

BereaOne Life

WISE Musings

Let us not grow tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up.
Galatians 6:9

Summer is almost here once again. School is out (well, soon) and the temperature is rising. Summer brings a lot of change to church ministry, but it certainly doesn't slow it down. In fact, for many, it's the busiest time of the year.

This Summer will be no exception. To prove the point, here's a list of some of this Summer's activities to be added to your Prayer List:

- Kid's Summer Program will begin June 17 and continue throughout.
- 4 Bereans will be serving as Camp Cale interns this Summer: Timothy Bradshaw, Joel & Judah Tenny, Emma Wise.
- 9 Bereans will be attending Camp Cale as students.
- Our Youth will be "Built to Serve Philadelphia," July 26 - August 1.
- We will join Baptist on Mission in Spruce Pine, June 22-27.
- Berea will be hosting various Volleyball Camps & Open Gyms throughout.
- Every Sunday & Wednesday will continue with the "normal" schedule.

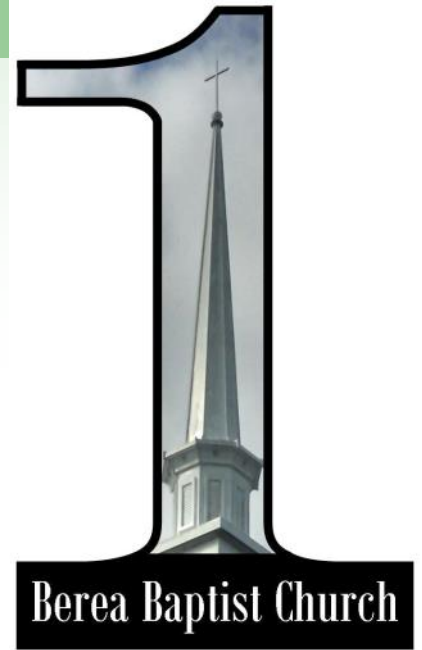
Even with all of this activity, Summer will still be filled with vacations, rest, relaxation, and the hope of replenishing ministry energy in preparation for the Fall.

What part has God called you to play in His work this Summer? Here are few possibilities:

- Volunteer to work in the Kids' Summer Program, it's a lot of fun with no experience required, just a love to see kids hear about Jesus.
- Write cards of encouragement to our Camp Interns, Camp attendees, or "Built to Serve" youth.
- Join in being on Mission by going to Spruce Pine.
- Donate funds, snacks, water, etc. to support our Mission trips to Philadelphia / Spruce Pine.
- Volunteer to "fill in" for Sunday School teachers, Nursery workers, etc. during their vacations.

Summer can be a time when we prioritize fun over ministry. While fun & relaxation are important and everyone needs time to get away to recuperate, I pray we will follow Paul's advice from the verse above and press on to see God's harvest brought in, even in Summer!

Love you all,
Pastor Jason



June 2026

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Weekly Activities:

Sundays

- ★ 10:00am Sunday School
- ★ 11:00am Children's Church
- ★ 11:00am Sunday Worship
- ★ 5:00pm Puppets
- ★ 6:30pm Youth Bible Study-FLC

Wednesdays

- ★ 11:00am Adult Bible Study
- ★ 6:30pm Kids' Summer Program
- ★ 6:30pm Adult Bible Study (OFH)

June @ a Glance:

- ★ Burger Bar
6/7 @ 12:00pm
- ★ Newsletter Deadline
6/18 @ 12:00pm
- ★ Church Yard Sale
6/26 @ 5pm - 8pm
6/27 @ 8am - 12pm
- ★ Church Council
6/28 @ 12:15pm

Thoughtful Reflections from Your Family Deacons



Ross Tenny — Chairman
Steve Durham — Vice Chairman
Matt Reed — Reflections
Cameron Quigley — Secretary
John Gregory
Don Alexander

1 John 4:7-10

Without a sense of purpose, it can be easy to lose hope. God has created each person for a specific reason: to love Him and to be loved by Him. This purpose underlies our relationship with God and brings meaning to our lives.

Christianity is unique among world religions because God desires a personal relationship with each of us. He loves every one of His children individually, showing care and attention to every person.

God's love is not dependent on our actions or character. It is simply who He is. Nothing we do can cause God to love us less or more; His love remains constant regardless of our behavior.

God's love is inexhaustible and inclusive. While the Lord does not have favorites, He does have intimates—those who devote time to Him, engage in conversation with Him, listen to Him, obey Him, and seek to know and love Him wholeheartedly. God wants everyone to choose this kind of close relationship with Him.

Handyman Ministry

Next Deacons' Meeting will be June 8th @ 6:00pm in the choir room.



Built for Willie Godfrey. His wife Mildred suffers from back problems and has difficulty going up/down steps.



Mrs. Reves has problems with steps and her trailer was too high off the ground.





Our Children and Youth!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Kids' Summer Program on Wednesday Nights from 6:30-8

Kids' Summer Program begins June 17

Ministry Needs

Sunday School Volunteers - Nursery & 3 thru 5 year old Sunday School Volunteers.

Contact Pastor Charlie to begin serving in these vital areas of the church.

Sunday School for Children & Youth - Sunday Mornings @ 10 am

Children's Church - Sunday Mornings @ 11 am



Youth Group News



June 7 - Burger Bar Fundraiser

July 26-August 1 - Built to Serve Philadelphia - \$125 Due 5/31

SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:

All Students, 6th grade and above, are welcome to join us every Sunday evening from 6:30-8:30 in the FLC, as we share a meal together, shoot hoops, play games and study God's Word.



By almost any metric my daily food consumption would be considered lavish. When I choose to eat breakfast we have options ranging from waffles and bacon to grits and sausage, and with no effort at all I can still fill up on a bowl of cereal. Lunch is usually sandwiches or leftovers, which leads to most nights being another home cooked meal from a diverse menu with options from BBQ chicken with homemade mashed potatoes to lasagna or beef tips on rice. To say one of my most basic needs is completely taken care of would be quite the understatement. When you add in my choice of snacks, like a jar of green olives always being on hand, it's clear I am blessed beyond measure.

Scripture reminds us on more than one occasion that Jesus Himself was even concerned with the little things, like having a good meal. In Matthew 14, we find the story of the feeding of the 5000 men (besides women & children, v. 21) where Jesus is in the midst of His ministry to the people taking the time to meet their most basic need, hunger. It would be enough if this happened just once, however once again we find Jesus teaching and

performing miracles when He sees the need of the people and provides yet another fish and bread dinner that feeds the people, this time 4000 men (besides women & children, 15:38).

What does satisfying such a basic need tell us about Jesus? At least for me, it gives confidence in knowing that if Jesus cares about something so basic, how much more will He care when the need is greater? I can have confidence that when an unexpected tragedy happens, He cares and will be there. I can be assured that when bills are piling up, when trouble seems to be knocking at my door, Jesus cares and will be there. It leaves me safe and secure in the knowledge that He has led, guided, and provided before, and He will continue to do so in the future.

Matthew 15:32

"Jesus called His disciples to Him and said, "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with Me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way."

Further reading: Philippians 4:14-19; Luke 12:22-31

If you ever have questions or need anything, please feel free to contact Pastor Charlie - (252) 333-4242.

Fellowship Meal





NC Baptist board highlights baptisms, missions at spring meeting

OAK ISLAND, N.C. — Celebrating rising baptism numbers, increased missions giving and expanding missions engagement, members of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina's board of directors, including Pastor Jason, gathered May 18-19 at Fort Caswell to reflect on recent milestones and prepare for a busy summer of ministry.

Speaking near the fifth anniversary of his election as N.C. Baptist executive director-treasurer, Todd Unzicker highlighted several encouraging ministry trends during his address to board members, including increases in baptisms, missions giving and engagement in missions efforts.

Unzicker shared that more than 750 baptisms were reported from approximately 100 churches during last month's "Fill the Tank" emphasis. He also noted that N.C. Baptist churches reported 18,461 baptisms in 2025, marking a 26% increase from 2024. The total was also the fourth highest among state conventions nationwide.

Unzicker shared highlights from recent mission trips by N.C. Baptist churches through the state convention's missions engagement initiative that was launched late last year. Unzicker said more trips are planned for this summer and beyond.

During his remarks, Unzicker also recognized five college students who are part of the initial 11-member Go Collective cohort. Members of the cohort will spend their summer serving in missions assignments at nine locations around the world. Board members gathered around the students to pray and commission them.

"Brothers and sisters, this is what it means to be On Mission Together," Unzicker said after praying over members of the cohort.

Additionally, Unzicker and board members prayed for the three N.C. Baptist camp locations at Caswell, Caraway and Truett, which are expected to host thousands of children and youth this summer through camps and other ministry events.

Financial report and actions

Alongside reports of ministry growth, board members reviewed the convention's financial health and approved several business items during the two-day meeting.

Unzicker and convention leaders reported a strong start to the year in missions giving. Through April 30, Cooperative Program receipts totaled nearly \$9.9 million, which was more than \$747,000 or about 8.2% more than the same time period as last year. The giving total also marked the highest four-month start to a year in a decade, officials said.

Gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American missions totaled more than \$2.6 million, while gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for international missions totaled more than \$9.8 million. Both totals reflected year-over-year increases through the same time period.

Gifts to the North Carolina Missions Offering totaled more than \$390,000, which is about \$119,000 less than the same time period as last year. However, the offering's emphasis month takes place in September.

Board members accepted and approved the state convention's 2025 financial audit report, which Jared Richard, chairman of the N.C. Baptist Operations Special Committee and senior pastor of Bay Leaf Baptist Church in Raleigh, described as "squeaky clean."

The board also approved a motion to transfer 20% of the net profit of the state convention's 2025 operations to contingency reserves. The amount totaled approximately \$4,300.

The board also approved a motion that authorized the state convention to purchase a 1-acre parcel of land located in the heart of the Truett Camp property that is not currently owned by the camp. The sale is not to exceed \$15,000, plus reasonable closing costs and other fees.

BR study committee recommendations

Board members heard a preliminary report from a study committee that was appointed late last year to explore a more permanent relationship between the Biblical Recorder (BR) and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. The committee was formed at the request of the BR board.

The committee's proposal, which was presented separately to the BR board on May 18, recommended that the Biblical Recorder dissolve as a separate entity and integrate its operations with the Baptist state convention. Under the proposal, the BR would retain its brand identity and continue to function as a news source for N.C. Baptists. The proposal also calls for the establishment of a BR subcommittee that would be part of the N.C. Baptist board as a way to ensure editorial freedom for the Recorder.

Neither the BR nor the state convention board took any action on the proposal. The proposed recommendations are subject to approval by the BR board, the state convention's board and ultimately by messengers at an N.C. Baptist Annual Meeting.

The Biblical Recorder has served as the news journal for N.C. Baptists since 1833 and has historically operated as a separate but related entity to the convention. In 2022, the BR's board negotiated and signed a management agreement with the state convention. In September 2025, the BR's board requested the formation of the study committee to "look into a permanent relationship between the BR and the N.C. Baptist state convention that retains the identity and editorial freedom of the BR."

Fruitland updates

Three N.C. Baptist board members were appointed to the Fruitland Baptist Bible College nominating committee. They were: Justin Alexander, senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Hendersonville; Robert Hefner, lead pastor of Pleasant Garden Baptist Church; and Twinkle Poindexter, member of Collide Church in Yadkinville.

The N.C. Baptist board was also briefed on Marty Jacumin's appointment as Fruitland's interim president and the formation of a search committee to recommend the school's next permanent leader.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the N.C. Baptist board of directors is scheduled for Sept. 28-29 at Caraway Conference Center near Asheboro.

AWANA Carnival Night



J. Walkers Meeting
June 15th @ 10:30 am in the OFH.



Berea now has online giving! Scan the QR code or visit our revamped website, bereaone.org, to give.



Flower Calendar

Please consider placing Sanctuary flowers to the glory of God and in memory and/or in honor of a loved one. We have openings this church year. If interested please contact Kathy Waters at 252-207-8165. Berea will now be using Albemarle Florist.

Dear Berea Church Family,

We want to sincerely thank you for all the prayers, cards, food, phone calls, visits, love, and support you have provided during Doug's lengthy hospitalization, illness, and his ongoing recovery.

We feel truly blessed and are deeply grateful for the generous Love Offering. This gift will make it possible for us to update our shower, and we appreciate your kindness more than words can say. Thank you for continuing to keep us in your prayers as Doug recovers. Love in Christ, Doug and Mary Pritchard



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Success Stories



Albemarle Area United Way

"Everly"

A young mother reached out for help with past due rent after being forced onto unpaid maternity leave sooner than expected. Complications in her pregnancy and her baby's early arrival meant she couldn't work as long as she had planned. With their income suddenly reduced, she and her partner fell behind. Thankfully, CCC was able to cover a portion of the overdue rent and to help bring their household current, giving them the stability they needed to focus on welcoming their new baby home safely.

"Josh"

When a single father needed knee replacement surgery, his recovery time forced him out of work and caused him to fall behind on his bills. Facing an imminent power disconnection, he turned to CCC for support. CCC was able to cover most of his electric bill, preventing the shutoff and ensuring that he and his daughter could remain safe and comfortable at home while he continues to heal.

Berea partners with the Community Care Collaborative in meeting human needs by providing assistance to those facing temporary emergency crisis. To learn how you can offer additional support visit:

aunitedway.org/communitycarecollaborative.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Let's celebrate together!

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| 1 Barry Ward | 22 Dave & Edith Kelsick |
| 2 Ashley Thrasher | 23 Matt Reed |
| 5 Beau Smith | 24 Emma Hudson |
| 6 Lisa Finley | 26 Coley & Lou Brickhouse |
| Hezekiah Tenny | Doug & Ramona Hodges |
| 8 Riley Hudson | 27 Kevin Quigley |
| 11 Delores Seymour | Oakleigh Troxell |
| Richard & Robin Rindels | 28 Doug Hodges |
| 12 Antonio Santos | 29 Cheryl Bundy |
| 17 Willie & Mildred Godfrey | |
| 19 Mike & Kathy Duncan | |
| Vernon & Geralene Smithson | |

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