

**Member Churches**

- \*Antioch
- Asheboro FBC
- Balfour
- Beulah
- Cedar Falls
- Cedar Grove
- \*Center Cross
- Central Falls
- Cross Road
- Deep River
- \*El-Shaddai
- Firelight  
at Greystone
- Forest Park
- Franklinville FBC
- \*Glenola
- \*Gravel Hill
- Highland (Mission)
- Huldah
- Iglesia Bautista  
Emmanuel
- \*Liberty FBC
- Macedonia
- Maple Springs
- Mt. Pleasant
- Oakhurst
- \*Oakwood Park
- Panther Creek
- Ramseur FBC
- Randleman FBC
- Richland
- Riverside
- Russell's Grove
- Sandy Creek
- Seagrove FBC
- Shady Grove
- Sophia
- Staley
- Triad Cowboy Ch.
- Union Grove
- \*Unity Baptist  
Fellowship
- Victory
- \*West Asheboro
- Westfield
- White's Memorial
- Worthville

*\*Pray for our churches seeking senior pastors.  
Pray for their interims and search committees.*



*Pastors' Wives*  
Appreciation Month



## RBA Stewardship Banquet

Hosted by RBA, NC Baptist, & Provision Financial Services

March 24th, 6:30pm  
at The Exchange Event Center  
204 S Fayetteville St, Asheboro, NC 27203

for RBA Pastor & spouse and  
Church Financial Team Member & spouse

Make your reservation at [bit.ly/stewardship-banquet-2025](http://bit.ly/stewardship-banquet-2025)

## Living Lord's Supper

at [Oakhurst Baptist](#)

Sunday, April 13, 6pm

Friday, April 18, 7pm

2225 S. Fayetteville St., Asheboro, NC 27205

Step back in time to the precious moment when Jesus shared with His disciples what has come to be known as "The Last Supper."



## Women on Mission

March collection:  
Deodorant  
(men's & women's)



for [Appalachian Christmas Backpacks](#)

Drop off at RBA  
by April 1st

Don't you just love the parables of Jesus?

In Luke 15, Jesus shares three parables with us. Stories that many of us recognize immediately: 1) the parable of the lost sheep, of a man with a hundred sheep who lost one and left the ninety nine to find it; 2) the parable of a woman who had ten coins and lost one, searching diligently until she found it; and 3) probably the most memorable, the parable of the lost son or prodigal son, where a father with two sons had one who left and eventually found his way back home to the rejoicing of the father, but to a disgruntled brother. I had occasion recently to share this passage with one of our churches, and it reminded me again, what a loving, wonderful Father we have.

The context of these parables makes them even more meaningful and helpful in driving home the teaching Jesus shared. We see listening to Jesus that day, a group of tax collectors and notorious sinners, as well as a group of religious leaders, scribes and pharisees. The religious leaders publicly commented on the fact that they could not understand why Jesus would waste His time with these horrible sinful people. In turn, Jesus shared these parables to let those hearing know that every single one of them, tax collector and sinner, pharisee or scribe, were valuable to Him, and that Heaven rejoiced when even one these sinful people would come to the Father.

My heart was thrilled as I studied and taught through these truths again. You see, I have been that sinner, undeserving of spending time with Jesus, yet He offered me an opportunity to have that relationship with Him, in fact He died that I may have it. Then also, unfortunately, at times, I have been those in the religious crowd. One of those filled with pride and arrogance, forgetting how much the Father loves not only me, but those that are far away from Him. I have needed to be reminded how valuable each and every person is to the Father, and how He values a relationship with them every bit as much as a relationship with me. So, you see, I have been both the prodigal son that wandered away, and was welcomed home, and I have been that older son who stayed home and did everything I was supposed to but allowed it to fill me with pride. I lost touch with how to love like my Father, to be filled with joy when my lost family returns home, rather than pouting and complaining.

Guys, our state is the third-fastest growing state in the nation. Our county is predicted to double in size in the next twenty years. Many of those that are going to be coming here are not coming to join our churches. But they need our Jesus, and who is going to point them to Him? Let us not just see a beautiful story in the pages of Luke 15 but let us learn the lesson Jesus is sharing. **May we see every single person as valuable, the way our Father does, and may we do everything within our power to bring them "home" to the rejoicing of Heaven.**

Your servant in Christ,  
*Jeff*

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

1	Janet & Michael Smith	Retired Assoc of Children/Preschool, Ashe. FBC
2	Stacy Brock	Pastor's Wife, Sandy Creek
2	Justin Curry	Pastor, Cross Road
2	Jennifer York	Assoc Pastor of Preschool/Children, Ashe. FBC
5	Matthew Barbour	Church Administrator, Beulah
7	Erica Smith	Assoc Pastor's Wife, Oakhurst & RBA's AA
10	Gary Eller	Pastor, Shady Grove
12	Corey York	Spouse of Assoc Pastor of Children, Ashe. FBC
15	Natalie Pace	Pastor's Wife, Macedonia
23	Jim Petty	Pastor, Seagrove FBC
24	Emily Owen	Pastor's Wife, Asheboro FBC
30	Gwen Rotan	Wife of Deceased DOM
31	Cindy Craven	Min of Music, Ramseur FBC

**CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES**

Jonathan Burris	1	Sophia Baptist
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**RBA Meeting**

**April 28th**

6:30-7pm Business Session  
7-8pm Worship  
Refreshments to follow

Guest Speaker: Dr. Cloer  
from the Cape Fear Network

Balfour Baptist Church  
1642 N Fayetteville St  
Asheboro, NC 27203



Join us to learn about how RBA and our churches are impacting our community for Christ!

# FINANCES & CALENDAR

Church Receipts 2025	February	YTD
Antioch	-	-
Asheboro 1st	791.67	2,510.05
Balfour	2,170.30	6,576.66
Beulah	1,200.00	2,400.00
Cedar Falls	-	-
Cedar Grove	100.00	200.00
Center Cross	700.00	700.00
Central Falls	128.40	303.36
Cross Road	416.67	833.34
Deep River	125.00	375.00
El Shaddai	-	-
Firelight at Greystone	-	-
Forest Park	-	200.00
Franklinville 1st	-	185.00
Glenola	-	1,181.80
Gravel Hill	-	-
Highland Christian Church	-	573.39
HulDAH	-	339.42
Liberty 1st	-	-
Macedonia	-	-
Maple Springs	-	-
Mt. Pleasant	-	800.00
Oakhurst	320.23	789.81
Oakwood Park	-	-
Panther Creek	-	-
Ramseur 1st	531.80	531.80
Randleman 1st	-	-
Richland	-	-
Riverside	-	200.00
Russell's Grove	-	335.00
Sandy Creek	-	2,752.39
Seagrove 1st	-	768.00
Shady Grove	235.04	606.23
Sophia	300.00	600.00
Staley	-	259.32
Triad Cowboy Church	300.00	600.00
Union Grove	748.88	1,621.69
Unity Baptist Fellowship	125.00	250.00
Victory	-	-
West Asheboro	750.00	750.00
Westfield	-	-
White's Memorial	300.00	600.00
Worthville	100.00	200.00
Other Undesignated	-	-
<b>Total Undesignated</b>	<b>9,342.99</b>	<b>28,042.26</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>14,881.92</b>	<b>36,164.98</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>19,888.15</b>	<b>34,029.45</b>
2025 Budget: Needed:	13,622.70	27,245.40
2025 Budget: Received:	9,342.99	28,042.26
Over or Under Budget:	(4,279.71)	796.86

A complete financial statement is available upon request.

## Mark your Calendars

- ♦ 2025 Hurricane Relief plan, see back page
- ♦ March 2-9 - Week of Prayer for AAEO, see below
- ♦ March 14-15 - [BOM Missions Conference](#)
- ♦ March 15 - Children's Ministry training, see back page
- ♦ March 15 - Operation Christmas Child, see back page
- ♦ March 24 - RBA Stewardship Banquet, see front page
- ♦ April - Food Round-Up for Baptist Children's Homes
- ♦ April 1 - WOM deodorant donations due to RBA
- ♦ April 13 & 18 - Living Lord's Supper at Oakhurst, front pg
- ♦ **April 28 - RBA Spring Meeting**
- ♦ May - Caraway Cookout for Senior Adults (date TBD)
- ♦ June 14 - Youth Fishing Tournament

## Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

for the [North American Mission Board](#)

100% of your gift goes  
to the mission field

Learn more, give, & find promo resources  
at [anniearmstrong.com](http://anniearmstrong.com)



## April Food Round-Up

for Baptist Children's Homes of NC

Total goal = \$750,000 in food, supplies, & gift cards

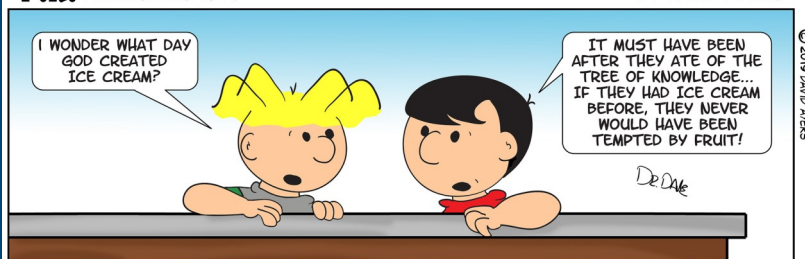


Find info & promo resources at  
[bchfamily.org/food-round-up](http://bchfamily.org/food-round-up)

Please drop-off items to RBA by May 1st

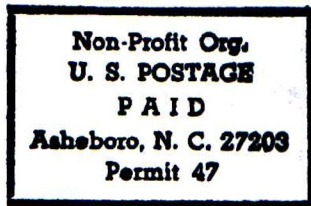
**P.K. PREACHER'S KIDS**

BY DAVID AYERS



Taken from: [baptistpress.com/resource-library/comics/tuesday-march-26-2019-3/](http://baptistpress.com/resource-library/comics/tuesday-march-26-2019-3/)

The deadline for submitting material for the next Newsletter is **noon on March 20.**



# NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

## Helene Relief Trips

RBA is encouraging our churches to lead a disaster relief trip to western NC each month of 2025. Proposed dates would be the 3rd weekend of each month, Thurs.- Sat.

**Anyone is welcome to volunteer!**

View the schedule at:  
[bit.ly/RBA-Helene-plan](http://bit.ly/RBA-Helene-plan)

April = Cedar Grove  
May = Union Grove



## Children's Ministry Training

March 15th, 8:15-1:30pm

For all volunteers, teachers, helpers, leaders, assistants and staff who serve in all areas of ministry with Preschoolers or Elementary-age Children!

\$10/person. RBA will pay for the first 25 people from RBA churches; contact us at 336-625-4175 to register with our office.



Pleasant Garden Baptist Church  
[1415 Neelley Rd, Pleasant Garden, NC 27313](http://1415_Neelley_Rd_Pleasant_Garden_NC_27313)  
[pgbc.com](http://pgbc.com)

## Operation Christmas Child

Celebrating 2024 & Planning 2025!  
Everyone is invited.

March 15th  
2-4pm



Balfour Baptist  
1642 N Fayetteville St.  
Asheboro, NC



August 2-9, 2025

[servenc.com](http://servenc.com)

If you'd like to receive emailed Newsletters or be taken off our mailing list, please contact Erica at 336-625-4175 or [rbaoffice2022@gmail.com](mailto:rbaoffice2022@gmail.com). Thank you!





# An Evening with Mark Schultz

Christian Adoption Services

## [Christian Adoption Services](#)

CAS is enjoying this year's benefit banquet series with Dove Award-Winning Platinum Recording Artist Mark Schultz. Mark believes in the work of Christian Adoption Services (CAS) and has been a blessing to over six-hundred of you who have attended one of the events as he has shared his own adoption story. CAS's fall banquets in Apex, Rocky Mount, Boiling Springs, and Hilton Head raised over \$250,000 for the ministry. For those of you who have not yet had a chance to attend "An Evening with Mark Schultz"...make your plans now and join CAS in Greensboro. Tickets are now on sale; see below for the link. CAS hopes to see you there!

Greensboro - March 25th - <https://bchfamily.ticketspice.com/markschultztriad>

Hosted by Mercy Hill Church - Ridge Campus  
1317 Pleasant Ridge Rd., Greensboro, NC

BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES  
**FOUNDATION**  
FAITH • FAMILY • FULFILLMENT

100% of donations made to Baptist Retirement Homes go directly to the mission work we do.

Want to learn more? We'd love to come and share what God is doing through our ministry.

Contact Stephanie Moody Shaffer:

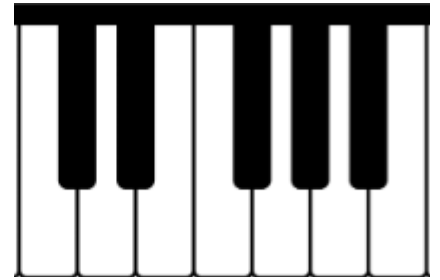
919.413.4614 or [sshaffer@thrivemorenc.org](mailto:sshaffer@thrivemorenc.org)



**Pianist Needed**

Randleman FBC  
for 11am Sunday services

Contact Pastor Heppding:  
[cheppding@hotmail.com](mailto:cheppding@hotmail.com)  
or 336-953-9646

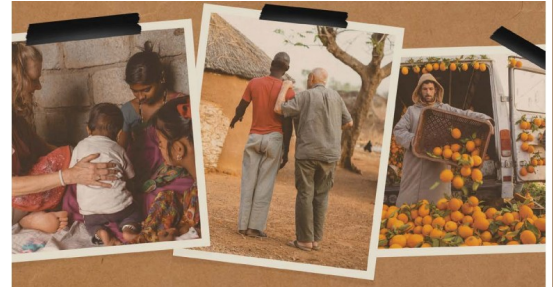


**Praying for the Nations**

2025's prayer emphasis with NC Baptist

Sign up for resources & weekly prayer reminders at:

[ncbaptist.org/praying-for-the-nations-2/](http://ncbaptist.org/praying-for-the-nations-2/)



**Ramps Needed!**

RBA currently has a list of several ramps that need to be built. Some of the requests already have the funding but are in need of manpower. If you or your church can serve your community in this way, please contact our Randolph BAM leader, Joe Edwards at 336-460-4508.

Denise Wilson as  
"Edith Ann"



**Introducing Denise Wilson, performing  
as sassy 5 1/2 year old "Edith Ann"**

**SHARE A SMILE MINISTRY**

Christian Entertainment for Church Groups and Birthday Parties  
"Edith Ann", a 5 1/2 year old, tells jokes & sings gospel songs.

Denise Wilson (336) 302-2259 • [kdwilson2937@gmail.com](mailto:kdwilson2937@gmail.com)

# EVENTS 2025

UPCOMING

<b>Feb 21-23</b>	<b>College Retreat</b>
<b>Apr 5-6</b>	<b>Missions on the Mountain</b>
<b>May 10</b>	<b>Mighty Mountain Run</b>
<b>Jun 6-8</b>	<b>Summer Father/Son</b>
<b>Jun 16-20</b>	<b>Children's Camp 1</b>
<b>Jun 23-25</b>	<b>Grand Camp Session 1</b>
<b>Jun 23-27</b>	<b>Children's Camp 2</b>
<b>Jun 26-28</b>	<b>Grand Camp Session 2</b>
<b>June 30 - Jul 2</b>	<b>Children's Mini Camp</b>
<b>Jul 6-9</b>	<b>NC Baptist Ministers Wives Retreat</b>
<b>Jul 7-11</b>	<b>Warrior Camp for Boys</b>
<b>Jul 14-18</b>	<b>Children's Camp 3</b>
<b>Jul 14-19</b>	<b>Horizons Camp for Girls</b>
<b>Jul 19-21</b>	<b>Happiness Retreat 1</b>
<b>Jul 21-25</b>	<b>Children's Camp 4</b>
<b>Jul 21-23</b>	<b>Happiness Retreat 2</b>
<b>Jul 24-26</b>	<b>Happiness Retreat 3</b>
<b>Jul 28 - Aug 1</b>	<b>Children's Camp 5</b>
<b>Aug 1-3</b>	<b>Summer Mother/Daughter</b>
<b>Oct 6-9</b>	<b>Fall Festival Senior Adult Retreat</b>
<b>Oct 17-19</b>	<b>Fall Father/Son</b>
<b>Nov 7-9</b>	<b>Fall Mother/Daughter</b>
<b>Dec 31</b>	<b>Trinity Quartet NYE Concert</b>

