

# RBA CONNECTIONS

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## RBA Children's Music Camp June 26-29, 2023 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Join us for a fun-filled week of music, drama, instruments, recreation and meeting new friends!



### Featured Musical:

**Soul on Fire** by Celeste Clydesdale and David Clydesdale

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

**For Children:** Completed 1st - 6th Grade

### Interest Groups Being Offered:



- Choir Chimes
- Interpretive Movement
- Violin
- Orff
- Puppetry
- Handbells
- Ukulele

**Cost of Camp:** \$80.00

Includes camp T-shirt, morning snack, drink at lunch and an excellent week of camp!

**Auditions** for Singing, Speaking and Non-Speaking parts will be held on **Thursday, May 4, 2023** from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Aversboro Road Baptist Church. Contact Iris Woodard at 919.231.3995 or email [iris@raleighbaptists.org](mailto:iris@raleighbaptists.org) to schedule your child's audition.

**Registration Deadline:** June 12, 2023

**For Full Informational Flier Go To:** [www.raleighbaptists.org](http://www.raleighbaptists.org)

## Young Leaders Cohort with Dr. Bill Slater



1st Tuesday of Each Month

10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Location: RBA, 820 S. New Hope Rd  
Raleigh, NC

To learn more about this new group or to sign up, contact Dr. Bill Slater at [bill@raleighbaptists.org](mailto:bill@raleighbaptists.org). Lunch will be served.



Help provide three meals everyday.



## Baptist Children's Homes of NC Food Round Up

Raleigh Baptist Association Collection Dates:

**May 1 - 3, 2023 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Volunteers needed daily in four hour shifts to load items on truck. Call 919.231.3995 to sign up.

For a full listing of non-perishable food and supplies, go to [www.raleighbaptists.org](http://www.raleighbaptists.org).



## Interim Pastor Training May 8 - 11, 2023

**Location:** Raleigh Baptist Association  
820 S. New Hope Rd, Raleigh, NC

**Contact:** Bill Owen

**Email:** [bill@chchurches.org](mailto:bill@chchurches.org)

**For Complete Details and Registration Go To:**  
<https://chchurches.org/services/interim-ministry-training/>

## ASSOCIATIONAL PRAYER TIME

**Monday, May 8, 2023, 11:00 am**

**Monday, June 12, 2023 11:00 am**

**Monday, July 10, 2023 11:00 am**

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

# Network and Mission Opportunities

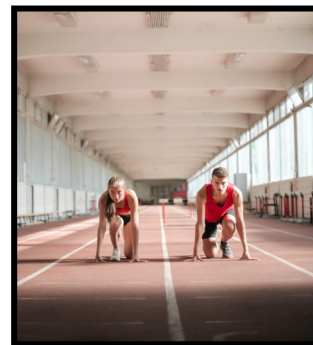
## Track Time - Training the local church to run well

June 27, 2023

### Tracks 1 - 7 Session 2

**Church Host:** Mt Moriah Baptist Church, 3000 E. Garner Rd, Raleigh, NC

**To Register Go to:** [Raleigh Baptist Association - Training \(raleighbaptists.org\)](https://raleighbaptists.org)



#### **Track 1 Know Your Race Route:**

##### **Missions Engagement and Partnership by Paul Langston, NC Baptists on Mission**

Run the Play! How your church can begin to implement God's mission.

The question is not "if" you are sent, but where you are sent. God has specifically gifted you and your church to serve Him. In this session, we will focus on how to build and mobilize a team that is on mission together to make Christ visible in your community, across NC, and around the United States.

#### **Track 2 Dust Off Your Sneakers:**

##### **Church for Today's World by Dr. Ken Tan, Raleigh Baptist Association**

##### **Routes to Take**

There are different options for a church to take to reach and be like the community and this workshop will explore what they are and which would fit best for their church. Context: Look at different models including church planting, revitalization and transitioning to a missional church. Examine best practices and even NC examples.

#### **Track 3 Pre-Race Warm Up:**

##### **Following the pathway of Christian discipleship in the 21st Century by Dr. Michael Smith**

##### **Assessing my spiritual formation at the beginning of following Jesus Christ**

This workshop will help us look back to our beginning of following Jesus Christ. What did I do or not do that helped or harmed my spiritual formation leading to my spiritual growth/maturity today?

#### **Track 4 Running in the Right Direction:**

##### **The F.L.O.W. of Worship (Foundation-Lifestyle-Orchestration-Witnessing) by Rev. Simon Touprong**

In this session, we will address the need of growing the worshiper's personal relationship with Christ. How can a worshiper identify with Christ?

#### **Track 5 Field or Stadium Event:**

##### **Understanding Church Security and a Positive First Impression by Rev. Lee Smith**

Implementing security technology in your church. This can include CCTV cameras, access control systems, alarm systems, and other advanced security technologies.

#### **Track 6 Choosing the Team:**

##### **Helping people find their fit for ministry by Rev. Michael Tolar**

This session will explore tools for discovering each person's suitability for particular ministries. We will explore the S.H.A.P.E. acronym, as well as a spiritual gifts inventory and similar assessment tools.

#### **Track 7 Mentally Preparing to Run:**

##### **How to respond to crisis, grief, and mental health issues in the local church by Dr. Patrick Fuller**

This session will provide information that will help leaders respond to crisis, grief and mental health. We will discuss strategies that will help leaders be equipped for the area of mental health.



**Global Hunger Relief**

**August 27, 2023**

**For More Information Go To:**

<https://www.globalhungerrelief.org/>



## The RBA Basketball League

If your church would like to have a team or teams in the RBA Boy's Church League or in the RBA Girl's Church League in the winter of 2023/2024, please contact the following individuals:

RBA Boy's Basketball Church League Director:  
Rob Neill of Bay Leaf Baptist Church, Email: [rdn56@nc.rr.com](mailto:rdn56@nc.rr.com)

RBA Girl's Basketball Church League Director:  
Laury Holley of Trinity Baptist Church, Email: [holley.laury@gmail.com](mailto:holley.laury@gmail.com)

# Network and Mission Opportunities

## Caring Connections Ministry...Holy Connections

Our Christian faith goes beyond simply believing in God and the gospel message. It's leaning into being a vessel for holy connections to occur through us. It's cultivating a holy awareness of and tenderness for the needs of others and then being willing to act as those needs arise. As James 2:14-17 teaches, it's not merely enough to use words; we must put our faith into action. It's a willingness to be inconvenienced, to step out of our comfort zone, to be selfless with our time, finances and talents, to be a cheerful giver and to recognize that Christ left His ministry to be carried out by our hands.



The Caring Connections Ministry is a vessel to extend Christ's love to women struggling with barriers of poverty in our community. We offer hope and support to those who are vulnerable and in need. We carry some of their burdens and help guide them in finding solutions. When the body of Christ, which is you and me, respond to meet the needs of lives, families and communities, our world is changed for the better. This is the gospel in action, occurring through acts of service. Recently, our ministry has been a bridge for holy connections to lift those we serve through the assistance of our churches and individuals. Below are just a few examples of how these needs were met:

- A women's group sponsored children's birthdays by providing a birthday bag filled with party decorations, party favors, themed plates/napkins, ingredients to make a cake, candles and a small gift.
- A ladies' group hosted a virtual baby shower to provide a new mom with everything she needed to welcome her new baby home, lifting a financial burden and stressor.
- A small family with limited, affordable housing options moved into a home that required significant cleaning and repairs. A gentleman, hearing of this need, immediately offered to rent a dumpster for a week so this family could throw away trash, moldy furniture, and old carpet left behind by a previous renter. Two men bought and installed a new door, a new lock and repaired the door frame so the family could feel safe. Others donated money to help cover partial costs of any additional repairs (flooring, water heater, and window air units).
- Three women trained to become mentors to come alongside a woman in need, offering encouragement, problem-solving, and places to be loved and supported.

Finally, a beautiful example of community...One of the moms served by our ministry was having health issues with her pregnancy due to her diabetes. Unexpectedly, she was admitted to the hospital for 48 hours to have her sugar levels managed. She did not know one person that she trusted to care for her seven-year-old daughter. Staff and a volunteer stepped up to care for her daughter as two days turned into six. This little girl had a safe place to be loved, cared for, and protected, and her mom could feel confident knowing her daughter was being loved.

This is the gospel – the small acts of service that carry on the ministry of Jesus to a hurting world. How can you serve alongside Caring Connections Ministry to create holy connections and be a vessel for Christ? Please reach out to Cynthia at [cynthia@caringconnectionsministry.com](mailto:cynthia@caringconnectionsministry.com) or at 919.231.3995, ext.109. We have a place for you.

## Mission Dignity Sunday -June 25, 2023

Mission Dignity® serves SBC retirement-aged ministers, workers and widows as they face advancing age, illness, infirmity, the death of a spouse and even natural disasters. Through it all, we provide constant care, prayer and financial assistance directly at the point of need.

100% of the funding each recipient receives comes from people like you and churches like yours, so **we need you to help us raise awareness and funds** on this important one-day giving event – Mission Dignity Sunday–June 25th.

For more information go to:

<https://www.guidestone.org/Mission-Dignity/Get-Involved/MD-Sunday>



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## **2023 MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING WEEK OF PRAYER**

**MAY 8-14, 2023**

**TO LEARN MORE OR MAKE A DONATION,  
PLEASE VISIT**

**[HTTPS://WWW.MOTHERSDAYOFFERING.ORG/](https://www.mothersdayoffering.org/)**

**ATRIUM HEALTH WAKE FOREST BAPTIST  
MEDICAL CENTER**

# RBA Calendar and Bulletin Board

## May 2023

- 1-3 BCH - Food Round Up - RBA
- 2 Young Leader's Cohort - RBA
- 4 Music Camp Auditions - Aversboro Rd
- 8 Associational Prayer Time - RBA
- 8-11 Interim Training - RBA
- 29 Memorial Day - RBA Closed

## June 2023

- 6 Young Leader's Cohort - RBA
- 12 Associational Prayer Time - RBA
- 18 Father's Day
- 25 Mission Dignity Sunday
- 26-29 Children's Music Camp - Aversboro  
Road Baptist Church
- 27 Track Time - Leadership Training - Mt.  
Moriah Baptist Church

## July 2023

- 4 Independence Day - RBA Closed
- 10 Associational Prayer Time
- 11 Missions & Ministry Council
- 11 Young Leaders Cohort
- 13 Resource Committee

### Save The Date:

**Fall Senior Adult Rally**

**September 19, 2023**

**Central Baptist Church  
11109 Poole Rd, Wendell, NC**



## Ministry Openings:

**Caraleigh Baptist Church**, a small traditional Baptist church in Raleigh, NC, is seeking a **PIANIST** for two services and choir practice weekly. Respond to Margie, Music Director, at 919.828.1944 or [pianolady1600@gmail.com](mailto:pianolady1600@gmail.com). If responding by email, please put "PIANIST" on the subject line.

**Trinity Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC** is seeking a Ministerial/Communications Secretary to give administrative support for Associate Pastor to Students, Associate Pastor to Music and Worship and Recreation Outreach Center Director. Knowledge and skills required: Working knowledge of Microsoft Office, working knowledge of Adobe InDesign is preferred, working knowledge of Adobe Photoshop is preferred, as well as a working knowledge of Google Sheets, Google Calendar and Google Docs. To apply send resume to Spencer Good [sgood@tbcraleigh.com](mailto:sgood@tbcraleigh.com).

**Zebulon Baptist Church, Zebulon, NC** seeks a part-time organist to accompany the worship and choir (music) ministry. Includes playing the organ for Sunday morning worship, occasional special worship services, funerals, weddings and accompanying the sanctuary choir when the choir accompanist is on vacation or sick leave. To apply send resume to [personnel@myzbc.org](mailto:personnel@myzbc.org).

## RBA RESOURCES

Did you know the Raleigh Baptist Association has resources available for your congregation to use?

- Portable Baptism Pool
- Shower/Laundry Trailer

Call the RBA office to reserve these resources to use during the upcoming months. 919.231.3995

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

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