



The Together

For we are laborers TOGETHER with God
1 Corinthians 3:9

OUR MISSION: “REACH, TEACH, PREPARE, SEND”

We invite all people to join us in worshiping God, growing deeper in knowledge and understanding through study, in the unity of Christian love through fellowship and visitation; preparing for ministry and mission through discipleship, drawing nearer to God in prayer and praise as we share the love of Jesus Christ with one another and the world.

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I hope all the FBC, Butner family has navigated thru the recent winter weather safely. Since I began speaking here as the interim, for the most part we have been working our way through two great sections of Scripture... the Sermon on the Mt at the Wednesday gathering and the Book of Acts on Sunday morning. Both foundational texts force us as followers of Jesus to evaluate how effectively we are pursuing our command to be salt and light to a fallen world, to seek first the Kingdom of God, and to be Christ's witnesses "in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

Because of the constant nature of these themes we are receiving, many of you have been approaching me to seek further clarity as to exactly how we may get more focused on these vital themes. In other words, how do we apply the things that the Word is demanding of us? This has been so encouraging to witness. We have people making real plans to engage their neighbors in ways that are real and urgent and Gospel oriented! This is only the beginning. What specifically this will end up looking like is a matter the Spirit will guide... but I sense a possible movement of God! People are looking into starting outreach oriented small in-home groups in various neighborhoods; we have members thinking through ways to have a greater Gospel presence at community gatherings, some have come to tell me ways they are trying to turn their groups and studies more outward as well.

I want to give everyone (who wants to) a simple opportunity to engage in this Gospel enterprise. The North American Mission Board for many years has had a project called "Who's Your One." Basically, it is a congregation-wide effort to get us all identifying people around us that need a Gospel conversation, working on developing Gospel-oriented relationships, and praying daily for at least one person we will seek to engage with the Gospel. In coming weeks, we can talk about this effort and get it rolling. This week I ordered a few materials to give to the church soon, so it is not too soon to start asking the Holy Spirit to prepare the way. If God has impressed you in some way to push the Gospel into your community tell me about what you are up to these days so I can be praying for you.

Dr. Jeff Beckett



Men In Action

NC Baptist on Mission's statement is "exist to glorify GOD by involving churches and Christians in meeting human needs in Jesus' name."

On **Wednesday, February 17th**, we will be having our NC Baptists on Mission Region 4 Rally here at First Baptist Church Butner in the FLC at 5:45pm.

FEB. 24, 2026

Hickory Grove Baptist Church

(Mallard Creek Campus), 13200 Mallard Creek Rd, Charlotte, NC 28262



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Speakers: Landon Dowden &
Mark Matlock

Schedule

- 8 a.m. – Doors Open
- 9 a.m. – Session 1
- 10:30 a.m. – Breakout 1
- 11:45 a.m. – Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. – Breakout 2
- 1:45 p.m. – Session 2
- 3 p.m. – Dismiss

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Heart Sisters

The next Heart Sisters monthly meeting will be **February 2nd** at 6:30pm in the FLC and we invite and encourage all women of the church to join us as we pray, plan, and put into action missions, outreach, and God's Word. All are invited to join us on **Saturday, February 7th** at 10am in the FLC to bake cookies for our Baskets of Love or if you're unable to join us and would like to contribute to the cookies, you can drop off your cookies at the FLC between 10-11am. We will deliver baskets on **Friday, February 13th** and **February 14th**.





Children & Youth Ministries



Mischief... Managed!



Saturday, February 7th

11am until 12 Noon
Family Life Center Gym

There will be activities planned just for our preschool pals to help them get excited about Jesus!

Saturday, February 7th

5-8pm
Family Life Center

There will be lots of fun, food and fellowship as we learn about God!

Children & Youth Soup & Salad Fundraiser Lunch

Sunday, February 8th

Immediately Following Morning Worship

Join us for lunch and fellowship while supporting our children and youth as they raise funds for camp/mission trips this summer.



We will be going to WinterJam on **Saturday, February 14th** at the Greensboro Coliseum. We will leave around 2:30 p.m. and return around 12am

We're already planning for this summer's Bible School! The theme this year is "Illumination Station." The lessons for the week will focus on shining a light on who Jesus really is based on the scripture found in John 8:12, that says, When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

The dates are **July 19-23**. There will be classes for all ages and we need lots of volunteers! The sign up is available in Realm to volunteer. If you have questions about how you can help serve, please contact Cecily.

This will be a fun theme with a great message! We hope to see you all there!



Heck Jones Offering

Your gift to the Heck-Jones Offering directly empowers WMU NC and all its associates to faithfully fulfill our mission: Challenging, preparing and equipping Christian believers to be radically involved in the fulfillment of the Great Commission. Our goal this year is **\$750.**

Week of prayers will be on **February 9th through 15th**

Day 1: *Joy of Missions Learning* - Pray for missions education leaders in all age levels (preschool, children, students, adults, church-wide and associations) as they lead in sharing the joy of learning, praying, giving and doing missions. Pray that they will find joy in their service and encourage others to join them in this commitment.

Day 2: *Joy of Missions Leadership* - Pray that those who serve will make time to be encouraged and equipped to give out of their own joy as they share.

Day 3: *Joy of Culturally Relevant Missions* - Pray for the leadership of both Hispanic WMU and Women on Mission in African American Churches that they will continue to provide missions education, events, trips and projects that speak to their groups. Pray that their joy will overflow to their communities as well.

Day 4: *Joy of Serving Others Locally* - Pray for the nurses and volunteers in our state that have chosen to share their joy in their own communities. Pray that information will be shared with those who do not know about Baptist Nursing Fellowship or Christian Job Corps so that they can find joy in serving others.

Day 5: *Joy of Mothering* - Pray for those who are mothering in our churches. Pray that they will have the encouragement and support they need to prioritize their children's spiritual/mission growth. Pray that they and their families will find joy in being Christ followers together.

Day 6: *Joy of Mission Trips* - Pray that those God is calling to mission trips will answer, that their willingness and that they will return with a readiness to continue joyfully answering God's call in their own communities.

Day 7: *Joy for the Future* - Pray for those who are sensing God's desire to expand missions education and experiences for themselves or their church. Pray for those in neighboring churches to joyfully walk alongside new ventures and to invite others to join them in the call to missions.



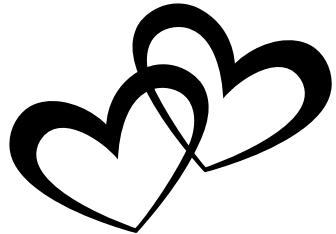


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Calendar of Events *Subject to change*



February 1- 6:00pm	Women's Bible Study (FLC)
February 2- 6:30pm	Heart Sisters Meeting (FLC)
February 4- 5:45pm 6:30pm	Fellowship Meal: TBA (Kyla's Team) Bible Study
February 5- 8:00am	Men's Bible Study (FH)
February 7- 10:00am 11:00am 5:00pm	Heart Sisters Baking Cookies for Baskets of Love (FLC) Praise Pals (Gym) Mischief (FLC)
February 8- 12:00pm 6:00pm	Soup & Salad Fundraiser (FLC) Women's Bible Study (FLC)
February 10- 10:00am 6:00pm	Ruth Helms Prayer Group Meeting (FH) Deacons Meeting (FH)
February 11- 5:45pm 6:30pm	Fellowship Meal: Covered Dish Business Meeting
February 12- 8:00am 10:30am	Men's Bible Study (FH) Senior Adult Luncheon (FLC)
February 14- 2:30pm	Winter Jam (Greensboro)
February 15- 6:00pm	Last Women's Bible Study (FLC)
February 17- 5:45pm	Baptist on Mission Rally (FLC)
February 18- 5:45pm 6:30pm	Fellowship Meal: Meat loaf, green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy & rolls (Daniels Team) Bible Study
February 19- 8:00am	Men's Bible Study (FH)
February 25- 5:45pm 6:30pm	Fellowship Meal: Chick-Fil-A (Ferrell Team) Bible Study
February 26- 8:00am	Men's Bible Study (FH)



Happy Birthday!

Elbert Oakley 2-1
Pait Glenn* 2-3
Jesse Travis 2-3
Jody Riggan 2-4
Deborah Rogers 2-5
Samantha Stokes 2-6
Meghan Harrison 2-10
Mark Roberts* 2-10
Hunter Brantley* 2-11
Howard Shaw 2-14
Lucas McKeown 2-15
Melissa Queen 2-16

Hailey Way 2-16
Lester Pearce 2-18
Bobby Tomlinson 2-18
Trent Brummitt 2-18
Marty Daniel 2-22
Shirley Gregory* 2-22
Annie Kate Harris* 2-22
Chase Teal 2-23
Travis Woodward* 2-25
Mike Cone 2-26
Jaquita Hill 2-26
Charlotte Hope 2-27

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