

# The Encourager

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Until the whole World hears. Matthew 24:14



The NCVBS Team will be hosting a total of 7 Regional Trainings across the state through the months of March & April. There will be NO COST to attend. We are so excited about these opportunities!

*These will include breakouts that will help churches implement VBS regardless of which curriculum they will be using.*

#### Gate City Baptist Church

5250 Hilltop Road, Jamestown

English Saturday, March 8th 8:30am - 12:30pm

Spanish Saturday, March 8th 12:30pm - 4:30pm

#### Mt. Vernon Baptist Church

7600 Falls of Neuse Road, Raleigh

English Saturday, March 29th 8:30am - 12:30pm

Again, there is NO COST to attend, but you must register.

Click below to register

<https://ncbaptist.org/events/vbs-regional-training/>



Thursday, March 13th 11:00am - 1:00pm

First Baptist Church of Burlington  
400 Broad Street, Burlington

“Ripe for the Picking” - Bearing Fruit as we Age  
Austin Decker, NCBAM  
*Austin Decker from NCBAM will be back with us, and he loves to play BINGO with prizes!!*

#### SIGN UP REQUIRED

It is **FREE**, and a light lunch will be included.

To sign up by email:

[sandiking@mtzionassociation.com](mailto:sandiking@mtzionassociation.com)

or call Sandi at the office: 336-226-0249

**Last Date to sign up is March 10th**

## PIEDMONT MEN OF STEEL RENEWAL SUMMIT

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: **Chris Allen**

Come join us for a men's time of renewal with keynote speaker Chris Allen. Hear his life changing testimony of God's grace, and his amazing rescue at sea!

Friday, March 21st, 2025 6:30 - 8:30pm  
Saturday, March 22nd, 2025 8am - 1pm

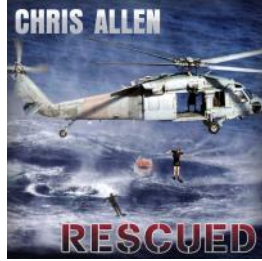


Cost is \$15 for 1, or \$25 for 2 includes both conference days, Breakfast and Lunch on Saturday, and Conference t-shirt

Christian Bible Fellowship  
1290 Springwood Church Road  
Gibsonville, NC

Register online

<https://www.piedmontmenofsteel.org/2025/02/renewal-summit-25/>



Grief is real. Grief is hard. Grief is long.

Don't get stuck in grief.

Join us March 21- June 13, 2025

For the next session of



*Riverside Baptist Church*  
1568 E. Harden Street  
Graham, NC

Fridays 10:00 AM until 12:00 Noon

To register or for more information

[riversidebaptist@rbch.org](mailto:riversidebaptist@rbch.org)

or call 336-226-1331

KMBC  
If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old things are passed away; behold, new things have come. 2 Corinthians 5:17

### WOMEN'S CONFERENCE MADE FOR MORE

APRIL 5, 2025 | 8:30AM - 12:00PM

- TWO GOSPEL-CENTERED SESSIONS WITH MELISSA HARDING FROM CHARLOTTE, NC
- SHOPPING WITH MULTIPLE VENDORS
- OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FROM OUR COMMUNITY
- LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

**\$10 ADMISSION**

KINNETT | 1106 EAST MOREHEAD ST.  
BURLINGTON, NC 27215

MELISSA HARDING  
GUEST SPEAKER

REGISTER HERE: <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/made-for-more>

Monday, March 10th with lunch to follow  
New Covenant Fellowship  
1913 Rogers Road, Graham

We need a headcount by Friday, March 7th  
so that lunch can be ordered.  
Contact Garry at [ggates@mtzionassociation.com](mailto:ggates@mtzionassociation.com)

## PASTOR GATHERING

## BAPTIST CHILDRENS HOME FOOD ROUND UP GIFT CARD COLLECTION

April 1st - April 30th - Church Collection Dates

May 5th - Drop off Deadline AT MZBA OFFICE



Again this year, the Mt. Zion Association office will only be accepting **food gift cards** for the Baptist Children's Home Food Round Up. **BCH suggest these stores for gift cards:**

**Wal-Mart, Lowes Foods, Sam's Club, and Food Lion**

If you wish to donate food, you will need to make arrangements for your church to deliver them directly to the Baptist Children's Home office in Thomasville, as we will not be taking them from our office. You can reach the BCH at 336-474-1200. To see a the list of items needed, go to

<https://www.bchfamily.org/food-round-up>



God is good in all types of weather.

Current events:

2024-2025 WMU Dues \$3 per member were due 1/1/2025. Please remit to Margaret Muegge (not the associational office). Follow-up emails and letters were sent in late February to the WMU directors. Please remit!

Upcoming events:

Week of Prayer for North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Offering: March 2 – 9, 2025

WMU Annual Meeting: Tuesday March 18, 2025 - Mars Hill Baptist Church – Hillsborough. Registration is at 6:30 pm and meeting at 7 pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Ongoing events:

**VOLUNTEERS needed for BINGO!**

The WMU hosts Bingo each month as listed below; some attendees have a type of disability. Prizes and refreshments are always needed, please take them to the Association office or contact Cindy Atkins. Also let Cindy know if you can help –336- 565-8047. We are also in need of jewelry boxes. If you can help let me know. Pat Parks 336-684-6255.

Oak Creek Retirement Community, 3rd Monday monthly, 343 Baldwin Road, Burlington, 3:00 pm, volunteers arrive at 2:15 pm to set up. No refreshments. Approx. 20 attendees.

Ralph Scott Residents, 3rd Thursday. monthly - Holly Hill Baptist Church, 2818 Edgewood Ave, Burlington, 6:00 pm for about an hour. Refreshments are provided by the Associational churches. 20-45 attendees.

John Robert Kernodle Sr. Center, 4th Tuesday monthly - 1535 South Mebane Street, Burlington, 1:00 pm, volunteers arrive at 12:15 pm to set up. No refreshments. 45-50 attendees.

Pat Parks - Associational WMU Director

## 2025 Mount Zion Association Calendar

Pastors Gatherings

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month  
March 10th - New Covenant Fellowship, 1913 Rogers Rd, Graham

Baptist Children’s Home Food Round Up

April 1<sup>st</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> - Church Collection Dates  
May 5<sup>th</sup> - Drop off Deadline

VBS / Children’s Worker Clinic

6:30pm April 17<sup>th</sup>

Pastor’s Wives Dinner

6:00pm April 28<sup>th</sup>

Ministry Assistant Luncheon

Noon April 24<sup>th</sup>

Senior Adult Banquet - Mt. Zion Baptist Church

6:30 – 8:30pm August 7<sup>th</sup>

MZBA ANNUAL MEETING & Outreach Event

Minister’s & Wives Christmas Banquet

6:00 December 4<sup>th</sup>

Senior Adult Lunch and Learn

11:00 am – 1:00pm

March 13<sup>th</sup> - FBC Burlington, Burlington

“Ripe for the Picking” - Bearing Fruit as we Age  
NCBAM

June 12<sup>th</sup> - Holly Hill Baptist Church, Burlington

TBD

November 13<sup>th</sup> - Riverside Baptist Church, Graham

“How to Win the Bonus Round” - Make your Retirement Years Your Bonus Years - NCBAM

*Please Note. The dates and times of the 2025 proposed calendar are subject to change based on future availabilities of venues and speakers. MZBA reserves the right to cancel or reschedule any event due to low enrollment.*

Other Events with NC Baptists

March 2-9 North American Missions Week/  
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

March 14-15 Living Sent NC Missions Conference  
Calvary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem

April 12 Disaster Relief Training  
Clemmons FBC, Clemmons, NC

For more information on these events and more, visit:

<https://ncbaptist.org/events/>

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9AM - 2PM

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[www.mtzionassociation.com](http://www.mtzionassociation.com)



<https://www.facebook.com/MtZionAssociation/>



You can find NC Baptists on the move to many locations helping others living in the wake of disasters. From handing out waters or meals, to rebuilding, YOU can be the face of Christ to those in need.

Sign up for training today!!

- First Baptist Church, Clemmons, NC – Saturday, April 12
- Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Durham, NC - Saturday, May 3

Register Here:

<https://baptistsonmission.org/training/disaster-relief-training>

2025 BAPTIST MISSIONS CONFERENCE

# LIVING Sent

EVERY CHRISTIAN IS A MISSIONARY

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

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

<https://baptistsonmission.org/events/missions-conference>