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The Encourager



BAPTIST CHILDRENS HOME FOOD ROUND UP IS COMING!

April 1st - April 30th - Collection Dates
May 4th - Drop off Deadline AT MZBA OFFICE

The collection list with the most-needed items has been updated. New flyers have been designed to help you promote the efforts in your church. Digital resources such as graphics and slides, will help you encourage your congregation through social media and even your online services. You can find these resources and more at <https://www.bchfamily.org/food-round-up>

***PLEASE CHECK THE DATES ON ALL FOODS. THEY CANNOT USE FOODS THAT ARE OUT OF DATE.**

WE ARE STILL HAVING FOOD DROPPED OFF IN BAGS.

PLEASE PUT GOODS IN CARDBOARD BOXES THAT CAN BE STACKED. IF YOU BRING THEM IN PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS, THEY STILL HAVE TO BE UNBAGGED AND BOXED UP AT THE ASSOCIATION OFFICE, BEFORE THEY CAN BE TAKEN TO THE CHILDREN'S HOME.



April 25th, 2023
9am - 5pm

Join Sam Rainer, Terry Long, and many more at
Lebanon Baptist Church in Greensboro.
Tickets \$15-\$20

To register, go here:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/revitalize-conference-2023-registration-534904302167>

Lebanon Baptist Church
4635 Hicone Road
Greensboro, NC 27405

Main Session 1: Five Best Practices to Build Momentum in Leading a Church Revitalization: Experiencing a turnaround in your church can take time. At times, this transition can feel like an eternity. Dr. Sam Rainer shares some of the best ways to build lasting momentum for faster church revitalization.

Main Session 2: Churches helping Churches: Over 45% of churches in North Carolina need complete reconstruction. The New Testament presents numerous examples that churches are both autonomous but also interconnected. In this session, Dr. Terry Long will look at the biblical foundation and the current landscape of churches living out their sentness as they help extend God's kingdom through helping other churches around them.

Main Session 3: What We're Learning from Typical-Sized Growing Churches: Nine out of ten churches are 250 in attendance or under. A movement is beginning, and your church can be a part of it. Church Answers has examined what's happening in growing churches of normal size. Dr. Sam Rainer will share the findings in this session. Your church can experience a breakout!

2023 ANNUAL MEETING

The date of our Annual Meeting has been changed to October 16th. We are excited to have with us a dynamic speaker who is related to the Rev. Billy Graham! Keep watching your newsletter for more information!!

Since the 2nd Monday falls on Easter Monday, we will meet the following Monday.

Monday, April 17th

11:30am

The Cutting Board on Ramada Road * Burlington



Complete the ACP and qualify to send an additional 5 messengers!

Messengers to the 2022 N.C. Baptist Annual Meeting approved changes to the articles and incorporation regarding what constitutes a partnering church. Those changes specified that a church which completes an Annual Church Profile (ACP) at least ninety (90) days prior to an annual meeting will be eligible for 5 more messengers than were elected by the church and registered at the previous annual meeting, up to a maximum of 10 messengers.

This is a benefit to your church because:

- A partnering church may receive 5 additional messengers than the number of messengers registered at the last annual meeting, if they **do complete** the ACP.*
- A newly partnering church that **does complete** an ACP will qualify for 5 messengers.*
- If a partnering church **does not complete** the ACP, it will qualify for only 2 messengers.

*Maximum of 10 Messengers per church

Take these steps today

Complete the ACP [Click here to complete the easy online ACP](#), if you have not already for 2022.

Save the Date Set aside Nov. 6-7 for the annual meeting and make plans to attend. Registration will open later in the year at ncannualmeeting.org.

Remember

Remember to complete the ACP every year at ncbaptist.org/acp to take advantage of this benefit.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is one of the most effective ministries that a church can offer for evangelism, outreach and discipleship of children and their families.

2023 VBS TRAINING

**April 25th
6:30pm - 8:00pm**

If you attended our training last year, you are already aware of how enthusiastic, and informative Beth Whitman and her training team is about sharing VBS information! They are truly passionate about reaching children with the Gospel of Christ through VBS, and they want to share that with YOU!!



VBS season will be upon us before you know it, so come and learn about the new curriculum, get ideas on snacks and décor, and much more! It's going to be a great VBS year!!

Please contact Sandi King at 336-226-0249, or sandiking@mtzionassociation.com to sign up your church or team **before April 18th!**

**Holly Hill Baptist Church
2818 Edgewood Avenue
Burlington**

Planning for the Future

Churches in decline or in often seek "revitalization" in an attempt to return to their former glory. However the idea of returning to the former glory days no longer exists. The things that initially contributed to growth, including cultural norms, socio-economic conditions, and the population in the neighborhood have changed. God is not calling the church to live in the past. God is calling his church to live into the now and the future. Biblical revitalization happens from re-discovering their mission, creating strategies for reengaging their mission field, declaring their values and creating biblical measures.

We would love to walk beside you if your church believes that God has a plan for your future. Contact us at the associational office.

Rick Hughes, Church Health Consultant/Coach
Mount Zion Baptist Association

MINISTRY ASSISTANT APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

April 20th, 12:00PM

The Cutting Board Restaurant * Burlington

It's time to Celebrate our
MZBA church Ministry Assistants!

Please respond by Monday, April 17th
to let me know you are coming

336-226-0249 or sandiking@mtzionassociation.com

See you there! Sandi King



FOCUS ON MISSIONS April 2023

Our joy comes from the Lord. It is dependent on the finished work of His death on the Cross for our sins. Nowhere is this joy better described than by Paul in the Book of Romans. Paul couldn't have done his missionary work without the prayerful support of the church that commissioned him for his service to the Lord. Let's walk together in our calling as believers to share the joy of the Lord through prayer. (from Mission Mosaic magazine, April 2023, page 30).

Upcoming

WMU-NC Women's Mission Conference (ME) – "IGNITE" – will be held Friday afternoon – Saturday, April 28-29 at Lawndale Baptist Church, 3505 Lawndale Drive in Greensboro. Registration is OPEN!! Check the WMUNC website.

National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 4.

Picnic for the Visually Impaired, Tuesday May 9 at Riverside Baptist Church, 1568 E Harden Street in Graham. 5:30 p.m. registration, 6:00 p.m. meal and program.

NC Baptist Hospital's Mother's Day celebration and offering, Sunday, May 14.

Ongoing

NEW!! NEW!!

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, take to Association office. Contact Pat Parks to let her know you can help - jwpji@att.net.

Ralph Scott Residents, 3rd Thurs. monthly - Holly Hill Baptist Church, 2818 Edgewood Av, Burlington, 6:00 pm for about an hour. Refreshments are provided by Association churches. 20-40 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.

Oak Creek Retirement Community, 1st Thursday & 3rd Monday, 343 Baldwin Road, Burlington, 3:00 pm, volunteers arrive at 2:15 pm to set up. No refreshments. 20 attendees.

"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay."

Matthew 28:6 (NIV)

Karen Rice - Associational WMU Director

2023 Mount Zion Association Calendar

Locations of these events will be determined

Pastors Lunches – The Cutting Board, Ramada Road in Burlington
11:30am 3rd Monday, Monday April 17th

Baptist Children's Home Food Roundup
April 1st -30th - Collection Dates
May 4th - Drop Off Deadline

Coats for the City Collection
Now - September 30th
October 1st - Drop Off Deadline

VBS Clinic - Holly Hill Baptist Church
6:30 pm April 25th

Ministry Assistant's Luncheon - The Cutting Board Restaurant
11:30 am April 20th

Senior Adult Banquet - Mt. Zion Baptist Church
6:30 – 8:30pm August 17th

MZBA ANNUAL MEETING
6:15pm pm October 16th

Minister's Appreciation Dinner
6:30 – 8:30pm October 5th

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

May 4th RockHill Baptist Church(Formerly FBC Alamance)
4363 Hwy 62, Burlington
"Knowing the Real Deal" - Frauds and Scams
Mercedes Restucha-Klem, NC Dept of Justice

June 15th "Shake, Rattle and Roll" - Time to get moving!
Austin Decker, NCBAM

September 14th Glencoe Baptist Church, 2556 Glencoe Street, Burlington
"What's the Plan?" - Navigating Medicare Enrollment
Jeanie Schepisi, NC Dept of Insurance, S.H.I.L.P Program

November 2nd Riverside Baptist Church, 1568 E. Harden St, Graham
"The Language of Love" - How can God use Yours?
Garry Gates, AMS - Mt. Zion Association

Church Safety and Security Seminar

Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Conference

Youth & College Area Wide Conference

Marriage and Family Conference -

Please Note. The dates and times of the 2023 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

April 14th & 15th Missions Conference "Living on Mission"-
Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte

For more information on these events and more, visit: <https://ncbaptist.org/events/>

Mt. Zion Baptist Association
P.O. Box 1005
Burlington, NC 27216



Have a Blessed
Resurrection
Sunday!!

Garry Gates

Associational Missions Strategist

Sandi King

Ministry & Finance Assistant

OFFICE HOURS

M - TH

9AM - 2PM

336.226.0249


Physical Location

2744 Ramada Road

Burlington, NC 27215

Visit Us On the Web! www.mtzionassociation.com

COATS for the CITY



We are excited to be a part of this great ministry opportunity! Through the giving of coats, we can partner together to share the warmth of God, with NYC persons in need.

You can drop off Now!
Drop off hours are 9:30am - 2:00PM, Monday - Thursday.
The deadline to drop off coats is October 1st, 2023.

For more details about this ministry go to:
<https://www.mtzionassociation.com/coats-for-the-city>

***A \$50 donation goes to the first church to start our drive by dropping off coats!**
****Another \$50 donation will go to the church who donates the most coats by the end of the drive!**

CHRIST-CENTERED

Exposition

CONFERENCE

EXALTING JESUS IN JONAH



Fri, Apr 28, 2023, 1:00 PM -
Sat, Apr 29, 2023, 12:00 PM

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
Ledford Hall - Main Floor
120 South Wingate Street
Wake Forest, NC 27587

Tickets \$20 - \$30

To purchase go to :

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christ-centered-exposition-conference-2023-tickets-425355679287>