



WMU RIPPLES

From Little River Association

Fall 2026



WMU 2026-28 THEME **“Meant for the Mission”**

THEME WATCHWORD

You did not choose me, but I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce fruit and that your fruit should remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, He will give you. “This is what I command you: Love one another.”

John 15:16-17

Our new theme supports discipleship, leadership development, and gospel-centered ministry as we live out the Great Commission. Mission objectives:

- We are appointed to carry out God’s mission
- We abide in Him to produce fruit that lasts.
- We are committed to pray boldly like Jesus.
- We obey God’s command to love like Jesus.

LRBA WMU MISSION PROJECTS

September Project—Red Box Mission

Due Date: September 23

The following items will be collected for incarcerated women in North Carolina:

- **Deodorant:** 2 to 3.5 oz. plastic bottles
- **Soap:** 3.2 to 5 oz. bar soap in original box.
No charcoal ingredients.

October Project **Appalachian Backpacks**

Due Date: October 28 8:30-2:30

The goal for our Association is 200 backpacks. Please see the LRBA for more information.

November Project **Food Pantry Meals**

Due Date: November 18

Churches are asked to provide three (3) boxes packed with the following items:

- 2 cans cooked chicken
- 1 can of peas
- 1 can of sliced carrots
- 32 oz. chicken broth
- 1 bag of egg noodles
- Recipe found in the LRBA newsletter

December Mission Focus will be the **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**

MONTHLY CURRICULUM MISSION **FOCUS**

You can find resources to help guide your church in learning about the mission focus each month at <https://wmu.com/missions-discipleship/this month/>

September: Jacksonville, Florida

October: Rome, Italy

November: Buckley Space Force Base

December: Auckland, New Zealand

BAPTIST NURSING FELLOWSHIP

QUARTERLY MEETING

Thursday, Oct. 29 6:30 pm

Lillington Baptist Church

The Last Quarterly meeting was hosted by Neill’s Creek Church on July 30. Melanie Stewart with the Underground Railroad in Lillington provided an excellent program. Please join us at our next meeting on October 29 as we continue to empower, educate and encourage other medical workers to be on mission for Christ. For more information contact Melba McNeill at melbamcneill@windstream.net. or 919-770-4979.

WMU DIRECTORS AND CHURCH MISSION LEADERS

**We appreciate you and all the work you do in your churches to support and encourage mission participation. We would like to invite you to an Appreciation Event November 19 at 6:30 pm Holly Springs Baptist Church Broadway
A meal will be provided.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Below are important Dates we would like you to remember for the upcoming year

- **October 2-3 Ignite Missions Conference and Annual WMU meeting. Register now!**
- **October 24 Abound Leadership Training in Cary**
- **October 26 LRBA Fall Annual Meeting.**
- **November 19 Thank You Event for WMU Directors and Church Mission Leaders**
- **February 9 Pastor Appreciation Event, Harmony Church**
- **April 10 WMU Prayer Retreat**
- **May 11 WMU Association Annual Meeting**

Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

WMU-NC NEWS

**Ignite Missions Conference and Annual Meeting
October 2-3, 2026
Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church,
Sanford, NC
Registration is open at
<https://wmunc.org/events/>**

**Zoom Leadership Luncheon
“You are meant for the Mission”
October 14 @ 11:00 am
Register on-line at
<https://wmunc.org/events/>**

**Abound Leadership Training
October 24, 9:30 am--2:00 pm
Baptist State Convention Building
Cary, NC
Registration is open now at
<https://wmunc.org/events/>.**