



WMU RIPPLES



From Little River Association

Spring 2026

WMU EMPHASIS FOR 2025-26 WHAT JOY!

Objectives based on 1 Thessalonians 2:8-12

- We are compassionate about the lost.
- We are compelled by love.
- We are generous in sharing.
- We serve with great delight (JOY).

WEEK OF PRAYER and ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

Please encourage your church to participate in the week of prayer for North American Missions and to give to the special offering. All money given to the AAEO goes directly to North American missions. For videos go to:

<https://www.anniearmstrong.com/missions>.

WMU PRAYER RETREAT

The WMU Prayer Retreat will be Saturday, **April 18** from 9:00 am -2:00 pm. Registration and a Continental Breakfast begin at 8:30 a.m. Elaine Hathcock, speaker and singer with The Master's Hands, will lead the retreat. The cost is \$10.00 per person, which includes lunch. Please register with the LRBA office by **April 10**.

LRBA WMU ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 pm
Lillington Baptist Church

Please add this date to your calendars.

BAPTIST NURSING FELLOWSHIP NC ANNUAL MEETING

March 20-21

Camp Caraway, Sophia NC

Claudia Hayes will be guest speaker for this conference. CEUs will be available for the medical professionals who participate.

LRBA BNF Quarterly Meeting

April 30 6:30 pm

Holly Springs Church

Please join us as we empower, educate, and encourage nurses and other medical workers to be on mission for Christ.

For more information on either of these events, contact Melba McNeill at 919-770-4979 or melbamcneill@winstream.net.

LRBA WMU MISSION PROJECTS

In January our Association collected 59 bags for the Foster Care and Adoptive children through the NC Baptist Children's Home. They were '*simply overwhelmed with your kindness*'. An abundance of cleaning supplies for Spruce Pine Rebuild Center was collected in February. Thank you to all Churches for your generous donations.

APRIL

The special mission emphasis will be showing appreciation to First Responders. Please take time in April to drop off goodies, care packages, and cards of encouragement to local Fire and Police Departments.

MISSION PROJECTS (continued)

MAY

The special emphasis in May will be showing appreciation to teachers.

Contact: Denise Whitfield, Missions Involvement Consultant (919-499-7503) if more information is needed.

WMU MISSION CURRICULUM

MARCH, APRIL, MAY

The Missions Leader Planning Guide has information on the emphasis for the month.

March—Dallas/Fort Worth

April—Philippines

May—London: Mental Health

More information on these focus areas is in the Missions Mosaic and Children's Mission Materials available from <https://wmu.com/>.

LITTLE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Did you know that the LRBA website has a wealth of information about missions in our association? You can also find past copies of the RIPPLES newsletter. RIPPLES is sent by email so if you know someone that would like to receive Ripples please send the email address to Missy Murry at the LRBA office - missions@Lrba.net.

WMU-NC NEWS

- **WMU NC** is launching a **new logo** that features a lighted torch, a symbol of our Savior who said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12 See a picture of the new logo in the latest issue of [Tarheel Talk](#).

- **Digital Issues of Tarheel Talk** are available. Issues are filled with WMU news from across the State.
- Watch the Website for upcoming **Leadership Training Events** via Zoom. If you register for events, the training information will be mailed to you.
- Nomination forms for **Youth Panelists** for youth grades 9-12 who have a heart for missions and a desire to serve. Provides opportunity to gain leadership skills and work with WMUNC. 2026 forms will soon be available. Please be in prayer for youths (boys or girls) who might like to be nominated.
- **Beyond the Moment Podcast**
A Podcast about living on mission in the midst of everyday life. (An archive of available podcasts can be found on the WMU-NC website in the dropdown under Resources, then click on "Other Resources")
- There is a **Lending Library** of close to 200 Bible Studies available on the Website.

All of the above resources are available on the WMU-NC Website at <https://www.wmunc.org>.