

# CONNECTIONS

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## **RALEIGH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026**

**Host: Plymouth Church, 6104 Rock Service Station Rd, Raleigh, NC**

**10:30 AM - 11:00 AM**

### **WORSHIP, BUSINESS SESSION AND REPORTS**

- Presentation of RBA Nominating Report
  - Presentation of RBA Finance Report
  - Presentation of RBA Church Relations & Credentials Report
- Full Membership: House of Grace, Raleigh, NC  
Grace International Church, Durham, NC

### **11:00 AM - 12:00 NOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**Breakout Sessions** will be lead by the staff of Foundations Family Therapy. They have a team of licensed therapists located in Cary, Clayton, Fuquay Varina, Garner, Pittsboro, Pinehurst, Raleigh and Wake Forest. Their therapists have a variety of specialties, but are all passionate about the same thing: helping people live full, abundant lives.



#### **Anxiety Is Contagious: Pastoring with Clarity in Anxious Systems**

Anxiety moves quickly through congregations and leadership systems, shaping conflict, urgency, and burnout. In this breakout session, pastors and ministry leaders will explore how anxiety spreads through tone, posture and reactivity and how pastoral presence can either amplify or calm it.

Participants will learn the difference between differentiation and detachment, along with practical tools such as the pause, body awareness, and defining self without attacking others. The session will also highlight counseling as a supportive space for pastors to process reactivity and lead with greater clarity, steadiness, and faithfulness in anxious seasons.

#### **Burnout, Boundaries, and the Reality of Ministry**

Ministry is meaningful and exhausting. This workshop creates space to name the emotional, spiritual, and physical weight many pastors and church staff carry but rarely talk about openly. Participants will explore what burnout actually is, why ministry uniquely intensifies it and how exhaustion often shows up in everyday life and leadership.

The session reframes boundaries as faithful stewardship rather than selfishness, drawing from both practical examples and the model of Jesus' own rhythms of withdrawal. Attendees will be invited to reflect personally, engage in small-group conversation and consider what healthy support can look like, including counseling as a wise and confidential resource. Participants will leave with greater clarity about their limits and concrete next steps toward sustainable ministry.

## Network and Mission Opportunities

### Spring Senior Adult Rally Tuesday, March 17, 2026

**Theme:** Serving on Mission Together

**Registration:** 9:30 am  
**Program Begins:** 10:00 am

**Host Church:** Hayes Barton Baptist Church  
1800 Glenwood Ave, Raleigh, NC

**Menu:**  
Pork Loin with Gravy, Rice, Baked Apples, Green Peas,  
Corn Muffins, Desserts

**Cost:** \$20.00 per person

Please send registration form and money to the Raleigh Baptist Association, PO Box 46659, Raleigh, NC 27620 by Thursday, March 5, 2026

**Musical Worship:** We look forward to Rev. Tyler Ingram and the Music Ministry Team of Hayes Barton Baptist Church leading our time of congregational worship.

**Mission Focus:**

Rev. David Melber, CEO of Baptist Children's Homes of NC will share ways that you, your family and the church you serve can be involved in ministry to children and their families.

**Devotional Message:**

Dr. David Hailey of Hayes Barton Baptist Church will share a devotion that will challenge us to live a missional assigned life.

**Gospel Entertainment:**

**The Social Security Boys**

The Social Security Boys are a Southern Gospel quartet currently comprised of Cecil Hinnant, Ed Little, Mike Runyon and Joe Bailey, four energetic seniors still singing as they have done most of their adult lives. They have remarkably similar



backgrounds, having been born and raised on eastern North Carolina farms. Unacquainted with each other at the time, they were intrigued by the sound of The Lone Star Quartet daily on a battery powered radio tuned to WPTF in Raleigh, NC and went back to the fields in the afternoon singing the songs they had heard. The Social Security Boys have been singing together since 2005 and combined, they have over 200 years of singing experience.

Through high school, college, and beyond, they began to sing with various quartets and further developed an appreciation for harmony, all the while being influenced by sounds heard in popular as well as gospel music. Some fans have offered them an unsolicited opinion that some of their harmony is reminiscent of The Mills Brothers.

## Building Resilience

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST AGING MINISTRY

**STATEWIDE AGING  
WELL CONFERENCE**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026**

**10am-2:30pm**

**Woodlawn Baptist Church**  
440 7th Street Place SW, Conover

**Guest Speaker - Dr. George Fuller, Jr.**  
"Faithful Stewards of Life & Legacy"

To register or to learn more about this conference, please go to  
<https://ncbam.org/events> or contact NCBAM at (877)506-2226.

They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing, Psalm 92:14 NKJV



- 9:30am - Registration & refreshments.
- Cost - \$20 per person (Group rate for 10 or more \$18) includes conference materials, refreshments & lunch.
- There will be a special "give-away" at the end of the day.
- This conference promises to be filled with practical tools for building resilience into the daily lives of Senior Adults!

### ASSOCIATIONAL PRAYER TIME

**Monday, March 9, 2026**

**Monday, April 13, 2026**

**Monday, May 9, 2026**

**11:00 am**

**Raleigh Baptist Association, 820 S. New Hope Rd, Raleigh**

# Network and Mission Opportunities

## Children's Music Camp June 15 - June 18, 2026 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Host Church:** Aversboro Road Baptist Church, 1600 Aversboro Rd, Garner

**Featured Musical:** The Bumble BEEatitudes created by Christy Semsen

**Musical Director:** Terry Denny of Aversboro Road Baptist Church

**Dram Director:** Christina Coston of Piney Grove Baptist Church

### Interest Group Leaders:

Talented music leaders from local churches and music schools will lead a variety of interest groups.

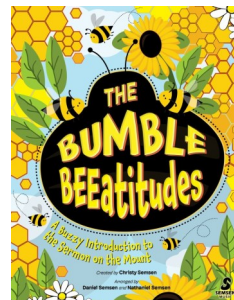
**Cost Per Child:** \$90.00



### Auditions:

Auditions for singing, speaking and non-speaking parts will be held on **Tuesday, May 5, 2026** from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Aversboro Road Baptist Church. Call Iris Woodard at 919.231.3995 or [iris@raleighbaptists.org](mailto:iris@raleighbaptists.org) to schedule your child's audition.

For a Full Informational Flyer go: [www.raleighbaptists.org](http://www.raleighbaptists.org)



## Homeless Hygiene Kits

Collect the following hygiene items in a gallon size zip lock bag.

### Hygiene Items Needed:

- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Comb
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Disposable Razors
- Washcloth



These hygiene kits are desperately needed for our homeless, refugee friends and neighbors in need across the Triangle.

Deliver to the Raleigh Baptist Association, 820 S. New Hope Rd, Raleigh Mon-Thurs, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.



## Northern Ministers Connections Group

We welcome all Pastors and Ministers that serve in the Northern part of the Raleigh Baptist Association to join us for our monthly support group. This is a time to get to know others serving our congregations as well as offer support to one another. This group is led by Dr. Bill Slater. Feel free to reach out for more information at [bill@raleighbaptists.org](mailto:bill@raleighbaptists.org).

### Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, March 5, 2026, 9:00 am  
Thursday, April 9, 2026, 9:00 am

**Location:** Franklinton Baptist Church  
102 W. Mason Street, Franklinton, NC



## Raleigh Baptist Association Gift Card Drive For Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

**Collect:** Month of March

Gift cards to Wal-Mart, Sam's Club, Food Lion, and Lowes Food are provided to the Cottage Parents to use for food and basic needs of the children in their care.

Drop Off or mail to the Raleigh Baptist Association by April 2, 2026

**Drop off address:** RBA, 820 S. New Hope Rd, Raleigh

**Mailing Address:** RBA, PO Box 46659, Raleigh, NC 27620



# RBA Calendar and Bulletin Board

## March 2026

- 5 Northern Ministers Connection Group  
Franklinton Baptist Church
- 1-8 Week of Prayer for North American  
Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter  
Offering
- 8 Daylight Savings Time
- 9 Associational Prayer Time
- 17 Senior Adult Rally - Hayes Barton BC
- 29 Palm Sunday

## April 2026

- 3 Good Friday
- 5 Easter
- 6 Easter Monday - RBA Closed
- 9 Northern Ministers Connection Group  
Franklinton Baptist Church
- 13 Associational Prayer Time
- 14 Missions & Ministry Council
- 14 Resource Commission
- 22 Administrative Assistant Day
- 28 Semi Annual Meeting-Plymouth Church

## May 2026

- 5 Children's Music Camp Auditions  
Aversboro Road Baptist Church
- 7 National Day of Prayer
- 10 Mother's Day
- 11 Associational Prayer Time
- 25 Memorial Day - RBA Closed

## Ministry Openings

**Crabtree Valley Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC** is prayerfully seeking a part-time Administrative and Financial Secretary. Please e-mail [gkhbusiness@yahoo.com](mailto:gkhbusiness@yahoo.com) for

a complete job description. Primary responsibilities include managing church correspondence, communications, and contributions. We would like to fill the position as soon as possible, so please send a resume to the above e-mail if interested.

**Hayes Barton Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC** is seeking to hire a Full Time Communications Administrative Assistant. The Communications administrative Assistant plays a vital role in providing administrative support to the Communications Director of Hayes Barton Baptist Church. This position also fulfills a broader role in providing administrative assistance to the overall congregation and staff. Please send resume to Rev. Kristen Muse at [kmuse@hbbsc.org](mailto:kmuse@hbbsc.org).

**Rolesville Baptist Church** (a CBF congregation, affirming of women in pastoral roles) located in Rolesville, NC, a growing city just north of Raleigh is seeking an Associate Pastor for Children and Missional Engagement. This pastor will be responsible for coordinating and planning faith formation events and activities for children and their families and creating opportunities to engage

our community and world in missions. Our ideal candidate will be spiritually mature, relational, energetic, collaborative, and innovative. Candidates must possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university; possession of or progress towards a master's degree in theological education is highly desirable. This will be a full-time position with competitive pay and benefits. We seek to begin interviews as soon as possible. Interested applicants should email a resume and cover letter to [apsearch@rolesvillebaptist.org](mailto:apsearch@rolesvillebaptist.org).

For complete Church Staff Job Descriptions and Other Ministry Openings please visit our website under "Ministry Placement" Go To: [www.raleighbaptists.org](http://www.raleighbaptists.org)

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Linking  
The Great Commission  
To Church Mission  
For Kingdom Growth  
Matthew 28:19-20

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