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Spring Senior Adult Rally April 23, 2024

Registration: 9:30 am
Program Begins: 10:00 am

Host Church: Salem Baptist Church
1821 N. Salem Street, Apex, NC

Menu: Smoked Pork BBQ, Boiled Red Potatoes, Green Beans, Corn Muffins, Dessert and Tea

Cost: \$15.00 per person

Featuring:

Phillips & Banks is a progressive southern gospel quartet from the beautiful mountains of East Tennessee. Married couples, Jacob and Carmen Phillips and Caleb and Autumn Banks bring a collectively distinctive and smooth sound to their music that sets them apart. They strive to communicate the hope and forgiveness that can be found through a relationship with Jesus as well as encourage and spur on fellow believers to live for him. Phillips and Banks strives to minister with authentic and transparent testimonies and music that speaks from each of the personal relationships with the Lord.



More Event Details Coming Soon....

Networking North

All ministers from Wake Forest to the Virginia border are invited to participate in a monthly time of fellowship and professional growth. This group will be facilitated by Dr. Bill Slater of the Raleigh Baptist Association staff. If you are interested in learning more about this group please contact Bill at bill@raleighbaptists.org.

ASSOCIATIONAL PRAYER TIME

Monday, January 8, 2024
Monday, February 12, 2024
Monday, March 11, 2024

11:00 am

Raleigh Baptist Association
820 S. New Hope Rd, Raleigh



Spiritual Direction

If you are a pastor or ministerial staff and desire to grow your faith journey, Dr. Bill Slater, of the Raleigh Baptist Association staff, is certified in Spiritual Direction and available to meet. He can be contacted to bill@raleighbaptists.org.

Pastor's Empowerment Gathering for African American Pastors and Leaders

Dates: January 8
February 12
March 11

Time: 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Location: Raleigh Baptist Association
820 S. New Hope Rd, Raleigh

Led By: Rev. Jay Richardson
admin@jaerichardson.com



Network and Mission Opportunities



It's time to build more Habitat homes! This time we are mobilizing four faith coalitions to partner on a campaign that we are calling **The Beloved Build!** The Baptist coalition will join three other coalitions to start 4 new homes as well as finish up as many as 10 homes at Old Poole Place (Habitat Wake's largest neighborhood to date) by the end of spring.

We want to spread God's love across as many families as possible! We will start with a Martin Luther King Day of Service Wall Build on Monday, January 15th. **So...let's get building!**

For more information as to how you or your church can be a part of this exciting work contact Rebecca Hix, Director of Faith Relations 919.744.2446 or Rebecca.hix@habitatwake.org

Thank you for your support

The Raleigh Baptist Association and Baptists on Mission would like to express their gratitude for your support of the Appalachian Backpack Ministry. Because of your generosity, 21,049 backpacks were collected across our state. Several teams are distributing these backpacks to children throughout the Appalachian.

Mark Abernathy, Baptist on Mission
Baptist State Convention of NC



Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

Thank you to all the individuals and churches that participated in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box ministry this year. Children across the world will be blessed by the gifts they receive this season!



Save the Date:

Children's Music Camp
June 24 - 27, 2024
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Host Church: Aversboro Road Baptist Church
1600 Aversboro Rd, Garner, NC

Mark your calendar for this fabulous week of music camp for children Grades 1 - 6!!

More details will be coming soon! If you have any questions regarding camp or want to be a part of our planning team reach out to Iris Woodard at 919.231.3995 or iris@raleighbaptists.org.

Church Security Training

Intruder Awareness & Response for
Church Personnel

January 20, 2024, 8 AM to 4 PM

Providence Baptist Church
6339 Glenwood Ave, Raleigh

Many churches have taken comfort in the thought that "it could never happen here." But headlines and a steadily-growing body of statistical evidence demonstrate that violence in faith-based organizations is not an if, but a when.



Equip and empower your front-line team (security volunteers, ushers, greeters) to spot and stop trouble before it starts. This training helps team members identify suspicious behavior and act peacefully and proactively with the goal of de-escalating potential conflicts.

Points of Contact:

Rich Haman, 919.326.3000

Email: rich.haman@pray.org

Pricing: \$157 per person. Plus a minimal processing fee.

Register Online at www.strategosintl.com

Network and Mission Opportunities



Scholarship Opportunities

Help ease the cost of your education by applying for one of the five scholarships offered by Provision Financial Resources.

Applications Open January 1, 2024

Learn more about the requirements by visiting www.provision.org or by scanning this QR code.

PROVISION



The North Carolina Baptist Foundation is now Provision!

What can your church do to meet the needs in your community?

Visit ServeNC.com to sign up and receive resources, tools and more.



Do you have questions about foster care?

How can you help meet the needs of hurting children and families?

What support do foster parents need?

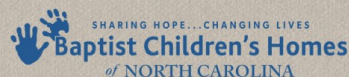
Join us for an information meeting
1/7/24 at 5:00 p.m.

First Baptist Garner

601 St. Mary's St., Garner, NC 27529

No childcare available

Contact Gail Hamrick @ 919-316-8073 or
ghamrick@bchfamily.org



Currently, Wake County has 410 foster children younger than 18 in its system. Wake County has just 95 foster families to try and take care of them.
Wake County Director of Child Welfare Sheila Donaldson (from an October 5, 2023 interview)

RBA Calendar and Bulletin Board

January 2024

- 1 RBA Closed
- 7 Foster Care Seminar - Garner First
- 8 Pastor's Empowerment Gathering
- 8 Association Prayer Time
- 9 Missions & Ministry Council
- 11 Resource Commission
- 15 Martin Luther King Day
- 15 Habitat for Humanity - Build Day
- 20 Church Security Training - Providence

February 2024

- 12 Pastor's Empowerment Gathering
- 12 Association Prayer Time
- 14 Valentines Day
- 19 President's Day

March 2024

- 10 Daylight Savings Time
- 11 Pastor's Empowerment Gathering
- 11 Association Prayer Time
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 29 Good Friday
- 31 Easter

Ministry Openings:

Good Hope Baptist Church, Cary, NC is seeking a Part Time Preschool Director to be the lead staff person in coordinating, equipping, and encouraging preschool families in a Christian-based weekday preschool program. The goal of this endeavor will be to share the love of God through an exciting preschool curriculum of discovery and exploration with preschoolers and their families. If you feel the Lord is directing

you to this position then, please send your testimony along with your resume to careers@goodhopechurch.org.

Vision Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC is seeking a full time Church Administrative Assistant. The Church Administrative Assistant is to provide comprehensive administrative support to the Lead Pastor, and the staff, and play a crucial role in managing the smooth operation of the church and church office, managing key administrative tasks, and facilitating effective communication both internally and externally. This position requires exceptional organizational and interpersonal skills, as well as the ability to handle sensitive information with the upmost confidentiality. Principal Administrative Assistant Responsibilities: Manage and maintain the church office, ensuring it is organized, welcoming and efficient. Answer and screen phone calls, emails, and inquiries, providing information and assistance as needed. Draft, edit, and proofread various documents, including letters, reports and announcements and creates google docs/spreadsheets as necessary. Maintain and update church records, directories, and databases. Manage scheduling appointments, meetings, and events for church staff and leadership. Responsible for church facility requests and schedules. Oversee all communication to the church body - emails, letters, app notifications, etc. Attend staff meetings -

take detailed notes, create agendas, send recaps File and protect all church records, paperwork, etc. If interested, please send a cover letter and resume to info@visionchurchnc.com.

For complete Church Staff Job Descriptions and Other Ministry Openings please visit our website under "Ministry Placement"

Go To: www.raleighbaptists.org

Raleigh Baptist Association Offers On-Line Giving

Go to www.raleighbaptists.org and click on "Give" to sign up and give to support local missions through the RBA.

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**Linking
The Great Commission
To Church Mission
For Kingdom Growth**
Matthew 28:19-20

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