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"Feeding the Children Everywhere"

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Wingate University 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Christian Women's Job Corps Plant & Bake Sale



Friday, April 12  
 Saturday, April 13

12 - 6 pm  
 8 am - noon



Iron Horse Motorcycles  
 1600 W. Roosevelt Blvd,  
 Monroe NC 28110

(WMU ladies, please have baked goods delivered to the UBA office before 10 am on Friday, April 12.)



FILL HER PLATE | FILL HER HEART

food roundup

APRIL 2019



Food Roundup Collection Week  
 April 8-18, 2019

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina



UBA Spring Session

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Waxhaw Baptist Church  
 8213 Old Waxhaw-Monroe Rd.  
 Waxhaw NC 28173

Refreshments & Fellowship: 6 pm  
 Session: 7 pm

Message by: Dr. Sam Roach  
 (First Baptist Weddington)

All appointed messengers are urged to attend.



## DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

**Dr. Eric D. Cook**

### **Beauty for Ashes**

The prophet Isaiah speaking under the power of the Holy Spirit, prophesied about the coming Messiah's ministry when he said, "The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, **to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning**, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified" (Isaiah 61: 1-3). Almost 800 years later, there were still tears and mourning in Zion. After the crucifixion of Jesus, the disciples fled to their homes and locked their doors. Their hope of a Messiah had been destroyed when Jesus was tortured and crucified. Their grief and anguish that night was probably more than they could bear. It seemed that all hope was lost. Utter despair, sorrow beyond measure, darkness that enfolded and strangled, lamenting weeping and wailing, multiplied grief and agony of soul attended the homes of the followers of Jesus that night.

But with the rising of the sun, a new day, Mary Magdalene made her way to the tomb to anoint her Master's body for a proper burial. She did so to show her love and devotion and to walk in the fullness of her agonizing grief.

"But Mary stood without at the sepulcher weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulcher, and seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, because they have taken away my LORD, and I know not where they have laid him. And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith unto her, **Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou?** She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. Jesus saith unto her, **Mary**. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master" (John 21:11-16).

At that defining moment, Mary came to realize that Jesus was alive! He was not dead. Her ashes of grief were turned into something beautiful, her sorrow and mourning had become like the oil of joy poured over the head, inexpressible joy and full of glory. The spirit of heaviness had been replaced with the garment of praise, and she fell before Him in worship. He was ALIVE! He is ALIVE!

Revelation 1:18 "*I am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen." Let the whole world rejoice for our KING IS ALIVE forevermore.

Serving the King Together,  
Eric

# MISSIONS EXTRAVAGANZA 2019

## UNSHAKABLE PURSUIT

April 26 - 27

Trinity Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC

Men, women and teens, please join us for this two day annual missions conference! Choose from a wide variety of break-out sessions including leadership, missions, spiritual development and more. These sessions will encourage, refresh, challenge and equip you for the mission field God has placed you in. **Download a promotional flyer:** [https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/4f59ca\\_b87c78f3d1ed43fbb77444c87109ebdf.pdf](https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/4f59ca_b87c78f3d1ed43fbb77444c87109ebdf.pdf)

This year the conference features a new missions track for children grade ages Kindergarten - 6! **LEARN MORE:** <https://www.wmunc.org/missions-extravaganza>



Military Wives need support, encouragement, and time to unwind from their many responsibilities at home. They need time to “hear from God” and fellowship with other military wives.

WMU NC is here to support, encourage and provide.

Please join us for the annual

**Military Wives Retreat in Sophia August 17-18.**

For more information, <https://www.wmunc.org/military-missions>

**Find 31 Ways to Pray For Our Military:** [https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/4f59ca\\_edcfa567b9064f7ab0ebd7bb531c7204.pdf](https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/4f59ca_edcfa567b9064f7ab0ebd7bb531c7204.pdf)

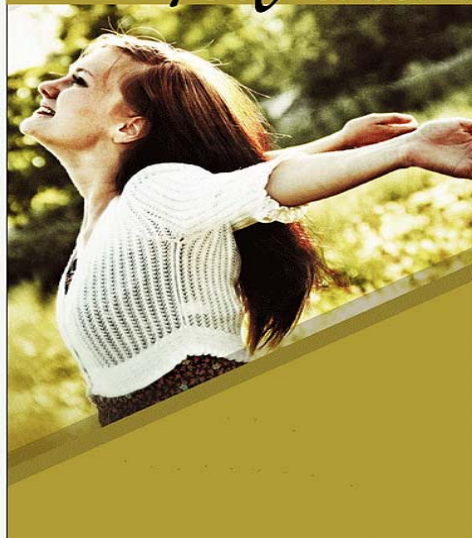
A **Military Missions Resource Booklet** has also been created for churches. It contains ideas and resources on how to minister to the military and their families. Download this resource: [https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/4f59ca\\_b62e5aeb343746ea909ae2ebefb2efc3.pdf](https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/4f59ca_b62e5aeb343746ea909ae2ebefb2efc3.pdf).

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and Program

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of NC

## Refreshed & Renewed



**Military Wives Retreat  
August 17 - 18**

taking care  
of your heart & soul

Register here: <https://wmunc.wufoo.com/forms/2019-military-wives-retreat-registration/>

Please share this opportunity with military wives in your community

Download promotional flyer:

[https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/4f59ca\\_35c291f779984478966391d05471f89c.pdf](https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/4f59ca_35c291f779984478966391d05471f89c.pdf)



- 12 Mrs. Michael (Kathy) Whitson  
First Baptist Indian Trail
- 15 Rev. John Wood Retired
- 16 Mrs. George (Ella) Gouge Retired
- 17 Mrs. Eddie (Robin) Price Calvary
- 18 Rev. Eric Nixon West Monroe
- 21 Rev. Leland Stevens Supply
- 24 Rev. Roy Helms Retired
- 29 Rev. Douglas Rumley New Salem



- 19 Rev. & Mrs. Michael Mullis  
King Memorial
- 20 Rev. & Mrs. Scott Wilson  
First Baptist Marshville
- 20 Rev. & Mrs. Terry Smith Silver Star Cowboy
- 24 Rev. & Mrs. Jeffrey Whitecotton  
Secret Grove
- 27 Rev. & Mrs. Buddy Cutshaw Macedonia
- 30 Rev. & Mrs. John Miller Pleasant Hill

Please pray for the congregations of these churches as they seek God's help in finding new leaders:  
**Centerview, Hamilton Cross Roads, Howie, Lakeview**

Include in your prayers the "Churches of the Week" and their leaders listed below:

April 7-13	Corinth	Rev. John Jenkins
April 14-20	Covenant	Rev. Rile Baucom
April 21-27	East Campus	Dr. Alvin Summers
April 28-May 4	Ebenezer	Rev. Jeremy Hood

**"MESSENGERS WANTED"**

Would you like to represent your church through the Union Baptist Association? Talk to your pastor about becoming a messenger from your church. The Association in sessions shall be composed of the duly elected church **messengers** from each association member church. The number of **messengers** to each association church is entitled is calculated based on total church membership as of the last date of reporting on the Annual Church Profile. Each association church of one hundred (100) members or less shall be allowed three (3) messengers. One additional messenger for every additional one hundred members or major fraction thereof shall be allowed for those churches whose membership exceeds 100. No church shall be entitled to more than ten (10) messengers. See the chart below to assist with calculations:

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>DULY ELECTED MESSENGERS ALLOWED</u> <small>(which may include the church pastor)</small>
1-150	3
151-250	4
251-350	5
351-450	6
451-550	7
551-650	8
651-750	9
751 and up	10

**COOPERATIVE PROGRAM**  
**Cooperative Program**  
**Sunday**  
**April 7, 2019**

**What is Cooperative Program?**

The Cooperative Program is Southern Baptists' unified plan of giving through which cooperating Southern Baptist churches give a percentage of their undesignated receipts in support of their respective state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention missions and ministries.

We would like to congratulate Rev. & Mrs. Nate Martin, pastor at Hermon Baptist Church, on the birth of their daughter, **Rae Ivy Martin**. She was born on March 3, 2019 at 12:29 am. Rae weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz. and was 18 3/4 inches.

We would like to extend a special **thank you** to our volunteers that helped with the preparation and mailing of the **UBA March Messenger: Mandy Broome, Robin Durst and Lauren Roth** from **Sardis Baptist Church**. If your group is interested in helping, please call the UBA office at 704-283-8383. Thank you for giving your time and making the day so enjoyable.

## Upcoming Events

**Corinth:** “Kids Awareness Day”, April 6, 2019, 10am-2pm. 3805 Corinth Church Rd., Monroe NC 28112. Cost: **FREE**. Lunch will be served. Come join us for a day of fun, learning and celebration. Features: egg hunt, the Easter Bunny, Puppet Show, Union County EMS, Mineral Springs Fire Dept., & UC Sheriff’s Dept. ALL ARE WELCOME!!

**Ebenezer:** We will host an **Easter Egg Hunt** on **Saturday, April 13, from 2-4 pm** for children up to the 5th grade. There will be crafts, refreshments, games, Easter story, and the Egg Hunt! Come and join the fun! Our Adult Choir will present their **Easter Cantata, "My Easter Story"**, on **Sunday, April 14**, during our 10:30 am worship service. Easter Schedule: 7 am, Sunrise Service; 7:30 am - 9:00 am, Breakfast; 9:30 am, Sunday School; & 10:30 am, Worship. There will be no evening services

**Lakeview: 2019 Malawi, Africa Mission Trip.** Shelter Agriculture Vocation Evangelism. **To secure a spot:** Submit completed application and \$200.00 (non-refundable) deposit ASAP to secure your spot. Balance of trip must be paid in full no later than 45 days prior to trip. **Payment Options:** Cash (designate participant name) Checks payable to Trinity Baptist Church (designate participant name) Obtain Sponsors to help pay for your trip (designate participant name) **Trip Date: June 13-22, 2019 \*\*\* October 10-19, 2019 \*\*\* Trip Cost: \*\*\* \$900 per person, plus cost of Airfare, travel insurance and Visa when arriving in country.** Your Church Coordinator will handle your round trip airfare, travel insurance and Visa or Operation Save will be happy to assist if needed \*\*\* \$800 per person, plus cost of Airfare, travel insurance and Visa when arriving in country. Your Church Coordinator will handle your round trip airfare, travel insurance and Visa or Operation Save will be happy to assist if needed **Team Meetings, Prayer & Fasting:** Meeting Location: Trinity Baptist Church. Dates TBD, Team Meeting and Fasting Calendar provided to Team Member upon receipt of Application and \$200 non-refundable deposit. \*\*\* Trip cost, schedule and all dates listed above are subject to change\*\*\* For more information, contact Sandy Fine Helms at [sandyfinehelms@gmail.com](mailto:sandyfinehelms@gmail.com) or call 980-328-9396.

**Mary Elizabeth:** Shellem Cline will sing on **Sun. April 21, 2019** during our **10 am Worship Service**. He is a nationally recognized Christian Country/Positive Message artist who has performed on the professional level since 2012. **Sunrise Service at 7 am and Sunday School at 9 am.**

**Mountain Springs:** “Springtime of Blessings” Women’s Conference, **April 6, 2019, 9am-12 pm**. Guest speaker: Renee Gamble. Registration begins at 8:30 am. Ladies 13 & up are welcome. Free admission. Love offering will be taken. Lunch to follow in fellowship hall. Questions & RSVP’s contact Gloria McLean, 704-764-9338.

**Oak Grove:** **Chicken Marinated Dinner Sat , April 6, 2019, 12-6 pm**. Eat in or take out **\$9 per plate**. Grilled chicken, cheesy potatoes, green beans, bread, and pound cake. This will help our **youth mission trip to Newfane NY, July 6-13.**

**West Monroe: Spring Revival, April 7-10, 2019** with **Dr. Ron Lynch**. Sun. 10:30 am & 7 pm. Mon.-Wed.: 7 pm nightly.



## Construction Skills Training

“I wish I could help more in the Hurricane Florence rebuild effort, but I don’t know how?”

Approaching an unfamiliar project or task can be a daunting challenge. Learning some of the basic skills required to undertake the most common construction tasks opens the door for involvement. We want to help more families than we have ever helped before return to homes damaged in the recent hurricanes.

Bring your family, youth group, church, or a group of friends to learn the basics in some of the most common skills we use when we respond to construction needs: laying laminate flooring, hanging and finishing drywall, and simple framing. Almost every home flooded by Hurricane Florence will need new drywall. You can help them return home!

You will also learn about our Shelby and Red Springs Mission Camps and how you can practice your new skills while impacting a community for Christ.

### **April 13 at Shelby Mission Camp**

\$10 for Saturday training only  
\$21 for Friday overnight and Saturday training  
Register at: [baptistsonmission.org/training/construction-training](http://baptistsonmission.org/training/construction-training)

Curtis and Joyce Thrift (919) 542-2942 or  
[cetjat@nc.rr.com](mailto:cetjat@nc.rr.com)

Paul Langston (919) 459-5611 or  
[plangston@ncbaptist.org](mailto:plangston@ncbaptist.org)



“He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.”

*Matthew 28:6*

## APRIL

- 5-6 NC Missions Conference, Hickory Grove Baptist  
7 Cooperative Program Sunday  
8-18 **Baptist Children's Homes Annual Food Drive**  
10 **FEED THE CHILDREN event, Wingate University**  
12 **CWJC Plant & Bake Sale Iron Horse Motorcycles**  
12-6 pm  
13 **CWJC Plant & Bake Sale Iron Horse Motorcycles**  
8 am - noon  
19 & 22 CLOSED for EASTER  
21 **EASTER**  
23 UBA Spring Session Waxhaw Baptist  
Refreshments: 6 pm Session: 7 pm

## MAY

- 2 National Day of Prayer Courthouse Downtown Monroe  
4 Clean Up Day at UBA MRC Call to register  
12 **MOTHER'S DAY**  
19-26 Associational Missions Emphasis & Week of Prayer  
20 UBA Council Meeting 7 pm UBA MRC  
27 **UBA CLOSED - Memorial Day**

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### STATE CONFERENCES

Contact the Baptist State Convention of  
North Carolina at 1-800-395-5102.

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### Children's Ministry Training Conference

"Looking for great children's ministry training close to home? TELL children's ministry training conference is for all children's ministry leaders in your church and will be **April 27 in Apex**. In addition to wonderful children's ministry training, VBS age group breakouts will be offered. Two afternoon breakout options are VBS "extras" such as music, games and crafts and an in depth overview of our family ministry conference, Scorecard. Check out <https://ncbaptist.org/event-tell-conference/> for more information about breakouts and to register your team."

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### Gospel Conversations Training

**June 8, 2019**

First Baptist Church, Charlotte NC  
301 S. Davidson St., Charlotte NC 28202

Ever wanted to have a gospel conversation with someone but had no idea where to begin? Gospel Conversations training explains not only why but also how to have these conversations across various contexts. You will learn what to do and say to share the good news of the gospel competently and confidently. This training includes a time for practice and follow-up processes for strategy and accountability. Every event is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Follow this link to register: <https://ncbaptist.wufoo.com/forms/gospel-conversations-training-june-8-2019/>

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**Student Worship Academy**  
**July 8-12, 2019**

**Campbell University, Buies Creek, NC**

High school students who have completed 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade will be gathering from across the state for this week-long training camp that will give them the tools and resources necessary to be creative and effective leaders in their churches. For more info, [www.studentworshipacademy.org](http://www.studentworshipacademy.org).



The **2019 NC Missions Conference** will be held on **April 5-6**, at **Hickory Grove Baptist Church** in Charlotte. Highlights of the conference will be music by Laura Story, D.A. Horton and Tom Richter (speaking Friday evening), Bryan Loritts and Jennifer Rothschild (speaking Saturday morning), Bob Goff and Karen Kingsbury (speaking Saturday afternoon), the Friday supper, the mission action breakout workshop sessions and much more. The Friday supper will begin at 4:30 pm and the Friday evening general session will begin at 7 pm.

### **Friday Supper**

You are invited to the Friday volunteer supper. Highlights of the supper program include updates on State, National and International partnerships/projects, Disaster Relief updates from Florence, Texas and Puerto Rico, as well as other special guests from around the world. Cost is only \$8 for the supper.

### **Schedule**

For a detailed schedule for the April 5-6, NC Missions Conference click on link below:

<https://baptistsonmission.org/PDFs/Missions-Conference/2019/NCBC-2019-Agenda.pdf>

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### Opportunities & Positions

**First Baptist Marshallville** is seeking a **part-time Music Minister** to lead congregational singing and church choir. The candidate should have a heart for God and a passion for music that honors God and stirs the heart for worship. The primary work of the music leader will be done on Sunday mornings with choir practice from 9 – 10am and worship at 11am. The music minister will also work alongside the Pastor and Worship committee with scheduling and planning. The salary for this position is negotiable. For more information please contact the church office at 704-624-2710.

**MONTHLY CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2019**

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Antioch	250.00	500.00	Oak Grove	2,754.84	2,754.84
Austin Grove	354.17	708.34	Oakland	400.00	800.00
Benton Heights	0.00	0.00	Olive Branch	0.00	0.00
Benton's Cross Roads	366.67	366.67	Philadelphia	747.38	2,031.73
Bethel	0.00	875.11	Pleasant Hill	0.00	208.34
Calvary	0.00	2,748.00	Providence	0.00	0.00
Centerview	296.91	659.07	Roanoke	0.00	0.00
Central	0.00	0.00	Sandy Ridge	306.24	829.93
Christ	0.00	0.00	Sardis	449.71	1,123.81
Corinth	100.00	300.00	Secrest Grove	0.00	0.00
Covenant	0.00	0.00	Shiloh	667.00	1,334.00
Ebenezer	369.66	1,070.71	Silver Star Cowboy	691.00	691.00
<i>El Buen Pastor</i>	0.00	0.00	Solid Rock	50.00	100.00
Elizabeth Missionary	100.00	200.00	Sunset Park	0.00	280.00
Emmanuel	0.00	605.07	Trinity	0.00	750.00
Euto	1,183.93	3,184.19	Union	0.00	0.00
*Fairfield Community	0.00	0.00	Union Grove	0.00	375.00
Faith	0.00	0.00	Waxhaw	0.00	1,100.00
Faulks	0.00	300.00	Weddington First	0.00	1,384.96
Fellowship	0.00	100.00	West Monroe	659.00	1,239.00
Forest Hills	0.00	100.00	Westend	0.00	250.00
Foundation	0.00	0.00	Wingate	<u>250.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Freedom Biker	264.84	465.18			
Friendly	0.00	0.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,073.04</b>	<b>\$55,167.76</b>
GracePointe	0.00	500.00			
Hamilton Cross Roads	0.00	0.00			
Hermon	715.00	1,430.00			
Hopewell	0.00	1,500.00			
Howie	0.00	0.00			
Iglesia Camino	0.00	0.00			
Indian Trail First	1,250.00	2,500.00			
Invitation	187.00	771.00			
King Memorial	0.00	0.00			
Korean Global Msn.	100.00	100.00			
Lakeview	6,000.00	6,000.00			
Lanes Creek	0.00	0.00			
Lee Park	5,000.00	5,000.00			
Love	0.00	0.00			
Macedonia	198.86	493.13			
Marshville-First	250.00	1,250.00			
Mary Elizabeth	161.22	161.22			
Midway	0.00	0.00			
Mill Creek	0.00	0.00			
Monroe-First	50.00	100.00			
Mount Harmony	416.67	833.34			
Mountain Springs	867.00	1,734.00			
Mt. Moriah	190.94	519.94			
Mt. Olive	0.00	0.00			
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	0.00			
Mt. Zion	1,125.00	1,125.00			
*Multiply Community	300.00	600.00			
New Covenant of Ind.Trail	0.00	0.00			
New Hope	0.00	2,615.18			
New Life	0.00	0.00			
*New Life Brazilian	0.00	0.00			
New Salem	0.00	0.00			

A complete financial statement is available upon request.

\* Denotes Mission/Watchcare Status

Account Balances February 28, 2019

Petty Cash	\$100.00
BB&T Checking Account	\$11,011.54
5th 3rd Checking Account	<u>\$30,868.00</u>
Total	\$41,979.54



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# THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | MAY 2, 2019

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LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU. JOHN 13:34

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