

Way to go LRBA Churches!

Summer Highlights:

- Summer Mission Trips
- Point Church-Ft Liberty sent a team to New Bedford, Massachusetts to serve Neighborhood Churches by canvassing neighborhoods and providing a soccer camp in a local park.
- Coats Baptist sent Jesse & Carrie Danner as NAMB missionaries to work full-time with Neighborhood Churches in New Bedford, MA.
- The Gathering Community Church sent a team and also Fellowship Church partnered with Coats Baptist for successful mission trips to Guatemala.
- Neill's Creek Baptist Church hosted a 6 week bible study at The Scoop @ Willow Oak Farms and had opportunities to connect with the community.
- Churches participated in SERVE NC August 2024, making a tremendous impact on the schools, teachers and students with things like backpack ministry, landscaping and painting. What a great opportunity for the church to help the school in the community and represent Jesus! Some churches will be doing their SERVENC event later this fall. Please let us know of your success stories in impacting your community and helping schools.
- Hillmon Grove Baptist served Johnsonville Elementary with goody bags, welcome back signs and breakfast for teachers. Other churches have done outstanding back to school outreaches including community events and backpack parties!
- Holly Springs had a successful Backpack Outreach by passing out 120 backpacks. Everyone was witnessed to and the church's information was in every bag. Lunch was served and the youth did an awesome job helping. The Baptist State Convention and Biblical Recorder were there to cover the event!
- Lillington Baptist provided a devotional time and refreshments at Green Leaf Care Center and assisted in painting the Robin Paige Boys & Girls Club. Many wheelchair ramps were also installed in the community.
- Duncan Baptist Church gave out 175 gospel tracts and the little Jesus figures at the Fuquay-Varina 4th of July celebration.
- We had a number of incredible VBS ministries this summer that involved all ages. VBS continues to be our most effective outreach ministry and involves the most church members in outreach events.
- Baptisms continue to increase in 2024. Several of our churches have had a number of baptisms already this summer, including Neill's Creek, who baptized 9 youth at Caswell and have baptized 56 new believers, mostly youth, in the last 6 years under the youth ministry of Christian Justice.

Upcoming Fall Highlights:

- Senior Adult Fall Revival with Wake Tech Police Chief Mike Penry and gospel music by Joey Matthews at Overhills Community Baptist Church on September 12th.
- Excellent Pastors' Conferences (see below)
- Pastors' Roundtable Luncheon Oct 29 with IMB representative Quintell Hill, who is our speaker for our Fall Annual Meeting October 28 at Baptist Grove near Fuquay.

Please plan to give to the NC Missions Offering this month!

Thank you so much to our churches who participated in giving **over \$51,718 to the North Carolina Missions Offering** last year. Our top 4 churches have been Intentional Love Church (Fuquay Varina), Holly Springs Baptist, Kennebec Baptist and South Erwin Baptist. LRBA was 3rd among mid-sized associations in giving. I am so thankful for all who have been giving to NCMO which supports Baptists on Mission, NC Church Planting and our association with 10% coming back to LRBA for missions work and materials.

Annual Meeting/Mission Fair: Please sign up for the Mission Fair and the meal that will be a part of this great event! You can register for a table to display your major mission projects that your church is involved in throughout the year. Signup buttons can be found in the newsletter.

ACP Report: Please complete in the coming months for 2024. This information is very helpful to see where we are and where we are going in attendance, giving and especially in baptisms. It's great to see how God is at work in each of our churches.

Praying for revival in our churches and awakening in this nation.

Love you all,
Marty Dupree