



WMU RIPPLES



From Little River Association

Spring 2025

WHAT JOY! WMU EMPHASIS FOR 2024-26

WMU WATCHWORD 2024-2026

*Because we loved you so much, we were
delighted to share with you not only the gospel
of God but our lives as well.*

1 Thessalonians 2:8

WEEK OF PRAYER for NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS and THE ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

All money given to the AAEO goes directly to North American missions. Encourage your church to give and pray.

For short videos to help your church learn about North American missions, go to:
<https://www.anniearmstrong.com/missions-stories/>

PASTOR APPRECIATION BANQUET

Holly Springs Baptist Church hosted the Pastors Appreciation Banquet on Tuesday, **February 18, 2025**. Over 70 people heard **Quintell Hill** share his testimony and encouraging words for our pastors. Next year, make plans for your pastor to be there. It is a wonderful opportunity for our pastors to relax and fellowship with other pastors from across our association.

IN HONOR AND APPRECIATION OF OUR PASTORS, LRBA WMU SENT \$200 TO BAPTIST ON MISSIONS FOR DISASTER RELIEF

WMU MISSION PROJECTS

March: Focus on Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and North American missions

April: Collection of Spring/Thinking of You/Easter cards. Please deliver to the nursing homes in your church's area. **No collection at the LRBA office.**

Contact *Becky Putnam, Missions Involvement Consultant* (919-499-7952) for more information

WMU PRAYER RETREAT

The WMU Prayer Retreat will be Saturday, April 5 from 9am-2pm at Lillington Baptist Church. Phyllis Elvington will be the guest speaker. A continental breakfast will be available at 8:30am. A table will be set up for a Christian Book Swap, so bring a devotional book or an inspiration book to swap. There will be door prizes also. The cost is \$10 and is due to the LRBA Office (PO BOX 955, Lillington) by March 20.

Contact *Emily Pokemire, Adult Missions Consultant* (bepokemire@gmail.com) about this event

Mission Focus for December, January, and February

Did you know that the **Missions Leader WMU Planning Guide 2024-2025** has information on the emphasis for each month? For example, **March** focus is on **Montreal, Canada**, **April** focus is on **Fire Chaplaincy**, and **May** focus is on **Southeast Asia**.

More information on these focus areas is in the *Mosaic* for Women/Adults on Mission and in the Youth, Children and Pre-school mission materials from WMU as well as on the WMU websites: <https://wmu.com/> and <https://wmunc.org/>

BAPTIST NURSING FELLOWSHIP

The next quarterly meeting of Little River Baptist Nursing Fellowship will be held **Thursday, April 3, 2025 @ 6:30 at Baptist Chapel Church** (2413 Buckhorn Road, Sanford). The program will be: **H3 Health, Healing, and Hope.** Please invite ALL your nurses.

Melba McNeill, Mary Faltus, and Claudia Hayes from Little River BNF attended the NC BNF annual meeting March 7-8, 2025 at Caraway Conference Center in Sophia, NC.



Melba McNeill travels the 14 Stations of the Cross during the prayer walk



NC BNF members display the gift bags and cards prepared for newborn babies whose families stay at the Winston-Salem Ronald McDonald House



NC BNF officers/team leaders (R to L): Argina Cortez, Susan de Jesus, Donna Rodgers, Penny Jones, Patricia Garren, Claudia Hayes, Mary Faltus, Rachel White (Rowena Mante not pictured)



Rachel White, former MK (missionary kid) shares stories of delivering babies during her month-long mission in Tanzania this past year. She plans to return this year for several months. Please pray for her and the mission God has given her.

To learn more about BNF contact Melba McNeill, LRBA BNF consultant (melbamcneill@windstream.net), or visit <https://www.baptistnursingfellowship.org/>

Baptist Nursing Fellowship exists to empower, educate, and encourage nurses & medical workers to be on mission for Christ.

Remember to register for the WMU MISSIONS CONFERENCE April 25-26, 2025 at Trinity Baptist, Raleigh, NC. Click below to register your WMU group:

<https://wmunc.org/event/ignite-missions-conference-134th-annual-meeting/>

LRBA WMU ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 6:30pm

LRBA WMU Annual Meeting at Overhills. Former IMB missionary and current associate pastor at Point Church - Ft Bragg, **Josh Stewart**, will be our speaker. **MAKE PLANS NOW: ENCOURAGE YOUR MISSION-MINDED FOLKS TO JOIN US.**

(Please note the LRBA office hours are 8am-3pm Monday thru Thursday. Office phone number 910-893-4282)