

BREAKOUT SESSIONS' DESCRIPTION

April 11, 2026 – Hickory Grove Baptist, Charlotte

- **Agriculture Missions – Sessions 1,2** (Rm 2310) Chris Bellamy
Ministering to others through agricultural projects close to home or as far away as West Africa. Learn ways you or your church family can partner with Agriculture Missions.
- **Aviation Missions – Sessions 1,3** (Rm 2312) Chris Olin/Bob Joyner
This session is for anyone interested in using their gifts of evangelism and compassion to serve others through aviation and other modes of transportation, such as Angel Flights, Prayer Flights, Youth Flying, and Earth Angels.
- **Baptist Educators: How to Start a Relationship with your Local School – Session 1** (Rm 2308) Ginger/Jason Walle
Educators in North Carolina are working to impact students and teachers at home and abroad by building relationships. Join us to discuss how we impact our communities and reach the world by letting the light of Jesus shine through us.
- **Baptist Educators: How to Develop an ESL Ministry through your Church – Session 2** (Rm 2308) Kevin Rutledge
Overview - Hear how to help internationals become friends of Christianity by teaching English to build the bridge to introduce them to Christ. Learn how to get training through English-as-a-Second-Language workshops.
- **Children/Family Mobilization: Involving Children in Hands-On Mission – Sessions 1,2,3** (Rm 4216) Renea Henderson/Kristina Noa
DI Kids is offering One-Day Mission Events in local communities across the state. Come learn more about how you can host an event in your community or introduce your children to hands-on mission by participating in an event for a day of serving in the name of Jesus! Help your children find joy in serving others!
- **Children/Family Mobilization: Your Church & the Mission of Foster Care – Sessions 1,2,3** (Rm 4214) Rick Norman
In NC, there are over 10,000 children who have been taken out of their homes and placed in foster care. Every child is a collaborative effort of Baptist Children's Homes of NC and the Baptist State Convention of NC to address this crisis and show the world that "the church is the answer." Learn practical ways that you and your church can be a part of this mission to reach children in NC with the love of Jesus.
- **Chinn: Beginning Steps in Reaching International Students – Sessions 1,2,3** (Rm 2302/2304) Leiton & Lisa Chinn
This session will walk you through the basic steps, individually or as a church, for starting or being involved in an existing outreach to international students in your area. The presenters will also draw on their decades of experience in international student ministry.
- **Church Renewal – Sessions 1, 2** (Rm 3317) Joey & Genevieve Hamer
Church Renewal is a church-family process of awakening God's Church, equipping and discipling its members, and sending them out with the joy of serving in the unique way God has called and gifted them. They receive the joy, and God receives the Glory!
- **Church Health and Revitalization – Sessions 2,3** (Rm 4210) Terry Long
Revitalizing your church through getting on mission again.
- **Compassion in Action: Living the Ministry of Christ – Session 1, 3** (Rm 2212) Meredith Snoddy
Compassion ministry is more than kindness—it is the practical expression of Christ's love toward those in need. In this session, we will briefly define biblical compassion and explore how Jesus modeled - Serving others with mercy, dignity, and sacrificial love. The majority of our time will focus on practical relational application: how churches and individuals can intentionally cultivate a culture of compassion, identify real needs in our communities, and faithfully serve others as Christ calls us to do towards relational discipleship.
- **Dental & Health Screening: How to Make this Your Ministry as a Driver/Host Couple - Session 1** (Rm 4102) Krissey Watson
Learn how you, as a couple, can serve in the dental and health screening ministry.
- **Dental & Health Screening: How to Meet Needs in Your Community - Session 3** (Rm 4102) Krissey Watson
How to use the mobile dental unit at your church or in your community.
- **Dental Ministry: Tour Mobile Dental Unit – Sessions 1,2,3** (Outside) Rob & Wendy Willis

- **Disaster Rebuild Opportunities** – Sessions 1,2,3 (3308/3310) Richard Weeks /Jay Baugham
 Baptists on Mission supports rebuilding efforts across North Carolina resulting from Hurricane Helene in WNC and Hurricane Florence in Eastern North Carolina. Learn how God can use you and your church to build brand new homes and repair damaged existing homes across the state. No construction experience is necessary – just a willingness to serve!
- **Disaster Recovery Intro** – Sessions 2,3 (Rm 2206) Mark Hinson
 Learn how your church can be involved in mud-outs, tear-outs, chainsaws, placing tarps on roofs, and other work following a natural disaster.
- **Disaster Recovery Unit** – Sessions 1, 2, 3 (Outside at Unit) Tom & Karen Hamrick
 Show and Tell: There are 65,000 lbs. of disaster recovery equipment that you will want to see! Learn what assessment, chainsaws, and mud-out have to do with helping disaster survivors.
- **Disaster Response: Being a Disaster Ready Church** – Session 1 (Rm 2203) Tom Beam
 Learn how your church can be ready to serve in the immediate aftermath of a disaster in your community.
- **Disaster Response Intro** – Sessions 1,2 (Rm 2204) Terry Hall
 What is it? What does it involve? How can I use my talents to help? You can find answers to these questions and more by attending this breakout session. Disaster Relief is for all ages - get involved!
- **Disaster Response: Rapid Response Kitchen** – Sessions 1, 2, 3 (Outside at Unit) Paul Hooker
 Get a tour of the kitchen, see the setup, learn how the equipment is used and how the kitchen operates during a disaster, and gain some insight into what it is like to work in it.
- **Disciple Like Jesus: Applying Principles from Jesus's Disciple-making to Your Ministry** – Sessions 1, 2 (Rm 4208) Drew Dabbs
Ever felt like there is something missing in your discipleship? Let's look together at Jesus' disciple-making ministry and uncover the principles and practices that lead to greater effectiveness in our own disciple-making.
- **Sharing Your Faith through Your Story and Three Circles** – Session 3 (Rm 4208) Drew Dabbs
Many believers feel unqualified to share their faith. The reality is, however, that your life is itself a testimony to a risen Savior--and it's a story our world is ready to listen to. Come learn two simple but powerful tools to help you decomplicate sharing your faith and clearly articulate the Gospel.
- **Feed the Hunger: Food Outreach for Your Church** – Sessions 1,2,3 (Rm 2211/2213) Melinda Staples
 Feed the Hunger is an evangelical mission organization that partners with NC Baptists to help its churches fulfill their God-given mission. FtH brings a food-packing event to your church that engages everyone ages five and up.
- **First Aid on Mission Trips** – Sessions 1, 3 (Rm 2202) Laurie Sillings
 Do you know how to recognize a health problem and what to do about it? This class teaches basic first aid for many common illnesses, injuries and safety issues that confront many countries.
- **For Pastors & Leaders: Engaging Your Church in Your Community** – Session 2 (Rm 2203) Mike Sowers
 How to take the first steps to lead your church to engage the community around you.
- **For Pastors: Engaging Your Church in North America & the World** – Session 3 (Rm 2203) Mike Sowers
 How to take the first steps to lead your church outside of your community to North America and the World.
- **Health Screening: How to Meet Needs in Your Community** - Session 2 (Rm 4102) Sheila Prevatte
 How to use the mobile health screening unit at your church or in your community.
- **Health Screening: Tour Mobile Health Screening Unit** – Sessions 1, 2, 3 (Outside) Ken & Rhonda Brown
- **International: Armenia** – Sessions 1, 2, 3 (Rm 3218) Asatur Nahapetyan
 How can a small country have a huge impact? Learn how to assist believers as they share Christ at the crossroads of Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. Church planting, medical, VBS, construction, or teaching opportunities that will change your life are waiting for you in Armenia.
- **International: Cuba** – Sessions 1,2,3 (Rm 3208) Kevin Cobb
 During this session, you will hear from other participants who have visited Cuba many times and learn about current mission opportunities and how you or your church may participate in this important mission engagement.
- **International: Guatemala** – Sessions 1, 2, 3 (Rm 3210) Roger & Vicki Grossmann
 In beautiful, mountainous, central Guatemala, God is using volunteers to help construct strategic ministry facilities, conduct leadership training for Quiche pastors, and serve in medical clinics. Missionaries Roger and Vicki Grossman will share the wonderful things that are happening through Good Shepherd Ministries and their vision for how volunteers can continue to play a strategic role.

- **International: Kenya** – Sessions 1, 3 (Rm 3212) Gene Kirby
 Mission teams are making a great impact in the African nation of Kenya. In the Houses of Hope project, teams build four houses in four days for needy families as part of a church planting effort. House-to-house evangelism, children's ministry, and other evangelistic efforts are also a part of this mission. Kenya is calling, and you and your church are invited!
- **International: Moldova** – Session 2,3 (Rm 3217) Mark Abernathy
 North Carolina Baptists have a unique opportunity to partner with the Baptist Union in Moldova in supporting church planters. There are over 750 villages in Moldova with no evangelical presence. We partner with "mother churches" with a vision and passion for seeing that change. Learn more and see how your church can participate.
- **International: Roma (Gypsy) & Ukraine Partnerships** – Sessions 1, 2 (Rm 3224) Cristin Stewart/Teresa Jones
 In Eastern Europe, the Roma people had been the least of the least for many decades. Around Hungary, their situation is even direr as they also belong to a language minority. In Western Ukraine, the outbreak of the 2022 conflict moved BOM and Hungarian Baptist Aid to extend its care to thousands of internally displaced (IDPs) war refugees. Learn how you can serve through the English Bible Camps in Hungarian schools, minister to Roma communities in Ukraine and Romania, and serve IDPs in Ukraine.
- **International: South Africa Door of Hope Partnership** – Session 1, 2 (Rm 3202) Brett Vines/Scott Baucom
 Door of Hope Children's Mission rescues abandoned babies in South Africa, saving nearly 1,900 babies since 1999. Learn how you and your church can partner with Door of Hope to protect the most vulnerable in South Africa.
- **Marriage on Mission: Building Strong Marriages that Strengthen the Church** – Sessions 1,2 (Rm 2306) Rex & Emily Stroud
 The church's mission is closely tied to the strength of its marriages within. In this breakout session, we will explore how Christ-centered marriages become powerful testimonies that strengthen families, churches, and the gospel ministry.
- **Men's Ministry: Igniting the Hearts of Men for Christ** – Sessions 1, 2, 3 (Rm 3222) Pete Teague
 Has God given you the desire to build strong relationships among the men in your church – a desire to grow in Christ together and become more and more the men God wants you to be? Learn how to involve men in fellowship, outreach, discipleship, and mission service.
- **Mission Centers: Red Springs, Charity, Shelby:** – Sessions 1, 2, 3 (Rm 2208/2210) Larry Osborne, Robbie Alexander, Mitchell Henderson
 Come learn how your church can make Christ visible to the community by serving at one of our mission camps in Rose Hill, Shelby, or Red Springs. Students and adults can build a wheelchair ramp, do VBS-type ministry, provide meals to those in need, and much more! You can serve for a day, a week, or longer.
- **Mission Center-Shelby: Hunger Relief Mobile Market Breakout** – Sessions 1, 2, 3 (Outside) Sawyer Greene
 Come learn about an exciting new ministry opportunity from Baptists on Mission called the "Mobile Market." Tour the Mobile Market Trailer and discover ways your church can get involved in serving the hungry in your own community.
- **National: Appalachian Coalfields & Christmas Outreach** – Session 1,3 (Rm 3214) Kathie Aiken
 Come learn about North Carolina's partnership in the Appalachian region. See how mission teams serve in this area and how your church may participate. Receive the 2025 project requests for evangelism, VBS, sports outreach, needs distribution, & construction – as well as information about the exciting Appalachian Christmas Outreach 2025!
- **National: Prayerwalking & Ministry Encouragers** – Session 2 (Rm 3214) Kathie Aiken
 One of the greatest needs in national partnerships is prayerwalking and encouragement for pastors and their families. Come learn how couples, families, or small church groups can intentionally prayerwalk towns and visit pastors' families working in some very difficult, unreached areas. Spending time with these families, gifting them, and praying with them may be the encouragement they need for effective ministry. You can make that difference!
- **National: New England & Pennsylvania Partnership** – Sessions 1,2,3 (Rm 3216) Dewey Aiken
 We invite you to hear how God is changing lives in our partner areas of New England, the least religious region of the US, and in Pennsylvania, our neighbors to the North. The Lord is moving powerfully in both of these challenging areas. Learn how you and your church play a part in these strategic areas of partnership.
- **National: Rocky Mountain, Alaska, Hawaii Partnerships** – Sessions 1,2, 3 (Rm 3220) Randy Swisher
 Find out how mission teams serve in our nation's Rocky Mountain region through camp cook teams, construction teams, evangelism, and more in New Mexico, Wyoming, and Montana. Also, learn about the exciting opportunities to serve in Alaska, the Last Frontier, as well as our partner state of Hawaii!

- **NC Baptist Aging Ministry (BAM)** – Sessions **1,2,3** (4212) Matt Martin
 NC Baptist Aging Ministry offers ways we can equip churches to serve and share Christ with aging adults in their communities, and to help churches mobilize aging adults to be on mission.
- **Pilgreen: Crash Course in Sharing Your Faith & What is Alpha** - Sessions **2,3** (Rm 3312/3314) Shauna Pilgreen
 Shauna shares practical insights from her book, *Translating Jesus*, and models real-life experiences to help you prepare for faith conversations in your neighborhood. She also gives an introduction to Alpha and shares how it is used at their church and the testimonies of lives changed.
- **Prayer Support Ministry: Unleashing the Power in Prayer** – Sessions **1,2** (Rm 4106) Tracy Leonard
 Are you struggling in your prayer life? Have you become discouraged and feel your prayers are powerless? Rediscover how to pray with the authority that has been gifted to you in Christ.
- **Prayer Support: Igniting the Fire – Building a Culture of Prayer in Your Church** – Session **3** (Rm 4106) Tracy Leonard
 Has prayer lost its significance in the church? Learn practical ways to ignite the fire for prayer in the hearts of Christ followers. It begins with someone in your church who's willing to say, "Yes, Lord, use me."
- **Richter: The Leader's Hidden Life** – Sessions **1,2** (Rm 3316/3318) Tom Richter
 Leaders are evaluated by what they accomplish and the people they lead. But according to Scripture, the most important part of leadership may be the one almost no one is paying attention to.
- **Richter: The Sermon Prep Process: How to Prepare a Message to Preach** – Sessions **3** (Rm 3316/3318) Tom Richter
 Richter's methodology for preparing a message to preach.
- **Rothschild: "Five Ways to Live and Give Grace"** – Session **1** (Chapel) Jennifer Rothschild
 Learn how to accept what you don't deserve, embrace what you can't avoid, and offer to others what they need most. You'll discover the heart of salvation, strategies to improve your "Grace Receptor," and five practical ways to live and give grace.
- **Strobel: "The Case for Miracles"** – Session **1** (Event Center) Lee Strobel
- **Strobel: "The Case for Heaven"** – Session **2** (Event Center) Lee Strobel
- **Students: Deep Impact Students – New Structure, Same Mission** – Sessions **1,2,3** (Rm 4218) Dollie Noa/Sheridan Rice
 Come hear more about how to get your students involved in hands-on mission projects at one of our Mission Centers. Deep Impact offers Gospel-Centered, Mission-Focused, Life-Impacting camps for 6th through 12th-grade students. Join us for more information.
- **Student & Mission Involvement Strategies for Making the Most of Crucial Years** – Sessions **1,3** (Rm 4220) Travis Suttles/Meredith Stroud
 The student years are challenging for parents, church leaders, and the students. Where do we start? Learn more about how to strategize building a mission lifestyle through local, national, and international mission involvement.
- **Using Photography to Tell Your Story** – Sessions **1,2** (Rm 3206) K Brown
 Suggestions for discovering and photographing your missions story, including examples from recent trips.
- **Upside Down Ministry: Strengthen Ministry in Your Community** – Session **1,2,3** (Rm 2301/2303) Tammy Weeks
 Learn the basic principles every church needs to strengthen ministry in your community.
 Do things sometimes seem wrong side up to you? Learn how an upside-down culture in your church can turn things right side up when you meet the need first.
- **What's Gonna Happen to Your Stuff?** – Sessions **1,2,3** (Rm 3204) Clay Warf
 As Christians, we want everyone to be ready to meet Jesus in eternity and, because of our faith, we consider ourselves "ready to go." Of course, that is a great truth and assurance. But there is something else we all need to do before we are really ready. Our breakout will explore this essential matter.