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The Encourager

Mt Zion Annual Meeting

October 16th at 6:30 PM

Glencoe Baptist Church * 2556 Glencoe St * Burlington

followed by The Joy Event at 7:00PM

"The Joy Event" Association Wide Group Choir

If you are interested in being a part of the Association wide group choir for the Joy Event, please come and join us for Choir Practice on Monday, October 2nd, and October 9th at Glencoe Baptist Church. Practice will be at 7pm both nights. Everyone is welcome!!

The Joy Event

Finding Joy and Freedom in Christ

An Associational Outreach Event

Monday, October 16th 7PM

with Guest Speaker - Jonathan Lotz

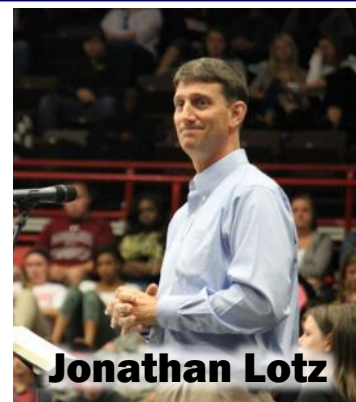
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Even coming from a well-known family (Grandson of evangelist Billy Graham; son of Danny & Anne Graham Lotz), Jonathan is certainly no stranger to pain and suffering. Though he didn't think it would ever happen to him, Jonathan experienced athletic disappointment, abuse, cancer, divorce, unemployment and Covid. Jonathan tells how God has brought him through challenge after challenge. You'll be infused with hope as he shares his story of how God has changed his life through the Power of the Cross of Jesus Christ.

About Our Speaker: Jonathan is an ordained Evangelist who recently served as an interim pastor for *The Revolution Church* in Garner, NC. He has also served as a delivery driver for *Kennedy Office* out of Raleigh, NC; the Hospitality Director for *Chick-fil-A* and as an Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach for *Calvary Day School* in Winston Salem, NC.

As an evangelist, Jonathan is committed to preaching the Word of God and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a world in need of Hope. He has preached the Gospel around the United States as well as in other countries. He has served on staff with the *Billy Graham Evangelistic Association*; the *Fellowship of Christian Athletes*; *Build the Village*, a missions organization in East Africa; and *Park Cities Presbyterian Church* (PCA). He has also served as Vice-President and President of the *NC Vocational Evangelists*. Currently, he is serving as Vice-President for the *NC Baptist Evangelists*.

Jonathan desires to: Encourage the Leader; Equip the Laymen; and Evangelize the Lost. He preaches regularly throughout the United States leading revivals for churches, speaking at retreats, leading educational tours to Washington DC, engages communities for *Here's Hope* projects, provides leadership training, leads chapel services, officiates weddings, performs pre-marriage counseling, provides pulpit supply, conducts evangelism training, does marketplace ministry and much more.



Jonathan Lotz

**Deadline for dropping off coats is
October 1st!**

- Coats need to be clean, and ready for new owner.
- Men's, women's and children's coats
- New or gently used heavy coats that can withstand a New York City winter
- Lighter-weight coats used for layering
- No holes, tears or stains
- Zippers should work and all buttons should be present

**Drop off hours are 9:30am - 2:00PM
Monday - Thursday.**

September 9th
9am - 4pm
Mills Home Campus
(Baptist Children's Home) Thomasville, NC

Tickets are just \$5, or \$25 for a 15-passenger van group. For more info and tickets, go to <https://ncbam.org/field-of-makers/>



Riverside Baptist Church
1568 E. Harden Street, Graham

SIMMONS FARM MUSEUM
3992 Kerr's Chapel Road
Elon, NC

"Be on the lookout for everything I have prepared for you.... I am your Guide, as well as your constant Companion. I know every step of the journey ahead of you, all the way to heaven." Excerpt from *Jesus Calling*, written by Sarah Young, page 227.

Upcoming

Tuesday, September 19th, Picnic for the Hearing Impaired, 5:30 arrivals, 6:00 meal and program.

NEW LOCATION – Holly Hill Baptist Church in Burlington. Hope to see you there!

WMUNC Red Box Ministry – We will collect 500 adult toothbrushes, asking for 40 from each church. They are to be individually wrapped, a single product. No multipacks will be accepted. Bring to the Mount Zion association office by Friday, October 26th.

Appalachian Backpack Ministry – Bring your filled backpacks to First Baptist Church Burlington on Saturday, November 4th, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Last year NC Baptists provided 20,275 backpacks that were distributed to VA, WV, NC, PA and in the Graffiti churches in MD, Manhattan and Bronx NY.

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer service, Monday, November 6th, 7:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church Mebane in the sanctuary. Come and hear about the miracles God provided to a missionary couple who were in the mission field for 19 years!

Ongoing

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. [Here is a list of items needed for prizes! Shampoo & Conditioner, Toothpaste & Toothbrushes, Shave Cream, Razors, Deodorant, Puzzles, Cologne, Aftershave lotion, Gloves, and Socks.](#) Contact Pat Parks to let her know you can help - jwpil@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.

**Monday,
September 11**

at 11:30am



**The Cutting Board on Ramada Road
Burlington**

2023 Mount Zion Association Calendar

Pastors Lunches – The Cutting Board, Ramada Road in Burlington

11:30am 2nd Monday of each month

Coats for the City Collection

Now - September 30th
October 1st - Drop Off Deadline

MZBA ANNUAL MEETING- Glencoe Baptist Church

6:30pm October 16th

OUTREACH EVENT WITH JONATHAN LOTZ - GLENCOE BAPTIST CHURCH

7:00PM OCTOBER 16TH

Minister's Appreciation Dinner

6:30 – 8:30pm October 5th

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

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.I.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

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

Sept 9th *Igniting the Hearts of Men Conf* Apex Baptist Church
Apex, NC
Oct 22nd *Day of Prayer for Associational Missions*
Nov 6th-7th *NC Baptist Annual Meeting* Koury Conv. Center,
Greensboro, NC

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

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BAPTISTS ON MISSION

Come serve with us at the **North Carolina State Fair October 12 - 22, 2023!**

We invite you to sign up as an individual or group to put ride wristbands on fair attendees.

Volunteer Details

- Two shifts 10 am - 4:30 pm and 4:30pm - 11:30pm with breaks
- Food and Drinks may be brought into the fair
- Free admission to the fair and free parking on the day of your shift - Volunteer will receive a voucher for free admission to the fair for one additional day
- There will be lots of walking to get from the parking lot to the central meeting area for training and then the ticket booth, and may not be conducive to those with mobility issues.

Ages: 16 yr old with a parent and older

Why the State Fair?

- The donation from the fair last year was used to purchase two pickup trucks to pull equipment when responding to disasters.
- The donation this year will be used to purchase a small refrigeration and freezer trailer.

2023 Annual Church Profile

Packets were mailed out to all churches on August 8th, containing all physical forms needed for filing the 2023 ACP.

**DEADLINE TO ENTER YOUR CHURCH DATA
ONLINE IS NOVEMBER 15TH.**

The links for the forms below, and instructions, will also be available at www.mtzionassociation.com on the Links Page, beginning September 1, 2023.

You may submit your form online at
<http://nc.sbcworkspace.com>

or you may utilize the digital form by using the following link:

<https://form.jotform.com/231786044876164>