

BRINGING CHURCHES TOGETHER TO IMPACT
LOSTNESS IN OUR COMMUNITIES & TO THE
ENDS OF THE EARTH

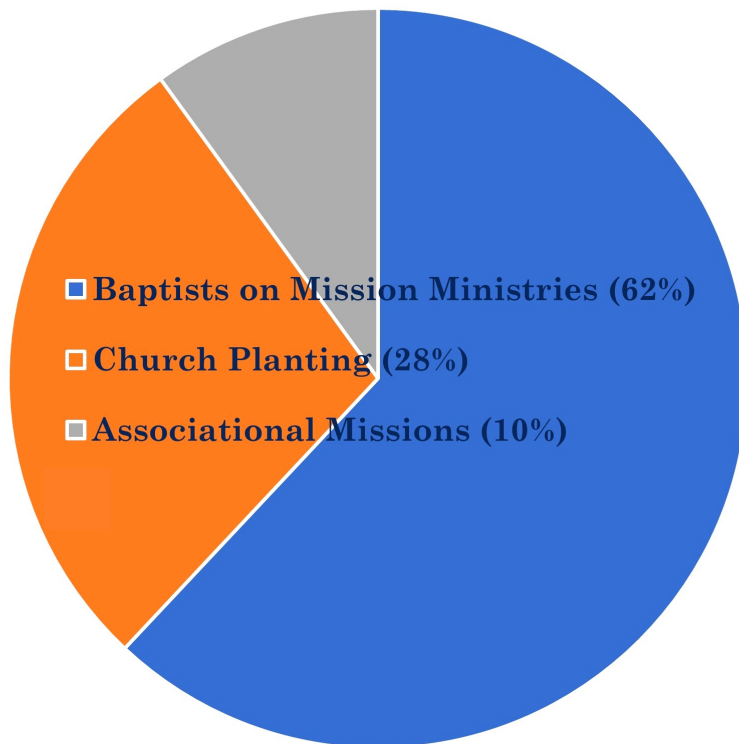
Forerunner

“partnerships”
Philippians 1:3-6

2023 North Carolina Missions Offering



2023 Goal – 2.5 Million



“Relief for Today.
Hope for Tomorrow”

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 N.C. Baptists for missions.

“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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TERRY'S THOUGHTS



As promised, at our recent Executive Board meeting, I am beginning a series of articles designed to demonstrate how valuable the association can be for your churches and ministries. A good friend and colleague suggested the following reasons why the association adds value to the churches (I will be sharing the opinions of many whom I trust and have mentored me through the years). The following are those suggestions:

1. The association adds value through **EFFECTIVENESS**. Meaning we are better together. A lady planning a piano and singing, or a guy strumming on a guitar doing a solo, can surely be a blessing. Yet, it takes it up a notch when there is the harmony of multiple voices and a symphony of many instruments. Each enhances the other, and so do we in church life.
2. The association adds value through **ENCOURAGEMENT**. The burdens of the repetitive nature of day-to-day ministry can be depleting. The crises that often arise may be depressing. Discouragement sets in when we feel like we are alone in our work. But we can encourage and be encouraged as we serve alongside each other.
3. The association adds value through **EFFICIENCY**. We all have blind spots. It is easy to become distracted by activity and fail to do what brings accomplishment. Our ax gets dull. But, "As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend," (Prov. 27:17). The tyranny of the urgent can eclipse the assignment of God. Having others as a sounding board can help us be more efficient. They can be a lens to bring clarity to our task.
4. The association adds value through **EXAMPLE**. God is love and His people are to be marked by love. Jesus said that is how you recognize His disciples. In our unity as churches (not uniformity as we may differ in secondary matters) but bound together in truth and love – conviction and compassion – we set an example of Christ to our lost community.

It is my prayer that we all would remember, based on the above illustrations, how impactful our involvement with in the association can add value! When there are opportunities to gather with your fellow brothers and sisters either at a regularly scheduled meeting, a ministry event, some sort of training event, or simply a fellowship designed to build our koinonia (Greek for Fellowship) you will be able to see the value of such gatherings, due to their Effectiveness, Encouragement, Efficiency, and Example. Ministry is not getting any easier, therefore attacking the enemy together will make the battles more successful and cause the world to see their need for Jesus as well as develop a desire to be with His people (YOU).

Please allow me to close this article with a reminder of two major upcoming events that should be of interest to our association. First, remember the annual Region 9 NCBOM Missions Rally is scheduled for Tuesday August 22 and will be held at Mud Creek Baptist Church. Things get started with dinner at 5:45 that evening. Though the meal is free it is imperative that you register your attendance at <https://baptistsonmission.org/events/region-rallies>. Secondly, the annual NC Mountain State Fair is coming and is scheduled for September 8 – 16. Of course, the location is the state fairgrounds in Buncombe County on Airport Rd. There will be multiple opportunities to share the love of Jesus with fair workers and those who visit this year's activities. For more information, please check out our website at tbanc.org, this newsletter, or Buncombe Baptist Association's website at buncombebaptist.org. As always remember I love you, consider it my honor to serve you, and I look forward to many more years of ministry together. Never hesitate to call, text, or email me if there is a need I can provide.

Pastors & Church Staff:

A "Tik Tok" scam is circulating that you should be prepared for:

A woman named Sue Dillon is calling churches and asking - on a recorded line - about your church's stance on the LGBT issues. She then posts damaging information about you and your church on social media. The number is 828-866-2627.

In His Grip,
Terry

**Pray for our churches without Pastors:
Church at See Off, Pisgah Forest**

**Zion welcomes Rev. Nate and Jesse Whited
as new pastor.**

**Association Financial Summary
June 2023**

| | Current | Year-to-Date |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Blantyre | \$ 125.00 | \$ 750.00 |
| Blue Ridge | \$ 75.00 | \$ 375.00 |
| Boylston | \$ 306.36 | \$ 2,066.74 |
| Biltmore Brevard | \$ 0 | \$ 1,250.00 |
| Brevard First | \$ 1,220.94 | \$ 7,934.29 |
| Calvary | \$ 359.46 | \$ 2,519.12 |
| Carr's Hill | \$ 250.00 | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Carson's Creek | \$ 150.00 | \$ 900.00 |
| Cathey's Creek | \$ 198.00 | \$ 1,218.00 |
| Cedar Mountain | \$ 0 | \$ 3,058.00 |
| Cherryfield | \$ 536.73 | \$ 2,593.18 |
| Church at Sapphire | \$ 0 | \$ 1,860.00 |
| Church at See Off | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| Cove Church | \$ 0 | \$ 150.00 |
| Dunn's Rock | \$ 0 | \$ 4,319.56 |
| East Fork | \$ 0 | \$ 600.00 |
| Enon | \$ 0 | \$ 400.00 |
| Faith Missionary | \$ 0 | \$ 1,358.00 |
| Grace | \$ 388.19 | \$ 1,743.28 |
| Lake Toxaway | \$ 0 | \$ 199.90 |
| Little River | \$ 535.50 | \$ 1,071.00 |
| Middle Fork | \$ 200.00 | \$ 1,200.00 |
| Morningside | \$ 221.10 | \$ 994.95 |
| Mt. Moriah-Calvert | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| New Hope | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 |
| North Toxaway | \$ 0 | \$ 250.00 |
| Oak Grove | \$ 100.00 | \$ 500.00 |
| Pisgah Forest | \$ 283.47 | \$ 2,047.70 |
| Rocky Hill | \$ 400.00 | \$ 2,400.00 |
| Temple | \$ 131.25 | \$ 787.50 |
| Turkey Creek | \$ 200.00 | \$ 1,200.00 |
| Zion | \$ 554.89 | \$ 1,603.43 |
| Checking Interest | \$ 4.80 | \$ 57.98 |
| Total Receipts | \$ 6,340.69 | \$47,007.63 |
| Total Expenses | \$11,289.94 | \$69,713.13 |

2023 Budget \$141,973.00
 Needed Monthly to Meet Budget \$11,831.00

2023 Church Profile Training

will be held at the Baptist Center for all church clerks:

Tuesday, August 29 - 6pm

Thursday, August 31 - 1pm

Please call or email the Baptist Center to sign up to attend and receive your ACP package.

Zoom training with the Baptist State Convention will be held Thursday, August 24 at 10am.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88604918084>

Meeting ID: 886 0491 8084

Church News

Churches please send dates and info about Homecoming Services and Pastor Appreciation Events to the Baptist Center for the newsletter and website.

Enon - Ignite Home School Brevard meets at Enon on Thursdays 9am-2pm, offering a variety of classes. For more info, visit ignitehome-school.org or call 828-974-2826. Enon will be hosting a Community Singing on Aug. 20th at 6pm - everyone is invited. Homecoming will be held on September 17th.

Churches please submit info of upcoming events by the 20th of the month for publication in the next edition.



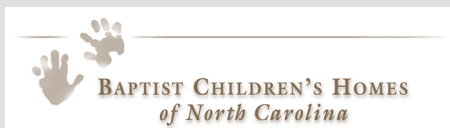
Making News Every Day

NC Baptists Deliver Big for the Annual Food Roundup

Baptist churches and associations across the state rallied their efforts to collect literally tons of non-perishable food, supplies and gift cards for the 2023 Food Roundup. Trucks, trailers and cars were filled to capacity as NC Baptists delivered in a big way. The Food Roundup not only helps provide more than 700,000 meals and snacks to children, many who could not count on eating regularly before coming to Baptist Children's Homes, but they see the hands and feet of Christ through NC Baptists' efforts.

NC Campers on Mission have sorted and shelved food at several BCH locations.

Volume 136, June-July 2023 issue of the BCH "Charity & Children" featured James & Ellen Dean Saunders serving at Broyhill Home with NC Campers on Mission. Thanks for your service!



Brevard First Baptist W.E.E. School

is searching for a blessed individual to lead the program. We desire a person with infinite love for children and some administrative skills to direct the W.E.E. School program. W.E.E. School is also in need of an awesome assistant in the classroom. Please contact Diane Brown at 828-883-9839 or firstbaptist-weeschool@gmail.com for more information.





August 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 <i>Crocker Anniversary (East Fork)</i> | 7 Weekly Prayer at TBA 6:30pm | 8 | 9 | 10 <i>Sitton Anniversary (Lake Toxaway)</i> | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 Weekly Prayer at TBA 6:30pm | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 Weekly Prayer at TBA 6:30pm | 22 Region 9 Rally Mud Creek BC <i>Andrew McKinney Birthday (Sapphire)</i> | 23 | 24 Zoom ACP Training with BSCNC 10am | 25 | 26 |
| 27 Global Hunger Sunday | 28 Weekly Prayer at TBA 6:30pm | 29 ACP Training For Church Clerks 6pm | 30 | 31 ACP Training For Church Clerks 1pm | | |
| Week of Prayer for the 2023 NC Missions Offering — August 27-September 3 | | | | | | |

Our churches are offering a variety of VBS programs throughout the summer:

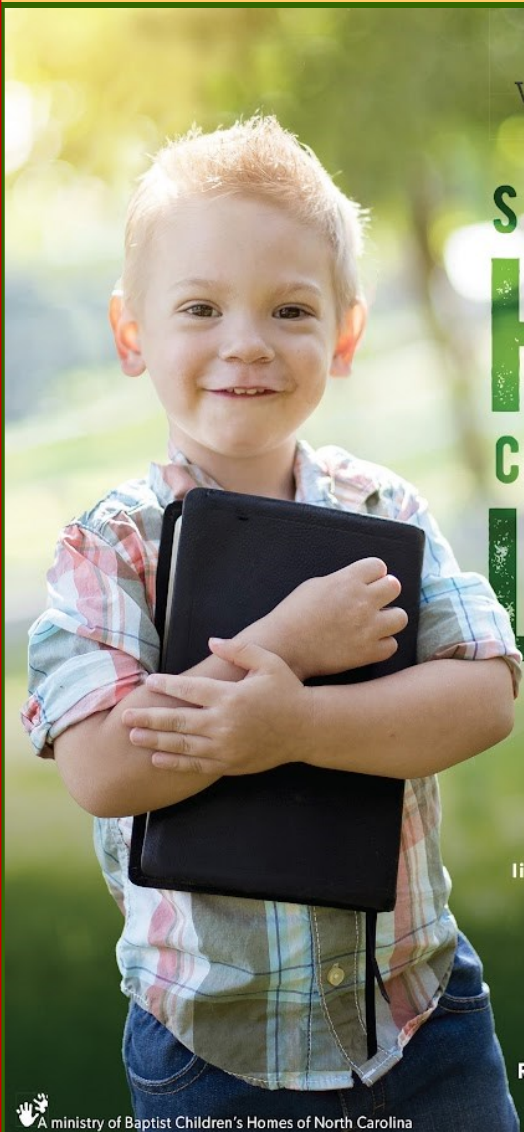
Cathey's Creek
"Wilderness of Faith"
July 30 - August 3, 6-8:30pm

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Dunn's Rock
"Twists & Turns"
August 12

~
Pisgah Forest
"Keepers of the Kingdom"
August 4 at 5:30pm &
August 5 at 9:00am

~
Carr's Hill
"Pets Unleashed"
August 18, 6-8:30pm
August 19, 1-3:30pm
August 20, 11am to 1:30pm

I ♥ VBS



WESTERN AREA CONFERENCE
at Broyhill Home in Clyde


SHARING HOPE CHANGING LIVES

THURSDAY, SEPT. 7, 2023 AT 4:00 PM

YOU'RE INVITED
Come and celebrate the lives of children and special needs adults that are forever changed!

- FREE BBQ MEAL
- LIVE GOSPEL MUSIC
- MEET THE CHILDREN

RSVP: Call 828.627.9254 or bchfamily.org/wac



A ministry of Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

JASON CRABB



THE
GOOD MORNING MERCY TOUR

WITH SPECIAL GUEST
COMEDIAN
MICKEY BELL

Sunday, September 24, 2023
6:00PM

First Baptist Church
Brevard, NC

Tickets available at FBC Brevard
and www.jasoncrabb.com



A collection box for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox items is located at the Baptist Center. Please feel free to stop by to add donations for the shoeboxes.

Transylvania WMU is collecting 500 pairs of white ladies' socks for the Red Box Prison Ministry. **The socks must be solid white.** Please bring donations to the Baptist Center by Monday, October 30.



SAVE THE DATE!


Free wheelchair ramp construction trainings!

September 23, 2023 - Thomasville
February 10, 2024 - Cary
9:30 am - 11:30 am

Skills training for adults & youth ages 13+, provided by NC Baptists on Mission & NCBAM.

For more information and to register, please visit <https://baptistsonmission.org/Training/Construction-Training>

Ministry Update from the Aikens

July has been a very full month of ministry throughout the three Baptists on Mission partnerships we coordinate. We are praising God for volunteers who are willing to help other churches and ministries reach their communities for Christ. There have been some wonderful, miraculous stories of changes in lives and communities. We have visited several pastors to discuss future partnership opportunities as well as numerous mission teams working here in PA this month. What a blessing this has been!

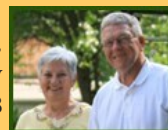
For ten days this month, we worked in Vermont. Several months ago, we began planning appreciation dinners for pastors and wives in Vermont. We did not know that the week we would be carrying these out, Vermont would be experiencing horrific flooding that would destroy homes, businesses and lives of these dear people. God allowed us to assist the leadership of Disaster Relief with visiting some pastors whose homes and churches were flooded. Dewey also assisted Washington Baptist Church with flood cleanup of the grounds as well as cleaning the DR shower trailer that had been imbedded in mud. Numerous Disaster Relief teams from many states are in place to help with feeding and recovery for months to come. Praise God for so many willing to help.

When we knew of the disaster, we wondered if we should cancel the appreciation dinners. But our leadership said no- these were needed more now than ever. So a hard-working group of servants from Denver Baptist, Denver, NC and Washington Baptist in Washington, VT joined together to cook and serve great tasting food for these weary pastors and wives. For three nights in different locations, we traveled to set up, clean and serve. Gifts were given and our NC/VT partnership info was shared and celebrated with Mark Abernathy leading us. Joys and challenges were shared by the pastors and wives followed by small group prayer time. We met new friends and reacquainted with long- time friends as we discussed future partnership opportunities. Twenty eight pastor couples attended the dinners and all were encouraged and renewed. These events were held in memory of our friend and co-laborer Jim Wrenn who went home to heaven this year. We praise God for the blessing of partnership!

In a few days, we will return for ten days to NC. We will celebrate some special days with family as well as speak in a church. When we return, we will go to New Hampshire to lead a team of prayerwalkers and encouragers with pastors there. We will visit more pastors in central Massachusetts as well. One of the goals in leading teams like this is to encourage more NC churches to be on mission in these areas. It is time for us to begin gathering volunteer requests for 2024. Pray with us that there will be even more churches willing to come and serve in the months ahead.

Thank you for all you do in praying and supporting us as we work and travel. We are seeing God change hearts as the gospel is shared, even in the midst of disaster. In every state where we work, you are a part of ministering to others. You are so appreciated. May God bless you always.

Your missionaries,
Kathie and Dewey
July 24, 2023



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Give the gift of

RELIEF FOR TODAY.
HOPE FOR TOMORROW.

North Carolina
MISSIONS
Offering



Pray for the Unreached

“Ask me and I will give the nations to you as an inheritance.” Psalm 2:8

Region 7 - South Asia

The Church & The Gospel

South Asia is a very diverse region, with many languages, religious beliefs, food habits, political systems, and cultural practices. While a small minority of evangelical Christians actively propagate the gospel, the majority of people in this region practice Hinduism, Buddhism, or Islam. South Asia contains about 45% of Asia's population and more than 25% of the world's population. This region includes Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei, and Sri Lanka. Bangladesh, Pakistan, and the Maldives are Islamic states, generally hostile to the gospel. The church faces increasing restrictions in India, Nepal, and Bhutan.



Unreached People Groups

This is an incredibly open harvest field. Of the more than 3,800 people groups in this region, some 3,400 remain unreached, with dozens of them each numbering in the millions. India alone has a population of 1.3 billion people, with 2,300 unreached people groups. Ninety-five percent of the world's least evangelized people live in this area of the world.

Group Focus: The Shaikh



The Shaikh people of Bangladesh (137 million) constitute the largest unreached people group in the world. They are almost 100% Muslim, mainly Sunni, and look upon the very few Christians among them as outsiders and a threat to their way of life. They speak Bengali, which provides opportunities for them to hear the gospel since the Bible, the Jesus Film, and Christian radio broadcasts are all available in Bengali. Though the potential harvest is abundant, very few laborers have stepped forward. Bangladesh's extreme poverty further hinders efforts to reach the Shaikh people. The country has also been repeatedly devastated by typhoons and massive flooding. Pray that the Lord will raise up men and women willing to face harsh conditions to share the love of Christ with a people bound in complete spiritual darkness.

Prayer Points for Central Asia

- Pray about the pervasive influence of Hinduism in Nepal, and Buddhism in Bhutan and Sri Lanka. Also, Islam continues to make great progress in this region.
- Pray for workers, funding, and resources to help the church grow in South Asia.
- Pray for the growing anti-Christian policies of the Indian and Nepalese governments. There is much opposition to the gospel, and open attacks on worship centers, churches, and individual families are becoming more frequent.
- Pray for the countries of the Maldives and Bhutan. These two countries have extreme religious practices (Islam and Buddhism respectively) and are absolutely closed to the gospel. Pray for open doors and opportunities for the people of these countries to hear the gospel.
- Pray for persecuted believers in this region: for their protection, freedom to profess their Christian faith, and liberty to worship.

God's Purpose to Conquer Lostness

The big outreach event was almost here. Plans had been made and prayer supporters engaged. South Asian believer Abel was leading the efforts for a widespread gospel outreach to a largely unreached district. But COVID-19 disrupted the plans. Transportation to the region shut down and the event had to be cancelled.

But Abel didn't feel like God was cancelling the efforts. He sensed the Lord saying he should focus on a community closer to home. The prayers kept coming and Abel and his wife, Sarah, went out boldly to share the gospel. That's when God led them to a community of M-Jo people with no known believers. Living in family clusters, the M-Jo had not heard the gospel, but two families showed an interest in the visitors and hearing more of the stories they told.



God chose to move in this village, but His movement started years before with IMB missionary Paul Nations. Paul, who made a home with his wife and four children in South Asia, spent years discipling Nathan. Nathan is the one who led Abel and Sarah to the Lord. They all serve together now with one purpose - to penetrate the darkness of this region with the light of Christ.

Abel and Sarah returned week after week to the M-Jo community, faithfully sharing the gospel. Several chose to believe and after the seventh week, a man named Stephen chose to follow in believer's baptism - the first known baptized believer in this people group. Stephen was the answer to many prayers, and not just the prayers of the missionary team. He was the answer to the prayers of those who faithfully ask God to move among the world's unreached people.



Stephen was anxious to grow in his faith and his Christian friends faithfully disciplined him. The more he learned, the more he taught others. The first person Stephen baptized was his own mother. Her eternity changed forever because of her son's obedience to the Lord and the boldness of Christians to bring the message to his village.

Stephen leads efforts to reach his own people group with the gospel. There are now 11 known believers in this community, and 27 families regularly meet to hear the Word of God taught.

With a strong team of national believers, Paul invests his time discipling, training, and building in them the vision to reach the millions of unreached in their country with the gospel. Paul emphasizes the lost living around them. They are intentional to pray for them and ask others to do the same. In this country, the value of disciples who make disciples is on full display and changed lives is the result.

Will you join Paul and his family in praying for the unreached people of South Asia? Thank God for believers and disciple-makers Nathan, Abel, Sarah, and Stephen. Praise God for other believers among the M-Jo people, and ask Him to extend His reach into this people group.

Source: [IMB.org/pray](https://www.imb.org/pray)





FAMILY POLICY FACTS

NC Family Updates

SCOTUS “Groff Opinion” Another Win for Religious Liberty

In the last week of June, the United States Supreme Court issued a number of key opinions as its “2022 term” came to a close. Much attention was given to the divided ruling in *303 Creative v. Elenis*, which found that Christian website designer Lorie Smith could not be forced by the State of Colorado to create websites and “speech” that violated her First Amendment rights. Another important win, the case of *Groff v. DeJoy*, received less attention, but also marked a major victory for religious liberty.

In this case, the Supreme Court unanimously ruled in favor of Gerald Groff, an Evangelical Christian who resigned from his job with the United States Postal Service (USPS) because he sought to honor the Sabbath by not working on Sundays. When he began work with the USPS in 2012, Groff was able to arrange his schedule to have Sundays off, but several years later the USPS began delivering packages for Amazon, which required Sunday deliveries. Although some accommodations were made, Groff continued to receive “progressive discipline” for failing to work Sundays and ultimately resigned his job in 2019.

The opinion began by stating: “Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 requires employers to accommodate the religious practice of their employees unless doing so would impose an ‘undue hardship on the conduct of the employer’s business.’” The question before the Court essentially revolved around what the USPS had to prove in order to legally deny Groff a religious accommodation.

Important Ruling

The Justices were undivided in their view about what employers must show to deny religious accommodations. Clarifying a rule from a previous case, the Court explained exactly what is meant by “undue hardship,” and said that employers have to show “more than a de minimis cost” in order to deny an employee a religious accommodation.

Title VII Clarified

Looking at Title VII, the Court focused on the language of “undue hardship,” which it defined as accommodations that “would result in substantial increased costs in relation to the conduct of its particular business.” Importantly, the Court ruled out certain situations that cannot be used to suggest undue hardship and deny a religious accommodation, such as a “coworker’s dislike of religious practice and expression in the workplace.”

The Groff opinion was a major win for religious liberty. To learn more information about *Groff v. DeJoy*, visit our friends at First Liberty Institute (firstliberty.org) who represented Gerald Groff in this case.

Article courtesy NC Family Policy Council
P. O. Box 20607, Raleigh, NC 27619



Coats for the City shares the love of Jesus by providing warm coats and the gospel to residents of NYC each December. NC Baptists, South Carolina Churches, and the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association partner together to be the hands and feet of Jesus by collecting thousands of coats throughout the year and then distribute them at various locations across New York City on December 2, 2023.

This year we have a goal of collecting 10,000 coats and sending 40 churches to NYC to help with distribution. There are four ways you and your church can partner with this project: volunteer, become a host church, collect coats, and pray.

For more information, please visit
<https://ncbaptist.org/events/event-coats-for-the-city/>



Shoes will NOT be collected this year.
17 Backpacks with Bibles are still available at no cost at the Baptist Center.



2023 Appalachian Christmas Outreach

Appalachian Coalfields Ministry, sponsored by NC Baptists on Mission, seeks to meet the physical and spiritual needs of people living in the Appalachian Area. One of the greatest ministry needs in this area occurs at Christmastime. We are calling on churches statewide to respond to this need through Appalachian Christmas Outreach in 2023.

GOAL and COLLECTION DATE:

The statewide goal is to collect 21,000 backpacks of items to be distributed to Appalachian children in areas of need in late November and December of 2023. The state-wide collection day for 2023 is **Saturday, November 4** from 9am to noon. Thirty plus collection sites will be set up across the state for churches to bring their backpacks to. Specific sites will be listed on the Baptists On Mission website in September. We encourage churches to begin collecting and filling the packs early – and throughout the year.

AGE GROUPING and LABELING:

Each backpack should be labeled boy or girl as well as the appropriate age. Age groupings are 4-7, 8-10; 11-14; and 15-17 Due to labels falling off in previous years, we have gone to a ribbon system for labeling the backpacks. A royal blue (or similar) ribbon will indicate a boy's backpack. A pink ribbon will indicate a girl's backpack. In addition, a yellow ribbon will indicate that the backpack is for ages 4-7, a green ribbon for ages 8-10, a red ribbon for ages 11-14; and a white ribbon for ages 15-17.

Please prepare each backpack as you would for your own child or grandchild, with new items, not used. Please include items from each category listed to the right. Please do not neglect to put in a Bible! This may be the only Christmas present this child receives, and will be a witness of Christ's love.

- ### ITEMS TO COLLECT
- Each zippered backpack should include:
- 1) **ITEMS OF NEW WARM CLOTHING** including a winter cap, gloves, 2-3 socks, and scarf
 - 2) **METAL POP-TOP CANS OF FOOD** (3-4 cans) such as ravioli, tuna, beef stew, vegetables, fruit
 - 3) At least one or two **NEW, AGE-APPROPRIATE TOYS** Examples: small cars, balls, dolls, small stuffed animals, puzzles, jump rope, sidewalk chalk, Slinky, card games, Legos, other (*no toy weapons, please!*) For older youth category, substitute appropriate item for toy. No pocketknives! (*See website for suggestions.*)
 - 4) **HYGIENE ITEMS** including toothbrush, soap, washcloth, brush /comb, full-sized shampoo toothpaste, deodorant (*please fit these items into a one-gallon Ziploc bag so they will not leak.*)
 - 5) **FRESH, WRAPPED CANDY** (*no chocolate please, as it may melt – and no peanut products please due to allergies*)
 - 6) **A CHILDREN'S or YOUTH BIBLE** (*no particular version is required*) *This is the most important thing that goes into the pack! Please include!*
 - 7) **A COPY OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY** (*downloadable and printable pdf found on website*)

For more information contact



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More information and specific details available on our ACO webpage at:
www.baptistsonmission.org/aco

"Your participation will mean so much and may make an eternal difference in a child's life!"



HYGIENE KITS:

Prepare 2 men's kits for each women's kit made. Please use clear two-gallon plastic bags, and label with "MALE" or "FEMALE". DO NOT include mouthwash or aftershave. DO NOT use trial sizes.

Men's Kit: toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, washcloth, shampoo, deodorant, comb, shaving cream, razors, hand lotion, Gospel message tract.

Women's Kit: toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, washcloth, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, comb, hairbrush, women's shaving cream, razors, hand lotion, Gospel message tract.

"JESUS LOVES YOU" TEDDY BEARS:

Call or visit the Baptist Center for the pattern. Please make bears carefully following the pattern instructions. DO NOT use buttons, craft eyes, or any other small parts which may be removed and swallowed.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR BREAK TENT:

- 8- and 12- ounce Styrofoam Cups
- Paper Towels
- Napkins
- Instant Lemonade Mix

OTHER ITEMS FOR FAIR WORKERS:

- Blankets & Towels (full size, new or gently used)
- Jackets (Men's & Women's, new or gently used)
- Socks
- Work Shoes/Tennis shoes

MONETARY DONATIONS:

Please make checks payable to Transylvania Baptist Association with "Fair Ministry" on the memo line.

Send checks to the Baptist Center at
675 Hendersonville Hwy.
Pisgah Forest, NC 28768

**Please bring all items to the Baptist Center by
Tuesday, September 5.**



Igniting a Faith-Based Response to Sexual Exploitation

A symposium to bring awareness of sexual exploitation and trafficking, through the lens of faith, to ignite a passionate response against trafficking in WNC.

**Saturday, September 30
9am to 2:30pm
Brevard First Baptist Church**

Trafficking and other forms of sexual exploitation impact lives in Western North Carolina, and the faith-based community has an exceptional call to respond. The 2023 Kingdom Response Symposium is a half-day event for those in the faith community to understand trafficking and sexual exploitation, and passionately respond.

Life 107, in partnership with Transylvania Baptist Association, is providing this powerful and FREE symposium to bring awareness of sexual exploitation and trafficking, through the lens of faith, and ignite a passionate, effective response to trafficking in Western North Carolina. Participants will experience insight about trafficking victimization, pornography and its relation to human trafficking, and the multiple forms of sexual exploitation. Trainings will be delivered by Joe Farris, "Dropping the Stones" leader and Demetria Gilliam-Williams, Life 107 Executive Director. We will finalize the day with an insightful panel discussion including local pastors, law enforcement, a trafficked survivor, representatives from the Baptist State Convention of NC and Transylvania Baptist Association, as well as Life 107 Board Members, who fight the sex trade industry in WNC.

Bring your neighbors, congregation, small group, or your women's/men's group, and be equipped to respond with compassion and grace to trafficking and exploitation.

For more information, please visit [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or [Life107.org](https://www.life107.org). Register online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/641468297947>

