



WMU RIPPLES



From Little River Association

Winter 2025-2026

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).

WMU FOCUS SUNDAY

February 15, 2026 is **Focus on WMU Sunday**. During February celebrate what God is doing in your church and community. Share stories and pictures to encourage your church to be on mission. Check for videos about projects and resources available to your church at <https://www.wmunc.org>. Speakers are available through WMU also. The website has a list of speakers who are available.

Remember that the **HECK/JONES OFFERING** in February is the primary support for the work of WMU all across North Carolina.

LRBA PASTOR APPRECIATION BANQUET

Please invite your pastors and their spouses to the WMU APPRECIATION BANQUET on **Tuesday, February 17, 6:30 pm** at Neill's Creek Baptist Church in Angier. Dr. Pat Kilby will be the featured speaker. This will be a wonderful time of fellowship and encouragement as we honor our pastors. The cost is \$17 per person. Please RSVP and send checks to LRBA **by February 9th**. (LRBA, PO Box 955, Lillington, NC 27546; 910-893-4282.)

BAPTIST NURSING FELLOWSHIP

QUARTERLY MEETING

Thursday, January 22, 2026

6:30 pm

Calvary Church of Olivia

185 Calvary Church Road

Sanford, NC 27332

Please join us as we empower, educate, and encourage nurses and other medical workers to be on mission for Christ. For more information contact Melba McNeill at 919-770-4979 or melbamcneill@winstream.net.

LRBA WMU MISSION PROJECTS

JANUARY: We are collecting Foster Care Bags for the **Baptist Children's Home**. Foster children may be placed in foster homes suddenly so a small duffel bag or backpack with a toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, a stuffed animal, a small blanket and any other small comforting items can be included. Our goal is for each church to prepare at least three (3) bags and drop them off at the LRBA office on **January 28th**.

FEBRUARY: The Mission emphasis for February is cleaning supplies for the Spruce Pine Rebuild Center which can house up to 200 volunteers for Helene recovery efforts. Please deliver cleaning supplies to the LRBA Office between 8:30 -2:30 pm on **February 25th**.

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

LRBA PRAYER RETREAT

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, **April 18**
9:00 am – 1:30 pm at Kennebec Baptist
Church. Elaine Hathcock will be our
speaker. Contact Emily Pokemire, Adult
Missions Consultant for questions. 910-
489-4248.

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, but if you know someone who needs to receive it by mail, please contact Missy Murry at the LRBA office. Please note the LRBA office hours are 8am-3pm Monday thru Thursday. Office phone number 910-893-4282. Mission project drop offs are requested from 8:30-2:30pm.

The Association monthly Newsletter is a great source of information. The WMU mission projects are featured in the Newsletter and sometimes you may see information about the projects in that Newsletter sooner than the Ripples since it is emailed monthly. Please make sure your name is on the mailing list for both Newsletters.

WMU-NC NEWS

- **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 e-mailed to you for access at any time. These training events are designed to challenge, prepare, and equip women to do the good work God has prepared for us.

- 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 about 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”.
- Videos for WMU Focus Sunday are available under Resources.
- There is a lending library of close to 200 Bible Studies available on the Website.

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

WMU WATCHWORD

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