

# Little River Baptist Association

Amistad Cristiana

Anderson Creek

Angier

Anthem Mission

Antioch

Baptist Chapel

Baptist Grove

Broadway

Buies Creek First

Calvary

Chalybeate Springs

Life in Christ Christian Center

Church at the Creek

Coats

Connect

Crestview

Crossroads

Duncan

Dunn First

Dunn Second

Erwin First

Faith

Fellowship

Flatwoods

Friendship

Gourd Springs

Harmony

Hillmon Grove

Holly Springs

Intentional Love

Kennebec

LifePoint Community

Lillington

Macedonia

Memorial

Narrow Trail Cowboy Church

Neill's Creek

New Hope

North Clinton Avenue

Oak Grove

Overhills Community

Piney Grove Chapel

Pleasant Memory

The Point Church

Rawls

Redemption Hill

South Erwin

Spout Springs

Swann Station

Vessels Mission

The Gathering

Trinity

Westfield

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## God is Still a God of Miracles

*"Keys of the Kingdom"* by Missionary Gene Brooks, with SIM in Liberia, West Africa  
"When she cut open the fish, a key fell out of its belly"

The Liberian woman stood up at the annual church meeting in Tarkpoima, Gbarpolu County this past March. The Lofa River District of the Evangelical Church of Liberia is located in a predominately Islamic region. I was there to preach. The woman testified that she had stood in the same meeting last year to ask for prayer for her Muslim husband's salvation. He often beat her for following Christ and refusing to attend mosque. She stood to give an update.

A few months earlier, she had told him she wanted to attend a week-long church meeting. Her husband was livid. A whole week? Who would cook his food? Clean his house? She should be in the mosque and forget church. He beat her severely -- again. Nearly all Christian women converts from Islam are illiterate. Many make these meetings a priority to ask Bible questions because they cannot read or obtain a Bible on their own. This Christian woman was determined to go to the church meeting no matter her husband's violence. Still enraged, he locked up the house as soon as she left, declaring to the neighbors that his wife would never enter his home again. To make his point, he threw the key into the river as he headed to his girlfriend's house for the week.

The lady enjoyed the conference and headed home on Friday, stopping by the local market. She planned to have a hearty meal ready for her husband when he came home from Friday prayers at the mosque. She had no idea that her husband had already locked her out of her home for good. Arriving home, she was puzzled that the house was locked up tight. She needed to start preparing the meal, so she borrowed a pot from her neighbor and began to clean the fish. When she cut open the fish, a key fell out of its belly. Puzzled, she examined it and remarked to her neighbor that the key looked similar to her own house key. Her neighbor urged her to try it in the lock, and it worked! She opened up the house, cleaned it, and got her husband's supper ready to wait for him.

As the husband walked home from Friday prayers at the mosque, he saw his house open and a fire going in the outdoor kitchen. Again he was enraged, thinking the neighbors had helped his wife break the door or the locks, but on examination, nothing had been harmed. When he demanded to know how she got back into their house, she told him the strange story of the key in the fish's belly. Stunned, he didn't say another word. Until Saturday night. He asked his wife if he could attend church the next morning. After Sunday morning church service, the man asked to speak to the pastor privately. He recounted the incredulous story about his house key and said, "I want to serve the God of the Christians. He is the One who knows and has power to do what no one else can."

That Christian woman beamed as she talked. God had answered many prayers that her husband repent and follow Christ. In his Gospel, Matthew tells of a fish caught with a coin in its mouth for taxes (Matthew 17:27). In Liberia in 2018, a house key in a fish's belly became a key to the Kingdom for a Muslim man.

**Our Lord is still a Fisher of men!**

## Mission Opportunities

### **Baptists On Mission**

If you are looking for mission opportunities locally, in North Carolina, the USA or internationally go to <https://baptistsonmission.org/missions> for ideas.



### **World Missions Week /Deep Impact July 1-6**

Camp Caswell  
W/Mike Satterfield & Rush of Fools  
Register at <https://fortcaswell.com/>

### **WMU News**

**Summer Mission Projects:** The WMU-NC web site has suggestions for summer mission trips, projects and information about Camp Mundo Vista. Suggestion, do 'random acts of kindness' by giving a small Treat-bag with a Bible verse attached to store clerks, waiters, etc

**Christian Women's Job Corps'**—The WMU team at Antioch Baptist is starting a mentoring program to meet the needs of women and to help address the issues of poverty within Harnett county area by equipping women with the necessary skills needed to be successful. Questions please contact Amanda Burke-[Amanda.m.burke12@gmail.com](mailto:Amanda.m.burke12@gmail.com) or (910) 429-6299

### **Brotherhood**

**Region 4 Men's Mission Rally—August 4th**  
Bethlehem Baptist Church, 8400 Poole Rd, Knightdale  
Meal (5:45pm) is free with registration to BSCNC x 5596 or see [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org).  
Meeting. 6:40-8:30 pm.

### **Youth Opportunities**

**Summer Youth Weeks at Caswell:** \$70 + lodging and meals. This year's theme is 'On This Rock.' Students in grades 7-12. For details, call (800) 395-5101 ext. 5566 or go to: [www.bedotell.com](http://www.bedotell.com)

## State Opportunities



**Student Worship Academy  
July 8-12, 2019  
Hosted by  
Campbell University**

Students can choose one of three tracks for the week: music, digital arts, or AV technology. Cost: \$349/student; \$179/adult chaperone

**Renewing Worship Expo  
August 2-3, 2019  
Calvary Baptist Church-West  
Advance, NC**

Training for everyone on your worship team. Choir & Orchestra  
Retreats  
[www.RenewingWorshipEXPO.com](http://www.RenewingWorshipEXPO.com)



### **2019 NC Baptist Ministers' Wives Retreat**

**The Journey**  
July 8th-10th  
Caraway Conference Center, Sophia, NC  
Featured Speaker: Diane Nix  
Worship Leader: Ginnie Varnam  
Register & Info: <http://ncbminwives.wixsite.com>

### **Training Extravaganza August 17, 2019**

Location: Forest Hills Baptist Church  
201 Dixie Trail, Raleigh, NC

Schedule: 8:15-8:45am Continental Breakfast  
9:15-10:15am Session 1  
10:15-Noon Session 2

Training will be offered on Evangelism, Discipleship, Missions, Leadership, and Administration.

**Military Wives Retreat  
REFRESHED & RENEWED**  
*Taking Care of Your Heart and Your Soul*  
August 16-18  
Camp Mundo Vista

Visit the website at [www.wmunc.org](http://www.wmunc.org) (Click on Ministries and then Military Missions – you will see a register here tab )



**Senior Summerfest at Ft. Caswell**  
August 12-16th



## LRBA News

### Pray for VBS in LRBA

Vacation Bible School requires a hard-working, dedicated team of staff and volunteers to make it happen every year. Please be in prayer for those leading and for the children that will attend.

May lives be changed & God be glorified!

To the right are a few reasons why VBS is worth it!



### WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST CHURCH!

*Life in Christ Christian Center of Lillington*  
Pastors James Gainey & Monte Gainey



### Pastors & Staff Fun Day/Golf

June 18th, 9am (*date change*)

Keith Hills Golf Course

Buies Creek

Golf and lunch included at no cost.

Please RSVP to LRBA by June 12th.



### Pastors' Families & Staff Picnic

July 12th, 5:30pm

Billy & Susan Stines' Home

605 Denese Circle, Erwin

Please RSVP to LRBA by July 8th.



### 2019 SBC Annual Meeting

Birmingham Alabama, June 11-12

Go to <http://www.sbcannualmeeting.net/sbc19> for more information.

### Celebrate Recovery

A Christ-centered recovery program for everyone struggling with a hurt, habit or hang-up. There is no charge to participate. Participating LRBA churches include: The Gathering Community Church, Fuquay Varina, Thurs 7-9pm; Gourd Springs, Spring Lake, Thurs 5:30-8:30pm.

**Pray for missionaries:** K & K—Asia; J & B—S E Asia; M in M; J & J—C Asia; Greenes—MA  
Dias family—Africa; R—N Africa; M—Middle East.

**Pray with our churches seeking a new Pastor:**  
N Clinton Ave., Pleasant Memory Bapt Churches

## LRBA Church Contributions January 1 thru April Receipts to General Budget

<u>Church Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Anderson Creek	234.00
Angier	\$ 2,666.28
Anthem Church	\$ 727.28
Antioch	\$ 3,433.93
Baptist Grove	\$ 577.50
Buies Creek First	\$ 1,680.61
Calvary	\$ 590.77
Chalybeate Springs	\$ 1,916.68
Coats	\$ 3,224.99
Crestview	\$ 1,170.92
Crossroads	\$ 3,093.92
Duncan	\$ 600.00
Dunn First	\$ 898.12
Dunn Second	\$ 365.00
Erwin First	\$ 666.64
Faith	\$ 105.00
Flatwoods	\$ 308.90
Friendship	\$ 250.00
Gourd Springs	\$ 1,125.59
Harmony	\$ 752.00
Hillmon Grove	\$ 3,278.81
Holly Springs	\$ 6,166.68
Intentional Love	\$ 1,800.00
Kennebec	\$ 1,500.00
LifePoint Church	\$ 1,000.00
Lillington	\$ 2,720.69
Memorial	\$ 1,241.43
Narrow Trail Cowboy Church	\$ 277.11
Neill's Creek	\$ 2,272.50
North Clinton Avenue	\$ 2,691.36
Oak Grove	\$ 100.00
Overhills Community	\$ 913.80
Piney Grove	\$ 1,451.26
Pleasant Memory	\$ 472.00
South Erwin	\$ 3,200.00
Swann Station	\$ 1,166.64
Vessels	\$ 120.00
<b>Total Church Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 54,760.81</b>
Contributions <b>from BSCNC &amp; others</b>	\$ 2,709.05
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 57,469.86</b>
<b>Total Annual Budget</b>	<b>\$245,278.00</b>

This contribution statement reflects General Funds only....designated funds are not included.

*Thank you very much for your partnership in missions through the work of our association.*

## LRBA Calendar

### June Vacation Bible School Season Starts!

**Pray for our children!**

**11-12 SBC Annual Meeting @ Birmingham, AL**

**16 Father's Day**

**17 Pastors & Staff Fun Day, 9 AM**

### July

**4 Independence Day-Office closed**

**1-6 World Missions Week - Ft. Caswell**

**8-10 NC Baptist Ministers' Wives Retreat/  
Caraway**

**12 Pastors' Families & Staff Summer Picnic**

### August

**13 Region 4 Baptist Men's Mission Rally**

**16-18 Military Wives Retreat/Camp Mundo Vista**



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**Articles need to be received by  
the tenth of each month.**

<b>Birthdays</b>		<b>Anniversaries</b>	
<b>June</b>		<b>June</b>	
1 Sandra Taylor	Fellowship	1 Thomas Allen	Angier '19
16 Neal Thornton	Coats	6 Giovanni Solera	Amistad Cristiana '03
29 Clyde Baber	Overhills	8 James Tart	Faith '08
<b>July</b>		11 Don Davis	Crestview '95
9 Sara Sowers	Buies Creek	14 Timmy Blair	Piney Grove Chapel '87
11 Sam Harvin	Anderson Creek	19 Phil Addison	Friendship '16
15 Dan Deaton (Int.)	Pleasant Memory	19 Sean Bass	Redemption Hill '14
17 Don Davis	Crestview	26 Russell Blackmon	Swann Station '89
18 Jeff Hoglen	Church @ The Creek	30 Joe Cockrell	Chalybeate Springs '13
19 Nathan Redinger	LifePoint	<b>July</b>	
21 Clay Burgess	Connect	9 Owen Solomon	Truck Stop '01
24 Jamie Gutierrez	Anthem	12 Clyde Baber	Overhills '17
25 Meagan Green	Erwin First	13 Ben Pearce	Baptist Grove '09
28 Ellen Baber	Overhills	21 Daniel Selman	Lillington '16
29 Lisa O'Quinn	Calvary	23 Thomas Green,II	Erwin First '17

