



WMU RIPPLES

From Little River Baptist Association

Spring 2022



WMU EMPHASIS FOR 2020-22 RELENTLESS

WMU OBJECTIVE:

We will be relentless in living authentic faith in Christ, seeking God in prayer, giving sacrificially, and witnessing to others.

NC WMU MISSION STATEMENT:

Challenging, preparing, and equipping Christian believers to be radically involved in the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

WMU WATCHWORD 2020-22

"But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved" (Heb. 10:39 NIV)

WMU ANNUAL MEETING

Join us Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 6:30pm at Holly Springs Baptist Church in Broadway for our WMU Annual Meeting. Rebecca Lindhout, Adult Missions Consultant for WMU NC and Preschool Consultant for LRBA WMU will be our speaker. We will hear reports on myMission, LRBA Mission projects, and Mission Trips through WMU NC as well as meet our new LRBA WMU leaders. Come be inspired to be on mission this year.

2022 PRAYER RETREAT

The Prayer Retreat was held March 26, at Agape Ministries, Fuquay Varina, NC. Cynthia Marks was the speaker. If you missed it this year, plan now to attend in 2023 for an inspirational time of prayer, Bible study, and fellowship. Many reported that the stories shared by Cynthia touched their hearts.

PASTOR APPRECIATION BANQUET

Fourteen churches were represented at Holly Springs Baptist church on February 15 as LRBA WMU honored our pastors. Dr. Sandy Marks encouraged us to show appreciation to our pastors for the difficult job of pastoring our churches. Continue to pray for all the pastors of LRBA.

FOCUS ON YOUTH MISSIONS

This summer, the Hillmon Grove Youth are joining Deep Impact to serve the community of Hendersonville, NC. We're taking a young crew and this will be the first mission trip for almost every one of them. Our last mission trip was two years ago to NYC, with World Changers. That NYC mission trip was a wonderful challenge. Hendersonville will be quite different and a great opportunity for the new youth to get their feet wet. The diversity of the mission opportunities on the Deep Impact trips really helps the new youth start with something that suits and appropriately challenges them.

To prepare for the mission trip, our group is participating in many different service projects and fundraisers. On Sunday evenings, we are working on various projects around the church and the community. We're taking advantage of fundraising opportunities with the community, but mostly we desire to get our church members' support through various church events. We want the Youth Mission Trip to be more than just a mission for the youth. We want it to be a mission effort of the church. Submitted by Brandon Gaster, Youth and Associate Pastor, Hillmon Grove Baptist Church. Contact Cathy Callahan, Youth Mission Consultant at caglecallahan@gmail.com if you would like to highlight what your Youth are doing in missions.

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FOCUS ON CHILDREN ON MISSION

The kids at Holly Springs Baptist Church have been busy. They held the worship service for Children's Day. The kids dressed up as Esther, John, Peter, Paul, Ruth and others and told how God used them in spreading His word, They have made cards for the sick, Valentine bags for each box passed out at the food pantry (over 100) made candy bags and cards for our Primetimers (senior adults). For the Pastor Appreciation Banquet they made Stress Pills(Skittles) jars for the pastors and heart boards for the wives. They continually make cards to send to shut-ins. These are only a few of the projects our kids have done and there are so many more that are ahead of them. I know that they will cheerfully complete each one. We are blessed to have such a great group of kids.

Submitted by Fran Patterson of Holly Springs Baptist Church.

Contact Fran Patterson, Children Missions Consultant at fpatter1225@gmail.com if you would like to highlight how your children's groups are involved in missions.

MISSION EXTRAVAGANZA

Make plans now to attend the WMU annual Mission Extravaganza April 22-23 at Snyder Memorial Baptist in Fayetteville. Register online at <https://www.wmunc.org/me-2022>. Note that livestreaming options are available.

WMU ARMENIA PASTOR SUPPORT

In honor of our Pastors in 2021, WMU sponsored Armenian Pastor Svin Ghazelian, a church planter among Syrian refugees. Thanks to your support \$1700 was donated for Pastor Svin's support.

Please continue to pray for Armenia, for Pastor Svin, and for the many refugees who have entered Armenia. Even events in Ukraine are affecting Armenia which is the only traditionally Christian country in the area. Pray for Ukraine, Armenia, and all of Europe and Asia that God's wisdom will prevail.

WMU MISSION PROJECTS

April emphasis is the Annie Armstrong Mission Offering to support our US and Canadian missionaries. 100% of this offering goes directly to the mission field.

May goal is to promote Ukraine donations from our churches. LRBA GOAL: \$50,000.

June emphasis is back pack food for children during the summer. Drop off Date: **June 22nd**

Contact Becky Putnam (rebeck2@hotmail.com) Missions Involvement Consultant, LRBA WMU for more information.