

# The Encourager

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Until the whole World hears. Matthew 24:14

HAPPY  
*Mother's Day*

**Mother's Day**  
**Sunday, May 12th!**

*"Honor her for all she has done."*

*Proverbs 31:31*

NCBMW  
National Council of  
Baptist Ministers' Wives

*centered in*  
**CHRIST**

You have encircled me behind and in front,  
And placed Your hand upon me.  
Psalm 139:5

## NC BAPTIST MINISTERS' WIVES RETREAT

JULY 8-10, 2024 | CARAWAY CONFERENCE CENTER



### SHARIE KING

Sharie is passionate about seeing people fully become who God has made them to be.



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Ncb Min Wives

## Pastors Wives Dinner & Fellowship

Monday, May 6th  
6:00pm

The Cutting Board Restaurant  
2699 Ramada Road \* Burlington, NC

*Come and join us for a time of food  
and fellowship!*

*Please call no later than  
Wednesday, May 2nd  
to let us you will be joining us!*

336-226-0249



Saturday, August 24th, 2024

Friendly Avenue Baptist Church  
4800 W. Friendly Avenue, Greensboro

The RevitalizeNC Start Here training will provide your team with key resources needed to guide your association or church's revitalization processes over the next year. Each association or church is encouraged to bring a group of pastors or leaders to this event. The content shared will include assessments, consultations on current needs and a vision framing process for long-term church missional health. Each team in attendance can expect to leave equipped to lead out in their revitalization effort. We look forward to seeing you there.

Watch for more details to come.....



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

June 13th

“Life can be a Pill!” - Medication Safety  
Chad Hooper, Pharmacist  
Total Care Pharmacy

RockHill Baptist Church  
4363 Highway 62 \* Burlington, NC 27349

Call today to register!

Deadline for registration is June 10th!



Monday, May 13th  
from 10am - 11:30am with lunch to follow

Location TBA

Speaker:  
Mark Abernathy from Baptists on Mission

We need a headcount so that lunch can be prepared.  
Let me know by May 10th!

Contact Garry at [ggates@mtzionassociation.com](mailto:ggates@mtzionassociation.com)



BILLY  
GRAHAM  
Training Center at The Cove  
PASTORAL RENEWAL RETREATS

An opportunity to interact with peers and receive insight, instruction, and best practices from experienced Christian leaders. Include free meals and lodging (a minimal materials fee is required) for those actively serving in pastoral ministry.

Only \$30 for lodging and meals. Click below to register!

[https://thecove.org/events/?type\\_id=6](https://thecove.org/events/?type_id=6)



“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.” Ephesians 6:18.

What does it mean to be frequent in prayer? When we are in the Spirit, we know our prayers are heard even though not always answered as we would wish. The Spirit helps us to pray when we don't have the words. We don't have to know what to pray. We just have to show up for a conversation with God. One simple way to invite God into our day through prayer is by praying through the mundane tasks of life. No concern is too big or small to bring to God. This will keep us on the lookout for ways to pray on all occasions so we won't miss out on anything He has for us. (text used from Missions for Life plan book 2023-2024).

**NEW!! NEW!!**

WMU Leadership Team OPEN POSITIONS – We'd love to have you join us!

If you are interested in knowing more about these opportunities, please contact Pat Parks at [jwpji@att.net](mailto:jwpji@att.net) or Cindy Atkins at [cowboyrex99@gmail.com](mailto:cowboyrex99@gmail.com).

**Assistant Director (1 position open)**

This position helps prepare for becoming WMU Director as well as assisting the Director.

**Missions Involvement Team Co-Consultant (2 positions open, part of 4-person team)**

This team plans the WMU events held during the year.

**Upcoming**

**CORRECTION ON THE DATE!!**

Tuesday, May 14 (NOT THE 7<sup>th</sup>) - Picnic for the Visually Impaired, Riverside Baptist Church,

1568 E Harden St., Graham. 5:30 registration, 6:00 meal followed by program. If you can help set up or bring food contact Pat Parks to let her know – [jwpji@att.net](mailto:jwpji@att.net). We'd love to have you stay for the program!

**Ongoing**

BINGO volunteers are needed! 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](mailto: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 the 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.

**Pastors Gathering**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month

**Pastor Wives Dinner - The Cutting Board**

6:00pm May 6th

**Senior Adult Banquet - Mt. Zion Baptist**

6:30 – 8:30pm August 8<sup>th</sup>

**MZBA ANNUAL MEETING - TBA**

6:45pm October 21st

**Senior Adult Lunch and Learn**

11:00 am – 1:00pm

**June 13<sup>th</sup> - RockHill Baptist Church**

“Life can be a Pill!” Medication Safety

Chad Hooper - Pharmacist, Total Care Pharmacy

**November 7th - Graham First Baptist**

“Dollar Days” - Learn how to stretch yours!

Austin Decker, NCBAM

*Please Note. The dates and times of the 2024 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**

July 11-13      *Worship Leadership Training  
Charity Rebuild Center, Rose Hill, NC*

Jul 8-10      *NC Baptist Minister's Wives Retreat  
Caraway Conference Center*

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



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## POSITION AVAILABLE FOR WORSHIP MINISTRY ASSISTANT MUSICIAN

First Baptist Church of Burlington is searching for a part-time pianist who would assist the Director of Music in the preparation and performance of music in two Sunday morning services.

Responsibilities:

The Worship Ministry Assistant Musician ideally would aid the Director of Music through the following functions:

- 1) Playing piano and/or organ at the 11:00 am Sunday services.
- 2) Playing for some or all of Sanctuary Choir rehearsals.
- 3) Playing an instrument, preferably piano or guitar, and/or sing for the 9:00 service.
- 4) Serving as worship leader in the early service.
- 5) Attending or leading musical rehearsals for the 9:00 service.

Qualifications/Skill Set:

First Baptist has two Sunday services: a 9:00 casual service and an 11:00 traditional service. This musician would need to be able to play piano and understand both contemporary and traditional styles of church music. This entails being comfortable reading and performing from both written sheet music and chords/lead sheets.

Time Commitment:

Currently, the musicians for the early service practice on their own during the week, then come together on Sunday morning at 7:45 to rehearse for the 9:00 service. For the 11:00 service, the choir meets at 10:30 before the service to review music and Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:30.

Salary:

This position pays \$20/hour, not exceeding 10 hours a week. This would encompass Sunday's morning services and practices and any weekly practices for those services. These hours and schedule can be flexible as needed up front, as long as there is consistency in attendance.

There is also negotiation for help with travel expenses, if the candidate needs to come from farther than 20 miles away.

If interested, please email an interest letter and resumé to Dr. Katherine Thomas at [katherine@firstbaptistburlington.com](mailto:katherine@firstbaptistburlington.com).