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**EVERY CHURCH,**

**EVERY COMMUNITY.**

➤ **CHOOSE A DAY**  
between August 3-10

➤ **CHOOSE A PROJECT**

➤ **HOW CAN YOUR CHURCH**  
meet the needs in your community?

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## A Word From Keith

We are at that time of year when I don't know whether to be excited or sad. I am excited about everything coming up such as trainings, the annual meeting, and ramping up different ministry focuses. Sad because we are ending summer with all the VBSs, trips to the beach, and summertime activities with my family. Yet the days and the seasons keep rolling. The more I try to slow down the days, the faster they seem to come and go.

Do you ever feel like that?

When I was a child people would tell me that the older I got the faster time would go. While I never said it to them, I thought that was the most cuckoo thing I had ever heard. I felt no matter what an hour is an hour, a day is a day, a week is a week, and a year is a year. Now years later, the clock is still turning, but that clock seems to turn faster and faster with the passing seasons.

All of this got me thinking, how can I make the most of my time?

1) Celebrate the Lord with joy.

It is amazing what time spent celebrating the Lord with joy will do. Because my space is limited let me mention just a few things it does:

- It reminds you who you are.

Celebrating King Jesus re-centers you as it brings you back to where you are supposed to be. Many things push and pull us away from the Lord. Further, some things happen in life that either discourage us to create a sense of despair or encourage us to create a sense of pride. When we worship and celebrate Jesus, it brings us back to where we are supposed to be.

*(Continued)*

**(From Keith, continued)**

• It reminds you whose you are.  
When we celebrate the Lord it reminds us that we belong to the Lord, we are His. More to the point, as a believer you are His child. When you think about being a child of God, how does this affect the way you approach making the most of your time?

• Celebrating the goodness of the Lord is always time well spent.

If we are going to spend eternity in heaven praising Jesus, this should show us that celebrating the Lord is time well spent. One of the unique parts of my position is I have the joy of being part of all of our churches. Some are traditional, some are contemporary, some are highly structured, some are less structured, and some I only catch every 10th word in our non-English speaking churches. What a beautiful kaleidoscope of worshipping our one Lord and King in many ways. Whatever the case, celebrating King Jesus is always time well spent.

• It brings us closer to our church family. Worship should and must be something that unites us together. When you and I celebrate our risen King, it is time that blossoms and has wonderful ripple effects through all areas of our lives.

2) Make family time and our other relationships special and meaningful.

There are a couple of items on this list that I have to be very intentional about, this is one of them. You see, I am highly task-oriented, this isn't an excuse it is just part of my personality. Yet because I am so highly task-oriented, if I am not careful and intentional it can negatively affect my relationships. As I type these words, I am also aware that I'm not alone in this struggle and maybe you identify with me. Here is something that I am constantly reminding myself of: the most meaningful things that I can accomplish on this earth are not tasks or things, it is the relationships that are built and enjoyed.

My friend, you were created for relationship. In the first item above, we spoke about our vertical relationship with the Lord. Here we talk about our horizontal relationships with our family, friends, and co-workers. Therefore, one of the most valuable things you can do it to enjoy those relationships and make that time special and meaningful.

As I write this my family is on the tail end of an awful week and a half with COVID. It started with my oldest son, Elijah on Sunday evening on the 14th. Two days later my youngest, Taylor, tested

positive. Not to be outdone, my wife, Paige, tested positive on Thursday night. As I write these words on Monday the 22nd, my two boys are back at 100% and Paige is still in progress. I say all this to say this, while Paige has been quarantined in the bedroom I have been left as Mr. Mom. I'm not sure if that is a good thing or a bad thing as I am confident I am a VERY poor substitute for 'mom', yet the boys and I have had a big time playing the board game- Risk. While we were missing different camps, activities, and appointments, I still wanted to make sure that time with my two sons was special and meaningful. In reflection, I was successful as we laughed, talked, and simply enjoyed that time together.

To continue this conversation go to: <https://www.nbachurches.com/making-the-most-of-your-time/>

We will finish this conversation talking about:

- 3) Create S.M.A.R.T. goals and celebrate the achieving of those goals.
- 4) Pause daily.
- 5) Plan daily.
- 6) Be mindful of the time-killers.
- 7) Laugh often.
- 8) Iron your shirt the night before.
- 9) Ask, what is the most important thing right now.

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To conclude I want to point you toward several things in this newsletter:

- ServeNC
- NC Missions Offering
- Annual Church Profile- there is a new simplified barebones version this year that makes completing it an easy task
- Deacon Training
- Upcoming Annual Meeting in October.



## The CHURCH NEWS Page

As Submitted by the Churches

**Deep Run First** (Michael Wright) WMU recently enjoyed a Ladies Night Out at Ribeye's in Mt. Olive. Church sponsored a Red Cross Blood Drive and collected 31 units of blood. 70<sup>th</sup> Homecoming was celebrated on 5/19 with guest speaker, Dr. Dennis Connor of the Baptist State Convention. A fellowship meal followed worship. Graduation Sunday was observed 6/9, with high school and college graduates celebrated for their achievements. Three students were awarded scholarships during the service as well. VBS for children is planned for July 29-August 2, while VBS for adults is planned for Aug 12-14. This summer, the church has assisted with the installation of 30 smoke detectors in homes of persons 65+.

**Emmaus** (Jim Willoughby) Emmaus will join Trinity & Tehillah churches with sponsoring a First Responders Appreciation Lunch for firefighters, law enforcement, EMT, and their families on 8/3. The lunch will be held at Trinity. Senior Luncheon will be held 8/8 at Noon; everyone 50+ is invited to attend. A school supply giveaway will be held on 8/10 from 11AM until 1PM at the church. Hot dogs, drinks, and snacks will be provided at no charge. *The King's Messengers* will be in concert on Sunday, 8/18 at 6PM. A love offering will be taken; the public is invited to attend.

**Immanuel** (David Thacker) *Heartfelt sympathy is extended to The Thacker Family upon the Homegoing of their youngest son, Luke, on July 21 following a courageous battle with cancer.*

**Love Memorial** (Richard Toler) Scuba Vacation Bible School was held July 14-18. Dinner was served each evening at 6:00 and everyone enjoyed diving into friendship with God throughout the week. Attendance was over 135 each evening and a generous offering was collected for Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. Transformed Student Ministries will have a share service Sunday morning, 8/11 at 10AM to present highlights of their recent Mission trip to Nashville and Memphis. Sonshiners will have a game day Thursday, 8/15 and Baptist Men will host a breakfast on 8/18.

**Neuse** (Greg Kincaid) The church hosted a free community event, "Christmas in July" on their grounds on Saturday, 7/20. Attendees enjoyed snow cones, cotton candy, bounce houses, hot dogs, games and prizes and plenty of fellowship.

Another free community event, "Candy Land", is planned for 8/17 from 1-4PM at their Vernon Avenue location.

**New Hope** has called Scott Wright as their new Pastor. He began his ministry at the church on April 14. VBS "Hometown Nazareth, Where Jesus Was a Kid" will be held August 4-7 from 6-8 PM; Supper will be served nightly at 5PM.

**Northview** (Rick Whaley) A successful yard sale was held on 6/1. Fathers were recognized on Father's Day, 6/16. Wade Parker of Baptist Children's Homes was special guest speaker on Sunday, 7/9 and shared how the church can partner with them. VBS was held Saturday, 7/13.

**Pinkney** (Steven Gay) Several of the church family enjoyed an outing to a Mudcats game on 6/14. Fathers were recognized on Father's Day. WMU & VBS are collecting school supplies to benefit a local school. VBS is planned for July 28 - August 1 with classes for all ages, including adults. A meal will be served nightly prior to classes starting. Youth will be having a yard sale on 9/14, and a Fall Supper is planned for 10/19.

**Rosewood** (Tim Lipp) Youth Sunday was observed 7/21, with youth sharing their experience at summer camp during worship. VBS "Camp Firelight" is planned for July 29 - August 1 with dinner provided nightly. Annual church picnic is planned for 8/3 at 4:30; gospel music group *Safe Haven* will be providing entertainment. Church will be hosting a Hee-Haw Dinner Theater on 9/28.

**Seven Springs** (Phillip James) VBS was held July 14-19, with dinner preceding classes most nights. Family Fun Day was enjoyed Sunday, 7/21 and the church family enjoyed casual dress, a fellowship meal after worship and water activities outside for all ages. Ladies Auxiliary meets the first Tuesday of the month, and Men's Fellowship meets the last Saturday of the month at 8AM.

**Snow Hill First** (Brick Crowder) Kids enjoyed a week at Camp Caraway in July.

**Spilman Memorial** (H. Powell Dew, Jr.) Legacy Awards were presented in May and June to several individuals and couples who have served an average of 55 years or more as members of Spilman.

# First Responders Appreciation Lunch

Eat In or Take Out

August 3

11 am to 1 pm

Trinity Missionary Baptist Church  
1086 NC HWY 111 South



Thank you for helping us in the most difficult times of our lives! This lunch for you and your family is on us. Please join us as we celebrate you for your sacrifice and service!

Here's what we have for you to enjoy:

Physically—cheeseburgers, hotdogs, chips, drinks, a place to sit and relax as well as enjoy your meal. Emotionally—heart-felt appreciation, love, and respect. Spiritually—prayer!

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Rev. Jim Willoughby (Pastor)

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Goldsboro, NC  
Bishop Anthony Slater (Pastor)

Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, Goldsboro, NC, Rev. Dave Fishman (Pastor)  
(919) 222-0658...please call with estimated number of those able to attend by July 27

# vacation BIBLE SCHOOL

## Help Us Build This VBS List!

We're happy to add your church's VBS dates — even wondered when other churches have their VBS planned or if they'd be willing to share materials?

- **Rosewood** — July 29-August 1
- **Deep Run First (Kids VBS)** — Jul 29-Aug 2
- **New Hope** — August 4-7
- **Kinston First** — August 8-11
- **Deep Run First (Adult VBS)** — Aug 12-14
- **Madison Avenue** — August 21-24

### VBS 2024 Church Report:

<https://vbs.lifeway.com/church-report/>

VBS Directors, please submit your report.  
It only takes a moment!



## August Birthdays

Thayer Stamper, Gateway — 02  
Jennifer Toler, Love Memorial Pastor Spouse — 07  
Jocelyn Gore, Fremont Pastor Spouse — 07  
Jodie Gay, Pinkney Pastor Spouse — 07  
Paige Hudson, AMS Spouse — 08  
Stacy Fishman, Trinity Pastor Spouse — 14  
Steven Gay, Pinkney — 14  
Pete Williams, Vice Moderator — 17  
Dana Thacker, Immanuel Pastor Spouse — 19  
Jean Kirk, Retired NBA Secretary — 22  
Bev Varner, New Life Pastor Spouse — 31

## August Ministry Anniversaries

Thayer Stamper, Gateway — 18 years  
Jimmy Dale, Mount Nelson — 10 years  
Wendy Parker, NBA Office Mgr — 9 years  
Roy Savage, Pikeville First — 5 years  
Wes Johnson, Pineview — 5 years  
Jason Hutcheson, Union — 2 years

**CANDY LAND**

Come to play a free living  
**Candy Land Game**  
for children and adults

candy prizes & free snacks

**AUGUST 17, 2024**  
1:00PM TO 4:00PM

at Neuse Baptist Church 2909 W. Vernon Ave. Kinston NC. 28504

# DEACON

8/24/24 9AM - NOON @ NBA OFFICE

# TRAINING



## Executive Board Meeting

- Monday, September 9
- 6:00 PM at the NBA Office.
- All NBA Officers, Pastors & church ministry staff, as well as church representatives to the Association comprise the voting board.
- All other individual(s) interested in the missions & ministries of Neuse Baptist Association are invited to attend.

FBC-Goldsboro's Helping Hands ministry is **in need of volunteers to help build ramps** in Wayne County. There is also great need for ramps in Lenoir County and not enough local volunteers to meet the demand. Please pray about how your church might consider meeting these needs.

SAVE THE DATE

MAKE PLANS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

SEPT 14: Odum Home, Pembroke & Kennedy Home, Kinston

SEPT 21: Camp Duncan, Aberdeen & Mills Home, Thomasville

SEPT 28: Cameron Boys Camp, Cameron | OCT 26: Oak Ranch, Broadway

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

**SAVE THE DATE! REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 15, 2024.**

**Friends of Children** is a one-day, Saturday missions opportunity for your church to tackle projects at one of **Baptist Children's Homes' (BCH)** ministry locations. There are projects for all ages making this a perfect way for your youth, small group -- any group -- to be the hands and feet of Jesus while seeing the BCH ministry up close.

- Work side by side with BCH's boys, girls and staff
- Tour children's cottages
- Enjoy a FREE lunch

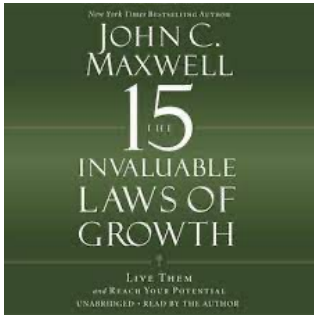


Dates and locations are on the front. Check in begins at is 8:30 a.m. on the event day. Projects are from 9 a.m. to noon. Lunch is served at noon and optional tours are available afterwards.

Registration opens July 15, 2024. For more info, contact Kristyn Butts at [kbutts@bchfamily.org](mailto:kbutts@bchfamily.org)

THERE'S ALWAYS A SPOT FOR YOU!

Find your **Spot.** For mission opportunities for you and your group throughout the year, go to our volunteer site at [bchfamily.org/volunteer](http://bchfamily.org/volunteer)



## ***The 15 Invaluable Laws of Growth: Live Them and Reach Your Full Potential***

Growth is essential in life to get better and better, but it doesn't just happen. It requires

intentionality and a desire to expand beyond your current capacity.

John C. Maxwell's book, *The 15 Invaluable Laws of Growth*, clarifies how you can do just that.

You will learn to:


- Focus on growth with purpose
- Identify the best environment to support your growth
- Stretch your abilities
- Pursue your lifelong dreams

**PASTORS**, have we piqued your curiosity?! If so, make plans to join us for the **monthly Pastors Meeting, now moved to Thursdays**, as we explore this training together. If you can't attend in person and would like to attend via Zoom, contact the NBA Office.

**NBA Volunteers Needed** to help Horeb International Community Church pressure wash and paint the exterior of their "new" church building, the former Harvest Baptist Church property which is located on the corner of Bill Lane Blvd and Old Hwy 111 in Goldsboro. Horeb was given this property and has been in the process of performing extensive renovations so that they may have a facility of their own after years of meeting at Love Memorial. Pressure washing and painting the exterior of the building are among the last big projects needed. It is estimated that the project will require at least a 4-man crew who can invest in a half a day for pressure washing and a full Saturday of painting. NC Baptist Builders has offered to provide whatever materials may be needed. Time is of the essence. If you have a group in your church willing to help, please reach out to the NBA Office — 252-566-9478.



// THANK YOU FOR BEING **ON MISSION TOGETHER!**




TAKE THE **EASY** CHURCH SURVEY TODAY!

# ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE

The **Annual Church Profile (ACP)** is a church survey used to track ministry data. As your church completes the survey each year, you have access to data from prior year submissions at SBC workspace and ChurchPOP.

NCBAPTIST.ORG/ACP





**North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO)** is a special offering received during the month of September that brings relief to those in need, helps plant churches, and mobilizes NC Baptists for missions.

The theme for 2024 is, “Relief for Today. Hope for Tomorrow”, and the offering goal is **\$2.6 million**.

*“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in Him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 15:13, HCSB)*



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 TO FILL YOUR LIBRARY**

**NBA Annual Meeting 2024**  
**“Working Together Works”**

Sunday, October 27  
 6:00 PM

First Baptist Church — Goldsboro  
*(125 South John Street, Goldsboro)*

Annual Sermon:  
 Rev. Carlos Peralta (The Way Church)

*Refreshments Served Afterward*



**Contributions from Churches, May-June, 2024**

<b>Churches</b>	<b>May-June 2024</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>
Abide		
Adamsville	200.00	650.00
Anointed Vision	2000.00	2000.00
Bethel	278.40	1595.17
Cabin		578.00
Calvary, Golds		
Casa del Dios	446.00	888.00
Community		51.38
Davis Grove	200.00	1466.92
Deep Run First		
Emmaus	810.56	2673.75
Falling Creek	1096.44	2599.84
Fremont		
Gateway	2400.00	7200.00
Goldsboro First		2215.00
Grainger		500.00
Horeb		
Immanuel	185.00	547.50
Jordan's Chapel		850.00
Kinston First	1265.12	3192.71
La Grange First		
Love Memorial	731.53	2648.83
Madison Avenue	1330.00	3823.55
Mount Nelson	6748.16	29160.37
Neuse	2204.03	7748.76
New Beginning		
New Hope		1000.00
New Life	233.36	653.87
Northview		
Nueva Amanecer	400.00	400.00
Pikeville First		
Pineview		500.00
Pinkney	864.51	2126.40
Rivermont	1161.78	3531.36
Rosewood First	556.37	2077.70
Sandy Bottom	1850.85	1850.85
Seven Springs	600.00	1800.00
Snow Hill First	1822.00	5895.60
Spilman Memorial		200.00
The Way	250.00	750.00
Trinity	500.00	1000.00
Union	400.00	800.00
<b>Total CHURCHES</b>	<b>28534.11</b>	<b>92975.56</b>

<b>Designated Funds</b>	<b>Balance YTD</b>
Van Use Donations	200.08
Miscellaneous Donations	740.96
Payments for Trainings	0.00
NCMO % Rebate	2482.82
Handy Man Donations	0.00
Hunger Fund	900.00
Block Party Trailer Ministry	200.00
<b>Total Des. Funds '24</b>	<b>4523.86</b>
<b>Rollover Funds</b>	
NCMO Rebate	6425.81
Hunger Fund	1.05
Misc. Donations Rollover	764.99
BPT Rollover	482.63
Handy Man Donation Fund	7065.70
Vans Use Rollover	0.00
<b>Total Rollover Funds</b>	<b>14740.18</b>
<b>Designated Funds Total</b>	<b>19264.04</b>



**NCBAM Fall Regional Gatherings**

Sept. 12 Asheville  
 Sept. 26 Rocky Mount  
 Oct. 22 Thomasville

Our focus:  
 How churches can prevent Elder Abuse.

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

# Coming Up on Our Calendar

## August

- 02-03 — Church Visioning Intensive @ NBA Office
- 03-10 — ServeNC (Statewide Missions Outreach Initiative)
- 08 — Pastors Lunch & Learn, Noon @ NBA Office
- 15 — Items Due for September Newsletter
- 19 — NBA Leadership Team Meeting, Noon @ NBA Office
- 24 — Deacon Training, 9AM - Noon @ NBA Office

## October

- 10 — Pastors Lunch & Learn, Noon @ NBA Office
- 19 — NABS Luncheon, Noon; Location TBA
- 21 — NBA Leadership Team Meeting, Noon @ NBA Office
- 27 — **NBA Annual Meeting** — 6PM @ First Baptist Church - Goldsboro

## September *NC Missions Offering Month*

- 02 — Labor Day; **NBA Office CLOSED**
- 09 — **NBA Executive Board Meeting, 6PM @ NBA Office**
- 15 — Items Due for October/November Newsletter
- 19 — Pastors Lunch & Learn, Noon @ NBA Office
- 19 — NABS Luncheon, Noon; Location TBA

## November

- 05 — Election Day
- 11 — Veteran's Day (NBA Office OPEN)
- 14 — Pastors Lunch & Learn, Noon @ NBA Office
- 15 — Items Due for December/January Newsletter
- 18 — NBA Leadership Team Meeting, Noon @ NBA Office
- 28-29 — Thanksgiving Holidays (NBA Office Closed)

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