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THE MESSENGER

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Early Spring Greetings!!

I was talking with a member from one of our YBA Churches the other day about taking down the Christmas Tree just last week and in a few days it will already be March!!! Where has time gone? In a few days we will set our clocks forward and await the arrival of Spring!

Here is an update on my physical health: I am scheduled to (finally) have Knee Scope Surgery on March 10th. Please pray that the surgery goes well and that the recovery time will be short. I feel like I have a lot of catching up to do since I fell and had unplanned surgeries (brain stent and kidney stone). Thanks for your patience and understanding as I have had to work from home some and had limited Office hours each week.

We had a good turnout recently for the Region 7 Baptists on Mission rally held February 24th. It was a good time of fellowship as we heard about several of the many ministries that we as NC Baptists are involved with. Please continue to pray for and support the relief and rebuild efforts in Western NC.

The YBA Executive Council will be meeting this month to make the final plans for our upcoming YBA Semi-Annual Meeting. Each Church can have 5 registered Messengers. The Meeting will be held Thursday, April 24th at 6:00 p.m. at the Triple Cross Cowboy Church (Lone Hickory Arena). Please read the YBA Happenings in this newsletter for other Ministers' meetings you are invited to attend.

We are having some conversations with various Leaders from our State Convention about upcoming training events for Church Treasurers/Finance Committee members/Church Clerks/ Deacons? Church Moderators/Church Outreach Leaders, etc. It has been a few years since we have had any of these types of Training events at the YBA. More information will be in upcoming Newsletters.

As always, please let Brenda or myself know of any way we can be of help to you or your Church.

Thank you for your partnership,
Dennis

REMINDER: Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 9th! Set your clocks ahead 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday night!

YBA ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) Christian sympathy is extended to Rev. Jim Lytle, former Pastor of Bread of Life Baptist Church, in the recent passing of his Mother.
- 2) We would like to **THANK** all of our Churches for completing the Annual Church Profile.
- 3) **Mountain View's Women's Conference** will be March 1st from 9am to 2pm with Guest Speaker, Rebecca Lindhout. Rebecca will be providing an uplifting message for all women on God's loving goodness. Lunch will be served. The conference and lunch are free, donations are not expected but are very much appreciated. Registering is not required, but would be very beneficial to us. Here is a link you can use to register online, or call the Church Office (336-468-8199) and register. (<https://mountainviewbaptistchurch.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2699251>) We look forward to welcoming everyone!
- 4) **The Ministers' Aspire Class** will meet on Tuesday, March 4th at 10:00 a.m. at the YBA office.
- 5) **2025 State Missions Conference:** Join us at Calvary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem on March 14-15th for the "Living Sent Every Christian is a Missionary" two-day conference. To attend, please register at <https://baptistsonmission.org/bom/missions-conference/2025-baptist-missions-conference/7037?itemid=12735> no later than March 1st. Check out the details on our YBA website.
- 6) The **YBA Ministers Meeting** will be Tuesday, March 18th at 11:30 a.m. at the YBA office.
- 7) **Charity Baptist Church Revival** is being held starting with the Sunday morning service, March 30th through Thursday evening, April 3rd. Preaching by Brian Thompson, Geoffrey Mace, Kenny Gooden, James Williams, David Childress, and Chris Hauser. Come join us for good preaching, fellowship, and music. We look forward to seeing you there!
- 8) **Deep Creek Baptist Church** is hosting an Empty Bowls Fundraising Event on Tuesday, April 1st. If interested, please contact Barbara Todd at (336) 463-2203 or Judy Beasley (secretary@mydeepcreekbc.com) for tickets and more details.
- 9) **Bethel Baptist Church** is hosting a Men's Brotherhood Breakfast to support their missions on Saturday, April 12th from 7-10am. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased from Mike Ely (336-469-0829). Tickets will be collected at the door. Ladies are welcome to come and enjoy the breakfast.
- 10) **Bethel Baptist Church Revival** will be held on Sunday, April 6th through Wednesday, April 9th. Sunday night, April 6th starts at 6pm and Monday through Wednesday starts at 7pm. Ben Webb from Enon Baptist Church and Tim Webb from Northwood Baptist Church will be preaching. See you there!
- 11) **2025 Baptist Children's Home Food Roundup** is here! Information and resources for interested churches can be found on bchfoodroundup.org or see information starting on page 8 of this newsletter.

YBA ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- 12) **Pray for Churches Without Pastors:** BREAD OF LIFE, DEEP CREEK, FORBUSH, and SANDY SPRINGS.
- 13) **2025 Baptist Children's Home Food Roundup** is here! Information and resources for interested churches can be found on bchfoodroundup.org or see information starting on page 8 of this newsletter.
- 14) **Rock Spring Baptist Church** is a loving, caring church serving a Christ centered congregation. Rock Spring Baptist Church is looking for a pianist for our Sunday Service. Pay is negotiable. If interested, please contact Brenda Chandler (252) 497-1328 or Earnest Galliher (704) 546-7223 to further pursue this opportunity.
- 15) **Samaritan's Purse** is responding to the ongoing needs as a result of Hurricane Helene by entering into three rebuild projects serving hurting homeowners in western North Carolina. We are hiring! Would you be willing to share this news with your churches? While these positions may not be a fit for persons in your community, they may know someone who would benefit from hearing about them. Please contact Cindy Kruger, M.Ed., M.Div., Human Resources Recruiter at M: 470-585-6711/ ckruger@samaritan.org and Samaritan's Purse website <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/> for more details. Also see the complete details posted on our YBA website under Job Openings tab.
- 16) **WMU:** Mark your calendar for the WMU Ladies Spring Celebration / 111th Annual YBA Session to be held on Thursday, April 10th at 6:30 at Enon Baptist Church. Doors will open at 6:00 pm. Tickets will be available to purchase beginning March 3rd at the YBA office. The cost will be \$20 per ticket. Please have money in hand when you pick up your tickets. There will be dinner served, special music, and a guest speaker. Our speaker this year will be Holly Myers, a speaker, author, and founder of Unbound Ministry (hollyhmyers.com). I look forward to seeing everyone as we celebrate what God is doing in the lives of His people!

We welcome the churches to send in the happenings in your churches to the Monthly Newsletter. If your church has an upcoming event or other news to share with our church community, please email the information to yadkinbaptist@yadtel.net to be included in the upcoming newsletter. We can also post the information on the Yadkin Baptist Association website (yadkinbaptistassociation.org).

Maplewood Baptist Church

2025 Christian Concert Series



The Salmons Sisters

March 2, 10:30am



Taylor Vaden

April 6, 10:30am



Sherry Anne

April 27, 10:30am



Shellum Cline

June 22, 6pm



The Bledsoe's

August 24, 10:30am



Darin & Brooke

Aldridge

Date TBD



**An evening of Grace
with
Anointed by Grace
&
Saved by Grace
October 11, 6pm**



1200 Maplewood Dr., Yadkinville-Love Offering will be collected



Birthdays

Angela Nixon March 1st
Will Hamrie March 2nd

Tanya Benfield March 29th
Edis de La Cruz March 31st



JOB POSTINGS

SAMARITAN'S PURSE JOB OPPORTUNITIES: All positions are paid positions, some being permanent, while others are for the length of the projects, which is anticipated to be approximately three years. All positions are full time and qualify for a benefits package. We welcome the opportunity to talk further with you about this. You can also visit samaritanpurse.org, as well as careers.samaritanpurse.org, for additional information. Please let me know how we can assist you. May we count on your help in sharing the news? Will you also assist us by praying for God to send the workers, while also praying for the homeowners? New job postings for Samaritan's Purse can also be found on their website. Please see the attached document for additional information as well. Thank you in advance for your time, consideration, and prayer support. Complete information on the jobs available can be found on our website (yadkinbaptistassociation.org) or by contacting Cindy Kruger, M.Ed., M.Div., Human Resources Recruiter at M: 470-585-6711/ ckruger@samaritan.org /<https://www.samaritanpurse.org>.

ENON BAPTIST CHURCH, EAST BEND, NC: We are prayerfully seeking a Full Time Youth Pastor. The candidate must provide a clear testimony of conversion, a calling to youth ministry, and must endorse the Baptist Faith and Message 2000. For more information regarding qualifications and how to apply, please visit our website at enonbaptist.org.

ROCK SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH, HARMONY, NC: Rock Spring Baptist Church is looking for a pianist for our Sunday Service. Pay is negotiable. If interested, please contact Brenda Chandler (252) 497-1328 or Earnest Galliher (704) 546-7223 to further pursue this opportunity.

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YADKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CHURCHES

DECEMBER and Year to Date Ending December 31, 2024

	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>		<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>
ARLINGTON	\$295.60	\$3,943.36	JONESVILLE		\$100.00
BEAR CREEK		\$3,600.00	MAPLEWOOD	\$350.00	\$4,200.00
BETHEL	\$200.00	\$2,400.00	MOUNTAIN VIEW	\$166.67	\$2,000.00
BOONVILLE		\$1,250.00	RICHMOND HILL	\$994.86	\$12,084.72
BREAD OF LIFE		\$100.00	ROCK SPRING	\$243.00	\$2,621.00
CHARITY		\$5,230.00	SANDY SPRINGS		\$2,645.00
COURTNEY	\$1,500.00	\$7,500.00	SHADY GROVE		\$5,400.00
DEEP CREEK	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00	SOUTH OAK RIDGE		\$7,200.00
EAST BEND	\$67.00	\$804.00	SWAIMS		\$1,200.00
ENON	\$3,000.00	\$15,000.00	TRIPLE CROSS		\$300.00
FLAT ROCK	\$350.00	\$2,100.00	UNION GROVE	\$2,500.00	\$12,500.00
FORBUSH	\$148.96	\$2,072.09	WEST YADKIN		\$2,000.00
FRIENDSHIP	\$125.00	\$1,500.00	FBC YADKINVILLE		\$2,400.00
HSPNC CHURCH		\$1,819.91	ZION	\$250.00	\$1,625.00
HUNTSVILLE		\$2,100.00	TOTAL	\$11,191.09	\$109,695.08
			Other Revenue	\$0.00	\$5,264.43
2024 Budget (Church Contributions) - \$109,584			Total Revenue	\$11,191.09	\$114,959.51
Projected Contributions needed per month - \$9,132					

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YADKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CHURCHES

January and Year to Date Ending December 31, 2025

	<u>January</u>	<u>YTD</u>		<u>January</u>	<u>YTD</u>
ARLINGTON		\$0.00	JONESVILLE		\$0.00
BEAR CREEK		\$0.00	MAPLEWOOD	\$350.00	\$350.00
BETHEL	\$200.00	\$200.00	MOUNTAIN VIEW	\$200.00	\$200.00
BOONVILLE	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	RICHMOND HILL		\$0.00
BREAD OF LIFE		\$0.00	ROCK SPRING	\$562.00	\$562.00
CHARITY	\$918.00	\$918.00	SANDY SPRINGS	\$600.00	\$600.00
COURTNEY		\$0.00	SHADY GROVE		\$0.00
DEEP CREEK		\$0.00	SOUTH OAK RIDGE	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
EAST BEND	\$67.00	\$67.00	SWAIMS		\$0.00
ENON		\$0.00	TRIPLE CROSS		\$0.00
FLAT ROCK	\$175.00	\$175.00	UNION GROVE		\$0.00
FORBUSH	\$162.29	\$162.29	WEST YADKIN		\$0.00
FRIENDSHIP	\$125.00	\$125.00	FBC YADKINVILLE		\$0.00
HSPNC CHURCH	\$566.87	\$566.87	ZION		\$0.00
HUNTSVILLE	\$525.00	\$525.00	TOTAL	\$7,501.16	\$7,434.16
			Other Revenue	\$1,584.38	
2024 Budget (Church Contributions) - \$109,584			Total Revenue	\$9,085.54	
Projected Contributions needed per month - \$9,132					

**Your church points children
to Jesus as you provide
the food they've
gone without.**



**FOOD
ROUNDUP**
BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

APRIL 2025



Dear Associational Missionary Strategist:

One of the privileges I have is sharing with NC Baptists how appreciative we are for the food, supplies and gift cards the churches in your association collect for the **Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) Food Roundup**. That is because when you help meet a child's physical needs, it unlocks our ability to meet his or her need for the Gospel.

As much as 80% of the children we serve are unreached with the Gospel. Baptist Children's Homes is in the midst of a mission field. When a NC child is removed from the care of their family or guardian, it is often because they have gone without: without food, without clothing, without kindness, without the love and care they deserve. When boys and girls come to us from situations of neglect and abuse, they not only arrive physically hungry but spiritually hungry as well. God gives us the opportunity to model His unconditional love through the care of our cottage parents and EVERY CHILD foster and adoptive parents throughout the state. And your association plays a vital role in making this possible.

Children see God's people meet their needs through the Food Roundup. When they are fed with the food your churches collect, the love of Christ comes alive to them. It opens up the opportunity for BCH cottage parents, foster parents, adoptive parents and caregivers to have Gospel conversations with boys and girls. We tell boys and girls that churches collect food because of God's great love for them. **We are able to share the Gospel because they see God's love in action through you.**

Food Roundup resources for April 2025 are available. The collection list with the most-needed items has been updated. New flyers have been designed to help you promote the efforts in your church. And digital resources, such as social media posts, graphics and slides, will help you spread the word. Resources and more are at bchfoodroundup.org.

We are here to support your efforts. As you prepare your church to participate in the **Food Roundup**, please let us know if there is anything you need. Contact BCH Food Roundup coordinator Alan Williams at 336.474.1277 or awilliams@bchfamily.org.

Thank you for your association's leadership and participation! It is impossible for us to serve hundreds of thousands of meals and snacks to the children and others we serve throughout the year without you. Thank you for being our partner in ministry and sharing Christ's love with NC children.

Brenda B. Gray, BCH Executive VP, Development & Communications



Scan the QR code or go to bchfoodroundup.org
for slides, social media posts and other digital resources.



SHARING HOPE...CHANGING LIVES

Baptist Children's Homes
NORTH CAROLINA

Steps for Success!

FOOD ROUNDUP COLLECTING GUIDE: ASSOCIATIONS



1. Spread the word. Food Roundup flyers (see enclosed sheet), ads, slides and other downloadable resources are available. Use them in your printed and email newsletters. Share the flyer. Post the Food Roundup on social media! Find resources at bchfoodroundup.org

2. Encourage your members. Publicize the needs list (see enclosed sheet) in your church and encourage them to collect. Share your church's plan for participating. **Note:** Due to licensure regulations, we cannot use outdated food. Check expiration dates and buy food that has the longest shelf life.

3. Find out where to deliver your collection. A pick up point is designated for your area. Contact your association office to find out where to take your church's collection. Pick-up points will appear in the April edition of Baptist Children's Homes' (BCH) **Charity & Children** newspaper and on the Food Roundup website. **You will need to find out the last day your collection point will accept food deliveries.**

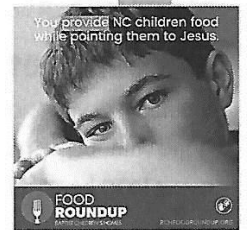
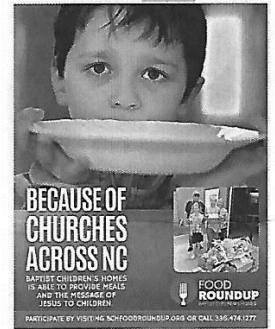
4. Who do you know that can help? You may have a connection with a distributor who would be willing to donate items from the needs list. If so, please reach out to them or send their contact information to **Alan Williams** at 336-474-1277 or awilliams@bchfamily.org

5. Rally your volunteers. Recruit missions, youth and other volunteer groups to help at pick up points to box and load items onto delivery vehicles. Call the contact person for details. A list will be in the April edition of BCH's **Charity & Children** newspaper.

6. Box it up. Sort and place the food/supplies in sturdy boxes for loading and transport.

7. Trucks & drivers needed. We are in need of large trucks to help with pick up. If you know someone who has access to a truck that could help with pick up and/or delivery, contact **Alan Williams** at 336.474.1277 or awilliams@bchfamily.org

8. Share the video. The 45-second video is ideal for sharing your church's impact through the Food Roundup. Go to vimeo.com/bchfamily/fr22 to download it. Please share it in your services, e-mail newsletter and on social media.



Video: Scan the QR code or go to vimeo.com/bchfamily/fr22



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Find resources and downloads at bchfoodroundup.org





SHARING HOPE...CHANGING LIVES

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

Food & Supplies Needs List 2025



**FOOD
ROUNDUP**

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

MOST NEEDED: (in bold)

- ___ Canned Fruits
- ___ Fruit Juice (Apple, Orange, Grape, Cranberry)
- ___ Laundry Detergent
- ___ Paper Products (paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, Kleenex)
- ___ Bottled Water
- ___ Canned Vegetables (green beans, corn, etc.)
- ___ Dry Cereal
- ___ Baked Beans
- ___ Spaghetti Sauce
- ___ Pasta (Spaghetti, Lasagna, Macaroni)
- ___ Canned Tomatoes (diced, sauce, paste)
- ___ Pancake Mix and Syrup
- ___ Soups (All types & condensed)
- ___ Sugar: Granulated & Brown
- ___ Flour
- ___ Stevia and Splenda
- ___ Popcorn, Kettle Corn
- ___ Apple Sauce
- ___ Fruit Pie Filling Cherry, Peach
- ___ Beverage Mixes (Tea, Tang, Kool-Aid, Lemonade, Cider Mix - All Sugar Free)
- ___ Vegetable Oil, Shortening, Olive Oil, Pam Cooking Spray, Bakers Choice
- ___ Canned Sweet Potatoes, Canned Yams, Canned pumpkin
- ___ Canned Meats (pink salmon, tuna, roast beef, chicken - packed in water)
- ___ Stuffing Mix
- ___ Gravy Mixes
- ___ Hamburger, Chicken, Tuna Helper (all types)
- ___ Pickles (Sweet & Dill)
- ___ Refried Beans
- ___ Hot Chocolate Mix
- ___ Snack Foods with & without sugar (Fruit Rollups, Fruit Cups, Beef Jerky, Slim Jims, Pepperoni Sticks, Cheese Nips, Pretzels, etc.)
- ___ Health Snacks (Dried Fruit, Nuts, Raisins, Cranraisins, Trail Mix)
- ___ Individual Cookie Packs
- ___ Jello
- ___ PopTarts
- ___ Rice
- ___ Instant Potatoes (scalloped, au gratin, mashed, julienne)
- ___ Muffin Mixes
- ___ Bisquick Mix
- ___ Kidney Beans
- ___ Pickle Relish
- ___ Cranberry Sauce
- ___ Mac & Cheese
- ___ Corn Meal
- ___ Jiffy Mixes, Corn Muffin Mix
- ___ Potatoes
- ___ Hush Puppy Mix
- ___ Peanut Butter
- ___ Jelly, Jams, Preserves (Strawberry is a favorite)
- ___ Pizza & Pizza Dough Mix
- ___ Saltine Crackers, Ritz Crackers, Graham Crackers, Nabs
- ___ Sauces (A-1, Steak, BBQ, Texas Pete, Cheese, Soy, Worcestershire, Teriyaki Sauce, Sweet and Sour)
- ___ Spices and Seasonings (including Salt & Pepper)
- ___ Dishwashing detergents
- ___ Laundry pre-treating products (i.e. Shout, Spray and Wash)
- ___ HE Laundry Detergent
- ___ Brooms, Mops, Scrub Brushes, Dust Pans
- ___ Foil and Plastic Wrap
- ___ SOS Pads
- ___ Fabric Softener (Dryer Sheets)
- ___ Sanitary Pads & Tampons
- ___ Hand Lotion
- ___ Shampoo
- ___ Body Wash
- ___ Soap
- ___ Household cleaning products (i.e. bleach, Comet, Lysol spray and wipes, Clorox spray, Windex, Pinesol, Pledge, Tilex, etc.)

OTHER NEEDED ITEMS:

- ___ Brownie, Cookie, Cake Mixes & Icing
- ___ Canned Vegetables (no corn or green beans)
- ___ Individual Chef Boyardee cups
- ___ Clif nutritional bars
- ___ Hot Dog Chili
- ___ Coffee (Regular & Decaf)
- ___ Coffee Creamer
- ___ Sweetened Condensed Milk
- ___ Evaporated Milk
- ___ Powdered Milk
- ___ Flavorings (Vanilla, etc.)
- ___ French Fried Onions
- ___ Honey
- ___ Ketchup
- ___ Mustard
- ___ Oatmeal
- ___ Parmesan Cheese
- ___ Puddings, Pudding Cups
- ___ Salsa
- ___ Vinegar
- ___ Paper Products (Cups, Plates, Bowls, Plastic Ware, Dixie Cups)
- ___ Copy/Printer Paper
- ___ Trash Bags (large & small)
- ___ Zip-Loc bags (Sandwich, Snack, Quart & Gallon Sizes)
- ___ Band Aids
- ___ Rubbing Alcohol/Peroxide
- ___ Anti-bacterial ointment

- ___ Razors
- ___ Shaving Cream/Shaving Gel
- ___ Dental Floss
- ___ Hair brushes
- ___ Deodorant
- ___ Conditioner
- ___ Tooth Paste
- ___ Tooth Brushes
- ___ Diapers (all sizes)
- ___ Baby Wipes
- ___ Bug Repellent
- ___ Wasp/Hornet Spray
- ___ Sunblock 30+
- ___ Batteries (AA , AAA and D)
- ___ Disposable Gloves (Non-Latex ONLY)
- ___ Heavy Duty Soap (Fast Orange)

FINAL NOTES:

Gift Cards are appreciated for buying perishables and items not received. (i.e. Wal-Mart, Sams Clubs, Food Lion, Lowes, Ingles, Piggly Wiggly).

We can use all size cans. Some locations prefer #10 cans (family size).

IMPORTANT: Please check for expired dates on food – we cannot accept expired items.

Please help our volunteer truck drivers by packing your church's donations in small, sturdy boxes.

Pack like items together. Please do not pack chemicals with food.

Questions?

Contact Alan Williams at
1-800-476-3669 ext. 1277 or
awilliams@bchfamily.org
bchfoodroundup.org