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BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD
DAY of PRAYER

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer

Monday, November 6, 2023

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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

For more than 70 years, sisters in Christ have united in prayer for the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer. What a legacy to build upon as we commit once again to pray this year in homes, churches, and communities around the world!

As we pray this year, may you breathe deeply the presence of God as you experience the power of collective prayers being lifted in more than 100 nations! We are confident you will be blessed and encouraged as we gather for the reading of God's Word, hear stories of how the Spirit is moving, and seek the Lord with open hearts in prayer.

We will have a time of worship and prayer led by women of the Raleigh Baptist Association.

Mission Project: We will conclude our time by writing notes of encouragement to the recipients of Mission Dignity. The recipients of Mission Dignity are retired pastors, ministers and their spouses that are supported through this ministry of Guide Stone.



ASSOCIATIONAL PRAYER TIME

Monday, November 13, 2023
Monday, December 5, 2023
Monday, January 8, 2024

Raleigh Baptist Association
820 S. New Hope Rd, Raleigh

Pastor's Empowerment Gathering for African American Pastors and Leaders

Dates: November 13
December 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



*Happy Thanksgiving and
Merry Christmas from the
RBA Ministry Team*

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Network and Mission Opportunities

Ministry Moment with Caring Connections

“A light at the end of the tunnel, just when I had almost lost all hope.”

If you’ve ever walked through a dark tunnel or dark space, it can be scary. You put one foot in front of the other, yet you’re not quite sure what you might bump into. You feel trapped, frozen, overwhelmed. This is how Kandace described her life when we first met. A health crisis, followed by a car accident, led to a snowball effect of a loss of work, mounting financial debt, childcare barriers, and finally an eviction with nowhere to go. With no family or friends to rely on, Kandace and her daughter Heaven found themselves living in a motel and reached out to us for guidance.



Kandace was eager to navigate these barriers but most of all she just needed someone to be present with her so she didn’t feel alone in that dark tunnel. We spent time getting to know each other and she trusted me with her story of hardship and trauma. Yet, she still radiated joy and a deep love for God. Kandace was expecting a baby and didn’t have a single person to care for her seven-year-old daughter while she needed to be in the hospital. Can you imagine not having one safe person to call on to care for your child? As a follower of Christ, we are called to show up for His people, our people. A team of volunteers rallied to step in and care for Heaven. We welcomed her into our homes, so Kandace didn’t have to worry. Due to pre and post-pregnancy health complications, Heaven spent a total of 24 nights over two months being cared for by volunteers. In addition, a volunteer team helped with meals, laundry and rides to and from school for Heaven. An amazing family even invited Heaven on their family beach trip.

Today, Kandace and her family are healthy and thriving. She is firmly planted. She told me “*Caring Connections Ministry was a light at the end of the tunnel, just when I had almost lost all hope.*” We are thrilled God could use us to be that light, but the truth is...she was a light for us, too. Kandace and Heaven are a joy. Opening our homes and sharing our time with them has been a blessing to us.

Kandace’s story touches my heart in many ways, but mostly because we got to be part of it. God’s people said yes to God, Kandace and Heaven, and we had the privilege to be part of her journey through and out of that dark tunnel to regain her footing and thrive.

Be part of our team of support that gives hope to women in crisis, so they see the *light at the end of the tunnel*.

- ♥ Monthly or one-time financial gifts are needed. You can donate online at www.caringconnectionsministry.com.
- ♥ Be a mentor or part of a mentoring team with your friends or small group from church.
- ♥ Host a baby bundle collection to provide a mom with essential new items for her baby. A list can be provided.
- ♥ Donate household and hygiene items, new women’s devotionals, 2024 planners.
- ♥ Host our women’s group at your church providing dinner and childcare. Ask Cynthia for details.

Gratefully,

Cynthia Thelen, Executive Director
Cynthia@caringconnectionsministry.com



Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box National Collection Week

November 13 - 20, 2023

Go To Find the Closest Drop Off Location to You:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/drop-off-locations/>

Network and Mission Opportunities

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 question 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.



2023-2024 WEEK OF PRAYER AND LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

DEC 3-10

For More Information, Go To:

lmb.org

WINTER WARMTH MISSION

Our winter mission project will be collecting **NEW** blankets. These blankets will provide warmth to those in need during the winter season.

Collection Dates, December 4 - 5, 2023

Drop Off Location:

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

Appalachian Christmas Outreach 2023 Backpack Collection

The Appalachian Coalfields Ministry, sponsored by Baptists on Mission, seeks to meet physical and spiritual needs of people living in the Appalachian Area. Working with scores of ministry centers and small churches in five Appalachian states, we help mobilize volunteers and resources to meet needs. One of the greatest ministry needs in this area occurs around Christmastime. The goal is to collect 21,000 backpacks of items to be distributed to Appalachian children in areas of need in late November and December 2023.



The Raleigh Baptist Association is a drop off location:
Collection Dates: October 30 – November 1, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Other Drop Off Locations - Saturday, November 4:
Olive Chapel Baptist Church, 600 New Hill-Olive Chapel Rd, Apex
Wakeminster Baptist Church, 13221 Old Creedmoor Rd, Raleigh

For More Details Regarding This Ministry Go To:
<https://baptistsonmission.org/Appalachian-Christmas-Outreach>



Giving Tuesday

Consider a gift to the RBA Hunger Fund on Giving Tuesday, November 29, 2023

Give online www.raleighbaptists.org

or by mail

Raleigh Baptist Association
PO Box 46659
Raleigh, NC 27620

RBA Calendar and Bulletin Board

November 2023

- 10 Veteran's Day
- 13 Pastor Empowerment Gathering
- 13 Association Prayer Time
- 17-18 Rise Against Hunger Day
- 23 Thanksgiving Day - RBA Closed

December 2023

- 11 Association Prayer Time
- 25 Christmas - RBA Closed
- 26 RBA Closed
- 27 RBA Closed
- 28 RBA Closed

January 2024

- 1 RBA Closed
- 8 Association Prayer Time
- 9 Missions & Ministry Council
- 11 Resource Commission
- 15 Martin Luther King Day

Ministry Openings:

Turner Memorial Baptist Church, Garner NC is prayerfully seeking a part time Administrative Assistant (20 hrs/wk @ \$15.00/hr). Qualified candidate will be a sincere follower of Jesus, a self-starter, friendly, cooperative, organized and adaptable. Should have strong computer skills using Microsoft 365 and the ability to manage a social media website. The church Administrative Assistant is a welcoming and competent presence in the church office that facilitates the effort and work of the church leadership. Experience required: 2 to 5 years Email address for resumes: admin@tmbconline.org Church

Address: Turner Memorial Baptist Church, 3704 Benson Rd, Garner, NC 27529

Turner Memorial Baptist Church, Garner NC is seeking a musically gifted, professing/committed Christian to serve as part-time Worship Leader. The part-time Worship Leader is responsible for directing, developing, and promoting the music program at Turner Memorial Baptist Church. In doing so, the selected leader is to support the mission statement, church objectives and core values of Turner Memorial Baptist Church. Please send resume to admin@tmbconline.org

Forest Hills Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC is seeking a Communications and Multi-Media Coordinator to develop and produce all aspects of the church's print and online communications and marketing. This position will coordinate, prioritize and oversee production of all communication media and materials that promote and represent Forest Hills Baptist Church. This position will also collaborate with the leaders of the ministry areas and on publicity and communications in support of desired ministry outcomes. This position reports to the Office Administrator. This is a full-time, exempt, position with benefits. Office Hours 9:30am-4:30pm (M-Th), 9:30am-1:00pm (F).

For full job responsibilities see description on RBA website. Submit resume to mark@foresthills.org or send to Church Address: Forest Hills Baptist Church, 201 Dixie Trail, Raleigh, NC 27607

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

Go To: www.raleighbaptists.org

Annual Church Congregation Profiles are due into the RBA by November 6, 2023.

Contact Iris Woodard with any questions you may have.
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To Church Mission
For Kingdom Growth**
Matthew 28:19-20

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