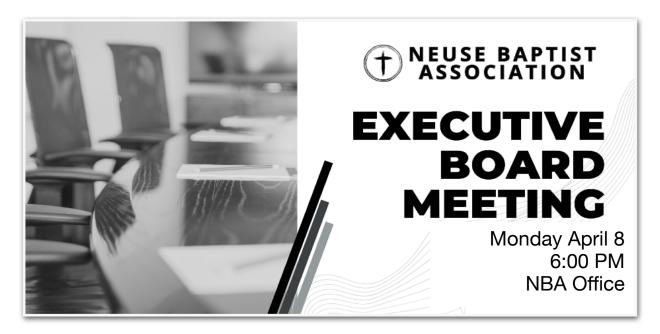
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A Word From Keith

As you read this newsletter, Resurrection Sunday is upon us or maybe you are reading this just after Easter. As we celebrate Resurrection Sunday we have much to celebrate:

We have a risen Savior!

We have the promise of eternal life!

We have joy unspeakable!

We have the confidence of victory!

My friends, what a wonderful thing that we could keep listing reason after reason we have the joy of celebrating King Jesus. Are there different things within the public square such as isolation, attempts to demean you and humiliate you, and even attempts to create a loss of opportunity in our world that make being a believer difficult? Yes. Over and against these challenges, I want to encourage you and I want you to know as a believer, we do not have to live our lives as people who are defeated. We do not have to hang our heads in discouragement. We do not have to live as a people who are less than or unworthy. We do not have to live as if we are ashamed. We do not have to live un-victorious.

My friends, the stone has been rolled away and the tomb is empty! Jesus is alive! He has risen! Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the Savior!

There is a phrase in the Bible that I absolutely love. Let me give you a few passages from Genesis each from the life of Joseph.

• Genesis 45:8 "'So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt." (ESV, emphasis mine).

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From Keith, Continued

- Genesis 50:20 "As for you, you meant evil against me, *but God* meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today." (*ESV*, *emphasis mine*).
- Genesis 50:24 "And Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am about to die, but God will visit you and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." (*ESV, emphasis mine*).

BUT GOD.... This over here is going on and it doesn't look good, BUT GOD. This person said something demeaning to me and...., BUT GOD. I lost that opportunity because I wouldn't do that thing that violates my faith, BUT GOD.

My friends, do not let the world coax you into living catatonic or into living defeated. As a believer, you are meant for so much more. You are meant to make a difference in the lives around you because of the gospel. You are meant to be salt and light. You are meant to be transformed and be part of the transformation of others. You are meant to celebrate a BIG BIG God. You are meant for so much more.

Let me ask you a question, when you examine your life are you celebrating a BIG BIG God or are you living catatonic? Are you being salt and light or are you living as a lamp under a basket (Matthew 5:13-16)? Are you living a life that shouts and sings, "Victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever, He sought me and bo't me with His redeeming blood; He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him, He plunged me to victory, beneath the cleansing flood."

My friends, the Lord has created you for so much more. Celebrate Him. Live boldly. Have unshakeable faith. Be victorious. My friend, you are meant for so much more.



For more information call Melanie Crawford at 800-395-5102 x 5596 or visit baptistsonmission.org/missionsconference

The CHURCH NEWS Page

As Submitted by the Churches

Calvary (Rudy West) The church family celebrated Valentine's Day together in the Fellowship Hall on February 10. Gideon Speaker shared the Word on March 17. A church-wide clean-up day was held March 20. WMU collected food for SMOC chemo bags. A Sunrise Service with breakfast and fellowship afterward is planned for Easter Sunday, followed by Sunday School and morning worship. Praise: One individual recently made a profession of faith, and a family of five has joined the church!

Deep Run First (Michael Wright) A group from the church attended Winter Jam on February 24. Items are being collected for a yard sale at the church, planned for April 20. WMU presented a plaque to a special WMU member for over 50+ years of service and dedication to the mission of WMU. In February, the church Food Bank served 65 families.

Emmaus (Jim Willoughby) *Gaylon Pope and*Sweetwater will be in concert on April 7 at 6:00
PM. Everyone is invited to attend at no cost; a
love offering will be collected. Monthly Senior
Luncheon will be April 11 at Noon. Anyone aged
50+ is invited to enjoy a free meal and a time of
devotion and fellowship. On April 21, Emmaus will
host Sunday in the Park at Herman Park in
Goldsboro between 3PM - 8PM. Bring your family
to enjoy a time of worship, fellowship, and games.
At 5PM, grilled hot dogs and hamburgers with lots
of extra food delights will be served at no cost.
VBS is planned for June 23-27, with classes from
nursery through adults.

Love Memorial (Richard Toler) Several members from Love will be attending the NC Missions Conference in Charlotte, April 5-6. On April 11th, Knights of the 21st Century ("K-21") will be having a graduation ceremony for the Knights of the Roundtable. Sonshiners will be having an afternoon at the movies on April 18 and will be watching Sight & Sound's production of *David*. Love Memorial will be hosting Secret Church on April 19th. The study that night will be on the Book of Ruth. The Men's Breakfast will be on April 21 with guest speaker, Mike Williams. Sonshiners will attend Spring Jubilee at Myrtle Beach, April 22-24.

Mount Nelson (Jimmy Dale) WMU Ladies Day was observed in March, with testimonies, song and a short skit. During this event, time was also taken to remember Ms. Linda K. Sauls, long-time member, pianist, and dear friend to all, who

away in February and is already deeply missed. Easter plans include an Egg Hunt on March 30, and Sunrise Service followed by a Cantata during morning worship. Church will be offering Financial Peace University beginning in April, on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:15 PM. Five slots are still open for this course; anyone interested is invited to contact Pastor Jimmy Dale for more information. Cost is \$70/couple. VBS is planned for June 23-27.

Northview (Rick Whaley) An Egg Hunt is planned for Easter Sunday after morning worship. Blessing Boxes for World Outreach were prepared by members and turned in at the end of March.

Pinkney (Steven Gay) The church hosted a Gospel Sing featuring *The Brown Family* from Pin Hook, NC on March 24 at 6PM. The annual Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 30 at 11AM with lunch served afterwards and a devotional about Easter following lunch. Youth continue to collect pet supplies to benefit the local animal shelter. Youth are also sponsoring 4 children from Tanzania, with meals and school uniforms; donations to this cause are welcomed. Another faithful church member of Pinkney, Grace Daughtry, passed away on March 8. The church requests prayer for her family and the church family following this loss.

Rivermont (John Morton) Monthly fellowship lunch with crafts was enjoyed on Tuesday, March 19 at 11 AM. An Easter Luncheon followed by an Egg Hunt was enjoyed after morning worship on March 24. The church choir will present their Cantata on Easter Sunday, and the church family will collect their "30 Pieces of Silver" that day. Jesus was betrayed for 30 pieces of silver, and the church turns that betrayal into good for Christ.

Rosewood (Tim Lipp) Wayne County Sheriff's Department presented a safety training at the church on March 11. Egg Hunt is planned for March 29. Church will participate in the Rosewood Community Sunrise Service at 7AM on Easter Sunday. Annie Armstrong Ingathering is planned for Sunday, April 7. The church has installed security cameras around their facilities.

Snow Hill First (Brick Crowder) WMU sponsored "A Night of Hope" with guest speaker, Marsha Heath who shared her testimony. Ladies enjoyed fellowship and light refreshments during the event.

Church News, continued

(Snow Hill, cont.) Praise: A young lady from FBC Kids recently gave her life to Jesus and was baptized on 3/17, and another young person accepted Christ after the same service.

Spilman Memorial (H. Powell Dew, Jr.) Wilmington Celebration Choir will be in concert at the church on April 7 at 6:00 PM.

The Way (Carlos Peralta) *Gaylon Pope & Sweetwater* will be performing at the church on Saturday, May 11 at 6PM. The church is located at 1205 Lynn Drive, Kinston. Seating is limited; a love offering will be taken.

Trinity (Dave Fishman) The church will be kicking off April with the baptism of one of its newest members on April 7. Also, special Homecoming Celebration will be held on April 21 with Dr. Pete Williams sharing God's Word, a year in review with pictures, and a fellowship meal afterwards. This annual celebration will begin at 10:30 am.





Help Us Build This VBS List!

We're happy to add your church's VBS dates

— ever wondered when other churches have
their VBS planned or if they'd be willing to
share materials?

- Rivermont June 9-12
- Trinity June 9-13
- Gateway June 21-23
- Emmaus June 23-27
- Mount Nelson June 23-27
- Jordan's Chapel June 27
- Madison Avenue August 5-8



Annual NBA Project: Men's Personal Care Bags for Migrant Workers

THANK YOU to the churches who've committed to supplying **ALL** the personal care items for this project! We still invite NBA Churches to donate **clean**, **gently-used men's button down long-sleeved shirts** and **ball caps or hats** to shield the workers from the sun while out in the fields. Shirt sizes in Small, Medium, & Large are particularly useful. Please refrain from donating jackets, sweaters, winter coats or women's clothing!

Donations of all items can be dropped off at the NBA Office during our daily office hours by **Friday, May 24.**



We all probably understand the vitality prayer brings to the life of us individually as well as corporately in our church families. Here's five reminders of what prayer does:

- 1. Prayer makes God's presence real.
- 2. Prayer makes God's power felt.
- 3. Prayer makes God's will clearer.
- 4. Prayer makes God's service easier.
- 5. Prayer makes God's blessings available. Spend time with God in prayer. After all, nothing is outside our reach in prayer. Remember... Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses every thought, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6—7)



Listening With Care

A Blog Post by Keith Hudson

I am a task-oriented and goal-setting person in life and work. I hate downtime. I hate being overly early to meetings, as I could have gotten that 'one more thing done'. My life operates by moving from one task to the next. To be honest, in my conversations, I am more of a person of "give me the facts" or "give me the information I need and let's move on". If you look at my DISC profile I am a strong 'D' which is both task and active-oriented...

<u>Click here</u> to read more, or go to: https://www.nbachurches.com/listening-withcare/

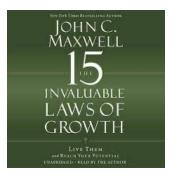
2024 NBA Executive Board Meeting Dates

- Monday, April 8
- Monday, June 10
- Monday, September 9
- Meetings are held at 6:00 PM at the NBA Office.
- All NBA Officers, Pastors & church ministry staff, as well as church representatives to the Association comprise the voting board.
- All other individual(s) interested in the missions & ministries of Neuse Baptist Association are invited to attend.

NBA Annual Meeting Date:

Sunday, October 27

Time & Location to be Determined



The 15 Invaluable Laws of Growth: Live Them and Reach Your Full Potential

Growth is essential in life to get better and better, but it doesn't just happen. It requires

intentionality and a desire to expand beyond your current capacity.

John C. Maxwell's book, *The 15 Invaluable Laws of Growth*, clarifies how you can do just that

You will learn to:

- · Focus on growth with purpose
- Identify the best environment to support your growth
- · Stretch your abilities
- · Pursue your lifelong dreams

PASTORS, have we piqued your curiosity?! If so, make plans to join us for the **monthly Pastors Meeting**, now moved to Thursdays, as we explore this training together. If you can't attend in person and would like to attend via Zoom, contact the NBA Office.

Coming in May:

Church Vision Intensive May 3-4 NBA Office / RTC

This is a specific and special time to pray and think through where your church is going over the next 5-8 years. Beginning Friday evening and running through Saturday, we will seek the Holy Spirit's wisdom and discernment as we work through the crafting of your church's Vision, Mission, Strategy, Values and Measures that will purposefully move you to accomplish what only God can accomplish through you over the coming years. Our time together will include teaching and equipping with tools which will be given to assist in working through these pieces. Teams will be given time to break away and work through the process on behalf of their church, and then come back together for a time of review. When you leave on Saturday, you will have a significant outline for your church that will simply need to be polished and enacted. Even better, the vision you leave with will be unique to your church, because your church is unique with its own personality, giftedness, and DNA.

Dinner on Friday & lunch on Saturday will be included.

What we ask of you:

- **1.** Registration
 - Must include both the Pastor and individual team members' names.
 - ii. Registration deadline is April 19.
- 2. If you have a presentation-sized white board that can be utilized during the team break-out sessions, please let us know.
- **3.** Your commitment to pray and seek the Lord's guidance before, during, and following this intensive.
- **4.** Your commitment to be here physically, mentally and spiritually.

This training time is made possible without a registration fee due to your generosity as we are On Mission together.

To register, email <u>wendy@nbachurches.com</u> or call the NBA Office: 252-566-9478.
Registration deadline is April 19.



May 16 12:00 PM

Trinity Missionary Baptist Church

1086 NC Hwy 111 S, Goldsboro



We are looking forward to the next gathering of the Neuse Association of Baptist Seniors (NABS). We appreciate Trinity Baptist Church for agreeing to host our meeting which will be held on Thursday, May 16, beginning at 12:00. The church will also be preparing lunch for us for which everyone is requested to make a donation of \$5. The church is located at 1086 NC 111, Goldsboro, 27534. This is about 2.5 miles south of the Walmart in Elroy. Please let us know as soon as possible but no later than **May 12** that you plan to attend. Senior Adult Leaders, please call or text Edwin Jewell at 919-344-9914.

Our guest speaker will be Beverly Weeks. As CEO of Wayne Pregnancy Center and Cry Freedom Missions, she leads a powerful team that Reaches, Rescues, and Restores survivors of sex trafficking. Through the jail and hotel outreaches, CFM is able to help survivors find safety at the Cry Freedom Missions Home and therapeutic healing from the past.

We look forward to seeing you at Trinity on May 16.

Edwin Jewell, NABS Coordinator







Baptist Children's Homes hosts its
Saturday "Friends of Children"
workdays (FOC) at its statewide
locations in the spring and fall.
Your church group will be able
to directly impact BCH's boys
and girls while seeing the ministry

firsthand. It's the perfect way to make a difference within our North Carolina mission field. A free lunch is served, and tours are available.

Kennedy Home Friends of Children Day Saturday, May 11 — 9:30 AM until Noon

All types of projects are available. It will be a great day of fellowship, work and food! We also ask individuals to prayer walk the campuses and pray for our children and staff throughout the day. This is an excellent opportunity to introduce others to the exciting work going on at Baptist Children's Homes.

Click here to register, or visit:

https://www.bchfamily.org/friends-of-children

NC Ministry Opportunity

Baptist Children's Homes — Kennedy Home is hiring a full-time Building Maintenance I position.

- The position of Building Maintenance worker reports directly to the Residential and Campus Manager and is responsible for assisting with routine repairs which are needed to buildings on campus.
- Kennedy Home sits on fifty-acre residential campus, farmland, woodlands, wetlands, and creeks. The Neuse River runs through the property. Kennedy Home is a ministry of Baptist Children's Homes of NC.

Location: Kinston, NC Hours: 8:30am-5pm Starting Pay: \$18/ + benefits

Questions can be directed to sallred@bchfamily.org.

Applications can be submitted at bchcareers.org.

To add Church Ministry openings / church staff employment opportunities, email the position exactly as it should be worded to wendy@nbachurches.com.

The announcement will be placed in the newsletter for up to 3 months.

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Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

Food & Supplies Needs List 2024



MOST NEEDED: (in bold)

- Canned Fruits
- Fruit Juice (Apple, Orange, Grape, Cranberry)
- __ Laundry Detergent
- Paper Products (paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, Kleenex)
- __ Bottled Water
- Canned Vegetables (green beans, corn, etc.)
- __ Dry Cereal
- __ Baked Beans
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Pasta (Spaghetti, Lasagna, Macaroni)
- Canned Tomatoes (diced, sauce, paste)
- __ Pancake Mix and Syrup
- Soups (All types & condensed)
- __ Sugar: Granulated & Brown
- __ Flour
- __ Stevia and Splenda
- __ Popcorn, Kettle Corn
- __ Apple Sauce
- Fruit Pie Filling Cherry, Peach
- Beverage Mixes (Tea, Tang, Kool-Aid, Lemonade, Cider Mix - All Sugar Free)
- Vegetable Oil, Shortening, Olive Oil, Pam Cooking Spray, Bakers Choice
- Canned Sweet Potatoes, Canned Yams, Canned pumpkin
- Canned Meats (pink salmon, tuna, roast beef, chicken - packed in water)
- __ Stuffing Mix
- __ Gravy Mixes
- Hamburger, Chicken, Tuna Helper (all types)
- __ Pickles (Sweet & Dill)
- __ Refried Beans

- __ Hot Chocolate Mix
- Snack Foods with & with out sugar (Fruit Rollups, Fruit Cups, Beef Jerky, Slim Jims, Pepperoni Sticks, Cheese Nips, Pretzels, etc.)
- Health Snacks (Dried Fruit, Nuts, Raisins, Cranraisins, Trail Mix)
- __ Individual Cookie Packs
- __ Jello
- __ PopTarts
- __ Rice
- Instant Potatoes (scalloped, au gratin, mashed, julienne)
- __ Muffin Mixes
- __ Bisquick Mix
- __ Kidney Beans
- __ Pickle Relish
- __ Cranberry Sauce
- __ Mac & Cheese
- __ Corn Meal
- __ Jiffy Mixes, Corn Muffin Mix
- __ Potatoes
- __ Hush Puppy Mix
- __ Peanut Butter
- Jelly, Jams, Preserves (Strawberry is a favorite)
- __ Pizza & Pizza Dough Mix
- Saltine Crackers, Ritz Crackers, Graham Crackers, Nabs
- Sauces (A-1, Steak, BB0, Texas Pete, Cheese, Soy, Worcestershire, Teriyaki Sauce, Sweet and Sour)
- Spices and Seasonings (including Salt & Pepper)
- __ Dishwashing detergents
- Laundry pre-treating products (i.e. Shout, Spray and Wash)
- __ HE Laundry Detergent
- Brooms, Mops, Scrub Brushes, Dust Pans
- Foil and Plastic Wrap

- SOS Pads
- __ Fabric Softener (Dryer Sheets)
- __ Sanitary Pads & Tampons
- __ Hand Lotion
- __ Shampoo
- __ Body Wash
- __ Soap
- Household cleaning products (i.e. bleach, Comet, Lysol spray and wipes, Clorox spray, Windex, Pinesol, Pledge, Tilex, etc.)

OTHER NEEDED ITEMS:

- Brownie, Cookie, Cake Mixes & Icing
- Canned Vegetables (no corn or green beans
- __ Individual Chef Boyardee cups
- __ Clif nutritional bars
- __ Hot Dog Chili
- __ Coffee (Regular & Decaf)
- __ Coffee Creamer
- __ Sweetened Condensed Milk
- __ Evaporated Milk
- __ Powdered Milk
- __ Flavorings (Vanilla, etc.)
- __ French Fried Onions
- __ Honey
- __ Ketchup
- __ Mustard
- __ Oatmeal
- __ Parmesan Cheese
- __ Puddings, Pudding Cups
- __ Salsa
- __ Vinegar
- Paper Products (Cups, Plates, Bowls, Plastic Ware, Dixie Cups)
- __ Copy/Printer Paper
- __ Trash Bags (large & small)
- Zip-Loc bags (Sandwich, Snack, Quart & Gallon Sizes)
- __ Band Aids
- __ Rubbing Alcohol/Peroxide
- __ Anti-bacterial ointment

- Razors
- __ Shaving Cream/Shaving Gel
- __ Dental Floss
- __ Hair brushes
- __ Deodorant
- __ Conditioner
- __ Tooth Paste
- __ Tooth Brushes
- __ Diapers (all sizes)
- __ Baby Wipes
- __ Bug Repellent
- __ Wasp/Hornet Spray
- __ Sunblock 30+
- __ Batteries (AA, AAA and D)
- __ Disposable Gloves (Non-Latex ONLY)
- Heavy Duty Soap (Fast Orange)

FINAL NOTES:

Gift Cards are appreciated for buying perishables and items not received. (i.e. Wal-Mart, Sams Clubs, Food Lion, Lowes, Ingles, Piggly Wiggly).

We can use all size cans. Some locations prefer #10 cans (family size).

IMPORTANT: Please check for expired dates on food — we cannot accept expired items.

Please help our volunteer truck drivers by packing your church's donations in small, sturdy boxes.

Pack like items together.
Please do not pack chemicals with food.

Ouestions?

Contact Alan Williams at 1-800-476-3669 ext. 1277 or awilliams@bchfamily.org

Contributions from Churches, February 2024

Contributions fro		
Churches	<u>Feb 2024</u>	FY 2024
Abide		
Adamsville	100.00	250.00
Anointed Vision		
Bethel	890.27	890.27
Cabin		
Calvary, Golds		
Casa del Dios	142.00	292.00
Community	51.38	51.38
Davis Grove		
Deep Run First		
Emmaus	539.83	1510.11
Falling Creek	432.76	941.32
Fremont		
Gateway	1200.00	2400.00
Goldsboro First		1000.00
Grainger		
Horeb		
Immanuel	92.50	177.50
Jordan's Chapel		
Kinston First		
La Grange First		
Love Memorial	341.78	923.60
Madison Avenue	601.00	1453.00
Mount Nelson	1107.36	18233.44
Neuse	1301.60	2698.64
New Beginning		
New Hope		1000.00
New Life		131.00
Northview		
Nueva Amanecer		
Pikeville First		
Pineview		
Pinkney	267.05	617.83
Rivermont	534.95	1130.80
Rosewood First	638.64	904.04
Sandy Bottom		
Seven Springs	300.00	600.00
Snow Hill First	1704.50	2816.60
Spilman Memorial		200.00
The Way		250.00
Trinity		_00.00
Union		
Total CHURCHES	10245.62	38471.53
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Designated Funds	Balance YTD
Van Use Donations	50.08
Miscellaneous Donations	0.00
Payments for Trainings	0.00
NCMO % Rebate	2482.82
Handy Man Donations	0.00
Hunger Fund	300.00
Block Party Trailer Ministry	0.00
Total Des. Funds '24	2832.90
Rollover Funds	
NCMO Rebate	6425.81
Hunger Fund	1.05
Misc. Donations Rollover	1365.16
BPT Rollover	482.63
Handy Man Donation Fund	7065.70
Vans Use Rollover	0.00
Total Rollover Funds	15340.35
Designated Funds Total	18173.25



April Birthdays

Scott Thrailkill, Goldsboro First — 09
Vernon Braswell, New Hope Interim — 10
Ron Varner, New Life — 11
Carlos Peralta, The Way — 11
Jamal Hyman, Abide — 13
Glenn Phillips, Retired Pastor — 23
Tim Gore, Fremont — 30

April Ministry Anniversaries

Greg Kincaid, Neuse — 24 years
Richard Toler, Love Memorial — 17 years
Carlos Peralta, The Way — 6 years
Adam Flumerfelt, Gateway Youth — 8 years

Coming Up on the Calendar

April

01 — Ault Scholarship Application Window Closes 05-06 — NC Baptist Missions Conference, Charlotte 08— NBA Executive Board Meeting 6PM; NBA Office

11— Pastors Lunch Meeting, Noon; NBA Office

15 — Info due for **MAY** newsletter

27 — Deacon Family Ministry Training, 9 AM - Noon, NBA Office (No Lunch)

June

03 — Projected Start Date for Spanish Worship @ Tull Hill Farm, Kinston

09-12 — SBC Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, Indiana

10 — NBA Executive Board Meeting, 6PM; NBA Office

13 — Pastors Lunch Meeting, Noon; NBA Office

16 — Father's Day

<u>May</u>

03-04 — Church Visioning Intensive; NBA Office

09— Pastors Lunch Meeting, Noon; NBA Office

11 — Friends of Children Day @ Kennedy Home, 9AM until Noon

12 — Mother's Day

13 — NBA Leadership Team Meeting, Noon; NBA Office

15 — Items due for Summer newsletter

16 — NABS Luncheon, Noon @ Trinity Baptist

24 — Personal Care Items for Farm Workers Due

27 — Memorial Day; NBA Office CLOSED

28-30 — Assemble Personal Care Kits @ NBA Office

<u>July</u>

04 — Independence Day, NBA Office CLOSED

11 — Pastors Lunch Meeting, Noon; NBA Office

15 — NBA Leadership Team Meeting, Noon; NBA Office

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