The Link

Sandy Creek Baptist Association

January 2026

Have a Delightful Delight-in-the-Lord New Year

Psalm 37:4 Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

If not yet normative to your walk with the Lord, would it not be wonderful to experience answered prayer as a common occurrence in your everyday course of living? For Christians throughout history, this has been the common experience for many who discovered how to delight in and love the LORD fully. George Muller is one example of a Christian who knew intimately well the power of prayer. Muller built and ran orphanages for children in England solely on faith and prayer in the 1800's. Delighting in the Lord was the secret to his walk with God where-in answers to prayer were common course.

George Muller wrote:

> "According to my judgement the most important point to be attended to is this: above all things see to it that your souls are happy in the Lord. Other things may press upon you, the work may even have urgent claims upon your attention, but I deliberately repeat, **it is of supreme and paramount importance that you should seek above all things to have your souls truly happy in God Himself! Day by day seek to make this the most important business of your life.**
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> This has been my firm and settled condition for the last five and thirty years. For the first four years after my conversion I knew not its vast importance, but now after much experience I specially commend this point to the notice of my younger brethren and sisters in Christ: the secret of all true effectual service is joy in God, having experimental acquaintance and fellowship With God Himself."

He also wrote: "Every child of God is not called by the Lord to establish schools and houses and to trust in the Lord for means for them. Yet, there is no reason why you may not experience, far more abundantly than we do now, His willingness to answer the prayers of His children." And, "The primary business I must attend to every day is to fellowship with the Lord. The first concern is not how much I might serve the Lord, but how my inner man might be nourished." Also, "No one ought to expect to see much good resulting from his labors in word, and doctrine, if he is not much given to prayer and meditation."

Delighting in the Lord is what 'Loving the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength' is all about. This is 'the first of all the commandments.' (Mark 12:29, 30)

As you think about this year ahead, resolve to delight yourself and your soul in God as your first love above all else, and see what God does as your commune with Him in love, delight, and prayer, with your whole-self. This was the way of our Lord Jesus Christ and godly Christians before us, and must become our way as well. Lord, let it be so among us in 2026. Amen.

Jason Golden, Your Associational Missionary

Important Upcoming Events and Dates:

Pastor's Roundtable: Tue, Jan 6,10:30am, SCBA Office

Foundations of Children's Ministry, NC Baptists: Jan. 6-April 14, via Zoom. for Children's Ministry Leaders. ncbaptist.org/events/foundations-of-childrens-ministry/*

Children's Ministry Conference: Sat, Jan 10, 8am-4pm, Central Baptist, Dunn, NC*

Biblical Manhood Men's Conference: Sat, Jan 10, 9am-2:30pm, Zion's Tabernacle Baptist, Lumberton*

SCBA Administrative Team Meeting: Jan 12, **7:00pm**, East Sanford Baptist

Worship Leader Training: January 15-17, Caraway Conference Center*

Changing Destinies Human Trafficking Awareness Seminar and Workshop: Fri-Sat, Jan 16-17, The Village Chapel, Pinehurst*

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday: Jan 18, 2026

Baptists on Mission Pastors' Lunch: Thurs, Jan 22, 11am-1pm, At the Baptist Building, Cary.*

Protecting your Child in the Digital World: Fri, Jan 23, 6-8pm, Cool Springs Baptist, Please RSVP*

Protecting Your House of Worship: Fri, Jan 30, 6pm-10pm,Tyson's Creek Baptist*

Secretaries' Luncheon: Thurs, Feb 5, 12pm, SCBA Office

Pastors' & Wives SCBA Post-Christmas/Valentine's Dinner: Friday, Feb. 6, 6:00pm, At GiGi's Creations, Sanford. RSVP this month!*

Evangelism Training: Fri-Sat, Feb 6-7, Hunt Springs Baptist*

Annual Chatham County Gideons Pastor's Banquet: Thurs, Feb 19, Bestfoods Cafeteria Siler City, please RSVP*

Biblical Womanhood Conference: Sat, Feb 21, 9am-2:30pm, Zion's Tabernacle Baptist, Lumberton*

NC Baptist Disciple-Making Conference: Tue, Feb 24, Hickory Grove Bapt. Ch. (Mallard Creek Campus) Charlotte, NC 28262—So..Many..Breakouts!! ncbaptist.org/disciple-making-conference/

Hope for Appalachia Hope Bags Due: March 15*

Easter—Resurrection Sunday: April 5

SCBA Spring Leadership Series: Tue, Apr 21 & Tue, April 28*

SCBA Spring Gathering: Monday, May 4

**see details further along in this Link Newsletter.*

CHURCHES	October	YTD
Antioch	$ -	$ 250.00
Bear Creek	$ -	$ -
Bennett	$ -	$ 7,000.00
Bethany	$ -	$ 750.00
Bonlee	$ -	$ 1,500.00
Brookdale	$ -	$ 2,740.00
Brush Creek	$ -	$ 2,114.25
Centro Familiar Cristiano	$ -	$ 1,500.00
Cool Springs	$ -	$ 14,641.00
CoolWater Cowboy	$ 311.36	$ 2,540.02
Cornerstone	$ -	$ -
Cumnock	$ 166.67	$ 1,666.70
East Sanford	$ 123.12	$ 1,805.01
Emmaus	$ 2,500.00	$ 10,000.00
Fall Creek	$ -	$ 4,200.00
Fellowship	$ 200.00	$ 2,200.00
Flat Springs	$ -	$ 3,525.00
Filipino American	$ -	$ 450.00
Goldston	$ -	$ 3,181.41
Good News	$ 300.00	$ 3,000.00
Gum Springs	$ -	$ 1,250.00
Hickory Grove	$ -	$ 1,950.00
Hickory Mountain	$ -	$ -
Hunt Springs	$ 100.00	$ 1,000.00
Iglesia Bautista Emaus	$ 61.06	$ 674.71
Jonesboro Heights	$ -	$ 9,850.00
Joy	$ -	$ 2,625.00
Juniper Springs	$ -	$ 8,750.00
Loves Creek	$ 83.33	$ 833.30
Mays Chapel	$ -	$ -
Moncure	$ 578.48	$ 2,382.20
Moons Chapel	$ -	$ 1,200.00
Mount Olive	$ 500.00	$ 5,000.00
New Life Bible Church	$ 50.00	$ 500.00
New Salem	$ 700.00	$ 700.00
Oakley	$ -	$ 4,832.06
Pittsboro Baptist	$ 1,657.00	$ 7,314.41
Pleasant Hill	$ -	$ 600.00
Rives Chapel	$ -	$ 1,200.00
Roca Fuerte	$ -	$ -
Rock Springs	$ -	$ -
Rocky River	$ 637.08	$ 6,217.40
Sandy Branch	$ -	$ 1,000.00
Sanford, First	$ 3,125.00	$ 12,500.00
Shepherd's Baptist	$ 25.00	$ 360.21
Siler City First	$ -	$ 1,874.97
Tramway	$ 250.00	$ 1,725.00
Tyson Creek	$ 200.00	$ 1,000.00
TOTAL CHURCH INCOME	**$ 11,568.10**	**$ 138,402.65**
OTHER INCOME	**$ -**	$ -
INTEREST INCOME	$ 14.17	$ 168.88
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**$ 11,582.27**	**$ 138,571.53**
Expenses This Month	$ 11,649.42	
Expenses To Date	$ 107,437.65	
Budget Requirements Per Month	$ 12,822.88	
Budget Requirements To Date	$ 128,228.80	
SCBA FUNDS	**10.31.25**	
General Checking Account	$ 158,220.18	
Designated Fund	$ 121,412.67	
BUDGET 2025	**$ 153,874.59**	

SCBA WMU: It is 27 degrees outside, but the wind is making it feel like 22 degrees on bare skin. Curiosity led to research for the meaning of the "wind chill factor." Basically, it's how cold people feel when outside due to the wind drawing heat away from the body, much like blowing on a hot beverage to lower the temperature before drinking it. A person is colder because of body heat loss, but the air is the same temperature whether moving or still.

These "feels like" temperatures can be life-threatening if precautions aren't taken, just as the short-lived pleasures of sin—no matter how good it feels—are life-threatening if we do not "keep [our] heart with all diligence, for out of it springs the issues of life" (Prov. 4:23). Moses, "by faith," chose to follow God rather "than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin" (Heb. 11:24- 26). Perhaps the only New Year's resolution one needs consider is choosing the eternal rather than the transient.

After making those resolutions, don't forget Prayer for Revival via Zoom on January 7th (and on the first Wednesday of each month) from 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. Leadership Luncheons and other missions education opportunities continue in 2026. Information and registration is available at www.wmunc.org/training-events and https://cert.sebts.edu/womens-missions- leadership.

The WMU NC logo has been carefully updated and now features a lighted torch to symbolize Jesus who said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). "… our foundation remains... to challenge, prepare, and equip Christian believers to be radically involved in the fulfillment of the Great Commission." (Dorothy Barham, Winter 2025-2026 edition of Tarheel Talk, pg. 3.)

February is Focus on WMU month. A downloadable resource kit with everything necessary to promote the Heck-Jones Offering and to organize a Focus on WMU Celebration at your church is available at www.wmunc.org. The kit includes a Prayer Guide for Heck-Jones Week of Prayer, February 9-15.

Just for Kids includes Children's Missions Days and Preschool Touch & Feel Missions Days. Event dates and locations are available on the WMU NC website. If you would like to host such an event at your church, contact Rebecca Lindhout for information at rlindhout@wmunc.org.

Welcome to 2026 with all the possibilities for drawing near to God and sharing the gospel. "And what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8) By faith, let us choose to follow God looking forward to the reward rather than the transient pleasures of the day as did Moses.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Susan T. Ferguson, Director
fergusonst@earthlink.net, 919-548-0115.

ATTENTION PASTORS

BAPTISTS ON MISSION

Area Pastors' Lunch

Pastors! Richard Brunson and **Baptists on Mission** cordially invites you to a Pastors' Lunch at the Baptist Building in Cary, **Thursday, January 22, 11:00am-1:00pm**. **Let us know if you can come, to get a good count. Carpool/Van ride over will be available.**

A Church has a Wheelchair Ramp Available.

It's 17 feet long, with treated lumber, and no longer needed. Contact the SCBA Office for more information.

Pastors' and Wives

Birthdays:

1/24 - Celia Olgilvie, Iglesia Bautista Emaus

Church Anniversaries:

1/1/2010 - Robbie and Annette Gibson, East Sanford

1/1/2024 - Brian and April Charland, Jonesboro Heights

HOPE'S PATHWAY
CHATHAM

Thank you for following along with us in 2025 as we walked through life in the womb. As an end to the series, we encourage you to watch Baby Olivia. "With scientific accuracy, this video depicts the moment life begins and beyond to show the humanity of the preborn throughout each stage of human development." Baby Olivia is a beautiful reminder of the gift of life given to us by our Creator. As we head into Sanctity of Life Month, pray for the precious lives of all preborn children.

Regardless of their circumstances, every child is worthy of life and protection and were made in God's image.

Meet Baby Olivia | A Never Before Seen Look At Human Life In The Womb (babyolivia.liveaction.org)

January 18, 2026 is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. Since President Reagan's proclamation in 1984, Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is a day set aside to focus on the value of every human life.

The Bible establishes that human life is sacred in Genesis 1:27: "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." (ESV)

To be created in the likeness of God means that each human bears His image and with it, a value beyond our unique characteristics or individual attributes. Nothing else in God's created order has the distinction of reflecting His image; it's a privileged status reserved only for humankind.

This is a bit of a mystery as God's image in us isn't something tangible we can see, taste or feel; yet it establishes our significance and worth at the highest level. The Bible says we are "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14). From the miracle of life in the womb to the body's ability to regenerate cells and tissue for healing, we see God's amazing fingerprint at work. Humans are breathtaking creatures embodying a touch of the Creator Himself and reflected in the wonder of human life.

(Carrie Gordon Earll, 2025. The Sanctity of Life Ethic. Focus on the Family.)

Prayer Needs:

- Pray for current Hope's Pathway Chatham clients - The Lord knows each need.
- Pray that women, men and families facing pregnancy decisions would find Hope's Pathway Chatham.
- Pray for struggling, single mothers in our community who need support and encouragement.
- Pray for wisdom, compassion, and steadfastness for those serving in the ministry.
- Monthly Financial Supporters - Please prayerfully consider partnering with us on a monthly basis.

Ministry Needs:
Diapers: Sizes 3 & 4

Amazon Gift List
"Hope's Pathway Chatham"

Walmart.com Gift List
"HPC's Wishlist"

Tithe.ly:
https://give.tithe.ly/?formId=a8ff5301-2fb0-4c5f-a439-abb61b923b08

Donation Opportunities:

We would love to keep you updated on what God is doing at Hope's Pathway Chatham. If you have not already done so, please subscribe to our mailing list by clicking the link: https://hopespathway.us22.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=e851f017cb36e4b37ad2cbecf&id=9e00391e75

With Gratitude, *April Harris, Executive Director*

Jubilee Associational Choir

The choir practices from 10am – 11am on Thursday mornings at Cool Springs Baptist Church. We welcome all adults to join us (you don't have to be over 50 to sing). We sing Southern Gospel songs and hymns to seniors in churches as well as assisted living facilities in Lee and Chatham counties. Call **Marilyn Tyndall** at **919-542-4014** if you have any questions.

Would you be willing to place a sign in your church yard or place of business, helping get the word out in the community about Chatham County's only Pregnancy Help Center, Hope's Pathway Chatham? If so, please contact them today and they will get a sign for you.
Thank you!

Brookdale Baptist Church Bluegrass Jam

Brookdale Baptist Church will hold a monthly bluegrass jam on the FIRST and THIRD Tuesday of every month at 7pm in Brookdale's fellowship hall. Bring your instrument!
Come pick and grin!

PASTORS SEND INFO

To sandycreekassoc@gmail.com with you and your spouse's birthday, anniversary, and the date you started at your church. We would love to send you encouragement on those days.

REACH OUT
PREGNANCY
CENTER
SANFORD, NC

January is recognized as Sanctity of Human Life Month, a time set aside to reflect on the inherent value and dignity of every human life. It reminds us that life is a gift—worthy of protection and care at every stage and in every circumstance.

While January gives us a special opportunity to focus on this message, SOHL is not limited to one month. It is a principle meant to guide us daily—in how we speak, how we act, and how we treat one another. Recognizing SOHL every day means choosing compassion and affirming the worth of every person we encounter.

As we move through this month and beyond, let us commit to living out the values of SOHL through kindness, service and prayerful reflection. When we honor human life in our everyday choices we help build a culture rooted in respect and hope.

ROPC would like to thank you for being part of this important mission this month and every day.

"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb." Psalm 139:13 ESV

Go to DONATE | Reach Out Pregnancy for more ways to give and Wish lists.

Together For Life,

Denise Godley,
Executive Director

RENEWING WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADER TRAINING

JAN	APR	JUL
15-17 2026	23-25 2026	30-01 2026

CARAWAY CONFERENCE CENTER, SOPHIA
Caraway Conference Center & Camps, 4756 Caraway Mountain Rd, Sophia, NC 27350
Thursday, January 15th - Saturday, January 17th, 2026

REGISTER

ncbaptist.org/events/worship-leader-training/

Is worship not hitting the right note? Practical, proven training equips worship leaders with the understanding and tools to overcome spectatorship and renew transformative worship.

Designed for worship leaders with little or no formal training, or experienced leaders looking for a fresh set of resources, tracks include undergraduate and graduate certificates issued by accredited schools — beginning with a three-day retreat.

www.renewingworshipnc.org

Kenny Lamm

Worship Ministries Strategist, Ministry Strategies Group

Child Evangelism Fellowship Children's Ministry Conference

Children's Ministry Conference

Saturday, January 10, 2026
8:00 AM- 4:00 PM
Central Baptist Church 6050 Plain View Hwy, Dunn, NC 28334

CEF CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP® Since 1937 presents
JANUARY 10
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE
THRESHOLD
I HAVE SET BEFORE YOU AN OPEN DOOR.
REVELATION 3:8

Good News Clubs volunteers, churches, and anyone interested in children's ministry are invited to attend this exciting local event! Come join us for an amazing time of fellowship, learning, and inspiration in the new year!

Register today: Conference Registration

Full schedule is available here: Schedule

Check-in Details: Check in begins at 8 AM!

Cost:$40.00/person

Go To Events Calendar (cefsandhills.com/events-calendar.asp) for more information on breakout sessions, and to register.

Tuesday, January 6th - Tuesday, April 14th, 2026

NOTE: *This event will be held via Zoom.*

Register—See also: ncbaptist.org/events/foundations-of-childrens-ministry/

Foundations of Children's Ministry is designed to help new children's ministry leaders (three years or less on church staff) understand key areas of responsibility within children's ministry in the local church.

Foundations of Children's Ministry is a series of eight required classes using a modified "flipped classroom" approach to learning. Participants will receive assignments for required reading and viewing before each teaching session. The teaching sessions will allow time to process and discuss the material in relation to the participant's ministry setting with other ministry leaders. The goal is to equip ministry leaders with a deeper understanding of children's ministry for the purpose of training and preparing their volunteers to lead well in their ministry assignments.

Schedule

Session 1: Defining Ministry Purpose, Jan. 6 – 8 p.m.
Session 2: Leadership Development & Volunteers Recruitment, Jan. 20 – 8 p.m.
Session 3: How Preschoolers and Children Learn, Feb. 3 – 8 p.m.
Session 4: Family Ministry, Feb. 17 – 8 p.m.
Session 5: Discipline and Classroom Management, March 3 – 8 p.m.
Session 6: Evangelism and Children, March 17 – 8 p.m.
Session 7: Safety and Security in Childhood Ministry, March 31 – 8 p.m.
Session 8: Special Needs Ministry, April 14 – 8 p.m.

Books to Purchase

What About Kid's Ministry? *by Bill Emeott*
Lifeway | Amazon

DNA of D6 *by Ron Hunter*
D6 | Amazon

Faith of a Child *by Art Murphy*
ChristianBook (eBook) | Amazon

Shield the Innocent's

PROTECT YOUR CHILD IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

Awareness & Education:
Recognize risks like exploitation, harassment, and inappropriate content across platforms.

Skill-Building:
How to guide your child in safely handling online interactions, blocking, reporting, and talking to a trusted adult.

Parent Engagement:
Strategies to foster open communication, set rules, and create safer, healthier online habits at home.

JANUARY 23, 2026

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Cool Springs Baptist Church
1313 Cool springs rd
Lite Supper provided prior (6:00pm)

RSVP to church office
919.776.4633 or rlhcdirector@gmail.com
No Childcare Provided

Protecting Kids, Empowering Parents, Fighting Online Exploitation

Annual Church Profile Info

N.C. Baptists Annual Survey

When to Fill out your Church's ACP

The **2025 ACP form launches January 1, 2026** at ncbaptist.org/acp!

Over the past few years, the Baptist State Convention of NC has been transitioning to a **fully digital ACP** and calendar year timeline — making it quicker, easier, and more efficient for churches to complete. (Contact the Association office if you need a paper form.)

And don't forget—**the 2024 ACP form is still open until December 31, 2025** at ncbaptist.org/acp. So, there's still time to submit 2024 reports.

As a reminder, the 2024 ACP covers data from the 2024 calendar year. The 2025 ACP will cover the data from the 2025 calendar year. **However, if a church wants to use a fiscal calendar (Sept. - Aug. or otherwise) they can still report that 12 months of data in January.**

Recap: You will submit your 2025 data on the 2025 ACP and that digital form will be launching on January 1, 2026.

Reasons to Submit your Church's ACP

Thank you to our churches that fill out online, or mail in their church profile. Still, some may ask, "But WHY do we need to do that?"

⇒ Key statistics on the statistical survey are used for calculating the number of messengers your church may have at the Annual Session of the BSC of NC. This impacts your voting impact! if a church does not fill out their ACP profile, then it defaults to only two messengers if they gave to the Cooperative Program. To get more than two messengers (the max is ten messengers) the church has to submit an ACP. There is no way to calculate the correct number of messengers without the ACP data.

⇒ Historical information can get lost - if the profiles are entered, there is another place for the storage of history.

⇒ Leadership data is used for mailings of interest – such as Discipleship, Disaster Relief, Sunday School, VBS etc.

⇒ Data is used to see what is working and what is not working for Baptist Churches.

⇒ Record of the number of Baptisms on the State level and National level as well as the Associational level.

⇒ Statistics give us a platform for celebrating the work in God's Kingdom (example: baptisms, discipleship, and mission involvement).

⇒ Church websites listed on the profile are linked within the BSC of NC church locator tool to help people find a church; this may be your church!

⇒ Contact information at the congregation and leadership level helps us partner together in disaster events. Many lives will be blessed in these ministry opportunities.

⇒ It is the instrument by which BSCNC gather statistical data that helps inform and shape the resources they offer to NC Baptist Churches. They also gather contact information for all the volunteer leadership in your church, so they can inform them of upcoming training events in their special areas of interest.

Please go to Annual Church Profile | Baptist State Convention of North Carolina for more info, and were clerks can request a training video.

Local Volunteers Needed in Siler City

Are you interested in volunteering at Ebenezer's Attic in Siler City located at 218 E 11th St, Siler City, NC 27344 next to Bestfood & Hayley Bales Restaurant? This thrift store helps fund the local Ebenezer Children's Home, Grace Haven. They need volunteers right now to sort through donations on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday 9am-5pm or also Saturday 9am-2pm. Gather your friends, church, or women's group and spend some time here! Call (919) 663-2770 to set up a time to volunteer.

PROTECTING YOUR HOUSE OF WORSHIP

Friday January 30, 2026 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Tysons Creek Baptist Church

10891 Siler City Glendon Rd, Bear Creek, NC 27207

Join us for an important and engaging event focused on enhancing safety, preparedness, and resilience within our faith communities.

Meal served at 6:00 PM, followed by the presentation beginning promptly at 6:30 PM.

Topics Include:

Threat Awareness and Risk Assessment, Emergency Action Planning, Physical Security, Technology, Coordination with local Public Safety Partners, Training Staff and Volunteers, Educating the Congregation.

Who Should Attend:

Clergy, administrators, safety teams, volunteers, and congregation members dedicated to creating a safe worship environment.

PARTICIPATION IS FREE HOWEVER PRE-REGISTRATION WITH THE ATTACHED QR CODE IS REQUIRED!

The Gideons International

The Gideons of Chatham County invite you to their

Annual Gideons Pastor's Banquet

Best Food Cafeteria
Thursday, February 19th
6:30pm

RSVP to Krystal at 919-548-8491

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Make a Difference

NO ROLE PLAYING!

Jesus commanded His followers to tell others about Him.
Are you being obedient to His command?
If not, would you like to?
What if you could share your faith every day without fear or embarrassment?

YOU CAN...
and it's easier to do than you think!

Come and experience a *TOTALLY DIFFERENT* approach to sharing Christ.

*** The M.A.D. Live Event - Disciple Making 101 ***

donSUNSHINE ministries
«until the whole world hears»

Saturday, Feb 7th - 9 am - 2:30 pm (Including an awesome lunch!)

Hunt Springs Baptist Church - 1557 St. Andrews Church RD. Sanford

A love offering will be taken for the speaker

Youth Focused Evangelism Training

Friday, February 6, 6:30pm
Hunt Springs Baptist Church

Youth Leaders, bring your teenagers out to learn how to share Jesus with their friends without fear.

Hope for Appalachia Announcement:

Hope For Appalachia 2026 - ***We are now accepting requests for hope bags***

to be handed out and filled for our Hope For Appalachia trip in April. We are blessed each year by the participation of our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Sandy Creek Association, and we hope you will take part again this year. We will be visiting approximately 1800 students during our next visit.

Each bag contains information about the grade/gender that bag is intended for, so you'll have some guidance. The list of possible items has been shortened this year so that each bag contains a little less than last year. This helps in packing and transport to Kentucky. Remember, this is only meant for a guide in packing the bag - you do not have to get every item on the list. The main gift will be the gospel that will accompany the bag. **Bibles and gospel tracts will be provided by Emmaus after the bags are returned.*

All bags should be returned to Emmaus no later than March 15.

We ask that a $2 donation be given for each bag filled. This helps offset the cost of the bags.

Do you have questions or would like to request bags to fill? Contact:

Pastor Steve Moore (919-542-4974 - emmauspreach@emmausnc.net), or

Associate Pastor John Hill (919-542-4974, emmausap@emmausnc.net).

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed?
And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? Romans 10:14

A Mission Field in Your Own Backyard!

Is the Lord calling you to mission work?

The children in the care of Ebenezer Christian Children's Home needs you!

Become a stable, dependable, caring and loving adult in the life of a child that has been displaced from their home due to neglect, abandonment, or abuse.

Ebenezer Christian Children's Home needs mission minded Christians to fill the roles of house parent and social worker.

To find out more about Ebenezer Christian Children's Home and the opportunity to serve in this ministry call our office at 336-667-5683, visit our website at www.ebenezerfamily.org, or email Rodney Graham at rodney@egcch.org

Ebenezer Christian Children's Home

A Safe Place to Laugh, Play, and Dream!

COA Accredited

4 EASY WAYS TO CONNECT WITH BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES FOUNDATION

01 **Invite us to share during your worship service!** Options include sharing the message, a ministry moment with updates on our work, & a display table with resources.

02 **Mid-week ministry presentations:** adaptable for all ages, these programs share our work & encourage participants to engage with missions & ministry every day. (Think evening programs, Missions Groups, WMU, youth groups, etc.)

03 **Special offerings:** You can choose to support residents in need, folks who need help with prescription costs, or contribute to our efforts toward the first Couple's Memory Care.

04 **BINGO!** We'll bring the supplies & prizes, you bring the people. We'll share about our ministry before the games begin. This is a great way to fellowship & support local missions at the same time!

Email: BRHFoundation@thrivemorenc.org
Call: Stephanie - 919.413.4614
Visit: thrivemorenc.org/giving

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MINISTERS' WIVES

Did you know?

Sandy Creek Baptist Association
will pay 75% *
for the first 15 ministers' wives
that register to attend the
NC Baptist Ministers' Wives Retreat!

Your Cost...
Double Occupancy - $65/person
Single Occupancy - $95/person

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Will it be YOU?

NCBMW
NC Baptist Ministers' Wives

- 75% of double occupancy covered. ($195)

Pastors' & Wives SCBA
Post-Christmas/Valentines Dinner

- **Friday, February 6, 6:00pm**
- At **GiGi's Creations**, Sanford
- **Register** by contacting the office at sandycreekassoc@gmail.com or calling the office @ 919-776-9423.

RSVP ASAP
By January 27.

Spring Leadership Series

- **Week 1 - Tuesday, April 21, 2026**
  - **Leadership Luncheon with Dr. Mac and Debbie Brunson**
    - **At First Baptist Church, Sanford.**
    - for anyone involved in ministry in the Church Men and Women. We'll have lunch then break up for a Men's Session with Dr. Mac Brunson, and a Women's Session with Debbie Brunson.
    - Brought to you by the **SCBA Church Leadership Development Team**
- **Week 2 - Tuesday, April 28, 2026**
  - **"Nothing but Christ" Pastors' Conference with Dr. Chuck Lawless**
    - Location to be announced.
    - Brought to you by the **SCBA Church Strengthening Team**

Men's Conference January 10, 2026
Women's Conference February 21, 2026

Zion's Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lumberton, NC,
in the Robeson Baptist Association
featuring some of our very own
Sandy Creek Association Pastors and Pastors' Wives.
Check out the information below and bring a group!

ZION'S TABERNACLE MEN'S CONFERENCE

BIBLICAL MANHOOD

Saturday January 10th, 2026 (9am - 2:30pm)

Tickets are just $10 (Lunch Included)

Guest Speakers:
Rev. George Townsend
Fall Creek Baptist - Bennett, NC

Rev. Bob Lovett
Bonlee Baptist - Bear Creek, NC

Rev, Tommy Knight
Lebanon Baptist - Fayetteville, NC

Come join us for a day filled with worship and preaching all centered on the importance of biblical manhood from the lives of David and Jonathan.

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MEN'S CONFERENCE

BIBLICAL MANHOOD

Zion's Tabernacle Baptist Church
3496 Tar Heel Road
Lumberton, NC 28358
www.zionstab.com

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ZION'S TABERNACLE
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Biblical Womanhood

Come join us for a day filled with worship and teaching all centered on the importance of biblical womanhood from the lives of Mary and Martha.

Saturday February 21st 2026 (9am - 2:30pm)

Tickets are just $10! (Lunch Included)

Guest Speakers:

Joy Townsend
Fall Creek Baptist - Bennett, NC

Harriet Lovett
Bonlee Baptist - Bear Creek, NC

Megan Knight
Lebanon Baptist - Fayetteville, NC

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CHANGING DESTINIES MINISTRY *and* THE VILLAGE CHAPEL

TWO EVENTS

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS SEMINAR FOR FAMILIES & YOUTH

FRIDAY,
JANUARY 16, 2026

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

- Special agents, Invictus Project & Task Force
- Moore County Update
- Stories of Hope and Healing
- Art for Awareness Exhibit

HUMAN TRAFFICKING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION SEMINAR

SATURDAY,
JANUARY 17, 2026

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

- Human Trafficking Trends in Moore County: Samantha Schlumpf
- Pam Strickland, NC Stop Human Trafficking
- Jessica Grider, LCSW - Program Director at Rachel's Refuge

SATURDAY'S TARGET AUDIENCE:

Local educators, healthcare providers, Church Community youth group leaders, law enforcement, and youth-serving professionals.

AT THE VILLAGE CHAPEL HALL

10 AZALEA RD, PINEHURST

HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE

1-888-373-7888 OR TEXT 233733 (BEFREE)

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The Village Chapel

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