



Happy Fourth of July! Missions Ctr. Closed July 3rd

- July 2025
- 3 Missions Ctr. Closed for 4th of July
  - 4 Independence Day
  - 8 Student Assistance Mtg, (Email Mtg.)
  - 8 Executive Team Mtg, 7 PM, Missions Ctr.
  - 10 Assoc. Council Mtg, 7 PM, Missions Ctr.
  - 17 Finance Team Mtg, 7 PM, Missions Ctr.
  - 22 Assoc. Board Mtg., 7 PM, Southside
  - 23-25 Carolinas Evangelism Conference, Mtn. View

- August 2025
- 2-9 ServeNC Event
  - 6 Coalwood Leadership (Email Update)
  - 12 Minister's Conference, 11 AM, Pearl
  - 21 Finance Team Mtg, 7 PM, Missions Ctr.
  - 31-9/7 Week of Prayer for NC Missions



#### ATTENTION: CHURCH CLERKS

Church profiles will be ready for pick up at the Association Office on July 24th. Please pick your packet up at your earliest convenience after this date. If anyone needs help, please let me know. I will be glad to help in any way. Thanks, Faith



#### **\*\*3rd Quarter Associational\*\* Board Meeting**

The South Fork Baptist Association Board will meet on Tuesday, July 22nd at 7:00 PM at Southside (1726 Southside Ch Rd, Lincolnton).

North Carolina  
MISSIONS  
Offering

2025 Goal  
2.6 Million

Relief for today  
HOPE FOR  
TOMORROW

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ROMANS 15:13



## SOUTH FORK POST

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#### TERRY'S THOUGHTS

As I laid in bed attempting to sleep the other night the Lord impressed on me a subject for this newsletter article and perhaps for a future sermon. The thought I had surrounded the word "Unity." According to the Webster's All-In-One dictionary the word "unity" means, "The quality or state of being or being made one." From a spiritual point of view this definition applies to us as we begin our journey with Jesus Christ. Once Jesus has entered into a relationship with us, we become one with Him. This oneness assures us of our eternal destiny and reassures us here in the present while we endure the world in which we must live.

Being one with Jesus gives us the ability to follow the Lord's will for our lives, stand up to our common enemy when attacked, and experience victory over our enemy while trusting Jesus with all things. The term unity was such an important issue for the Colossian church (us as well) that the Apostle Paul included the idea of unity in his instructions to the Colossians. These characteristics that Paul admonished us to follow should be readily visible in all Christians, "Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you so you also must do. **But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection (unity in the CSB)**" (NKJV). Obviously, one can see, in the highlighted portion of these verses, that unity is a result of the love of Christ poured into us that in turn needs to pour out of us toward everyone we encounter even if that love isn't returned to us in kind. Simply put "Unity" with the Spirit along with one another results in joy and joy results in action toward others with respect to the gospel message as intended. In his recent editorial Todd Unzicker, EDT of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, mentioned, when talking about cooperation which leads to unity that we as believers and NC Baptist should "*now more than ever, understand cooperation is vital to our mission of making Christ's name known among the nations. As autonomous churches, we each function in our own context, style and strengths, but we (believers or NC Baptists should – my addition) link arms for the sake of the gospel. Our shared identity as God's people means He calls us to go on mission together, bringing the hope of Jesus to all people.*" Please join me in the task of continuing our efforts, here in the SFBA, to maintain our unity as we cooperate together for the sake of the Gospel.

Remember always that I love you and consider serving you as AMS one of my highest privileges God has ever given me. Never hesitate to contact me if there is ever a need.

Terry

HAPPY  
4TH OF  
JULY!





## Vacation Bible School 2025

Church	Date	Contact	Phone
<b><u>Wonder Junction</u></b>			
Calvary	June 2-6	Kathy Bivens	704/530-9482
Cornerstone	June 8-12	Rachel Goodson	704/472-1274
Olivet	June 16-20	Church Office	828/478-3118
Long Shoals	June 22-25	Wesley Ingle	704/240-4563
Mount Ruhama	June 22-26	Church Office	828/428-8961
Mt Zion Cherryville	July 13-17	Jeanna Spiker	704/300-3147
Meadow Ridge	July 27-July 30	Crystal Beals	828/816-1399
<b><u>Magnified</u></b>			
Friendly Chapel	June 1-4	Barbara Mitchell	704/578-8313
River View	June 1-5	Vera Poole	704/740-9575
Mountain View	June 1-6	Church Office	704-483-5806
Center View	June 4-7	(Decorations already promised to a church)	
Salem	June 22-26	Angela Robbins	980/241-9877
Lincolnton 1 <sup>st</sup>	June 22-26	Church Office	704/732-1101
Faith	June 23-26	Gerri Almond	704/675-0244
Pearl	July 6-11	Darlene Caldwell	704/827-3256
Boger City	July 13-18	Church Office	704/735-5642
East Maiden	July 20-24	Brandon Godfrey	336/405-8571
<b><u>Other Themes:</u></b>			
Crouse	Twist and Turn Games May 31		
Shady Grove	Kickin' It Old Style	June 8-12	
Lincoln Avenue	Camp Chaos	June 22-26	
Gainsville	What A Mess	June 22-27	
Long Creek	Outback Rock	July 20	
North Brook	Egypt	July 27-30	
Amity	True North	June 23-26	

(Please see list above to help with decorations/curriculum sharing.)

### **2025 Bibles and Backpacks Mission Challenge...**

A challenge has been issued for *every church* in our Association to donate \$60 toward the *Backpack/Bible Ministry*. If all of our churches participate over \$4,000 will be raised. This is something a small group, Sunday school class, women's group, youth group, etc. could do to help this mission. We will have backpacks available soon. Thanks to all who have given to the challenge. So far, we have received \$1,129.00.

**Please pray for our Peru Mission Team (July 21-Aug. 1)**

Save the Date....  
South Fork Baptist Association  
147th Annual Meeting  
Sunday, October 19, 2025  
3:30 PM-Missions Fair  
4 PM-Business Session  
Missions Fair  
6 PM-Worship Service  
Calvary Baptist Church  
493 Calvary Ch Rd, Lincolnton, NC 28092

*We encourage all of our churches to get involved in our Missions Fair and share the mission work that you are involved in.*

### **NC Baptist Ministers' Wives Retreat** July 7-9, 2025 Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro, NC

#### **More Than Conquerors**

A wonderful time of Bible study, worship time, fellowship and rest. Speaker, Tara Lorencen, leads Women's Ministry at her church and has spoken at women's events across the region. Her passion is teaching God's Word and encouraging women in their relationship with Jesus.

Kristin Kellen, Assoc. Professor of Biblical Counseling and the Associate Director of EdD. Studies at SEBTS. She will share how we can better counsel those we come in contact with in life.

Single Occupancy: \$287, Double Occupancy: \$260  
Commuter: \$103 Price includes 2 nights lodging and 6 meals. Mail check payable to "NCBMW" to Harriet Lovett, 47 Al Davis Rd, Bear Creek, NC 27207 Registration Fee is non-refundable after May 1, 2025. For registration details or questions go to [www.ncbminwives.wixsite.com/ncbmw/retreat-registration](http://www.ncbminwives.wixsite.com/ncbmw/retreat-registration)

### **2025 Carolina's Evangelism Conference**

July 23-25 6:30 PM Nightly  
Mountain View Baptist Church  
5045 E Maiden Rd, Maiden, NC 28650  
Conference Speakers:

Wed: Dr. Herb Reavis, Dr. Kenny Baldwin,  
Thurs: Dr. Bob Pittman, Dr. Phil Hoskins  
Fri: Rev. Tyler Gauldin, Dr. David Gibbs  
CEC Choir led by Keith Cantrell

## Church News

**\*Boger City Baptist Church in Lincolnton, NC is seeking to hire a Full-time Associate Pastor- Cradle to College.** For more information about our church, to stream our services, and details on how to apply and for a full job description visit [bogercitybaptist.org](http://bogercitybaptist.org).

**\*Boger City Baptist Church is seeking a part-time organist.** Inquiries can be sent to Judi Grice at [jgrice@bcbaptist.org](mailto:jgrice@bcbaptist.org)

**\*Gateway Baptist Church is looking for a Sound Man.** It is a Weekly paid position. Must be qualified and dedicated to being here each week for our services. For more information or questions you may contact the church office at 828-294-1519 and ask for Charles.

**\*Howards Creek is seeking a Part-Time Children's Minister.** Contact Rev. Ricky Sigmon at (980)552-5047.

**\*Lincoln First Baptist is seeking an Administrative Assistant** at 32 hours a week and a **Facilities Technician (Maintenance)** for 20 hour a week. Resumes can be sent to [anna.bowman@fbclincolnton.org](mailto:anna.bowman@fbclincolnton.org)

**\*Macedonia Baptist (Lincolnton) is seeking a Part-Time Student Ministry Director** for middle, high school and early college aged students. This position has the potential for full-time growth. Please email resumes to [pastorsetzer@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorsetzer@yahoo.com) or mail to Macedonia Baptist Church, Attn: Dr. Randy Setzer 5286 East Hwy. 150, Lincolnton, NC 28092

**\*Mt. Ruhama Baptist Church, Maiden, NC is seeking a permanent part-time pianist.** Please call Carol Laney at (704)451-2101.

**\*Risen Church is searching for a worship leader.** Visit [RisenChurchNC.org/worshipteam](http://RisenChurchNC.org/worshipteam) for more information, or contact Justin Houser (704-530-1728).

**\*Westport Baptist is seeking a position of organist for their traditional service on Sunday's at 10:30 AM.** Please contact [JB@westport.church](mailto:JB@westport.church) for more information.



ASSOCIATIONAL GIFTS RECEIVED BY MAY 31, 2025

\*\* Yearly  
Gift  
\*\*\*Quarterly  
Gift

CHURCH	MAY 2025	2025 YTD	2024 TOTALS
Activa	0	\$ 168.88	\$ 100.00
Amity	0	0	\$ 800.00
Antioch***	\$ 167.00	\$ 835.00	\$ 2,004.00
Bethel	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,200.00
Blazin' Trails***	0	0	0
Blessed Hope	0	\$ 193.28	\$ 900.90
Boger City***	0	\$ 3,901.50	\$ 19,050.00
Buffalo Shoals	0	\$ 160.00	\$ 440.00
Calvary	\$ 375.00	\$ 1,875.00	\$ 4,500.00
Calvary Hispanic	0	\$ 450.00	\$ 1,800.00
Cedar Grove	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,600.00
Center View	0	\$ 625.00	\$ 2,500.00
Cornerstone	\$ 166.67	\$ 883.35	\$ 2,050.22
Crouse	0	0	\$ 400.00
David Memorial	\$ 83.30	\$ 416.53	\$ 999.63
Denver	0	0	\$ 6,852.58
East Maiden***	0	\$ 375.00	\$ 750.00
Fairview***	0	\$ 771.85	\$ 1,754.19
Faith	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,600.00
Flint Rock	0	\$ 140.00	\$ 140.00
Freedom	\$ 50.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 600.00
Friendly Chapel	\$ 98.86	\$ 609.00	\$ 2,311.20
Gainsville	\$ 357.00	\$ 1,963.95	\$ 4,562.13
Gateway	\$ 50.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 650.00
High Shoals 1st	\$ 1,011.24	\$ 2,369.28	\$ 5,331.80
Howards Creek	\$ 100.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,000.00
Hudson Chapel	0	0	0
Hulls Grove	\$ 865.53	\$ 4,675.51	\$ 10,178.60
Impact Community	0	0	0
Kingdom Ministries Outreach	0	0	0
Lawings Chapel***	0	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Leonards Fork	\$ 763.00	\$ 4,172.00	\$ 8,677.00
Liberty	\$ 50.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 600.00
Lincoln Avenue	\$ 621.16	\$ 3,382.58	\$ 8,066.56
Lincolnton First	\$ 833.34	\$2,500.02	\$ 5,000.00
Long Creek	\$ 125.00	\$ 625.00	\$ 1,500.00
Long Shoals	\$ 104.62	\$ 649.30	\$ 1,323.44
Macedonia	\$ 206.66	\$ 1,033.30	\$ 2,479.92
Macedonia Kingstown	0	0	0

CHURCH	MAY 2025	2025 YTD	2024 TOTALS
Maiden 1st	0	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Mariposa	0	\$ 72.00	\$ 1,059.00
Massapoag***	0	0	0
Mathis Chapel***	0	0	0
Meadow Ridge***	605.13	\$ 1,122.90	\$ 2,444.30
Mt. Anderson	0	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
Mt. Ruhama	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,800.00
Mt. Zion***	0	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Mt. Zion Cherryville	0	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 4,000.00
Mtn. View	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$8,666.67
New Heights	0	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
New Hope	0	0	0
New Jerusalem	0	0	\$ 600.00
North Brook	\$ 815.00	\$ 4,699.00	\$ 12,963.00
Oak Grove	0	\$ 200.00	0
Oak Grove Cherryville	0	\$600.00	0
Olivet	0	\$ 4,133.35	\$ 8,470.01
OneLife	0	0	\$ 400.00
Pearl	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 12,400.00
Piney Grove**	0	0	\$ 480.00
Reepsville	\$ 335.00	\$ 2,245.00	\$ 5,130.00
Resurrection Hispanic	0	0	0
Risen	0	0	0
River View	0	0	\$ 3,711.16
Roseland	0	\$ 75.00	\$ 375.00
Salem	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 6,064.24
Shady Grove	\$ 368.07	\$ 1,255.54	\$ 2,528.95
Sharon	\$ 85.00	\$ 476.00	\$ 1,152.00
Southside	0	\$ 600.00	0
Temple***	0	0	0
Temple Gastonia	0	0	0
Terrell	0	0	0
Unity**	0	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Vertical Life	0	0	0
Webbs Chapel	\$ 134.72	\$ 772.86	\$ 1,677.54
Westport	\$ 500.00	\$ 4,881.37	\$ 13,188.96
TOTALS	\$ 12,071.30	\$ 78,606.71	\$ 206,083.00
Monthly Need	\$ 16,524.58	Budget \$ 82,622.90	
Yearly Need	\$ 198,295.00		(2023) \$ 205,087.82



# July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3Office Closed For Independence Day Holiday	4Independence Day  Happy 4th!	5
6	7	8Student Assist. Mtg. (Email Mtg.)  Exec. Team Mtg. 7 PM Missions Ctr.	9	10Association Council Budget/Planning Meeting 7 PM Missions Ctr.	11	12
13	14	15	16	17Finance Team Mtg. 7 PM Missions Center	18	19
20	21	223rd Quarter Assoc. Board Mtg. 7 PM <u>Southside</u>	23Carolinas Evangelism Conference	24Carolinas Evangelism Conference	25Carolinas Evangelism Conference	26
27	28	29	30	31		

# August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2SERVE NC 2ND-9TH
3	4	5	6Coalwood Update (By Email)	7	8	9
10	11	12Ministers Conference 11 AM <u>Pearl</u>	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21Finance Team Mtg. 7 PM Missions Center	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31Week of Prayer for NC Missions (Aug. 31-Sept. 7)						