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Spring Senior Adult Rally Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Theme: Serving on Mission Together

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

Host Church: Hayes Barton Baptist Church
1800 Glenwood Ave, Raleigh, NC

Menu:
Pork Loin with Gravy, Rice, Baked Apples, Green Peas,
Corn Muffins, Desserts

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Please send registration form and money to the Raleigh Baptist Association, PO Box 46659, Raleigh, NC 27620 by Monday, March 5, 2026

Musical Worship: We look forward to Rev. Tyler Ingram and the Music Ministry Team of Hayes Barton Baptist Church leading our time of congregational worship.

Mission Focus:
Rev. David Melber, CEO of Baptist Children's Homes of NC will share ways that you, your family and the church you serve can be involved in ministry to children and their families.

Devotional Message:
Dr. David Hailey of Hayes Barton Baptist Church will share a devotion that will challenge us to live a missional assigned life.

Gospel Entertainment:

The Social Security Boys

The Social Security Boys are a Southern Gospel quartet currently comprised of Cecil Hinnant, Ed Little, Mike Runyon and Joe Bailey, four energetic seniors still singing as they have done most of their adult lives. They have remarkably similar backgrounds, having been born and raised on eastern North Carolina farms. Unacquainted with each other at the time, they were intrigued by the sound of The Lone Star Quartet daily on a battery powered radio tuned to WPTF in Raleigh, NC and went back to the fields in the afternoon singing the songs they had heard. The Social Security Boys have been singing together since 2005 and combined, they have over 200 years of singing experience.



Through high school, college, and beyond, they began to sing with various quartets and further developed an appreciation for harmony, all the while being influenced by sounds heard in popular as well as gospel music. Some fans have offered them an unsolicited opinion that some of their harmony is reminiscent of The Mills Brothers.

2025 Annual Church Profile



The **Annual Church Profile (ACP)** is a survey that collects information from NC Baptist churches and associations. As your church completes the survey each year, you have access to data from prior year submissions at [SBC Workspace](https://ncbaptist.org/ministries/information-technology-services/annual-church-profile/) and [ChurchPOP](https://ncbaptist.org/ministries/information-technology-services/annual-church-profile/).

The 2025 ACP will be available January 1, 2026

The data submitted on this survey is based on the January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 church year.

<https://ncbaptist.org/ministries/information-technology-services/annual-church-profile/>

If you have any questions feel free to contact Iris Woodard at the Raleigh Baptist Association, 919-231-3995, iris@raleighbaptists.org. Or Russell Schwab at the Baptist State Convention of NC, 919-459-5582 or rschwab@ncbaptist.org

We look forward to hearing from you and working with you through this process!

Network and Mission Opportunities



We invite you to celebrate
75 years of ministry!

Our 2026 Week of Prayer and Offering for Older Adults is the perfect opportunity to support the work of ThriveMore and Baptist Retirement Homes Foundation.

JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 1, 2026

Please join us and others across the state as we celebrate the impact of 75 years of ministry to older adults.

- Your prayers encourage our residents and staff.
- Your offerings ensure a loving home and promise of care.
- Your support of our work helps share the love of Christ.
- Your partnership helps make our work possible.

There are three ways to get your resource materials:

1. Scan this QR code and order materials online:
2. Visit ThrivemoreNC.org/church-resources to download or order materials.
3. Contact Stephanie Moody Shaffer with your request: sshaffer@thrivemorenc.org or 919.415.4614



Wednesday, January 14, 2026
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

NC Baptist on Mission and the Raleigh Baptist Association would like to invite you to join us for a "Lunch and Learn" facilitated by Richard Brunson on Wednesday, January 14, 2026. Join us at the Baptist Mission Center located at 205 Convention Drive, Cary, NC. This will be an information session to share how your congregation, small group or individuals can get involved in missions and ministry through Baptist on Mission. Lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP to the Link Below:

<https://forms.gle/CCKxfUUHyog6MUjd8>



Wheel Chair Ramp Teams Needed

The demand for wheelchair/handicap ramps is increasing as our population ages and increases, in the Triangle region. During 2025 Wendell Baptist Church averaged building one ramp every month. If you or your church is interested in forming a ramp team or would like training on how to build a ramp, please contact Bennie Collins at Wendell Baptist 919-437-6343.

Help Fill the Box!

Many of our churches throughout the association have "Blessing Boxes". There is a continual need for food during this time. If you would like to help fill these boxes please feel free to drop off non-perishable food items and we will help distribute to those in need. You are also welcome to make a financial donation marked "Hunger Fund" to the Raleigh Baptist Association.



ASSOCIATIONAL PRAYER TIME

Monday, January 12, 2026
Monday, February 9, 2026
Monday, March 9, 2026

11:00 am

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

Warmth For Those In Need

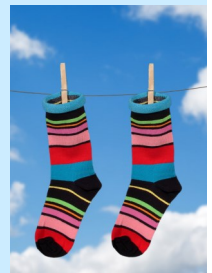
As we go through the coldest months of the year there is a need for basic essentials for those in need. We will be collecting new socks, new underwear, gloves and hats through the month of January.

Drop Off Location:

Raleigh Baptist Association
820 S. New Hope Road
Raleigh, NC

Drop Off Times:

Monday - Thursday
9:00 am - 4:00 pm.



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Northern Ministers Connections Group

We welcome all Pastors and Ministers that serve in the Northern part of the Raleigh Baptist Association to join us for our monthly support group. This is a time to get to know others serving our congregations as well as offer support to one another. This group is led by Dr. Bill Slater. Feel free to reach out for more information at bill@raleighbaptists.org.

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, January 8, 2026
Thursday, February 5, 2026
Thursday, March 5, 2026

Time: 9:30 am

Location: Franklinton Baptist Church
102 W. Mason Street, Franklinton, NC



Baptist On Mission Region 4 Missions Rally

Host Church: First Baptist Church
200 WD Street, Butner, NC 27509

Meal Begins at: 5:45 pm
Missions Program: 6:50 pm - 8:30 pm

This rally will highlight the variety of opportunities NC Baptists have to be involved in missions across our state, in our nation, and around the world. Featured will be worship, testimony, mission video, and a prayer time for missions.

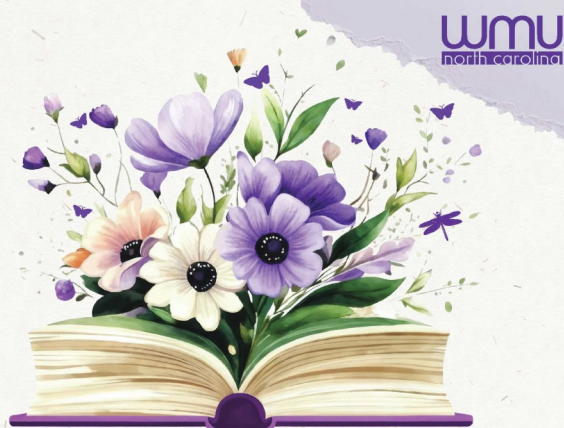
A meal is provided at no charge but registration is required.

Contact:

Jay Baugham at jbaugham@ncbaptist.org or 910-544-8331

For Complete Information Go To:

<https://baptistsonmission.org/Events/Region-Rallies>



Stories of Joy

"...then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind."
— Philippians 2:2



Looking for a Mission Project?

Collect the following hygiene items in a gallon size zip lock bag.

Hygiene Items Needed:

- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Comb
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Disposable Razors
- Washcloth



These hygiene kits are desperately needed for our homeless, refugee friends and neighbors in need across the Triangle.

Deliver to the Raleigh Baptist Association, 820 S. New Hope Rd, Raleigh Mon–Thurs, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.



Wheels 4 Hope

Cary, NC

Car Donations

The Wheels 4 Hope mission is to provide safe, reliable, and low-cost vehicles to economically challenged individuals who cannot afford a car on their own. Qualified recipients are referred by local partner agencies. Please consider donating your used car and putting someone on the road to a better life. To donate your car call 919-832-1944 or visit

www.wheels4hope.org

RBA Calendar and Bulletin Board

January 2026

- 1 New Year's Day - RBA Closed
- 12 Associational Prayer Time
- 13 Missions & Ministry Council
- 13 Resource Commission
- 14 Lunch & Learn - Baptist on Mission, Cary, NC
- 19 Martin Luther King Day—RBA Closed

February 2026

- 9 Associational Prayer Time
- 14 Valentines Day
- 15 WMU Focus Sunday
- 16 President's Day - RBA Closed
- 17 BOM Region 4 Missions Rally

March 2026

- 1-8 Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 8 Daylight Savings Time
- 9 Associational Prayer Time
- 17 Senior Adult Rally - Hayes Barton BC
- 29 Palm Sunday

Ministry Openings

Piney Grove Baptist Church, Fuquay Varina, NC is in search of a Youth & Young Single Adult Minister who will develop a comprehensive and compelling student ministry designed to meet youth and young single students where they are so they might know and grow in Christ. A full job description is available upon request. Email sgordan@pineygrovebc.org for more information or to submit a resume.

Good Hope Baptist Church in Cary, NC, is prayerfully receiving resumes for our future Worship Ministry Director. This future director will work under the supervision of the Senior Pastor and alongside a team of staff members and volunteers to oversee all areas of the Worship Ministry. To review the job description and how to submit a resume and required supporting documentation, go to <https://goodhopechurch.org/careers/> and select the Worship Ministry Director listing. In this listing, you will find everything needed to apply for this position. For your resume to be considered, please review and submit all information to the email address listed. Do not contact the church office with inquiries about this opening. Once the search team receives your application, we will notify you of its receipt. When the team is ready for further correspondence, they will notify you. After submission, if any of your contact information changes or if you no longer wish to be considered for this position, please let the team know as soon as possible. The search team is tasked with prayerfully discovering the leader God has set aside for this position and will keep you and this position before Him in prayer.

Email Address for sending Resume
wpsearch@goodhopechurch.org

For complete Church Staff Job Descriptions and Other Ministry Openings please visit our website under "Ministry Placement"
Go To: www.raleighbaptists.org

Save the Date:



Children's Music Camp
June 15-18, 2026
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Camp Concert - Thursday, 7:00 pm

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

More camp details coming soon!

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

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