

CONNECTIONS

The Monthly Newsletter of the Raleigh Baptist Association

Phone: 919.231.3995

Fax: 919.231.4819

Web Page www.raleighbaptists.org

Volume 117

September/October 2023

Issue 5



Fall Senior Adult Rally September 19, 2023

Church Host: Central Baptist Church
11109 Poole Rd, Wendell, NC

Time:
Registration begins at 9:30 am
Program begins at 10:00 am and concludes with lunch.

Cost: \$15.00 per person

Menu:
Hamburger steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn muffins and desserts.

Keynote Speaker:
Clay Warf of the NC Baptist Foundation



Clay has served as President of the NC Baptist Foundation for the past 25 years. We will honor him as he prepares to retire in 2023. Join us as we hear God's word from Clay, a gifted speaker, that is beloved by the RBA churches and members. Clay is a true Baptist statesman that loves people and that loves the local church. His insight, humor and wit are a blessing to all.

Entertainment:
Eric Horner

Music has always been a major part of Eric Horner's life. With Steven Curtis Chapman as his first guitar teacher, Eric grew up with a guitar in his hands playing and singing Gospel music all over Western KY near his hometown of Paducah. Eric moved to Nashville TN at the age of 19 to pursue his dream of becoming a professional songwriter and musician. It didn't take long for the doors to open and over the next 17 years Eric toured the world playing and singing backup with such artists as Lee Greenwood, Shania Twain, Wynonna Judd and Brad Paisley. In 2002, all of that changed. Eric began to feel a call on his life to return to his Gospel music roots and to use his talents for a higher purpose. He surrendered to full time music ministry in the Fall of that year and hasn't looked back since. The gift of songwriting was handed down in Eric's family with his Grandfather being a songwriter and his Mother a prolific poet. Eric has a real love for telling the story of Jesus in a song. His writing catalog exceeds 700 songs and is growing rapidly with each passing year.



Mail Check and Registration to:
Raleigh Baptist Association, PO Box 46659, Raleigh, NC 27620
by Monday, September 11, 2023.

For more information, contact Iris Woodard at 919.231.3995 ext. 106 or email iris@raleighbaptists.org

ASSOCIATIONAL PRAYER TIME

Monday, September 11, 2023 11:00 am
Monday, October 9, 2023 11:00 am
Monday, November 13, 2023

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



Pastor, Staff & Minister Appreciation Month

**Please remember to recognize,
support and encourage your spiritual leaders
during the month of October.**



North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO) is a special offering received during the month of September that supports the ministries of Baptists on Mission, Church Planting, mission camps, associational projects and mobilization ministry projects. NCMO is your opportunity to be on mission together as God accomplishes many wonderful things through these various ministries. As you contribute to this offering, we as an associational we receive ten percent of your gifts for associational missions. <https://ncbaptist.org/north-carolina-missions-offering/>

Raleigh Baptist Association Semi-Annual Meeting

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Fellowship Meal @ 5:45 pm Worship & Program @ 6:30 pm

Location: Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, 3000 E. Garner Rd, Raleigh, NC

Meal: BBQ, Slaw, Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Desserts, Tea and Lemonade

Cost: \$12.00 per person (**Dinner Reservation Required by Thursday, Oct 19**, by calling 919.231.3995 or email iris@raleighbaptists.org)

"We are better together"

Business Session:

- Nominating Committee Presentation
- Budget Committee Presentation
- Church Relations and Credentials Presentation



Full Membership:

- ♦ North Raleigh International Baptist Church, Raleigh
- ♦ Patricia Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh
- ♦ Warrenton Baptist Church, Warrenton
- ♦ Wise Baptist Church, Wise

Watch Care:

- ♦ Franklinton Baptist Church, Franklinton
- ♦ Middleburg Baptist Church, Middleburg
- ♦ Louisburg Baptist Church, Louisburg

Worship Session:

- Worship and Praise led by the Mt. Moriah Choir, Orchestra and Praise Ensemble, led by Richard Wade

Mission Focus Highlight: Mrs. Jill Kearney, Executive Director of One Hope Refuge, a ministry in the Triangle that focuses on restorative services for women and children that have been affected by human trafficking, will be our guest speaker. She will share a vision of how each RBA church and each Christian can be a part of filling the gap so that women who have children in their care have a place to live and heal when rescued from human trafficking. Please join us as we seek to join together in Gospel mission to bring hope and healing to the multitude of people in our region that have been affected by this cruel and harmful way of bondage. For more information, go to onehoperefuge.org.

Mental Health Workshops Designed for Staff and Lay Leaders

Tuesday, September 26, 2023, 6:30 pm

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

Weaving Faith and Mental Wellness Together: During this workshop we will dive into understanding more about anxiety and depression. We will explore the intersection of mental health and spirituality, and discuss how faith communities can support struggling Christians. Led by Alison Keene, MA, LCMHC of Kairos Therapeutic Care



A Mentally Healthy Leader: During this workshop, we will identify characteristics and techniques of a mentally healthy leader that each leader can activate into their life for maximum impact. Led by Dr. Patrick Fuller

For More Information, contact Dr. Ken Tan, ken@raleighbaptists.org or

Sign up to attend one of these workshops by contacting Iris Woodard, iris@raleighbaptists.org or 919.231.3995



Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Lunch and Learn

Monday, September 11, 2023
12:00 - 1:00 pm

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

An OCC shoebox recipient will share her testimony of receiving a shoebox in Romania

Come and learn how your church can be involved in Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Ministry this year.

Please RSVP to iris@raleighbaptists.org or 919.231.3995

Pastor's Empowerment Gathering for African American Pastors and Leaders

Dates: September 11
October 9
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



Network and Mission Opportunities



NC State Fair Ministry Needs and Opportunities Oct. 12-22, 2023

Each year the Raleigh Baptist Association partners with Campers On Mission to provide services to the carnival workers during their stay in the Raleigh area for the NC State Fair. Below you will see many ways you can be a part of this ministry.



Fair Chaplains	Volunteers serve 4 hour shifts 9:00 am-1:00 pm; 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm; 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Call Julie Williams at 919.538.4584 or Travis Williams at 919.624.5165.
Food Items 	Deliver to the RBA office by October 5, 2023 Canned Potatoes, Sweet Sue Brand Chicken & Dumplings (this brand); Cream of Potato Soup, Cream of Celery Soup, Canned Mixed vegetables, Chili and Beans, Canned Chicken, Lima Beans, Corn, Black Beans, Southwestern Chicken Tortilla Soup, Creamy Peanut Butter and Grape Jam, Beef Stew (Dinty Moore, Great Value or Armour only)
Hygiene Kits 	Trial size only Toothpaste, Toothbrush (Regular size), Shampoo, Hair Conditioner, Deodorant, Soap, Disposable Razors, Wash Cloths, Combs (no brush), New Ball Point Pens, Pocket Size Note Pads Deliver to RBA by October 5, 2023
Baked Goods 	Sweet Rolls, cookies, muffins, and cakes are needed during the days of the Fair. <u>Please notice drop-off dates</u> for RBA Office are October 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 2023. You may drop off at the old church at the fairgrounds anytime during fair hours.
Dental Bus 	Dentists, dental assistants, dental hygienists, doctors and nurses to volunteer Monday, October 16- Friday, October 20; four hour shifts. Contact Julie Williams at 919.538.4584 or Travis Williams at 919.624.5165.

Caring Connections Ministry Volunteer Information Session



The life of Jesus shows us the heart of a servant's heart serves others in prayer and words and through actions (John 13:34-35) to meet tangible, emotional, and spiritual needs. The Caring Connections ministry follows this example and loves others in these areas. We rely on volunteers to carry out our mission to guide, encourage and equip women in crisis as they build a life of stability. If you're looking for a place to volunteer your gifts and talents, and maybe even step out of your comfort zone, to make an impact in the lives of women who have experienced loss, hardship, trauma, or simply need someone to offer hope and encouragement, then we welcome you to join our volunteer team. We can find a place for you. Attend a volunteer information session to learn ways to get involved this fall. All sessions will have an option to attend virtually. Please sign up to attend a session by emailing Cynthia at cynthia@caringconnectionsministry.com

Monday, September 25, 10:00 AM
Monday, September 25, 6:30 PM



Igniting the Hearts of Men Conference

September 9, 2023

Host Church: Apex Baptist Church, 110 S. Salem St, Apex, NC

A one day equipping event designed to help men deepen their walk with Christ.

This conference is for men of all ages and will include worship and inspiring messages from two nationally known keynote speakers. Breakout session times will offer choice of 16 seminars led by men's leaders from around the nation.

For event pricing, and to register, visit the Baptist on Mission men's ministry webpage at: www.baptistsonmission.org/men or

Contact Baptist on Mission at 919.459.5596

Email: mccrawford@ncbaptist.org

or Mark Abernathy mabernathy@ncbaptist.org

RBA Calendar and Bulletin Board

September 2023

- 4 Labor Day - RBA Closed
- 5 Young Leader's Cohort
- 9 Igniting the Hearts of Men Conference
- 11 Pastor Empowerment Gathering
- 11 Association Prayer Time
- 11 Operation Christmas Child Luncheon
- 19 Senior Adult Rally - Central Baptist
- 26 Mental Health Workshops - RBA

October 2023

- 3 Young Leader's Cohort
- 9 Pastor Empowerment Gathering
- 9 Association Prayer Time
- 10 M & M Council
- 12 Resource Committee
- 12-22 NC State Fair Ministry
- 24 Semi-Annual Meeting - Mt. Moriah

November 2023

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

Ministry Openings:

Millbrook Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC is seeking a Part Time Ministry Assistant. Responsibilities include serving as the receptionist based on a set daily schedule for all Church members and/or visitors, attending their needs by directing them to specific staff members or Church leaders via phone calls, text messages, emails, or composing and mailing printed materials.

Setting appointments during office work hours for volunteers to come in and do any work they need to do, i.e., church library or Diaconate business. Coordinating purchase and delivery of office supplies. Ensuring that all office equipment is properly maintained and in good working condition. Admitting entrance to the building service agents who need to repair and maintain the building and facility systems by maintaining contacts and working with identified Church leaders to ensure that all systems are working efficiently. Helping the Ministerial staff and Kindergarten Director as requested. Appreciating, coordinating, and guiding the work of office volunteers. For a complete job description go to posting on RBA website. Send resume to heboyette@gmail.com

Welcome House Raleigh (WHR), located on Lead Mine Road in Raleigh, NC is a ministry of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina (CBFNC). It is a hospitality ministry that provides temporary housing for refugees and immigrant clients of refugee agencies and their sponsors. The role of Night Host is to provide a safe, welcoming daily oversight of guests and volunteers between the hours of 9 pm and 9 am. WHR Night Host (NH) is a volunteer staff position. The NH must follow all guidelines of the ministry and its parent organization, CBFNC. This includes the CBF volunteer vetting process. The NH participates in WHR

staff meetings. The NH reports to the WHR Director.

The Welcome House Raleigh Night Host should be a person called by God to serve God's Kingdom through the mission and ministry of Christian hospitality, comfortable with communal living and trained in or having equivalent cross-cultural experience in relationships. For more information go to RBA website. Interested candidates should contact Marc and Kim Wyatt at wyatt@cbf.net

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

Go To: www.raleighbaptists.org

CONNECTIONS, (USPS 020955) is published bi-monthly free by Raleigh Baptist Association, 820 S. New Hope Rd., Raleigh, NC 27610. Mailing address (P.O. Box 46659, Raleigh, NC 27620--6659). Periodicals Postage Paid at Raleigh, NC. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Connections, P.O. Box 46659, Raleigh, NC 27620-6659.

Periodical
Postage
Paid at
Raleigh, NC

Post Office Box 46659
Raleigh, North Carolina 27620-6659



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

Dr. Patrick Fuller, Executive Director, patrick@raleighbaptists.org
Dr. Ken Tan, Director of Leadership and Development Training, ken@raleighbaptists.org
Dr. Bill Stalter, Director of Health & Spiritual Direction, bill@raleighbaptists.org
Mrs. Allison Keene, Director of Kairos Counseling and Therapeutic Care, alison@kairosncare.info
Mrs. Cynthia Thelen, Director of Caring Connections Ministry, cynthiathelen@caringconnectionsministry.com
Mrs. Anne Moody, Ministry Assistant, anne@raleighbaptists.org
Mrs. Iris Woodard, Administration and Communication Assistant, iris@raleighbaptists.org
Rev. Burke Raper, Director of Finance, financialsec@raleighbaptists.org
Mrs. Andrea Raynor, Financial Consultant and Bookkeeper, andrea@trinityconceptslsnc.com