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# The Encourager

## Mt. Zion Association Annual Meeting & Missions Fair

October 24th, 2022

6:15 - 6:45pm Missions Fair  
with Refreshments

6:45 - 7:00pm Special Music

7:00pm Annual Meeting

Fellowship Baptist Church  
2744 Maple Avenue, Burlington



**Chris Allen**

We are excited to welcome, Chris Allen, as our speaker for this years Annual Meeting. Chris works with Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary as their Denominational Specialist connecting the school with churches and denominational organizations. He also leads their Ministry Teams, groups of students from the school that go into churches to share the Gospel and minister by preaching and singing.

Chris will be sharing his personal testimony - an amazing story of God's redemption and grace. Once addicted to substance abuse, fleeing the country to avoid prosecution, homeless and eventually lost at sea, Chris found redemption as God rescued him from both natural death, and spiritual death. His story is one of God's ultimate power over sin and darkness. You will not want to miss hearing his story.

*"Our God is an amazing God. From a church pew as a preachers kid, to a prison cell as a drug addict, to now the pulpit!" - Chris Allen*

### 2022 Annual Church Profile

**TARGET DATE FOR ONLINE SUBMISSION IS OCTOBER 25TH**

**FINAL DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 15TH**

If you already have your User Name and Password from last year, they have not been changed. If you do not have that information, necessary for online filing, please contact Sandi King at 336-226-0249 or sandiking@mtzionassociation.com.

The links for the forms below, and instructions, are available at [www.mtzionassociation.com](http://www.mtzionassociation.com) on the links page.

[2022 ACP Short Form.PDF](#)

[2022 ACP Long Form.PDF](#)

[2022 Baptist on Missions Church Leader Mailing List Form](#)

**You will need to print out a copy of which form your choose to fill out, so that you can have it as a guide.  
No physical forms will be mailed out.**

You may submit your form online at <http://nc.sbcworkspace.com>

or you may utilize the digital form by using the following link: <https://form.jotform.com/221234581146147>

### 3 Lessons to Engage Your Community Through Events

“Events don’t work.” Maybe you’ve heard this one or twice. Maybe you’ve even said it yourself a time or two. Let me share three reasons you may want to reconsider event-focused engagement:

#### 1. Events can still be effective

At First Baptist Church of Alamogordo, New Mexico, we would hold three big events throughout the year: Vacation Bible School in June, Back-to-School Bash in mid-August and Fall Festival around Halloween. Fall Festival drew the biggest crowd of anything we did (typically 500-600 people), but Vacation Bible School provided us with the most opportunity for meaningful impact. After VBS each year, we had VBS Family Sunday, in which the kids performed a couple of songs they learned during the week and we would hand out certificates. This may seem like a small thing, but this was our highest attended Sunday for several years — higher than both Easter and Christmas!

In August, we would invite the families who were a part of our Vacation Bible School to the Back-to-School Bash. This provided a way to follow up a couple of months after VBS had ended.

If you can provide a free, fun event for the whole family, you still will draw a crowd in many places. **Folks who would not come to a worship service will come to a Fall Festival in the parking lot or a Back-to-School Bash at a local park.**

#### 2. Less may be more

Notice I said we only did a few big events each year. While these were not the only ways we engaged our community, they were some of the biggest. When it comes to engaging your community through events, you do not have to fill the calendar. In fact, I believe two or three well-planned, well-executed events throughout the year are more effective than many events that fill the calendar and drain your congregation’s energy. If you’re in a replant or revitalization setting, chances are you have a limited number of volunteers to share the load. You don’t want to stretch their time and energy thin. I would advise you to plan three or four big events throughout the year, then be sure to follow up with those who attend, especially with those who do not have a church home.

#### 3. Stay focused on the purpose of events

If you’re skeptical about events even for a minute, let me remind you of something Mark Clifton said in *Reclaiming Glory*:

**“You don’t serve your community to get people into your church .... You serve the community to get your church, the people of your church, into the lives of the people in the community.”**

This also is true for events. You don’t put an event together so people will see how amazing your church is and will want to show up on Sunday. That may or may not happen (probably not). You do events to provide the people from your church an opportunity to engage with the people of your community. It’s a starting point for relationships to be built.

If it’s been awhile since your church hosted an outreach event, let me challenge you to put one on the calendar. You may be amazed at how the community responds, and how your folks’ morale is boosted when you pull off an event successfully.

Kyle Bueermann  
Replanter Development Coordinator  
NAMB

**November 3rd  
Lunch & Learn  
11:00am - 1:00pm**



**Knowing the Facts: Discussing Dementia and Alzheimer’s  
Karen H. Owens, MSW, LCSW, Alzheimer’s W. Carolina Chapter**

**Glencoe Baptist Church  
2556 Glencoe Street \* Burlington, NC**

**This is a free event, but sign up is required! 336-226-0249  
Deadline for signup is Monday, October 31st**



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October 17th, 2022

7:00PM

GROVE PARK BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
108 Trail One, Burlington



The N.C. Baptist Singers and Orchestra is comprised of musicians from Baptist churches all over NC. They present sacred music representing many styles. Come join us as we experience worship with these exquisite artists! There is no charge to attend.



FOCUS ON MISSIONS  
OCTOBER 2022

Passage: Genesis 22:1-19. Focus: Genesis 22:6-13. Live to Love Others God's Way.

God's word and actions provide a blueprint to authentically love others. Evidence of His love is interwoven throughout the Bible and still exists today, even during trying times. Life can bring unforeseen requests by God that may cause us pain or discomfort, but we can always trust His goodness and that He ultimately will work things together for good. Journey with me this month as we discover how love is essential in every area of our lives. Let's encounter evidence of God's love for us through Scripture. (paraphrased from October Mission Mosaic Magazine, page 30). Order your copy through the WMU Store.

Upcoming

September 20 - Tuesday, Picnic for the Hearing Impaired will be held at Riverside Baptist Church in Graham - 5:30 pm arrival/registration and 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm meal and program.

By October 27<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, to association office – Red Box Prison Ministry – Our Association is providing LOTION. Plastic bottles need to be 8-11 oz., twist on tops (no pump or flip tops), 35 from each church. Thank you in advance for participating as you are able.

November 7 – Monday – The World Day of Prayer service will be held at First Baptist Church Graham beginning at 7:00 pm. Our guest speaker is Dianne Keck Daniels, a Burlington native and former Mount Zion Baptist Association WMU Director, among her many other projects and responsibilities she was called to do. Hope to see you there!!!

Ongoing

The WMU is accepting the following items to be given as bingo prizes for the senior games held monthly – bird feeders, bird seed, gloves, toboggans, winter socks, toilet tissue, Kleenex, paper towels, shampoo, deodorant, soap, shaving cream, after shave, seasonal gifts and small jewelry boxes. Check your 2022 Missions Calendar for game dates and locations. Items can be brought to the Mount Zion Association office in Burlington.

The Alamance/Orange DOC prison ministry is not accepting birthday cards for the foreseeable future. If you wish to support the birthday ministry mail your \$50 contribution to Chaplain Josh LeRoy, Alamance/Orange Prison Ministry, PO Box 1149, Hillsborough, NC 27278. Checks can be made out to Alamance/Orange Prison Ministry. Cost covers food and drinks for one birthday month.

May grace surprise you kindly along the way (from Emily P. Freeman)

Karen Rice - Associational WMU Director

Annual Fundraiser

Alamance - Orange County Prison Ministry

**SHELLED PECAN HALVES - \$15 PER LB. BAG**

Orders must be placed and paid for by October 30th.

Pecans will be delivered November 19th.

Contact Ann Perry - 336-227-3715



11:30am

Monday, October 12th

The Cutting Board on  
Ramada Road in  
Burlington.



2022 Mount Zion Association Calendar

Locations of these events will be determined

PASTORS LUNCHESES:

11:30am

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month

The Cutting Board, Ramada Road in Burlington

MZBA ANNUAL MEETING

October 24<sup>th</sup>

6:15 - 6:45pm

Missions Fair and refreshments

6:45pm

Special Music

7:00 pm

Meeting

Minister's Christmas Banquet

6:30 – 8:30pm

December 1<sup>st</sup>

Senior Adult Lunch and Learn – 11:00 am – 1:00pm

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>

“KNOWING THE FACTS”:

DISCUSSING DEMENTIA AND ALZHEIMER'S

Location: Glencoe Baptist Church

2556 Glencoe St, Burlington

Other Events with NC Baptists

November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

NC Annual Baptist State Convention, Koury Convention Center, Greensboro

For more information on these and other events go to:

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

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OFFICE HOURS

M - TH

9AM - 2PM

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Physical Location

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**ON MISSION** *together*

**November 7th - 8th, 2022**  
**Koury Convention Center**  
**Greensboro, NC**

*The*  
**PASTOR**

NOVEMBER 6-7, 2022

N.C. BAPTIST PASTORS' CONFERENCE

*Finish* our Race  
with *Joy*

NC Baptist Ministers'  
Wives Conference

2022 Annual Meeting  
November 7, 2022 9:00-11:45am  
Koury Convention Center, Greensboro, NC

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