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# Baptist Heritage Award

## Jan High is a Servant-Leader



When she retired in 2011, Ms. High was the longest serving staff member of Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina in its first one hundred twenty-five years. During her twenty-eight-year tenure, which began in 1983, she served as Girls in Action Consultant, WMU Consultant, Missions Education Consultant, and Leadership Development/ Training Specialist.

Prior to joining the staff of Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina, Ms. High served on the staffs of Kentucky

Woman's Missionary Union and Maryland Woman's Missionary Union, working with Acteens, Girls in Action, and Mission Friends. She also served as Camp Director for both.

Some of her most significant contributions to the work of Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina were during the time she served as Missions Education Consultant, 1995-2011. She organized, trained, and nurtured a wide network of leaders from across the state to assist with state, regional, associational, and local church training. A Resource Team of one hundred twenty-two women trained in their areas of mission interest and expertise, conducted training sessions, taught mission books, and supported the work of WMU NC. Recognizing that the WMU NC staff could not respond to all the requests for assistance, she enlisted, trained, and mentored five women as WMU Leadership Network Specialists. Each one worked closely with a WMU NC staff member to support age-level missions education.

Never one to ask others to do something she was unwilling to do, she led age-level organizations in her local church and provided leadership in her local association. She also served with the Baptist State Convention in mission partnerships, including the ones in New York and Brazil.

Ms. High, who started out as a Sunbeam, has been a bright light for missions in North Carolina and beyond. Even in her retirement, her capable and creative leadership and her commitment to missions still influence WMU NC.

*To God alone be the Glory!*

— Mary Anne Croom

# Let Us Meet Together



I have always loved Hebrews 10:24-25, "Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. **And let us not neglect our meeting together**, as some people do, **but encourage one another**, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near." These verses remind us to **encourage** one another by not **forsaking to meet together**. I am

reminded of these verses when I see low attendance at church or WMU meetings. As Baptists we sure do love our meetings and programs. We often complain that people aren't attending them like they used to. When asked, "why?" people give reasons such as, "the program is boring, there is no one my age, I am just too busy to add one more thing to my week."

When Mike and I were in Mozambique and South Africa the Africans we worked with loved to meet together. Each year, for three days in August the women would gather for a meeting and spending time singing, dancing to the glory of God, and having wonderful fellowship. These women came from many different churches, walking for miles, usually with a baby on their back and other young children by



their side. They were often carrying a live chicken, their clothes, Bible and a hymnbook wrapped up in a piece of cloth to serve as luggage. We had sweet potatoes for breakfast and pumpkin leaves for supper. These women anxiously waited all year for these three, precious days in August.

**Why** did these women do all of this? Because these women needed each other. Life was hard. Being a Christian was a challenge in an ungodly world. They knew they could draw strength from each other and just maybe, someone was going through what they were going through.

Here in NC, **why** should we *not forsake meeting together*? Because through the opportunities to gather at mission groups in our churches, associational meetings and state WMU meetings **we** can draw strength from each other. **We** need help knowing how to live on mission with God. Along the way **we** meet fellow pilgrims who are going through what **we** are going through.

**We** must remember not to *forsake meeting together*. **Yes, we** are busy and **we** can't always attend everything offered. Life is hard. Being a Christian in our ungodly world is challenging, but **we** do need each other.

Amy

Amy Boone

WMU NC Executive Director/Treasurer

# The Why of Our Actions



**WHY** do women sit in the floor week after week after week teaching Mission Friends?

**WHY** would a group of volunteers spend a week at Camp Mundo Vista with women inmates?

**WHY** does an associational WMU Director personally call every church in her association to remind them of the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer?

**WHY** do CWJC site directors and volunteers give their time to help women who need a "hand up" instead of a "hand out"?

**WHY** would anyone give up her only two weeks of vacation time to travel to Armenia? To Kenya? To South Africa?

Some would answer "because my mother did and my grandmother did." Others would say "because I just can't say no to my WMU Director or the Nominating Committee." Someone else might answer, "Well, someone did something really nice for me and I want to return the kindness." Nice. But even those who do not know of Jesus' love do nice things for others.

The new mandate of WMU simply states our purpose: To make disciples of Jesus who make disciples. This is **WHAT** we do. The **WHY** of our actions is stated in 1 Corinthians 5:14-15:

*"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that One died for all, therefore all died. And He died for all, **THAT THOSE WHO LIVE SHOULD NO LONGER LIVE FOR THEMSELVES**, but for Him who died for them and was raised again."*

We believe Christ gave His all for us, and He has placed in us a desire that the whole world should know His story, His great love for them. We believe that broken men, women, and children can be made whole and experience the joy of having a relationship with Jesus Christ. We believe that collectively we can change the world by following Christ's example as He ministered to the sick, the poor, the lonely, and the heart-broken. We do . . . because we believe.

Dee Dee

Dee Dee Moody

WMU NC President

# We Are Excited to Highlight One of the Ministries from Our Missions Market at Missions Extravaganza 2019.

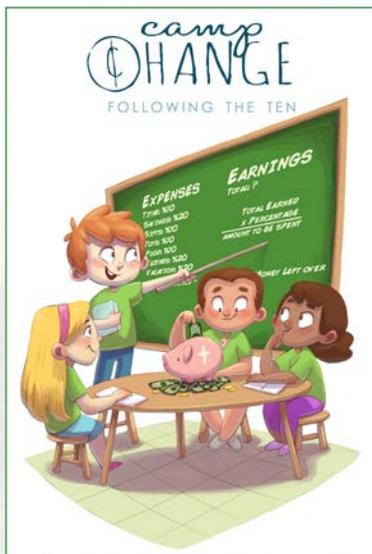
**Camp Change** was founded at Antioch Baptist Church three years ago within the Little River Baptist Association by Amanda Burke and Rebecca Lindhout.

At **Camp Change** our mission is to provide an experience that helps children make the connection between faith and finance in ways that impact their lives and the world for Christ. When we speak to folks about this mission, we are often asked **“Do they get it?”** The answer is YES! Children understand that stewardship and ministry go hand in hand, but they get so much more. Here are just a few more things that children **“get”** from **Camp Change**:

They **get** a job. Each year children are presented with new ways to connect the working world to ministry. That might look like earning an actual camp paycheck for their “Jobs” during the week or like opportunities to think outside the box about how their gifts and talents can be used for kingdom work.

They **get** Jesus. Everything at **Camp Change** from devotions to games are designed to point back to Christ. Children experience true conviction for sinful choices and habits, and unsurprisingly, many come to know Jesus as their Savior during camp.

They **get** the nuts and bolts of personal finance. From budgeting to investing, children are having fun learning the



important principles of finance through interactive lessons and games, that for some, can help to stop the cycle of poverty in their lives.

They **get** an honest look at their own behaviors and habits such as entitlement and discontentment and then they get the choice to form new habits and attitudes that put them on the path to financial and spiritual contentment.

They **get** excited about opportunities to connect what they are learning to their own lives through missions experiences and real-life challenges. Making freezer meals for homeless shelters and stocking shelves at local the food bank is just a few of the ways children are getting out of their comfort zones and interacting with a world in physical and spiritual need.

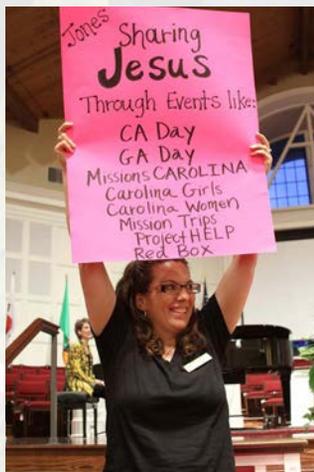
They **get** to see where their tithes go.

Children “follow their tithes” from the local church to medical ministry, disaster relief and global missions work.

Yes, kids **“get it”** and yes, **Camp Change** is making a true impact in the lives of Children for Christ.

At **Camp Change** we have a goal to reach children and families within the community and all over the world, and to help create an environment for church leaders to engage with children and families in the community on faith, finances, poverty and mission work. To learn more about **Camp Change** and how to bring this program to your church/community contact [campchange18@gmail.com](mailto:campchange18@gmail.com).

## Highlights from ME 2019



See page 15 for an additional photo.

# Playing A Role: How God Broke My Heart

WMU NC hosted a refugee simulation at Missions Extravaganza this year as part of the Project HELP emphasis. The point was for participants to better understand what refugees go through, so we can approach them with empathy and compassion. Overall, it was successful. After the simulation, participants gathered in a room to debrief, and the discussions I overheard coming from that room were full of realizations about what refugees actually experience.

Why wasn't I in the room debriefing with the others? Because I wasn't a participant; I was an actor.

My role was to pose as a medical examiner in a Refugee Camp. I was told to wear latex gloves and a mask over my nose and mouth. I didn't have to be purposefully mean, but I had to speak clinically, coldly even. I asked invasive questions and conducted repetitive, unexplained, and unwanted "medical exams." I took personal items from participants, like medications, items of clothing, and stuffed animals "for their safety and the safety of the camp." Occasionally, I even took their loved ones away from them.

Ultimately, I had it good in my role. On the other side of the simulation was the "Detention Center" where actors were told to be rough, harsh, uncaring, and even mean.

Playing this role was difficult at first. It felt unnatural, and though I knew it was pretend, it was uncomfortable, like I was doing something wrong. However, the longer I did it, the easier it became. I spoke and acted the way I did because someone in authority told me to do so. I believed the overall purpose of what we were doing was good, so I went along with it. We ran the simulation three times, and by the third time, I was already getting used to the look on participants' faces when I took things from them; the way they averted their eyes as I examined them and asked questions; the way they clung to whatever they had in constant fear of losing it.

In less than three hours, I started acclimating to stripping the dignity from people.

Of course, it was a simulation, and I could say I was just trying to play my role accurately, but I know my experience hints at a

much deeper problem. I, just like everyone else on the planet, am a sinner who is capable of terrible things under the right circumstances. It is only by the grace of God I live where I do, in the time I do, and that I have experienced His saving grace which grants dignity to all people.

As I reflect on this experience, the depth of brokenness overwhelms me. Our society advocates caring for victims, and we absolutely should; however, by itself, this merely treats the symptoms of a deadly disease: sin. This illness eats away at the hearts of those who perpetrate violence and degradation, and it spills out into the world, poisoning humanity's relationships with God and with one another. But there is an antidote!

It can be hard to swallow once you know what humans are capable of doing to one another, but Jesus died for the cold medical examiner in the Refugee Camp and the forceful guards in the Detention Centers just as much as He died for the refugees. He even died for those who commit the horrific crimes which cause people to flee their homes in the first place.

We must continue to care for refugees, but we must also attack the illness at its source! We need to step up and proclaim openly that our Jesus wants even the apathetic and the hateful to come to Him.

Let's pray fervently for salvation for all who work with refugees. Let's pray for Christian workers, that their hearts and minds will not grow jaded and they will continue to see the humanity of those around them. Imagine what would happen if these people daily recognized each refugee as an image-bearer of God, worthy of dignity, compassion, and love. Let's pray for the love and grace of God to infiltrate countries, armies, and other organizations that assert power through violence. Imagine what would happen if the political and military leaders in these places had Paul-like conversions.

Our God is big enough to do these things. Let's ask and believe.

— Allison Markwood

## *Why Should We Encourage Children to do Missions?*

I read something recently that has stayed with me. 2 John 1:4 says, "It has given me great joy to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as the Father commanded us." Kids need to understand that they're "on mission" right now. Give kids hands-on opportunities for missions and you'll allow them to be messengers for Christ.

Involving children in missions through your church has a direct impact on how active they'll remain as adults. \*Nancy Keith, interim children's director says, "In the average Christian church, we train people from a very early age to sit still and let others do the ministry. After 20 to 25 years of this process, we then turn around and tell them, 'Get up! Minister! Serve!' Children who learn to sit still in church will sit still when they're adults, but children who learn to serve will continue to do so into adulthood."

Wow! When we treat our children as active and capable members of our churches and God's work, then we teach them and encourage them to be full and active members of the faith. They will grow with a background of service and they will continue

to look for ways to serve. To serve God, to serve the church, to serve others.

Missions education and missions service is how we participate in the work God is doing right now. It is how we learn to further the Kingdom. It is how we live an active faith.

**Families** – take this summer to do a mission opportunity together. Write cards to the elderly and deliver them to a nursing home. Take baked goods and say thank you to a fireman, police officer, EMT. Take food to a local animal shelter. Plant flowers. Give care bags to the homeless.

**Churches** – allow your children to serve. Let them take up the offering. Let them say a prayer or read Scripture in worship. Show them they are valued and that they have gifts to be used now. Allowing them to serve now will encourage them to continue to serve.

Children have so much to give. Let us teach them how to serve and allow them to serve **now** so they will have a lifetime of service for God.

— Sara Lamkin

\*Source: [childrensministry.com](http://childrensministry.com)



By Margaret Harding  
WMU NC Associate for Adults

Below is part of the retirement letter that Margaret Harding read to our WMU NC Executive Board in May. If you would like to see the entire announcement letter please feel free to email Margaret at [mharding@wmunc.org](mailto:mharding@wmunc.org) and ask for a copy. Because of space limitations in this issue of *Tarheel Talk* we only printed a very small portion of her letter.

*"I want to share with you an opportunity that is before us – in October 2019 following the Carolina Women event, I will complete my last formal event as your adult consultant for WMU NC and transition into the land known as **retirement!** My last official day in the office will be October 17. After that I will be taking the rest of my vacation days as I ease into a time of retirement. There is never a good time to retire as there will always be responsibilities that I could be working on so I had to say to myself, pick a time and let that be it. After much prayer and soul-searching, I feel this is the right time for me to step aside so that I can spend some time with my family and enjoy my **"next chapters"** of life. Please know this – I am not retiring from serving God."*

— Margaret Harding

## MILITARY WIVES RETREAT

August 16-18 – Camp Mundo Vista

### How can you support this retreat?

- ★ **Pray for each military wife who attends** – that God will speak to her in a very special way and that she will come away not only refreshed but renewed in the Lord and be a better wife and mother to her family. Pray for her family while she is at this retreat.
- ★ **Pray for the volunteers who will share Christ's love over the weekend** – that something they share will touch a life and that each volunteer will see that God needed her and had purpose for her being at the retreat. Pray that the volunteers will also feel refreshed and renewed.
- ★ If your group would be interested in **decorating the tables in the dining hall** for this retreat let me know. Your group could come in during the day on Friday, August 16 decorate and then be free to leave. (Purchase plastic tablecloths, pretty paper placemats and paper napkins and centerpieces). Just let me, Margaret Harding know, [mharding@wmunc.org](mailto:mharding@wmunc.org)
- ★ **Provide financial support** so that the cost for a military wife to attend is covered. (Approximately \$75-\$100 donation per participant will cover lodging, meals, and retreat expenses.) Send checks payable to: WMU NC, in the memo line write "military wives retreat."



ARISE  
SHINE



WHEN WE RISE UP  
HE SHINES THROUGH

2019 DAY OF PRAYER  
NOVEMBER 4, 2019

The **2019 Day of Prayer** program<sup>®</sup> has been prepared by the Caribbean Baptist Women's Union.

The theme is **Arise and Shine through Service.**

Plan to set aside time to meet and pray for our Baptist Sisters around the world on Monday, November 4, 2019.

WMU NC would like to connect you to area sites who will be participating in this opportunity of prayer. Are you hosting a prayer event? Contact [mjarvis@wmunc.org](mailto:mjarvis@wmunc.org) and share the details. We will then provide this information on our website, [www.wmunc.org](http://www.wmunc.org)

*\*Program materials can be downloaded from <https://www.bwawd.org/2019-Day-Of-Prayer>*

Register  
online:  
[www.wmunc.org](http://www.wmunc.org)

# Celebrate Missions

October 4-5 2019

Fort Caswell Baptist Assembly  
Oak Island, NC

Early Registration: January 1 – August 1: \$95

Registration: August 2 – September 30: \$105

Includes lodging, meals and program fee. If you have not registered... NOW is the time to do so before space runs out!  
Cost is non-refundable, but can be transferred to another person.

Don't miss this great time of fellowship, worship, and conferences that will inspire, motivate, and encourage you.  
Some of our conference leaders include: Dee Dee Moody, Mary Ellen Bowman, Delores Thomas, Phyllis Foy, Phyllis Elvington, Renea Henderson, CrossWalk Drama Team, Cindy Johnson, Bert Yates and many others.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

**DON'T MISS OUT!!!**

Register online: [www.wmunc.org](http://www.wmunc.org)



**FALL AT THE BEACH**

Can't think of anything better!

For more information contact Margaret Harding at [mharding@wmunc.org](mailto:mharding@wmunc.org) or 866-210-8602.

## **WMU NC RED BOX REMINDERS RELATED TO DELIVERING YOUR ITEMS - read carefully!**

### **First Baptist Church, Asheboro - Red Box Ministry Instructions**

**Packing Instructions For All items:** Cardboard Boxes ONLY  
Preferably cardboard boxes with flaps or lids (makes for easy stacking)  
**NO BAGS OF ANY KIND - NO RUBBERMAID CONTAINERS**

**Drop Off Dates:** Friday, October 18-Monday, November 4, 2019

**Drop Off Times ONLY! NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Monday - Thursday (9:00 am - 4:00 pm)

Friday (9:00 am - 12:00 pm)

**Delivery Location:** First Baptist Church - 133 North Church St., Asheboro, NC 27203

**Any questions or concerns** can be directed to Ellen Lucas at [elucas@fbcasheboro.com](mailto:elucas@fbcasheboro.com) or by calling the church office at (336) 629-9191.

**All deliveries must be made at the back of the church** (Hoover St.) parking lot. Enter through The Growing Place Childcare Center (TGP); the first set of double doors on the left.

**Due to liability circumstances, there will be no one available to unload donations.** In the entrance area of TGP there will be roll carts for your convenience for loading and unloading donations. **Please be prepared to unload at TGP doors and then distribute in the designated areas of the Christian Life Center (CLC).** Follow the signs to the CLC location. There will be signs for each individual donation. Be sure that your donations are placed in the appropriate areas. Thank you for your help with this.





## Refugee Event at Friendly Avenue Baptist Church, Greensboro

On April 8, 2019, Friendly Avenue graciously hosted a refugee event. Dr. Bryan Presson, Burmese Karen Church Pastor at Friendly Avenue Baptist Church and Director of Karen Leadership Bible Institute, and Brenda Forlines, volunteer citizenship class instructor at Friendly Avenue Baptist Church, led the event. Participants viewed a powerful video entitled, *The Stranger*, by the Evangelical Immigration Table. Dr. Presson facilitated a discussion afterwards. Although many of us in attendance thought we knew a good bit about refugees, we learned things and appreciated seeing real life families and hearing about

their situations. Dr. Presson shared the eye-opening statistic that 85% of US churches believe we should care for refugees; however, only eight percent of US churches and 19 percent of international churches actually do so. \*Brenda spoke on the citizenship class she leads. We were quizzed from material that is studied to obtain US citizenship, amazed and stumped we were unable to answer many of the questions. Individuals that desire to become United States citizens must be able to answer all of these questions.

— Julie Keith

## Citizenship Class\* at Friendly Avenue Baptist Church, Greensboro

A citizenship class was started in October 2013 to meet a need among those attending the Karen church meeting at Friendly Avenue Baptist Church. Many of these refugees had met the requirement of being a lawful, permanent resident of the United States for at least 5 years and now wanted to begin the process of applying for citizenship.

Having worked with the Karen refugees in Jacksonville, Florida and having moved to North Carolina, Brenda Forlines volunteered to teach the class. In the six years since that first class, 54 people have become citizens. Bible stories are used so that students can practice English. Story cloths are also used.

The class meets weekly, September through May. During the fall, Brenda teaches the 100 questions related to principles of American democracy, our three branches of government, our rights and responsibilities,

American history, geography and important people in our government and history. They are also taught reading and writing, since they will be required to demonstrate an ability to read and write English when they go for their interview. Each week the students break into small groups for practice.

The next step is to understand the 16-page application form for citizenship and be able to answer all the questions in English. In addition to basic personal and family information, there are 50 very difficult questions to answer, including definitions of words. They must also understand the oath of allegiance and the meaning of the words in the oath. Each week the students do a lot of practice with Brenda and three other volunteer teachers.

When the teachers feel a student is ready, they assist the student in meeting with the immigration lawyer at Church World Service to file for application of citizenship.

\*Learn more about the citizenship class Brenda Forlines offers



“Through the Noise” was the theme at this year’s **NC International Student & Scholar Conference**, held April 12-14 at **Fort Caswell**.

Students/leaders came from Austria, Bahamas, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gambia, Ghana, Honduras, India, Jamaica, Nigeria, Palestine, Russia, Senegal, Syria, Taiwan and likely others I don’t recall!

Dr. Guy Sayles, Pastor, Assistant Professor at Mars Hill University and at the Divinity School at Gardner-Webb was our guest speaker. Dr. Sayles encouraged everyone to consider “stories” we have heard,

together with “images” about ourselves we have believed; also values, DNA, and early experiences that have helped to shape us. He challenged us to discover and work towards the best version of ourselves which God intended; to be “fully alive!”

During free time students enjoyed time on the beach, a visit into the town of Southport, and exploring the Fort Caswell ruins. Saturday evening, students shared interesting facts about their national culture. What I found most intriguing was the presentation by the Palestinian students regarding their observance of Holy Week in preparation for Easter celebration.

Sunday service included music from the Bahamas; scripture read in English, German, Spanish, Arabic, and a Senegalese dialect; testimonies; and a final encouraging message from Dr. Sayles. — Audrey Womack, PIF Coordinator  
awomack2@triad.rr.com



July 8-11, 2020 • Memphis, TN, at Germantown Baptist Church  
To learn more, visit [blumeforgirls.com](http://blumeforgirls.com) and sign up for updates!

## Something New Is Coming For Students!!

You’re going to love *Missions Journey: Students*

*Missions Journey: Students*, WMU’s new monthly resource for student groups, will empower students to discover their own roles as disciples of Jesus who live on mission.

What makes *Missions Journey: Students*

Students will be given the opportunity to

- hear from missionaries on the field,
- discover how Scripture shapes each missionary’s ministry,
- explore the needs in their own community, and
- develop plans for meeting those needs.

Leaders will find the video-driven, biblically-based lessons easy to use with minimal preparation. Each unit is a digital download, with links to online videos, so you can keep them easily available on all your devices.

*Missions Journey: Students*  
Available August 2019 – just in time for the fall kick-off!

Visit [wmu.com/students](http://wmu.com/students) to learn the latest updates!



# Children's Missions Day!



## CALLED TO LOVE

“When a foreigner lives with you in your land, don’t take advantage of him. Treat the foreigner the same as a native. Love him like one of your own. Remember that you were once foreigners in Egypt. I am God, your God.” Leviticus 19:33-34 (MSG)

## CALLED TO ACT

Games, Hands-on  
Craft Projects,  
Meet a Missionary

October 11 & 12

Camp Mundo Vista

3140 Camp Mundo Vista Trail, Sophia, NC

Register your child or group  
for this event between Aug. 16 & Sept. 26  
at [www.wmunc.org/childrens-events](http://www.wmunc.org/childrens-events)  
or call 866-210-8602.



Cost for the event is  
\$30 per person for Saturday only.  
There is a Friday, October 11 overnight  
option for an additional \$20 per person.



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# Webinars

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our menu. From there,  
browse our library or use  
our search engine to find the  
materials that you need!



**How Casual Conversations Move Into  
Christ-Focused Conversions** (*Eddie Hammett*)  
**Baptist Trends** (*Bill Leonard*)

**Healthy Small Groups Matter** (*Bill Wilson*)

**Sustainable Community Development  
and Partnerships in Rural Communities**  
(*Kenny and Karen Sherrin*)

**Sexual Harassment #metoo #baptiststoo**  
(*Pam Durso*)

**Making Church a Safe Place to Talk About  
Dangerous Things** (*Beth Kennett and Chris Gamble*)

**Conflict and Communication:  
Opportunities for Growth** (*Andy Wakefield*)

**From Awareness to Engagement: How your Church  
Can Fight Human Trafficking** (*Pam Strickland, et al*)

**A Riff of Love: Notes on Community and Belonging**  
(*Greg Jarrell*)

**Practicing Midrash: Reading the Bible's Arguments  
as an Invitation to Conversation** (*Tim Moore*)

**Pivot: A New Model for Missions**  
(*Matt and Michelle Norman*)

**Ministering to Young Adults** (*Wanda Kidd*)

**Ministering to the Military and Veterans  
and their Families** (*Will Barnes*)

**Clergy Spouse Health** (*Scottie Stamper*)

**Immigration Issues** (*Anna Cushman*)

**Archaeology and the Bible: Friend or Foe?**  
(*Tony Cartledge*)

**Women in Ministry: Three Stories** (*Aileen Mitchell  
Lairmore, Pastor, Ecclesia Baptist Church, Asheville;  
Laura Roach, Chaplain, Burke Hospice & Palliative  
Care, Morganton; Amy Grizzle Kane, Associate Pastor,  
Missions & Community, First, Greensboro*)

**Where's the Church Going from Here?**  
(*Eddie Hammett*)

**Chaplains: Three Stories** (*Stephanie McCleskey,  
Chaplain of Mars Hill University; Rachel Hill who  
oversees chaplaincy ministry for Hospice in Shelby;  
and Luke Langston, Prison Chaplain, Butner*)

[www.cbfnc.org](http://www.cbfnc.org)

# Why Young Women Need Older Women in the Church



Amanda Martinsen  
Leadership Development Consultant and  
Resource Coordinator

**T**here is a woman I have come to know over the last few years who brings me immense joy when I am around her. She is always

loving, welcoming, and inspiring. She is teachable, yet she has unquestionable knowledge. She knows The Lord and she knows Him well.

You see, I want to be like Mrs. Evelyn. Fearless. Faithful. Ready to go when He sends me. I find myself in deep admiration for her and for the many others like her who are Titus 2 women.

One of the greatest joys I have found in serving alongside so many different women in ministry is that I get to see the generational lines of Kingdom work. I get to see strengths and gifts in all age groups and I have to tell you, I believe strongly that we need each other. **I believe we have been designed to complement and strengthen one another in the Body of Christ.**

I'm so thankful for older women in the church and the many ways they serve, teach, and give. It's because of their teaching and influence that I understand the importance of praying for missionaries, living a missional life, and making disciples. I could list many reasons why I am thankful for older women in the church, but these few come to mind:

*I am thankful for*

- Their many talents and gifts and the ways they use them to bless others.
- Their ability to see situations from a God-perspective due to walking in faith with The Lord for a long time.
- The ways they are brave for The Gospel. They have a burden for the lost and are ready and willing to serve.

- Their encouragement and the way they walk through hard seasons with grace and strength.
- How faithful they are in praying for The Church, for missionaries, and countless others.

I could go on and on. **The relationship between the older and younger generations is vital to seeing our churches grow and remain healthy.** Engaging all generations in missions and the work of WMU is important to ensure WMU remains steadfast in its work.

Some of you reading this today may be feeling discouraged about where you fit in or what specific roles you are to play now that there are generations rising up behind you. Some of you may feel worn and tired from years of ministry work. Some of you may have a heavy heart or burden for the world today and what awaits the generations to come. I want to encourage you by saying this...stay in it. Keep investing in us. You are wanted, valued, and needed in The Body.

You are excellent leaders, mentors, prayer warriors, Bible teachers, and friends. **The work could not be done without you. Your leadership is essential to The Church.** You have knowledge and experience that needs to be shared with the upcoming generations. Paul's final advice in 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 says:

*"Dear brothers and sisters, honor those who are your leaders in the Lord's work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance. Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work. And live peacefully with each other."*

Today I want to honor you and thank you for your teaching and leading. Thank you for investing in the generations coming after you and thank you for the faithful ways you serve our Lord.

And a special thank you to Mrs. Evelyn Moss for all the ways she has been a Titus 2 woman for me and encouraged me in the faith.

Fall 2018 - Winter 2019

## Welcome New Organizations

### Brushy Mountain Association

Peace Haven Baptist Church,  
Wilkesboro

Children in Action, Royal  
Ambassadors, Girls in Action

### Dan Valley Association

Shady Grove Baptist Church,  
Madison

Girls in Action, Women on Mission

### Macon Association

Liberty Baptist Church, Franklin

Children in Action

### Metrolina Association

Durham Memorial Baptist,  
Charlotte

Youth on Mission

### New River Association

Providence Baptist Church,  
Holly Ridge

Mission Friends, Children in Action

### South Mountain Association

Oak Grove Baptist Church,  
Kings Mountain

Youth on Mission, Children in  
Action

### West Chowan Association

Kelford Baptist Church, Roxobel

Women on Mission

# NC BNF: Serving as Good Samaritans



Cynthia Furr, MSN, RN  
President, NC Baptist Nursing Fellowship

Jesus said, "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you." To carry out His command, NC BNF encourages Christian nursing service and personal involvement in missions through health care activities. Our primary mission focus this year is to

serve in areas across the state identified as "Pockets of Lostness." The Baptist State Convention of NC has assigned a Strategic Focus Coordinator for each of these eight population areas. Learn more by visiting their web site: [strategicfocus@ncbaptist.org](mailto:strategicfocus@ncbaptist.org).

The exciting part of our mission focus is that we will be collaborating with Baptists on Mission, the Strategic Focus Team, local churches and associations. The Strategic Focus Team will encourage churches to target their health events in the lost pockets of unreached population. Our two means of ministry will be (1) to assist churches by serving as a resource in planning for the medical mobile clinic and other healthcare related ministry events, and (2) to help locate the necessary clinical professionals to staff the events.

Would you like to participate in our mission focus? Please respond, as follows:

- If you know of a church that is planning a health event, email the information to us so that we may contact the church to offer assistance.
- If you are a nurse and would like to volunteer for the medical mobile clinic or health event, please contact NC BNF by email at [rifurr@yahoo.com](mailto:rifurr@yahoo.com).

What a wonderful way to witness - by serving as a Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37).

**NC BNF ON THE WEB:** [www.wmunc.org/bnf](http://www.wmunc.org/bnf)

**MEMBERSHIP FOR NC Baptist Nursing Fellowship:**  
[www.wmunc.org/bnf](http://www.wmunc.org/bnf) or call National BNF at (205) 991-4014.

**CONTACT NC BNF President:** Cynthia Furr  
(704) 983-4639, [rifurr@yahoo.com](mailto:rifurr@yahoo.com) or [ncbnf@wmunc.org](mailto:ncbnf@wmunc.org)

## GREAT NEWS!

The national BNF seminar this year will be at Fort Caswell from September 6-8, 2019.  
To register, call BNF at (205) 991-4091 or [bnf@wmu.org](mailto:bnf@wmu.org)



For more information or to join SWC please contact Lisa D. Jacobs, Volunteer Coordinator by email: [ljsevent@gmail.com](mailto:ljsevent@gmail.com).

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## Prayer Partnership Opportunity

Several years ago, WMU NC started a prayer partnership with a North Carolina missionary who was going to Southeast Asia. Since that time, we have received monthly prayer requests for her and the other missionaries who have also joined in the work in this area. Because of these prayers, we have seen God do amazing things among this people group. There may be some newer members of WMU NC who are not aware of this partnership, but in knowing, would like to be a part of this vital ministry. If so, you may send your name and email address to Dorothy Barham at [dorothy@psmail.net](mailto:dorothy@psmail.net). She will put your name on the list to receive these prayer requests. What a special privilege to be a part of what God is doing in Southeast Asia!



## 2019 Literacy Missions Conference

Register on line at the Baptist State Convention of NC website, <https://ncbaptist.org/event-2019-literacy-missions-conference/>.

### 2 LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU:

Saturday, August 24, 2019  
Providence Baptist Church  
6339 Glenwood Ave. Raleigh, NC

Saturday, September 21, 2019  
Hickory Grove Baptist Church  
7200 E. W.T. Harris Blvd., Charlotte, NC

**COST:** \$25, includes lunch and conference materials.

**SCHEDULE:** 9:00 am - 4:00 pm both locations

Conferences for leaders in ESL,  
Tutoring Youth and Children and more.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

[Jeanette.walters@att.net](mailto:Jeanette.walters@att.net)

# International Missions Kenya 2019

It was a joy to send a team to Kenya to work with Rev. Paul Hill, Associate Pastor of Fairview Baptist Church in Statesville. Team members included: Carolyn Christmas, Margaret Muegge (FBC Burlington), Candi Mains, Rane Stepp, Diane



Uwamahoro (Fruitland Baptist Church, Hendersonville), Pauline Warutere (North Raleigh International Church), and Christi Blake (FBC Salisbury).

The team served through a variety of ministry opportunities: in the schools, specifically working with the Dylan Jones Academy (a primary school with an enrollment of 62 students), Health Care Clinics, Women's Ministry Conferences, and sharing in the Sunday morning worship experiences.

If you would like to learn more about how you can be involved in a trip to Kenya or to find out more about this recent trip contact Paul Hill at hillpaul63@gmail.com or 704-872-4246.



## Will You Join Us this Fall in Vermont?



### Mission Trip Destination Trivia: *What do you know about Vermont?*

1. What percent of the population affiliates with Baptists?
2. Compared to the number of unchurched Christians in the United States, where does Vermont rank?
3. What is a nickname for Vermont?
4. How many NAMB church plants are there in Vermont?
5. What is the capital of Vermont?
6. Vermont is the largest producer of \_\_\_\_\_?

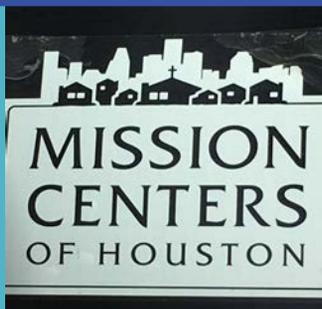
**Check out page 15 for the answers**

### Pastors' Wives Retreat in Vermont September 25-30, 2019

Contact: Deborah Taylor, deborahtaylor@outlook.com or 704-562-8997

For more information about mission trips to Vermont

Contact: Steve Carter, sbcarter5@att.net or 704-530-4384



Where: **Houston, TX**

When: November 2 – 9, 2019

What will we do?

- Food Pantry
- Children's Programs
- Senior lunch
- Clothes closet
- Anything else we are asked to do!!

Contact: Sandy Page 704-661-6248

jnpage@bellsouth.net



# Calendar Talk

WMU NC & CMV  
2019 CALENDAR  
OF EVENTS

## June 2019

29 Eastern NC Leadership Gathering,  
Oakmont Baptist Church, Greenville, NC

## July 2019

4 Independence Day Holiday (Office closed)

1-6 World Missions Week, Fort Caswell\*

8-10 NC Baptist Ministers Wives Retreat, Caraway  
Conference Center\*

27 Central NC Leadership Gathering, Fairview Baptist Church,  
Statesville



## August 2019

10 Western NC Leadership Gathering,  
First Baptist Church of Swannanoa

16-18 Military Wives Retreat, Camp Mundo Vista



## September 2019

2 Labor Day Holiday (Office closed)

## October 2019

4-5 Carolina Women, Fort Caswell

11-12 Children In Action Day  
(with overnight option), Camp Mundo Vista

18-19 Missionary Parent Fellowship, Camp Mundo Vista



## November 2019

4 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer\*

9 Children's Mission Day, FBC, Waynesville

11-12 BSCNC Annual Meeting,  
Koury Convention Center, Greensboro\*

27-29 Thanksgiving Holidays (Office closed)



## December 2019

1-8 International Missions Emphasis and  
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

24-31 Christmas Holidays (Office closed)



LOTTIE MOON  
CHRISTMAS  
OFFERING\*

\*Not a WMU NC sponsored event, but one with which we partner.

Join us in  
celebrating  
Margaret Harding  
and Julie Keith  
each for their 20  
years of service!



### Answers to Mission Trip Destination Trivia:

1. 1.6% of the population is Baptist.
2. Vermont ranks 49th out of the most unchurched states in America. Until 2016, it was ranked 50th.
3. The Green Mountain State.
4. Currently 8 church plants and 2 self-supporting churches.
5. Montpelier, it's the smallest US capital and the only one without a McDonald's restaurant.
6. Largest producer of maple syrup. Headquarters for Ben & Jerry's ice cream and known for its cheese.

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank each of you who has already given to the Heck-Jones Offering. Please pray about being a monthly supporter of WMU NC. II Corinthians 9:7 says, "So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." A synonym for cheerful is hilarious. So, I challenge you to be a hilarious giver. May your giving evoke laughter and joy. As Proverbs 17:22 says, "A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit saps a person's strength."

Visit the WMU NC website: [www.wmunc.org](http://www.wmunc.org)

Click on the Give tab to learn the various ways to give to and financially support WMU NC.

Let me know if I can help you or your church in any way.

— Barbara Hill  
Vice President of Development

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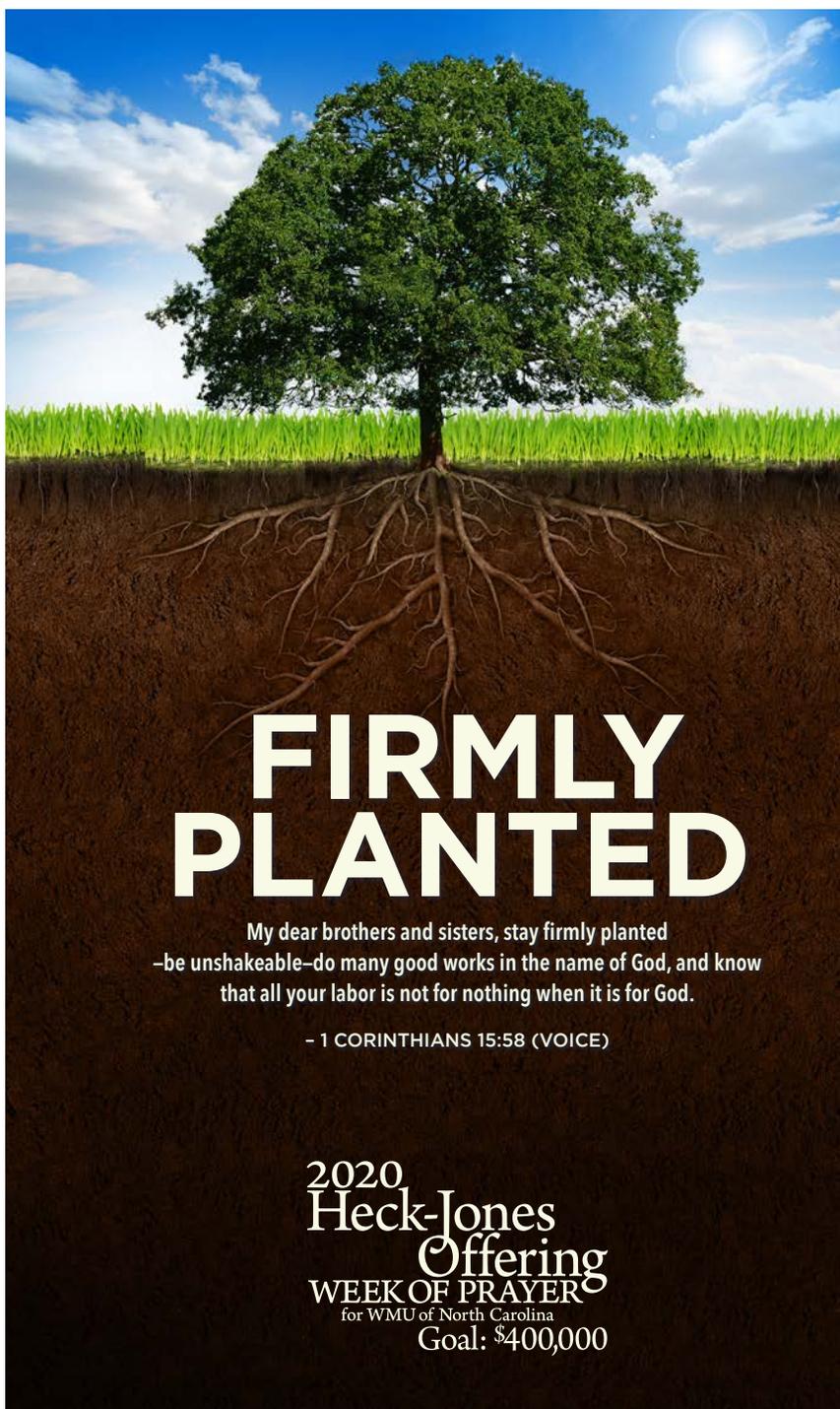
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My dear brothers and sisters, stay firmly planted  
—be unshakeable—do many good works in the name of God, and know  
that all your labor is not for nothing when it is for God.

— 1 CORINTHIANS 15:58 (VOICE)

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Heck-Jones  
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