

Mt. Zion Baptist Association

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Until the whole World hears. Matthew 24:14

DID YOU KNOW??

The NC Annual meeting isn't just for Pastors, church staff, and messengers!! It is for everyone!

The NC Annual meeting is a great place to fellowship with other believers. With a schedule that is packed with great speakers, inspiring missionary testimonies, and outstanding praise music, you will experience God at every moment. Meet ministry vendors from all over the state inside the Exhibit hall. They bring fresh ideas and options for every size and style of church and individuals. And you will not want to miss the a Sending Celebration ceremony as we commission and send forth missionaries from NC!

Mark your calendars now to join us at the NC Annual meeting located at the Koury Convention center in Greensboro. There is no cost, but you will be richly blessed!! <https://ncbaptist.org/annual-meeting/>



*Happy Thanksgiving
from our homes to yours!!
Garry Gates & Sandi King
Mt. Zion Association*



The MZBA office will be closed
Wednesday, Nov. 26th & Thursday, Nov 27th in
observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday

*Mt. Zion Association Minister's
& Wives Christmas Dinner
Thursday Evening, December 4th at 6:00pm*

Save the date!

Location TBD

*Check your emails often!
Information will be sent through
emails in the days to come!*



BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

YOU'RE INVITED!!

Hosted by: MOUNT ZION Associational WMU

Monday, November 3rd, 2025

Eastlawn Baptist Church Sanctuary
432 Sellars Mill Road. Burlington, NC 27217

Program begins at 7:00pm

Guest Speaker

Clay Leonard, Baptist Children's Home

Please join us for a time of Sharing and Prayer



November 13th 11:00am - 1:00pm

Riverside Baptist Church
1568 E. Harden Street, Graham, NC 27253

**"How to Win the Bonus Round" - Make Your
Retirement Years, Your Bonus Years
Austin Decker - NCBAM**

SIGN UP REQUIRED

It is **FREE**, and a light lunch will be included.
To sign up by email: sandiking@mtzionassociation.com
or call Sandi at the office: 336-226-0249

**Last Date to sign up is
Monday, November 10th**

Does Your church need a Care Pastor?

Did you know.....

- 42% of pastors are seriously considering leaving the ministry.
- 34% of the ones who are NOT considering leaving say the immense stress of the job is significantly impacting their lives.
- Only 14% of pastors say their personal spiritual well-being is very good.

So, what are we doing about it? Ministry is a messy, spiritual battlefield. Our pastors are human servants of the Lord. We don't want to add to their struggle, either intentionally or accidentally. When ministry is happening, we should expect attacks attempting to thwart the kingdom. (From Energizemistries.com)

How can we help pastors? One way may be to add an Associate Pastor or a Care Pastor. We know of some retired pastors and others that would make a great Care Pastor. I know we may have many reasons why we don't think a church could bring on another pastor, but with God all things are possible. Pray about and talk to us about some possibilities.



★ ★ ★ **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE** ★ ★ ★



FOCUS ON MISSIONS
November 2025

Thank you, God, for the beautiful colors we see outside!

Upcoming events:

Appalachian Backpack Ministry – Bring your filled backpacks to First Baptist Church Burlington on Saturday, November 1, 2025, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Last year NC Baptists provided 23,307 backpacks that were distributed to VA, WV, NC, PA and in the Grafti churches in MD, Manhattan and Bronx NY.

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer service will be Monday, November 3, 2025, at 7 pm at Eastlawn Baptist Church in the Sanctuary, 432 N. Sellars Mill Rd Burlington NC 27217. Our guest speaker will be Clay Leonard from the Baptist Children's Homes. Please come and fellowship with us.

Operation Christmas Child – shoeboxes - Collection week, November 17, 2025, thru November 24, 2025.

Past Events:

Thank you for the Chap Sticks for the Red Boxes. Totals will be reported next month.

NOTICE: 2025-2026 WMU Dues – Notices were sent out in October as payment is due 1/1/2026. The dues are \$3 per member.

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. 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. 35-45 attendees.

Pat Parks

Associational WMU Director
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Monday
November 10th
11:30am

Chick Fil A

348 Four Seasons Town Ctr. * Greensboro, NC

We will be meeting at the Chick Fil A in Greensboro. Lunch will be on your own. Next door, at the Koury Convention Center, the NC Baptists Annual Meeting will be happening. We encourage everyone to stop by and be a part of this event!

Everyone attending the Pastor's Gathering will receive a free copy of the book Future Church.



2025 Event Calendar

Nov 1 st		Due Date for Appalachian Backpacks at FBC Burlington
Nov 3 rd		World Day of Prayer
Nov 10 th Nov 10 th -11 th		Pastor's Gathering at Chick Fil A Baptist State Convention Annual Meeting
Nov 13 th	11am - 1pm	Senior Adult Lunch and Learn Riverside Baptist Church, Graham "How to Win the Bonus Round" - Make your Retirement Years, Your Bonus Years Austin Decker, NCBAM
Nov 17 th - 24 th		Operation Christmas Child Collection week
Dec 4 th	6pm	Minister's & Wives Christmas Dinner

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 reschedule any event due to low enrollment.

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2025 Annual Church Profile

Data to be summited is based on Calendar Year: For 2025, churches will be reporting their church data for January 1 - Dec 31, 2025. **This information will not be reported until January 2026.**

At this time, the filing forms have not opened for filing 2025 statistics, but will open sometime in December. There are no longer paper forms. You will need to complete the process online by going to ncbaptist.org/acp.

When forms become available through the BSCNC website, we will post the links on our website..
www.mtzionassociation.com .

If you missed the SBC Workspace 2025 Clerk & Secretary Training and would like to view the recording, please reach out to Russell Schwab at rschwab@ncbaptist.org.

Virtual website training and assistance is available to N.C. Baptist churches and associations.

You can get free assistance on questions about your website or receive a free website with training all online with BSCNC!!

1. Get a free church website and free 2hr training!
2. Get help with your existing website. Do you need some help or training in WordPress, Wix, Squarespace or another content management system? If so, please fill out the website help form to request assistance. Submit Request: <https://salmonson.wufoo.com/forms/church-website-training-assistance>

3. Get the free guide: Marketing Your Website Using Google and Bing Search. Want your church or association website to appear on the first page of search in Google and Bing? Download the free manual to help with Search Engine Optimization (SEO). Download PDF [Here](#)

4. Get a free Canva guide and a free non-profit account. Want a free Canva guide to get a free non-profit account for creating logos, graphics, bulletins and flyers? Download the free manual to find out how.

UPCOMING DATES

November 4th, 2025

November 11th, 2025

All trainings are virtual, and scheduled for 1:00pm

Sign up here!

<https://form.jotform.com/250773860560157>

