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Meditate and pray.

A National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 2

11:00 am
 Salisbury First Baptist Church
 Sanctuary
 223 North Fulton St
 Salisbury, NC
 (no lunch)



LIFT UP THE WORD - LIGHT UP THE WORLD
For you are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him. 2 Samuel 22:29-31

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

ANNUAL LADIES BRUNCH

11 May | Stallings Church
 9:30 am | 617 S. Main St. Salisbury, NC

Guest Speaker
Debbie Sexton
 Life Choices Rowan Executive Director

Live Music • Brunch Buffet • Door Prizes

PLEASE BRING A PACK OF DIAPERS OR WIPES TO DONATE TO LIFE CHOICES ROWAN

StallingsChurch

Hometown Nazareth
Where Jesus was a Kid

V.B.S.

Mark your "cow" endars!

Stallings Memorial Baptist
 817 S. Main St., Salisbury
 Scan to register or call
 704-636-2052



SCAN ME

June 2-6 → 6:00-8:30pm



Where: CrossLife Church
 205 Newsome Rd
 Salisbury 28144

Calling all middle and high school students!!!

Summer Kick-off Youth REVIVAL

Saturday June 8th
 5 pm Meal
 6 pm Praise & Worship



2024 Baby Bottle Campaign

May 12 through June 16

What if the change in your pocket could make an eternal difference in the life of a baby and its family?

Thank you so much for your faithful and generous support of LIFE CHOICES, Rowan!! Between Mother's Day and Father's Day, LIFE CHOICES Rowan will host its annual *Baby Bottle Campaign*.

Once again, we are inviting churches, businesses, individuals, and families from across Rowan County to fill baby bottles with loose change, cash, and checks to help support the mission of LIFE CHOICES Rowan. By filling bottles with cash, coins, and checks, you will serve families by providing the resources needed to eliminate the barriers they face when deciding their pregnancy. Every dollar given through the Baby Bottle Campaign equips this ministry to serve women, men, and families in our local communities. At LIFE CHOICES Rowan, we believe each person should have the ability to receive physical, emotional, and spiritual support as they face pregnancy-related situations and circumstances.

The *Baby Bottle Campaign* is one of three fundraisers that comprise more than half of LCR's annual budget. This is a great way to get even the youngest ones involved!

Baby bottles are available for pickup now! To get yours, please get in touch with Marisol at 704-633-7695 or via email at reception@lcrrowan.com. If you can't get by the Center to pick up bottles, we can bring them to you! Please join us in this fun way to raise funds for a much-needed ministry.




RURAL COMMUNITY CLERGY TRAINING PROGRAM (R-CCTP)

"RECOGNIZING THE CHALLENGES OF REINTEGRATION AND BUILDING A PATHWAY TO CARE AND RESOURCES"

RURAL COMMUNITY CLERGY TRAINING PROGRAM (R-CCTP)

COMBATING BIAS AND HATE TOGETHER

- BSS (BUILDING SPIRITUAL STRENGTH) TRAINING
- MORAL INJURY, MST (MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA) AND WOMAN VETERANS
- ALLIED AGAINST HATE
- LUNCH PROVIDED

**THURSDAY
9 MAY 24
12-4 PM**

PLEASE RSVP NET 30 APR 24

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LEARNING RESOURCE
CENTER (LRC)
SALISBURY VAMC

Contact: Chaplain Service
(704)-638-9000 ext. 12989
Email: stephen.zacharysva.gov



FOOD ROUNDUP

You provide NC children food they need while pointing them to Jesus.

Approximately ten of our Rowan Southern Baptist Association churches provided food, paper products and gift cards for the Baptist Childrens home. Thank you for your support.

2024 Pastoral Conference

Free for pastors and staff. Lunch is provided. Let us know who is coming by the due date. Please email rowansba@bellsouth.net or call 704-637-3407

Tuesday, May 21 – CrossLife

Speaker: Travis Allen, Sheriff, Rowan County

(Confirm attendance by Thursday, May 16)

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

New Covenant – Rev. Roger Steadman
North Main – Dr. Dale Robertson
Nueva Vida – Rev. Teodulo Rivera
Oakdale – Rev. Jonathan Collins



- 5 Rev. Jason Pierce, Pastor, Friendship
- 8 Rev Tom Fleming, Pastor, Find Your Way
- 16 Rev. Johnny Daniel, Pastor, East Corinth
- 28 Mrs. Kelly Cole, Pastor's Wife, Lakeview
- 30 Mrs. Karen Pinyan, Pastor Wife, Lake



27 Rev. & Mrs. Larry (Angela) Gilbreath, Pastor, Stallings

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

Dear Friends,

I hope this note will find you all doing well. We have come to the month of May and time is slipping by quickly. I wanted to share just some musing from my mind this month as we go into these hot summer months.

It is amazing how much can go through your mind while you are in the middle of preaching a sermon. Even though I am trying to focus on the congregation, while navigating through my manuscript (yes believe it or not I type out the entire manuscript, even though I'm sure preaching without notes would be better), in the midst of all of that, I still find thoughts coming into my head. A week or two ago I was preaching on a Sunday morning, as I was preaching through John 14, the thought came to mind, "Man, I love this!" I realized again how much I truly love preaching. As I rode home from church, I thanked God for the privilege to preach.

When I was younger I resented all the people who told me I was going to be a preacher when I grew up. I had other aspirations, none of which included the ministry. Now, I can't imagine doing anything else. When I am not preaching, I am thinking about the next time I will preach. I sermonize in my sleep. I wake up in the middle of the night with Sunday's text on my mind, and get up to go write down the bones to an outline.

In Ephesians 3:7-8, the Apostle Paul said, "7 of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power. 8 To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,".

I am not the son of a preacher, and there are not a long line of preachers in my family tree. That, however, was not the reason the Lord called me to preach. Nothing about me pre-qualified me to be a preacher. I get to preach because God showed me grace when He called me into His service.

I am no great preacher, but I preach a great gospel! There is nothing profound about the words of my preaching, but there is power in the Word I preach! Though relatively few will ever hear me preach, the One for whom I preach listens every time, and so long as He is glorified, I will be satisfied, and forever thankful that He chose me to be His herald. What a privilege to go "preach" on behalf of King Jesus.

...Time to study. Sunday's coming.

Have a great month and remember that us as an association of churches when we are working together. Do pray for our association in this time of transition as we move forward for the kingdom of God.

Until He Comes
Rev. Scott Faw
Pastor
Calvary Baptist Church



Office Closed Monday, May 27, 2024



Please send any information or advertisement for the June Newsletter no later than Thursday, May 23.



I am participating in a Bible study titled “What Love Is” by Kelly Minter. This study is from 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John. Love is the dominant theme in these books. John writes about love so passionately and frequently because it is a commandment from God. Loving others is not an option. It is not something we can do part-time. We can’t pick and choose who we love. Love is the distinguishing mark of a Christian and the church. 1 John 3:23 says, “And this is His command: to believe in the name of his son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another”. If we are truly children of God, we will want to be like the Father, who is love.

Not everyone we come in contact with is easy to love. If they were, we wouldn’t need God’s powerful example of love or his command to love others. It is through the difficult situations of loving the hard-to-love that Christ’s love shines forth. We come in contact with those we can only love through the love of God daily. It might be someone at work, a friend that betrayed you, or that person that cut you off in traffic. Remember God’s command to love others as you come in contact with those harder to love. Let others see Christ in you.

Pray for our association as we move forward and begin to look for a new Director of Missions. Pray for the churches in our association. I challenge you to randomly pick another church other than your own and pray for them. Pray that the church will shine as an example of God’s love. Pray for the lost in the neighborhood and that the church will reach them for Christ.

Pray for the missionaries. Pray they will be filled with the love of God. Pray they speak God’s word with boldness and that they will be accepted by the natives, believers, and other missionaries in the area. Pray they will be able to love the hard-to-love.

In Christ love,
Cindy Beaver
WMU Director

NC BAPTISTS

SHARING HOPE...CHANGING LIVES
Baptist Children's Homes
of NORTH CAROLINA

We believe that **EVERY CHILD** deserves a safe, stable, and loving home. Whether it is a temporary placement or a long-term living situation, we know that the local church can bridge the gap for the thousands of children in the North Carolina foster care system.

Every Child Progress to date
Foster Homes Licensed to date : 433
Foster Children served to date: 848

For more information call
Dr. Mark Smith 828-450-9136

every
CHILD
foster & adoption ministry

STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Join the Conversation about Intergenerational Ministry!



May 7, Mills Home Baptist Church, Thomasville

9:30am-1:00pm \$10 includes lunch!

Join us for inspiring content and conversations regarding the benefits of an intergenerational approach to ministry. We'll explore how all generations can come together to connect and thrive!

Keynote Speakers



Don Gilbert, Pastor of Senior Adults, Bay Leaf Baptist Church, Raleigh



Kenny Lamm, Worship Ministry Strategist, Baptist State Convention of NC

We'll start with coffee and muffins at 9:30 and conclude with a delicious lunch. Each attendee will receive a "toolkit" of resources to kickstart their church's intergenerational outreaches.



AAIM
Aging Adults Innovating Ministry

Questions? Call 877.506.2226

Scan the code to reserve your space at ncbam.org/events.



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 \(ncbaptist.org\)](http://ncbaptist.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.



MAY 5, 2024 ALEX AND CORRINE BOUFFARD

Alex and Corrine Bouffard started Saints Church out of South Shore Church, where Alex served as a lay elder. Alex had been leading the church's young adult ministry, which grew exponentially. Eventually, it became clear to Alex that God was turning that young adult ministry into a church of its own. So, Saints Church was born in early 2021.

Because of the community's high education level, Alex is often asked detailed theological questions. He loves watching people's faces light up with amazement when they realize the Bible has answers to their toughest questions.

Pray that Alex would continue to steward God's Word and His people for His glory.



MAY 12, 2024 LESLIE AND LUKE MONTGOMERY

The summer before Leslie Montgomery started 8th grade, her church hired a youth pastor whose parents served as missionaries in Tanzania. Hearing them share what they had experienced "literally changed my life," she said.

"I knew that summer, as a 12-year-old, that God was calling me to serve as an overseas missionary, specifically in Africa. I came home and shared my calling with my church the next Sunday. Of course, no one was too concerned at that point; God isn't sending out too many 12-year-olds by themselves to Africa," she quipped.

She didn't feel ready as a teenager or college student to go on a mission trip. Then, she got married and had a baby. Then, there was a global pandemic. Leslie had no idea when her young family would

bring the gospel to Africans who needed to hear it. One spring afternoon, God opened her husband's heart to this call, too. The family knew it was time. They were all in. In March 2023, the Montgomerys and their two-year-old son, Brock, moved to South Africa to disciple university students. "God has given us a heart for university students, and we know the incredible impact they can have on their friends, families and communities," Leslie said.

Pray for the Montgomery family as they disciple university students who seek purpose and identity in Christ



MAY 19, 2024 JARED AND DESIRAYE DAVIS

Jared never expected to become a church planter. In fact, he had never even thought about it before a conversation with his pastor in 2020. But, as he prayed about the possibility, God made it clear that he wanted Jared and Desiraye to start a new church near Cincinnati.

God led the couple to an eclectic neighborhood in desperate need of restoration. To reach the neighborhood, Jared has drawn from his background as an educator and connected with the local elementary school. The church has built relationships with the children and staff by meeting practical needs and sharing the Gospel.

A Kentucky partner church recently sent mission teams to work with the church to refurbish the teacher's lounge, the staff workspace, and the staff restrooms. As the teachers returned to school after summer break, they were amazed by the church's generosity.

Your gifts through the Cooperative Program support Restored Church as they show the love of Jesus in this Gospel-hungry neighborhood.

Pray that God would give the Davis family more opportunities to showcase the love of Jesus in miraculous ways.



MAY 26, 2024 TIM AND ANNIE TINDENBERG

The specifics of Tim and Annie's call to missions changed, but the calling itself never altered. They began their church planting role in East Africa and later moved to the U.S. to lead a church.

Now, they spend their time in West Africa resourcing, equipping and supporting missionaries as member care consultants with the International Mission Board. In this role, they provide pastoral care and counseling to contribute to missionaries' spiritual, emotional and mental wellbeing.

Even though God had made it clear that He wanted them in the U.S. for a few years, Annie said, the couple had little doubt about God's direction when they received a call asking if they would consider returning to the field. There was an overwhelming need for member care to keep missionaries healthy overseas.

Tim described how he and Annie serve other missionaries. "We spend time with them, encourage them if they're in a crisis situation, we pray with them and we try to get them some resources to work through what they're dealing with."

Pray that God would comfort those experiencing mental health issues and would show them that he offers peace that passes understanding.



HAN CHINESE

The Han people of China are one of the largest people groups in China, with more than 900 million worldwide. It is estimated that about 6.86 percent of them are evangelical believers. They primarily speak the Mandarin Chinese language. Some practice Buddhism, but most are nonreligious.

In North Carolina, many of them run family-owned restaurants, working many hours a week. They live in all of the metro areas.

- *Ask* for God to bring believers who are willing to share the gospel into the restaurants and lives of the Han Chinese of North Carolina.
- *Pray* that N.C. Baptists will partner with Asian-American churches to transform the Han Chinese community in North Carolina.

Pray

twenty four in
2024

JAPANESE

Racially, culturally and ethnically, the Japanese people are one of the most homogenous people groups in the world. Shinto is the native religion of Japan. However, Buddhism was introduced to Japan in the sixth century, and today, most Japanese people claim to follow both. There are almost 125 million Japanese people worldwide, with 0.48 percent claiming to be evangelical believers.

They live in Metro Charlotte, the Triangle, the Triad and the Wilmington area.

- *Ask* the Holy Spirit to soften the hearts of the Japanese people toward Christians, that they will be receptive to the gospel.
- *Pray* that God will raise up teams of intercessors from N.C. Baptist churches to stand in the gap for these precious people.



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>



**Rowan Baptist Association
General Fund Financial Report
March 2024**

		Month Actual	Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Total Budget
Administration						
Salaries, Allowances, Honoraria						
1010	DOM Salary	\$1,000	\$2,080	\$1,000	\$6,241	\$24,962
1020	DOM Housing Allowance	0	1,282	0	3,845	15,380
1040	Adm. Assistant Salary	1,333	1,333	4,000	4,000	16,000
1060	Clerk Honorarium	0	50	0	150	600
1070	Treasurer Honorarium	0	50	0	150	600
1080	Staff Christmas Bonuses	0	92	0	275	1,100
	Total Salaries & Allowances	\$2,333	\$4,887	\$5,000	\$14,661	\$58,642
Employee Benefits						
2010	DOM Retirement	\$0	\$750	\$0	\$2,250	\$9,000
2020	DOM Insurance	0	1,083	0	3,250	13000
2030	Workers' Compensation Insurance	0	46	0	138	550
2040	Payroll Taxes	179	275	383	825	3300
	Total	\$179	\$2,154	\$383	\$6,463	\$25,850
Ministry Support						
3010	DOM Travel Expense	\$0	\$417	\$0	\$1,250	\$5,000
3020	DOM Convention/Education Exp.	0	192	0	575	2300
3050	Board of Directors	43	83	82	250	1000
4100	Pastors' Conferences	200	25	200	75	300
	Total Ministry Support	\$243	\$717	\$282	\$2,150	\$8,600
Operating Expenses						
5010	Office Supplies & Expense	\$335	\$125	\$780	\$375	\$1,500
5030	Office Equipment Maintenance	0	83	300	250	1000
5050	Telephone	80	83	236	250	1000
5060	Natural Gas	282	125	402	375	1500
5070	Electricity	117	83	312	250	1000
5080	Water	63	125	168	375	1500
5130	Miscellaneous Expense	0	83	0	250	1000
	Total Operating Expenses	\$876	\$708	\$2,198	\$2,125	\$8,500
Missions						
4080	WMU	\$0	\$83	\$0	\$250	\$1,000
4081	Community Outreach	0	100	0	300	1,200
	Total Missions	\$0	\$183	\$0	\$550	\$2,200
Association Assets						
5100	Building Maintenance & Repairs	\$275	\$83	\$543	\$250	\$1,000
5110	Lawn Care	0	83	0	250	1000
5120	Insurance	0	167	0	500	2000
	Total Association Assets	\$275	\$333	\$543	\$1,000	\$4,000
Total General Fund Spending		\$3,907	\$8,983	\$8,406	\$26,948	\$107,792
Total General Fund Receipts		\$10,165	\$8,983	\$28,821	\$26,948	\$107,792