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**Soul Winning**  
CONFERENCE

**THE NATURAL APPROACH:  
EVERY ONE WIN ONE**

WITH SPEAKER  
**DR. JIM HARRIS**

**AUG. 6TH & AUG. 13TH @ 6:30 PM**

Milford Hills Baptist Church 1238 E. Colonial Dr. **Salisbury, NC 28144**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:  
PASTOR GRAY @ 919-339-0041

**SAVE THE DATE!**



**Free wheelchair ramp construction trainings!**

September 23, 2023 - Thomasville  
February 10, 2024 - Cary  
9:30 am - 11:30 am

Great life/skills training for adults and youth (13+)!

Training provided by Baptists on Mission and sponsored by NCBAM.

Scan to learn more & register.



Presented by NCBAM

**Field of MAKERS**

September 9 • Mills Home, Thomasville



This juried artisan event will feature NC's finest crafters, food vendors, and live music -- all for the direct benefit of aging adults served by North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry. The event will be held September 9 (9am-4pm) on the Mills Home Campus of Baptist Children's Homes in Thomasville. Tickets can be purchased at <https://bchfamily.regfox.com/field-of-makers>



## 2023 Pastoral Conferences

Pastor Conferences this fall.  
Tuesdays at 12 noon



**August 22<sup>nd</sup> at Rowan Southern Baptist Association**  
832 South Main St., Salisbury, NC 28144

- September 26 Trading Ford Baptist Church.  
3600 Long Ferry Rd, Salisbury, NC 28146
- October 24 Calvary Baptist Church Salisbury  
2255 E Ridge Rd, Salisbury, NC 28144
- November 28 RSBA office. 832 South Main St. Salisbury NC 28144



- 7 Rev. Scott Faw, Pastor, Calvary
- 13 Rev. Gray Clayton, Pastor, Milford Hills
- 27 Dr. Dale Robertson, Pastor, North Main
- 29 Rev. Billy Beaver, Pastor, Main Street



- 10 Rev. & Mrs. David (Tonia) Smith, Pastor, Needmore
- 10 Rev. & Mrs. Scott (Elizabeth) Faw, Pastor, Calvary
- 12 Rev. & Mrs. Trent Drye (Jennifer), Pastor, First China Grove
- 19 Rev. & Mrs. Jeff Perry (Angie), Pastor, Gospelway
- 31 Rev. & Mrs. Matthew Perez (Bethany), Assoc. Pastor, Life Church

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

- Needmore – Rev. David Smith
- Neel Road -
- New Covenant – Rev. Roger Steadman
- North Main – Dr. Dale Robertson
- Nueva Vida – Rev. Teodulo Rivera



Announcing.....The  
LIFE CHOICES Rowan  
Dad's Club

### Announcing.....The LIFE CHOICES Rowan Dad's Club

We value dads at LIFE CHOICES Rowan. We realize how important they are to families. This is why we are planning an opportunity to empower men to stand up for life and become godly fathers who will break through generational curses and lead healthy, productive, and happy families. And what better time to launch something new and exciting for dads than right before Father's Day?

We are excited to report that we are planning a Dad's Ministry at Life Choices Rowan. It will include teaching opportunities and times of support and fellowship for fathers. Dads will also have the opportunity to earn "Baby Bucks" to obtain material supplies for their children. This program, like all of our services at LIFE CHOICES, will be at no cost to the dads.

Meetings will take place on Wednesday evenings,  
6:30- 7:30 PM beginning June 28<sup>th</sup>.

Let us know if you are interested in participating in this opportunity by calling Liz, our Client Services Director at 704-633-7695.

We need **volunteers** to help us with our men's initiative. We need men to come alongside the dads we are planning to serve, as teachers and mentors. We also need ladies to help us with hospitality (food) for the men.

We are in this together and we can't do what we do without you! Won't you partner with us to reach men in our community? If you are available to help please give us a call or email Cindy at [development@crowan.com](mailto:development@crowan.com).



When planning your church’s mission activities, you may review and pray for some of the following:  
<https://baptistsonmission.org/mission-projects>

Maybe your congregation wants to participate in these mission efforts or you may want to sponsor someone from a sister church that has shown a heart for the lost and wants to be used by God.



The International Mission Board <https://www.imb.org/opportunity-finder/> has projects for volunteer missionaries . Maybe you want to teach English or use your computer skills. There are needs in the medical field and construction.



**Pray for our pastors, churches and ministries:**

**Franklin Baptist**, Pastor Joe Thomas.  
 Thank God for the faithfulness of brother Thomas in Franklin Baptist. For his vision to disciple using the true and unique Word of God. Thanks to Norma for his son and grandchildren and for their health. Praise God for the support of Franklin Baptist towards local, regional and international ministries. For their outreach in England. Praise the Lord for a terrific Vacation Bible School. May God continue to pour His Spirit in the community that Franklin Baptist affects.



**West Corinth Baptist Church**, Pastor Robert Suttles.  
 Praise God for tremendous outreach in the lives of many neighbors. Vacation Bible School this year and Friday night for parents has proven very good activities to reach children and their families with the Gospel. Thank God for so many active volunteers. God is taking West Corinth into more lost people. Pray that we can work together to soon begin churches in Landis and China Grove.



**First China Grove**. Pastor Trent Drye.  
 God is raising more leaders in our midst. God is opening doors to minister, but He is also calling young people into ministry. Praise the Lord for pastor Trent’s vision to empower and send teenagers to minister alongside veteran servants of God. May First China Grove and all our congregations be a leader raising school. May more churches catch the vision of developing, and sending workers to the field. Pray for new congregations in Landis, North Kannapolis and China Grove to start soon.

# A Message from our Association Mission Strategist

## Opening the Door to Another Child

“Then Jesus said, “Leave the children alone, and don’t try to keep them from coming to Me, because the kingdom of heaven is made up of people like this.” Matthew 19:14

I have been moved beyond emotions and happiness seeing children involved in our congregation’s summer activities. I have visited Lake Community, Stallings Memorial, First China Grove, South China Grove, Franklin, and West Corinth. I have other churches scheduled in July to visit. I am learning while asking questions and sharing experiences. We are networking and helping churches give to other congregations.



One question I was asked by a pastor is “Can we network, so we can advertise the churches that have summer programs after ours is over?” In other words, we want to invite our participants to the VBS or summer camp that follows ours, next week. This pastor has an incredible attitude towards visitors, his focus goes beyond bringing families to his congregation. His focus is saturating children and young people and families with the Gospel. They can attend seven or eight Vacation Bible Schools and choose to attend the church they prefer. As long as everyone listens and responds to the Gospel, this pastor is correct.

So many children are brought by grandparents, so many children have never heard the Gospel, so many children will only come to church during Vacation Bible programs. Please, make their visit worth. In August 1974 I heard the Gospel and responded accepting Jesus into my heart. Today, you have the same opportunity, to pray, love and share your salvation with so many. Some thirty years later, I thanked the pastor that invited me to accept Jesus and he told me he did not know he was the one that shared the Gospel with me.

I guess it remains in the child’s heart. The name or the time when Jesus came because of a teacher, a volunteer or a pastor. For an adult, it may be another child accepting Jesus, for a child is a moment they will never forget.

Help us pray for leaders, teachers, game leaders, cooks, security volunteers and so many more, we want them all filled with the Holy Spirit, bringing love and Jesus to every family they touch this summer.

*Jonas Perez*  
*Association Mission Strategist*  
*Rowan Southern Baptist Association*

Please send any information or advertisement for the August Newsletter no later than Tuesday, July 25.

every  
CHILD

foster & adoption ministry

UPDATE

Foster Homes  
Licensed to Date

344

Foster Children  
Served to Date

715

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YOUR CHURCH  
IS THE ANSWER

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## Fine Tuning

Proverbs 2:2 instructs us in this way, "Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding."

More than I can count, I'm having to readjust my radio in my car at different times when the radio station is not coming in clearly. I don't know about you, but this is very annoying to me and especially recently when I was trying to hear a message on The Light FM – 106.9. The channel was going in and out and another radio station was trying to be dominant to push its way in.

As I pulled into the churches parking lot, it dawned on me this was a teaching moment. In this world we are all bombard with others trying to push their way of thinking that is not biblical, others trying to speak the "world's language" that is most defiantly the enemy's language. We as God's children need to fine tune our thinking and turn our ears, our hearts towards what is the ultimate truth, God's Word.

My prayer for Rowan County as we move into a new month, take note what our Lord is calling us to have more wisdom about and understanding in this world that we live in. We need more of Him each day to help us concentrate on what matters most...loving God and loving others.

### Reminders:

**Red Box – We have signed up for Rowan county to be collecting lotions again this year. Our goal is 400. Here's the specifics in purchasing them: Must be between 8 to 11 ounce/plastic bottle/NO PUMPS. We will be taking these up at the fall banquet but you can also take them over to the Associational office.**

### Fall Banquet

**Theme: "Prayer Changes Lives – Home & Abroad"**

**Date: Thursday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm – 8:00pm**

**Place: Enon Baptist Church**

**RSVP: Monday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> - \$10.00 (Will be catered by Debbie Suggs)**

**Details: Men & Women are invited to this event! We will have prayer stations set up where you will be able to visit each one and find out details on our Missionaries and how we can pray for them and to adopt one for you and your church to make a difference in their lives.**

Christ love,

Jeannie Y Patterson

WMU Director



Talitha Lowman, outreach coordinator of the Ruffy-Holmes Senior Center brought to us some areas of volunteer needs they currently have. All would require background checks. Transportation is their CARS program.

- Ramp Building
- Installing grab bars and handheld shower heads
- Deck repair
- yard work-mowing, bush trimming, weeding
- Transportation to doctor appointments, grocery shopping, etc.

**Phone:** 704-216-7717

**Email:** [cars@ruffyholmes.org](mailto:cars@ruffyholmes.org)

1120 S. MLK Jr. Avenue Salisbury, NC 28144 [www.ruffyholmes.org](http://www.ruffyholmes.org)

## Become a praying Missionary by interceding for them:

Our July prayer concerns will add a missionary touch when you add these servants of God.

*The Cooperative Program takes the Gospel to the nations and the neighborhoods. Your financial support through the Cooperative Program gives missionaries the opportunity to plant churches in areas that need to hear the Gospel.*

### July 2, 2023. Samuel Ravelo. Chaplain



When he was 24 years old, Sammy Ravelo joined the Navy. Two years later, he began serving as a chaplain's assistant. He loved the work and eventually realized that chaplaincy was the ministry for which God had been preparing him his whole life.

Sammy spends most of his day with the sailors he serves. He even deploys with them for months at a time. This allows him numerous opportunities to minister, especially on a difficult day like when a servicemember is depressed, or their marriages are near collapse.

When not deployed, Sammy leads retreats for military couples twice a month. These retreats give couples a much-needed opportunity to spend time away and work on their marriages.

*Pray that God will continue to use Sammy to bring healing to sailors and their spouses.*



### July 9, 2023. Sidney Dixon. South Asian peoples.

After being separated from many of her South Asian villages due to COVID-19, missionary Sidney Dixon\* braved the soaring heat and invited women and children on the unfinished roof of someone's home to join her for a health lesson followed by a Bible story. Each week more joined and at one point the gathering topped 350! (Thankfully the roof held!)

As a new COVID surge ravaged South Asia and lockdown measures returned, Dixon couldn't continue the gathering. Women in the village called, requesting her to come back despite government restrictions. These calls resulted in villagers gathering in smaller groups to hold their own gatherings. Now women that Sidney ministered to are ministering to other women in their villages and life change is happening!

*Pray for Sidney as she ministers to South Asian women and children and for the local believers leading these small group gatherings.*

*\*Names changed for security*

### July 16, 2023. Dave and Brie Jacobson Wisconsin USA.

Dave and Brie Jacobson planted City on a Hill Church in one of the most diverse areas of Madison, Wisconsin. The church is surrounded by low-income housing and apartment buildings and many of the children live in single-parent homes.

City on a Hill is reaching out to their community in multiple ways. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the church worked with a food program to provide fresh food boxes and even got to pray with individuals receiving these boxes. They also host block parties and trunk or treats to minister to the families in the neighborhood. Soon the church hopes to start a Spanish-language ministry to reach the growing Hispanic community in the neighborhood.



*Pray for the Jacobsons and City on a Hill as they continue to grow and reach their community with the Gospel.*

**July 23, 2023. Daniel and Grace Kim. Subsaharan African peoples**

At first glance, Korean and Zambian cultures don't share many similarities. But International Mission Board missionaries Daniel and Grace Kim noticed the commonalities. Originally from South Korea but living in the United States for over 15 years, the Kims moved to Zambia in 2000.

Today the Kims host student missionaries from the Korean Foreign Mission Board who serve alongside them. These students relate well to the Kims because of their similar cultural background. And like the Kims, they have assimilated into Zambian culture well because of the similarities of this African nation and their Asian nation.



"We are so happy to see this movement," the Kims said. "The Holy Spirit has really opened doors for the students and is working through them. They are very hard working and ready to do whatever it takes."

*Pray for the Kims as they continue to minister in Zambia and for their continued partnership with Korean students coming to Zambia to share the Gospel.*

**July 30, 2023. Eric and Anna Trout. IOWA.**

Eric and Anna Trout started Restoration Church in Adel, Iowa, to reach people who were far from God.

They have seen through acts of service in the community that church members are developing relationships with those they reach, often becoming the first step in getting these new friends into the church and introducing them to a life-changing relationship with Jesus.

One way Restoration Church reaches their community is through partnering with a crisis intervention agency in the area. Another outreach of the church is serving at a local community center. As the people of Restoration Church meet new people, they invite them into biblical community not just at the church, but in their homes and neighborhoods, as well.

*Pray that the Trouts and Restoration Church will have more opportunities to have Gospel conversations with those living in Adel.*

## SPECIAL PROJECT GRANTS

Just a reminder that the Special Project grant applications are now open. They open on May 1<sup>st</sup> each year and are open until August 15<sup>th</sup>. Here is the link to the application. <https://www.ncbaptistfoundation.org/special-project-grants/>

Due to the generosity of NC Baptists through the years these funds are available for special project items that would not normally be in an association or church budget.







Rowan Baptist Association							
General Fund Financial Report							
May	2023						
			Month	Month	YTD	YTD	Total
			Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
<b>Administration</b>							
<b>Salaries, Allowances, Honoraria</b>							
	1010	DOM Salary	\$2,080	\$2,155	\$10,626	\$10,776	\$25,862
	1020	DOM Housing Allowance	1,282	1,357	6,633	6,783	\$16,280
	1040	Adm. Assistant Salary	1,250	1,250	6,250	6,250	\$15,000
	1060	Clerk Honorarium	0	50	0	250	\$600
	1070	Treasurer Honorarium	0	50	0	250	\$600
	1080	Staff Christmas Bonuses	0	83	0	417	\$1,000
		<b>Total Salaries &amp; Allowances</b>	<b>\$4,612</b>	<b>\$4,945</b>	<b>\$23,509</b>	<b>\$24,726</b>	<b>\$59,342</b>
<b>Employee Benefits</b>							
	2010	DOM Retirement	\$750	\$600	\$3,300	\$3,000	\$7,200
	2020	DOM Insurance	1,048	958	5,239	4,792	\$11,500
	2030	Workers' Compensation Insurance	0	46	0	229	\$550
	2040	Payroll Taxes	255	275	1,291	1,375	\$3,300
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,053</b>	<b>\$1,879</b>	<b>\$9,830</b>	<b>\$9,396</b>	<b>\$22,550</b>
<b>Ministry Support</b>							
	3010	DOM Travel Expense	\$361	\$333	\$2,031	\$1,667	\$4,000
	3020	DOM Convention/Education Exp.	53	167	341	833	\$2,000
	3050	Board of Directors	70	67	354	333	\$800
	4100	Pastors' Conferences	0	38	77	188	\$450
		<b>Total Ministry Support</b>	<b>\$484</b>	<b>\$604</b>	<b>\$2,803</b>	<b>\$3,021</b>	<b>\$7,250</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>							
	5010	Office Supplies & Expense	\$62	\$125	\$353	\$625	\$1,500
	5030	Office Equipment Maintenance	163	83	531	417	\$1,000
	5050	Telephone	93	108	467	542	\$1,300
	5060	Natural Gas	40	83	417	417	\$1,000
	5070	Electricity	95	125	573	625	\$1,500
	5080	Water	79	63	382	313	\$750
	5130	Miscellaneous Expense	0	83	0	417	\$1,000
		<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$532</b>	<b>\$671</b>	<b>\$2,723</b>	<b>\$3,354</b>	<b>\$8,050</b>
<b>Missions</b>							
	4080	WMU	\$0	\$83	\$0	\$417	\$1,000
	4081	Community Outreach	0	83	0	\$167	\$1,000
		<b>Total Missions</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$167</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$583</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>Association Assets</b>							
	5100	Building Maintenance & Repairs	\$0	\$83	\$0	\$417	\$1,000
	5110	Lawn Care	100	83	150	417	\$1,000
	5120	Insurance	0	167	0	833	\$2,000
		<b>Total Association Assets</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$333</b>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$1,667</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>
<b>Total General Fund Spending</b>			<b>\$7,780</b>	<b>\$8,599</b>	<b>\$39,014</b>	<b>\$42,997</b>	<b>\$103,192</b>
<b>Total General Fund Receipts</b>			<b>\$10,835</b>	<b>\$8,599</b>	<b>\$54,332</b>	<b>\$42,997</b>	<b>\$103,192</b>