

The Encourager

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Until the whole World hears. Matthew 24:14

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SUMMERFIELD

AUGUST 27, 2026
9am - 4PM

\$129 per person

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Thursday, August 27th

9am - 3pm * Cost \$10/Person

N.C. Baptist churches currently have over 500 adults serving as missionaries around the world. Join us for a one-day training as we learn best practices for caring for those we send. You will have the opportunity to hear from both church leaders and missionaries. Register here!

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Location

Calvary West Church

136 Medical Dr. * Advance, NC 27006



Monday, August 10th

10 - 11:30am with lunch to follow

Holly Hill Baptist * 2818 Edgewood Ave,
Burlington

Guest Speaker

Rick Hughes

"Refueling the Fire in your church"

We need a headcount by Friday, August 7th
for lunch preparations. Contact Garry at
ggates@mtzionassociation.com

A flyer for a picnic at Siloam Missionary Homes. It features a green banner at the top left that says 'SAVE THE DATE'. Below it is the Siloam Missionary Homes logo, which includes a house icon and the text 'SILAM Missionary Homes' and 'BUILT - REFINED - RENOVATED'. The main text reads 'food, fellowship & family fun' in a large, cursive font. Below this, the date and time are listed: 'Saturday, August 22 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM'. The location is 'at Siloam Missionary Homes 1053 Quakenbush Rd Snow Camp, NC 27349'. At the bottom left, it says 'FREE event for church staff and their families. Lunch will be provided. Just bring a lawn chair and your appetite.' At the bottom right, there is a QR code with the text 'SCAN TO REGISTER' below it.

A special invitation for
church staff from Siloam
Missionary Homes!

Join us for a picnic!

Your church staff and their families
are invited. We'll handle the food -
lunch is completely FREE

Just bring a lawn chair
and your appetite!

Please let us know you're coming by
August 14th using the QR Code shown
here so that we have enough food for
everyone.



FOCUS ON MISSIONS

August 2026

Remember to thank God daily for your many blessings!

Upcoming events:

Our Dinner for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at Riverside Baptist Church. Please bring your favorite dish or two and join us!

Red Box Ministry for 2026 – the Mt. Zion Associational WMU has signed up for 500 pairs of women's gloves (Specifications: one size fits all; Please remove the tag, paper, etc. and fold together as a pair.) Each WMU group/ Church is asked to contribute 50 pairs. Due by Thursday, 10/22/2026, to me or the Associational Office.

World Day of Prayer Monday, November 2, 2026. More info to follow in the coming months.

Appalachian Backpacks due to First Baptist Burlington, Saturday, November 7, 2026.

Operation Christmas Child – shoeboxes - Collection week, November 16, 2026, thru November 23, 2026.

Ongoing events:

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.

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. 35-45 attendees.

Pat Parks - Associational WMU Director

2026 Mount Zion Association Calendar

Pastors Gatherings

2nd Monday of each month

Aug 10th - Holly Hill

Senior Adult Banquet - Mt. Zion Baptist Church

6:30 – 8:30pm August 6th

MZBA ANNUAL MEETING

6:30 August 6th - Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Minister's & Wives Christmas Banquet

6:00 December 3rd

Senior Adult Lunch and Learn events

11:00 am – 1:00pm

October 1st

Trip to Siloam Homes

Please Note. The dates and times of the 2026 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.

Attention Pastors & Wives!

Operation Christmas Child Breakfast

August 8th from 9am - 10am

Westside Fellowship

1651 N NC 87, Elon

The local OCC team is hosting a breakfast for pastors and their wives. We will be sharing about the discipleship program (The Greatest Journey) offered to shoebox recipients and the benefits to congregations when they partner with us. This is not an event for project leaders.

Please contact Lori Lafferty to let her know you can attend.

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Operation Christmas Child

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*Several times I thought
the preacher was right
next to me telling
me everything. In that
moment I received Christ.
Who did he use? TWR."*

— Carlos, a listener in Colombia

Tour TWR's Global Office

TWR shares the gospel around the world using media. Come see and hear what God is doing around the world through this great ministry. You are invited to join us on Monday, August 18th for a tour of the TWR Global office in Cary, NC.

We will leave from the Mt Zion office at 9:00 am, tour the building with lunch to follow. We will return home by 1:30 pm.

Have questions, call David Neff, 336-213-3374.

Website: twr.org

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