Psalm 66:16, “Come and listen, all who honor God, and I will tell you what he has done.”

I want to tell you about some of the things God has done through the 18 ministries of Baptists on Mission. God has given us two (2) Mission Camps: one in Red Springs and one in Shelby. Both provide churches with a great location for hands on missions. We can house and feed up to 200 people at a time and we do all kinds of different projects. We see Christ shared and God’s work through these Mission Camps.

Deep Impact Kids is a pre-packaged mission experience for children in 1st-5th grade and their chaperones. This year, we had nine (9) DI Kids camps doing a variety of projects across North Carolina. Deep Impact does the same thing for middle and high school youth with projects all over North Carolina as well as Atlanta, Honduras, Cuba and Puerto Rico. Over 1,500 students and their leaders participated in over 200 projects. The Gospel they shared gave many people an opportunity to hear about Jesus. I am so thankful for these children, students and their leaders. They are our future!

Did you know you have two (2) mobile dental units and a health screening unit that your church can use to provide free dental care and health screening to hurting people in your community? The health screening unit offers free testing for diabetes, cholesterol, depression, heart disease, and basic eye exams. I am constantly amazed how God is using these dental and health screening clinics. The completion of our new health screening unit will provide opportunities to serve more patients in more locations, resulting in more people introduced to Jesus. Only God could do all of this!


Through the Appalachian Christmas Outreach last year, churches, Sunday School classes, mission groups and individuals from across our state collected and filled over 14,000 Christmas backpacks distributed in some of the poorest areas in our nation. It may be the only Christmas gift received by some children. The Good News shared through this act of love changed the lives of children and entire families.

God has also opened doors for us to have International Partnerships in Honduras, Guatemala, Cuba, Armenia, Kenya, South Africa and with the Roma (Gypsy) people in Hungary, Romania, and Ukraine.

God has provided us with many opportunities to be His hands and feet through Disaster Relief. It has been more than 2 years since Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico. God opened a door for us to serve in Puerto Rico and over 1,000 NC Baptist volunteers responded. We have been able to put new roofs on more than 330 homes and many people have come to know Christ. Only God could do that!

It has been over a year since Hurricane Florence devastated many parts of our own state. Florence did more damage than any natural disaster ever to hit North Carolina – more damage than Hurricanes Floyd and Matthew combined. There were approximately 100,000 homes damaged by Florence. Volunteers with Baptists on Mission are helping and God is working.

Because of God’s generosity, we have multiple sites across NC where your church can spend anywhere from a day, a weekend or a week helping survivors from Florence get back in their homes. As NC Baptists, our Goal is to rebuild 2,000 Florence damaged homes over the next 2-3 years. What a great way to love people in Jesus’ name!

Only God could do all of this!

Richard Brunson
Executive Director-Treasurer & Partnership Missions Director
Baptists on Mission
Calling North Carolina “Home” with a “Rippling” Purpose

Have you ever thought about the State of North Carolina being a perfect place to be “On Mission”? From a geographical standpoint does it get any better? We are located in a very strategic location to share God’s love in word and deed in the US and throughout the rest of the world. From the Blue Ridge Mountains to The Outer Banks, a lot of wonderful diversity exists and ripe harvest fields for missions. **Quick facts:** Population 10,247,632 (2017), State Parks 29, Counties 100. Geographical Center is Sanford, close to the same size as New York State and the state dog is the Plott Hound. Missions start in our **HOME** state as we unite in sharing the Gospel while meeting the needs here and around the world. **The big idea here:** North Carolina is a wonderful outpost to reach the world for Christ!

The 4,300 plus churches in NC are the foundation of why we exist. Thank you NC churches, associations and individuals, for serving through our 18 ministries. Ten regions across NC create a strategic organizational structure for churches and associations to work. Our Cary NC office location is very convenient for missions and ministry. It is also a privilege to be associated with the Baptist State Convention of NC and their wonderful staff in the Convention building.

North Carolina is the home base for the Baptists on Mission 18 ministries as they serve our state and beyond. North Carolina is also the obvious, preferred location to respond well to hurricanes, tornados, floods and other disasters. As you read through this magazine, notice where this Kingdom work is being done in relation to your church and our state. It can really be a small world when passionate volunteers unite with a purpose to fulfill the Great Commission.

Richard Brunson may remember (great memory by the way) that about 20 years ago I asked him what scripture text I should use for an upcoming engagement. You will not be surprised that without blinking an eye he suggested Acts 1:8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Now I will turn this back to you.

- **As NC churches let’s visualize that our Jerusalem is our beautiful State of NC.**
  **Action** Consider assembling a team to serve at one of the five Florence rebuild sites. A **Major** need with over 3000 families still displaced from their homes in NC. Florence affected over 80,000 homes.

- **As NC Churches let’s visualize that our Judea and Samaria are the other states in the US.**
  **Action** Consider a mission trip to Pennsylvania, New England, Rocky Mountain region or other US partnerships through Baptists on Mission.

- **As NC churches let’s visualize that our ends of the earth are our International opportunities.**
  **Action** Be the catalyst for a mission trip in 2020. Assemble youth, college students for a Deep Impact week or join a team and experience an international trip of a lifetime.

- **Some of you may be searching for clarity on how to serve.**
  **Action** We need prayer warriors and this may be your gift. Pray that God directs individuals and churches to reach outside of its walls to meet the needs of a hurting world.
  **Action** Men, women and youth are encouraged to visit our website, baptistsonmission.org or contact our Baptists on Mission staff to learn more about how to engage in one or more of these 18 ministries.

One commentary stated that starting from Jerusalem, the gospel message radiated farther and farther, as ripples do when a stone lands in a placid pool of water.

We pray that as you read through this magazine that the Holy Spirit moves you to have a ripple effect on your neighborhoods, state and to the ends of the earth.

Thank you, volunteers, in North Carolina and other states for being God’s witnesses in our **HOME** and around the world.

See you on the mission field!
2019 involvement stats

**Agriculture Missions**
- Church and community garden ministries continue to be promoted.
- Partnering with Togo Christian Mission to develop an Agricultural Demonstration Farm

**Aviation Ministry**
- 82 active NC pilots
- 71 trips flown in NC
- $136,048 in public benefit
- 10,533 miles flown

**Baptist Educators**
- Continue to encourage and support the collection of Bibles and study materials to be used globally.
- Continue to encourage educators to use their teaching skills globally.
- Encourages and supports educators building relationships with schools in North America
- Supports the BoM recovery efforts by providing age/grade appropriate reading materials to middle schools in eastern North Carolina effected by Hurricane Florence.

**Children's Missions**
- 291 participated in the State RA Race
- 49 campers for RA Camporee
- 363 Deep Impact Kids in 7 camps
- $10,000 Missions Offering received for Guatemala Scholarship Fund by DI KIDS and DI Youth

**Church Renewal**
- 16 Church Renewal Weekends in NC
- 24 Church Renewal Overviews
- 14 Preparation Group Trainings in Churches
- 1 Church Renewal Journey Team in Romania
- 20 assists with CRJ Weekends in other states
- 2 Renewal Coordinator trainings conducted
- Baptist State Convention of NC Annual Meeting and NC Baptists Mission Conference exhibits & breakout sessions

**Disaster Relief/Recovery**

**RESPONSE LOCATIONS:**
- Wake County
- Orange County
- Mecklenburg County
- Catawba County
- Atlantic/Cedar Island Area
- Cape Hatteras Area
- Ocracoke Island
- Out of State: Nebraska & Illinois
- Debris Removal – 59
- Mud-Out/Tear-Out – 193
- Spray for Mold – 244
- Temp Roof Repairs – 54
- Chainsaw jobs – 213

- Yard Clean-up – 103
- Volunteer Man Days – 3,399
- Showers – 2,970
- Laundry Loads – 1,431
- Assessments – 479
- Salvations – 13
- Bibles Distributed – 59
- Meals Prepared – 47,707
- Emergency Childcare – 7

**Florence by Numbers:**
- Homes rebuilt – 670
- Volunteer Days – 47,939

**Family Foundations**
- Marriage and Missions Weekend, Henderson – 4 couples
- Gary Chapman “Marriage You Have Always Wanted” conference – 400+ attended

**International Mission Partnerships**
- Armenia – 35 on 5 teams
- Cuba – 178 on 17 teams
- Guatemala – 221 on 27 teams
- Haiti – 14 on 2 teams
- Honduras – 195 on 22 teams
- Kenya – 22 on 4 teams
- Roma People – 124 on 14 teams
- South Africa – 69 on 6 teams

**Least of These Projects**
- Lighthouse School in Gaza – 30
- Armenia Church Planters – 22
- Kenya Houses of Hope – 16 houses built
- Haiti – School, Medical Clinic
- Africa for Christ – 5 Church Planter Supports
- Door of Hope, South Africa – 3 cottages completed; major repairs to Child Development Center

**Medical Missions**

**MOBILE DENTAL MINISTRY:**
- PATIENTS: 2,613
- Treatment (filling or extraction): 1,790
- Cleanings: 823
- VOLUNTEER DENTAL PROFESSIONALS: 695
- Clinics held: 106
- Miles traveled: 17,017
- Professions of Faith: 13

**HEALTH SCREENING MINISTRY:**
- Scheduled Clinics – 22
- Professions of Faith – 3; other decisions 2
- PATIENTS – 298
- VOLUNTEERS – 651
- Collegiate Healthcare Programs Utilizing Mobile Unit – 7
- Counties visited – 16

**Men's Ministry**
- 288 participants in Men's Ministry Worship Rallies
- 100 participants in Men's Outdoor Weekend
- 13 participants in Men's Work & Worship Weekend
- 41 participants in statewide Men's Ministry Leadership Training

**National Mission Partnerships**
- Alaska – 45 on 3 teams
- Appalachian Coalfields – 1,362 on 74 teams
- Hawaii – 24 on 11 teams
- New England – 284 on 24 teams
- Pennsylvania – 247 on 19 teams
- Rocky Mountain – 195 on 22 teams
- TOTAL – 2,157 on 153 teams

**NC State Mission Projects**
- Baptist Builders – provided assistance in Hurricane Florence Rebuild
- Construction Skills Training – 249 participants in 4 trainings
- Handyman Assistance Requests – 350
- Impact NC – 3 projects assisted
- Operation Inasmuch Blitz Days – 200 churches reported participating
- Red Springs & Shelby Mission Camps: over 10,000 volunteer days

**Sports & Recreation**
- 24 participated in the annual May Baptists on Mission Golf Tournament

**Student Mobilization Ministry**
- 1,504 participants in 11 Deep Impact Mission Camps
- $10,000 Missions Offering received for Guatemala Scholarship Fund by DI KIDS and DI Youth

**College Missions**
- 31 Students & Scholars attended the International Student & Scholar Conference
- 64 Students attending Student Summer Ministries Interview Weekend
- 128 Students partaking in Student Summer Ministries (BeDoTell, Camp Caraway, Camp Mundo Vista, Deep Impact, DI Kids, & Fort Caswell)
- 250 College Students assisting with Disaster Relief
- 80 participating in Here & Now Conference at Red Springs

**GENERAL EVENTS**

**Baptist Missions Conference**
- 1,670 participants attended this annual inspirational and informational meeting

**World Missions Week**
- 419 attended World Missions Week at Caswell

**Regional Rallies**
- 2,314 participants in February
- 1,851 participants in August
In Loving Memory

TERRY ASHE  
*December 23, 1946 – January 4, 2020*

Terry served faithfully as a Baptists on Mission Disaster Relief volunteer, trained in assessment, logistics, administration, feeding, and recovery. He was always serving others with a heart to help those in need.

Reverend Doctor Terry Barr Ashe, 73 of Zebulon was born in King, NC. He served in the US Air Force where he furthered his education in Business Administration. Even though Terry was successful in business, he answered God’s call to the ministry. First as a minister of music and then as pastor serving in Wilmington, Knightdale, Hiddenite, and Wake Forest.

Terry is survived by his loving wife, Gloria, who currently serves on our Disaster Relief WEB EOC Advisory Council; daughter, Michele (Casey) Campbell, five grandchildren; son, Richard William (Heather) three grandchildren.

CARLTON MOSELEY  
*December 2, 1932 – January 3, 2020*

Carlton Moseley was one of the first members of the Baptists on Mission Disaster Relief Communications team. He began serving in the mid-90s. Carlton utilized his radio communication skills to help others and was involved in other areas of Disaster Relief as well.

Carlton was born in Littleton, NC. He attended NC State University for two years before being drafted into the US Army and serving in Korea. After being honorably discharged in 1955, he completed his education and worked as a telephone company Transmission Engineer. Carlton obtained an amateur radio operator license, as well as an extra class license.

Carlton was preceded in death by his first wife of 40 years, Eileen Muckenfuss Moseley. He is survived by his wife of 14 years, Catherine Powers-Moseley; daughters, Lora (Fred) Benoff and Sally Moseley.

DOWELL EAKES  
*August 4, 1947 – January 1, 2020*

Dowell was a faithful Baptists on Mission volunteer for 15 years. At his death, he was the Shower and Laundry Advisory Council Team Leader and did an excellent work. He helped with many natural disasters across the United States.

Dowell, age 72, of Sanford, NC, attended Chowan College and served our country in the United States Army. He served in Vietnam. Dowell was a Professional Land Surveyor for over 50 years and was an active member of Lemon Springs Baptist.

He is survived by his wife, Patti; sons Matt Eakes (Lisa), Mark Eakes (Janet), and daughter Jordan Moon; four grandchildren Chandler, Cameron, Griffin and Ella.

JOHNNY HENDERSON  
*April 4, 1955 – December 13, 2019*

Johnny had a big heart for missions – international, national, and local. He served on the Baptists on Mission Board as State Correctional Ministries Coordinator and on various Committees over the years. We could count on his support!

Johnny was born in Statesville and served as pastor in Statesville and Seagrove; Executive Director of the Christian Action League of NC in 1996; Senior Pastor of Cross Road Baptist in 1999 where he ministered for 20 years.

Johnny is survived by his wife of 44 years: Renea, who currently serves on our DI KIDS Advisory Council; daughters Adrienne (Patrick) Macon, Danielle (Matthew) Kelly, and Elizabeth Henderson; eight grandchildren: Gracie-Faith, Josiah, Chloe, Carter, Joselyn, Sawyer, Justus, and Landon.

KEN HUNT  
*February 17, 1949 – October 30, 2019*

Ken served as a Baptists on Mission Mobile Dental Ministry host after his retirement in 2010 from UNC-CH as an operating room nurse. He was also very active as a disaster relief volunteer.

Ken, age 70, was born in Leaksville, NC. He served his country in Vietnam in the US Army from 1968–1970 where he trained as an OR Technician. Once home, he completed his degree and became as OR Nurse at UNC-CH. Ken had a true gift of empathy for the patients under his care and a unique ability to run the OR. He used these gifts as a Baptists on Missions volunteer.

Ken is survived by his wife of 44 years, Susan, and his son, Joe.
# 2020 Events

## January 2020
- **3-5** Here & Now Experience, Lumberton Rebuild Center
- **17-19** Student Summer Ministry Interview
- **24-25** Baptist Men’s Board Meeting, Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro
- **25** Baptists on Mission Annual Business Meeting, Asheboro
- **26** Baptist Men’s Day in the Churches

## February 2020
- **17** Region 1 Missions Rally, Rocky Hock Baptist Church, Edenton
- **17** Region 4 Missions Rally, Woodland Baptist Church, Wake Forest
- **17** Region 6 Missions Rally, Concord First Baptist, Concord
- **17** Region 9 Missions Rally, Lake Hills Baptist Church, Biltmore Lake
- **18** Region 2 Missions Rally, Forest Hills Baptist Church, Wilson
- **18** Region 8 Missions Rally, Stanley First Baptist, Stanley
- **18** Region 10 Missions Rally, Lighthouse Baptist Church, Sylva
- **20** Region 3 Missions Rally, Stedman Baptist Church, Stedman
- **20** Region 5 Missions Rally, Oaklawn Baptist Church, Winston Salem
- **20** Region 7 Missions Rally, Millers Creek Baptist Church, Millers Creek
- **21-22** Region 2 Disaster Relief Training, Greenville

## March 2020
- **7** Construction Skills Training, Charity Rebuild Center
- **13-14** Region 4 Disaster Relief Training, Raleigh
- **14** Construction Skills Training, Shelby Mission Camp
- **27-28** Baptist Missions Conference, Winston-Salem
- **28** Student Missions Conference, Winston-Salem

## April 2020
- **3-5** International Student & Scholar Conference, Caswell
- **4** RA Car Race Day, Salisbury First Baptist
- **4** Construction Skills Training, Red Springs Mission Camp
- **17-18** Region 6 Disaster Relief Training, Matthews
- **25** Operation Inasmuch

## May 2020
- **1-2** Region 8 Disaster Relief Training, Hickory
- **1-2** Men's Outdoor Weekend, Caraway
- **2** Operation Inasmuch
- **2** Baptists on Mission Golf Tournament, Challenge Golf Club, Graham
- **15-16** Region 10 Disaster Relief Training, Murphy
- **15-17** Deep Impact KIDS Weekend (Grades 1-5), Red Springs Mission Camp

## June 2020
- **14-17** Deep Impact KIDS (Grades 1-5), Shelby Mini Week
- **14-17** Deep Impact Mini Week, Duplin County
- **18-21** Deep Impact Mini Week, Shelby
- **20-27** Deep Impact Honduras
- **22-27** Deep Impact Fruitland
JUNE 2020 continued
28-July 4  Deep Impact Week Atlanta
29-July 3  Deep Impact KIDS Grades 1-5, Red Springs Mission Camp
29-July 4  Deep Impact Duplin County

JULY 2020
5-11  Deep Impact Caswell
6-11  Deep Impact KIDS Caswell (World Missions Week)
6-11  World Missions Week, Caswell
11-19  Deep Impact Week Cuba
12-15  Deep Impact KIDS Mini Week (Grades 1-5), Mundo Vista
13-18  Deep Impact Shelby
20-24  Deep Impact KIDS (Grades 1-5), Shelby
20-25  Deep Impact Outer Banks
25-Aug 1  Deep Impact Puerto Rico
27-Aug 1  Deep Impact Week Red Springs Mission Camp

AUGUST 2020
2-5  Deep Impact Mini Week Red Springs Mission Camp
2-5  Deep Impact KIDS Mini Week (Grades 1-5), Duplin County
17  Regions 2, 8, & 10 Missions Rally
18  Regions 1, 4, 6, & 9 Missions Rally
20  Regions 3, 5 & 7 Missions Rally
21-22  Baptists on Mission Board of Directors Meeting, Caraway Conference Center
22  Baptists on Mission Advisory Council & Board, Caraway Conference Center

SEPTEMBER 2020
1-30  NC Missions Offering Month
12  Construction Skills Training, Charity Rebuild Center
12  Men’s Ministry/Challenger/Royal Ambassador Leadership Training – West
19  Men’s Ministry/Challenger/Royal Ambassador Leadership Training – East
19  Construction Skills Training, Red Springs Mission Camp
25-27  Deep Impact KIDS Weekend (Grades 1-5), Duplin County

OCTOBER 2020
2-4  RA Camporee, Camp Durant, Carthage
3  Construction Skills Training, Shelby Mission Camp
16-17  Men’s Work & Worship Weekend, Red Springs Mission Camp

NOVEMBER 2020
6-8  Deep Impact Weekend, Red Spring Weekend
6-8  Deep Impact KIDS Weekend (Grades 1-5), Shelby Missions Camp
12  Region 2 Men’s Ministry Worship Rally
16  Region 4 Men’s Ministry Worship Rally
19  Region 6 Men’s Ministry Worship Rally
23  Region 8 Men’s Ministry Worship Rally
30  Region 10 Men’s Ministry Worship Rally
2020 North Carolina Baptist Missions Conference

March 27-28, 2020
Calvary Baptist Church | Winston-Salem, NC

Special features include Mission Breakout Sessions, Volunteer Supper, Mission Testimonies, Mission Fair Exhibits and much more

Registration Deadline: March 20, 2020

Register: Baptistsonmission.org
(800) 395-5102, Ext 5596

For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.
2 Corinthians 5:14
**2020 LODGING OPTIONS**

You must make your own reservation directly with the hotel of your choice. Be sure to ask for the special Baptists on Mission 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**
  $75/night (full hot breakfast)
  3330 Silas Creek Parkway
  Winston-Salem, NC
  (336) 893-7540
  Reserve by March 20, 2020

- **HAMPTON INN – HANES MALL**
  $99/night (hot/cold breakfast buffet)
  1990 Hampton Inn Court
  Winston-Salem, NC
  (336) 768-9168
  Reserve by February 25, 2020

- **CLEMMONS VILLAGE INN CONFERENCE CENTER**
  Clemmons Village Inn Conference Center
  $82/night (full hot breakfast)
  6205 Ramada Drive
  Clemmons, NC
  (336) 766-9121
  Reserve by February 26, 2020

- **COMFORT SUITES – HANES MALL**
  $89/night (hot/cold breakfast buffet)
  200 Capital Lodging Court
  Winston-Salem, NC
  (336) 774-0805
  Reserve by March 1, 2020

- **COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT – HANES MALL**
  $104/night (no breakfast)
  1600 Westbrook Plaza Dr
  Winston-Salem, NC
  (855) 680-3289
  Reserve by March 6, 2020

- **FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES – DOWNTOWN**
  $104/night (full breakfast buffet)
  125 South Main St
  Winston-Salem, NC
  (336) 714-2800
  Reserve by March 6, 2020

- **HOME 2 SUITES BY HILTON**
  $114/night (full hot breakfast buffet)
  1010 Marriott Crossing Way
  Winston-Salem, NC
  (336) 777-3000
  Reserve by March 8, 2020

- **QUALITY INN & SUITES – HANES MALL**
  $114/$109 night (continental breakfast)
  2008 S Hawthorne Rd
  Winston-Salem, NC
  (336) 659-1994
  Reserve by March 13, 2020

- **SLEEP INN – HANES MALL**
  $75/night (hot breakfast)
  1985 Hampton Inn Court
  Winston-Salem, NC
  (336) 774-8020
  Reserve by March 8, 2020

- **SPRINGHILL SUITES BY MARRIOTT**
  $104/night (hot & continental breakfast)
  1015 Marriott Crossing Way
  Winston-Salem, NC
  (336) 765-0190
  Reserve by March 8, 2020

The meeting is open to ALL Baptist men, women and students. Conference includes worship, general sessions, breakout sessions, missions fair exhibits, missions testimonies, Friday missions opportunities supper and more!
**REGISTRATION IS DUE**
ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE RALLY DATE

**SUPPER:** 5:50 pm  (no charge)
**PROGRAM:** 6:50 – 8:30 pm

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**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE FEBRUARY 2020 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**

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**Region 1**
Monday, February 17
Rocky Hock Baptist
113 Rocky Hock Church Rd
Edenton, NC 27932

**Region 2**
Tuesday, February 18
Forest Hills Baptist Church
1407 Forest Hills Rd NW
Wilson, NC 27896

**Region 3**
Thursday, February 20
Stedman Baptist Church
7750 Clinton Rd
Stedman, NC 28391

**Region 4**
Monday, February 17
Woodland Baptist Church
190 Woodland Church Rd
Wake Forest, NC 27587

**Region 5**
Thursday, February 20
Oaklawn Baptist Church
3500 Kernersville Rd
Winston Salem, NC 27107

**Region 6**
Monday, February 17
FBC Concord
200 Branchview Dr SE
Concord, NC 28025

**Region 7**
Thursday, February 20
Millers Creek Baptist Church
5100 Boone Trail
Millers Creek, NC 28651

**Region 8**
Tuesday, February 18
First Baptist Church
409 Old Mount Holly Rd
Stanley, NC 28164

**Region 9**
Monday, February 17
Lake Hills Church
370 Lake Dr
Biltmore Lake, NC 28715

**Region 10**
Tuesday, February 18
Lighthouse Baptist Church
2577 Hwy 441 S
Sylva, NC 28779

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**HOW TO REGISTER:**
- www.baptistsonmission.org/rallies
- Melanie Crawford,
  (919) 459-5596
- mcrawford@ncbaptist.org

**INFORMATION NEEDED:**
name, email, phone number, church name & total attending

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

**SUPPER:** 5:50 pm (no charge)
**PROGRAM:** 6:50 – 8:30 pm
You can find agricultural examples throughout the Holy Bible. The first couple lived in and ate from the Garden of Eden. Everything was wonderful until they sinned by eating from the only tree they were told not to eat from. After this sin, God cursed the ground and allowed it to bring forth thorns and thistles, which we now experience as pests (weeds and insects). In Genesis 3, Adam learned that by the sweat of the brow he would be able to eat. In other words, from that day forth, someone would sweat for food production.

Planting a garden was a norm for most families only a few years back. Large gardens would be planted and the entire family would be involved in preparing the soil, planting the crop, controlling pests (weeds and insects), and watering the crop. The tasks of the garden allowed each of the family members to share in the tasks while learning about work. They were able to see all of that hard work yield bountiful results. Some of the family members harvested, while others shelled or shucked, others cooked, and all enjoyed eating fresh vegetables and fruits. The remaining fruits and vegetables were canned or frozen for later use. It seems that today, most families have set that tradition aside.

Fewer people take the time to plant gardens today since fresh, frozen and canned vegetables and fruits are more readily available. Without a garden, the person does not experience the sweat equity invested in the garden. They also miss the blessing of seeing God make a plant grow, flower, and bear fruit.

This same process happens as Christians share their testimony with unbelievers. 1 Corinthians 3:6 speaks of Paul planting, Apollos watering and God giving the increase. God provides the increase, the harvest. We can prepare the soil and plant the seed with an unbeliever by sharing our testimony. We water the planted seed by continually sharing love. In the end, God must be the one that makes the seed germinate and grow into a plant (now a believer), then flower and bear fruit. We can be there for the new Christians to assist in preventing pests (sin) from luring the new Christian away. We can fertilize (encourage) the new Christian as they continue to grow closer to the Lord.

We, the Agriculture Missions Team, believe that agriculture has a place in showing His love and sharing His word. It may be through a church Sunday school class using a raised bed garden to grow fresh vegetables for sharing with those in need. It could be through helping foreign missionaries with agricultural challenges. The options for sharing His love through agriculture are unlimited, just like His love for us!

— Tim Etheridge

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The Baptists on Mission Aviation Ministry has been bringing smiles to people’s faces for many years. I often wonder just how many people’s lives have been enriched by the ones involved in this ministry. I am sure it is a number that could not be accounted for because of the effect it has long after the flights or events are over.

Most of the successful missions we do involve flying passengers in need of transportation to various medical facilities for the treatment they cannot get locally. These flights are done through Baptists on Mission’s partnership with Angel Flight Mid Atlantic and other volunteer pilot organizations that our pilots work with individually. These flights create a wonderful opportunity for us to share the gospel with our passengers and give them an opportunity to understand why we are helping them.

Other opportunities that create smiles and share Christ with others directly involves the Youth Flying events we hold at the request of NC Baptist churches and regional associations. This gives us an opportunity to share Christ with young people and gives them a chance to see God’s creation from a different perspective. You can only imagine how many smiles come from these events. They seem never-ending. It also gives non-pilots a chance to be involved in the Aviation Ministry because of the need for ground crews. They help with boarding the aircraft as well as answering questions and keeping those waiting to fly entertained.

Another indirect way the pilots of the Baptists on Mission Aviation Ministry spread smiles around the southeast is flying inanimate objects to destinations so they can be delivered on behalf of organizations that our pilots help out individually. Backpacks for the Appalachian Coal Fields Ministry is sure to bring happy faces to many children at Christmas as well as bringing them the message of Christ. Coats and other warm clothing dropped off to less fortunate areas for that ministry brings smiles when the winter winds blow – not to mention the loads of baby supplies many pilots stuff in their planes on behalf of AGL Missions distributed to new mothers in rural areas of Kentucky who had fallen on hard times.

I believe the successful effect of the Aviation Ministry is not because of the planning and hard work of the team that puts all of these things together, whether individually or collectively, but because of the reason we do it, which is to bring glory to God through the abilities and passions He placed in each of us. One focus on making Him famous through this ministry.

For more information on being involved in this ministry or to set up a youth flying event for your church or association, see contact box below.

— Phillip Plemmons

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Building Relationships with Public Schools Bible Clubs

A s I network across North Carolina, I find many Christians who share my desire to support and encourage our wonderful professionals as they work in the trenches and our precious children who are face multiple issues today. Many of you are already working diligently and doing over and beyond the things that I am suggesting to show God’s love. To God be the glory.

Some of you have shared with me how you are working with your local school to provide Bible teaching before or after school hours. I understand that this might not be possible in all areas but I want to share what one concerned parent did in his community since only a very few children in his neighborhood attended any type of religious service. Because he had a burden for the children, he began looking for ways to reach them and got other Christians involved. After developing a core group of concerned Christians, he organized a board of directors. The next step involved setting up a curriculum based on the Bible and becoming a non-profit, tax-deductible organization. This board developed a brochure that included a permission form to attend the after school Bible Club and medical information of the child’s needs. Much invested attention ensured that no laws are uncovered.

The county superintendent granted permission to begin recruiting participants.

Then, the board of directors asked for teacher recommendations for each elementary school in the county. Through the brochures distributed at the schools, the children received the information and opportunity to attend a Bible Club after school hours. It is open to all students and is solely their own choice.

I am thrilled with this idea and the hard work of this group of Christians. They have the opportunity to reach many children with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Thank you for sharing with me your ideas, what works for you, what has not worked for you, as well as your concerns. Together we will be able to make a difference among the educators and students in our state. This will not solve all of the problems but if we can change one life, it is worth the effort.

Baptist Educators continue to collect and ship religious books and materials abroad to missionaries and seminaries. Also, if you are interested in working as an educator abroad, there continue to be opportunities for service. Let me know and I will get you in touch with people who can give you more information.

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If you receive Baptists on Mission magazine, most likely you are involved with outreach to the community through your church. Perhaps you have recently packed food boxes for distribution to those who are hungry. Because you are involved in your community, you know the impact that the opioid crisis is having in your area. Understanding that many children depend on schools for breakfast and lunch during the week, you support the backpack ministry that sends children home with enough food each Friday so that they have something to eat during the weekend. Then there is the need for adults to be involved in schools with tutoring programs and reading with children especially in the primary grades. You may have even heard about students in your local schools who are couch surfing or sleeping in their cars.

Is your church actively reaching out to meet needs in your community? In recent conversations with associational leadership across North Carolina, the Compassion Ministries team learned that many churches are struggling with becoming more outward focused versus being an inward-focused church. The congregations are aging, resources are limited, demographics in communities are changing, security is a priority, and needs are overwhelming. Associations that are thriving have one thing in common, churches and individuals are working together to meet the challenges in their areas using whatever resources that are available.

It is no longer realistic to use the excuse of “there is no money in the budget.” Remember God’s response to Moses when he was trying to justify himself for not assuming responsibility for his people, “What is that in your hand?” (Exodus 4:2)

Throughout NC, we have many communities that deal daily with food insecurity. Families struggle with keeping food on the table due to low paying jobs or joblessness. Recently, my daughter-in-law and I discovered a family in our neighborhood whose power was off. The parents had gone to work but the older children were at home.

We had fed the children in VBS that summer night, but they had no more food. So… we went to our house and cleared out the leftovers and pantry of nonperishable food. Sometimes neighbors just need to watch out for neighbors. (Kathie Aiken)

The Advisory Council for Compassion Ministries bring together a variety of perspectives. They represent different parts of the state and come from church environments such as a rural mountain community, a traditional First Baptist in a small town, an inner-city work, a multi-staff suburban congregation, a mission camp, and a recent church plant. Through conversations and research, the team has identified 12 priority areas of need evident across the state that are included in the box.

After hurricanes devastated homes in Robeson County last October, many of the county’s most vulnerable residents were unsure of where they would spend the holidays and how they would provide a Christmas for their children. At the Red Springs Mission Camp, volunteers from across the state provided Christmas parties for families which not only included wrapped gifts for the children, but basic necessities such as coats, hats, gloves, and toiletries. When it came time for families to return to their homes, they received donated furniture to replace the furniture that had been destroyed. Having compassion for your neighbor means helping in a crisis. (Teresa Osborne)

The challenges are great. Where do we begin? Maybe some of the words adapted from the song written by Carrie Breck will encourage us to use what we have in our hands:

**HELP SOMEBODY TODAY**

Look all around you, find someone in need,
Help somebody today!

Though it be little -- a neighborly deed --
Help somebody today!

Many are waiting a kind, loving word,
Thou hast a message, oh, let it be heard,

Some are discouraged and weary in heart,
Someone the journey to heaven should start.

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Jesus sometimes asked questions that seemed to have an obvious answer. When speaking to the man who had been lame for 38 years (John 5:6) Jesus asked, “Do you want to get well?” The obvious answer is “Yes.”

Statistics tell us that 65-90% of churches are not well today and Jesus might ask, any of the dying churches, “Church, do you want to get well?”

The obvious answer is “Yes.” Renewal, restoration, revitalization – becoming a healthy growing church in today’s culture is possible. But... the change from a dying church to a vibrant, healthy, growing church is neither a short-term development nor an easy process. So, the real question is, “Church, do you want to make the changes necessary to get well?”

The Church Renewal Journey, a process for encouraging churches (Awakening, Equipping, Commissioning, Empowering and Sending), rests on a foundation of three imperatives for becoming a healthy church:

1. Develop and maintain an intimate relationship with God as Father. The more we know God, the more we will love Him. The more we love Him, the more we will obey Him. Jesus commanded, “Be a disciple who makes disciples.”

A healthy church is comprised of people who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, are becoming more and more like Jesus in every aspect of their character and have joined Him on mission to make disciples of others in their piece of the world. The key characteristic of a healthy church is disciple-making: members of a healthy church carry out Jesus’ commands in Matthew 28:19 and Acts 1:8 to be disciples who make disciples.

2. Prepare for a marathon and not a sprint. Lasting change is difficult for all of us. The transformation to a church focused externally on making disciples requires a minimum of five years with good pastoral leadership and committed members – all submitted to the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

A recent article in the Wall Street Journal reported on research that shows more than 60 repetitions of a habit are required before it becomes a routine part of our values. Spiritual disciplines of prayer, Bible study, and sharing the gospel all require intentional and repetitive applications in our lives before they become a normal, natural part of our everyday life.

3. Understand the culture. Jesus sent the church into the culture around us. He knew that we would be living in a post-Christian society in the 21st century. He, on purpose, placed each church in a unique piece of the world to make believers in a secular culture.

Church Renewal Journey supports a church as it intentionally begins and continues the process of “getting well.” A series of 4-5 weekends, over a multi-year period, encourage church members to:

- Wake up. God has called you to be on mission.
- Understand the unique SHAPE God has given you, including spiritual gifts, a new heart, abilities, personality, and experiences that God wants each of us to use in a local church.
- Live intentionally as a disciple who is making disciples in the piece of the world where God has placed you.
- Practice the disciplines of prayer, Bible study and meditation, fasting, and sharing the gospel to all people groups any time, any place.

Jesus wants His church to be healthy, vibrant and growing. “Do you want to get well?”

— David Ashcraft

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I want it now! How many times have you heard this statement? It is built into our culture that we don’t want to wait for anything no matter what it is. We make our own plans and a lot of times without seeking God’s advice.

The Bible says in Jeremiah 9:11 “For I know the plans I have for you” declares the Lord “plans to prosper and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Recently, while deployed to Hurricane Dorian, I saw God's plan and timing in an awesome way. I had planned to go from the Hatteras site to Ocracoke on a Tuesday morning to look for a place to set up a site on the island, but God had other plans. On that particular morning, something unexpected came up and I had to make a decision of whether to go to Ocracoke or stay on Hatteras Island and take care of that “something unexpected.” I decided to stay and go to Ocracoke on Wednesday.

The next day I left to take the ferry over to Ocracoke and while on the ferry, I received a phone call and given the name of Pastor Ivey at Life Saving Church. Earlier I learned the name of this church but discovered they were housing another group and we probably would not be able to house our incoming volunteers or set up the Disaster Relief Operations Center (DROC). I called Pastor Ivey, but he did not answer so I left a message, but he did not call back.

When I arrived on Ocracoke, I knew of three people that I needed to see. I did not know where to go, but God did and He directed our path. As we were driving down Highway 12, I saw the Fire Department with a crowd of people and many vehicles. I finally found a place to pull off the road and walked back up to the station. I knew I had to find the Emergency Management person that was in charge; but when I got back to the Fire Department, there was only one person out front. As I walked up, he walked towards me and asked if he could help me. I told him I was looking for someone in Emergency Management and he introduced himself. He was the Emergency Manager in charge (God's timing #1). After talking, not only did he know Pastor Ivey but introduced me to him there at the fire station (God’s timing #2). I told Pastor Ivey that I was looking for a church to house our incoming volunteers and to set up our Disaster Relief Operations Center (DROC). He stated that his church was already being used by the emergency personnel and there was not enough room to house any more people. The Emergency Manager then told Pastor Ivey that they would be moving out of the church late that afternoon into their own facility (God’s timing #3). Pastor Ivey turned to me and said, “If they are moving out, the church is yours.”

I also needed to meet with the Samaritan’s Purse representative. As I finished up with the Emergency Manager and Pastor Ivey, he was at the Fire Department too (God’s timing #4). There were three people that I needed to see when I made the ferry ride to Ocracoke and God provided all three at the same location. God’s plan and timing are “always on time.” We were able to use the Life Saving Church to sleep our volunteers and to set up our DROC. If I had gone to Ocracoke on Tuesday, none of that would have been possible. God’s plans are perfect!

Pray that your plans are in perfect alignment with God’s plans and that where God provides you with an opportunity to serve that you are available. God will let you know when the timing is right for you to serve others.

I invite you to join Baptists on Mission Disaster Recovery in sharing God’s word and being the hands and feet of Jesus in helping people in their greatest time of need.

— Jimmy Lawrence
God has provided Baptists on Mission with the opportunity to meet families that may or may not know OUR SAVIOR. The rebuilding of someone’s home takes several weeks and several teams to complete. This gives an opportunity for many hours to be with the homeowner and family members, which leads to a perfect opportunity to show God’s love. You can pray with and for the family; you can introduce them to Jesus and His grace of salvation, or show them your love by helping them get back in their home. If you take time to come and help them, you will be revealing your heart.

Florence left us with over 3,000 damaged homes over our eastern coastal areas. We have rebuild centers from the northern to the southern ends of our state. Here are the locations that we have that offer sleeping with feeding and showers.

- Charity Rebuild Center, Rose Hill
- Kelly Rebuild, Kelly
- Lumberton Rebuild Center, Lumberton
- New Bern Rebuild Center, New Bern
- Pender County Rebuild Center, Burgaw
- Wilmington Rebuild, Wilmington

These six locations are ready for you and your team to respond. To do so, you can sign up at: www.baptistsonmission.org

God is working to restore the folks from the damage left by Hurricane Florence. We can all volunteer to make this happen. God is always at work and very pleased when we join in. What an impact it makes for people seeing God’s people at work.

You do not need construction experience; the site coordinators will train you to meet the task. Thanks for any consideration to come and meet this great need.
— Bill Martin, Florence State Rebuild Coordinator

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We are in need of volunteers to continue with our rebuild phase. Volunteers will be needed for the next 2-3 years.

Hurricane Florence affected thousands of homes in Eastern North Carolina. We need your church, civic group or business to come and help us get people back in their homes. Baptists on Mission/NCBM have moved into the rebuild stage in several locations. We anticipate being in these locations for a few years. At present we have Florence rebuild sites at Lumberton in Robeson County, Rose Hill in Duplin County, New Bern in Craven County, Wilmington in New Hanover County and Burgaw in Pender County. We also serve surrounding towns and counties in these areas.

For more information, go to baptistsonmission.org/Florence

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Support the Ministries and Projects of Baptists on Mission
The Children’s Response Team is a part of Baptists on Mission Disaster Relief. The team deploys to areas affected by disasters to serve children and their parents in their time of need. Disasters damage or destroy homes and daycares are closed. Some parents are required to report to work even in a disaster.

The Children’s Response Team can set up childcare centers in churches, evacuation shelters and buildings where public services provide assistance. We have a 24 ft. mobile unit that carries all the equipment necessary for setting up a childcare center. We receive invitations to provide childcare by State Baptist conventions, Baptist associations, local church ministries, and other disaster relief agencies.

Hurricane Dorian brought us a new challenge. The American Red Cross asked us to set up a childcare center at the Evacuation Center in Durham, NC, before the Hurricane had reached the state. Families and individuals had come to the shelter seeking a safe place to await the passing of the storm.

Imagine now, if you will that you are a three-year-old and you have been quickly taken from your toys, clothes, bed, blankie, favorite foods, and familiar surroundings. Rushed into a vehicle and brought to a shelter where you have a cot, a blanket (not yours) and about three feet of space is unsettling. Your parents are acting differently and told you need to be quiet and stay on your cot or close to it. Now you are crying and acting out. Your parents are stressed because they are worried about you, their stay in the shelter and what is happening back at home.

God has a plan to help you. Your parents can take you to a bright and cheerful childcare center set up with toys, puzzles, books and snacks and operated by volunteers with the Children’s Response Team. The volunteers show you love and compassion just like Jesus welcomed the children brought to Him. At the end of the day, you may be glad to stay at the center because you have had fun and free to be three.

While at the Durham Shelter, the team cared for several three-year-olds and children of other ages. A supply of diapers and clothing, if needed, were available to the families. We gave children’s Bibles to families and shared the love of Jesus. The parents were able to rest or seek referrals for services they might need when returning home.

When the Childcare Team serves in a shelter, we are often the only Christian organization in the building. In Durham, God used this deployment for the team to be a witness by word and deed to evacuees, families, ARC volunteers, Emergency Service Workers, National Guard, Security team, and other agency members in the building. We provided a requested Bible and counseled with one of the evacuees. Caring for children is our first priority but God certainly can and does use the Childcare Ministry for His Glory.

It is always a pleasure to serve the Lord with such a great group of volunteers. I am inviting you to attend Disaster Relief training and join the Children’s Response Team. Help us to show the love of Jesus to the little ones and their families. For more information, contact Johnsie Hale, Baptists on Mission Team Leader, Children’s Response Team, (336) 416-7601, johnsiehale@yahoo.com.

See Page 20 for training dates.
Disaster Relief volunteers help meet the needs of people during hurricanes, floods, tornadoes and other man-made and natural disasters. Volunteers provide meals, clean destroyed areas, repair homes, wash clothes and provide temporary childcare, among many other ministries.

**Ministry Opportunities - Get Involved**

**ADMINISTRATION TEAMS** are trained on handling volunteer lodging, paperwork, home assistance forms and many other ‘background’ aspects of a disaster response.

**ASSESSMENT TEAMS** are trained on how to survey damaged homes in order to see how we can help.

**CHAPLAINCY VOLUNTEERS** are trained to listen and minister to the spiritual and emotional needs of survivors.

**EMERGENCY CHILDCARE** A mobile childcare unit is available so that trained men and women can work together to provide children a safe clean, constructive environment. This assists parents who are engaged in the toil of getting lives and homes back together.

**MASS FEEDING VOLUNTEERS** utilize mobile feeding units to feed groups of people.

**RECOVERY** Mobile tool trailers are outfitted with practically everything a volunteer needs to assist in damage.

**SHOWER/LAUNDRY VOLUNTEERS** are trained on how to setup and operate units and minister to volunteers and survivors who are in need of clean clothes and a hot shower.

**DISASTER RELIEF MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS (MRC)** Baptists on Mission has been involved in medical missions for over 20 years. MRC involves medical volunteers in disaster relief efforts.

**INTERNATIONAL SEARCH & RESCUE (ISR)** Rescue 24 involves firefighters, paramedics and other medical professionals in search and rescue nationally and internally.

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**2020 Disaster Relief Training Dates**

Below are the 2020 Disaster Relief Training season dates. The locations are in the process of confirmation. Check baptistsonmission.org later for locations. You can attend as many regional training events as you desire.

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With so many demands and families pulled in so many directions, why would over 200 couples come together on an October Saturday? These couples recognize the need to take time to strengthen their marriage. On Saturday, October 5, Trinity Baptist Church in Raleigh, North Carolina welcomed these couples to experience the privilege of Dr. Gary Chapman’s teaching.

The theme of the day conference was, “The Marriage You Always Wanted.” Dr. Chapman shared his expertise and knowledge of God’s design for marriage and practical tips to apply to strengthen our marriages with topics that included communication, expressing and understanding love, and initiating positive changes. We are so grateful to Dr. Chapman for sharing the day with us.

In May, Family Foundations was blessed to partner with Stones Throw Ministry for a “Missions and Marriage Weekend.” During this weekend, couples spent most of the day working together to build a ramp for a community member. After working together and completing the ramp, worship and enrichment activities to strengthen marriages filled our evening. This was a wonderful opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus by serving the community and then learning to serve our spouses in a deeper, more meaningful way.

The Bible is full of references regarding marriage, including the most important analogy of the church as Christ’s bride and the marriage supper of the Lamb. Aside from our relationship with Christ, our relationship with our spouse is the most important and should be nurtured and made a priority. This is the emphasis of Family Foundations. We are interested in providing opportunities to strengthen marriages and by doing so, strengthening our churches and our work for God. If you are interested in serving with us, please contact us.

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Up until recent years, most of us thought that our career missionaries should carry out mission work in foreign counties. However, volunteer missions came into being over 30 years ago. A career missionary told us in the ’80s that missionaries could dream dreams because of volunteers working alongside them. They could dream of planting new churches, starting new ministries, build new congregations, train new pastors and much more. Those dreams are now a part of our partnerships with several countries through Baptists on Mission. For instance,

- In Romania, Hungary and Ukraine teams have been working with on-site coordinator Alicia Jones to reach the Roma people. They can go into schools to teach English, conduct VBS, evangelize in local churches and build relationships with believers there.
- NC Baptists have been working in South Africa for 20 years. They helped fulfill the dream of providing a home for abandoned babies. Some 1,600 infants have a chance at life because of their rescue. Volunteers are helping build the Door of Hope Village to give them a place to grow up. Someone has to dream these dreams. Those who are able and willing can help make that dream come true for future generations.
- A poor widow in Kenya is raising her grandchildren in very poor housing. If only she could get a better home to meet her and their needs. Through Houses of Hope, teams are making that possible. Each team builds four houses and dedicates them with the homeowner, leads in prayer walking the community, witnessing house-to-house and sharing the Gospel.
- Baptists have had a decades-long relationship with Honduras. Volunteers build homes but they do so much more. They have sprouted new churches in rural villages, encouraged pastors. Led sports camps, taught VBS, done workshops for vacations. Honduras has been a success story of evangelism making a difference in people’s lives and Kingdom work.
- A long-term dream has been to find a home for orphans, abused and abandoned children in Guatemala. The fulfillment of that has been building the orphanage called Good Shepherd Ministries. There is a need for a second children’s cottage as well as teams to construct and help train leaders, pastors, youth and women. God has blessed many lives there through medical care and bringing hope to those who had given up because of so many challenges.
- Cuba is a land longing for the love of Christ to be made known to all its people. A country locked in time because of ideological differences has suffered under those trying to keep the Gospel out. However, times are changing. People yearn for a better life and Jesus Christ is the answer they need. There are needs for teams to work in construction, youth camps, retirement home ministries, and many other ministries.
- Armenia has a long tradition of Christianity but the number of evangelical Christians is low but has seen a large uptick in the last decade. The number of churches has grown dramatically due to the emphasis on calling pastors and meeting in home churches. They dream of pastor and leader conferences and training, health clinics, VBS and discipleship growth. Prayers are their most urgent need as they share the love of Christ with their lost neighbors.

God has blessed the United States and North Carolina richly. So many of our dreams have come true! Pray that God may use each of us to carry the Gospel to the entire world.

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Her face lit up when she put on the glasses and as she read from an Armenian New Testament her smile grew. Slipping her new glasses into the handmade case that had been donated by a sewing ministry, her spirit was renewed and life had just gotten a little easier.

Looking through the window of the house church on the southern border of Armenia where the team distributed glasses, you could see the roofs of homes in the neighboring closed Muslim country. A new church planter and his wife arrived in November 2018 to serve as church planters in this isolated city where the nearest evangelical church is three hours away. Their home church and family is ten hours away on the other side of four mountains. As they showed us around the house church, they shared their vision to expand the church by closing in the porch and part of the yard and to raise a steeple on the church that could be seen from the neighboring country.

After driving north for three hours through the Nagorno-Karabakh Region, a war zone between Armenian and Azerbaijan, we arrived at another house church in Martakert. Two years earlier as rockets rained down on the city Pastor Armen had asked God to protect the city during the attack. After three days of shelling not one single building was damaged! As he showed us the door to the bomb shelter that is under the children’s classroom, Pastor Armen underscored that tomorrow is not promised and we need to seize the moment, plant churches, and train leaders.

Funds raised by the Atlantic Baptist Association in memory of Lu Phelps purchased a building in Stepanakert that will become a new seminary where pastors and church planters will be trained to reach this isolated region. Renovations will begin this spring and classes should begin in late 2020.

You and your church can partner with Armenian Baptist by praying, giving, and going. Pray for these pastors and church planters as they face isolation, rebuild after 70 years of Soviet rule, and reach into surrounding countries to plant churches. Give to assist a church planter ($200 a month), complete construction of the new seminary, or build a new church building. Go with a medical team, lead pastors’ conferences, hold eyeglass distributions, work alongside Armenians to build, or lead VBS.

Learn more or register your 2020 team at: https://baptistsonmission.org/Missions/Outside-US/Armenia.

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In February 1-5, 2019, I joined a team of seven pastors from the Little River Baptist Association, and Marty Dupree our Director of Missions, on a vision trip to Cuba. Tom Beam of Baptists on Mission guided this trip. This was my first trip to Cuba and my first time to visit “Mi Campamento” (My Camp) outside of the city of Santa Clara in the Placetas province of Cuba. During this five-day vision trip, God spoke to Pastor Mark Howard, from Kennebec Baptist, and me about bringing a construction team back to Cuba. As we heard the vision for Mi Campamento, Mark and I could sense the great opportunity to use this site in central Cuba to train pastors and spread the gospel.

In Colossians 1:6, Paul wrote, “All over the world, this gospel is bearing fruit and growing.” It was with this conviction that Pastor Mark and I led a joint team to ten people from Kennebec Baptist and Neill’s Creek Baptist to Mi Campamento November 15-22, 2019. For most members of our team, this was either their first time outside of the US or their first International Mission Trip. Our primary goal for the week was to help in the construction of a fellowship hall that will serve both as a dining facility but also as a large classroom space for training pastors.

It was a blessing to have temperatures in the ‘70s-to the mid ‘80s with a mix of clouds and sun and a gentle breeze. The work was strenuous as we mixed concrete and pushed wheelbarrows with rock and sand. Along with our hard labor, the spirit of God was strong as we endeavored to work, “as unto the Lord.”

We also had the opportunity to divide our team on Sunday, November 17 for worship in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Baptist Churches of Jatibonico. This time of worship with our Cuban brothers and sisters in Christ was a picture of heaven! We made memories and shared experiences together that will last a lifetime. As we returned home, our hearts are “joyfully giving thanks” (Colossians 1:11-12) for the gift of the delicious food, kind hospitality, warm comradesy, and authentic compassion of the Cuban people. We have some tired bodies and sore muscles but our hearts are so very full of faith, hope, and love from our time in Cuba.

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Guatemala
Filled with Challenges – Filled with Blessings!

In the last few years, one of the ministries that God has allowed us the privilege to be a part of is the Good Shepherd Center in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. Under the care of missionaries Roger and Vicki Grossman, the Good Shepherd Center is committed to meeting the physical and spiritual needs of the indigenous people of Guatemala. Partnering with many churches just like ours, they oversee a training center, medical clinic, and run a children’s home.

A typical mission team from Robinhood Road Baptist Church spends a week at the training center contributing physical labor toward the building of cottages that will become the permanent home for 10-12 children. In the past several years, we have painted, stained bedroom furniture, planted gardens, built chicken coupes, made thousands of adobe bricks and done whatever else was needed at the time. Team member, Ronnie Martin returned home and said, “We’re never really sure what we’ll end up doing, but it’s always good stuff.”

The “good stuff” includes many special blessings we bring back home in our hearts that are only possible by investing in long-term relationships on the mission field. Brian Mathis, who has been to Guatemala multiple times, commented, “Going back-to-back years has enabled me to have a clearer vision of how God is at work with the Good Shepherd Center. From making bricks in year one to seeing children living in a home we helped build in year two has been a blessing!” Another great blessing is intergenerational passion for the ministry of the Good Shepherd Center back home. People from 16-75 years of age have shared in this work, and now have special bonds back home.

Yet another incredible blessing happened when two Hispanic men wandered into our church seeking work. As we talked, one of the men asked me to pray for his father who was in the final stages of cancer. He was very sad that he would not have the opportunity to say goodbye to his father in person. Much to both of our surprise, we discovered his father lived near the Good Shepherd Center in Guatemala. We not only prayed for his father, but we were able to contact believers in the area and have a local pastor go and pray with his father! He proclaimed, “God sent me to this place today!”

Yes, mission work is filled with challenges, but even more so, with blessings. We go hoping to create change, and we return experiencing transformation ourselves. Our next team is scheduled to arrive at the Good Shepherd Center in February of 2020 and we cannot wait to see what God has in store for them and us!

— Karla Hackworth, Robinhood Road Baptist, Winston-Salem, NC

Baptists on Mission is blessed to be a part of the Good Shepherd Ministries in Guatemala, in partnership with the International Indigenous Community Development (IICD), and the Baptist Children’s Home of NC (BCHNC). Tasks for 2020 include, multiple teams to continue construction on a second children’s cottage; two teams to run the children’s home while the staff undergoes training; and small leadership training teams for pastors, youth, and women. We also need couples throughout the year to serve as Children’s Home Assistants who will stay at the children’s home for 1-2 months. For a more detailed description of what each of these tasks entail, please see our Guatemala Partnership website. Please pray about being a part of this meaningful ministry!

For more information about what God is doing in Guatemala and how you and your church can play a part, contact Mark Abernathy at mabernathy@ncbaptist.org or (919) 459-5607. You can also visit our website, which has project description, pictures, video and other details, at www.baptistsonmission.org [Mission Projects/Outside US/Guatemala].
Honduras is a beautiful but poor country with beautiful, proud and friendly people. When Hurricane Mitch devastated most of the country in 1998, I was asked to pray about going to help build homes for the people as most of the mud and stick built homes were washed away or buried in the landslides. I was reluctant at first but God burdened my heart until I said that I would go. That decision was a life changing decision for me as I got to see firsthand what a mighty God we serve. Our church, Forest Lake Baptist church has now returned to Honduras a dozen times. Being a small church I also got to witness how our Great Provider made sure that we had the money, Bibles, tracts and people our team would need. We have witnessed over 1,500 people accept Christ as their Savior. What a mighty God we serve.

We just returned from another trip in August. We were to work with a local church in the village of Oroquina. Pastor Hector and some of his church members welcomed our evangelism team each morning at the church. We would pray, and then divide into teams to go out and spread the gospel around the village. Around lunchtime, we would head back to the church to eat a bite and get ready for VBS with around 75 kids. It is always amazing to see God work and draw people unto himself. One morning as we were walking down a path, our guide from the church led us to a couple of houses on the right side of the path. We saw two men and young boy under a huge tree on the left side as we were passing by. I mentioned this to our guide and he stopped and asked them if we could talk, and they said yes. Little did I know there was a young woman and little girl on the backside of this huge tree as well as a man sitting on a wall just behind the tree. As we began to share the gospel, another man working nearby stopped and came over to hear what we had to say. You could just feel the power and moving of the Holy Spirit. All eight of the adults accepted Jesus. In all 159 said yes to Jesus that week. Praise the Lord! What a mighty God we serve.

God is at work in Honduras. Pray about joining Him. Mike and Ginger Greene and their team will take very good care of you at the NC Baptist Mission Camp (Camp Mt. Horeb). Large or small church there is a place for you to serve in Honduras. If you are willing to sweat a little for Jesus, I promise you will come back from Honduras with your cup running over. You know the saying when it comes to missions...Pray, Give, Go!

— Bobby Edney, Forest Lake Baptist Church, Forest City, NC

Baptists on Mission send teams to Honduras year round. Most construct a house for a family in need. This construction effort combines with an afternoon VBS or other children’s ministry. Other teams, like the one from Forest Lake Baptist, do evangelism, consisting of door to door witnessing in the morning and VBS in the afternoon. There is also opportunity for medical or dental teams, each seeing hundreds of patients in a week’s time. Teams stay comfortably at Baptists on Mission’s Ministry Center. Cost is $1,235 per person, plus $3,000 per team for construction materials (if building a house). We would love to have your church join us for a life-changing experience in Honduras in 2020!

In all 159 Hondurans made the decision to give their lives to Christ during Forest Lake Baptist’s 2019 trip to Honduras. Praise the Lord!

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Baptists on Mission is currently filling dates for 2020. Please call (919) 459-5607 or e-mail mabernathy@ncbaptist.org to secure a mission date for your church. You can also visit our website at www.baptistsonmission.org [Mission Projects/Outside US/Honduras] for more information, including pictures of the ministry.
For nine North Carolinians, Kenya and its people now hold a piece of our hearts. In June, nine of us from Stallings Memorial Baptist Church in Salisbury, North Carolina, traveled to Kenya to work with Houses of Hope, a ministry that builds houses for widows. During the 10-day trip, we had many opportunities to share God’s love with the Kenyan people as well as experience His love in many new ways for ourselves.

While we were in Kenya, we helped build four houses for widows and their children. Each woman found herself widowed for different reasons, but each was desperate for a safe home for herself and her children. We worked with a group of Kenyan builders at each site to frame the house and eventually add mud walls. We were always met by kind neighbors and helping hands. While we knew we would be building houses on the trip, we did not anticipate the strong bonds we would form with the Kenyan people as we worked together. At the end of each build, we sang, prayed, and presented the house recipient with a fingerprint cross canvas and a Bible for her new home. Each house will be the site of Bible study for the community in the coming days.

Of all the houses we built, our group a woman named Ruth and her five children touched our group more than anyone else. Ruth was so grateful for her new home that she killed her family’s only chicken for us to eat. In turn, at the house dedication, we presented Ruth with a mattress and two chickens. She and her children were so grateful for a mattress because the children had never slept on one.

We also had opportunities to visit four different schools while we were in Kenya. Each day we presented the gospel to students and interacted with them through short presentations and question and answer sessions. The students were extremely welcoming and excited to hear our message. This time of interaction with children of all ages was an added blessing.

We knew that we were traveling to Kenya to serve God and share the good news of Jesus with the Kenyan people, but we did not anticipate how the Kenyan people would encourage us and strengthen our faith. We met with community members during door-to-door evangelism, and people welcomed us into their homes to share Bible verses and testimonies. On Saturday, we received a blessing when we fed nearly 200 orphans as part of a feeding program. We had the privilege of partnering with an amazing team of pastors and workers who taught us all lessons of humility, gratefulness, and generosity. We gained brothers and sisters in Christ as we worked alongside one another with one common goal—bringing people to Christ.

— Cassie Thompson, Stallings Memorial Baptist, Salisbury, NC

Baptists on Mission sends mission teams to the county of Kenya to build houses for widows and other families in need through the Houses of Hope project. Volunteers enjoy an authentic African experience, spending each day in a village working on the house, ministering with the children, witnessing house to house, and gathering the community to dedicate the house. After the team departs, a Kenyan pastor leads a 12-week Bible study in the new home to which all are invited. There is a place for you and your church to serve in Kenya!
One leaf falling from a tree does not seem very significant. One drop of water would not seem to matter. However, leaves pile up and soon blanket an entire yard and multiple drops of water can, over time, drill through rock. Your gift may seem small, but added to the gifts of others it can be the foundation for making a tremendous impact.

Least of These Projects offer a way to meet the physical and spiritual needs of some of the most vulnerable people in the world. You can make a one-time donation or offer monthly support in partnership with nationals we know and trust to offer hope in the midst of hopelessness. You can also send a team to work alongside nationals in many of these places.

Armenia - Help church planters ($200 per month) who are pushing back the spiritual darkness or provide funds to build a new church in the war torn Nagorno-Karabakh region.

South Africa - More than 1,700 infants abandoned beside the road, in garbage cans, and in rivers, rescued since 1999! Help build cottages at Door of Hope Village, each housing six children and a host family.

Cuba - Help provide water through a clean water well ($500), provide a goat ($45), a fruit tree ($2), or chickens ($0.50) to supplement the diet of retired pastors; or assist a new seminary.

Haiti - Sponsor an elementary school child ($30 per month), complete a facility that will teach sewing and create an income for women, or assist a church planter.

Hungary - In Roma Gypsy camps, a church building often serves as the only gathering place. Three are planned and cost only $15,000–$20,000 each. Any gift can make a difference.

Kenya - Build a house for a widow or disabled woman that will become the location for a Bible study. (Cost for each House of Hope is $400)

Africa - Sponsor a church planter for $200 per month, decreasing each year over five years, and send a team to assist a church planter.

Gaza - Sponsor a child at Gaza Lighthouse School for $40 per month including uniforms, lunch, teacher salaries, supplies, and transportation.

You may donate online at: www.baptistsonmission.org/Donate or by sending a check to: Baptists on Mission PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27511

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Brittney Casstevens shares her experience after joining a medical team from Fairview Baptist Church, Apex serving through the Roma Partnership. She is the director of Children’s Ministries at Mountain View Baptist Church, Hamptonville and a registered nurse at Forsyth Medical Center, Winston-Salem.

In many ways, I still find myself speechless as I recall all that God did in Romania. As a nurse, my job is to nurture and heal with my touch, words, assessment, and patient education, but I never realized that most people have spiritual ailments that far outweigh their physical ailments. While I am speechless at the hundreds of patients we served, the countless prayers shared across differing languages, and amazed and reminded love does not need translation, I am even more in awe of the work God is doing in the Roma people.

I was naïve to central and eastern European culture and did not have a clue what I was going to experience when God began working in my heart to go and serve the Roma people. As we landed in Budapest and drove to Romania, I sat in a van full of medical professionals and I wondered how God would mold us into a team. When we arrived in Romania, I quickly realized that God had orchestrated our team (which became more like family). We all shared a common goal: love God and love people.

We set up our dental clinic at a central church and our medical team traveled to different villages each day. One day we were in a home using their lean-to addition to their house – which also doubled as the church building for the village – funneling people through while triaged by the nurses, treated by the physicians, medicated by the pharmacists, and spiritually fed by our pastor, all while the children laughed and played outside to Bible stories and games. The next day we were simply in a person’s yard amongst chickens, horses, and pigs, what an adventure!

In the chaos of seeing hundreds of patients, I am thankful for the quiet, still moments I had. Each time I asked my translator to say, “How can I pray for you today?” the brokenness these people were experiencing overwhelmed me. Individuals asked for prayer for their soul, prayer for their sick children and family, and many young women asked me to pray for their emotional healing after losing or aborting their child. I had the opportunity to hold many hands and pray for God to give hope and peace; however, the most exciting part was holding the hand of a new believer after they decided to become a follower of Christ.

God is doing incredible work in the hearts of the Roma people and through Alicia, the local missionary. When the local Christians and short-term mission teams proclaimed the truth of the gospel, hearts and lives of the Roma people experience a radical change. When I am preparing for a mission trip, I always pray and ask God to use me to speak truth and life to the lost; however, each trip I am humbled as God ultimately changes my heart. I cannot wait to return and use my abilities as a nurse to serve the Lord.
A hole in the concrete wall of Berea Baptist Mission Church is the beginning of a new life for abandoned infants in Johannesburg, South Africa. Since its founding in 1999, Door of Hope Children’s Mission has rescued over 1,700 abandoned children whose future was hopeless. Baby Houses provide a caring Christian environment for infants while they regain their strength, often from life-threatening issues, prior to being adopted. The goal is for children to be adopted into “forever families,” but many are not chosen for adoption. What happens to those not chosen for adoption?

Adoptions have become increasingly difficult and the number of toddlers who need a place to call home is growing. God gave Door of Hope Children’s Mission the vision of building Door of Hope Village outside of Johannesburg consisting of multiple cottage, each housing six toddlers and a host couple. Teams are constructing these cottages from the ground up. Three cottages are already completed with more planned for 2020 and beyond.

Pray for government hurdles to be cleared and rezoning permits issued opening the door to building 70 cottages, for financial resources to operate the Baby Houses plus build the new cottages (orphanage), and for more children to be adopted so that they can grow up with their own new family.

Give abundantly to offer hope to children who started life with nothing. Each cottage costs about $35,000 but any gift is helpful. The cost of caring for a child is about $60 per month.

Go with a team or make plans for 2020 or 2021. A typical construction team will make interlocking concrete blocks using plastic molds and lay blocks made by previous teams. Every team will visit some of the baby houses located in Johannesburg that are providing care for 75 abandoned infants, worship in churches in the Johannesburg area, and have an excursion day that includes viewing wild game in a nearby park.

Teams may also choose to partner with a group of Zulu church planters in the Winterton area by leading VBS, evangelism, holding eyeglass distributions, or doing other community ministries. Basic trips last 10-12 days and teams choosing to work with Pastor Musa in Winterton should consider a 2-3 day extension to the basic construction trip.

Learn more or register your 2020 team at: https://baptistsonmission.org/Missions/Outside-US/South-Africa.

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Engaging Our Community with the Gospel through Health Ministry

Our church created a Health Ministry Team with the purpose of "Engaging our community with the gospel through health ministry." We joined with the Baptists on Mission Health Screening Ministry to reach our community. The goal was to provide basic health services for people who may not have access, and to share God's love in the process.

In the early planning stages, there was concern about not having enough patients. We made over 200 flyers and handed them out in the surrounding communities to advertise the services offered. We took appointments and made plans for walk-ins. We recruited medical staff and volunteers, made signs, and purchased snacks and gift bags. A local Doctor and Nurse Practitioner gave of their time. Other community participants provided materials for patients needing additional assistance. Donations for gift bags far exceeded what was needed, and the excess items were donated to local ministries. It was quite remarkable to see the overwhelming support and response from our church members.

The week before the event, we had made only two appointments, and it appeared things would not go as planned. Our pastor assured us that God would "show up" or provide us with a lesson. Our goal was not just to offer medical services but to share the love of our Lord with our community—even if we were only able to reach one person.

On the day of the event, there was excitement and anticipation. Our Lord came through and "showed up." The ministry served far more patients than we had scheduled. We were quite busy, and our providers were barely able to have time for lunch! The entire day was wonderful! Those who participated were able to see God's love in action. One specific couple touched the hearts of many by sharing their circumstances and housing hardships. Volunteers prayed and shared our Lord with several patients. There were tearful moments as we listened to shared sorrows, held hands, and prayed. Our Lord was present and seeds planted!

The day was a great success because the Lord was uplifted, and He provided many unexpected blessings. It served as a reminder to have faith despite how things appear. This ministry provided health assessments, but more importantly, it was a bridge to share God's love with others. We are thankful to Baptists on Mission for providing this service to reach people with the gospel. Please support this ministry and consider being a host. You will received the blessing!

— Sharon Abernathy, BSN, RN, Fraley Memorial Baptist Church, Gastonia, NC

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Mobile Dental Ministry
Loving People like Jesus Loves Us

The need for affordable dental care in North Carolina is tremendous. Countless phone calls are received each year concerning where the next Mobile Dental Clinic through Baptists on Mission will be. Patients’ needs vary greatly from just a routine cleaning to an abscessed tooth that needs extracting. There is often a sound of desperation in their voice about not having dental insurance and not enough money to afford a visit to the dentist office. They have usually looked everywhere for help before finding the Baptists on Mission Dental Ministry.

The Dental Ministry of Baptists on Mission is blessed to offer the use of two mobile units to churches and other organizations throughout North Carolina as a tool to meet physical needs and open the door to meeting spiritual needs in hurting people. The ministry relies on volunteer drivers and host to operate the unit while on site and volunteer dental professionals such as Dentist, Dental Assistants and Dental Hygienists to treat the patients. Other needed volunteers include nurses, pastors, counselors, translators and others to just visit with and share the love of Jesus with the patients waiting to be seen.

The dental ministry allows your church to reach beyond its own walls to engage and serve your community. It also offers your congregation an opportunity to serve locally and to see your parking lot as a mission field, ripe for the harvest. People who will drive by your church every day without even a second glance, will stop and come in to see if you can help them with a dental problem.

A recent clinic held by Hyde Park Baptist in Lumberton had several people stop by and inquire about the possibility of being treated. The clinic not only meet the dental needs of 26 people that weekend, but they also had a counselor to pray with patients and share the gospel with them. I witnessed them meet the physical needs in a patient also by sharing food from their food pantry with them. Loving people like Jesus loves us means getting to know them, establishing a relationship and allowing them to see people who follow Jesus in action. Sometimes people won’t hear how much Jesus loves them until see how much He loves them through the actions of His followers.

To schedule the Dental Ministry to come to your church please contact Julie Dolinger, Mobile Dental Ministry Coordination.

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The Appalachian Coalfields Ministry, sponsored by Baptists on Mission seeks to help meet the physical and spiritual needs of people living in the Appalachian Area. Please pray about using your talents to serve with a team from your church or association. Opportunity for mission teams to serve abounds year-round. Here is one church’s story:

“Go and make disciples” is something we as Christians are very familiar with hearing. We hear it in sermons, in Sunday school, in music and almost anywhere the word is spoken. I think Christians are caught up in the thought that it does not mean “me” specifically. We tend to think that others will go; others will work in these unchurched areas. However, what we must remember is that God made this command to all who believe. It does mean you!

In July of this past summer, our church took a motley crew of believers who wanted to make a difference in a very rural part of West Virginia. I was so proud of our group, knowing they were those who were supposed to go and make disciples, even understanding the potential for unclean, unsafe and unknown conditions. After praying and seeking God’s plan for our group, we picked Iaeger, West Virginia. Iaeger is not typically a place chosen for any type of visit. It is a poor, abandoned town in a very rural area. They struggle with sickness because of contaminated water. There are very few jobs because the coalmines have changed the way they do business. Drug and alcohol addictions are common. However, we felt a strong pull to go and work in this area.

In this community, there is one light of hope, Little Sparrow Ministries. Little Sparrow is a mission house that tries to reach out to the community with food, clothes, and love. Transportation, money, and resources are just some of the barriers this ministry faces daily. Completely dependent on volunteers, this ministry serves the community with monthly food distributions and a thrift store. They also work to provide families with clean bottled drinking water. While in Iaeger we were able to carry out two community outreach events. We gave away hundreds of care kits (toothbrush, soap, toothpaste, combs, etc.) free food, clothes, shoes, free haircuts, free nail polishing, offered kid’s games and bouncy houses, but mostly we loved on these families. We were also able to clean and organize the two locations of Little Sparrow Ministries. We did repair and maintenance work on their newest building, to include, a completely new paint job.

There is no way to put into words the work God did through our group that week. One of the most fascinating things about God is how he changed our team. He used this mission trip to touch the lives in Iaeger and Little Sparrow, but the change he brought to our team was overwhelming. He humbled us, he brought us back to a sense of thanksgiving that most of us had been missing, and he renewed our spirit. He shows His grace each day, and I am so thankful I was obedient to His call on my life and had the experience to serve Him in such an awesome way. We may get scared or feel ill equipped when we hear that statement, “go and make disciples” but God promises to go before us. If He is there, why be scared? He will provide a way and He will equip! We are all sinners who fall short each day, but through Him, God makes us complete. Trust Him; He never fails!

— Jennifer Matthews, Union Grove Baptist, Salemburg NC

There are many requests for mission teams to serve in the Appalachian region throughout the year! This may include VBS, Sports Camps, Construction, etc. Please contact Mark Abernathy at (919) 459-5607 or at mabernathy@ncbaptist.org. You can also visit our website at www.baptistsonmission.org [Mission Projects/United States/Appalachian Coalfields/Appalachian Christian Outreach]. See also the video promotions for this ministry!
North Carolina Baptists enjoy a fruitful Partnership with our brothers and sisters in Pennsylvania. Since 2008, thousands of volunteers have served throughout the state, reaching people for Christ in a variety of ways. Their service is making a difference to the work of many pastors and church planters in the Keystone state. Many are the blessings these NC team members are giving – and receiving. Here is an example of how one NC congregation served in 2019.

The team from Faith Church Statesville was preparing for the second night of our soccer camp in Sunbury, PA. We had already experienced the reward of partnering with Sunbury City Church during our first few days in Pennsylvania. The kids at the soccer camp were hearing Bible stories for the first time. This of course, meant that they were also hearing about Jesus for the first time. I realized that outreach in Sunbury was different from outreach in Statesville. In Statesville, most people have at least a baseline knowledge of Christian beliefs. This was not true in Sunbury. That is why we wanted to partner with Sunbury City. We wanted to impact the Kingdom outside our town.

The second night of the soccer camp called for rain. I told the team that if it started to rain, we would bring everyone under the big shelter at the park. While we gathered there, I would lead the Bible station for the kids all at once, rather than to each individual age group like the one we had planned. That night happened to be the night about Jesus’ death and resurrection. If it did not rain, we would carry on as planned. It rained. It rained and it did not seem like it would let up. We gathered everyone under the shelter. Along with the kids, all the parents seeking shelter from the rain joined us. These men and women did not have a church they called home. By and large, they had never heard the gospel. I prayed quickly that I would speak the words that God wanted me to speak. I stood up on a bench and spoke loudly so other could hear over the rain pounding on the shelter and the kids trying to open bags of Goldfish.

That night 35 kids, and at least that many parents heard the gospel, most of them for the first time. Almost immediately after I told the group under the awning that Christ makes all things right, the rain simply stopped coming down. The kids ran out back onto a wet field and ran through soccer drills. Members from Sunbury City Church continued having conversations with people in their community. These people would never come to church in that community otherwise. They would never go out of their way to be in a place to hear that Jesus changes lives.

Yet, that second night of soccer camp the rain came down just long enough for them all to gather under the awning at a park and hear about the Jesus that saves. It was almost as if “Someone” had planned it all out for us!

— Charles Burleson, Lead Pastor, Faith Church Statesville

Pennsylvania Partnership Requests for 2020 are in and we need teams! Each of these requests represent church planter couples and existing Pennsylvania congregations who are asking for help in reaching their lost communities for Christ. Would you pray about responding to these needs? Please call (919) 459-5607 or e-mail mabernathy@ncbaptist.org to receive a projects list or secure a project for your church. You can also go to our website at www.baptistsonmission.org [Mission Projects/United States/Pennsylvania].
Mission volunteers serve through our New England Partnership in Vermont and Maine, providing encouragement and ministry expertise to church planters, pastors, and their families. Though recognized as a very unreached and unchurched area of our nation, God is at work here – and North Carolina congregations are playing a part! Here is one example how:

Our ten-member mission team returned for a fourth year to Barre, Vermont. Pastor Daniel Molind and his wife, Cathy, were gracious hosts. Enough Ministries soup kitchen operates three days a week, and the food pantry operates seven days a week. Our function is to prepare and serve the meals. Our focus is to fellowship with the people who come in for a meal. We discuss what is happening in their lives, the problems they face, and even some of their joys. Most important, we share the Gospel and pray with them on an individual basis as we encourage them.

Our team also led a Vacation Bible School, and helped assist with several needed projects in and around the church, working alongside their church members. We installed cabinets in the kitchen and laundry, as well as a ceiling-mounted pot rack in the kitchen. We replaced the back stairs of the church and repaired ceiling tiles. All of these project help make the ministry stronger and more effective. The group of children for the VBS grew from eight the previous year to seventeen this year. The entire church decorations reflected the “Roar, Life is Wild, God is Good” theme. After the Bible lesson, we had “circle time” where we dug deeper into God’s Word and shared personal examples from our daily life. This made the stories more relevant to them. They used this time to tell us their issues and struggles. We loved spending time with them, hearing them laugh, seeing them smile, and enjoying their craft and game time. They even taught us some new dance moves.

It is a blessing to serve the Lord in Vermont and humbled when we greeted and treated like family – welcomed with open arms. It makes Barre, Vermont feel like a home away from home. When we arrive at Enough Ministries, we feel the presence of the Holy Spirit. We are in awe of the growth its congregation has experienced and know God is at the center of our Mission. We believe our work is still not finished. There are many lost people to reach. We are already praying and preparing for next year. Matthew 9:37 is the reason we partner in New England: “The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few.” We answer the Lord’s calling with Isaiah 6:8. “Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And ‘Who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here I am Lord, send me.’ ”

— Vicky Warren, Antioch Baptist Church, Timberlake, NC

North Carolina mission teams have been witness to God’s incredible work in New England since 2005. Please pray about your participation in 2020. Like Antioch Baptist, your team can make a great difference!

New England Partnership Requests for 2020 are in and ready for your response! Please call (919) 459-5607 or e-mail mabernathy@ncbaptist.org to receive a project list or secure a project for your church. You can also go to our website at www.baptistsonmission.org. [Mission Projects/United States/New England].

Teams are able to serve in a variety of ways in New England, including VBS, Sports Outreach, Soup Kitchens, Construction, and more!
Summer has often been a time for our church to serve God in different ways and places than the other seasons of the year. This past summer was no exception. We teamed up with Boyd Avenue Baptist Church in Casper, Wyoming to help with the construction of a new ministry building. We are not a collection of carpenters or contractors, but Ed Helms mentored and guided our team of 11 volunteers as we put up metal studs, placed insulation in the ceiling, began putting up walls and prayed over what God was doing in Casper.

In addition to the physical labor, we worshipped with fellow believers on Sunday and participated in their missions’ banquet where we shared ideas and celebrated God’s work nationally and internationally. We saw God at work to grant patience, stamina and endurance for a team of volunteers who are usually more comfortable behind a desk or working in an office. God also enabled us to see a gracious and hospitable spirit of service that we could take back to our community. The city of Kannapolis is undergoing major changes and renovations and we hope this will be a guiding example of Wyoming believers as we seek to reach out to newcomers.

Mission trips and volunteering are important at our church for at least four reasons. First, we step outside of our daily routines and trust God to provide and to supply. Often we can grow complacent and comfortable. However, missions always remind us that God is able. Second, we develop a greater missionary spirit in serving our own families, communities and areas of needs. We see with greater vision. Third, we are more committed to supporting the Great Commission and missions with our prayers and financial gifts. We are able to see there is a world beyond us that desperately needs to hear the gospel. Fourth, we set an example for the generations that follow. It inspires youth and children at our church to watch adults, parents and grandparents step away from the same old things to serve God in new ways and places.

We served in Wyoming twice through the Rocky Mountain partnership and look forward to going to Thompson Falls, Montana next summer. We are excited to see how God will continue to use our experiences for His glory and the good of others. In his message to Israel after the exile, Haggai challenged his people to “consider your ways.” That is good counsel for any North Carolina Baptist church looking for a place or way to serve in 2020. Consider the Rocky Mountain partnership and go where God is working. Or, in the words of Horace Greeley, “go west young man!”

— Rev. Tom Cabaniss, First Baptist Church, Kannapolis, NC

Thank you to all who helped in the construction at the Boyd Avenue Baptist Church in Casper Wyoming in 2019! In 2020, Baptists on Mission will send teams to Thompson Falls, Montana, to assist the First Baptist Church in construction of a new worship facility. The congregation has outgrown the small room that now serves as their worship area, and plans to construct a new 4,000 square foot sanctuary adjacent to the existing building. We will need teams for all phases of construction. Each team needs a “core” group of experienced construction folk and others with willing hearts and hands. We will schedule up to (but no more than) 24 volunteers per week, so we may have more than one team on site per week. For more information, contact Mark Abernathy at (919) 459-5607 or mabernathy@ncbaptist.org.
Oh, the People You Will Meet

In 2005, North Carolina Baptists began a partnering relationship with the Hawaii-Pacific Baptist Convention. The Hawaiian Islands have long been the “gateway” to the US for many coming from East Asia. Mission teams have been able to serve in a variety of ways, and enjoyed the blessings of serving Christ. Following is an account from one North Carolina team:

Our partnership with the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Association began 14 years ago on the beautiful island of Oahu. We have been blessed over the years to have welcomed over 70 volunteers to join our mission, with teams ranging from as many as 21 to as few as eight at a time. Volunteers have ranged in age from 13 to 75, including all six of our grandchildren. God has always supplied just the right people needed for any projects, both planned and unplanned – His timing is always perfect.

Projects through the years have included roofing, flooring, electrical, plumbing, painting, data cables, welding, and small construction. These projects took place wherever there was a need; including locations like the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention office, mission houses, churches, parsonages, and private homes. Our teams have also assisted with Bible schools and sports camps.

We blessed with the opportunity to enjoy worship with many different churches on the island. Their spirit is so sweet and their love for the Lord is obvious. The diversity of Hawaii’s culture makes it all the more special. People from all walks of life, from many different cultures, find common ground in worshipping together. The friendships we have developed through the years has truly changed our lives and we will forever be grateful. The sights and experiences we have shared with each other, family, and friends has strengthened our desire to serve the Lord and do all we can to bring others closer to Him.

Why Hawaii? Why not? God opens unexpected doors that surprise us sometimes. Fourteen years ago, we had no idea we would be planning our 2020 Hawaii Mission Trip! If you have ever thought about volunteering, do not wait another year! The opportunities to serve are limitless, and your blessings are beyond measure.

— Scott & Debbie Lesley Salisbury, NC

North Carolina Baptists on Mission continue to send couples to serve at Hawaii’s Pu’u Kahea Baptist Conference Center on the island of Oahu. Owned and operated by the Hawaii-Pacific Baptist Convention, the camp provides a place for people from all over the islands to come and enjoy a time of spiritual retreat. Teams and couples provide valuable service in keeping the camp operational. Couples serving at Pu’u Kahea commit to a minimum of one month and do a variety of tasks. Flexible couples who are willing to jump in and do whatever the needs are can be utilized year-round. Housing, some meals and local transportation are provided. One-week teams are also needed (primarily in the fall, winter, and spring) to do maintenance and other special projects. There is a cost for one-week teams to stay at the camp. Pray about how you may become involved in assisting at the Pu’u Kahea Baptist Conference Center. Contact Mark Abernathy with Baptists on Mission at (919) 459-5607 or by e-mail at mabernathy@ncbaptist.org for more information.

Teams and couples will be needed to serve in Hawaii in 2020 and beyond. Please call (919) 459-5607 or e-mail mabernathy@ncbaptist.org to receive a projects list or secure a project. You can also go to our website at www.baptistsonmission.org [Mission Projects/United States/Hawaii].
Come Serve in the “Last Frontier”

ALASKA

In the summer of 2019, the first Partnership teams began serving in our sister state of Alaska. The excitement is beginning to build! Several more churches are planning to take part in 2020. We received new mission team requests from Alaska congregations, and will continue sending teams in 2020. A variety of requests, including children’s ministry, sports camps, evangelism, cook teams, and various construction projects, will be among the offerings. Below are samples of the requests that we will need teams for:

AK20-004—Educational Space Construction—Chugiak, Alaska
Multiple construction teams of up to 30 volunteers needed to help congregation finish new educational space. Need teams to complete any number of finish jobs, including sheet rock finishing, painting, trim work, tile, etc. Teams will need to stay flexible as exact work will depend on what prior teams accomplish – but there will be lots of work to do no matter what week your team comes! Each team should have a few skilled construction volunteers who can lead the rest of the team in needed tasks. If team would want to help some with materials cost it would be appreciated (but this is not required). Teams can sleep in existing church (air mattresses), which has showers, laundry, and a kitchen for team’s use. Church has a 15 passenger van(s) that team can use. Team will just pay for fuel used. Length of assignment: one week; Preferred dates: Mid May to Mid-August 2020 (flexible); Costs: Travel to AK, food, fuel.

AK20-009—Vacation Bible School—Anchorage, Alaska
A team of 8-15 volunteers needed to conduct Vacation Bible School. Children divided by grade levels depending on number of registrants. Need those with VBS experience to lead in all facets. Requestor will talk with team leaders concerning what materials team may need to bring. Church can provide van(s) for local transportation. Team will pay for fuel. Team may stay at the church or at nearby mission house. Team would need to provide their own bedding. Team may use church kitchen to provide and prepare their own meals. Note: Team members working with children will be responsible for conducting professional background checks on all team members over the age of 18. Team leaders will receive information from Baptists on Mission concerning options for this. Length of assignment: one week; Preferred dates: June 1-5, 2020 (not flexible); Costs: Travel to AK, food, fuel.

AK20-005—Church Space Remodel—Kenai, Alaska
A team of 6-10 needed to help church transform an office complex into living area for youth pastor. Team will also erect walls in a large room to create new office space for three staff members. Each team should have a few skilled construction volunteers who can lead the rest of the team in needed tasks. Requestor can talk with team leader about specifics. Team will be asked to help with some materials cost for project. Host church has vehicles for the team’s use and can pick team up at airport in Anchorage. Teams can sleep in existing church building, which has kitchen for team to use in preparation of their meals. Church may provide some meals for team as well. Length of assignment: one week; Preferred dates: June–August 2020 (flexible); Costs: Travel to AK, some food, materials cost.

Known as the Last Frontier, our 49th state is alive with adventure – rough, rugged, and beautiful. Alaska’s is populated by hardy, independent folk. The opportunity for sharing Christ and furthering His Kingdom in Alaska is wide open. The majority of Alaskan Baptist congregations are small in number. Many are located in isolated areas. Things we take for granted in our churches are simply not available to many of theirs. Our participation in missions in Alaska provides needed resources, leadership, and possibly most importantly – encouragement. Be in prayer about this exciting Partnership and your participation in it next summer!

CONTACT

Project requests for 2020 mission teams are available. To receive a project list or learn more about how your church can participate in Alaska, please contact Mark Abernathy at mabernathy@ncbaptist.org or by calling (919) 459-5607 or go to our website www.baptistsonmission.org [Mission Projects/United States/Alaska].
CONSTRUCTION SKILLS TRAINING

Developing a New Generation of Servant Leaders

Imagine kneeling in a home damaged by Hurricane Florence and laying the laminate flooring in two rooms in one day. Picture yourself properly finishing drywall to prepare the house for paint and the owners coming home after more than a year away! Build a team from your church that can spend a Saturday a month building wheelchair ramps in your community offering new freedom for those with limited mobility. How would you like to feel more comfortable on a construction mission trip and plan for your church to participate in one of the Baptists on Mission Partnerships?

Designed for those with limited construction experience, these days of hands-on training will introduce you to some of the tasks that Baptists on Mission construction and rebuild volunteers do. You can also begin to dream of how you can use your new skills will open the door to many projects during your church’s Inasmuch Blitz Day when the whole church is mobilized to move out of your seats and into the streets.

Bring your family, youth group, church, or a group of friends to learn the basics in laying laminate flooring, hanging and finishing drywall, simple framing, roofing, and building a wheelchair ramp. Almost every home flooded by Hurricane Florence needs new drywall and flooring. You can help them return home!

You will also learn about Charity Rebuild Center in Rose Hill, Shelby Mission Camp, and Red Springs Mission Camps and how you can practice your new skills while impacting a community for Christ.

MARCH 7, 2020 AND SEPTEMBER 12, 2020
CHARITY REBUILD CENTER
MARCH 14, 2020 AND OCTOBER 3, 2020
SHELBY MISSION CAMP
APRIL 4, 2020 AND SEPTEMBER 19, 2020
RED SPRINGS MISSION CAMP

$10 for Saturday training only
$21 for Friday overnight and Saturday training
Register at baptistsonmission.org/training/construction-training

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IMPACT NC PROJECTS

WHAT IF...

- you could find a way to offer a new life to men recovering from addictions?
- you could play a role in reducing the crime rate in a town?
- you could take a team from your church to serve for a day or more practicing a lifestyle of service while strengthening the unity you already enjoy?

Mike shared his story of how God used Greater Joy Baptist Church to draw him from a life of drugs and crime into a life that brings glory to God at a recent fundraising event to build a transitional home for men in Oxford, NC. The crime rate has dropped in his town by 60% since that day ten years ago. All of the drug houses but one are gone! In their place will be Treasures of Joy Hope House, a transitional home for men who are overcoming addictions. Construction is to begin this summer. They are raising funds to buy it as well and the entire neighborhood will experience the transformation. This is just one of several Impact NC projects.

Your church can help finish the interior of a metal building to give men who have completed a residential drug rehab program a place to call home while they begin a new life. By raising walls, doing electrical or plumbing work, hanging and finishing drywall, or painting, you can make a difference. Teams can work just one day or can serve longer.

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

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Operation Inasmuch
Moving Out of Our Seats and Into the Streets

A n army of volunteers moves through your community like a fresh breeze. Hope builds that there are people down the street who really do care. That building on the corner where people meet on Sunday to do “who knows what” becomes a launching pad for hope that pushes back the darkness, builds relationships, and develops a new lifestyle of service.

Sharing the love of Christ in word and deed means we are committed to action and “move out of our seats and into the streets.” Jesus commanded His followers to show compassion and even said in Matthew 25 that our service was concrete evidence of whether or not we knew Him! That means I cannot just talk about Jesus, I need to practice incarnational living that shows Christ in tangible ways. Inasmuch Blitz Days help us do that.

Inasmuch Blitz Days are about everyone working together to help the poor and the rich, the needy and the not so needy, those involved in churches and those who have no church home, and people of all ages. Look around! There are people who need us to demonstrate the love of Christ.

We encourage churches to set aside April 25 and May 2 to impact their communities. If those dates do not fit your schedule, choose a date that does. Let’s move out of our seats and into the streets!

Make serving your community part of the DNA of your church. Set aside a day every month, or every three to six months, to impact lives through the love of Jesus Christ.

Please register at www.baptistsonmission.org/ncoiam if your church plans to hold NCOIAM.

In one day:
- 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

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Missions Camps
Shelby Mission Camp

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

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

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

How Can I Help?
Current Needs: 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 David & Janet Brown at (704) 487-5599 or dbrown@ncbaptist.org
Mission Camp Coordinators David and Janet Brown
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
In the world today we hear of people addicted to drugs, alcohol, pornography, food, cell phones, and many other things. Let me define addicted for you: physically and mentally dependent on a particular thing. Unable to stop using or taking it without adverse effects. An informal meaning is enthusiastically devoted to a particular thing. What if each Christian became Addicted to Prayer? What do you think would occur? Prayer can become Addictive. I can tell that what would occur if we devoted ourselves to prayer “Colossians 4:2” and we prayed without ceasing “1 Thessalonians 5:17.” Things would start happening that we could not explain. Lives would be changed, people would come to know Christ, a sense of peace and unity would be present in our churches, organizations, families, country, and the world. Jesus is the greatest example of someone devoted to prayer. Jesus prayed for long periods of time, sometimes even praying all night (Luke 6:12). Can you ever remember a time you prayed all night? I can only imagine what it would look like if we changed what we are devoted to and allowed prayer to control us and became physically and mentally dependent upon it. My mother taught me as a young girl that a “Family that Prays Together Stays Together.” So, I am asking you to consider joining the Family of Prayer Warriors and Devoting Yourself to Prayer and experience what it is like when you intercede and God Answers.

Testimony of Dependency:
The Prayer Ministry has shown me that through repetition my belief and expectation have increased which has increased the boldness of my prayers. The deeper belief and expectation have also led to a deeper knowledge of who God IS and brought me closer to God in a deeper and more personal, dependent relationship. The repetitiveness has led me to a true FROG relationship in that I seek him for all things, for every step I take, and in every quiet moment where I wait. Repetitiveness in Prayer does more than build a habit, it leads to life-changing, heart-changing dependency on God.

— Heather Carter, Prayer Team Member

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Paul Langston (919) 459-5611 plangston@ncbaptist.org
Cost – $55 per person (includes dinner)

Prizes awarded for First and Second Place Teams, closest to the pin, and longest drive.

Deadline for entry – April 24, 2020

2:30-3:30 Tee Times
(Times will be sent to the team captain one week prior)

6:30-7:00 Dinner and Awards

We would like to invite all men, women, and youth golfers to join us for a day of fun and fellowship. We encourage you to use this opportunity to strengthen relationships with people in your church and more importantly as an outreach to co-workers, neighbors, and others. For more information please contact Tom Beam or Perry Norman (see contact above).
ISAIAH 40:29-31

“He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

DEEP IMPACT YOUTH WEEKS, LOCATIONS AND COSTS PER PERSON:

- **June 14-17**: Duplin County Mini Week; $125
- **June 18-21**: Shelby Mini Week; $125
- **June 20-27**: Honduras; $1,750
- **June 22-27**: Fruitland; $245
- **June 28-July 4**: Atlanta; $275
- **June 29-July 4**: Duplin County; $240
- **July 5-11**: Caswell; $375+
- **July 11-19**: Cuba; $1,650
- **July 13-18**: Shelby; $240
- **July 20-25**: Outer Banks; $225
- **July 25-Aug. 1**: Puerto Rico; $1,100
- **July 27-Aug. 1**: Red Springs; $240
- **Aug. 2-5**: Red Springs Mini Week; $125
- **Nov. 6-8**: Red Springs Weekend; $100

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baptistsonmission.org/camps/Deep-Impact
The Deep Impact experience is truly incredible and humbling. On registration day, we staffers would anxiously await the arrival of the campers whom we would be serving beside for the next half-week or the full week. Little did they know that we were just as nervous as they were. Numerous students would come into camp or arrive at the church where we would be residing and over the course of that first day, they would slowly warm up to us and to one another through various social interactions and recreational activities. The staff would begin to create a bond with the students. The students would receive instructions and evangelism training on the project site that they would be participating in for the coming week, and then all of us would start our week’s journey with worship that night to prepare our hearts for the coming days.

Chaotic starts to our mornings, preparing for the many days of ministry ahead, only meant that the devil was trying to work against us because he knew that chains would be broken, bonds made, and the Bread of Life given and received by many. The students and their leaders then would go out into the local community to wash cars, paint houses, help at animal shelters and thrift stores, clean people’s yards and houses, build wheelchair ramps and many other exciting things. Throughout all of these various ways of ministry, the students would find time to explain to those that they were serving why they were there, and they would share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

To see middle school and high school students, with everything in today’s world that is trying to grab their attention, go out into the community and serve people that they have never met before and to tell them that Jesus loves them and then proceed to share the Gospel with others is the Deep Impact experience. It is an experience that I am very grateful and humbled to be a part.

We would love for your church to be a part of the Deep Impact experience this year. Your students will receive opportunities to grow in their relationships with the Lord and with one another. You can learn more at baptistsonmission.org. We cannot wait to serve with you!

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**Spring Break Missions for College Students**

**S P R I N G  2 0 2 0**

**What:** Hurricane Florence Disaster Relief with Baptists on Mission

**Where:** Eastern North Carolina
- Charity Rebuild Center (Rose Hill)
- Lumberton Rebuild Center
- New Bern Rebuild Center

**When:** Spring Break or after Spring Exams, Summer or Fall Break – 2020

**Cost:** Travel to and from service area

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**Join us** for the **International Student and Scholar Conference** on April 3-5, 2020 at the **Fort Caswell Coastal Retreat and Conference Center** in **Oak Island, N.C.**

We will explore the theme “Come to the Table” and learn about relationships and life transitions, especially from an educational setting to the workplace. There will be lots of food, conversation, learning and friendships. International students are welcome to participate as an individual or as part of a group.

The cost is $125 per student. Pricing for leaders/chaperones is $195 for an individual room or $170 for a shared room with two double beds.

*includes a t-shirt, a two-night stay, meals from breakfast on Saturday through lunch on Sunday, and access to all sessions Friday, April 3 through Sunday, April 5.

To register visit [ISSCNC.org](ISSCNC.org)
Are you known by love?

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**2020 Goal**

**$2.1 Million**

Join in the week of prayer for the NCMO from Aug. 25 to Sept. 1. More prayer points are available at ncmissionsoffering.org/pray.

**Goal 2020**

$2,100,000

**By this all people will know that you are my disciples. If you have love for one another.** John 13:35 (HCSB)

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2020 Men’s Outdoor Weekend

Plan to join us May 1-2, 2020 for our Men’s Outdoor Weekend. The event, held at Camp Caraway in Asheboro, is designed to give men a fun outdoor experience that will also challenge them to walk closer with Christ. The event will begin with a time of worship on Friday night. Saturday morning will feature demonstrations on a variety of outdoor activities. Saturday afternoon will include competition in skeet, archery, hatchet throw, pistol, and target shooting. Cost of the weekend is $80 per person. Space is limited, so register early! See our Men’s Ministry webpage for a promotional video on this event!

Mel Cornillaud – Good to Go!

On November 3, 2019, NC Baptists lost a good friend, and a man who was instrumental in focusing attention on a holistic approach to ministering to men in our state. Twenty years earlier Chick Byrd, a long-time Baptists on Mission (BoM) volunteer, had heard Mel Cornillaud of Beach Road Baptist in Southport, share his passion for reaching men for Christ. Chick was so moved, that he set up a meeting for Mel to address BoM’s Richard Brunson and Mark Abernathy. As always, God’s timing is perfect, as Brunson had already begun working with Sid Woodruff of LifeWay Christian Resources to develop a strategy for reaching men that would unify the North American Mission Board’s focus on traditional “Baptist Men,” with LifeWay’s focus on spiritual development materials for men. Out of this came BoM’s unique focus on Men’s Ministry – highlighting the four cornerstones of Fellowship & Outreach, Spiritual Development, Ministry in the Church, and Missions Involvement. Mel Cornillaud became the individual most associated with this movement in NC. He was a true believer, and constant cheerleader for Men’s Ministry.

Born in Paducah, KY, Mel received degrees from M.I.T. and the University of Wisconsin. He served in the Army as a First Lieutenant at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in MD. After a career in the HVAC industry that afforded him management roles in several different states, Mel and his wife, Jo, retired to NC and the coastal Southport area in 1996. They joined Beach Road Baptist, where both Mel and Jo took up active roles in Bible study leadership in the church and the community.

Mel became a mainstay in the BoM family, serving as Men’s Ministry State Coordinator, Region 3 Director, and Men’s Ministry team member. He regularly led statewide Men’s Ministry training, and assisted numerous congregations in either starting or strengthening ministry to men in the local church. He led Men’s Ministry training sessions in Honduras, Kenya, and Nicaragua.

Mel was tenacious. If your conversation with him afforded a moment’s pause, he would fill it with his conviction of why ministering to men was vital to the life of the church. He often said that he could lead a session on the importance of men’s ministry if given five hours, two hours, one hour, or 15 minutes using notes scribbled on the back of a cocktail napkin (the latter of which most who knew Mel highly doubted!). Mel was a hugger. He knew that ministry to men was all about relationship. He believed in letting the Holy Spirit lead during the course of a men’s worship rally or training session, often stopping to have men gather around an individual to place hands on him and pray. The clock was not as important to Mel as the experience. Some may have felt that Mel’s insistence on the spiritual aspect of reaching men downplayed the importance of missions involvement. Not true. Mel simply held to the belief that if you reach and change a man’s heart – his hands will follow.

Mel is survived by wife Jo – his life-long partner in ministry, two sons, and four grandchildren. Mel’s two boys were at his side at the time of his death. At the funeral, his youngest son Steve shared that just before passing, his father waved his hand out in an unusual gesture and repeated the words “Good to Go, Good to Go.” Mel, my friend, we will miss you. You are indeed, Good to Go!

— Mark Abernathy, BoM Senior Consultant for Men’s Ministry
Men’s Ministry Leadership Training
(September 12 – West; September 19 – East)

In 2020 Baptists on Mission will offer two (2) one-day statewide Men’s Ministry Leadership Training events. These training events are designed to equip local church Men’s Ministry leaders in how to lead the men of their church into a deeper walk with Christ and missions involvement. Training will focus on three key areas of ministry: 1) evangelistic outreach and fellowship; 2) spiritual growth and discipleship; and 3) missions and ministry involvement. Training will begin at 10:00 am and conclude by 3:00 pm. Training sites will be announced on our website early in 2020.

2020 Men’s Weekend
Red Springs Mission Camp (October 16-17)

Come join us for a time of worship and hands-on missions at the Red Springs Mission Camp. The weekend will begin with supper on Friday night, followed by a men’s rally featuring worship, sharing, prayer, and great fellowship. On Saturday, we’ll split up throughout the community on various projects that will be planned by camp director Larry Osborne. There is plenty for all to do regardless of skill level! Cost is $24 per person for Friday night lodging and supper, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. For more information, go to our Men’s Ministry webpage or contact Mark Abernathy at (919) 459-5607 or mabernathy@ncbaptist.org. In addition, see our Men’s Ministry webpage for a promotional video on this event!!

Men’s Worship Rallies to Be Held Throughout the State in November 2020

Men’s Ministry Rallies will be held in five locations throughout the state in November. These rallies feature a good meal, great fellowship, worship, a spiritual challenge especially for men, and a prayer time. The purpose of the rallies are three-fold – 1) to worship and fellowship together as men 2) to share information on mission opportunities, and 3) to provide a model of how you might take this kind of worship model back to your own men’s gatherings. Rally dates are as follows: Region 2 Thursday, November 12; Region 4 Monday, November 16; Region 6 Thursday, November 19; Region 8 Monday, November 23; and Region 10 Monday, November 30. (Specific rally sites will be listed on our website). Registration is $5 per person, which will go toward covering the cost of the meal.

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Men’s Worship Rallies will be held in November of 2020 in Regions 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10. This will be a time of food, fellowship, and worship for men. See our website for specific dates and meeting sites.
ISAIAH 40:29-31

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DEEP IMPACT KIDS WEEKS 2020
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CHILDREN’S MINISTRY: MAKING A DEEP IMPACT

I have served in children’s ministry at Pilot Baptist Church outside of Zebulon, NC for three years. Our children’s ministry has grown exponentially averaging anywhere between 50-80 children per week. One of our passions as a church is to plant seeds in the hearts of children and pray that the Lord waters those seeds in due time.

In a world where technology and social media are ever-present and all consuming, I am frequently seeking “more” for the children in my ministry. More Christ. More love. More service. I wanted to gift the children of my ministry an experience; an experience where they had the opportunity to grow closer to Christ while learning to love and serve others well.

As a child, I spent many of my summers on “Jesus Island.” Having a grandfather who was a pastor for well over half of his life and a grandmother who retired from the convention, Fort Caswell was a source of love and joy for our family. The Fort Caswell website was where I started my search for summer children’s opportunities.

I stumbled upon information for Deep Impact Kids. I had zero idea what we were getting into, but I felt confident that a mission-driven opportunity to serve was what God was leading our group to do. On Monday, July 3, 2019, we loaded up our church bus with 18 bodies (children and chaperones) ages 6-60 and headed east.

The entire experience from start to finish was nothing short of amazing. The organization and teamwork between staff members and camp representatives was incredible; however, nothing could have prepared me for what we experienced that week on “Jesus Island.”

We planted seeds of service in the hearts of every child who attended camp that week through various service projects. Our kids were fearless, approaching strangers on the beach during a holiday week and offering them water. When people would ask them, “why,” they were able to share the love of Christ with strangers. These same children, ages 6-12, painted the porch of a local women’s shelter, assisted with local landscaping projects, and volunteered their time in a local thrift shop.

In addition to physically being able to serve others, our children were able to receive God’s word on a developmentally appropriate level that they could comprehend. The daily lessons were targeted for their age group, introducing them to the beautiful love of Christ and teaching them to say ‘no’ to ungodliness.

Deep Impact Kids provided us chaperones with tools for success long before our arrival at camp. The leader devotions and preview information allowed us to discuss topics of interest with both children and their parents. In a world where children grow up far too quickly, the key scripture for the week from Titus 2:11-14 allowed us to elaborate on what ungodliness means in today’s society.

I can share with you all about the wonders of worshipping with children, educating them in God’s precious gift of grace, and planting seeds of service, but some of the best experiences were authentic opportunities for fellowship.

During our stay, one of our campers injured his hip. As I walked back into the girl’s dorm after tending to the injury, what I saw left me speechless. All of our girl campers were huddled in a circle praying to Jesus for healing and comfort for their friend. These unprompted prayers were being poured from the hearts of children. As adults we tend to be worriers, but these children weren’t worried, they were trusting in God to meet their heart’s cry.

My prayer is that the Lord waters the seeds that were planted during that week and uses each of those children to further glorify His kingdom.

I urge each of you to pursue a heart of service; to love others and serve them well, and to include children in the process.

For the Children,
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RA RACE 2020
The statewide RA Race is set for April 4, 2020 at First Baptist Church Salisbury, NC. It is time to start promoting with your RA’s, GA’s, and Children Mission Groups to begin preparation for the race. Your local Baptist Association will have the dates for your associational races. Participants for the state race are determined at the local association level, so get your churches geared up to hold your church wide race and submit those names to the associational races! For a complete list of guidelines, schedule, and forms to register see our website at: https://baptistsonmission.org/BOM/files/17/170c2092-3202-4d6c-afae-73222eda7113.pdf or for more information contact James Byerly at raracedaync@ncbaptist.org.

RA CAMPOREE
Our RA Camporee 2020 is set for October 2-4, 2020 at Camp Durant in Carthage, NC. This is a great weekend opportunity for your RA’s to learn camping skills with great fellowship around the campfire. The cost for 2020 camporee is $25 per person. Get the camporee on your church calendar now and enjoy a great weekend with your RA group! Registration will open spring 2020 for the fall camporee. For more information contact Jeff Cornwall at racamporeenc@ncbaptist.org. Watch for updated registration information at https://baptistsonmission.org/programs/royal-ambassadors.
2020 WORLD MISSIONS WEEK
July 6 – 11, 2020 • Fort Caswell

WORLD MISSIONS WEEK AT CASWELL
Are you interested in learning about exciting opportunities for involvement in state, national and international missions? Then World Missions Week is the place you want to be! Join us for a week of celebrative worship, morning Bible studies, powerful preaching, small group times and mission moments. Inspirational and informative studies will be provided for all age groups (preschool, children, youth and adults). This is the only week of the summer that Caswell offers programming for all ages.

SPEAKER
TOM RICHTER
Tom is the pastor of Cullman First Baptist Church in North Alabama. Before moving to Cullman, AL he served for 14 years as the pastor of New Hope Christian Church in the Jamaica neighborhood of Queens, NYC.

WORSHIP BY
CAITIE HURST
The Hendersonville, Tenn., native sings about the journeys she’s walked through anxiety, jealousy, insecurity and fear and how she’s found Christ in all of them.

TO REGISTER:
Contact the NC Baptist Assembly at (910) 278-9501 or online at www.FortCaswell.com.

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Various dates 2020. To learn more about Deep Impact and student missions, contact Tom Beam (919) 459-5626, tbeam@ncbaptist.org.
www.bammissions.org/deepimpact

2020 NC Baptist Mission Conference p. 8-9
March 27-28, 2020, Calvary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC
Featuring Gary Chapman, Bob Goff, Kyle Idleman, Anne Graham Lotz, Katie Davis Majors, Tom Richter, and Annie Moses Band
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The NCMO supports Baptists on Mission and their disaster relief, national and international partnerships, mission camps, medical/dental work and other life-changing ministries. The NCMO is the major funding source for the ministries of Baptists on Mission.
www.ncmissionsoffering.org

Deep Impact Kids 2020 p. 52
Various dates 2020. To learn more about Deep Impact Kids, contact Dollie Noa (919) 459-5598, dnoa@ncbaptist.org.
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