

# The Encourager

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Until the whole World hears. Matthew 24:14



Mt. Zion Association VBS Training  
**THURSDAY MAY 1ST, 2025**

6:30 - 8:30pm

Holly Hill Baptist Church  
2818 Edgewood Avenue † Burlington

Although all of the options aren't shown above, the VBS Training will be ideas, and information that connect with **ALL VBS CURRICULUM OPTIONS!!**

**Guest Speaker - Beth Whitman, VBS Strategist , BSCNC**

Beth has been in Children's Ministry for 40 years. She is passionate about children and family knowing Jesus. Her goal is to help church staff and volunteers to be prepared and excited when they open their doors for VBS.

The cost is \$10 per person if registered by April 14th. After April 14th, the cost will be \$20 per person.

Cost includes a free copy of the book, "Gospel Centered Kids Ministry" - a \$12.99 value!! There will also be giveaways, and refreshments.

Go to [www.mtzionassociation.com](http://www.mtzionassociation.com) to register online!! Registration fee is transferable but non-refundable.

## 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>

## Church Ministry Assistant Lunch

Thursday, April 24th at Noon at The Cutting Board

Please join us for lunch to celebrate YOU!!

Please email me at: [sandiking@mtzionassociation.com](mailto:sandiking@mtzionassociation.com) or call 336-226-0249 to let us know you are able to attend.



## Ministers Wives Dinner

Monday, April 28th at 6:00pm

Village Grill Restaurant

Let's get together! It's been a long, cold winter and it's time celebrate with some much needed fellowship!

Please send a quick email to: [sandiking@mtzionassociation.com](mailto:sandiking@mtzionassociation.com) or call 336-226-0249 to let us know you are able to attend. **Please let us know by Thursday, April 24th**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2025**

## FILL THE TANK SUNDAY

I am encouraging all pastors and churches to fill your baptism tank on April 27th or on an upcoming Sunday - And trust God to save people between now and then!

You know firsthand the joy of seeing someone come to faith in Christ and witnessing their baptism, and we can only imagine the celebration in heaven when one sinner repents! As Pastors, we know that you celebrate every baptism opportunity. And, while we know baptisms are happening every Sunday of the year, we invite you to join Pastors across our state, and North America to take part in Baptism Sunday on April 27.

To prepare for this special day, here are links to various resources for print, or visual use.

<https://www.namb.net/evangelism/baptism-sunday/>

<https://ncbaptist.org/fill-the-tank-nc/>

We'd love your help in encouraging the church you serve to celebrate baptisms with us on April 27. You can share pictures and videos on social media using **#FillTheTank!**

Grateful for your partnership,

Your friend,

Garry Gates



## Ramps Build with Love by Special Servants!!



These Ramps allow individuals to be more independent and have dignity! These ramps were built as a blessing by special servants! Churches Represented are: Glencoe Baptist, Grove Park Baptist, First Baptist Mebane, New Life at Hocutt, Riverside Baptist, and Urgent Church.



God is good all the time!

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 March to the WMU directors. Please remit!

We held our annual WMU meeting Tuesday March 18, 2025, at Mars Hill Baptist Church – Hillsborough. We had 30 people in attendance. Thank you, Leslie Dawson, Donna Melville and the ladies of the church for hosting this event.

Upcoming events:

April 25 & 26, 2025, WMU NC's Ignite Missions Conference & 134th Annual Meeting, "Choose Joy" will be held at Trinity Baptist Church, 4815 Six Forks Rd, Raleigh, NC. See WMU NC for more details. Cut-off for Registration is April 14, 2025!

We are making plans for our Picnic for the Visually Impaired at Riverside Baptist Church on Tuesday May 13, 2025. Please plan to attend .

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.

Pastors Gatherings

In lieu of regular monthly meeting for April - We will meet on April 10th at Noon- La Cocina Restaurant, 454 Compass Drive, Mebane

Baptist Children's Home Food Round Up

April 1st - 30th - Church Collection Dates  
May 5th - Drop off Deadline

VBS / Children's Worker Clinic - Holly Hill Baptist Church

6:30pm May 1st

Pastor's Wives Dinner - The Village Grille

6:00pm April 28th

Ministry Assistant Luncheon - The Cutting Board

Noon April 24th

Senior Adult Banquet - Mt. Zion Baptist Church

6:30 – 8:30pm August 7th

Minister's & Wives Christmas Banquet

6:00 December 4th

Senior Adult Lunch and Learn

11:00 am – 1:00pm

June 12th - Holly Hill Baptist Church, Burlington

"Be on Guard" - Avoiding Medicare Fraud  
Stephanie Bias - NC Department of Insurance

November 13th - 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

May 1st	National Day of Prayer
June 1st	Disaster Relief Sunday
June 8-9	SBC Pastor's Conference (Dallas, TX)
June 10-11	SBC Annual Meeting (Dallas, TX)
June 22	Mission Dignity Sunday

For more information on these events and more, visit:

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

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# Happy Easter



**"WHY DO YOU SEEK THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD? HE IS NOT HERE, BUT HAS RISEN. REMEMBER HOW HE TOLD YOU, WHILE HE WAS STILL IN GALILEE, THAT THE SON OF MAN MUST BE DELIVERED INTO THE HANDS OF SINFUL MEN AND BE CRUCIFIED AND ON THE THIRD DAY RISE." - LUKE 24:5-7**



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!!

➤ Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Durham, NC - Saturday, May 3

Register Here:

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

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