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'Tis the Season for Gifts



A very special holiday tradition is one of giving gifts. This tradition's beginning can take us back to when the Wise Men brought gifts to Jesus. Some of us love receiving

gifts, and some love giving gifts; but either way, they are a special part of the holidays. In this issue of *Tarheel Talk*, we have prepared a gift for you! We hope the content in this issue will be helpful, useful, relevant, and practical. Just for this issue we have changed the format, to be an issue full of resources. The pages are perforated* so you can tear them out and share them or file them away for later use. If one of the topics doesn't exactly apply to you, we invite you to pass it along to someone who may benefit from it.

We want you to know how much we appreciate you – the reader. You are always in the forefront of our minds as we plan for each issue. May you enjoy our gift to you – unwrap it, use it, and as always, give God the glory for His presence in our lives! We are deeply grateful for you and please let us know how we can help you in your Christian walk and missions lifestyle. Also, look for our free resources/printables that are located on our WMU NC website, www.wmunc.org. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Valentines Day! ♥

Amy
Amy Boone

*Pages 3-8 and 17-22 are perforated.

Nativity Sets from Around the World



Julie Keith,
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At some point in childhood, many kids don a blue shawl or fake beard and act out the nativity scene in front of doting parents and grandparents. Whether performed by children, set up as little figurines in a home, or installed as a life-sized tableau in front of a church, these scenes are a staple of the Christmas holidays. Many households all around the world celebrate Christmas by displaying these nativity scenes in their homes, but Nativity aficionados will note that the familiar “cast of nativity characters” used is not biblically accurate. I encourage you to check out Luke 2 and Matthew 2, with a highlight on verses 9-11 regarding the “Magi” who traveled from the Far East.

The history of the nativity scene can be traced back to St. Francis of Assisi, who is credited with staging the first nativity scene in 1223. The only historical account we have of Francis’ nativity scene comes from *The Life of St. Francis of Assisi* by St. Bonaventure, a Franciscan monk who was born five years before Francis’ death.

The nativity scene’s popularity took off from there. Within a couple of centuries, nativity scenes spread throughout Europe.

My family has always enjoyed decorating our house with nativities at Christmas. Every year we give our two sons a nativity as a reminder of the birth of Jesus and the hope of eternal life. I want to share with you some of the nativities that we have collected over the years.

The men of **Bethlehem Carvers** (West Bank) are continuing an age-old tradition of carving figurines out of olive wood while earning money to support their families.

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Ten Thousand Villages is more than a store. It’s a place where you can explore

and connect with the global village that crafted your nativity. For more information go to www.tenthousandvillages.com. A real eggshell is used to make this nativity by artisans living in Chorillos, a district of Lima, Peru.

A **Nativity from Venice, Italy** was given to my boys from my mother. One important decoration in an Italian home at Christmas is a Nativity crib scene.

The **Christmas Promise** and **What is the Promise of Christmas Nativity** was purchased at the Christian Bookstore. What is the Promise of Christmas? We celebrate the birth of Christ because of the promise God gave us “For God so loved the world that He gave his only son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.” John 3:16. God Keeps His promise. And this Promise is for YOU!



Connecting with Military Families during the Holidays



For many, this time of year can prove to be challenging and difficult with spouses deployed and/or the distance away from relatives. Here are a few ways to extend the “Holiday Spirit” this season to a military family in your community.

- Offer to provide child care or a meal for military families in your community. Whether a spouse is TDY (Temporary Duty Assignment) or Deployed, being one spouse/parent down is exhausting and offering this reprieve/respite for a few hours is priceless.
- Collect gift cards or phone cards for the USO at your airport (check to make sure your airport has a USO presence).
- If you are a Mama with kids, set up a play date for the kids to play and for the Mamas to enjoy “grown-up” conversation.
- Be open to conversation and connections. Sending text messages of encouragement, prayers and just a “hello” lets them know they are not alone and that they do have a community of support to reach out to.
- Contact your nearest military base *Public Affairs Office* and ask what needs they have or how you might help.
- Adopt a Military Spouse/Family for Thanksgiving/Christmas. (It is easy to remember the children at the holidays, but don’t forget about the adults. ☺)
- Invite a military spouse or service member to share with your Women on Mission group about life as a military family. Educating those around you is key in building a bridge of better understanding. Often times there is a disconnect between military families and traditional families that can feel like a barrier to friendship/connecting with the community.

— Margaret Harding, WMU NC Adult Consultant

How to Pray for Missionaries at the Holidays

Amy Boone, Executive Director, WMU NC

As we focus on the Christ-child this Christmas, remember our missionaries who are sharing about Him all across the world.

HERE ARE 5 THINGS TO PRAY FOR:

1. Pray for them as they miss their families in the US and are so far from them.
2. Pray for their families – their parents and even grown children/grandchildren, as well as other extended members of their families, their home church and friends.
3. Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel during Christmas. Even though it is not a holiday in every country, many locals are aware it is a special holiday in America. They are open to and will accept cookies and gifts because they know this is a gesture of the holiday.
4. Discouragement and depression can be felt during the holidays by anyone, but especially for missionaries. Most everyone wants to ‘be home for Christmas.’ As an international missionary, as soon as that song came on the CD we would play at Christmas, I would have to skip over it – it was just too painful to hear when we knew we wouldn’t be *home* for 3 more years.
5. As they make new traditions and try to recreate those favorite recipes from home with about half of the ingredients available, help them to find *JOY* that they followed the Christ child to the ends of the earth.

Merry Christmas to all my missionary friends around the world, to all those who love missionaries, and to all those who are missionaries right here in their own communities. May we all celebrate this Christ-child sent to be the Savior of the world.

Latte for Lottie

Coffee Bar

By Kendall Hilliard, Acteen Panelist

During the month of December, each Sunday before Sunday school, my Acteens leader Mrs. Ruth Todd and a volunteer set up a coffee bar complete with flavorings, creamers, sweeteners and a few breakfast goodies. The coffee prepared was free to anyone in the church, with donations accepted. The coffee bar was cleverly named "**Latte Moon.**" This coffee bar was named by a former Acteen. Upon the conclusion of Sunday School another volunteer and I would clean up any leftovers and collect the donations to give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The coffee bar was a huge success. It was so popular that we continued having it, donating the money raised to various mission projects.

I am extremely grateful to the leaders and Acteens at First Baptist Church, Pinehurst as they have and continue to promote the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, as well as engage and support mission projects in our community. I hope that you will be encouraged and support the students in your church to offer a "**Latte for Lottie**" coffee bar as you ask your church to give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. For more information about this offering visit:

<https://www.wmunc.org/offerings>



Support the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and allow Lottie's legacy to live on. Today, when gifts aren't growing as quickly as the number of workers God is calling to the field, her call for sacrificial giving rings with more urgency than ever.

Latte for Lottie/Who Was Lottie Moon?

Who Was Lottie Moon?

By Sara Lamkin, Preschool & Children Consultant

Born Charlotte Digges Moon, December 12, 1840, in Albemarle County, Virginia, Lottie rebelled against Christianity until she was in college. In December 1858, she dedicated her life to Christ and was baptized at First Baptist Church, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Lottie attended Albemarle Female Institute, female counterpart to the University of Virginia. In 1861, she was one of the first women in the South to receive a master's degree. She stayed close to home during the Civil War but eventually taught school in Kentucky, Georgia and Virginia.

Lottie served 39 years as a missionary, beginning in 1873, in China's Shantung province. She taught in a girls' school and often made trips into China's interior to share the good news with women and girls.

When she set sail for China, Lottie was 32 years old. She had turned down a marriage proposal and left her job, home and family to follow God's lead. Her path wasn't typical for an educated woman from a wealthy southern family. God had gripped her with the Chinese people's need for a Savior.

People in China feared and rejected her, but she refused to leave. The aroma of fresh-baked cookies drew people to her house. She adopted traditional Chinese dress, and she learned China's language and customs. Lottie didn't just serve the people of China; she identified with them. Many eventually accepted her. And some accepted her Savior.

Affected by the famine caused by the conflict and plagues in China, Moon often shared her meager food and finances with the people around her. This affected her health and in 1912 she weighed only 50 pounds, which was extreme even for

her height of 4'3". Her friends and colleagues attempted to send her back to the US but she died en route at the age of 72.

In 1915, a monument bearing her name was erected in the yard of Dengzhou Baptist Church. The monument gave a brief explanation that she was an American missionary and the words "How she loved us."

Lottie's Tea Cake Recipe

As a way to earn the trust of the people, Lottie Moon made tea cakes for the children in her village in China. She would then be invited into homes where she could share the gospel with their mothers. The children began calling Lottie "the cookie lady."

Plain Tea Cake (as made by Lottie Moon)

3 teacups of sugar
1 teacup of butter
1 teacup of sour milk
4 pints flour
3 eggs, well beaten
1/2 teaspoon of soda

Adapted recipe:

2 cups flour
1/2 cup butter
1 heaping cup of sugar
1 well-beaten egg
1 tablespoon cream

Cream the butter and sugar. Add the egg and mix well. Add the flour and cream. Dust a board with flour. Roll the dough very thin. Cut cookies with a round cookie cutter. Place on a buttered or nonstick cookie sheet. Bake at 475 degrees for about 5 minutes.

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Give Yourself Grace this Christmas

Amanda Martinsen

Leadership Development Consultant and Resource Coordinator

My sweet friend,

I know that we may not know each other personally. If we passed by one another in a store we may not even make eye contact. It's not because we don't want to look at each other, it's just that we've got so much we are trying to remember to grab and do. We are probably juggling at least one child and trying our best to keep them from grabbing unwanted things and throwing them in the shopping cart.

I want you to know that even though it doesn't seem like it, someone sees you. ***I see you.***

I see how you're trying to juggle it all. ***Shopping. Baking. Wrapping. Cleaning.***



I see how you're giving it your best effort to teach your children or grandchildren the real meaning behind this beautiful season, and that's Jesus.

Friend, I want you to know that it's okay that everything doesn't get done. It never does *all* get done, does it? Even despite our best efforts, something always gets left undone. ***And it's all okay.*** Because for this Christmas season my prayer for you isn't that you get everything done. It's that you give yourself grace in this season.

I know it's hard to stop and *just be* during this busy season. I know that even when you are trying to push everything aside and be present with your family, in the back of your mind you're still going through that to-do list. I get it. I am right there with you.

But let's not miss this time because of our shopping and Christmas to-do lists. ***Oh God, I pray we remember to breathe in these precious moments. Help us to savor this time.*** So my friend, as you prepare for the busy holiday season ahead these are the things I am praying most for you:

I pray you snuggle up under cozy warm blankets with your kids and grandkids if you have them, and hold their little hands, ***probably sticky from eating too many candy canes***, and you breathe in these moments.

I pray you get to sit back and not worry about the mess that's being made, and you watch as the children light up with joy as they open their presents. ***A joy that cannot be taken away.***

I pray you soak up the smells of your family's home cooking and favorite Christmas recipes. The smells that fill the house with a warmth and love that can't be recreated. ***For those smells won't be there forever.***

I pray that beyond all the chaos of toys on the floor and wrapping paper everywhere, you remember that **The One** whose birth we celebrate never intended for you to be overwhelmed with anything other than *joy* and *thankfulness* during this sweet season.

Our families won't remember that everything didn't get done or that the house was a mess or that your cake never did get baked for the church Christmas party.

But they will remember the moments you create with them. They will remember snuggles on the couch and staying up late watching Christmas movies. They will remember singing *Jingle Bells* and *Silent Night* at the top of their lungs on the way to look at Christmas lights.

They will remember that this season isn't about us at all. It's about Him.

How our God came down to us in human form and would eventually pay our ransom.

I know you may be overwhelmed with your running lists. I know you're worn out from parties and wrapping presents and helping put on the church Christmas play. But don't miss this. Every year I look back after Christmas has passed and I think to myself ***"What was I doing the whole time? I feel like I missed it."***

But not this year.

This year I will be intentional about Christmas.

I will play in the wrapping paper mess with my girls.

I will bake a birthday cake for Jesus with them.

I will sit back and breathe. ***And enjoy.*** And I will be thankful for the blessings we don't deserve in so many ways.

And I will be reminded that this time, although fun, has meaning because of Jesus and not because of anything I could ever do. ***Let us not miss it this year, Friends.***

I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

—Amanda





ABC of Holiday Grief Help

By Malinda Fillingim

It was the fall of 2015 and I was anticipating my first holiday season without my husband David of 32 years. At age 54 he died from pancreatic cancer and while I had participated in grief groups and individual therapy, the thought of decking a hall was anything but jolly. I wanted to evaporate and return in January when the hoop-la about the birth of my Savior would give way to the anticipation of Easter and His resurrection. Christmas, after all, was about family gatherings and celebrations, something I was not ready to face while trying to survive the grief flooding me.

Good intention Christians from church seemed unaware that my heart was breaking. Sisters and brothers in Christ were focused on their own *Elf on the Shelf* activities and rightly so. It was a joyful time for them. I didn't want to rob them of their joy, so isolation and despair became my best "friends" that first Christmas.

If you, like so many others, want to help a friend in grief, perhaps The **ABCs of Holiday Grief Help** might help you to reach out and minister to a loved one who mourns.

My church did not have a service of remembrance for those who died the year before. If possible, ask your pastor to recognize church members who died that year in a regular service, recognizing the sadness that goes with facing holidays without a child, a spouse, a parent or other loved one. Grief is not a journey we should walk alone, but many feel awkward or inept to walk with someone in grief. A friend once came to my home with a huge bucket of ice cream. "I don't know what to do to help you mourn David, but I know we can eat ice cream together and talk about it." We sat on the floor and ate ice cream, with me telling stories about David and her listening as if she really cared, which she did. We ate. Laughed. Cried. Prayed. That simple, but profound moment helped me through the darkest time as I awaited Christmas.

A small deed done in love becomes a big blessing.

Be the light. Give the hope. Help the hurting this Christmas.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

— Matthew 5:4

THE ABCs OF HOLIDAY GRIEF HELP

A-Awareness

Look around your church, your circle of friends, your community. Who has lost a loved one this past year? Who is mourning? Be available to them, ask them to join you for a quiet lunch, a cup of coffee, a fun movie. Ignoring the people in pain won't make it better but being aware of who may be grieving will help you to reach out and ask how to be helpful.

B-Befriend

How can you befriend this person? How can you be a blessing to this person? Be sensitive to the person in the pew sitting alone, be aware of those who may shy away from holiday activities. Bless those who mourn with prayers, gift cards, helping around the house, listening to how they celebrated holidays with their deceased loved one, asking them to join you as they can for holiday festivities (and being understanding if they say, "No.")

C-Communicate

...with compassion. Open up the door of compassion with nonthreatening statements like, "It must be hard to face Christmas without _____. How are you really feeling?" Being able to listen, includes active listening with the heart, not just the ears. What are they telling you? What needs are presented in less obvious ways? Communicate your love and sincere desire to be there for them, whether it's opening up your home for a Christmas gathering, placing flowers in church in memory of the loved one, or offering to help them find new ways to celebrate the birth of Christ. Make the first move. You will not be perfect, but God's love is. When they see that love, it will reach them in ways we humans can never imagine.



It is not Christmas until I have Sung...

Is there a favorite Christmas Carol for you that sets the tone and *makes* your holiday come together? For me, it is not Christmas until I have sung *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*.

The words to this song have deeply touched me. The words, as well as the story behind it, are riveting. It was written by the famous poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, who also wrote *Paul Revere's Ride* and *The Song of Hiawatha*. He wrote this song in 1864, at the height of the Civil War – a time of great cost and crisis for our nation.

He was married to his beloved wife Fanny. They had 6 children. One day, Fanny decided to cut her seven-year-old daughter's curls. She wanted to preserve these beautiful curls and decided to put them in sealing wax. She melted a candle and a few drops of the wax fell on her dress. A strong wind came through an open window, catching her dress on fire. She tried desperately to put it out and Henry tried too. In his attempts, Henry was severely burned on his face, arms, and hands. Fanny died the next day from injuries sustained from the fire. Henry was too ill from his burn to attend her funeral. Following her death, he grew a beard. His trademark beard was due to his inability to shave from the burns. His grief was unbearable. He wrote in his journal:

"A merry Christmas, say the children, but that is no more for me."

Not long after this, his eldest son left home, joining the ranks of other young men fighting in the Civil War. A few months into the war, his son was shot and severely wounded. He avoided being paralyzed by less than an inch, but his injuries required months of healing.

After the death of his wife and the injury of his son, Henry was deeply grieved. But by the next Christmas, while hearing the bells ring in his town, he wrote the beloved words we now know. He wrote 7 stanzas. *An interesting note: two were about the Civil War and were very dark as he wrote about the cannons thundering and drowning out the bells, and the feeling that the war would cause an earthquake as so many homes were losing children. We do not sing those two verses in our hymnals.*

The words of the other stanzas we sing speak through generations and ages:

"The belfries of all Christendom have rolled along as an unbroken song." The bell towers (belfries) all over the world have proclaimed, every year – unbroken, the story of the birth of Christ for almost 2,000 years. Bells are rung from tall cathedrals and in African mud huts.

"There is no peace on earth, for hate is strong and mocks the song." We do have countries then and now in war and conflict. We do have millions of refugees fleeing their homelands. Hate is seen in our land and in other lands and non-Christians mock the truth we know.

BUT...

"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep, the Wrong shall fail, the Right prevail." What hope comes in this verse! While we are not currently seeing peace on Earth, we know Jesus is the Prince of Peace. Our hope is found in this peace that will one day be experienced, when every knee is bowed before the Christ-child with the nail-scarred hands.

May we all tell others of this hope and peace that can be theirs this Christmas and all throughout the year!

— Amy Boone, WMU NC, Executive Director/Treasurer

Christmas at Fannie's House



By Rosalie Hunt
Author

Christmas at 309 Blount Street was always exciting and Christmas morning 1872 was no exception. Anticipation was mounting for ten-year-old Fannie Heck and her four siblings, for this was their favorite day of the year. Susie was just an infant in arms, but a stocking was hung for her as well. The stockings hung over the fireplace in Mama and Papa's large room, and as soon as it was daylight, five excited children bounced into the room, eager to see what Father Christmas had brought them. This marked the beginning of a day to be remembered, as they gathered for morning devotions, hearing again the beloved account of the birth of Christ in Luke 2, then kneeling to pray and thank God for His matchless gift.

Even breakfast was special, with the wonderful cinnamon rolls that cook Maggie always made for this auspicious day. After breakfast, the family went to church for the beautiful Christmas service. All sat down that evening at the groaning Christmas table. Jonathan Heck made sure that the biggest gobbler from the family farm was saved for Christmas, and there was a bit of good-natured wrangling over who got the drumsticks. Five-year-old George always managed to get one of them. During dinner conversation little George remarked to sister Fannie that heaven must be just as wonderful as Christmas was here on earth. This year the weather was fine enough to permit the traditional Christmas carriage ride. The children took turns sitting on the high seat with Papa as he drove his finest carriage horses, Prince and Lady Patchin, slowly down the streets of Raleigh, all of them exclaiming over the decorations and beautiful wreaths hung on every door. Fannie cherished memories of those childhood Christmases for the rest of her life.

The "birth" of the new Fannie Heck story is due April 2019 when WMU NC meets for its 2019 Missions Extravaganza in Fannie's hometown. Be sure to be there—see her beautiful home and meet Fannie for yourself.



Fannie E. S. Heck, Age 12

Five Fun Fannie Facts

- 1. Fannie the Fun Teacher:** In the new Fannie Heck story you'll see how Fannie made learning fun. Check out her poem: *"The Tale of a Hatchet"*
- 2. Fannie the Practical Joker:** Her homemade chocolates—a gift to seminary students—had a center laced with pepper!
- 3. Fannie the Debutante:** Beautiful young Fannie was the belle of the ball, but chose to lead Missions instead.
- 4. Fannie the Fixer:** Sister Fannie made dolly clothes for her sister Pearl and mended broken toys for brother Charlie.
- 5. Fannie the Fine Horsewoman and Crack Shot:** Read of Fannie's Raleigh childhood!



REGIONS RECALL

MOUNTAINS

It was a joy to celebrate with Oakley Baptist Church in Asheville for their Lottie Moon banquet whose theme was Christmas Around the World. Eight tables, each decorated by a table hostess, represented a different country. The hostess prepared an appetizer from that country for the guests at her table to enjoy. Special music was presented followed by a message about Lottie Moon and the importance of International Missions by Amy Boone and Angie Reid. The event encouraged them to reach their offering goal. What a fun night!



PIEDMONT

Carter's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Selma, NC, does a special event with their children to raise money for missions at Christmas. The children make ornaments and then sell them with the proceeds going to missions. WMU NC is so thankful for Debra Worley and their pastor's wife, Sue Sitter, who work with the children. The money was donated to Samaritan's Purse. Thank you, Carter's Chapel!



COAST

Shell Point Baptist Church in Shallotte, NC, part of the Brunswick Association, has a wonderful ministry that involves their children in evangelism. Cindy Millikan and Marilyn Stevens lead this ministry through their WMU. They ask church members to donate shells and then the parents and children paint Bible verses on them and hide them on the beach. As you look upon the images of these beautiful shells on this page, please pray for this ministry. You can see many more beautiful pictures on their Facebook page. (link Shell Point Baptist Church-Shallotte). What a wonderful way to share God's love! Interested in doing this but don't live near a beach? Try rocks. They make a wonderful canvas for artwork and scripture.



Meet the 2018-19 North Carolina Acteens Advisory Panelists

Maddy Davis is a member of Deep Springs Church, Peachland in the Anson Association. She is a junior and is homeschooled. She volunteers in her church and started a Bible study for youth. She has also been involved with GA's, CA's and Youth on Mission. She works with Mission Friends. She has participated in MissionsCAROLINA for 4 years. She is also very involved in Envirothon, a competition on wildlife, forestry, soil and aquatics. She plays and sings bluegrass music.

"Acteens is important to me because it shows me there are people who are in it with me, that help me and hold me accountable. I love meeting with others who love Jesus. Even though I'm the only Acteen in my county, I like to meet them from around other places and be involved with WMU."

Chesnee Edwards is a member at Abbotts Creek Church, High Point in the Liberty Association. She is a sophomore in high school and volunteers in her church, school and community. She not only grew up going to Mission Friends and GA's but also works with both of these groups now. Last year, her Acteens group invited each girl to have a personal mission project. Chesnee chose to gather clothes and toys for a charity called "IamJ3" in lieu of gifts for her birthday.

"Acteens is important to me because it is a time for me to connect with my peers and talk about missionaries and how we can be a missionary in our life. It also gives me a time to be with other believers and talk about what problems we face as teen girls who follow Christ. Our Acteens group does a mission project each month and one month we made a meal for the homebound at our church with everything being sugar free."

Kendall Hilliard is a member of First Baptist Church, Pinehurst in the Sandhills Association. She is a sophomore in high school. She participates in Mission Friends and mission projects in her church. She is very active in school and her community as she volunteers with the Humane Society and Boys and Girls Club. At school, she is involved with First Health Medical Explorers and is the Junior Secretary of the Student Government Association.

"Acteens is important to me because it allows for me to study the Bible, be a mentor to younger girls, participate in mission projects and learn from extraordinary Christian women who are my leaders. Acteens is a great platform to help younger girls who are going through problems that I have experienced in the past. Acteens has given me the desire to do missions 24/7."

Annie Stroupe is a member of First Baptist Church, Pinehurst in the Sandhills Association. She is a sophomore and is homeschooled. She volunteers weekly with Prancing Horse Therapeutic Riding Program, which works to enhance the lives of individuals with special needs. She leads and participates in mission projects in her church, community and school. This year, I was the project leader for the West Virginia mission trip where I had the privilege of working with our team to share the gospel in several different ways.

"Acteens is important to me because it is focused on serving God and others through missions. By participating in and leading mission projects as an Acteen, I have learned more about myself and grown closer to God. In addition to mission projects, my Acteens groups also participate in an annual Bible study where we examine ourselves and where we are on our Christian walk."



Left to Right: Kendall Hilliard, Chesnee Edwards, Maddy Davis, Annie Stroupe

Any young woman can find her place in serving God by connecting with WMU NC because we equip you to make missions your lifestyle!

WMU NC's SHINE team is collecting data from women ages 18-35 to help us create new materials and opportunities to leverage this powerful generation to do missions. If you have young women in your church or community who wouldn't mind filling out our 5 minute survey, please give them this page or send them this link: www.tinyurl.com/MissionsQuiz. Then, invite them to coffee and disciple them as they journey into missions!





Military Wives Retreat Recap

By Margaret Harding
WMU NC Adult Consultant

August 18-19 was our 4th Annual Military Wives Retreat. I am excited to share a few testimonies from this weekend so you can know how valuable this ministry is. I had a great group of volunteers and could not have done this without their help. I appreciate each of you very much! Also, several churches provided goody bags and other resources for this retreat, to you all I am also grateful!

Testimonies:

Today was the closest I've been to my Lord ever in my life. I've made so many new friends but I have been alone a bit too. Today I was with God asking him for forgiveness. I have lived with guilt that I should let go of and I feel like I have today. Thanks to the other military wives and the volunteers I've spent the last 25 and a half hours feeling so much lighter in heart and hair (this means that the volunteer hairdresser at the retreat cut my hair!!).



I know that every one of you ladies have your strengths because I've seen them all day, but I'm finding out how strong I can be in my faith just by watching you all. I have quietly cried so much today. Not of sadness or loss but because today I realized how grateful I am for what I have and I let go of whining about what I don't have... thank you all so much ... my cup runneth over today and every day. Now I realize I can teach my daughters how truly blessed we are.

Thank you for providing a place for us to come and give it all to God. A place of comfort, peace and lots of uplifting love.

The volunteers did an amazing job this weekend and I am so grateful to have been a part of it. It was eye opening and life changing. Thank you so much!

Words cannot express what this weekend has meant to me... I truly know that I was in the right place at the right time and with the right people. Give it all to God.

October 4-5
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Celebrating the Past—Launching into the Future

The definition of "Relaunch" means to launch again, restart, or get going.

Sisters Who Care has begun a journey to relaunch the ministry!

We are excited about the direction that God is taking us and we solicit your prayers.

For more information or to join SWC, please contact Lisa D. Jacobs, Volunteer Coordinator

Email: ljsevent@gmail.com, Mobile: 919-349-5462



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A Ministry of WMU North Carolina®

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean upon your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path.
— Proverbs 3:5-6

Making Life for Older Adults the Best of Times: “Keeping Up” with the “Oldest Old”

Discovering new ways to meet the needs of
North Carolina's frail Older Adult Population



Pete Meginnis/Director of the Life at Home “handyman” program

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Baptist Retirement Homes is again this year initiating what it calls the *"Medicine from the Heart Medication Vial Campaign"*... a *"Campaign"* designed to help offset the cost of prescription drugs for Older Adults with limited financial resources who simply cannot afford this costly but necessary expense.

If you would like to participate in this *"Campaign"* by filling a medication vial, please contact Carla Livengood by emailing clivengood@brh.org or by calling 336-725-0202 to request a *"vial"*.

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By Carrie McGuffin

Communications Specialist for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

According to Courtney and Britt Hester, CBF field personnel Carson and Laura Foushee have always been welcoming strangers and doing relational ministry. From her first days at McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University, Courtney felt a warm welcome from each of them. Courtney now serves as a CBF-endorsed oncology chaplain at Baptist Health and her husband, Britt, serves as the minister of youth and Christian education at Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church in Jacksonville, FL. "Carson and Laura are amazing people," said Britt. "They love anyone and everyone, and really made me feel included as a first-year student at McAfee." The four became friends and stayed connected once Carson and Laura graduated.

"When Carson and Laura became missionaries in Japan," Britt said, "Courtney and I felt a conviction to support them, and we're grateful that we have." The decision to support them was prayerfully considered as they examined their tithing and how they were giving to the mission of God in the world. While they couldn't



Britt Hester serves as minister of youth and mission at Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church in Jacksonville, FL, where his wife, Courtney, serves as a CBF-endorsed oncology chaplain for Baptist Health. Each month, the couple supports the work of CBF field personnel Carson and Laura Foushee.

invest a large amount monthly, they knew any amount would be helpful. Throughout the years, their gift has increased. "As Carson and Laura were beginning to raise funds for their work, we talked about investing in their efforts as a part of our tithes and commitment," Britt said. Britt and Courtney feel a distinct connection to the Foushees' ministry through the reports that they provide about their work. "When they came back to the States on furlough, we got to catch up with them and hear about their plans for the future," said Britt.



Carson and Laura Foushee are CBF personnel serving in partnership with the Japan Baptist Convention in Tokyo.

"Hearing them talk about how much our contributions have impacted them meant the world to us. It makes us so grateful that we became monthly contributors." While serving as ministers themselves here in the US, Britt and Courtney understand the call to serve as field personnel abroad is a special one that requires an abundance of support." One hundred percent of gifts to the CBF Offering for Global Missions sustains the

life-changing, long-term presence of field personnel; but each field personnel also raises their own support through a network of friends, family and members of their Encourager Churches. If you would like to learn more about the programs of CBF field personnel and where your passions connect with their missions, visit www.cbf.net/fieldpersonnel, and consider a gift today!

CBF Annual NC Gathering

**First Baptist Church
Greensboro**

Thursday, March 28 through
Friday, March 29, 2019

Called Together

Celebrate | Journey | Serve

Thursday, March 28, 2019



Leadership Institute

Tod Bolsinger, author of *Canoeing the Mountains*, serves as vice president and chief of leadership formation at Fuller Seminary. Ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1993, Dr. Bolsinger served as senior pastor of San Clemente Presbyterian Church from 1997 to 2014. Prior to that he was associate pastor of discipleship and spiritual formation at First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood.



Anniversary Celebration

Clyde Edgerton is the author of ten novels, a book of advice, a memoir, short stories, and essays. He has been a Guggenheim Fellow and five of his novels have been New York Times Notable Books. He is a member of the Fellowship of Southern Writers and is the Thomas S. Kenan III Distinguished Professor of Creative Writing at UNC Wilmington. He lives in Wilmington, NC, with his wife, Kristina, and their children.

Join us for this time of fellowship, learning, and growth!

MARCH 28, 2019

Leadership Institute
Led by Tod Bolsinger

Anniversary Celebration
Featuring Clyde Edgerton

MARCH 29, 2019

Registration
Living Water Cafe
Exhibit Hall Open

Workshop Session #1

Opening Worship
Led by Tod Bolsinger

Workshop Session #2

Workshop Session #3

Ministry Celebration
Business Session
Closing Worship

Join us!

Registration & details:
www.cbfnc.org

PEOPLES NEXT DOOR **NC**

30 DAYS | 30 PEOPLES

PRAY 30 DAYS FOR 30 UNREACHED PEOPLES IN NORTH CAROLINA

An unreached people group is defined as a grouping of people who share the same ethnicity and language and is **less than 2 percent** evangelical Christian. Today, upwards of **15 percent** of North Carolina's population — that is **1.5 million people** — are foreign-born or are the children of foreign-born immigrants. Many of these people are from unreached people groups who have never heard the gospel.

In January 2019, pray with us for 30 people groups now living in North Carolina. To register for a prayer guide, daily email updates and text messages, visit **ncbaptist.org/30days30peoples**.



Hope for the New Year

5 VERSES OF Hope FOR THE NEW YEAR

1. When you can't understand God's plan for your life:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." — Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

2. When you are discouraged:

"But you, LORD, are a shield around me, my glory and the One who lifts up my head." — Psalm 3:3-4 HCSB

3. When you need strength for your mission:

"May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal encouragement and good hope by grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good work and word."
— 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 HCSB

4. When you do not know how to pray:

"In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God." — Romans 8:26-27 NAS

5. When you feel hopeless:

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." — Romans 15:13 NIV

5 NEW Hope BOOKS FOR THE NEW YEAR

1. *Unshakable Pursuit: Chasing the God Who Chases Us*

Grace Thornton has written the 2018-2020 WMU theme book as a 30-day devotional. This book shows us a God who is pursuing us in love, tapping our shoulders, and telling us life will only find its rhythm when we chase Him back with everything we've got.

2. *Unhitching From the Crazy Train*

Our emotional, spiritual, and even physical well-being are often taken for a crazy ride in everyday life. Join counselor and teacher Julie Sparkman as she explores Jesus' gentle, yet costly invitation to rest. Love this title!

3. *30 Days of Hope When Caring for Aging Parents*

Through Scripture passages, prayer prompts, and Kathy Howard's personal stories, you will be strengthened in the knowledge that the giver of all wisdom will empower you in the daily moments when you are caught between being your parents' child and their caregiver.

4. *Dugout Devotions*

Coming soon in early 2019, this collection of unique interview-style devotions by Del Duduit offers a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the spiritual lives of many Major league Baseball players. Sounds like a great Father's Day gift!

5. *Breaking Free*

One reviewer of this Christian fiction book says, "Jennifer Slattery tells an everyday story, throws in a little suspense and faith, and the result is a gripping book with characters taken from real life that has a message: there's always hope in Christ. It's about finding peace in the midst of chaos."

— Dee Dee Moody, WMU NC President

FOCUS ON WMU NC



Henotheism.

Do you know that word? It is believing that there are many gods, but that one is superior to the others. Would we dare say that describes our culture? Yes, we believe there is a One true God, but we are still worshipping the others. We are all guilty of spending our time on things that get in the way of our relationship with the Father.

What if we pursued God with everything we had? What if we went after and scheduled Him like we do all the things that take up space on our social calendar? What if? There is no doubt our faith would become unshakable because His desires would become ours. His eyes would become ours.

His amount of love, grace and mercy for humanity would become ours.

Our culture is looking for the “Pauls” to stand up and say, “You are ignorant of the very things you worship.” There is no way we can do that unless our pursuit is of the Father. We cannot become the missionaries ready to give up our lives for the gospel in our communities and in remote places without the pursuit of becoming like Jesus. They go hand in hand ... *pursuit of the Father leads to unshakable faith.*

As you pray during the Week of Prayer for WMU NC and the Heck-Jones Offering please know that you are praying for ways our organization helps *many* pursue the Father – leading them to either start their walk or strengthen their faith. Your monetary gifts go to build up children, women and men to hear the voice of God calling them into relationship with the Father and also in kingdom work that is being done in our state and all over the world. Please pray about how you can financially support the ministries of WMU NC. A comprehensive list of how the monies given to this offering are used may be found on our website.

WMU NC Loves the Local Church

Matthew 25:19-20

WMU NC works hard to support the missions efforts of the local church. Your support of the Heck-Jones Offering allows WMU NC to do the following in support of the local church's missional efforts:

- Produce *Tarheel Talk*: a practical mission resource to connect people, give spiritual inspiration, and share what is happening across the state.
- Support local churches with free resources through our website, enews, Facebook pages, printed materials and regional trainings.
- Offset the cost of staff travel to local churches. Trips can range from 15 minutes to 7 hours to visit a church; we feel every church is important, whether they have 10 members or 1,000.
- Provide a lending library of 250 Lifeway Bible Studies for churches to “check-out” and use for their own spiritual discipleship. The list of studies is on our website at www.wmunc.org/bible-studies.

For a complete Heck-Jones Offering Prayer Guide visit our website:

www.wmunc.org/heckjonesoffering

For hard copies to share, contact the WMU NC office at

(919) 882-2344 or

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2019
Heck-Jones
Offering
WEEK OF PRAYER
for WMU of North Carolina
Goal: \$450,000

Celebrating 50! Camp Mundo Vista

Happy 50th Anniversary June 1, 2019, 10 am - 4 pm



JOIN US FOR THE CELEBRATION!

Share with us your favorite camp experiences and God-moments! Your submissions may be published as part of the Celebration or in camp promotional materials. Please visit www.tinyurl.com/CMVStories or scan the QR code above to participate! All submissions must be made by March 1.



CAMP MUNDO VISTA TRIVIA

1. Camp Mundo Vista is great _____, sleeping in the _____, playing in the _____, so go, go, go, go, go to _____, 5,4,3,2,1!
2. There was a _____. (There was a _____), Who liked to _____ a lot of _____. (Who liked to _____ a lot of _____.)
3. Do you know why the road to camp winds around so much?
4. What is the favored vegetable side to accompany pizza?

5. What did you do with the beds on a rainy night, when there were only screens in the windows?
6. Who was the outdoor chapel originally dedicated to in 1973, when it was remodeled and landscaped?
7. In 2019, Camp Mundo Vista is turning _____ years old.

Answers can be found on page 23.

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Missions Extravaganza & 128th Annual Meeting

of Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina • April 26-27, 2019 • Trinity Baptist Church, Raleigh



Come Join Us in Raleigh, North Carolina

Opportunities to begin your Missions Extravaganza weekend begin on Friday afternoon with: **Something for Everyone**

- Tour of Welcome House for Refugees
- Celebrate the new Fannie Heck book by Rosalie Hunt. There will be a book signing and reception.
- Visit the WMU NC bookstore
- Participate in an interactive *Refugee Simulation*
- Missions Market – 30 displays of ideas and mission projects you can do in your church and community.

You Don't Want to Miss these Conference Leaders...

Sandra Wisdom-Martin, National WMU, Rosalie Hunt, Phyllis Elvington, Dee Dee Moody, Phyllis Foy, Kristy Carr and many more!!!

For all the latest information and details visit our website: <https://www.wmunc.org/me2019>

ME 2019:
Children's Program
on Saturday for Children
in Grades 1-6.

They will hear from missionaries,
do crafts and engage in activities.

Because of your input in our annual surveys we are excited to share this opportunity. We know family time is valuable and WMU NC desires to invest in you and in our next generation.

NEW YEAR'S MISSION PROJECT IDEA

Project Night Night

Looking for something new to do with your mission groups in the New Year? Consider putting together Night Night Bags!

According to Project Night Night, a non-profit organization that works with homeless families in the US, "there are approximately 298,000 homeless families in the United States. Currently, there are more homeless children in the US than at any other time since the Great Depression. Nonetheless, family homelessness often goes unseen as most homeless families do not live on the street. Instead, most homeless families are transient, living in shelters, in cars, in hotels in the city's poorest neighborhoods, or staying with friends or family members. These environmental stresses negatively influence a child's early experiences and often lead to an increase in mental health problems such as anxiety, depression, poor sleep habits, and behavioral issues."

— Project Night Night

When I first read this it broke my heart. This was happening in my own community right under my nose and I had never paid attention to it. As my Acteens group researched homelessness in our county and the lasting effects of it, we decided to get involved and help. We started collecting items to make *night night bags* for the children in our community facing homelessness.

Our goal in making *night night bags* was to help the children moving from place to place to find comfort and have something that was theirs to take with them as they moved. We collected the items listed below and put them all in colorful canvas tote bags. Each of the Acteens wrote an encouraging note as well and then we took them to a local non-profit agency in our county that works with homeless families. We distributed 23 *night night bags* to homeless children in our county.

This is an easy project to do with your children's groups, youth, or adult groups. It's a unique way to serve others in your surrounding community and spread the love of Christ while raising awareness for a crucial problem facing many of our children today.

For more information visit Project Night Night at <http://www.projectnightnight.org/> or email Amanda Martinsen at amartinsen@wmunc.org.

Things to Include:

- A canvas bag for the items to go in
- A small blanket
- 1-2 children's books
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
(personal travel kits are the best)
- Stuffed animal
- Encouraging note



Project Ideas for Kids

Are you looking for mission projects that you can do with kids throughout the holidays? Below is a list of **10** ideas that can be customized for Christmas, Valentine's Day, another holiday, or done year-round!

1 Bless those who serve by washing the car of a ministry leader, take cookies to the church secretary, or another act of service for those who live their lives serving others!



6 Donate craft supplies, old video games, movies, puzzles to a Children's Hospital.



2 Homeless bags - Fill a plastic or paper bag with water bottles, wipes, non-perishable snacks, food gift card, wash cloth, a nice note, etc. Hand these out around town.

7 Talk with your local extension office to see how to provide toiletry items to homeless children in your area.



3 Take the kids to a nursing home to visit with the residents, invite them to play a board game, give manicures, call out bingo numbers, etc.



8 Donate stuffed animals to the local fire and police departments. They will hand them out to children in crisis as a means to bring comfort to them.

4 Make placemats for Meals on Wheels. Encourage the children to create fun pictures to brighten the day of those receiving food from Meals on Wheels.

9 Make cards to take along with socks with grippers to hand out to nursing home residents.



5 Volunteer at a local animal shelter. Collect food or collars for the animals and spend some time playing with those waiting on their homes.



10 Take gifts of cookies/sweets to local trash collectors, postal officers, firefighters, policemen, EMTs to thank them for their work and service.



**SAVE
THE DATE**
CA Day - March 9, 2019

"As you go...around the corner" Matthew 22:39b



A Globally-Minded, Missions-Integrated Christmas



Sara Lamkin
Preschool & Children Consultant

If your church, family or Bible study needs ideas for a globally-minded, missions-integrated Christmas, consider these ideas below:

1. Add a Twist to Your Gift Exchange

This is a new take on the much-adored “white elephant gift exchange” seen at many holiday parties. The original idea is that each person brings an inexpensive or silly gift, throws it in the gift exchange pile and takes a turn either opening a gift or stealing a previously-opened gift. The fun is in seeing the strange or humorous items people bring, as well as stirring up playful competition between people who want the same gift.

To revamp this popular game to incorporate a missions focus, tell people to bring gifts with a region, country or people group theme in mind. For instance, if the focus is East Asia, gift options could be chopsticks, note cards with Chinese characters on them, a souvenir from your trip to Thailand, a snack from a Korean grocery store, a five-dollar gift card to a Vietnamese restaurant etc. Within each gift, include a prayer request for the country that inspired your gift. At the end of the exchange, take turns praying through the requests.

2. Set Up a Global Missions Christmas Tree

Turn Sunday school crafts into creative reminders to pray for your church’s missions focus and give toward specific needs. Have kids construct colorful paper ornaments that showcase either a photo of a missionary family or a picture of the people your missionaries serve. On the back, paste a description of a specific ministry need, such as supplies for a handicraft ministry, medical aid for a sick family, Bibles for new believers, support for translation work etc. Hang the ornaments on a tree in the church lobby.

Throughout the month of December, allow people to “purchase” an ornament for any amount, and put the donation toward the ministry need. The ornament can then be taken home and hung on their own Christmas tree as a reminder to pray for that missionary and their needs.

3. Let Your Artists Illustrate Christmas

Give artists a verse or statement as inspiration and a deadline for artwork submission. Display the finished pieces in prominent places throughout the church, or go a step further and organize a “Christmas Art Gallery Night” where church members and their friends can look through the pieces and vote on their favorite one. Money can be raised for missions by charging an admission fee or selling the pieces and giving the proceeds towards a ministry the church supports.

4. Send a “Christmas Cheer Box” to a Missionary Family

Create and collect items that would bring some Christmas cheer to a missionary family that will be celebrating the holiday season away from their home country. As you put together these boxes, take time to pray over the family. Types of boxes could include:

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS CARDS – Buy or make Christmas cards in which you can write personal notes to members of the family, verses, a message from a Christmas devotional etc. Number the cards one through 12 and have them open one card each day leading up to Christmas.

DECORATIONS – Collect garlands, ornaments, Christmas-scented candles, stockings and table decorations to send to a missionary family that might not have brought holiday decorations overseas.

HANDMADE GIFTS – Does someone in your Bible study knit, crochet, sew, make jewelry etc.? Depending on the climate your missionary family lives in, send a box filled with handmade hats, socks, slippers, necklaces, bracelets, decorated picture frames, journals or whatever you think they might like (you can even ask a member of their family for hints).

5. Children’s Christmas Stockings

Collect items for Children’s stockings that can be given to local social workers to be distributed to families that they work with. These can be practical items (toothbrush, deodorant, etc) and some fun items (candy, toys, books). A knitting circle could even knit the stockings themselves!

6. Give Parents a Break

Provide free childcare one Saturday afternoon before Christmas (or Valentine’s Day!) so that parents can do last minute shopping, wrap gifts, etc. Play games, watch movies, bake cookies, and do a ministry project with the kids.

7. Gift wrap



Contact a local mall about setting up tables to provide free gift wrapping services to those shopping ahead of the holiday season! This provides a much needed service to those rushing to finish their holiday shopping and donations could be accepted that would go toward a church mission project.

Calendar Talk

WMU NC & CMV
2018/19 CALENDAR
OF EVENTS

December 2018

1-20 Christmas at Camp Mundo, Camp Mundo Vista

2-9 International Missions Emphasis
& Lottie Moon Christmas Offering  

24-28 Christmas Holidays (Office closed)

January 2019

1 New Year's Day observed (Office closed)


3-5 HERE & Now: A Missions Experience
for College Students, Shelby*



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February 2019

1-2 NC Baptist Nursing Fellowship, Camp Mundo Vista

9 Father/Daughter Valentine's Gala, Camp Mundo Vista 

10-17 WMU NC Heck-Jones Offering®
and Week of Prayer 
11-17 Focus on WMU
16 Children's Ministry Day* 
18 Presidents' Day (Office closed)

March 2019

3-10 North American Missions Emphasis
and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

9 Children In Action Day, Camp Mundo Vista

23 Camp Work Day, Camp Mundo Vista

28-30 CBFNC General Assembly,
First Baptist, Greensboro*

30 Royal Ambassador Car Race*

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EASTER OFFERING



FROM PAGE 19 - ANSWERS TO CAMP MUNDO VISTA TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. Fun, cabins, sun, Camp Mundo Vista
2. Moose, Moose, drink, juice, drink, juice
3. Ms. Sara Parker thought it would provide the feeling of being more tucked away in the woods with a longer "path" to the top.
4. Corn
5. Pushed them to the center of the cabin, so we wouldn't get wet.
6. 1973 dedication to Fran Gilreath, CMV's first camp nurse.
7. 50

April 2019

5-6 NC Baptist Men's Missions
Conference, Hickory Grove, Charlotte*

12-14 International Student & Scholar
Conference, Caswell*

22 Easter Holiday observed (Office closed)

26-27 Missions Extravaganza and Annual Meeting, Trinity
Baptist Church, Raleigh

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May 2019

3-5 Hispanic WMU Retreat,
Camp Mundo Vista

27 Memorial Day Holiday (Office closed)

June 2019

1 Camp Mundo Vista 50th Anniversary,
Camp Mundo Vista

9-10 WMU Annual Meeting and
Missions Celebration, Birmingham, AL

11-12 Southern Baptist Convention, Birmingham, AL*

16-19 Girls Camp, (Grades 4-6), Camp Mundo Vista

19-22 Girls Camp, (Grades 7-12), Camp Mundo Vista

24-26 Mother/Daughter/Mini Camps, (Grades 1-6),
Camp Mundo Vista

28-30 Mother/Daughter/Mini Camps, (Grades 1-6),
Camp Mundo Vista

29 Eastern NC Leadership Gathering, Greenville, NC



*Not a WMU NC sponsored event, but one with which we partner.

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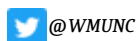
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*My dear friends, stand
firm and don't be shaken.
Always keep busy working
for the Lord. You know that
everything you do for him is
worthwhile.* 1 Corinthians 15:58, CEV



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