

Welcome

to the



Annual Gathering

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TOGETHER

*For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.
(Psalm 100:5)*

Celebrating the 30th anniversary of CBFNC!

March 14 – March 15, 2024
First Baptist Church, Greensboro

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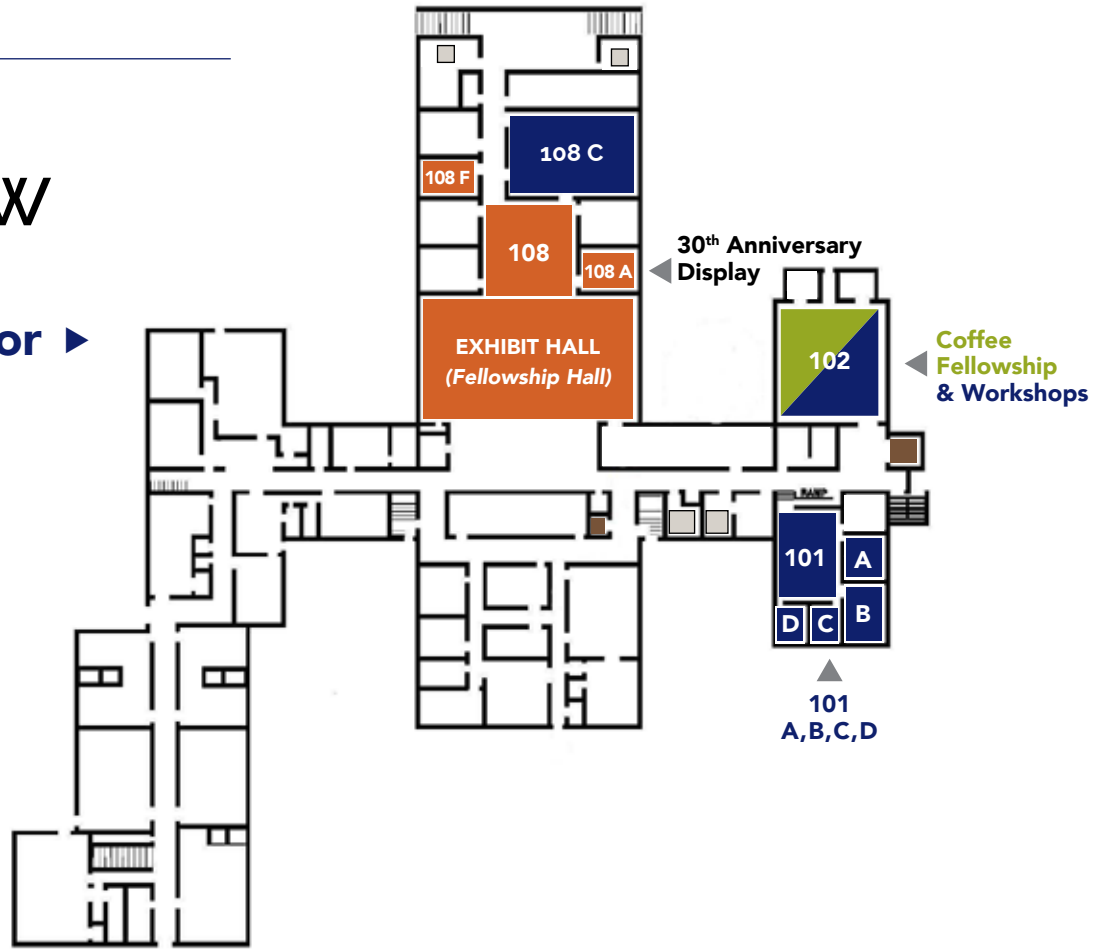


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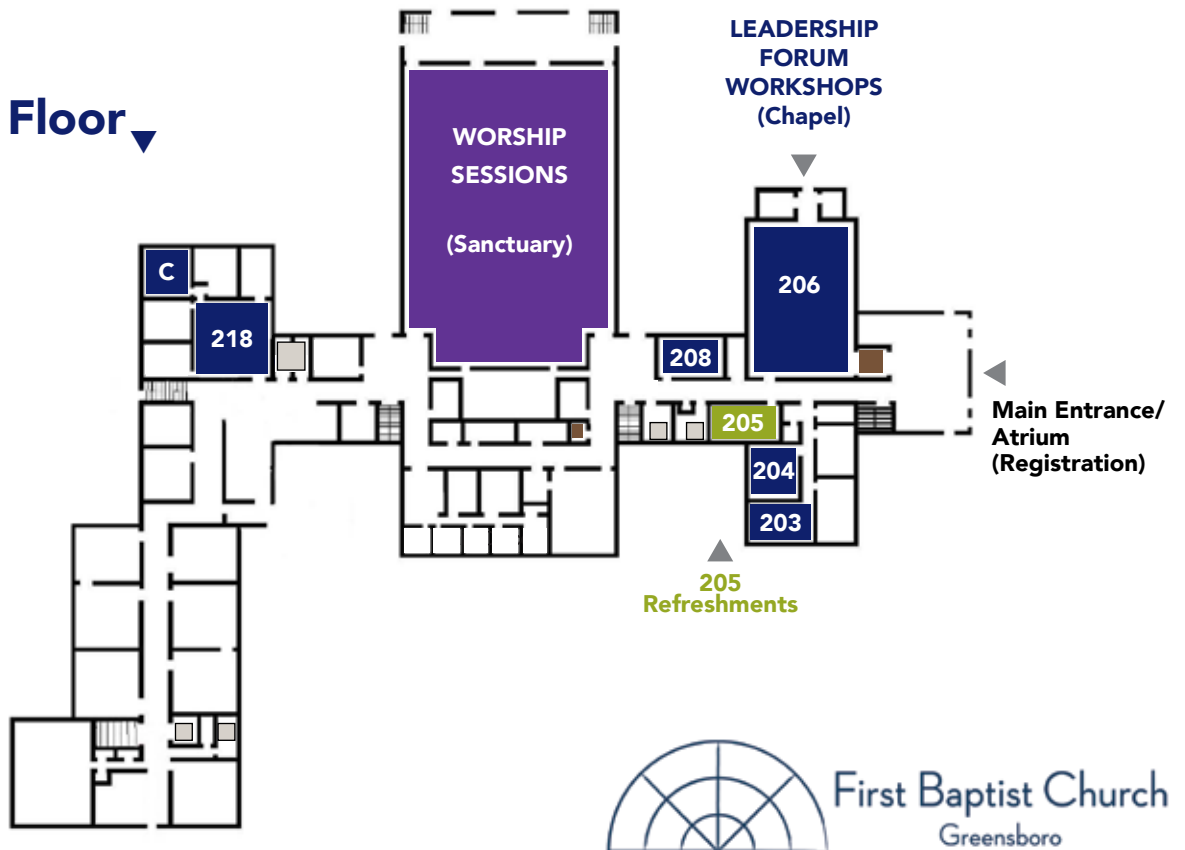
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-  Restrooms
-  Elevators
-  Food
-  Workshops
-  Gathering Spaces
-  Worship

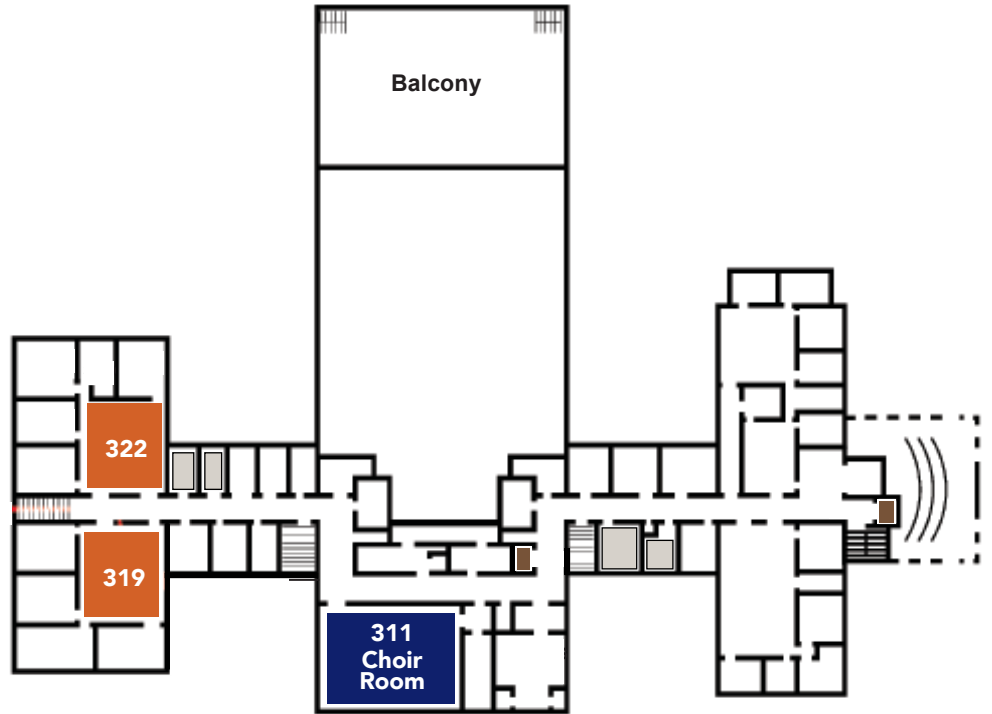


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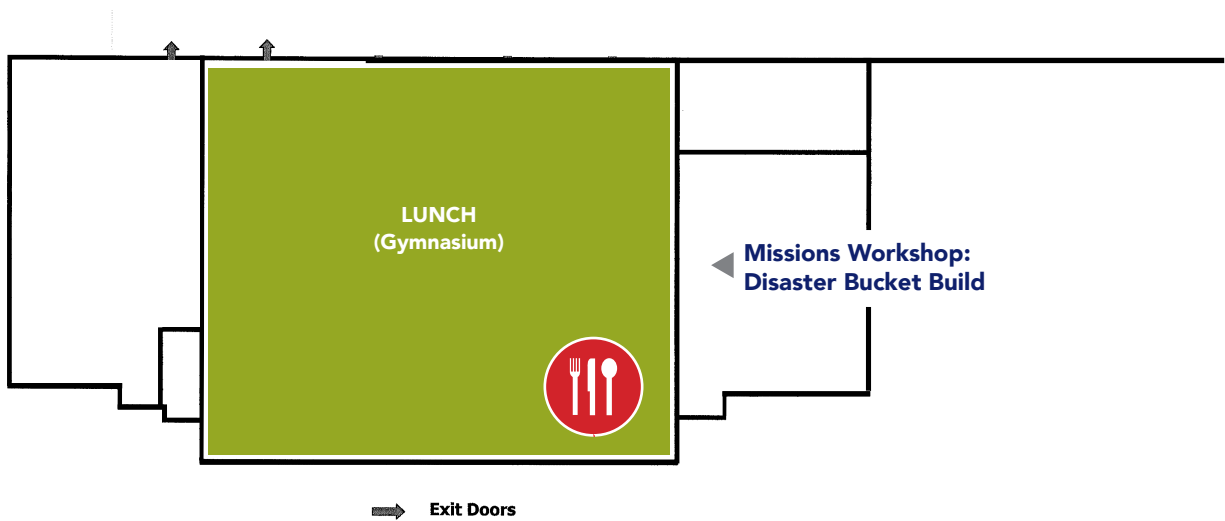


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3 Third Floor



Gymnasium





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REFRESHMENTS | Room 205
Please enjoy refreshments throughout Annual Gathering thanks to our Community Partner sponsor, **Baptist House of Studies at Duke Divinity School.**


COFFEE FELLOWSHIP | Room 102
Join us for Coffee Fellowship on Friday morning from 8-8:45 a.m. thanks to our Community Partner sponsor, **Center for Healthy Churches.**

Coffee and pastries provided by A Special Blend, a non-profit that employs adults with developmental or intellectual disabilities in its coffee shops in Greensboro and High Point. Learn more at aspecialblend.org.

LUNCH | Gym
Our lunch break will take place from 12:30-2:00 p.m. on Friday in the Gym. If you pre-ordered lunch when you registered, you may pick it up in the Gym. We do not have boxed lunches for sale on-site. If you didn't order lunch, please check out a nearby restaurant!

OFFERING

This year's offering commemorates our 30th anniversary. We are asking you to celebrate this milestone by making a gift in honor or memory of a person, ministry or value important to your experience with CBFNC. You may give online by scanning the code, during the offertory in worship or by placing a donation in the wooden offering box on the CBFNC table in the registration area. Offering envelopes will be available in the sanctuary and on the table with the box.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS | Sanctuary
In between worship services, be sure to visit the Stations of the Cross, a display of 14 original art pieces that are based on scripture and depict scenes of Jesus on the way to Golgotha and eventually the tomb. CBFNC's Spiritual Formation Team has written a devotional booklet to accompany this reflective experience that is available in the Sanctuary as you move through the displays.

CHOIR
If you want to sing in the choir, please meet in the Choir Room (311) at 2:15 (during Workshop Session 3) on Friday to rehearse. The choir will perform in Closing Worship on Friday.

THANK YOU!

CBF OF NORTH CAROLINA WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE to the staff, volunteers and entire congregation of First Baptist Church, Greensboro for opening your space to host the 2024 Annual Gathering. We are grateful for your hospitality and spirit of welcome!



annual gathering Schedule

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	LEADERSHIP FORUM Chapel
3:00 p.m.	ANNUAL GATHERING REGISTRATION & EXHIBIT HALL OPENS Atrium & Fellowship Hall
3:45 – 5:00 p.m.	OPENING WORSHIP Sanctuary
6:30 – 9:30 p.m.	30 TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION <i>(for those pre-registered)</i> Cadillac Service Garage, 304 E. Market Street More Information See pg. 15

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

8:00 a.m.	ANNUAL GATHERING REGISTRATION & EXHIBIT HALL OPENS Atrium & Fellowship Hall
8:00 – 8:45 a.m.	COFFEE FELLOWSHIP Room 102
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING & MORNING GATHERING Sanctuary
10:15 – 11:15 a.m.	WORKSHOP SESSION 1 Assigned Rooms See pg. 23
11:15 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	INTERNATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS CENTER & MUSEUM TOUR & LUNCH <i>(for those pre-registered)</i>
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	WORKSHOP SESSION 2 Assigned Rooms See pg. 27
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.	LUNCH Gym
2:15 – 3:15 p.m.	WORKSHOP SESSION 3 Assigned Rooms See pg. 31
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	CLOSING WORSHIP Sanctuary

staff & Leadership

COORDINATING COUNCIL

The Coordinating Council is the official board of directors of the non-profit corporation known as "CBF of North Carolina." Their purpose is to strengthen the bonds that tie us together in fellowship and ministry through communications, gatherings, partner relationships, personnel, finances and other resources.

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Courtney Willis, *First Baptist, Greensboro*



Thank
you

WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY A BIG "THANK YOU" to our Annual Gathering planning team, comprised of ministers and lay leaders from within the life of our Fellowship. These volunteers have given of their time and talents to help prepare for this gathering. The staff of CBFNC would not be able to make Annual Gathering happen without this group of people. We are extremely thankful for you and your leadership in planning our 2024 Annual Gathering!

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opening Worship

Thursday | 3:45–5:00 p.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Litany

Amy McClure
First Baptist on Fifth, Winston-Salem

Leader: For those free and faithful followers of Jesus with the God-inspired vision 30 years ago to form a fellowship that brings Baptists of North Carolina together for Christ-centered ministry, let us...

All: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Leader: For the current and past moderators of CBFNC, strong in faith and wise in leadership, whose faithfulness and commitment have helped us to...

All: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: For campus ministers at our colleges and universities who walk the journey of faith with students, faculty, and staff, modeling and inviting them into the likeness of Jesus, let us...

All: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.

Leader: And for those college students who now and in the future will impact their campuses, communities, our world, and this fellowship with gifts and resources both seen and yet to be revealed, we shout with joy...

All: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations. (Psalm 100)

CENTERING SONG

Make a Joyful Noise

Christian McIvor
Greystone Baptist, Raleigh



Make a joy-ful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Come in-to God's pre-sence with sing-ing.



For the love of God en-dures and ex tends to__ all; Christ is with us, now and for - ev - er.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN
Hymn No. 710

We Are Called to Be God's People

AUSTRIAN HYMN

WELCOME

David Hughes
*First Baptist on Fifth
Winston-Salem*

GREETING & OPENING PRAYER

Alan Sherouse
First Baptist, Greensboro

ANNUAL GATHERING OVERVIEW

Bill & Crystal Leathers
Knollwood Baptist, Winston-Salem

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN
Hymn No. 697

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:42-47

Aimee Hobbs
First Baptist, Rutherfordton

ADDRESS

Together

Larry Hovis
CBFNC Executive Coordinator

PRAYING FOR OUR FELLOWSHIP

Gail Coulter
Providence Baptist, Hendersonville

ANNIVERSARY VIDEO

OFFERTORY APPEAL

Jack Glasgow
Retired Pastor

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Suite in D

Aza Hudson, *Organ*
First Baptist, Albemarle
Christian McIvor, *Trumpet*
Greystone Baptist, Raleigh

Movements IV. "March (Bourrée)" and V. "March" by George Friderich Handel (1733), ed. Edward Tarr

BENEDICTION

Rick Jordan
Ardmore Baptist, Winston-Salem

*Call to worship written by Greg Rogers, Annual Gathering Planning Team Member.
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30
YEARS

30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Thursday, March 14 | 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Cadillac Service Garage, 304 E. Market St.
(for those who registered.)

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THOSE WHO REGISTERED
AT THE CADILLAC SERVICE GARAGE** venue in downtown

Greensboro as we celebrate God's steadfast love and faithfulness that
has enabled our fellowship to **THRIVE TOGETHER** for 30 years!

Our celebration will include heavy hors d'oeuvres, fellowship and
special entertainment, "CBFNC's Got Talent." Get ready to be entertained
by fellow CBFNC'ers through storytelling, comedy, music and singing.

Are you discerning a shift in calling? *Or are you considering it in the future?*



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*A confidential location will be set up for ministers to
meet with CBFNC's Ministerial Equipping director.*

annual business meeting & Morning Gathering

Friday | 9:00-10:00 a.m.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

Stacy Nowell
Moderator, First Baptist, Huntersville

PRAYER

Marion Horton
Moderator-Elect, Zebulon Baptist, Zebulon

MODERATOR REPORT

Stacy Nowell

BUDGET PRESENTATION

David Hailey
Treasurer, Hayes Barton Baptist, Raleigh

NOMINATING REPORT

Kendell Cameron
Chair, Nominating Team, First Baptist, Albemarle

CBFNC FREE AND FAITHFUL LEGACY SOCIETY

Becky Keesler
First Baptist, Mount Airy

OTHER BUSINESS/RECOGNITIONS

CENTERING SONG

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Christian McIvor
Greystone Baptist, Raleigh



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For the love of God en-dures and ex tends to__ all; Christ is with us, now and for - ev - er.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN
Hymn No. 317

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH



annual business meeting & Morning Gathering

Friday | 9:00–10:00 a.m.

MORNING GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Courtney Willis
First Baptist, Greensboro

Leader: God, we thank you for being our shepherd for 30 years. As we gather together in this place we give special thanks for those attending our gathering for the first time. We rejoice in their presence with us and welcome them to our fellowship.

All: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Leader: We thrive under you God, the Creator of all people, and of all nations. We do our best to love all our neighbors. We give praise for those who have given of their lives for your kingdom and served on CBF-NC mission trips or as CBF field personnel.

All: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Today at this gathering place, God, we joyfully celebrate you for all you have done these 30 years! Together, we are united under the Holy Spirit to worship you. Brothers and sisters, let us boldly join hands to praise our Creator, the One who calls our theological students and CBFNC scholars to a life of gospel ministry. May we encourage them in the Spirit to faithfully serve.

All: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.

Leader: God, you are the Holy God forever. You are the Everlasting loving God who makes all things well and has allowed us to thrive these 30 years. So, brothers and sisters, come boldly and let us sing praises and give our Way-Maker thanks.

All: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations. (Psalm 100)

DEVOTIONAL

Our Next 30 Years

Taylor Long
Benson Baptist, Benson

SENDING OUT

Matthew Rouse
*Program Director, Compelling Preaching Initiative,
General Baptist State Convention of NC*

Call to worship written by Jill Awuni, Annual Gathering Planning Team Member, Murfreesboro Baptist, Murfreesboro.

nominating Report

Children's Ministry

- Kheresa Harmon, Past Chair - St. Johns, Charlotte
- Will Raybon, Chair - Benson, Benson
- Tori Freeman, Chair-elect - First, Mount Holly
- Emily Hayne - Woodhaven, Apex
- Christi Hollifield - First, Waynesville
- Sarah Mears - Hayes Barton, Raleigh
- Amy Starr Russell - First, Greensboro
- Shannon Speller - Zebulon, Zebulon
- Tammy Hight - First, Henderson

Collegiate Ministry

- Amy Andrews, Chair - Cedarbridge, Greenville
- Court Greene, Chair-elect - Canton First, Canton
- Chris Cherry - First, Greensboro
- Pamela Cuddapah Bryant - Immanuel, Greenville
- Christian Davis - First, Wilmington
- Kristen Dominguez - Hominy, Candler
- Josh Parrott
- John Vestal - Greystone, Raleigh

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- Allison Farrah, 2028 - First, Hamlet
- Daniel Sostaita, 2028 - Iglesia Cristiana Sin Fronteras, Winston-Salem
- Lauren Alford, 2027 - First, Smithfield
- Jeff Spargo, 2027 - Covenant, Gastonia
- Kendell Cameron, 2026 - First, Albemarle
- Kenneth Rust, 2026 - First, Lumberton
- Sarah Davis, 2025 - First, Sylva
- Carolyn Dickens, 2025 - First, Raleigh

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- Nelson Granade, Past Chair - First, Statesville
- Tim Moore, Chair - First, Wadesboro
- Andrea Dellinger Jones, Chair-elect
- Kiki Barnes - Union, Durham
- Ed Beddingfield - Memorial, Buies Creek
- David Hughes - First on Fifth, Winston-Salem
- Melissa Hughes - Hominy, Candler
- Jordan Humler - First, Boone
- Reeves McGlohon - First, Mount Holly
- Robert Prince - First, Waynesville
- Richard Seagle - First, New Bern
- Chrissy Williamson - Greystone, Raleigh

Mission Engagement

- Kevin McDaniel, Chair - Hominy, Candler
- Coleman Long, Chair-elect - First, Wilmington
- Randy Carter - Temple, Durham
- Jesse Chapman - First, Asheville
- Dave Hawes - Godwin Heights, Lumberton
- Regina Johnson - First, Weaverville
- Amy Grizzle Kane - First, Greensboro
- Stephanie Shaffer
- DJ Waltz - First, Elizabeth City

Music Ministry

- Christian McIvor, Chair - Greystone, Raleigh
- Timothy Hill, Chair-elect - Providence, Charlotte
- Bruce Myers - First, Albemarle
- Andrew Roby - The Memorial, Greenville
- Michael Morgan - Edenton, Edenton
- Kelly Settlemyre - Spencer, Spindale
- Rebecca Tanner - First, Hickory

nominating Report

Nominating

- Kendell Cameron, Chair - First, Albemarle
- Carolyn Dickens - First, Raleigh
- Daniel Sostaita - Iglesia Cristiana Sin Fronteras, Winston-Salem
- Jamie Burns - First, Ahoskie
- Laura Roach - The Memorial, Greenville
- Aileen Lawrimore - Ecclesia, Asheville
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- Brad Smith, Chair-elect - The Memorial, Greenville
- Andrew Barnhill - First, Wilmington
- Jeanne Hollifield Baucom - First, Laurinburg
- Scott Hagaman - First, Marion
- Garin Hill - First, Forest City
- Amy McClure - First on Fifth, Winston-Salem
- Stephanie Parker - First, Clayton
- Kristen Tucker - First, Smithfield

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- Danielle Glaze - First, Teachey
- Eileen Hatch - Snyder, Fayetteville
- Dane Martin - Ardmore, Winston-Salem
- Dwight Moody - Providence, Hendersonville
- Matthew Rouse III - Piney Grove East Missionary Baptist, Marshville
- Olivia Wakefield - Baptist Fellowship, Angier

Red Latina

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- Rafael Hernandez, Chair-elect - First, Huntersville
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- Juventino Hernandez - Iglesia Internacional Bautista de Greenville
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- Pat Dunn - Immanuel, Greenville
- Linda Jones - First on Fifth, Winston-Salem
- Janet Pittman - Boiling Springs, Boiling Springs
- Alicia Porterfield - Oakmont, Greenville
- Susie Reeder - Snyder Memorial, Fayetteville

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- Tyler Roach, Chair-elect - The Memorial, Greenville
- Justin Bell - First, Elkin
- Caleb Foust - Piney Grove, Mount Airy
- Leah Harlow - Wake Forest, Wake Forest
- Brian Lockamy - Woodhaven, Apex
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You may give by cash or check during the offertory in either worship session or by placing a donation in the wooden offering box on the CBFNC table in the registration area. Offering envelopes will be available in the sanctuary and on the table with the box for you to dedicate your gift.

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workshop Session 1

Friday | 10:15–11:15 a.m.

Our 2024 Annual Gathering will offer a wide range of workshops for laypeople and ministers alike. This year we are offering workshops that follow “tracks” based on CBFNC’s organizational values of:

- Community
- Missions
- Collaborative Partnerships
- Leadership
- Flexibility
- Spiritual Formation
- Christian Education

TAX CONSIDERATIONS FOR MINISTERS Room 218

Educating ministers on social security issues, how to maximize housing allowance, and how to keep from disinherit their spouse.

Led by:
Matt Henley | *Retirement Consultant and Owner, Henley Wealth Group*

Jerry Whitley | *Bi-Vocational Minister*

WE’RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER Room 208

Collaborations are difficult and messy, but oh so worth it! Let’s talk about the reasons one might look to form a collaborative partnership, how to go about forming them, and some potential pitfalls to avoid. Together we can dream out loud about the potential partnerships in your community.

Led by:
Andy Jones | *Director, Strategic Growth for WARM NC*

FAITH BEYOND YOUTH GROUP Room 108C

If you’re tired of youth ministry that fails to change lives, it’s time to change youth ministry.

Building on two decades of the Fuller Youth Institute’s work and incorporating extensive new research and interviews, Faith Beyond Youth Group identifies the reasons youth ministry often flops both short-term and long-term, and offers five ways adult youth leaders can cultivate character for a lifetime of growing closer to Jesus rather than drifting away.

Led by:
Andy Jung | *Senior Director of Church Engagement and Business Administration, Fuller Youth Institute; Minister in Residence for Young Adults, Trinity Baptist in Raleigh; Youth Ministry Specialist, CBFNC*

GRIEF AS SPIRITUAL FORMATION (will offer Continuing Education hours) Room 203

Too often we treat grief as a task to be completed. The reality is that any kind of loss brings with it grief, and grief brings with it its own particular journey. When we embrace grief as part of our spiritual formation, our faith becomes part of our transformational journey of grieving. Grief informs and shapes our faith and vice versa. Join us as we explore the integration of the grief journey as a part of our faith and of our lives.

Led by:
Peggy Haymes | *Minister; Therapist; and Associate, Pinnacle Leadership Associates in Winston-Salem*

MINING THE WISDOM AND VALUE OF OLDER ADULTS

Room 204

10,000 Americans turn 65 every day; a rate which will continue through 2029. Sadly, American culture reflects a “decline ideology” of older age, emphasizing the social and cultural exclusion of people as they age. Yet, older adulthood is increasingly a larger part of the life course. Indeed, the majority of the life-span could be considered “older” age. How can we, as Christians, age gracefully ourselves while ensuring the value of older adults is embraced in our churches? Explore opportunities to challenge ageism, recognize the “wealth” of experience and wisdom offered by older adults and engage them within our churches and communities to fulfill Christ’s desire for true unity.

Led by:

Linda DiFranco | *Former Director, Children’s Ministry and a Co-Founder of Grandfriends*

Jeanne Kline | *Membership Counselor, ThriveMore at Home*

Lynne Moore | *Executive Director, ThriveMore at Home*

Virginia Ross Taylor | *Former Minister of Children; Co-Founder, Grandfriends*

MISSION: DISASTER BUCKET BUILD Gym

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Led by:

Missions Engagement Team

TEN STORIES: THE EXPERIENCES OF TEN CHURCHES WHO ARE BECOMING COMMUNITIES OF HOSPITALITY FOR LGBTQ+ FOLKS

Room 206

Join a diverse group of clergy and lay leaders of CBFNC congregations of all kinds as they share about the unique, faithful, and hopeful processes their churches experienced to become welcoming, affirming, and celebrating to the LGBTQ+ community. Attendees will hear a variety of stories from churches who have long been inclusive, ones who have more recently made this public confession, and ones who are currently having the inclusion conversation, all the while learning what might apply to their context from the many nuances of a conversation like this one. After a time of panel discussion and presentation, the workshop will conclude with Q&A from attendees.

Led by:

Amy Andrews | *Senior Pastor, Cedarbridge Baptist, Greenville*

Chris Chapman | *Pastor, First Baptist, Raleigh*

Mack Dennis | *Senior Pastor, First Baptist, Asheville*

Dennis Foust | *Senior Pastor, St. John’s Baptist, Charlotte*

Emily Hull McGee | *Senior Pastor, First Baptist on Fifth, Winston-Salem*

Nathan Parrish | *Pastor, Peace Haven Baptist, Winston Salem*

Alan Sherouse | *Senior Pastor, First Baptist, Greensboro*

Bob Setzer | *Pastor, Knollwood Baptist, Winston-Salem*

Michael Usey | *Lead Pastor, College Park Baptist, Greensboro*

Chrissy Williamson | *Senior Pastor, Greystone Baptist, Raleigh*

LEADING GOD'S PEOPLE IN A POST-PANDEMIC, OFTEN-DIVIDED WORLD
Room 102

The world has changed significantly in the last few years. The ways of leading that worked in the past do not work in the same way anymore. This workshop asks: How do we embody the never-changing gospel in our ever-changing culture?

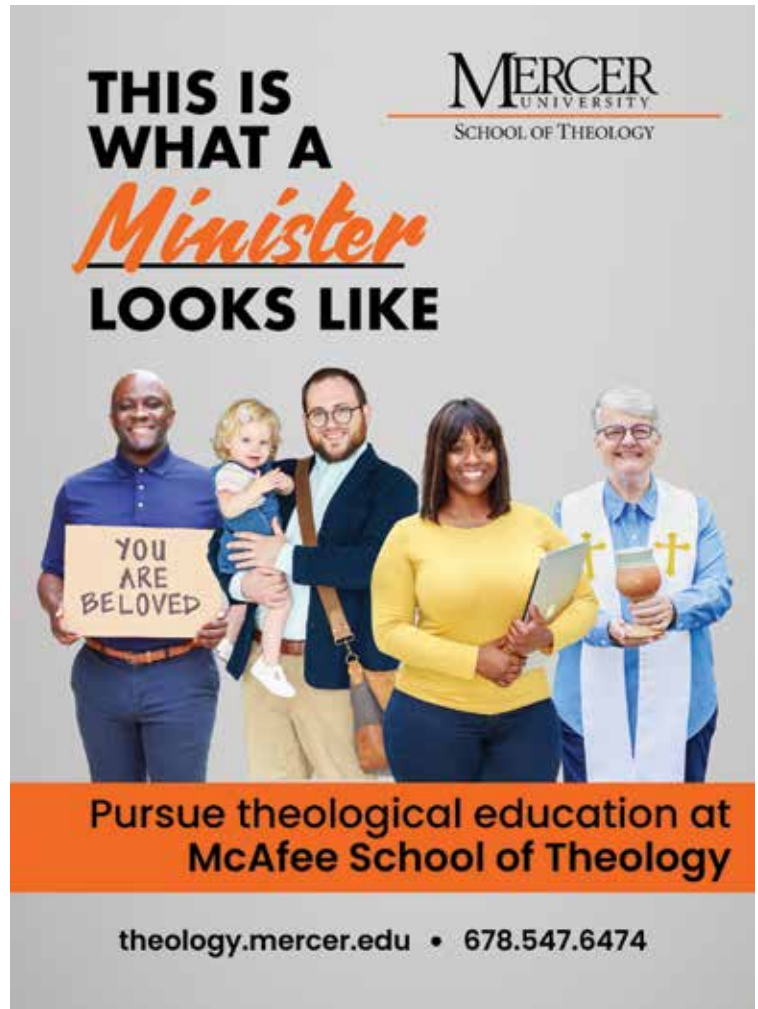
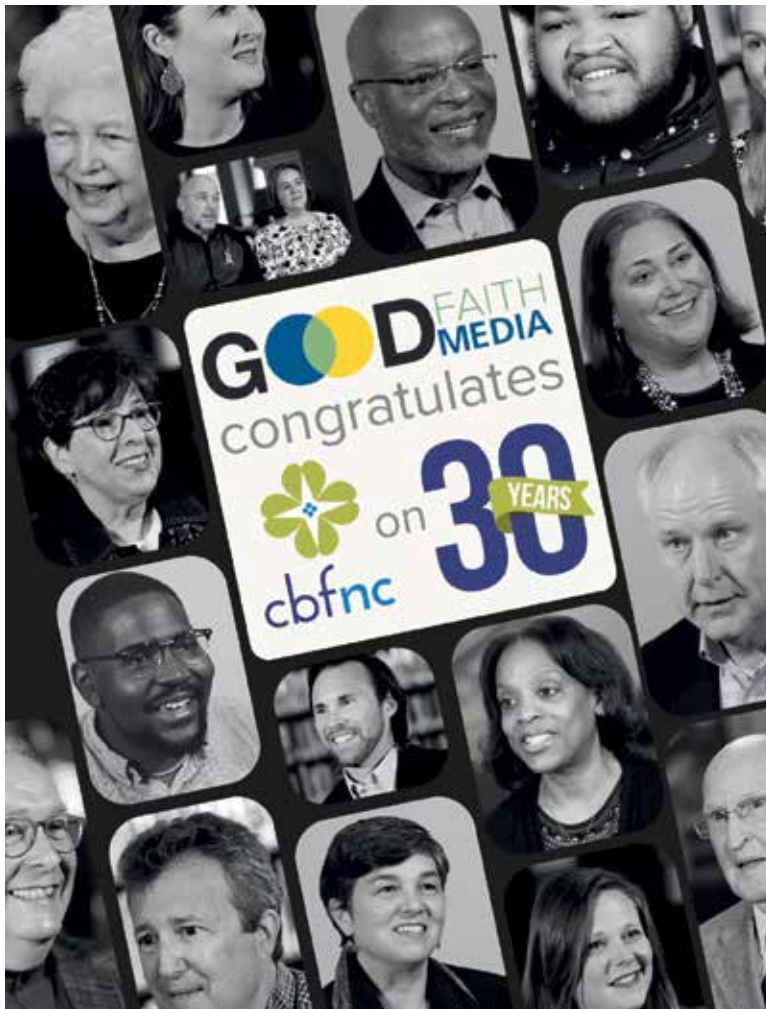
Led by:
Scott Cormode | *Hugh De Pree Professor of Leadership Development, Fuller Seminary*

MIGRATION 360
Room 101

This workshop focuses essential ministry at both ends of the migration spectrum. Africa Exchange, a CBFNC global missions partner, highlights challenges in sub-Saharan Africa that cause or contribute to involuntary migration and the preventative efforts it is leading among marginalized communities in Kenya; CBFNC's Welcome Network director (staff) shares about vital ministries in response to the needs of refugee communities locally. Both organizations will share how you can be involved in prevention and care in a world being reshaped by global migration.

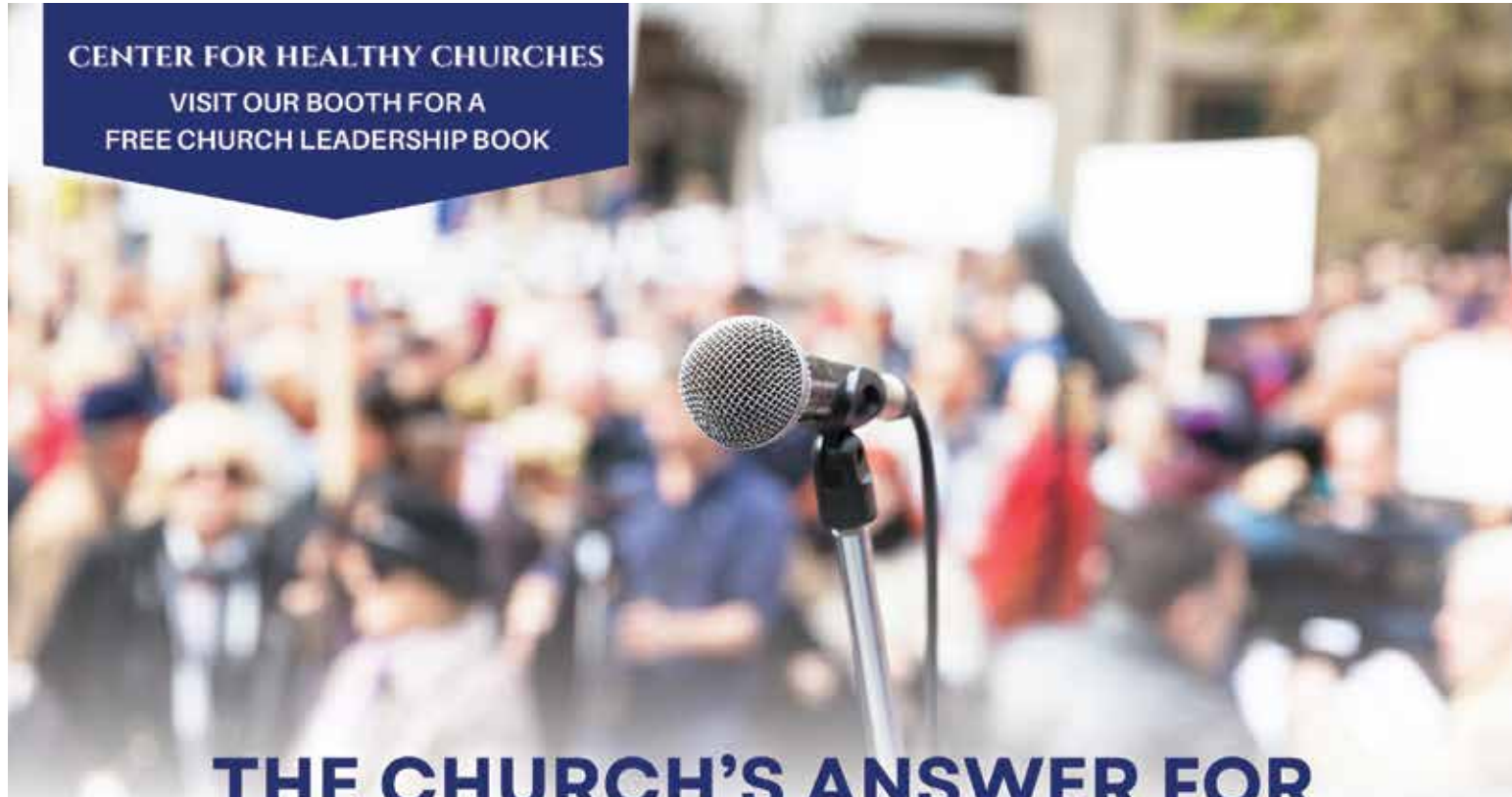
Led by:
Sam Harrell | *Executive Director, Africa Exchange*
Lydia Tatum | *Director, CBFNC Welcome Network*

Session 1



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6 Habits for
Overcoming Polarization
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workshop Session 2

Friday | 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

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HELPING CHURCHES THRIVE: CHURCH SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE Room 204

CBFNC is launching a new Helping Churches Thrive program. Housed within the program is the Church Sustainability Initiative, focusing on working alongside congregations to discern their next most faithful step, exploring new pathways for churches by examining their sustainability and viability.

After listening to churches across the state, we have honed in on seven compelling stories of congregations that serve as models for potential pathways forward. These pathways include resetting ministry, ending well and becoming a legacy church, developing revenue-based space partnerships, selling church facilities and restarting with a new approach, sharing space with other congregations, and more.

The workshop will serve as a networking, resourcing, and marketing tool for the new initiative.

Led by:
Andy Hale | Associate Executive Coordinator, CBFNC

Rickey Letson | Congregational Stewardship Officer, CBF Global

BUILDING TRUST: WOMEN'S PARTNERSHIPS ACROSS THE COLOR LINE Room 208

This workshop will provide a panel of women discussing their experiences with Christian partners of different racial backgrounds. We strive to explore the strengths and challenges of cooperative missional efforts between white Baptist women and BIPOC women. Through listening to the stories of these women we hope to glean insights into building trust so as to understand, repair and expand partnerships that bear more faithful witness to one fellowship and respectful co-laboring in the future.

Led by:
Lynn Holmes | Associate in Ministry, First Baptist, Wilmington Street in Raleigh; Adjunct Professor in the Public Policy School at Duke University

Nichole Parisoe Cella | She has served in various church capacities for over 30 years, including worship leadership and social justice pursuits.

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Led by:
Missions Engagement Team

CHILDREN'S CURRICULUM RESOURCES AND BEST PRACTICES

Room 101

The Children's Ministry Team workshop will provide information on the curriculum resources that have been curated for the CMT Endorsed Curriculum PDF including samples (possibly of some resources), and a panel of children's ministers to share what has worked, does not work, and ideas of how to maintain the Endorsed Curriculum PDF as a current and ongoing resource. Panel members are invited to bring to the workshop some of their own curriculum pieces to share as to the resourcefulness of the curriculum, how it is best utilized, and where/how to obtain.

Led by:

Christi Hollifield | *Minister Focusing on Pastoral Care and Spiritual Direction of Children, Families and Adults*

ADDRESSING MENTAL HEALTH IN THE CHURCH

(will offer Continuing Education hours)

Room 206

Mental illness plagues millions of Americans and their families, yet churches seem hesitant to address it. Many peddle unhelpful, even hurtful theories that depression is just "lacking the joy of the Lord," or that anxiety is only evidence of insufficient faith. Such explanations rarely help those who suffer, and they only contribute to the taboo nature of speaking about mental health. How can churches be honest about the mental health epidemic, and what does it look like for the Body of Christ to offer help to those who struggle?

Led by:

Paul Burgess | *Pastor, University Baptist, Chapel Hill*

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CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM TOUR

(separate registration and fee required)

Off-site

The Racial Equity and Justice team of CBFNC desires to be a core part of the milestone celebration for celebrating 30 years of service within North Carolina and beyond. Greensboro serves as the home of several public and private universities, namely: North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, Bennett College, Greensboro College, and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Two of these institutions are recognized historically black universities. In addition to these universities the town also serves as the location for the International Civil Rights Museum, which is housed in the former Woolworth Store where the famous sit-in of four freshman NC A&T students at the establishment's lunch counter in 1960 took place. Their actions helped to further the Civil Rights Movement and the plight to end racial segregation. The location of the church to the center and the college campuses are no more than 10-15 minutes in driving distance. It is our goal to include both the historic black colleges and the Civil Rights Museum into our 30th anniversary celebration.

Led by:

Racial Equity & Justice Team

6 HABITS FOR OVERCOMING POLARIZATION

Room 108C

How do we move beyond fight or flight responses to political disagreement? We sometimes forget that the Church was born into great diversity and found a way to respond to that diversity with love and peace, even in the face of persecution and violence. Our workshop focuses on a set of habits that congregations can teach and Christians can practice that offer an alternative to the toxic atmosphere of American politics.

Led by:

Matt Cook | *Director, Center for Healthy Churches*

Jayne Davis | *Associate Pastor of Discipleship, First Baptist in Wilmington; Coach and Consultant, Center for Healthy Churches*



TEACHING BAPTIST IDENTITY: A TIMELY (AND NECESSARY) ENDEAVOR Room 203

The workshop explores 1) The importance of Baptist Identity 2) The nature of that identity 3) The need for clarity about that identity 4) Ways in which a church might guide members in understanding that identity. The workshop will serve as both a networking, resourcing, and marketing tool for the new initiative.

Led by:
Bill Leonard | *Founding Dean and Professor of Divinity Emeritus, Wake Forest University School of Divinity*

A THEOLOGY OF TECHNOLOGY: HOW TO MAKE DIGITAL PREACHING AN EFFECTIVE MINISTRY FOR YOUR CHURCH Room 218

In this workshop we are presenting a newly developed Theology of Technology to help integrate technology within the ministry of your church. We will also address practical aspects such as how to preach to a camera when no one is in the room, how to use a teleprompter, the use of visuals in a sermon, how to manage copyright laws related to digital content, and engaging online/distance members.

Led by:
Jonathan Boggs | *Founder and Minister of Digital Storytelling, Parable Media*



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workshop Session 3

Friday | 2:15–3:15 p.m.

EXPLORING FAITH WITH CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

Room 204

We are in a golden age of children's literature, with exceptional books featuring new ideas and diverse protagonists being released regularly. Picture books are a great way to start a Sunday School lesson, to introduce a children's sermon, or even to share with an entire congregation to get a conversation started. In this workshop, you will get practical ideas of how to incorporate excellent children's literature, especially picture books, in all areas of worship. Whether it is a particular topic that you'd like to address or a season of the church calendar that you would like to explore, we have ideas to help you get started on this journey of using children's literature in the church. Some examples include using Carole Boston Weatherford's book "The Beatitudes: From Slavery to Civil Rights" to explore the message of the Beatitudes in a service, using "The Stuff of Stars" by Marion Dane Bauer to introduce Ash Wednesday to kids, or reading "The Youngest Marcher" by Cynthia Levinson to show how faith inspires action.

Led by:

Kari Baumann | *Pastor to Children and Families, College Park Baptist in Greensboro*

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NURTURING SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS TO HELP OUR CHILDREN & COMMUNITIES THRIVE

Room 102

Are you looking for ways to reach out to your community to love your neighbors and bring good news to the poor? Are you already in partnership with a local school and are looking to expand that ministry? Do you care about helping our children thrive regardless of their zip code or family background?

Connecting with your local public school is a great way to help our communities thrive and ensure all children have what they need to flourish. Through a combination of presentation and group conversation, this workshop will bring together congregations who already have a partnership with a local school and congregations who want to develop a partnership. We will discuss best practices for churches to support their local schools including what's working in our locations, pitfalls to avoid, and ideas we have for further ministry. We will focus on both immediate direct service to schools and longer-term systemic change for public education.

Led by:

Suzanne Parker Miller | *Founder and Executive Director, Pastors for NC Children based in Raleigh*

TRANSFORMING YOUR COMMUNITY WITH GRATITUDE

Room 108C

Using First Baptist Mount Olive's Gratitude Project as one model, this workshop encourages congregations to imagine new missional frameworks for impacting their own communities in sustainable ways. Depending on your context, issues such as alleviating poverty, strengthening education, addressing affordable housing, and building creative avenues of hope can be addressed and funded. Through an "asset-based" approach every congregation can do something meaningful to bless their community simply out of gratitude for God's grace. Gratitude can spark the process of transformation in your community and congregation!

Led by:

Dennis Atwood | *Senior Pastor, First Baptist, Mount Olive*

Bryan King | *Managing Partner, Haithcock, Barfield, Hulse & King, PLLC, in Goldsboro; Chairperson, Gratitude Project Committee, First Baptist, Mount Olive*

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES FOR DISCERNING SOCIAL ACTION

Room 208

A spiritual foundation is essential as we seek to discern how God is moving us to social action. Through spiritual exercises and the movement of the Holy Spirit, we may more readily discover our unique passion and how to prayerfully pursue it. Prayerful action helps us to apply our energy in a positive and effective manner. During this session we will explore various spiritual exercises, along with laying a theological foundation for why spiritual practices are crucial to discerning one's social action.

Led by:

Rebecca Husband Maynard | *Former Associate Pastor; Founder, Stacking Stones Ministry*

WORK AS WITNESS

Room 101

What makes a business "Christian"? Does streaming religious music or posting the sign of a cross on the window make it so, or is there more to it? How does our secular work become sacred, and why does it matter? This session will invite attendees to explore the biblical and theological origin of work and why our work matters to God. We will examine stories of faith in the workplace and encourage one another to seek missional opportunities in our personal and professional settings.

Led by:

David Elks | *Life and Leadership Coach; Corporate Chaplain Working with Leaders in Business, Healthcare and Congregational Ministry*

Lisa Lee Rust | *Businesswoman; Ordained Minister, Lumberton; Former CBFNC Moderator*

MINISTER'S PSYCHOSPIRITUAL CARE

(will offer Continuing Education hours)

Room 203

Taking care of the minister's psycho-spiritual well-being is crucial within the congregation. It is important to provide support and understanding to the minister by addressing their emotional and spiritual needs. Nurturing the minister's psycho-spiritual health ultimately allows them to better serve the congregation.

Led by:

Olga Lucia Ramos | *Medical Doctor, University of Sinú in Cartagena de Indias; Student, The School of Divinity at Gardner Webb University*

Herbert Palomino | *International Speaker; Counselor; and Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling, The Divinity School at Gardner-Webb University*

Santiago Reales | *Minister; Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplain; Pastoral Counselor; Life Coach; and Director/Consultant, CBFNC Latino Ministry Red Latina*

WORKING TOGETHER TO STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Room 218

Human trafficking is here in NC, and your church can join the movement to stop it. We'll discuss some cases in NC, and how you can educate and engage your community in this issue, including films, social media campaigns, Bible studies and more. Providing housing, clothes, and other necessities will also be discussed.

Led by:
Pam Strickland | *Founder, North Carolina Stop Human Trafficking*

VOICES OF CBFNC: STATEWIDE CHOIR

Choir Room (Room 331)

Join singers from across the state in preparing a piece to be shared in closing worship. This group will sing Mark Miller's Welcome to God's Love. All skill levels are invited!


Led by:
Christian McIvor | *Minister of Worship, Music and the Arts, Greystone Baptist in Raleigh; Adjunct Professor of Trumpet, Campbell University*

UN-INSTITUTING OUR INSTITUTIONS

Room 206

How do you move your church to try something new? We know that many things about the institution of church are not working today but moving a congregation to think differently about how we define "church" can be a challenge. Learn about nontraditional churches and ministries to inspire imagination and learn consulting skills to help navigate the conversations within your church and inspire holy curiosity about what the church can be today.

Led by:
Charity Roberson | *Senior Consultant, The Center for Congregational Health*



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closing Worship

Friday | 3:30–5:00 p.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Lydia Tatum
CBFNC Welcome Network Director

Leader: God of celebration and thanksgiving, we say thanks be to God. Thanks be to God for this family that is the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina and for this Annual Gathering. For the laughter, sacred conversations, friendships old and new, and for the joy that bubbles over when our hearts are joined together in love, we are grateful.

All: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Leader: God of days past, we gather as a fellowship built by the determined faith and persistent hope of those who came before. We name especially former CBFNC staff and former coordinating and leadership council members. Those who have led us. Those who have spent time in meetings, managing an ever-growing inbox, and fostering the relationships that have led us here. For these people who listened to the nudging of the Spirit, knowing that God calls us to this work. For those who allowed their imaginations to run wild with possibilities of what this Baptist fellowship could be, we are grateful.

All: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: God of today, our fellowship is nurtured by the thoughtful faith and courageous hope of those who led us now. We name especially 2024-2025 team members, members of the coordinating council, young clergy and lay leaders. Those who lead us. Those who minister with boundless compassion, who wonder and dream, who spend time in front of computers and calendars, planning and praying. Those who invite the presence of God to breathe new life into our fellowship and churches. For their wisdom, their questions, their devotion and their dreams, we are grateful.

All: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.

Leader: God of what is yet to come, our fellowship will continue to be molded by the bold faith and relentless hope of us all, members and friends of CBFNC churches. We are the ones who will carry this Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina into the future. May we look to the example of those who came before us and the wisdom of our leaders. May we draw close to each other, may we listen and learn, may we stay curious. As we look to the future, remind us that it is Christ who calls us into a community to thrive together, and the love of God that will sustain us through all generations. For all that has been, is, and is yet to be, we are grateful.

All: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

PRAYER FOR OUR FELLOWSHIP

Guy Sayles
First Baptist, Bryson City

CENTERING SONG

Make a Joyful Noise

Christian McIvor
Greystone Baptist, Raleigh



Make a joy-ful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Come in-to God's pre-sence with sing-ing.



For the love of God en-dures and ex tends to__ all; Christ is with us, now and for - ev - er.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN
Hymn No. 20

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

ODE TO JOY

DRAMA TEAM

Bathe

Revelation Players
Oakmont Baptist, Greenville

OFFERTORY APPEAL

Caitie Jackson
CBFNC Campus Ministries Associate
& Charlotte Region Campus Minister

ANTHEM

Welcome to God's Love

Voices of CBFNC
Annual Gathering Choir
Words by Lindy Thompson,
Music by Mark A. Miller

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 100; Philippians 4:4-7

Will Raybon
Benson Baptist, Benson

SERMON

God's Faithfulness Continues

Stacy Nowell
CBFNC Moderator
First Baptist, Huntersville

DRAMA TEAM

For God So Loved...

Revelation Players
Oakmont Baptist, Greenville

HYMN OF RESPONSE
(see text on following page)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

BENEDICTION

Anna & LaCount Anderson
CBF Field Personnel Serving in Eastern NC

Call to Worship written by Paxton Vaughn, planning team member and CBFNC Lolley scholar.
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Hymn of Response: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Verse 1:

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Verse 2:

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

(Refrain)

Verse 3:

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

(Refrain)

Thank you to the following for leading music during worship throughout Annual Gathering:

Tim Hill, Providence Baptist, Charlotte
Aza Hudson, First Baptist, Albemarle
Baker Lawrimore, First Baptist, Greensboro
Christian McIvor, Greystone Baptist, Raleigh
Michael McKnight, Oakmont Baptist, Greenville
Andy Roby, The Memorial Baptist, Greenville
Doug Vancil, Knollwood Baptist, Winston-Salem

keynote Speakers



SCOTT CORMODE | LEADERSHIP FORUM KEYNOTE

Hugh De Pree Professor of Leadership Development, Fuller Seminary

Rev. Dr. Scott Cormode is the Hugh De Pree Professor of Leadership Development at Fuller Seminary. He founded the Academy of Religious Leadership, an organization for professors who teach leadership in seminaries, and its Journal of Religious Leadership. Author of the book "Making Spiritual Sense: Theological Interpretation as Christian Leadership," Scott has also published numerous articles on leadership, organization and technology. He maintains case studies and other resources on leadership.fuller.edu, a website for developing Christian leaders.



LARRY HOVIS | OPENING WORSHIP PREACHER

CBFNC Executive Coordinator

Rev. Dr. Larry Hovis has been the executive coordinator of CBFNC since 2004. His responsibilities include bringing together the diverse parts of CBFNC (including individual Christians, churches, staff, councils, other volunteer leadership and ministry partners) into a coherent and efficient whole to accomplish our purpose of "bringing Baptists of North Carolina together for Christ-centered ministry." Before his tenure with CBFNC, Larry served as pastor at churches in North Carolina and Virginia. While Larry's particular strengths focus on leadership, stewardship, strategic planning, governance and organizational development, his passion is preaching and relating to Baptist congregations. He has been privileged to preach or speak in hundreds of churches and organizations in North Carolina and beyond.



TAYLOR LONG | MORNING GATHERING DEVOTION

CBFNC Lolley Scholar and Annual Gathering Planning Team Member

Taylor Long is a current CBFNC Lolley Scholar pursuing her Master of Divinity from Campbell University Divinity School. Originally from Clayton, she is a member of Benson Baptist in Benson and a proud alumna of Campbell University ('22). Taylor feels called to be with others as they explore who they are becoming and how God is at work in the world.



STACY NOWELL | CLOSING WORSHIP PREACHER

CBFNC Moderator and Senior Pastor, First Baptist Huntersville

Rev. Stacy Nowell was elected as CBFNC moderator in March 2023. She is the senior pastor of First Baptist in Huntersville, where she has served since 2015. Now in the midst of doctoral studies at Duke Divinity School, Stacy is writing her thesis on evangelism and the 21st century American church. Stacy has previously served at churches in Georgia and Virginia. She also served as a hospital chaplain. Her service in the larger Baptist community includes tenures on the national Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Coordinating Council, the CBF Nominating Committee, the Virginia CBF Coordinating Council, the Board of Trustees for the Religious Herald, the Board of Directors for Baptist News Global and the Board of Visitors for McAfee School of Theology.



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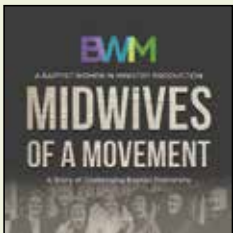




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UPCOMING EVENTS



MIDWIVES OF A MOVEMENT SCREENINGS

— *Parteras de un Movimiento de PROYECCIONES*

APRIL 12: Oakmont Baptist, Greenville

APRIL 13: Greystone Baptist, Raleigh

APRIL 14: First on Fifth, Winston-Salem

APRIL 14: First Baptist, Asheville



HELPING PASTORS THRIVE – REST & RENEW RETREAT

— *Ayudando a los pastores a prosperar, descansar y renovarse*

St. Francis Springs Prayer Center, Stoneville

APRIL 14-16



CBF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

— *CBF Asamblea en General*

Koury Convention Center, Greensboro

JUNE 19-21



FALL YOUTH BEACH RETREAT

— *Retiro de otoño en la playa para jóvenes*

Camp Caswell, Oak Island, NC

OCTOBER 25-27

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