



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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Several of us had the privilege of attending the 2025 Disciple-Making Conference, where we were encouraged and challenged by practical, biblical teaching on fulfilling the Great Commission. One concept that deeply impacted us—and has continued to stay on our hearts—is the understanding that people will not always come to us. Instead, we must be willing to reach people where they are, meeting them in their everyday environments.

God has consistently placed on our hearts a desire to reach those outside our church family. We are thankful that FBC Butner does such a wonderful job caring for one another, and we fully trust that this will continue as we step out in obedience to reach beyond our walls and share the Gospel.

With this in mind, we are moving forward with the formation of Small Groups. These groups are designed to foster meaningful relationships that strengthen our individual walks with God while equipping and empowering us as disciples. Our prayer is to create environments where believers can confidently and comfortably share the Gospel and invite those outside our church community to join us. As leaders are developed within each group, our goal is for the groups to multiply annually. Therefore, expanding God’s kingdom and making disciples as scripture instructs us to do.

Small Groups are **not intended to replace** any existing ministries such as Bible studies, men or women’s groups or Sunday School. This is an additional opportunity to share the Gospel and reach people (make disciples) beyond our walls in an intentional way.

Our goal is to launch this ministry church-wide by September. In preparation, we will begin with a pilot group of 8–10 people. This group will help establish a core plan, work through practical details, and grow together so we can serve as leaders when we officially launch in September. We recognize that this calling may involve stepping outside our comfort zones. As we were reminded at the conference, if we are always completely comfortable in church, we may not be fully living out the mission God has given us.

Ultimately, our desire is to build confidence in sharing our faith and to cultivate excitement for advancing God’s kingdom. We encourage everyone to pray and seek the Lord’s guidance on whether He may be calling you to be part of this journey—now or in the future. Thank you in advance for praying for this ministry.

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We are excited about where God is leading. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to Tracy or Deborah Ferrell. As we move forward, we will continue to keep Blaine and Dr. Beckett informed.

Start Date: Thursday, March 12 Time: 6:30–8:00 PM. Location: Jeff and Tracy Teal’s home.
Meetings: 2nd and 4th Thursdays

If you would like to learn more, pray with us or feel led to join us, please reach out to Tracy or Deborah.

In His Service,
Jeff & Tracy Teal and Tracy & Deborah Ferrell

Small Group Launch

- Several members attended the 2025 Disciple-Making Conference and were challenged by the call to fulfill the Great Commission by reaching people where they are.
- God has placed a growing desire on our hearts to reach those **outside our church walls** while continuing to care well for our FBC-Butner family.
- We are launching **Small Groups** to foster deeper relationships, strengthen discipleship, and create spaces to confidently share the Gospel with others.
- These groups are **not replacing** Sunday School, Bible studies, or men’s/women’s groups—this is an additional outreach-focused opportunity.
- Our vision is to grow leaders, multiply groups yearly, and advance God’s kingdom.
- A **pilot group of 8–10 people** will begin now to prepare for a **church-wide launch in August**.
- Meetings will begin **March 12**, hosted at the home of **Jeff and Tracy Teal**.
- Gatherings will be held **2nd and 4th Thursdays, 6:30–8:00 PM**.
- We invite everyone to pray and seek if God may be calling you to be part of this journey.
- For more information or to join, please contact **Tracy or Deborah Ferrell**.

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Thank you from Duke Children’s Hospital

On behalf of Duke Children’s, we extend a heartfelt thank you to all our incredible donors for your generosity during the holiday season. Your kindness created a ripple of joy and comfort that touched the lives of more than 300 pediatric patients throughout December.

Because of your support, we were able to bring smiles, happiness, and hope to patients and families during a time that matters most. We are honored to have such a compassionate community standing with us in caring for our patients at Duke Children’s Hospital and Health Center. Thank you for helping to make their holiday season brighter!

Cheers to an amazing 2026!



Heart Sisters

Heart Sisters Mission Statement: ***Heart Sisters exists to serve God, love others, and inspire women to grow in their walk with Christ through faith, fellowship, and service.***

Dear sisters, this ministry is so grateful for you! You are loved more than you know, and your presence in Heart Sisters makes us better. Keep blooming where you are planted. We are excited to announce an upcoming mission trip to Rose Hill (Charity) Mission Camp in May! This camp is owned and operated by Baptist on Mission. We do not yet know what our projects/tasks will be and will share that information with you as soon as it is known. The dates for our trip are Thursday, May 21st to Saturday, May 23rd. If you would like to attend but cannot make it for each of these days, we want you to come when you are able. We will set up a Sign-Up Genius and paper sign-up for the trip. The cost is \$25 per person, each day. There will be a short meeting before the trip to discuss all the details. This trip is open to anyone who may wish to participate!

We could use some assistance in packaging college care packages on Monday, March 2nd, from 10am - 12pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you are retired, stay at home mom, or just want to help, we need you!

Mark your calendar for the following opportunities to serve through Heart Sisters:

Experiencing God Bible study

Sundays from 6 - 7:30pm in FLC

POC: Tammy Duke

Heart Sisters Monthly Meeting

Monday, March 2

6:30 - 8pm in FLC

POC: Tammy Duke

College Care Packages

Monday, March 2

10am - 12pm in FH

POC: Tammy Duke

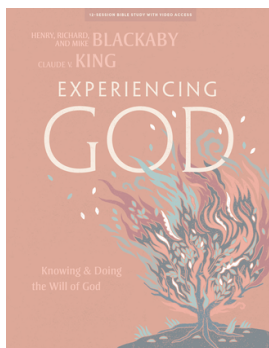
Spring Mission Trip

Charity Mission Camp, Rose Hill

Thursday, May 21 – Saturday, May 23

Deadline to Sign-up: **Sunday, April 12**

POC: Tammy Duke



Annie Armstrong Offering

Our goal this year is **\$3,000**



Week of prayers will be on **March 1st-8th**

Day 1: HIGHER EDUCATION (WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA) - Pray for Thousands of students to meet Jesus at Purdue. God to send mature adults to the Adams' church plant who can disciple new believers. God to equip and send graduating students to other communities where they can help plant more new churches.

Day 2: THE FIX (TAPPAHANNOCK, VIRGINIA) - Pray Students in The Fix's recovery and discipleship program to grow in their walk with Christ. More encounters on the streets of Richmond that lead to gospel conversations. Opportunities for Fred and Casey to start similar ministries and church plants in other cities.

Day 3: WHERE THERE'S A WILL (TAPPAHANNOCK, VIRGINIA) - Pray for God to thoroughly equip Will so he can lead his new church well. The men and women at The Fix to discover the gospel purpose God has for their lives. Fred and others at The Fix to build witnessing relationships with people who need healing and hope.

Day 4: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (MONTREAL, QUEBEC) - Pray for more fruit to come from Friday night on-the-street gospel conversations. God to call and equip church planting interns out of Andrew Mark's church who will help plant more new works. More Christians to come and share Christ with the 99% of people in Quebec who are lost.

Day 5: RAISED FROM THE DEAD (MARRERO, LOUISIANA) - Pray for humility and understanding as members of Cross Community Church face change. The new believers Troy has baptized to grow in their faith. Growth and a gospel witness that the surrounding community will see and be drawn to.

Day 6: A GOD-SIZED STORY (MARRERO, LOUISIANA) - Pray more of Leon and Javon's family to hear the gospel and give their lives to Christ. God to draw more unchurched families from the surrounding community to the new church. Troy and Chanel to continue to faithfully represent Christ and His kingdom.

Day 7: DREAM BIG (RÍO GRANDE, PUERTO RICO) - Pray for sending relief teams to connect Oscar and Wendy to more people in Loíza who are open to hearing the gospel. God to raise up leaders in the church plant who can help start and grow a new work in Loíza. Doors to open in other nearby communities that need a gospel presence.

Day 8: MORE THAN A GIFT - Pray for North American missionaries to reach more lost people who need the hope and love of Christ. North American missionaries to have all the resources and encouragement they need to plant churches and meet needs. God to call and equip more missionaries to make Jesus known in North America

BAPTISTS ON MISSION 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 February 17th, churches across our association gathered at FBC Butner for Region 4's mission rally. It was truly a great evening of awesome speakers, videos, delicious food catered by Oxford's Family Diner and door prizes too! Hat's off to pastors Victor Blackwell, Mike Craver, Blaine Britt, Tim Shaw, Robbie Wood and Jeff Epley for supporting our association.

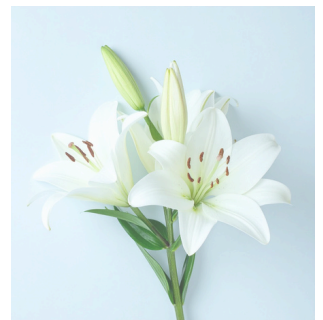
Join Baptists on Mission for Disaster Response Training and learn how to serve as the “hands and feet of Jesus” to those impacted by storms and disasters. This full-day training will be held on **Saturday, March 14th** from 8:30am to approximately 3pm in Roxboro, NC (Region 4), with five other training locations across North Carolina on various dates throughout the year.

This is a great opportunity to be equipped for practical ministry that brings help, hope, and the love of Christ to people in times of crisis. The cost is \$40, which includes lunch, a hat, and a shirt.

To register, visit www.baptistsonmission.org and click on Training. Please be sure to specify the email address you will be using.

For more information, contact Bill Evangelist at 919-215-7422 or evangelw@bellsouth.net.

Easter Lilies will be placed in the Sanctuary for **Sunday, March 29th and April 5th**. Lily orders need to be filled out completely and returned to Leslie no later than **Wednesday, March 18th by noon**. The cost per lily is \$20. Lilies may be picked up after morning worship on **Sunday, April 5th**.



The adult choir will have their Easter Cantata “I Surrender All” arr. by Russell Mauldin on **Sunday, March 29th** during worship service.

Children & Youth Ministries



Saturday, March 14th

11am until 12 Noon
Gym



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



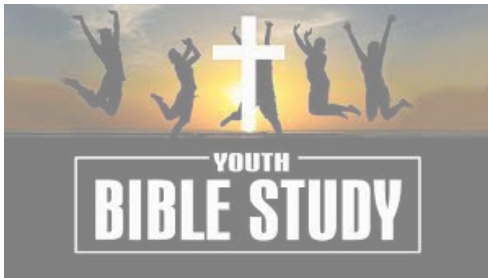
Saturday, March 14th

5-8pm
FLC

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



Come out and join us for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, March 28th** from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.



**Separate Youth Bible Studies
March 8th**

Girls 5:30pm (Teal's House)
Boys 6pm (Gym)

**All Youth Bible Study
March 22nd**

6pm Youth House

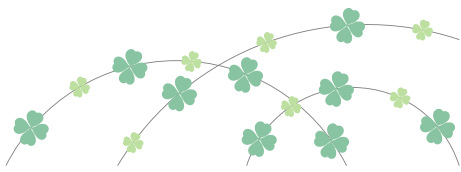


We're already planning for this summer's Bible School! The theme this year is "Illumination Station." The lessons for the week will focus on shining a light on who Jesus really is based on the scripture found in John 8:12, that says, When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the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

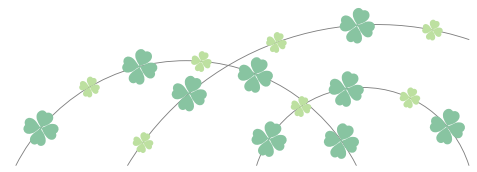
The dates are **July 19-23**. There will be classes for all ages and we need lots of volunteers! The sign up is available in Realm to volunteer. If you have questions about how you can help serve, please contact Cecily.



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



March



Calendar of Events
Subject to change

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| March 1- 2:00pm | Baby Shower for Cassidy & Austin Bailey (FLC) |
| March 2- 6:30pm | Heart Sisters Meeting (FLC) |
| March 4- 5:45pm
6:30pm | Fellowship Meal: Tacos, rice, beans & dessert (Children & Youth)
Bible Study |
| March 5- 8:00am | Men's Bible Study (FH) |
| March 8 | Daylight Saving Time Begins |
| March 10- 10:00am
6:00pm | Ruth Helms Prayer Group Meeting (FH)
Deacons Meeting (FH) |
| March 11- 5:45pm
6:30pm | Fellowship Meal: Covered Dish
Business Meeting |
| March 12- 8:00am
10:30am
6:30pm | Men's Bible Study (FH)
XYZ Meeting (FH)
Small Group (Teal's House) |
| March 14- 11:00am | Praise Pals (Gym)
Mischief (FLC) |
| March 18- 5:45pm
6:30pm | Fellowship Meal: Fried Chicken, corn, green beans, mashed potatoes & dessert (Baptist Men)
Bible Study |
| March 19- 8:00am | Men's Bible Study (FH) |
| March 25- 5:45pm
6:30pm | Fellowship Meal: Chick-Fil-A (Ferrell Team)
Bible Study |
| March 26- 8:00am
6:30pm | Men's Bible Study (FH)
Small Group (Teal's House) |
| March 28- 11:00am | Easter Egg Hunt (FLC) |
| March 29- 11:00am | Easter Cantata (Sanctuary) |





Happy Birthday!



Jonah Hicks* 3-1
Sadie Hicks 3-1
Kacey Dixon* 3-1
Hunter Brinkley* 3-3
Ricky Ray* 3-6
Brad Oakley 3-10
Fran Strickland 3-11
Esper Wilkins 3-11
Tonya Marcinowski* 3-14
Nancy Rogers 3-15

Jeremy Hamlett* 3-16
Diane DeLeonardo 3-17
Vicki Wynne 3-18
Jaime Hamlett 3-19
Rebecca Stewart 3-21
Lindy Hamlett 3-24
Brenda Tuck 3-26
Butch Marshburn 3-26
Bill Slaughter 3-27



***Prospect or Family of Member**

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