



# WMU RIPPLES



*From Little River Association*

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## WMU PERMANENT WATCHWORD

We are laborers together with God.  
1 Corinthians 3:9

## PRAYERWALKING

Children's mission groups can earn a Prayerwalking Badge from WMU. Girls in Action (**GAs**) and Royal Ambassadors (**RAs**) at Hillmon Grove are earning their Badge by prayerwalking either physically or by visualizing an area in their mind and praying for people by asking God to open their eyes to the needs around them. Clues such as seeing a ramp may remind them to pray for the health of the people in that home or toys near the house might mean there are children and they can pray for them. The parents are getting involved too. **One mother texted** "We walked our neighborhood, then she prayed at the PT office and the grocery store. We just got to post for a ceremony and she said she had been praying over Ft Bragg too." **Another mother wrote** "Prayer walks are so good for the soul! Thank you GA leaders for this beautiful opportunity!" And the children are excited. Several said they plan to continue to prayerwalk.

So, catch the Spirit and get your church involved in **prayerwalking**.

Go to <https://wmu.com/children/childrens-missions/> to learn more about missions for children.



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Please pray for our LRBA WMU leadership team as they seek to lead the LRBA churches to be radically involved in the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

## LRBA WMU MISSION PROJECTS

**June:** toilet paper/paper towels for Shelby/Rose Hill-due to LRBA June 25

**July:** School Supplies for local schools

**August:** food items for Buddy Back/Pack due to LRBA August 21

For more information contact Becky Putnam  
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## BAPTIST NURSING FELLOWSHIP

Little River BNF met in April, celebrating its first-year anniversary. A program on H3 (Health Healing Hope-a Street Medicine Ministry in Lee County) was presented by Patricia Gregory and Connie Cristin.

We also prepared "Blessing Bags" for Campbell University Senior Nursing Students. Mary Faultus and Melba McNeill had the opportunity to speak to the students and deliver the bags during student nurses pinning rehearsal ceremony in May.

It is a privilege for LRBNF to be allowed to be a part of this special time. Keep these nurses in your prayers as they face a challenging career. The next quarterly meeting for LR BNF is scheduled for Thursday, July 24, 2025 at 6:30 @ Baptist Chapel Church. All nurses and medical care professionals are invited to attend.

Contact Melba McNeill, Baptist Nursing Fellowship Consultant, for more information



LR BNF group made Blessing Bags for students at Campbell



LR BNF nurses met April 3, 2025 at Baptist Chapel for their one-year anniversary meeting.

## MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS

Need help with guiding your church to learn more about the mission focus for **JUNE** (Cowboy Church), **JULY** (Caribbean), and **August** (US/Mexico Border), then check out resources below:

<https://wmu.com/missions-discipleship/thismonth/>

## ANNUAL MEETING 2025

May 13, 2025 Little River WMU celebrated their 118<sup>th</sup> annual meeting at Overhills Community Church. Marty Dupree led the installation of our new leadership team which takes office July 1. Stephen Church, led us in singing "I'VE GOT THE JOY, JOY, JOY" as we focused on the WMU emphasis for 2024-2026 of "What Joy!". Later Stephen reminded us to give to God anything that was keeping us from a relationship with the Lord as he sang "When I Lay My Isaac Down." Josh Stewart, former IMB missionary and current associate pastor at Point Church-Ft. Bragg continued the theme of "Joy". Using scripture from John 15, Psalms 67, and others, he asked us "Whose joy does God want to be complete?" He also emphasized the importance of missions. He shared that he was a RA (Royal Ambassador) at Antioch Baptist which influenced his mission call. We are grateful to OVERHILLS for the opportunity to gather and celebrate missions there.

## PRAYER RETREAT

This year's Prayer Retreat was held on April 5th at Lillington Baptist Church with a nice turnout. I can't thank enough the ladies of Lillington Baptist who did such a wonderful job of setting up the rooms, tables, door prizes, and fixing such a wonderful Continental breakfast and lunch. Also, we had a special guest speaker, Phyllis Elvington, who was such a very interesting and engaging speaker!! Go ahead now and set aside next year's date, April 4th to attend the 2026 Women on Mission Prayer Retreat. We are looking for a location and speaker, so if you would like to volunteer your church and/or a speaker, please let me or Tresa Kicher know. Submitted by *Emily Pokemire, Adult Missions Consultant*

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