

The Encourager

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Until the whole World hears. Matthew 24:14

PASTOR CARE TRAINING

Be the One to Fill Their Cup



Spring Sessions

JOIN US!

Spring Sessions



Pastor Care Rep Training

May 28th

Registration closes May 17th.

Learn how to sprinkle joy
and encouragement
on your pastor all year long.

Register at
www.pastorcaretraining.com

What is a Pastor Care Rep (PCR)?

- a passionate individual who truly values their pastor
- recognizes the hard work and challenges their pastor faces
- loves uplifting and energizing their pastor while inspiring others within their congregation to do the same

How Do You Become a PCR?

- Join us for one of our upcoming trainings! Register below!
- We offer engaging in-person and virtual sessions.

How Do We Provide Support?

When you attend training and become an active PCR, we...

- provide follow-up coaching and support sessions individually and collaboratively via Zoom
- provide free access to our PCR portal which contains the following
 - PCR Sharing Hub where you can connect with other PCRs nationwide to share ideas, ask questions, and find the support and encouragement you need
 - PCR Resource Room where we share documents, videos and ideas we have used within our own church

Register for Training!

Whether you are bursting with excitement or contemplating the leap, the first step is attending PCR training. Get registered today!

Engaging Exposition
PREACHING CONFERENCE
LEADING FROM THE PULPIT
SEPTEMBER 14-15 | SEBTS.EDU/EVENTS

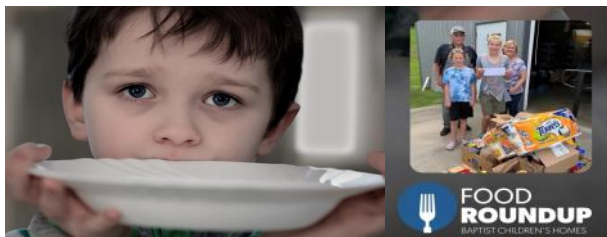
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Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
CENTER FOR PREACHING & PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

Engaging Exposition is Southeastern Seminary's annual preaching conference designed to equip local church pastors to preach and lead biblically. This two-day event will include practical breakout sessions, free resources, and opportunities to network with like-minded pastors, as well as main sessions led by H.B. Charles, Jr., Scott Pace, and Hershael York. The theme for 2026 is "Leading from the Pulpit." Join us in September!

Register by July 31, 2026 to lock in the early-bird ticket price: \$40 for students and \$50 for general admission and group rate (five or more tickets required). The theme for 2026 is "Leading from the Pulpit." Join us in September!

<https://www.sebts.edu/event/engaging-exposition-preaching-conference/>



**BAPTIST CHILDRENS HOME FOOD ROUND UP
GIFT CARD COLLECTION**

**April 1st - April 30th - Church Collection Dates
May 7th - 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 suggests 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>

**SENIOR ADULT
Lunch &
Learn**

**SAVE THE DATE!!
Thursday, June 18th 11:00am - 1:00pm**

**"What's it All About?" - AI info for Aging Adults
Matthew Martin, NCBAM**

Camp BAM is designed to be a multi-generational local missions week where we serve to be the hand and feet of Jesus by meeting the needs of senior adults in real and tangible ways (wheel chair ramps, grab bars, smoke alarms, yard-work, etc) We believe this event would be a great opportunity for churches across the association to engage and participate.



**National Day
of Prayer
May 7th**

**Monday, May 11th
10-11:30am with lunch to follow**

New Covenant Fellowship * 1913 Rogers Rd. - Graham

We need a headcount by Friday, May 8th for lunch preparations. Contact Garry at ggates@mtzionassociation.com

Look at all the beauty God created for us to enjoy.

Current events:

We have a couple of positions open on our Mt. Zion WMU Council. If you would like to know more about our council and join our great group of ladies, please let me know.

Upcoming event

- National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 7, 2026.
- NC Baptist Hospital's Mother's Day offering is Sunday, May 10, 2026.
- Our Dinner for the Visually Impaired is at Riverside Baptist Church on Tuesday May 12, 2026, at 6 pm. Please bring a couple of your favorite dishes and join us! We have a wonderful time of fellowship.
- I have secured our item for the Red Box ministry due in October. We will be collecting 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.

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.
- 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.

Pat Parks - Associational WMU Director (cell: 336-684-6255)
email: (jwp11@att.net)

Pastors Gatherings

2nd Monday of each month

May 11th - New Covenant Fellowship

Baptist Children's Home Food Round Up - Gift Cards Only

April 1st - 30th - Church Collection Dates

May 7th - Drop off Deadline

Ministry Assistant Luncheon - The Cutting Board

Noon April 23rd

National Day of Prayer

May 7th

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

June 18th

NCBAM, Matthew Martin

"What's it all About?" - AI for Aging Adults

Please Note date change
for this event

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.

Mt. Zion Baptist Association 2026 Annual Meeting August 6th at 6:30pm

In conjunction with the Senior Adult Banquet,
we will have the 157th Annual Meeting of the Mt. Zion Association.

The meeting will be at the very beginning of the event, and will consist of voting on the budget for 2027. There will be seating available for those that only wish to attend the annual meeting, and there will be no cost to those just attending the meeting. You may exit as soon as the meeting is concluded.

Location

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH * 3572 W. GREENSBORO-CHAPEL HILL ROAD * LIBERTY, NC

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OFFICE HOURS

M - TH

9AM - 2PM

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Burlington, NC 27215

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Are you exploring what it means to be on mission with God as you navigate College? The Go Collective equips you to live on mission—right now and for the rest of your life. Together with other young adults, you'll dive into God's Word, receive mentorship and be trained to impact the nations with the gospel. For more information, click on the link below.

<https://ncbaptist.org/ministries/college/go-collective/>

North American Mission Board & the Baptist State Convention



Wednesday, May 13th, 2026

Two Cities Church * 1001 N. Patterson Ave. * Winston-Salem, NC 27101

REGISTER NOW FOR THIS FREE ONE DAY EVENT!

Whether you're a pastor, church leader, planter or a faithful Jesus follower, you'll be:

- Encouraged for the mission
- Equipped with tools to deepen your devotion
- Challenged to think about multiplication
- Prepared to engage your city with the gospel

Join us at Send Network One Day and step into God's mission to expand His kingdom.

Register Here: <https://web.cvent.com/event/006acc98-0d84-4307-9576-6192adc0307f/register?environment=P2>

- 9 a.m. – Registration (Coffee and snacks available)
- 10 a.m. – Session 1
- 11 a.m. – Spanish Breakout
- Noon – Lunch (provided)
- 1 p.m. – Session 2
- 2 p.m. – Session 3
- 3 p.m. – Prayer & Call to Action; Swag & Send-off