

MONTHLY MINISTERS' CONFERENCES

Each Tuesday 11:00 am
(10:30am Fellowship time)
at GRBA

Date:	Preacher:
Jan. 2	<i>No Conference</i>
9	Armando Rodriguez
16	Peter Surran
23	Jeff Pate
30	Horace Carson
Feb. 6	Sean Porter
13	Gus Navarro
20	Casey Stockton
27	Marvin Green



CHRISTIAN CHARACTER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

...for high school seniors that plan to go to college, will be available at the Association Office AFTER JANUARY 1st. The deadline to turn in the application is **April 10, 2023**



NORTH CAROLINA OFFERING FOR OLDER ADULTS

Offering Emphasis:

February 2024

PO Box 11024
Winston-Salem, NC 27116
(336) 725-0202
info@thrivemorenc.org



BAPTIST ON MISSIONS RALLY Region 8

Thursday February 22, 2024
FBC Morganton
502 West Union Street
Morganton NC 28655

[BAPTISTSONMISSION.ORG/
EVENTS/REGION-RALLIES](http://BAPTISTSONMISSION.ORG/EVENTS/REGION-RALLIES)



Sunday January 21, 2024 has been designated as the Sanctity of Human Life Sunday where we come together in one accord to speak truth about life and to tell others about the devastation that comes with abortion.

We ask that each individual church body would set aside time to make your congregation aware of what God's Word says about life. Sharing truth that we are all Image Bearers, we all have a purpose and a plan for us, that our Heavenly Father hates the shedding of innocent blood, but that there is also forgiveness and healing!

We hope that your church would pray for those affected by abortion, those who have suffered miscarriage, those who are working in pregnancy resource centers and other pro-life organizations, we ask that you pray for those who are in the abortion industry to see truth and reveal it.

Lastly, we thank you for your support to your local **Hands of Hope for Life** as we daily reach women and families with messages of hope and life.

Humbly His,
Michelle P. Flynn, Executive Director
mflynn@hh4life.org 828-247-4673



BUDGET SUMMARY	
January 1—December 16, 2023	
Budget Needs:	\$143,049.00
Budget Receipts:	\$142,589.64
Budget Met:	\$ -459.36

Ways to Express Love for God

Deuteronomy 10:12 *And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,*

- 1. "Fear Him"**
To fear the Lord is to stand in awe of his majesty, power, wisdom, justice and mercy, especially in Christ – in his life, death and resurrection – that is, to have an exalted view of God. To see God in all his glory and then respond to him appropriately. To humble ourselves before him. To adore him.
- 2. "Walk in all His ways"**
We are to walk in His ways. Obedience to God's Word is key for every Christ follower. We must read His Word, abide by it, meditate on it, stand upon it, and live it. That is what it means to walk in His ways.
- 3. "Love Him"**
Loving God will include obeying Him; believing all His Word; thanking Him for all his gifts. But all that is overflow. The essence of loving God is admiring and enjoying all He is. And it is this enjoyment of God that makes all of our other responses truly glorifying to him.
- 4. "Serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul"**
Through prayer; through giving; through faith; through your walk; Through your passion or calling.

'Keep His commandments' This exceeds what any person is capable of expressing fully without the divine help that God makes available to us through the power of His Holy Spirit.

'Cleave unto Him' Cleave means to glue, to adhere, to join, to stick, to cling, to abide fast together, to follow.

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May we have a heart of commitment to the Lord to come unto Him, to follow Him, to be like Him, to serve as He served, to love Him and love others as He loved."  
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Father,
I want to love You more. Give me the understanding to know Your love and to return love to You with all my heart, soul, mind and strength. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

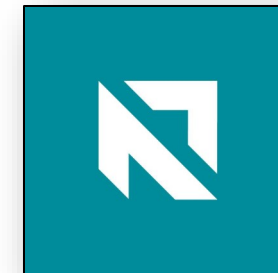
JANUARY QUARTERLY ASSOCIATION MEETING
Monday, January 29 6:45 pm
Oak Springs Baptist Church
2591 Rock Road, Rutherfordton, NC 28139
Preacher: Dr. Keith Stephenson
Pastor of Second Baptist Church, Rutherfordton



NCBAM has grant-funded smoke alarms to share with aging adults in your community. Working alarms less than 10-years old save lives!

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North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry
P.O. Box 338
Thomasville, NC 27361



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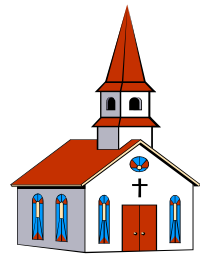
PRAYING FOR THE NATIONS
Pray for unreached people groups in North Carolina.

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.

January 16 – February 20
go to: ncbaptist.org/praying-for-the-nations



GRBA Churches

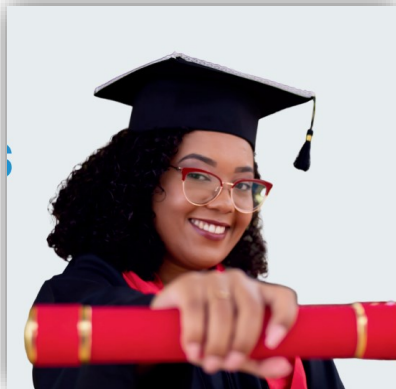
Please pray for the following churches during their pastoral transitioning:

Fellowship, Mount Vernon, Oak Springs, Rock Springs, Spindale First, West Memorial, Westminster



BAPTIST MEN'S DAY

In the Churches
Sunday, January 28, 2024
"Living Sent"
John 20:21



PROVISION
(FORMER NAME NCBF)

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Help ease the cost of your education by applying for one of the five scholarships offered by Provision Financial Resources. Learn more about the requirements by visiting our website.

APPLICATIONS OPEN JANUARY 1, 2024
thru FEBRUARY 15, 2024

The NC Baptist Foundation has FIVE educational scholarships available for students. To view the requirements and guidelines of those scholarships go to ncbaptistfoundation.org/scholarships.

Applications for the scholarships will open up online January 1 and will end at the close of business on February 15 of each year. Close of business is 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 12:00 p.m. on Friday.

Allen Schuyler
Western Area Manager
Provision Financial Resources of NC Baptists, Inc.
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ASSOCIATIONAL PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCHES

Please pray for these churches and pastors during your midweek service:

JANUARY:

- Week 1: Mountain View
Rev. Eric Reedy
- Week 2: Oak Ridge
Rev. Lewis Jackson
- Week 3: Oak Springs
No Pastor
- Week 4: Piedmont
Rev. Sidney Calhoun
- Week 5: Piney Knob
Rev. Casey Stockton

FEBRUARY:

- Week 1: Pleasant Grove
Rev. Randy Darley
- Week 2: Pleasant Hill
Rev. James Henson
- Week 3: Rock Springs
No Pastor
- Week 4: Round Hill
Rev. Michael Jones

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Rutherfordton NC 28139

Green River Baptist Association., Inc.
668 North Washington Street
Rutherfordton, NC 28139



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Churches Helping Churches Fulfill the Great Commission

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Calendar



January

- 1-2 HAPPY NEW YEAR! Office closed
High School Seniors may apply for Christian Character Scholarship -Deadline April 10
- 3 12 Noon Accounting Committee Meeting
- 4 4:30-6:00 pm Soup Kitchen Open
- 9 10:30 Ministers' Fellowship/11:00 Conference
- 11 4:30-6:00 pm Soup Kitchen Open
- 16 10:30 Ministers' Fellowship/11:00 Conference
- 18 4:30-6:00 pm Soup Kitchen Open
- 21 SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY
- 23 10:30 Ministers' Fellowship/11:00 Conference
- 25 4:30-6:00 pm Soup Kitchen Open
- 29 6:45 pm GRBA Quarterly Association Meeting, Oak Springs BC
- 30 10:30 Ministers' Fellowship/11:00 Conference

February

- 1 4:30-6:00 pm Soup Kitchen Open
- 6 10:30 Ministers' Fellowship/11:00 Conference
- 8 4:30-6:00 pm Soup Kitchen Open
- 12-15 Secretary on Vacation
- 13 10:30 Ministers' Fellowship/11:00 Conference
- 15 4:30-6:00 pm Soup Kitchen Open
- 20 10:30 Ministers' Fellowship/11:00 Conference
- 22 4:30-6:00 pm Soup Kitchen Open
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Birthdays Pastor/Wife

January

- 5 Mrs. Cynthia Calhoun, Piedmont
- 8 Mrs. Rachel Hill, Forest City First
- 25 Rev. Sidney Calhoun, Piedmont
- 28 Mrs. Kaye Ruppe, Long Branch Road
- 31 Rev. Lewis Jackson, Oak Ridge

February

- 3 Rev. Jerry Ruppe, Long Branch Road
- 4 Rev. Dale Dubose, Main Street
- 6 Rev. Anton Roos, Lake Lure
- 12 Mrs. Regina Darley, Pleasant Grove
- 27 Rev. Peter Surran, Southern

