worked seamlessly. Our efforts were heart-driven, and we pray that those seeds that were planted will yield a harvest of Godly results.

Although our time there has passed, we carry the awe of God’s creation with us. Who could ever imagine standing on lush grass and looking across a frigid lake to a majestic snow-capped mountain backdrop or gazing at a blue-hued glacier from a sunny hill? It was truly a vision of Psalm 19. Thank you, God, for everything!”

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Alaska project for 2025 will be available by late September. Follow the QR code. Then click on the link to view and download a .pdf projects request list.



HAWAII

Pu’u Kahea Open Again!

For over a decade, couples and individuals learned the joys of serving as “camp assistants” at Pu’u Kahea, the Hawaii-Pacific Baptist Convention’s Conference Center and Camp. Located on the island of Oahu, Puu Kahea is the site of a former sugar plantation. The camp provided a place for people from all over the islands to come and enjoy a spiritual retreat. Camp directors changed over time, but all agreed that the service of volunteer couples made the camp a much better place! In addition to offering some “southern hospitality” to camp attendees, these volunteers provided valuable service in keeping the camp operational.

In 2020, Covid effectively shut the conference center down, and not just for a season. Pu’u Kahea stayed shuttered

for the next several years. As mission partners, Baptists on Mission prayed and waited patiently for Pu’u Kahea to open its doors for operation again – and ask for volunteer help. That day has finally come! A new director has reached out to us and asked for help!

Couples serving at Pu’u Kahea commit to at least one month and do various tasks. The work is hard and steady. Flexible couples who are self-starters and willing to do whatever is needed can be utilized year-round. Five days of work is followed by two days off. (And what a place to have two days off!) Housing and local transportation are provided for couples who commit to this service. Couples would prepare their meals in their efficiency apartment on campus. See the description below.

Couples are needed year-round to be volunteer staff at Pu’u Kahea Conference Center, helping to maintain the facility. Work may include housekeeping, general maintenance and cleaning, landscaping, laundry, and other necessary duties. Volunteers work 5 days and are off 2 days per week. Individuals may also be considered, depending on housing availability. We need those who are self-starters, in good physical condition, and able to work a full day. Volunteers will need to provide their transportation to Hawaii. PKCC can provide a vehicle for local transportation for days off, but volunteers are responsible for gas. A studio efficiency apartment is provided for the couple’s lodging. Volunteers must provide their meals as the camp does not offer food services.

Length of Assignment: One-month minimum commitment and up to three months maximum
Preferred Dates: January – November 2025 (specific dates worked out with camp leadership)
Cost: Travel to Hawaii and food

One-week teams may also be needed at the camp for maintenance and other special projects (primarily in the fall, winter, and spring). There is a per-person weekly cost for one-week teams to stay at the camp. Our list may also include some evangelism, outreach, and construction requests that teams can respond to.

Hawaii projects for 2025 are posted on our webpage. Follow the QR code. Then, click on the link to view and download a .pdf projects request list.

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CONSTRUCTION SKILLS TRAINING

People in every community need help. Is your church prepared to answer the call by building wheelchair ramps, installing grab bars, doing small home repairs or assisting with other construction needs? Hands-on training for those with limited construction experience can help us move out of our seats and into the streets to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Hanging and finishing drywall, laying laminate flooring, framing a wall, or building a wheelchair ramp may seem like foreign languages, but 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 around the world.

Construction skills training can open the door for you to serve at Red Springs, Shelby, or Charity Mission Camps; volunteer at our rebuild centers in Lumberton, Rose Hill, New Bern, or Canton; or go on a construction mission trip. There are 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 new rebuild opportunities that are developing in Western NC after Hurricane Helene.

Imagine helping hurricane survivors return home, assisting a church plant or replant renovate a facility, or changing lives in your own community! Plan now to bring a group from your church to learn new skills, develop stronger relationships, and prepare to move out to serve and reach your community.

March 8 and September 13, 2025 - Red Springs Mission Camp

March 22 and October 18, 2025 - Charity Mission Center

March 29 and September 27, 2025 - Shelby Mission camp

\$10 for Saturday training only

\$20 for Friday overnight and Saturday training

Register:

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.
- 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 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.
- 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, (910) 843-7700 office, (919) 264-4397 cell
 CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/RedSprings or www.baptistsonmission.org.



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.

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/shelbymissioncamp or www.baptistsonmission.org.



Community Mobilization

Out of Our Seats and into the Streets

Many in society criticize Christians for being judgmental, only lecturing, and being hypocritical. Worse than that, they say that our God is irrelevant. By serving so that we are “Jesus with skin on” we can change that narrative.

Is seeing the unseen, serving the unserved, and doing even small things that can be big things part of the DNA of your church? If not, this is a new day and a new opportunity! Make plans for your church to serve your community in 2025.

Imagine NC Baptists spreading out across our state every weekend to show Christ’s love through serving. People of every age from every church serving every community in NC all year long. Jesus said in Matthew 25 that when we serve those around us, we are not just serving people; we are serving Him!

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 uses their gifts to bring glory to God, bless and preserve the community, and make disciples—that is the church on mission.

Some of the ways you can serve your community:

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



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



Praying through Trials

In God’s Holy Word, Jesus said, “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat (Luke 22:31), showing Satan’s desire to test the disciples and bring them to spiritual ruin. This is further exemplified in 1 Peter 5:8 when God warns us to be of sober spirit and be on alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

Fortunately, Jesus shows us how to respond to these tests of fellow brothers and sisters in Christ in Luke 22:32 when he simply states, “but I have prayed for you.”

As we often refer to them, these ‘tests’ or trials serve an eternal purpose for believers. 1 Peter 1:7 says, “These [trials] have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold... may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.”

This is demonstrated in Luke, where we see Simon say, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death” (Luke 22:33). Jesus responds, “I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me (Luke 22:34). Simon denies Jesus, and, in so doing, reveals to himself the weakness of his faith, a weakness that Jesus already knew. This is to say, trials serve to reveal our faith to ourselves.

In response, we have two options. We can be discouraged at our lack of faith and harden our hearts further, leaning into the spiritual ruin and devouring mouth of Satan. Or we can look at what Jesus prayed when He told Simon He would pray for him: “... that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers” (Luke 22:32). That is, even in ‘failed trials’ or a revealed lack of faith, all is not lost; lean into God, and allow Him to use the trials to purify us and grow us in His likeness to the eternal glory of God.

Many BOM leaders and volunteers work tirelessly to serve others and their communities. With an abundance of critical work,

we often overlook the personal trials we all experience - the weariness of the work itself and the distraction from a personal relationship with God. In following Jesus’s example, we are responsible for praying for our fellow believers, not just for the physical outcomes of trials and suffering but, more importantly, for increased faith and reliance on Jesus through them. It is a privilege to have direct access to The Father through prayer! And we can have confidence that He hears us when we plead on behalf of His own beloved children.

Each week, a prayer guide is sent to all who desire to participate in this Prayer Support Ministry. If you would be willing to offer your support through prayer, please contact Tracy Leonard at bomprayerline@gmail.com.

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Men's Worship Rallies To Be Held Throughout State in November 2025

Men's Worship Rallies will be held in five locations throughout the state in November 2025. These rallies feature a good meal, great fellowship, worship, a spiritual challenge for men, mission information, and 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 attend the rally closest to them. Rally dates are as follows: Region 1 Thursday, November 6; Region 3 Tuesday, November 11; Region 5 Thursday, November 13; Region 7 Tuesday, November 18; and Region 9 Thursday, November 20. Specific rally sites will be listed on our website later in the year. Registration is \$5 per person, which will go toward covering the cost of the meal.



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 or visit our Men's Ministry webpage at www.baptistsonmission.org (Church Programs/Men's Ministry)

Igniting the Hearts of Men Conference

September 13, 2025, at Rich Fork Baptist in Thomasville, NC



Do you desire to see the men of your church come alive with the realization of Christ's stamp upon their lives? Would you rejoice to see them engaged in a growing, meaningful relationship with our Lord? Join us on Saturday, September 13, for the Igniting the Hearts of Men Conference. This one-day equipping event prepares men to be courageous, effective Christ-followers. The conference will feature times of worship with inspiring messages just for men, breakout sessions led by men's ministry leaders from all over the East Coast, and ministry displays for evaluating new men's ministry resources. Our keynote speakers will challenge men to greater growth and service in Christ. The conference costs \$39 per person if registration is ten days or more out. (\$44 if registration is within ten days). If registering ten or more, the cost is \$35 per person. A \$10 per person on-site lunch option will also be available when registering. Visit the Baptist on Mission Men's Ministry webpage for more information and/or to register. www.baptistsonmission.org/men



2025 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, held at **Camp Caraway** in Asheboro, provides men with a fun outdoor experience that will also challenge them to walk closer to Christ. This year's speakers will be brothers James and Chad Hampton, founders of Huntin the Truth Ministries and co-hosts of Twin Factor TV on the Pursuit Channel. The weekend begins with a time of 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 shooting, 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 2-3, 2025. Visit our webpage for more information on how you and your men can be a part of 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 a 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 talk about 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.



TRANSFORMATION THROUGH THE GOSPEL

2 Corinthians 5:17 “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”



Our team of students from Jacksonville, North Carolina, had a unique opportunity to witness the gospel’s transforming power in Santiago de Cuba in 2024. After a few days of leading a gospel-centered VBS in Cuban churches, our van was approaching the next mission site. As we traveled, one of our translators explained that the neighborhood we were

entering had a reputation for being unsafe. Doors would always be locked, windows would always be barred, and people would seldom travel alone.

However, the further we drove, the more surprised we were to see life in the community. Children were running and playing, and young families were walking together. The area seemed vibrant and alive.

When we asked why there was so much life in the neighborhood, our translator explained that God had used a local church to revitalize a once-dark area. The church’s pastor regularly and faithfully preached the gospel, and the members were serious about sharing the good news with those who were far from God but close to them.

This resulted in a complete transformation. The Good News was creating something new.

Sitting with, praying for, and encouraging this local pastor and his family was a personal ministry highlight. Our team also had the opportunity to lead a VBS with the 100+ kids in the community. Two of our missionaries, Faith and Evelyn, clearly presented the gospel. By God’s grace, many made plans to connect with the church’s leadership to discuss salvation and discipleship.

This was one of many stories during our Deep Impact mission week. In total, we presented the gospel to over 500 children at eight local churches, installed five water purification systems to help churches connect with and serve their communities, and assisted a local seminary with painting and construction on their campus.

Please consider praying for the following areas:

- That the church in Cuba will continue to be a beacon of gospel-centered hope.
- That Deep Impact would continue to train Great Commission students as they serve across North Carolina, Cuba, and Puerto Rico during the summer of 2025.
- That the churches serving alongside Baptists on Mission would experience gospel-centered transformation in their people and ministries.
- That King Jesus would be glorified!



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2025 DEEP IMPACT *Student Missions*



2025 Deep Impact Student Summer Mission Weeks

Shelby Mission Camp (1/2 week)	June 9-12, 2025	\$199
Shelby Mission Camp	June 9-14, 2025	\$299
Hendersonville	June 16-21, 2025	\$299
Greensboro	June 23-28, 2025	\$299
Lumberton Rebuild Center	June 30-July 5, 2025	\$299
Red Springs Mission Camp (1/2 week)	July 7-10, 2025	\$199
Red Springs Mission Camp	July 7-12, 2025	\$299
Wilmington	July 14-19, 2025	\$299
Charity Mission Center (1/2 week)	July 21-24, 2025	\$199
Charity Mission Center	July 21-26, 2025	\$299
Charity Mission Center (1/2 week)	July 28-31, 2025	\$199

2025 Deep Impact International Mission Weeks

Cuba	June 28-July 5, 2025	Fees + Flight (TBD)
Puerto Rico	July 19-26, 2025	Fees + Flight (TBD)

2025 Deep Impact Retreats

Shelby Mission Camp	October 17-19, 2025	\$119
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CHILDREN IN THE MIDST OF A DISASTER

God's Word tells us there will be trials, troubles, and disasters. As Believers, we know that "all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28) We know this truth; however, sometimes, in our preparation, we still have a sense of dread, fear, and anxiety when we know potential disaster is coming our way. One of the most common misconceptions about children is that they do not "worry" about such things. We forget that children have the same feelings and emotions as adults.

So, how do you talk with the children in your church or in your home about preparing for the unexpected, especially after a catastrophic storm like Hurricane Helene?

There are a few things you can do to help them cope with their feelings of anxiety, fear, and helplessness.

- Acknowledge their fears and let them know you understand it. Listen to them and let them share their concerns and/or questions. Validate their concerns.
- It is best that children are not exposed to weather reports, news stories, social media, or even the radio at times of alerts and warnings of disasters.

- Share the "safe place" with the children in your home and/or church. Help them think through what they might need in their "safe place."
- Assure them of God's presence through it all. Encourage praying...for their safety and the safety of others.

After a disaster, like Helene, it is important you answer the questions many children have about those affected by the storm. Children will especially be concerned about the status of children in the area of the storm. Without sharing the devastation many areas are dealing with, you can share how they can help. Praying for those affected would be the first priority for children. Make this a teachable moment, working with the children on how to pray for those in the path of the storm. Children can get involved in other ways as well. Decorating laundry and lunch bags with encouraging Scripture or drawings will be used during a disaster.

Please continue to pray for those in Western North Carolina as Baptists on Mission continues to meet the physical and spiritual needs of those affected by Helene. And say a special prayer for the children.

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DI Kids offers gospel-centered, mission-focused, life-impacting camps for children and their leaders. At a DI Kids camp, everything is prepared ahead of time for you and your kids' ministry group so that you can focus on your kids group.

For more information, email us at dikids@ncbaptist.org. We can't wait to serve with you soon!

DATE	LOCATION	COST
May 16-19, 2025	Red Springs weekend	\$135
June 9-13, 2025	Hendersonville (week)	\$240
June 16-20, 2025	Shelby (week)	\$240
June 22-25, 2025	Shelby mini	\$175
June 26-29, 2025	Blowing Rock (mini)	\$225
June 30-July 5	Charity Family Week / July 4th week	\$185
July 7-10, 2025	Charity (mini)	\$175
July 14-18, 2025	Red Springs (week)	\$240
July 28-31, 2025	Camp Dixie Fayetteville (mini)	\$225
September 19-21	Shelby weekend	\$135



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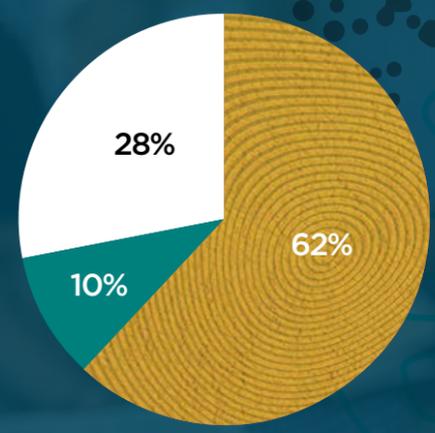


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2024 GOAL



Your gifts to the North Carolina Missions Offering help plant churches, bring relief to those in need and mobilize N.C. Baptists for missions.



Where Do I Fit In?

Baptists on Mission Ministries

AGRICULTURAL MISSIONS

The purpose of BOM Agricultural Missions is to glorify God by involving Christians in meeting poverty and hunger needs through Agricultural Missions. Volunteers are needed from all walks of life, including foresters, crop scientists, soil scientists, beekeepers, teachers, homemakers, engineers, and farmers.

AVIATION MISSIONS

The Aviation Ministry involves pilots in ministry by providing medical air transport for patients en route to medical care, long-distance air transport for families in need, ground transportation for patients, and assistance in disaster situations. **Earth Angels** are responsible for meeting the inbound Angel Flight and driving passengers to the treating facility, hotel, and/or doctor's office.

BAPTIST BUILDERS

Baptist Builders involves volunteers in all types of construction projects in and out of state. This ministry includes: **Handyman Ministries** which involves assisting those in need by offering volunteer labor upon request for building wheelchair ramps, minor home repairs and other needs for the physically disabled, **Disaster Rebuild**, and **Missions Construction**.

BAPTIST EDUCATORS

A ministry for educators who have a heart for missions and wish to use their educational skills to adopt a local school in various ways, teach **English as a Second Language (ESL)** to reach internationals for Christ and pray for students and teachers for the school year.

CHILDREN MISSIONS

Children Missions opportunities are available to assist families and churches in engaging elementary-age children in mission education and hands-on mission experiences. **Deep Impact Kids (DI Kids)**, is a pre-packaged week or weekend hands-on mission experiences. As a result, elementary-age children and their leaders are provided the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ.

CHURCH RENEWAL

The Church Renewal Journey is a "pew-to-pew" ministry designed to assist the congregation in experiencing a spiritual awakening. Led by lay volunteers, these weekends are known to both revitalize and encourage churches to change their worlds in Jesus' name.

COLLEGE MISSIONS

College Missions is for reaching, discipling, and sending the 18 to 25-year-old population of North Carolina found on our college and university campuses. In addition, this ministry

offers a missions initiative to involve college students in state, national, and international mission projects.

COMPASSION MINISTRIES

All churches are called to share God's love and grace with those who are hurting. Compassion ministry encourages, resources and equips NC churches in the following areas: supporting families affected by disability, foster care/ adoption, helping those experiencing divorce or separation, tutoring, hunger relief, helping free people from addiction, job training, and many other areas.

DISASTER RECOVERY MINISTRY

Disaster Recovery is a great way to minister to people affected by disasters. We help with clean-up (tear-out/chainsaw), temporary repairs (tarping roofs, etc.), and other recovery needs. In addition, disaster training events teach volunteers various skills needed to perform their duties under stressful situations.

DISASTER RELIEF MINISTRY

The purpose of Baptists on Mission Disaster Relief Ministry is to relieve human suffering caused by disasters. The goal of BOM Disaster Relief Ministry is to provide ways for Christians to minister to people who are hurting. In addition, we seek to provide organization, equipment and strategy for committed volunteers to help affected individuals/families rebuild their lives and homes.

FAMILY FOUNDATIONS MINISTRY

Family Foundations seeks to assist and encourage churches, pastors, and church leaders in all aspects of the family: Marriage Retreats, Family Enrichment, and Family Missions Involvement.

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS/PROJECTS

There are numerous international partnership opportunities that are available for involvement in Armenia, Cuba, Guatemala, Kenya, Moldova, Hungary, Roma Gypsy, South Africa, and Ukraine. We want to glorify God by involving churches and Christians in international short term missions.

MEDICAL MOBILE HEALTH SCREENING AND MOBILE DENTAL MINISTRIES

There are many opportunities for medical and dental personnel to be involved in missions with BOM including International medical mission trips, the Mobile Dental Ministry and the Mobile Health Screening Ministry. In addition, support persons skilled in medical assistance and **non-medical** laypeople are involved in this ministry.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Purpose: Assist churches in providing a well-rounded, balanced ministry that challenges men to grow in their walk with Christ; share their faith with others; find their place of service in the local church, and be on mission with God. Outdoor Ministry is another part of Men's Ministry.

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS/PROJECTS

Many national missions opportunities are available for your church in places like the Appalachian Coalfields, Pennsylvania, New England, Rocky Mountain, Hawaii and Alaska. There are a big variety of mission projects that are needed.

NC STATE PROJECTS

Mission Camps at Red Springs, Rose Hill and Shelby: Involve churches and Christians in life-changing mission projects at an affordable cost; each mission camp can house and feed up to 200 volunteers at a time.

ServeNC (Community Mobilization):

Is a one-day to a one-week missions blitz in your community that involves your church in local missions where you live. **Impact NC:** Connects churches and individuals with week-long volunteer mission projects in children's ministry, evangelism, music, and/or construction, plus more. Basic construction skills training is also provided for volunteers.

PRAYER SUPPORT

Because prayer should undergird all we do as Christians, churches are discovering new ways to become involved in missions through prayer walks, as well as praying for mission needs, mission volunteers, and missionaries.

STUDENT MOBILIZATION MISSIONS

Deep Impact Missions Weeks are pre-packaged mission experiences that allow middle and high school students and their leaders to share the love of God with people throughout North Carolina and around the world.

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September 7, 2024
First Baptist Church, Sanford, NC

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The need for volunteers is still great at our rebuild sites in Rose Hill, New Bern, Lumberton, and Haywood County.