

CHURCH STEWARDSHIP	NOVEMBER	YTD	CHURCH STEWARDSHIP	NOVEMBER	YTD	CHURCH STEWARDSHIP	NOVEMBER	YTD
ACORN HILL	22.30	361.19	JAMESVILLE, FIRST	0.00	1,500.00	SMITHTON, FIRST	0.00	2,000.00
AENON	0.00	1,567.17	KOREAN MISSION	0.00	200.00	SPEED	0.00	78.50
AVDEN, FIRST	217.11	2,208.39	LIGHT OF THE WORLD	0.00	225.00	STANTONSBURG, FIRST	0.00	1,875.00
BELHAVEN	1,080.23	3,409.22	LOVE	0.00	500.00	STOKES	0.00	300.00
BETHEL	0.00	2,920.00	MERCY	0.00	0.00	SWAN QUARTER	0.00	2,000.00
BIBLE	359.66	4,339.61	THE MEMORIAL	0.00	250.00	TARBORO, FIRST	635.93	4,851.73
CEDAR BRANCH	400.00	4,336.00	MILDRED	215.16	2,425.42	TRINITY	416.66	2,083.30
DISCOVERY	0.00	0.00	NEW HOPE MISSIONARY	0.00	3,000.00	WASHINGTON, FIRST	1,250.00	11,250.00
EAGLES	114.59	1,260.41	NEW VISION COMMUNITY	25.00	275.00	WASHINGTON HISPANIC	220.28	2,760.68
EASTGATE	50.00	550.00	NORTHERN BLVD.	0.00	800.00	WASHINGTON, SECOND	833.34	4,583.37
ELM CITY	0.00	250.00	OAK CITY	0.00	750.00	WEBBS CHAPEL	0.00	6,605.02
EVERETTS	0.00	527.62	OAKMONT	205.00	2,255.00	WEST END, WASHINGTON	0.00	460.00
FAMILY CHURCH	0.00	0.00	PACTOLUS	216.67	2,166.66	WEST END, WILLIAMSTON	384.95	4,399.06
FARMVILLE, FIRST	0.00	6,457.99	PENDERS CHAPEL	621.40	7,568.90	WILLIAMSTON MEMORIAL	833.34	9,916.74
FOREST HILLS	0.00	3,493.27	PINETOPS	455.08	5,871.24	WILSON, FIRST	0.00	6,300.00
FOUNTAIN	0.00	900.00	PINETOWN	0.00	200.00	WILSON, FIRST HISPANIC	0.00	0.00
FREEDOM	250.00	1,675.00	PINEY GROVE	630.00	7,591.00	WINTERVILLE	837.33	9,990.44
GRACE	220.94	2,344.76	PLEASANT HOPE	0.00	2,131.00			
GREENVILLE HISPANIC	0.00	0.00	PLYMOUTH, FIRST	500.00	5,000.00			
HAMILTON	0.00	1,500.00	RALEIGH ROAD	0.00	0.00			
IGLESIA AMOR DE DIOS	25.00	275.00	REDDICKS GROVE	0.00	750.00			
IGNITE, CHOCOWINITY	0.00	2,000.00	REDEMPTION CHURCH AT NEW HOPE	0.00	991.44			
IGNITE, GREENVILLE	150.00	1,650.00	RIVERSIDE MISSION	0.00	0.00			
IMMANUEL	0.00	1,200.00	RIVERVIEW	0.00	4,212.45			
INTEGRITY	100.00	1,200.00	ROBERSONVILLE, FIRST	175.00	1,925.00			
						<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$11,444.97 \$164,467.58</b>

### Church Security Risk Survey

Full Armor Church is a company that specializes in helping churches develop safety and security measures, including spiritual preparation. They offer a free 60-question survey to assess security risk in five areas. For more information: <https://www.fullarmorchurch.com/>

If you want to take the survey you can also contact the Association office and we will email the survey to you.

**Please pray for the following Churches seeking pastors**

Belhaven  
Bethel  
Cedar Branch  
Eagles  
Everetts  
Jamesville, First  
Pinetown  
West End,  
Williamston  
Winterville

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### SRBA Quarterly Gatherings for 2024

January 15 - Pinetops Baptist, Edgecombe County Reception

April 15 - Redemption at New Hope, Wilson County Reception & exhibits beforehand

July 15 - Washington, 2nd Baptist, Beaufort County Reception & exhibits beforehand

October 21 - Winterville Baptist, Pitt County Dinner & exhibits beforehand



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**SRBA Quarterly Meeting**  
**Monday, January 15, 2024: 6:30 PM**

**Pinetops Baptist Church**  
**710 W Hamlet St., Pinetops**

**6:30 PM Reception (Fellowship Hall)**  
**7:00 PM Worship Celebration**

**Ministry Focus:**  
**Diversity in our Association**

### AMS Search Team Update

The SRBA AMS Search Team has narrowed resumes down to a handful of candidates. We will be entering into the interview phase of the search after the first of the year.

Please continue to lift us up in prayer that we will follow God's leading.

## Interim Associational Missionary Message January 2024

The Old Farmer's Almanac announced that 2024 will be the Year of the Dragon, one of the 12 animals in the Chinese astrology calendar. According to the Chinese, anyone born in 2024 will be intelligent, loyal, and crafty. Moreover, those born in the year of the Rat will prosper because they get along well with Dragons.

I like Chinese food, but I do not believe in Chinese astrology, nor, for that matter, western astrology signs (based on the month you were born).

I do believe God has given us signs, on a case-by-case basis, to reveal something of His will for an individual, or a group of people. On the fourth day of Creation, all of mankind was provided signs for the seasons, days, and years (Genesis 1:14). Shepherds were given a sign the night Jesus was born: one baby would be wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger (Luke 2:12). Magi were given a star to follow to find just that child (Matthew 2:2). Not every baby born that year, or in that month, was to be Savior of the world.

Scripture also teaches the Lord gives spiritual gifts to believers, but not to unbelievers, and not the same gift to all believers in one congregation (cf., 1 Corinthians 12:1-7). Likewise, not everyone born in the same month or year is going to bear good fruit, only those who are true followers of Christ (Matthew 7:15-18).

As we begin 2024 most of us have already made New Year's resolutions, good intentions that fade away before spring. Less frequently made are vows, a solemn promise made to God by which we are bound to act. We make such vows in wedding ceremonies and in the covenant of baptism. What vows have you made with respect to your personal relationship with Christ, your commitment to serve in your church, or the cooperative effort of your church with other churches?

Keep the SON in your eyes.

*Tom Doubt*

## WMU News

January is a month that brings awareness to a couple of important issues:

**Human Trafficking Awareness:**

Go to World Craft Support Freedom Campaign. Here you will find prayer guides, ways to give and other ways to support those coming out of modern day slavery.

**Sanctity of Human Life Awareness:** Even though Roe v. Wade has been overturned there is still work to do. Women in crisis pregnancy, children in need of homes, elderly in need of help and compassion. Go to sanctitysunday.com for more information to share this vital topic. May we see all life... 'from the womb to the tomb' ... as sacred, made in the image of God.

Praying for you,  
*Corby Bunting*, SRBA WMU Director

## Available Ministry Positions

**Belhaven: Full-time Pastor** - email resume to: belhavenmissionaryb@gmail.com or by mail to: Belhaven Missionary Baptist Church, PO Box 400, Belhaven, NC 27810 Attn: Ricky Radcliffe/Pastor Search

**Bible: Youth Minister/Director (full-time)** - Contact the church at 252-243-7078 or bmbcwilson@gmail.com

**Forest Hills: Part-time Pianist** - contact Chris Bridges, Minister of Music 252-243-4149 or chrisandsharon@gmail.com.

**Childcare worker** - Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. Call Cindy Petway, church secretary, at 252-243-4149, or cpetway@foresthillsbaptist.org

**Washington, First: Lead Pastor** - send resumes to fbcwpst@gmail.com

**Webbs Chapel: Full-time Associate Pastor/Youth & Family** - Contact Pastor Stephen Duncan revstephenduncan@gmail.com

**West End, Williamston: Full-time Pastor** - Send resume to: applicant.webc@gmail.com

**Winterville: Full-time Pastor** - send resume to [PastorSearch@wintervillebaptist.org](mailto:PastorSearch@wintervillebaptist.org) or mail to Winterville Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1669, Winterville, NC 28590

Go to [southroanoke.org/church-jobs/](http://southroanoke.org/church-jobs/) for additional information.

## Reports from the SRBA Leadership Council

### Impacting Lostness

The Impacting Lostness Team will have it's first meeting on Saturday, January 20, 3pm at Pender's Chapel Baptist Church.

*Evan Johnson*, Team Leader

### Prayer Team

As the Prayer Team, we look back on 2023 with thankful hearts. We praise The Lord for His faithfulness and for many answered prayers.

We were, and are, grateful for each opportunity we have to pray for pastors, staff and churches throughout the SRBA. We were privileged to pray on site at churches in Edgecombe and Beaufort Counties. As we move forward into 2024, we plan, as the Lord allows, to pray at the churches in Pitt, Wilson and Martin Counties.

We count it a joy and a weighty responsibility to bring prayers and petitions before the Lord on your behalf. Please reach out to [crbunting63@yahoo.com](mailto:crbunting63@yahoo.com) with any needs or requests.

Gratefully your,  
The SRBA Prayer Team  
*Corby Bunting*, Team Leader

## Disciple Making Conference – Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>

On Feb. 27, 2024, at the annual Disciple-Making Conference, NC Baptists from across the state will gather in Charlotte to explore how to win, build and send missional disciples.

This one-day conference, hosted by Hickory Grove Baptist Church at the Mallard Creek Campus, will feature over 30 breakout sessions covering a variety of topics, including creating a disciple-making culture, discipleship in an urban environment, women's discipleship, and more. NC Baptists will come away from the conference encouraged and equipped to be on mission together, ready to develop disciple-making disciples.

More information and register at: [disciplemakingconference.org](http://disciplemakingconference.org)

## Regional Pastors' meetings - January 2024

Area	Host Church	Date	Time
Beaufort	FBC Washington	Tuesday, Jan. 9	8:30 a.m.
Edgecombe	FBC Tarboro	Monday, Jan. 8	11:30 a.m. Bag Lunch
Martin	Williamston Memorial	Wednesday, Jan. 24	8:30 a.m.
Pitt	SRBA Office Greenville	Wednesday, Jan. 10	8:30 a.m.
Wilson	Bible Missionary Wilson	Wednesday, Jan. 3	8:30 a.m.

**Hot Topic:** Ministering to a family that has lost a baby  
**Conversation starter** (to be mailed to all pastors): How to help those hurting with infant loss.

## Ministry to those who have lost babies

Caleb Ministries ministers to women and families who have lost a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, early-infant death, or women who struggle with infertility or who are post-abortive. They offer resources from bereavement counseling to Bible studies. For more information, go to their website at: [calebministries.org](http://calebministries.org)

There are other resources like the National Maternal Mental Health Hotline (1-833-943-5746) or the Policy Center for Maternal Health (<https://www.2020mom.org/>). There are also resources to help church members minister to a family who has lost a baby, like the 2023 Focus on the Family article (<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/church/6-ways-to-minister-to-the-grieving/>).

FYI: There are nearly as many babies that die in the womb as die during the first year of life; combined these represent perinatal death. North Carolina uses the definition from 20 weeks gestation to less than 28 days of age. Each year, there are more than 1,200 perinatal deaths in NC, which means you probably know someone who has lost a baby.

## WMU Annual Meeting

March 9  
 First Baptist Church, Washington  
 Registration : 9:30 am  
 Meeting : 10:00-11:30 am

## Baptist Missions Conference – April 5-6, 2024

Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC  
 3 General Sessions, 100 different mission breakout sessions, Friday night mission opportunities supper, mission testimonies, mission fair exhibits and much more.

### Main Speakers Include:

Anne Graham Lotz, Quintell Hill, Mark Richt (former head football coach at Georgia), Todd Unzicker, Tom Richter, Jeff Iorg, Alicia Jones (missionary in Hungary), Shauna Pilgreen (author and missions speaker), Rebekah Naylor (former medical missionary)

For registration, hotel information and additional details call 919-459-5596.

Friday & Saturday - \$30 (With Friday Supper and Saturday Lunch)

Friday & Saturday - \$20 (Includes Saturday Lunch)

Friday w/Supper - \$15 (Friday Supper and Friday Session Only)

Saturday only - \$15 (Includes Saturday Lunch)

## Outreach Trailer Trainings

March 16 8:00 AM - Noon  
 Pinetops Baptist Church  
 710 W Hamlet St., Pinetops

April 6 8:00 AM - Noon  
 Forest Hills Baptist Church  
 1407 Forest Hills Rd. W, Wilson



Churches desiring to use the trailer must have at least two members attend the training. These trainings can also serve as a refresher for any who have taken it before (though not mandatory). The training covers policies and procedures for reserving and using the trailer along with learning how to set-up and operate the items in the trailer. For more information about renting the outreach trailer, go to [southroanoke.org](http://southroanoke.org) and click on the Outreach Trailer tab.

## IRS 2024 Optional Standard Mileage Rates

The Internal Revenue Service recently issued the 2024 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.

Beginning on Jan. 1, 2024, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

- 67 cents per mile driven for business use, up 1.5 cents from 2023.
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations; the rate is set by statute and remains unchanged from 2023.
- 21 cents per mile driven for medical, a decrease of 1 cent from 2023.

## Senior adult living and care resources

If you are exploring options for senior adult living, you can find information for Christian communities around the country at Caring.com. Facilities range from independent living to skilled nursing homes. For example, in NC, the Piedmont Christian Home in High Point offers assisted living, and in Pittsboro the Christian Village has freestanding homes. There is no charge to search the Caring directory, nor for their help in providing details about various options.

## 2024 NC Disaster Relief Training dates

baptistsonmission.org

February 24<sup>th</sup> Jacksonville  
March 9<sup>th</sup> Raleigh  
March 23<sup>rd</sup> Huntersville  
April 20<sup>th</sup> Forest City  
May 4<sup>th</sup> Dillsboro

## 2024 NC Construction Skills Training

baptistsonmission.org

Shelby Mission Camp March 9<sup>th</sup> & September 14<sup>th</sup>  
Red Springs Mission Camp March 16<sup>th</sup> & September 21<sup>st</sup>  
Charity Mission Center March 23<sup>rd</sup> & October 12<sup>th</sup>

## 2024 SBC Annual Meeting

June 9-12, 2024 in Indianapolis, IN

Details and hotel reservations:

<https://sbcannualmeeting.net/hotels/>

Theme: *One Mind, One Voice* (Romans 15:5-6)

## Prayer Prompt

Dear Heavenly Father,  
May we, as an association of individuals, support,  
encourage, and stand behind our AMS Search Team.

(I Thessalonians 5:11)

Thank you Lord.

Amen



SRBA Prayer Team

**The SRBA Resource Center will be closed  
Monday, January 15th  
in observance of  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day.**

## Pastors' Wives Retreat – March 1-3, 2-024

This retreat is for all wives of pastors in the Baptist Convention of NC. It will be held at 400 Waterway Drive, Sneads Ferry, NC (about 90 miles from Greenville). The private island has accommodations for 24 in 6 bedrooms. Friday night is dinner and a devotion. Saturday includes 3 activities and 2 free-time periods. Sunday concludes at 10:30 a.m. with a worship service. Cost: \$15 for Friday (no overnight stay), \$25 for Saturday (no overnight stay), \$50 for all 3 days (including overnight stays). South Roanoke Baptist Association will reimburse the registration fee for the wife of any pastor. More information and to registers, scan the codes in the below retreat flyer.

Pastors' Wives  
Retreat  
March 1st - March 3rd

Join other Eastern NC PWs for a weekend of  
rejuvenation, relaxation, and rest.

Scan to see where we are  
staying!

Scan to see the event  
information and  
purchase your ticket!

## PROVISION

Provision Financial Resources of NC Baptists is the trust agency of the NC Baptist State Convention. We became an official agency of the convention in 1920. At that time, and all the way up to September, 2023, we were called the NC Baptist Foundation. Under the leadership of retiring President, Clay Warf and President-Elect, Harry Nelson, the Foundation's Board of Directors voted to change the name to Provision at their meeting in September.

Why Provision? We believe that the name change better identifies who we are and what we do. The name, Provision, comes from Genesis 22 where Abraham is called to sacrifice Isaac. In that story, we read that as they were going to the place of sacrifice at Moriah, Isaac said to his father, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" (Genesis 22:7) Abraham replied, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." (Genesis 22:8). We read that Abraham bound Isaac, raised his knife, and was going to sacrifice Isaac when the angel of the Lord stopped him. Abraham then looked up and saw a ram caught in the thicket. He took the ram and offered it as a sacrifice, naming the place Jehovah Jireh, which means *the Lord will provide*. Our brand mark is the ram's horn, which ultimately points us to the cross where God provided his one and only son as a sacrifice for our sins. We acknowledge that God has provided for us spiritual and material blessings that enable us to bless others.

Provision's mission is to encourage and enable faithful and wise financial stewardship for the glory of God and the good of the world. We do this through a variety of services for individuals and churches. Some of our services include will and estate planning education and consultation, charitable giving options, investment opportunities through Impact Certificates, scholarships, ministry grants, scholarships, and stewardship education. Visit [provision.org](http://provision.org) to learn more about our services.

From January 1 – February 15, 2024, we are accepting scholarship applications for the 2024-2025 academic year. There are a variety of scholarships to choose from. These scholarships are available for students who are members of NC Baptist churches and they are awarded annually. More information and applications can be found at [provision.org/scholarships](http://provision.org/scholarships). I am happy to meet with individuals and churches to share about Provision's ministry. Feel free to contact me at [ssetzer@provision.org](mailto:ssetzer@provision.org) or 252-495-1699. Let's talk about how Provision can serve you and your church in 2024.

Scott Setzer, Eastern Area Manager