

Mt. Zion Baptist Association

# The Encourager

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Until the whole World hears. Matthew 24:14



**AUGUST 2-9, 2025**

*Any project. Any day.*

**If your church didn't exist, would your community notice?**

ServeNC is an opportunity for every NC Baptist church to love its community in Jesus' name through service projects. Every church. Every community.

Whether it's painting a school, cleaning up a yard or serving meals to those in need, your church knows your community's specific needs and can choose the best project to make a difference through ServeNC.

Click here to sign up! <https://ncbaptist.org/servenc/>

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

May 5th - Drop off Deadline AT MZBA OFFICE

Office Hours Mon-Thurs 9am - 2pm



# More <sup>than</sup> Conquerors

Yet in all things we are  
More Than Conquerors  
through Him who loved us.  
Romans 8:37



Tara Lorencen

Tara has a Master's degree in Church Ministries. She leads Women's Ministry at her church and has had the privilege of speaking at women's events across the region. Tara loves the Bible and testifies of its life-changing power. Teaching God's Word and encouraging women in their relationship with Jesus is her passion. We will be blessed as Tara joins us to share her passion for Jesus and His Word.



Kristin L. Kellen

Kristin has a M.A. in Biblical Counseling, a Ph.D. in Applied Theology - Biblical Counseling, and an Ed.D. in Christian Counseling. Kristin is the Associate Professor of Biblical Counseling and the Associate Director of EdD. studies at SEBTS. We are so privileged to have her join us to share with us in how we can better counsel these we come in contact with in life.

More Info. And to register online

<https://ncbminwives.wixsite.com/ncbmwevents>

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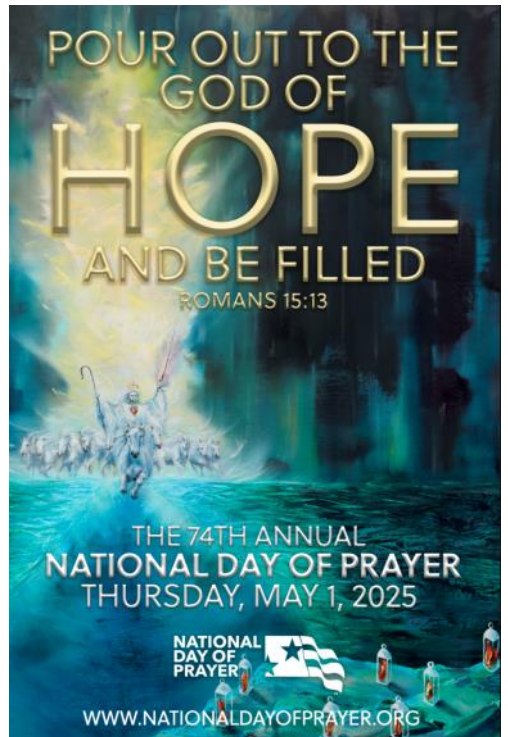


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## NC BAPTIST MINISTERS' WIVES RETREAT

July 7-9, 2025/CARAWAY CONFERENCE CENTER

Retreat Chairs: Sandy Cooper - [scooperntw@yahoo.com](mailto:scooperntw@yahoo.com) Barbara Murdock - [barbaramurdock@yahoo.com](mailto:barbaramurdock@yahoo.com)



TUESDAY, JUNE 3RD

9AM - 2PM

### It's often UPSIDE DOWN!



We are convinced that YOUR church can turn your community Upside Down by applying Jesus' example. So often, Christians think "church" first, but Jesus taught another way. He started with ministry, meeting needs first. His ministry grew people's faith, and then He built the church on that faith.

Upside Down: Meet the Need First shares principles for applying Jesus's example and turning the world upside down.

The training will cover "Basic Principles for Every Church to Strengthen Ministry in Their Community".

This training will be taught by trainers who cumulatively have over 100 years experience with under-resourced communities (and every community is under-resourced in some way)

The training will be led by Taylor Field, Susan Field and Paul Langston.

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|-------------------|---|
| 9:00am - 9:45am   | Intro and Meet the Need First                 |
| 10:00am - 10:45am | Serve the Unserved                            |
| 11:00am - 11:45am | See the Unseen                                |
| 11:45am - 12:30pm | Lunch   |
| 12:30pm to 1:10pm | Small Is Big                                  |
| 1:20pm to 2:00pm  | Admin, Admin, Admin and giving of certificate |

Cost is \$15 per person (includes lunch)

Register Here

<https://baptistsonmission.org/bom/compassion-ministries/upside-down-training/7222>

Location:

BAPTIST ON MISSIONS OFFICE \* 205 CONVENTION WAY, CARY



June 12th 11:00am - 1:00pm

Holly Hill Baptist Church  
2818 Edgewood Street, Burlington

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

### 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 June 9th**



## What a WONDERFUL Time of Year!

### 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 April to the WMU directors. Please remit! We only have 2 churches that are outstanding. Thank you, churches.

### Upcoming event

National Day of Prayer is May 1, 2025.

Our Picnic for the Visually Impaired is at Riverside Baptist Church on Tuesday May 13, 2025, at 6 pm. Please bring a couple of your favorite dishes and join us! We have a wonderful time of fellowship.

### 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 Event Calendar

|                        |                 |   |
|------------------------|-----------------|---|
| May 1 <sup>st</sup>    | 6:30pm          | VBS Children's Worker Clinic<br>Holly Hill Baptist Church   |
| May 1 <sup>st</sup>    |                 | National Day of Prayer  |
| May 5 <sup>th</sup>    |                 | Drop off Deadline, Baptist Children's Home<br>Food Round Up   |
| May 12 <sup>th</sup>   | 10am            | Pastor Gathering, Glencoe Baptist Church  |
| May 13 <sup>th</sup>   | 6pm             | WMU Picnic for the Visually Impaired<br>Riverside Baptist Church, Graham  |
| June 1 <sup>st</sup>   |                 | Disaster Relief Sunday  |
| June 8-9               |                 | SBC Pastor's Conference (Dallas, TX)  |
| June 10-11             |                 | SBC Annual Meeting (Dallas, TX)   |
| June 12 <sup>th</sup>  | 11am - 1pm      | Senior Adult Lunch and Learn<br>Holly Hill Baptist Church, Burlington<br>"Be on Guard" - Avoiding Medicare Fraud<br>Stephanie Bias, NC Department of Insurance          |
| June 22 <sup>nd</sup>  |                 | Mission Dignity Sunday  |
| August 7 <sup>th</sup> | 6:30pm - 8:30pm | Senior Adult Banquet<br>Mt. Zion Baptist Church   |
| Nov 13 <sup>th</sup>   | 11am - 1pm      | Senior Adult Lunch and Learn<br>Riverside Baptist Church, Graham<br>"How to Win the Bonus Round" - Make your Retirement Years, Your Bonus Years<br>Austin Decker, NCBAM |
| Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>    | 6pm             | Minister's & Wives Christmas Banquet  |

*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 re-schedule any event due to low enrollment.*

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The Mt. Zion Association office will be closed on  
Monday, May 26th in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.

