



Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC
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Church Profile

Who We Are and What We Believe

MVBC Raleigh was established in 1805 and is a Bible-centered, expository-teaching Southern Baptist church. We are in good standing and cooperation with the Southern Baptist Convention, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and the Raleigh Baptist Association. Doctrinally, we are in full agreement with:

- The Baptist Faith & Message 2000, as amended
- The Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy
- The Danvers Statement on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood

Our Mission and Vision

Mission: We exist to grow the Kingdom family to magnify the Trinity in all of life, through Jesus Christ.

Vision: We pursue a global Kingdom culture, near and far, where every person, people, and place is restored to thrive in the truth and love of Jesus Christ.

For more details on our vision and values, visit mvbcraleigh.com/our-vision-and-values.

Leadership and Governance

We are an elder-led church, with our ordained pastors serving as elders. The Lead Pastor is in charge of the welfare and oversight of the church and shall be a male that has the Scriptural qualifications according to 1 Timothy Chapter 3 and Titus 1. The Lead Pastor is supported by the Deacon Council, which serves as an advisory board to the pastoral staff. The Deacon Council, with the Pastor, as the Holy Spirit may direct, is to have general oversight of the church, offering advice and direction in all its affairs.

MVBC has the following staff. Our Lead Pastor is Ronjour Locke, who joined us in February 2024.

Pastoral Staff (comprised of ordained males)	Ministerial and Administrative Staff (not ordained)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lead Pastor• Associate Pastor• Worship Pastor (Vacant)• Youth Pastor <p>All pastoral positions are full-time positions.</p>	<p>Ministerial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children's Ministry Director (Vacant, Part time)• Pastoral Intern (part-time)• Missions Trip Coordinator (part-time, volunteer)• The Growing Place Preschool Director• Media intern (part time) <p>Administrative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Director of Operations (part-time)• Church Secretary (part-time)• Financial Secretary (part-time)



Membership and Church Culture

- **Weekly attendance:** 180-200 in Sunday morning worship (one service), with 150-175 attending Sunday School (one Sunday School hour)
- Through the years, MVBC has enjoyed many seasons of numerical and spiritual growth but has experienced a gradual decline in membership over the last 10-15 years. We have seen an increase in weekly attendance and the number of visitors since the arrival of Pastor Ronjour Locke in February 2024.
- **Demographic:** While the majority of active members are aged 50 and older, we recognize a gap in membership among those aged 20-50, especially families with children. In 2025 we have seen a significant increase in college students, young professionals, and young marrieds. We are committed to reaching this demographic in our community and are excited about the opportunity for growth.
- Our members are deeply committed to the church and passionate about seeing both our congregation and God's Kingdom flourish in Raleigh.
- **Community Engagement:** MVBC is dedicated to reaching unchurched families in the area and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are mission-minded and we partner with various local, domestic, and international ministries.

Key Churchwide Ministries

- **Discipleship:** Sunday School, Life Groups, D-Groups, and ministries for preschoolers, children, youth, and young adults.
- **Outreach:** Vacation Bible School (attendance of 300+ children and 100+ workers); prayer walks with Love Life (pro-life ministry).
- **Missions:** Local and international missions including regular trips to New Mexico, Ecuador, India, and more. Additionally, we contribute to the Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong offerings.
- **Service:** Operation Christmas Child, RBA school supply drives, Adopt a block with Raleigh Dream Center, and support for the Human Coalition Pregnancy Center.

Finances and Facilities

- **Annual Budget:** \$1.1 million, with \$1.0 million in undesignated receipts and no outstanding debt.
- **Missions Support:** Goal of 10% of the annual budget is allocated to missions.
- **Facilities:** We have on our main campus over 75,000 sq. ft. of space across five buildings, including a worship center (seating for 800), two education buildings, a fellowship hall, and a family life center with a gymnasium. We maintain a small satellite location with a cemetery. We are currently exploring a master facility plan to maximize usage for all ministry partners.

Key Ministry Partnerships That Meet on MVBC Campus

- **The Growing Place:** MVBC's preschool ministry with 60 students.
- **Neuse Christian Academy (NCA):** An independent K-12 private Christian school with approximately 390 students, utilizing MVBC's facilities. NCA is a financial partner, sharing in campus overhead and capital asset replacement costs.
- **Vietnamese Evangelical Church:** Our Vietnamese partner ministry hosted on our campus.
- **Bible Study Fellowship:** A community-wide men's Bible study ministry (300+ attendees).

Joint Ministry with Neuse Christian Academy

A core part of our vision is for MVBC's facilities to be used throughout the week, not just on Sundays. NCA is a well-established Christian school that operates independently but partners with us in mission and ministry.