

# The Encourager

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Until the whole World hears. Matthew 24:14



## BAPTIST CHILDRENS HOME FOOD ROUND UP CHANGES

April 1st - April 30th - Church Collection Dates  
May 2nd - Drop off Deadline AT MZBA OFFICE

This year, the Mt. Zion Association office will only be accepting **food gift cards** for the Baptist Children's Home Food Round Up. **BCH suggest these stores for gift cards:**

**Wal-Mart, Lowes Foods, Sam's Club, and Food Lion**

If you wish to donate food, you will need to make arrangements for your church to deliver them directly to the Baptist Children's Home office in Thomasville, as we will not be taking them from our office.

The NC Baptist VBS team will be conducting regional trainings this year. Visit the link below to sign up your team today!!

## VBS TRAINING EVENTS 2024 - SIGN UP TODAY!

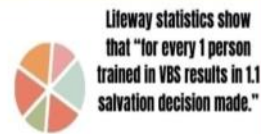
<https://ncbaptist.org/events/vbs-regional-training-2024/>

**Saturday, April 6, 2024**  
**8:30am-12:30pm**

Gate City Baptist Church  
5250 Hilltop Road  
Greensboro, NC 27407

**Sabado, 6 De Abril, 2024**  
**12:30pm-3:30pm**

ENTRENAMIENTO DE EBV - Bi-lingual  
Gate City Baptist Church  
5250 Hilltop Road  
Greensboro, NC 27407



Gain Biblical training tips, learn decorating tips, make area connections & experience the vision & excitement VBS brings!

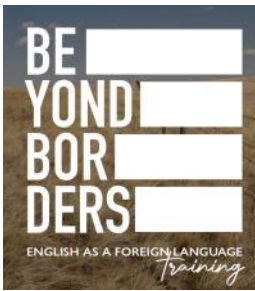
**Saturday, April 20, 2024**  
**8:30am-12:30pm**

Trinity of Fairview  
646 Concord Road  
Fletcher, NC 28732

**Saturday, April 27, 2024**  
**8:30am-12:30pm**

Walnut Grove Baptist Church  
3255 Dallas Cherryville Highway  
Dallas, NC 28034

**Mark your calendars & sign up today!**



## BEYOND OUR BORDERS EFL TRAINING

*Metrolina Baptist Association,  
The Plaza, Charlotte, NC*

Friday, April 19th - Saturday, April 20th, 2024

### Dates & Times:

The class will be offered as an in-person training spread across two sessions:

Session 1: Friday, April 19 • 1 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Session 2: Saturday, April 20 • 8 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

EFL (English as a Foreign Language) training focuses on how to teach English as a foreign language both in and outside the United States. "Beyond our Borders" is an EFL training designed to equip you to teach English as a Foreign language all over the world. This training is beneficial for individuals or groups planning overseas trips that may include teaching English as outreach.

### Cost:

\$50 – The registration fee helps offset the in-person gathering expenses and expresses gratitude for the facilitator. **Some scholarships available - contact Mt. Zion Association for information.**  
[ggates@mtzionassociation.com](mailto:ggates@mtzionassociation.com)

### Contact:

For questions about this event, contact Chase Jenkins at [ncliteracymissions@gmail.com](mailto:ncliteracymissions@gmail.com).

To register: <https://ncbaptist.org/events/beyond-our-borders-efl-training-2/>



## Minister's 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 1st  
to let us you will be joining us!  
336-226-0249*



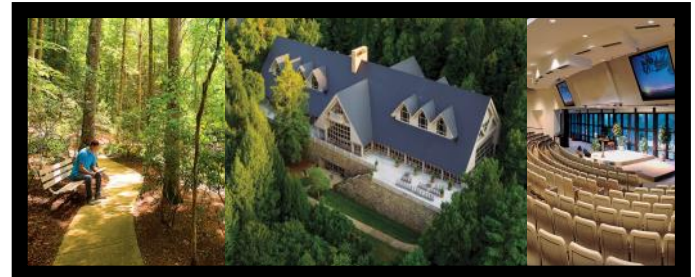
**Monday, April 8th**

**from 10am - 11:30am with lunch to follow**

**Integrity Church  
2420 Corporation Pkwy #H  
Burlington**

**We need a headcount so that  
lunch can be prepared.  
Let me know by April 5th!**

**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)



The Holy Spirit guides churches in the important role of sending believers to the mission field. Nothing is more exciting and humbling for church members than to send one of their own. Pray that God would empower them by His Spirit, encourage them, and bless them with words of support and prayer from their sending churches. (from April Mission Mosaic, page 30).

**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 [jwpil@att.net](mailto:jwpil@att.net) or Cindy Atkins at [cow-boyrex99@gmail.com](mailto:cow-boyrex99@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

April 19-20, 2024 Friday afternoon – Saturday afternoon; WMU NC Missions Conference and 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting. REGISTRATION IS OPEN <https://www.wmunc.org/missions-conference>

Theme is “Light of the World”, Parkwood Baptist Church, Concord, NC. 1069 Central Drive NW.

Friday – meal packing party with “One More Child”; Keynote Speaker Holly Myers; Worship Leader Cindy Morgan.

Tuesday, May 7, 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 – [jwpil@att.net](mailto:jwpil@att.net).

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 - [jwpil@att.net](mailto: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 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

Baptist Children’s Home Food Round Up

April 1<sup>st</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> - Church Collection Dates

May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Drop off Deadline

Child Abuse Prevention Seminar - Antioch Baptist Church

9am - 12pm

April 13th

Regional VBS Clinic - 2024

Gate City Baptist Church, Greensboro

April 6th 8:30am-12:30pm - English

12:30pm-3:30pm - Bi-lingual

ALT Leadership Meeting

11:00am

April 18th

Ministry Assistant Luncheon - The Cutting Board

Noon

April 18<sup>th</sup>

Senior Adult Banquet - Mt. Zion Baptist Church

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

April 11-13,  
& 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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<https://www.facebook.com/MtZionAssociation/>



**Saturday, April 13, 2024**

**9am - 12pm**

**Antioch Baptist Church**

**1707 White Cross Rd., Chapel Hill, NC**

This training is hosted by Antioch Baptist Church, and presented by Connect 4 Faith's Authorized Darkness to Light Facilitator and Certified Instructor. Learn more at [Connect4Faith.org](http://Connect4Faith.org).

Seating is limited!

**Call now to register! 919-929-2230.**

You're invited to attend a presentation of **Darkness to Light's NEW Stewards of Children** child sexual abuse prevention training! Join us for this evidence-informed, impactful training to learn how to better prevent, recognize, and respond to child sexual abuse. It's an adult responsibility to protect children to the best of our ability.

Cost of the training is \$16 per person. Fee will be required at the door.

**TRAINING FEATURES**

Delivered in an evidence-informed way by instructors and facilitators who have been rigorously trained

- Features powerful videos paired with robust facilitated discussion
- Teaches three foundational empowerment skills:
  - Making choices that protect children
  - Taking risks to minimize danger to children
  - Supporting each other
- Highlights The 5 Steps to Protecting Children™, and how to apply them to better protect children from child sexual abuse