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**ROWAN SOUTHERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION** will be a dropout location for the Baptist Children's Homes Food Roundup. This year we are asking churches to focus on the following: **Paper Products (paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, Kleenex) and canned fruits and Fruit Juice.** Also we are requesting Gift Cards to purchase perishables and items not received (i.e. Walmart, Sams Club, Food Lion, Lowes, Ingles, Piggly Wiggly). Please bring items to the Association office Thursday, April 18, Monday, April 22, or Tuesday, April 23. 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Thank you for your support!

## PASTOR'S CONFERENCE

What a Great God we serve!! We as Believers are Blessed with the Greatest Privilege this side of eternity, for we are able to call God "Our Father." We as Believers are also Blessed with the Greatest Commandment, for we are commissioned to go forth and share the Gospel of the Good News of Our Great God. We have been granted a wonderful opportunity as members of the Rowan Southern Baptist Association to come together and serve God with one another. It is my prayer and heart's desire that we draw closer, as we draw closer to God - for We Are Better Together!

With us desiring for a Greater Closeness, we understand some Pastors and Staff are not able to join us during our usual Pastor Conferences. With this thought in mind, we have decided to implement some Pastor Conferences in the evenings to allow Bi-Vocational Pastors, Wives and Staff the opportunity to attend. This will allow greater opportunities for us to Worship Together, Fellowship Together, enjoy a Meal Together, then be encouraged by the Preaching of God's Word.

Please mark your calendars for Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm and join us for our Inaugural Evening Pastor's Conference.

*For His Kingdom and His Glory*

Rev. Dale Kinley

Emmanuel Baptist Church

## *2024 Pastoral Conference*

Free for pastors and staff. We have lunch for you, let us know who is coming by the due date. Please email [rowansba@bellsouth.net](mailto:rowansba@bellsouth.net) or call 704-637-3407



**Monday, April 22 – Emmanuel Baptist Church**

**6:30 pm – Pastors, Wives, and other staff**

**Guest Speaker: Marty Dupree, Director of Missions / AMS, Little River Baptist Association  
(Confirm attendance by Thursday, April 18)**

May 21st CrossLife

Please remember these churches and their Pastors in your prayers for April.

**Main Street – Rev. Billy Beaver  
Milford Hills – Rev. Gray Clayton  
Needmore – Rev. David Smith  
Neel Road – Rev. Mark Anders**



## A MESSAGE FROM Rev. Scott Faw, Rowan Southern Baptist Association Board of Directors

Dear Friends,

I trust that you and your family are doing well. The first quarter of 2024 has come and gone very quickly. One of the emphasis this year I have studied has been on prayer. God has used this time to challenge and help me in my life. So, I want to share some things this month with you on this subject that God is working in my heart about. Michael Catt, who is the former (now deceased) pastor of Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany, GA wrote a book entitled *The Power of Persistence*, and deals with the matter of prayer. I highly recommend this book, and am grateful for what it is doing in my life right now. There were a number of lines and phrases that really spoke to me in this book, but one in particular has captured my thoughts. Catt writes about Elijah and his prayer life, and he makes this statement: "According to James, Elijah was a man just like us. But the question comes: Are we men just like him?" Am I a man like Elijah? James uses Elijah's humanity as an encouragement for me to pray like the prophet. However, as I study Elijah, I am struck with how unlike him I am. For instance, I am struck by how counter-cultural Elijah was. Ahab, that "toad of a man who sat on the throne of Israel" (see "Pay-Day Someday" by R.G. Lee), had plunged the nation into an almost wholesale idolatry. The whole country it seemed had gone Baal-crazy. When you move from I Kings 16 to chapter 17, where we are introduced to Elijah, this hard-nosed, spirit-filled, God-called preacher, the contrast is striking. He stands out from the culture in a way that forces attention to what He says and what He does for God. I am afraid that as a preacher I am so run-of-the-mill, so immersed in my own culture, that I am not all that distinguished among the idol-crazed Israelites of today.

I am also struck by how confident he was. He stands up, and without flinching says, "As the Lord God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word. (17:1)." How is that compared to the speculative guesses and theological musings of most preachers today? I am envious of how Elijah publicly taunts the prophets of Baal at the showdown on Mt. Carmel. When they get no response to their charismatic carnival of prayer, the Bible says, "And so it was, at noon, that Elijah mocked them and said, "Cry aloud, for he is a god; either he is meditating, or he is busy, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is sleeping and must be awakened. (18:27)." In our day of ecclesiastical and ecumenical romance, everybody wants to hold hands with the heretics and court the affections of the apostates, but Elijah mocked them publicly. Elijah may have been a man like me, but I am not sure that I am a man like him. However, the good news is that while I am no Elijah, I know Elijah's God! My mantle and my ministry may be much smaller than his, but I know that the same God who called him, and upon whom he called is the same God I serve. With that in mind, what God did through Elijah He can still do today. The servants may change, but the Savior does not.

Would you pray with me that God would do a supernatural work like that here in our association of churches? God is able to transform the lives of mankind just like in times past. When he changes lives then our churches will change too.

Until He Comes,

Rev. Scott Faw

Pastor

Calvary Baptist Church



- 10 Rev. Chris Williams, Pastor, Woodleaf
- 13 Mrs. Tonia Smith, Pastors wife, Needmore
- 17 Rev. Matthew Laughter, Senior Pastor, Rockwell First
- 18 Mrs. Lisa Collins, Pastor's wife, Oakdale
- 19 Dr. Jim Harris, Retired Pastor
- 26 Rev. Thomas McDonald, Pastor, CrossLife
- 27 Rev. Robert Suttles, Pastor, West Corinth
- 28 Mrs. Lisa Beaver, Pastors wife, Main Street
- 30 Rev. James Sharp, Pastor, Life Church



Office Closed Monday, April 1, 2024





# Bluegrass Concert

**FRIDAY 4.12.24**  
**6:30PM**

**FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH**  
203 N. Main St. Faith, NC

**ADMISSION: FREE**  
A love offering will be collected



STEVE PETTIT  
MINISTRIES



Presented by  
**FOOD & LION FEEDS**


**Tickets \$70**

# PASS THE PLATE

DINNER, DRINKS & ENTERTAINMENT


# APRIL 6

6-9PM. F&M TROLLEY BARN



*Benefitting  
Rowan  
Helping  
Ministries*

MUSICAL GUESTS  
**THE LEGACY**  
**MOTOWN REVUE**



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EVERY CHILD  
Initiative update:

Foster Homes  
Licensed to Date  
**403**

Foster Children  
Served to Date  
**840**



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**CHILD**  
foster & adoption ministry






Please send any information or advertisement for the May Newsletter no later than Wednesday, April 24.



Can you believe it is already April? I hope everyone had a blessed Easter and got to spend some time rejoicing in our Savior's resurrection with family and friends. I am overwhelmed at times to realize that Jesus died for me and that I am God's chosen child. I am thankful to serve such a loving, grace-filled God.

The IGNITE Mission Conference is going to be April 19-20<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at Parkwood Baptist Church in Concord, NC. Registration is required and the last date to register is April 10<sup>th</sup>. You can register at [wmunc.org](http://wmunc.org). This will be a great time to fellowship with other women, hear some great speakers, learn new ideas, and rejuvenate your enthusiasm for missions. I hope you will get excited and make plans to attend.

The keynote speaker is Holly Myers. She is an NC native and is the founder and president of Unbound Ministries. Through the pain of her personal experience, she is passionate about seeing all women and girls know their worth, walk in freedom, and share the light of Jesus. Cindy Morgan will be the worship leader. She is a singer/songwriter and is a thirteen-time Dove Award winner. She has written songs for various artists including Vince Gill, Amy Grant, India Arie, and Rascal Flatts. On Saturday, there will be numerous breakout sessions to choose from.

The conference also provides programs for youth and children. The children will be learning about Being Bold in Brazil. They will meet missionaries from Brazil, have fun cooking Brazilian food, participate in a mission project, and experience Brazilian music, crafts, and games.

I would love to hear from you and what you want to see happen at WMU Rowan events. We are open to suggestions and want to plan events that meet your needs. I would also like to create an email bank so we can send you info about events. I promise we will not bombard your inbox. We would only send out three to four emails a year. Please email me at [cindybeaver2312@gmail.com](mailto:cindybeaver2312@gmail.com) with suggestions, and requests or give me your email address.

In Christ love,  
Cindy Beaver  
WMU Director

### Get ready to IGNITE your missions passion!

Join us for an immersive experience that will set your heart ablaze for missions. Whether you're new to missions or a seasoned advocate, this event will fan the flames of your passion, propelling you into a new level of commitment and purpose. We will have opportunities for kids, youth, and adults to participate in hands-on mission projects, worship, and more!





# 2024 NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

## *Make Jesus Known*

Gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering are used to train and resource missionaries in church planting and compassion ministries. Gifts are also used to create evangelism resources. New churches are being planted, hurts are being healed and lives are being transformed by the gospel because you give.



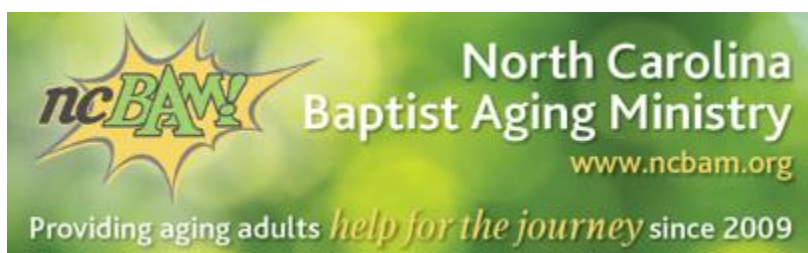
### Share these resources with your churches

Hundreds of N.C. Baptist churches are committing to ServeNC! [Hear how Biltmore Church of Asheville is planning to serve local schools.](#)

There are many [downloadable graphics and resources](#) available for the churches in your association to use to promote ServeNC. There are also FREE promotional materials available for your churches to order, including:

- Posters
- Bulletin shells
- Stickers
- Playbook

[Order ServeNC Materials | Baptist State Convention of North Carolina \(ncbaptist.org\)](#)



Join NCBAM for fun, fellowship, and encouraging sessions on aging well spiritually, emotionally, and physically!

Each conference is held 10am - 2pm.

\$10 includes morning coffee/snacks and lunch!

Thursday, April 11, Blaise Baptist Church, Mocksville

Thursday, April 18, South Mountain Baptist Association, Vale

### North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry

P.O. Box 338, Thomasville, NC 27361

A ministry of Baptist Children's Homes

877.506.2226

[www.ncbam.org](http://www.ncbam.org)

Praying for our missionaries in April: <https://www.sbc.net/resource-library/52-sundays/>

*The Cooperative Program takes the Gospel to the nations and the neighborhoods. Your financial support through the Cooperative Program gives missionaries the resources they need to reach their communities with the Gospel of Jesus.*



### April 7, 2024

A few years ago, Stephen and Lisa Shaw arrived in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, to replant Sequoyah Creek Church. In just a small amount of time, the Shaws have led the church to be involved in giving back to their community and around the world.

For example, the church participates in regular mission trips to Peru, where teams serve in the inner city and provide medical clinics in the jungle.

Locally, they are active in distributing food to people in need in the community. Plus, they

regularly do outreach activities at local apartment complexes.

*Pray that God will continue to bless Sequoyah Creek Church's efforts to share Jesus and make disciples.*



### April 14, 2024

Only a few decades ago, the Bugkalot people were one of the fiercest tribes in the Philippines. Then, in the 1950s, the gospel slowly took root after some of the leaders met believers and came to faith. Jen Hagen's family was among the missionaries who moved to the Philippines to disciple and train Bugkalot believers. Jen and her husband, Steve, were sent by the International Mission Board to the Philippines in 2005 to work with the Agta, another unreached tribe similar to the Bugkalot tribe Jen's family ministered among. As soon as they could, they hiked to the village where Jen grew up to speak with many of the men her father disciplined.

God used that conversation as the catalyst for Bugkalot believers to catch a vision to take the gospel beyond their tribal borders. Over the next several years, the Hagens worked with other missionaries to help the Bugkalot establish their own sending organization. So far, they have sent more than 20 believers to serve as missionaries among the Agta.

A tribe that used to bring death wherever they went became passionate partners in the life-giving gospel.

*Pray that the Gospel would take root and transform lives in tough places so that more people would come to faith in Christ.*



### April 21, 2024

In 2022, Life Community Church sent the Maddens to Weymouth, Massachusetts, to start a church just 16 miles south of Boston. Noah says Greater Boston faces a significant amount of hopelessness and drug addiction. God is using the Maddens to bring hope and healing to the community. When the couple first came to Weymouth, they met Eric, who had struggled through addictions. God not only saved Eric, but also transformed him into a leader in the new church. Today, Eric is leading the church's recovery ministry and helping others give their lives to Jesus and overcome addictions.

*The Cooperative Program takes the Gospel to the nations and the neighborhoods. Your support through the Cooperative Program helped Noah graduate from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary debt-free, so he could begin serving Jesus as one of our church's missionaries in New England.*

*Pray that God continues to draw the people of Weymouth to Himself and uses the Maddens to help them grow as committed disciples.*



### April 28, 2024

As a 22-year-old Journeyman, Jeri Whitfield saw long-term missionaries commit their lives to God and the people they served. That was her model for missions – a missionary presence that creates gospel access and transforms lives. It's still her desire today, 40 years later.

The first time she left Thailand, she'd finished a two-year Journeyman term. She returned to Thailand as a career missionary in her 40s. At age 55, she faced health concerns and made the difficult decision to retire early.

"My heart was still here. I didn't feel like the job was done."

Once again, now in her 60s, she's returned to the field. Why does she keep returning to reach the nations through the IMB? The answer for Whitfield is simple. She's committed her life to being a steadfast missionary presence, even though the commitment hasn't been easy. God isn't finished using her to reach the nations.

"My experience with missions was that when you're called, it's for life," she said.

*Pray that God would embolden Jeri as she so faithfully serves those in Thailand whom God has placed as a burden on her heart.*

April

## ARAB-YEMENI



God brings the Arab-Yemeni people to us from the country of Yemen, from the southern part of the Arabian Peninsula. A hostile geopolitical divide exists between the northern Shiite Muslims and the southern Sunni Muslim peoples of Yemen.

There are over 7 million Arab-Yemeni people worldwide, but only a handful of believers. Many of the Arab-Yemeni men will come first to find a job at local convenience stores in more rural areas of North Carolina. They will work for years until they have enough money to bring the rest of their family to join them in their new lives here. They live in the Greenville and Fayetteville areas.

- *Pray* that Arab-Yemenis will hear the voice of the Lord through the witness of N.C. Baptist churches.
- *Pray* that our churches will use initiatives like ServeNC to bring the gospel to the Arab-Yemeni peoples.



## ARAB LEVANT

The Arab-Levant people are from the Fertile Crescent, a northward arc between the Persian Gulf and the Mediterranean Sea. The Levant includes parts of Iraq, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Israel and Palestine. There are over 69 million Arab-Levant people, with only 0.28 percent being evangelical believers. They practice Sunni Islam and show genuine hospitality to strangers.

Many of the Arab-Levant people have lived in North Carolina for 20 years or more and have well-established businesses. There are 16,636 Arab-Levant people living in North Carolina. They live in each of the major metro areas.

- *Ask* the Lord to call N.C. Baptists who are willing to reach out and share the love of Christ with the Arab-Levant people.
- *Ask* God to give Arab-Levant believers the opportunity and boldness to share with their family and friends.

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## 2024 Prayer Emphasis

**Prayer is our first and primary strategy for reaching the world for Christ.**

**In 2024, let's be on mission together by continuing to pray for the nations. Every month, join NC Baptists across the state in praying for two unreached people groups. When you sign up to PrayNC, you'll get monthly resources to guide you in learning more about each group and praying for them.**

**Together, let's pray for 24 people groups in 2024.**

<https://ncbaptist.org/wp-content/uploads/p4n-year.pdf>

SHARING GOD'S LOVE IN WORD AND DEED

**BAPTISTS ON MISSION**



December 15, 2024

Missions    Global Impact    Events    Training    Campaign    Thank-You Program    Mission Encounters

2024 BAPTIST MISSIONS CONFERENCE

# LIVING SENT

EVERY CHRISTIAN IS A MISSIONARY



APRIL 5-8, 2024 • HICKORY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH • CHARLOTTE, N.C.

April 5-6, 2024 is the date for the 2024 Missions Conference. We will be meeting at Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Charlotte. Highlights include worship in 3 general sessions, breakout sessions, missions fair exhibits, missions testimonies, volunteer supper and more!

Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you".  
John 20:21

**Cost:** Friday w/supper - \$15      Friday & Saturday - \$20  
 Friday only no meal - \$10      Friday & Saturday with Supper - \$30  
 Saturday only - \$15

**Covers:** General sessions, breakout sessions, event materials and lunch on Saturday.  
 Pre-registration is required. Registration Deadline: March 25, 2024

Speakers include Anne Graham Lotz, Quintell Hill, Mark Richt (former head football coach at Georgia), Todd Unzicker, Tom Richter, Jeff Iorg, Alicia Jones (missionary in Hungary) and more. Laura Story will lead worship in all general sessions. There is a \$20 per person registration fee which includes all general sessions, all breakout sessions, materials and lunch on Saturday. There is also an optional "Mission Opportunities" Friday supper for \$10 per person.





Rowan Baptist Association							
General Fund Financial Report							
February 2024							
			Month	Month	YTD	YTD	Total
			Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
<b>Administration</b>							
<b>Salaries, Allowances, Honoraria</b>							
1010	DOM Salary		\$0	\$2,080	\$0	\$4,160	\$24,962
1020	DOM Housing Allowance		0	1,282	0	2,563	15,380
1040	Adm. Assistant Salary		1,333	1,333	2,667	2,667	16,000
1060	Clerk Honorarium		0	50	0	100	600
1070	Treasurer Honorarium		0	50	0	100	600
1080	Staff Christmas Bonuses		0	92	0	183	1,100
	<b>Total Salaries &amp; Allowances</b>		<b>\$1,333</b>	<b>\$4,887</b>	<b>\$2,667</b>	<b>\$9,774</b>	<b>\$58,642</b>
<b>Employee Benefits</b>							
2010	DOM Retirement		\$0	\$750	\$0	1,500	\$9,000
2020	DOM Insurance		0	1,083	0	2,167	13,000
2030	Workers' Compensation Insurance		0	46	0	92	550
2040	Payroll Taxes		102	275	204	550	3,300
	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$102</b>	<b>\$2,154</b>	<b>\$204</b>	<b>\$4,308</b>	<b>\$25,850</b>
<b>Ministry Support</b>							
3010	DOM Travel Expense		\$0	\$417	\$0	\$833	\$5,000
3020	DOM Convention/Education Exp.		0	192	0	383	2,300
3050	Board of Directors		39	83	39	167	1,000
4100	Pastors' Conferences		0	25	0	50	300
	<b>Total Ministry Support</b>		<b>\$39</b>	<b>\$717</b>	<b>\$39</b>	<b>\$1,433</b>	<b>\$8,600</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>							
5010	Office Supplies & Expense		\$217	\$125	\$445	\$250	\$1,500
5030	Office Equipment Maintenance		0	83	300	167	1,000
5050	Telephone		78	125	156	250	1,500
5060	Natural Gas		0	83	120	167	1,000
5070	Electricity		98	125	195	250	1,500
5080	Water		59	83	106	167	1,000
5130	Miscellaneous Expense		0	83	0	167	1,000
	<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>		<b>\$453</b>	<b>\$708</b>	<b>\$1,322</b>	<b>\$1,417</b>	<b>\$8,500</b>
<b>Missions</b>							
4080	WMU		\$0	\$83	\$0	\$167	\$1,000
4081	Community Outreach		0	100	0	200	1,200
	<b>Total Missions</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$183</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$367</b>	<b>\$2,200</b>
<b>Association Assets</b>							
5100	Building Maintenance & Repairs		\$150	\$83	\$268	\$167	\$1,000
5110	Lawn Care		0	83	0	167	1,000
5120	Insurance		0	167	0	333	2,000
	<b>Total Association Assets</b>		<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$333</b>	<b>\$268</b>	<b>\$667</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>
<b>Total General Fund Spending</b>			<b>\$2,077</b>	<b>\$8,983</b>	<b>\$4,500</b>	<b>\$17,965</b>	<b>\$107,792</b>
<b>Total General Fund Receipts</b>			<b>\$9,942</b>	<b>\$8,983</b>	<b>\$18,656</b>	<b>\$17,965</b>	<b>\$107,792</b>