

Coming Up on the Calendar

All events will take place at the NBA Office unless stated otherwise.

April

- 01- Ault Scholarship Application Closes**
- 03 - Good Friday, NBA Office CLOSED**
- 05 - Easter Sunday**
10-11 - NC Baptist Missions Conference,
Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte
- 12 - Statewide "Fill the Tank" Sunday
- 13 - NBA Executive Board Meeting, 6PM**
- 15 - Items Due for MAY Newsletter
- 16 - Pastors' Lunch & Learn, Noon**
Topic: Leading Through a Change Process
- 27-28 - Youth Pastor Summit,
Seven Marks Church, Raleigh NC

June

- 09-10 - SBC Annual Meeting, Orlando FL
- 15 - NBA Leadership Team Mtg., 9:00 AM**
- 18 - Pastors' Lunch & Learn, Noon**
- 21 - Happy Father's Day!**

May

- 04-05 - Transitional Interim Training,
South Roanoke Baptist Association
- 07 - National Day of Prayer
- 10 - Happy Mother's Day!**
- 14 - NABS Luncheon, Noon @ NBA Office**
- 15 - Items Due for JUNE & JULY combo
Newsletter
- 18 - NBA Leadership Team Mtg., 9:00 AM**
- 21 - Pastor's Lunch, Noon**
Topic: Reaching Your Community
- 22 - Deadline to drop off items for Annual
Project: Personal Care Gift Bags for

July

- 03 - Independence Day Holiday, NBA Office
Closed
- 04 - Happy 4th of July!
- 15 - Items Due for AUGUST Newsletter
- 17 - Happy Birthday, Keith!
- 20 - NBA Leadership Team Mtg., 9:00 AM**

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Neuse Baptist Association
176 Piney Grove Ch Rd
La Grange NC 28551

**Contributions from Churches,
February, 2026**

| Churches | Feb, 2026 | YTD 2026 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Abide | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Adamsville | | |
| Anointed Vision | | |
| Bethel | 150.03 | 470.03 |
| Cabin | | |
| Calvary | | |
| Casa del Dios | | 500.00 |
| Community La Grange | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Community Saulston | | |
| Davis Grove | | |
| Deep Run First | | |
| Emmaus | 305.06 | 802.62 |
| Falling Creek | 129.80 | 554.09 |
| Fremont | | |
| Gateway | 1,200.00 | 2,400.00 |
| Goldsboro First | | 1,215.00 |
| Grainger | | |
| Horeb | | |
| Immanuel | 105.00 | 105.00 |
| Jordan's Chapel | | 900.00 |
| Kinston First | | |
| La Grange First | | |
| Love Memorial | 318.32 | 678.37 |
| Madison Avenue | 317.60 | 1,042.86 |
| Mount Nelson | 494.18 | 5,818.10 |
| Neuse | 923.32 | 2,347.71 |
| New Beginning | | 50.00 |
| New Hope | | |
| Northview | | |
| Nueva Amanecer | | |
| Pikeville First | | |
| Pineview | | |
| Pinkney | 180.22 | 707.87 |
| Restoration | | |
| Rivermont | 407.35 | 1,339.85 |
| Rosewood First | | |
| Sandy Bottom | 1,405.16 | 1,405.16 |
| Seven Springs | | 800.00 |
| Snow Hill First | 1,138.97 | 2,314.17 |
| Spilman Memorial | | 400.00 |
| The Way | | |
| Trinity | | 250.00 |
| Union | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| Total CHURCHES | 7,725.01 | 24,750.83 |



2026 NBA MEETINGS

April 13

**Executive Board Meeting
6PM @ NBA Office**

September 14

**Executive Board Meeting
6PM @ NBA Office**

October 11

**NBA Annual Meeting, 6PM
@ Gateway Community Church
401 West Main Street
Pikeville, 27863**



April Birthdays

- Vernon Braswell, Goldsboro First – 4/10
- Ron Varner, Retired Pastor – 4/11
- Carlos Peralta, The Way – 4/11
- Jamal Hyman, Abide – 4/13
- Glenn Phillips, Retired Pastor – 4/23
- Tim Gore, Fremont – 4/30

April Ministry Anniversaries

- Greg Kincaid, Neuse – 26 years
- Carlos Peralta, The Way – 8 years
- Scott Wright, New Hope – 2 years

"My name is Jerry Corbett. My brother and I have inherited four plots at Wayne Memorial Park cemetery in the Goldsboro area. All four plots together make up Unit 209 in Section 4M of the cemetery. The office at Wayne Memorial Park says that each plot would sell for \$5,000 today. I am hoping to get \$2,500 each, although that is negotiable. I would be willing to sell them in sets of two each. If you or someone you know is in need of these funeral plots, please contact me at jerry.corbett@gmail.com."

ANNUAL PROJECT



ALL ITEMS ARE FOR MEN ONLY

PERSONAL CARE GIFT BAGS FOR SEASONAL FARM WORKERS

75 of each of the following are still needed:

- Bath Towels
- Individual Bags of Candy *other than chocolate*
- Reusable Shopping Bags (see reverse for image of bags)

PLUS, we are collecting any number of:

- Gently-used, clean, button down long-sleeved work shirts
in sizes Small, Medium, Large and XL only
- Ball caps / sun hats / sun visors

Items need to be dropped off at the NBA Office on or before May 22, 2026

Special thanks to the Pedro & Gabriela Trejo Family and Iglesia Bautista Nuevo Amanecer of Kinston for their tremendous help with this project!



YARD SALE
Clothing, Furniture, Toys,
Books and much more....

"Don't miss our huge yard sale! Find amazing deals on clothes, toys, books, sweets and more. Proceeds benefit Youth Camp this summer.

Saturday, April 4th
7:00-11:00 a.m.

The Way Church
1205 Lynn Dr
Kinston NC



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NC BAPTISTS



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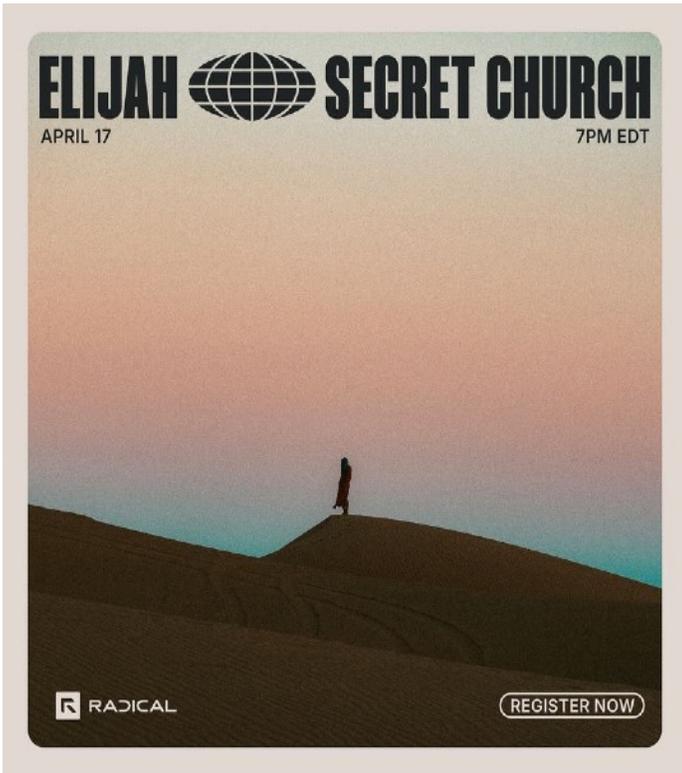


FOOD ROUNDUP

When you are a part of the Food Roundup, you meet real needs and share Christ's love with North Carolina children who are hungry for more than a meal—they are hungry for hope!



Baptist Children's Homes
of NORTH CAROLINA



Secret Church is a unique, one-night event that is streamed each Spring to tens of thousands of participants around the world. Encouraged by our persecuted brothers' and sisters' example, we meet for 6 hours for intense study of God's Word and passionate prayer for the persecuted. This year's study will be a deep-dive into the life of Elijah.

Love Memorial invites you to join them for Secret Church on **Friday, April 17 — 6:45 PM to 1:00 AM** at their location — 192 Woodland Church Road, Goldsboro 27530.

Refreshments, coffee, and beverages will be provided. Study books are \$10. Please call the church office at 919-735-8855 to register. For more information about Secret Church visit radical.net



Transitional Interim Ministry training seeks to equip pastors and church leaders to help churches make the most of this transitional time period. During this training, you will be provided effective tools that can be used by either a traditional or a transitional interim pastor, as well as the pastor search committee.

The training is two days, from 9AM to 5PM each day, with lunch and snacks provided. The **\$85** registration fee covers meals, snacks and materials.

If you have completed the Transitional Interim Training within the past five years, you can refresh your skills at one of these events for only \$45!

NBA is partnering with South Roanoke Association for this training. For more information or to register, call the NBA Office or email keith@nbachurches.com.



Please join us for our Spring NABS Luncheon

Thursday, May 14
Noon
at the NBA Office



Pearson Park: 210 W Gordon Street, Kinston 28501

CHURCH NEWS, Cont.

(New Hope, cont.) Sunday, immediately followed by Easter Sunrise Breakfast and later, Easter Worship. All are welcome.

Northview A memorial service was held for church member, Marguerite Ogelsby, on Sunday January 27 at Northview. Marguerite was a nurse who had worked for various hospitals in Washington, California, Georgia and at Wayne Memorial. She was preceded in death by her husband Charles, who was also a former pastor of Northview. Marguerite taught Sunday School and sang in the choir. She is survived by four children, ten grandchildren, twenty-two great-grandchildren. The Northview family will always cherish her memory and are comforted to know she is with her Savior.

Pinkney (Steven Gay) Ladies Bible Study, "Alive Growing in Your Relationship with Jesus" began March 15 with Ann Brown facilitating. Shaving cream and gift bags are being collected for NBA's Annual Project: Personal Care Kits for Seasonal Farm Workers. An Egg Hunt is planned for April 4th from 11AM to 1PM, complete with a bouncy house and lunch for all who participate. Backpack Ministry to provide weekend meals for local students in need is ongoing.

Spilman Memorial (H. Powell Dew, Jr.) The congregation recently approved beginning a Congregational Nurse Ministry. A Registered Nurse would be hired to work part-time with existing active church members to help meet some of their medical needs at home. A job description will be formulated and in the near future the position will be open to applicants. Prayers are appreciated that the Lord will send Spilman the right individual to assist in this season of great need.

Rivermont (John Morton) A church-wide yard sale on March 7 was a success, with proceeds benefiting the Youth's campaign to purchase a digital sign for the church. Youth are also selling church t-shirts to help raise funds for the same cause. Youth Sunday was observed, March 29 with music and a special message from Youth Pastor, Chad. An Easter Luncheon followed the service. A team from the church will participate in EPIC Center's Walk 4 Life on Saturday, April 18 at Lenoir Community College.

Rosewood (Tim Lipp) A Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser was held Friday, March 13 during lunch and dinner hours. Church hosted one of the Community Lenten Luncheons on March 18. AAEO Ingathering was held during worship on March 22. A Glow in the Dark Egg Hunt is planned for Friday, April 3 from 6:30-8:30 PM. Bring your flashlight and basket and join them for some glow in the dark fun!

Snow Hill First (Brick Crowder) An Egg Hunt for Toddlers through 5th Grade is scheduled for Saturday, April 4 from 10:30 to Noon, complete with games, inflatables, face painting and lunch. Two new Life Groups will be launched Easter Sunday: Young Adults (ages 18-29) and The Bridge (adults 40's-50's). All women are invited to attend the 2nd annual Tea & Testimony ladies' brunch on April 25 at 10AM. Guest speaker will be Jane McLawhorn; register to attend by emailing acrowderfbc@gmail.com.

The Way (Carlos Peralta) A Yard Sale to benefit Summer Youth Camp will be held Saturday, April 4 from 7-11AM. See the announcement further in this newsletter. The church is located at 1205 Lynn Drive in Kinston.

Trinity (Dave Fishman) Annual Spring Fun Day community outreach was held on March 21 with food, fun, and games for all. Trinity will join Emmaus and Tehillah Ministries in a joint Maundy Thursday Service at 7PM, hosted by Emmaus, on April 2. Jesus' resurrection will be celebrated with a Sunrise Service at 7AM, followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments, and Easter worship at 11AM on Easter Sunday. The annual Spring Bazaar will be April 11 beginning at 10AM with various local vendors showcasing their products and services; all are invited to come out and enjoy the event. Homecoming will be celebrated on April 29th with services beginning at 10:30AM and a luncheon afterward.

THANK YOU to the 23 NBA Churches that have completed their ACP (as of 3/19/26):

| | |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Abide | Love Memorial |
| Adamsville | Madison Avenue |
| Calvary | Mount Nelson |
| Community (Saulston) | New Beginning |
| Davis Grove | Neuse |
| Deep Run | New Hope |
| Emmaus | Pinkney |
| Falling Creek | Restoration |
| Fremont | Rivermont |
| Jordan's Chapel | Seven Springs |
| La Grange | The Way |

If you don't see your church on this list, please complete your ACP as soon as possible by visiting <https://form.jotform.com/252114138154145>.

The CHURCH NEWS Page

As Submitted by the Churches

Abide (Jamal Hyman) The church family came together for “Roots & Recipes” to share their favorite food and give thanks as they launched their 2026 Life Groups on Wednesday, March 18. The completion of Leaders Training was celebrated on Sunday, March 15. The training equipped church leaders with deeper understanding, stronger spiritual discipline, and a renewed commitment to the mission God has given them.

Deep Run First (Bert Potter) 51 families were served during March’s Food Bank. Members of the Handyman Ministry recently built a wheelchair ramp for an individual in need. Several from the church recently enjoyed an outing to the movies to see “I Can Only Imagine 2”. Members of the WMU are donating eleven blankets to Safe House of Lenoir County. Friends in Faith enjoyed a meal and fellowship at the Farm House Restaurant in Mt. Olive. Pastor Bert spoke at the community Men’s Prayer Breakfast, where 12 men from Deep Run attended, contributing to a total of 45 attendees.

Community LaGrange has called Luis Miranda to serve as their Bi-vocational Pastor. An installation service was held March 22. The 5th Annual Community Baptist Car & Truck Show was held March 14; awards, concessions, and giveaways were available throughout the day for attendees to enjoy. The church hosted The Great La Grange Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28 at the La Grange Community Park.

Emmaus (Jim Willoughby) Emmaus will host the community Maundy Thursday service on April 2 at 7 PM. Trinity Baptist and Tehillah Cathedral will be participating and refreshments will be served following the service. Sister churches are invited to join in this special event. An Egg Hunt is planned for April 4 from 12-2, and the Easter Cantata, *It is Finished*, at 10:45 on Easter Sunday, April 5. Monthly Senior Luncheon will be held April 9 at Noon; all area Seniors are invited to join in this time of good food and fellowship; the luncheon is free.

Falling Creek (Robert Ellis) The church family enjoyed a Sweetheart Banquet on February 28. A Gideon speaker shared during worship on March 8. Easter Sunrise Service is planned for 7AM on Easter Sunday, with refreshments served afterward. Flowers will be placed on the cross during this special service, to renew commitments to Christ. School supplies continue to be collected for Grantham Middle School, and the church continues its ongoing support of Meals On Wheels, Wayne Pregnancy Center and Kennedy Home.

Gateway (Thayer Stamper) The church family enjoyed a Spring Fellowship Meal on March 22. “Mission Monday”, to raise funds for ministry partner Harvester’s International, was held March 23 at Hwy 55 on Wayne Memorial Drive. Gateway’s 6th Annual BBQ Chicken Plate Sale will take place on Saturday, April 18 at the church. Plates are \$12 and include a half chicken plus green beans, potato salad, bread and dessert, eat-in or take-out. Proceeds support Gateway Students’ ministry opportunities, including 2026 Summer Camp. Ladies Day Out with Deanna’s Delightful Barn Quilt Designs is planned for Saturday, May 2 at the church.

Kinston First (Jon Hoover) Praise Report: Average Attendance has trended above 80 recently, and includes additional children.

Love Memorial (Richard Toler) Ladies of WMU led worship on February 22 in observance of WMU Focus Week. Pastor Richard & Jennifer were recognized for twenty years of ministry to LMBC, March 1st. An appreciation gift was given to them and a celebration luncheon was held after worship. The church family continues to focus on OCC by collecting designated items each month; April’s collection is craft items. Baptist Men attended East Coast Men’s Bible Conference, March 13-14. SonShiners held their annual planning luncheon on March 19. Love Ladies enjoyed a weekend retreat, March 19-22. Church-wide Fifth Sunday Fellowship Luncheon was enjoyed on March 29. “Secret Church” will take place at the church on April 17; see the announcement inside this newsletter; all are invited to contact the church office to participate.

Madison Avenue (Brad Parker, Interim) An Egg Hunt for ages 12 and under is planned for April 4th at 10AM on the church grounds; all are invited. A Military Family Fun Day for SJAFB Airmen and their families is planned for May 2 from 10AM to 12PM, also on the church grounds.

New Hope (Scott Wright) Nine were baptized and seven new members joined the church over the past few months — to God be the glory! Last month, several bags of men’s and women’s clothing items were collected and donated to the local House of Hope. Spring Revival services were held March 22-25, with messages presented by seasoned preachers as well as two young men in the congregation who have answered God’s call to preach. The choir will present the Easter Cantata, *One Day*, on Palm Sunday (March 29). Community Egg Hunt will be held April 4 from 2-4 PM. Easter Sunrise Service will take place at 7AM on Easter

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NEUSE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

September through April
2nd and 4th Tuesdays
11 Sessions
Time: TBD (Based on Group)

NBA: Resource Training Center

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**Another PREACHING COHORT
Coming September 2026!**
For more information, reach out to Keith.



Youth Pastor Summit
April 27-28, 2026
Seven Marks Church
(3500 Spring Forest Road, Raleigh 27616)

Youth Pastor Summit is a two-day conference that brings together student pastors, educators and volunteers to foster collaboration, community and soul-care. **Join us in Raleigh N.C.** for powerful worship, engaging main-stage sessions, relevant leadership labs and free resources. This year, we're honored to host YPS Raleigh N.C. in partnership with Lifeway Students and celebrate over 26 years of serving next-gen leaders, student ministry teams and educators.

For more information and to register, click here:
<https://slulead.com/yps-summit/raleigh/>.
Use code: Raleigh25 for half off.

2026 BAPTIST MISSIONS CONFERENCE

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APRIL 10-11 2026 | HICKORY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH CHARLOTTE, NC

EVERY CHRISTIAN IS A MISSIONARY

“As the Father has sent Me, so send I you.”
JOHN 20:21

From Keith, cont.

The best part? Not only did He arise—He gave us a job to do! Because the tomb is empty, we have a mission that cannot fail. But to carry out that mission, we have to be healthy.

Introducing “Operation: Healthy Churches”

I am so excited to announce a new Association-wide emphasis: “**Operation: Healthy Churches**”.

The goal is simple but huge: **We are resetting the operating system.** We (Leadership Team) want to help every church in the Neuse Baptist Association move away from “business as usual” and toward a truly **MISSIONAL MINDSET**.

Our vision at the NBA is clear: We want to be a **CATALYST** to encourage and support you to be **Great Commission** and **Great Commandment** churches.

We don’t just want you to survive. We want you to thrive. We want you to love God, love people, and make disciples with everything you’ve got.

Sitting at the Feet of the Master

Where do we start this reset? We start where Jesus started.

In **Matthew 5:1–2 (ESV)**, it says:

“Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them...”

Before Jesus sent them out to change the world, He sat them down to change their hearts. He taught them what a “Kingdom life” actually looks like. **Operation: Healthy Churches** is about us sitting down together as an association. It’s about learning, growing, and aligning ourselves with the heart of Christ.

I Am So Thankful For You

I want to be blunt: I know leadership is hard. I know you are tired sometimes.

But I want you to know how much I value you. I see your heart for your people. I see the way you serve side-by-side. I am incredibly thankful for the work you are doing throughout the Neuse Baptist Association.

You are not alone in this. I am and want to be your strategic partner. I am your sounding board.

Let’s use this Easter season to celebrate the Risen King. And then, let’s use **Operation: Healthy Churches** to make sure our “operating system” is ready to share Him with the world.

The world is waiting. Let’s get to work.

How can I help you take the first step toward a healthy reset this month?

How can I pray for you?

In partnership,



Latest Update From the NBA Prayer Ministry Team:

Today there is no doubt that God is calling His people back to Himself in a relationship-centered life of prayer...

“Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.” (Jeremiah 33:3).

Congregations and small groups alike are experiencing extraordinary moves of the Holy Spirit as they spend focused time in united prayer. Believers and whole congregations are being renewed and revived and lost people are being converted as God’s people return to Him in personal holiness, deep cleansing, and united prayer toward the Great Commission (2 Chronicles 7:14).

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From Keith

Time for a System Reset?

Have you ever had your phone or computer just... start acting glitchy? It gets slow. It freezes. It doesn't run the new apps you need. Most of the time, the hardware is fine, but the **OPERATING SYSTEM** is out of date. It needs a reset.

The truth is, our churches can be the exact same way.

We have great people. We have a great message. But sometimes, our "operating system"—the way we actually *do* ministry—gets stuck in the past, or maybe we drift from the vision the Lord has given our church. We find ourselves going through the motions instead of moving on mission. Everything you want for your church—health, growth, and impact—exists on the other side of a "missional reset."

The Power of the Empty Tomb

Before we talk about resets, we have to talk about the **REASON** we do any of this.

We are heading into the Easter season. This isn't just a holiday; it's the pivot point of human history. It's about the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Think about those ladies at the tomb. They were sad. They were confused. They were looking for a body. But the angels gave them a massive reality check:

"Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." (Luke 24:5-7, ESV)

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