



WMU RIPPLES

From Little River Association

Summer 2026



WMU WATCHWORD

“We are laborers together with God.”

1 Cor 3:9

CURRENT WMU THEME

“What Joy”

PREVIEW OF 2026-2028 THEME

“Meant for the Mission”

This theme supports discipleship, leadership development, and gospel-centered ministry as we live out the Great Commission.

LRBA WMU MISSION PROJECTS

June Project—Birthday Cake Boxes

Due June 25 8:30-2:30

Birthday Cake Boxes for the Baptist Children's Home Foster Care Program. Each Church is asked to complete 5 boxes with the following contents:

- 9x13 disposable aluminum foil with lid
- Box of cake mix, any flavor
- 1 can of Sprite or lemon-lime soda (to be used in the place of eggs and oil)
- Can of frosting
- Birthday candles

July Mission: Collecting food items for the Buddy Backpack Ministry of Harnett County. Due July 30.

August Mission: Collecting school supplies for the Harnett County Schools. If you have teachers in your church, ask for ideas on what is needed. Go to the link in the LRBA Newsletter to indicate the school where you will be delivering you

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Please pray for our LRBA WMU Leadership Team as they seek to lead the LRBA churches to be radically involved in the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

MONTHLY 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/>

June: Appalachia Ministry

July: South Asia

August: Theme Park Chaplain

**BAPTIST NURSING FELLOWSHIP
QUARTERLY MEETING**

July 30, 2026

The Last Quarterly meeting was held April 30 at Holly Springs Church. Those in attendance prepared “Blessing Bags” for Campbell University Nursing Students to present to them during pinning rehearsal.

Next Meeting will be “Called to Care” on July 30. Location TBD.

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

ANNUAL MEETING 2026

May 12, 2025 Little River WMU celebrated the 119th annual meeting at Lillington Baptist Church. Marty Dupree led the installation of our new leadership team which is effective July 1. The theme of the meeting was “Abundant Joy” based on the WMU Emphasis for 2024-2026. WMU members, Teen Panelists, and GAs from Antioch Baptist and Lillington Baptist presented a skit “Abundant Joy, Compassionate Living”. Claudia Hayes, former WMU LRBA Director presented an inspirational and Spirit-filled message on the joys we can receive from participating in missions. Thank you Lillington Baptist for the opportunity to gather and celebrate missions there.

LRBA PRAYER RETREAT

This year’s Prayer Retreat was held at Kennebec Church on April 18. The WMU ladies at Kennebec did a wonderful job hosting the event with beautiful decorations, favors, door prizes, and delicious continental breakfast and lunch. Elaine Hathcock, speaker and singer with The Master’s Hands, led the retreat. Her message was very motivational on the power of prayer. She even involved all the ladies by forming a “spontaneous” choir to sing a few of the old gospel songs. What Joy!

WMU-NC NEWS

**Zoom Leadership Luncheon
“The Unhurried Leader”**

June 17 @ 11:00 am

Register on-line at wmunc.org/events/

Prayer for Revival via Zoom

First Wednesday of each month

12:00-12:30 pm

Next Meeting will be July 1

Hold the Dates

**Ignite Missions Conference and
Annual Meeting**

October 2-3, 2026

**Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church,
Sanford, NC**

Registration opens July 1, 2026

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/>.

**WMU-NC Youth
Panelist**

Nominate any youth in grades 9-12 who have a heart for missions and a desire to serve. Youth will have the opportunity to gain leadership skills and give counsel to WMUNC.

Nominations are due by **June 30**.

For additional information go to

<https://wmunc.org/youth-events/>.