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# Baptist Heritage Award

## Sandra Dunlap James WMU NC Recipient



A close friend describes Sandra Dunlap James as "an amazing servant who loves the Lord with all her heart. She loves her family, church, and Woman's Missionary Union to the very core of her being.

She listens to God's voice and follows where He leads." Sandra's passion for missions permeates in NC and around the world. She and husband Leo live in Whittier and are actively involved in First Baptist Sylva where Sandra leads Women on Mission and serves as WMU Director. A past president of WMU NC, Sandra's heart for leading women of all ages to know God's will for their lives and to develop a missions worldview was foremost in this role. Sandra is a former member of the Executive Committee of the Baptist State Convention of NC.

Sandra has affected many lives through her missions travels including Durban, South Africa, and Myanmar, and by leading her GAs to make pillowcase dresses for impoverished

children in Africa. A fellow traveler to Myanmar says, "I loved watching Sandy interact with the women. She was always so kind to them and compassion radiated from her when she spoke with them."

Sandra and Leo spend several months each year serving as volunteers at the Hawaiian Baptist Conference Center. Sandra has 'mothered' hundreds of internationals as they have come to the US to work in restaurants owned by Sandra and Leo, providing a livelihood as well as an opportunity for ministry. They have two married sons and six grandchildren.

Calm, patient, generous, compassionate – Sandra is a prayer warrior, an encourager and a confidant. She is faithful to her family, faithful to her church, and above all, faithful to God's mission to which she is called.



*Pictured top photo: Margaret Harding, Sandra James, "Jungle" Jen, Ruby Fulbright & Dorothy Barham.*



*Left photo: Dorothy Barham, Ruby Fulbright, Margaret Harding, Sandra James with Myanmarese locals.*





# America's Preacher and World Missionary

Rev. Billy Graham, a faithful and beloved North Carolinian, was called to his eternal home February 21st. He was known as America's preacher, but I think a more fitting title for him would be World Missionary. He preached the gospel on every continent, in more than 60 countries

in person, and reached 185 countries via satellite. He preached to 2.2 billion people. He preached in North Korea and behind the Communist Iron Curtain. He led a "Peace Conference" in Moscow, organized by the Communist party. He led a 17-day tour of China, in his lifelong effort to bring Christianity to the communist world. In 1995, an estimated 1 billion people, via satellite, heard the Gospel during his crusade in Puerto Rico. His message was interpreted in 116 languages.

We are reminded too how much he cared about the salvation of the people in America. Rev. Graham led a revival in Los Angeles that lasted eight weeks, due to the immense crowds. In New York, his first revival was 16 weeks and over 2.3 million people heard the Gospel. We know of his love for North Carolina and the crusades in Charlotte. Only now, as he entered into heaven, will he know the multitudes that are in heaven and will be in heaven because of his obedience to the Great Commission. I praise God that His favor was on his life, and He used him supernaturally through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We know he shared the Gospel to more people than anyone else in history, but who shared the Gospel with him? Let's look at this chain of progression:

1. Edward Kimball was a Sunday school teacher to teenage boys. He compared his class of hyper boys to herding cats and felt he wasn't having an impact. Dwight L. Moody was in his class. He led Dwight to Christ in the stockroom of the shoe store where he worked, as he paid him a visit at his job.
2. Dwight Moody would go on to preach the Gospel on two continents, with thousands professing Christ. While preaching, another man's heart was touched, Wilbur Chapman.
3. Wilbur Chapman became an evangelist who preached to thousands also. One day, a professional ball player had a day off and attended one of Chapman's meetings. Billy Sunday gave his life to Christ that day.
4. Sunday quit baseball and began his own crusades. A man named Mordecai Ham was converted at Billy Sunday's crusades.
5. Mordecai Ham began to preach and came to Charlotte. One day, a young high school student, Billy Frank, as he was called by his family, reluctantly came to hear him preach and the rest they say is history.

This reminds me of dominoes in a line. Have you even put them vertical on the floor about a half-inch apart and spread them out? Then with the push of your hand on one, all of them fall down. Have you ever done it not quite right and it doesn't work and they stop falling down about halfway through? What would have happened if one of these men had not obeyed God? Possibly 2.2 billion may not have heard the Gospel.



Three things about Billy Graham's life particularly touch and inspire me:

1. **His integrity** – His finances and conduct were above reproach. Before he entered a hotel room, he had his staff check it out to make sure no women were in there. In 99 years, there was never a scandal over his lack of integrity. God blessed this.
2. **His belief that a man is not defined by the color of his skin** – He was a leader during America's Civil Rights movement and worked with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This took great courage in a violent time in our nation's history. When he was asked to preach in Arkansas, he was told he would need to have two stadiums – one for the blacks, and one for the whites. Rev. Graham refused to go to Arkansas until the two races could come together. The government finally granted his wish. In South Africa, he was asked to lead a crusade and was told the same thing, except he would need to preach in 3 stadiums, where the 3 races would be separated. He told them he would not come until all races could worship together. It took 20 years for the government to agree to this, but he waited and went 20 years later to one of the first integrated events ever in apartheid South Africa.
3. **His message and methods** – While his message that Jesus is the only way to salvation never changed, he was willing to use creative methods to reach different age groups. While always having George Beverly Shea and others sing, in time he began to include dc Talk with lead singer Toby Mac, Amy Grant, Larnelle Harris and Ethyl Waters. In his final movie, *My Hope with Billy Graham*, he featured the Christian rapper, Lecrae. While his message didn't change, he was always aware that we have the next generation to reach and if we keep our methods the same, they will not hear the Gospel in music and a style that will reach them.

He was honored in this life by being laid in honor in the US Capital in Washington D.C. He is the first private citizen since Rosa Parks to ever lie in honor in the US Capital. How fitting for these honors to be bestowed on him and Rosa Parks, since they both fought for equality for all. While it is wonderful to be honored in this life, all Billy Graham wanted and all we should want is to please the Lord Jesus, with whom we will spend eternity if we have placed our faith in Him. What would God have you and me learn from this great hero? Recommit yourself at the start of this summer to be the hands and feet of Jesus in your part of the world; and as you travel this summer, share Christ wherever you go.

*Amy*

Amy Boone  
WMU NC Executive Director/Treasurer

*I have walked down jungle trails in Africa where I met fellow Christians; and immediately we were brothers even though we were separated by language, race and culture. – Billy Graham*



# It Only Takes a Spark

Thank you so much for your response to the Heck-Jones

Offering Emphasis during the first quarter of 2018. Many of you prayed and gave and invited us into your churches to share about the missions and ministries of WMU NC. In fact, during the months of February and March, more than 25 representatives spoke in over 60 churches across our state. We appreciate pastors, WMU directors, age-level leaders, musicians, and others who helped prepare for these opportunities. I personally experienced a GA Recognition Service, a beautiful Festival of Tables, an inspiring Sunday School lesson, and a congregation of 73 people give a first-time Heck-Jones Offering of \$590.

The theme of this year's emphasis, **Fan the Flame**, focused on Paul's words to Timothy:

*"I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. For this reason I remind you to **fan into flame** the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands."*

— 2 Timothy 1:5-6 NIV

We in WMU NC realize that some of our best organizational leaders had no foundation in WMU basics as children and young women, having come from other denominations or from churches with no age-level organizations. Through mentoring and training, and pursuing God's call on their lives, they have touched many people. However, I encountered a beautiful Lois-Eunice-Timothy story I'd like to share with you.

Consider Susan, Allison, Julie. Grandmother, mother, daughter. Susan's parents were strong missions people. In fact, she has a picture of her dad's mother going to mission meeting in 1902. Her mother was a strong WMUer and her father a staunch supporter of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Grandmother Susan, a retired kindergarten teacher, had grown up in GAs; and when their

church experienced a lull in the GA program, she decided to lead GAs so Julie would have the experiences she had had as a child. Today, Julie is an Acteen of whom it is said, "Whatever is going on in missions through our church, she is there." Julie leads in making crafts for children at Wake Medical Center. At an annual street fair, she sells



crafts to support her ministries. The beautiful bracelet shown in the picture is part of Julie's "Jesus and the Children" ministry. A large bead represents God, then multicolored beads represent the children of God – all different, all precious in His sight. Julie carries bracelets in her purse and is always on the lookout for someone who needs a gift.

To Julie, Paul would say: *"I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Susan and in your mother Allison and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. For this reason I remind you to **fan into flame** the gift of God . . ."*

Where are YOU in this generational story? Are you a grandmother who needs to start an age-level organization in your church? Are you a young mother who needs to begin now instructing your children in the ways of the Lord? Do you know a Julie who needs your encouragement?



Susan, Julie, and Dee Dee

The **Fan the Flame** emphasis for the Heck-Jones Offering did not end in February. In fact, we would love to come to your churches to speak about the missions and ministries of WMU NC and especially share how you and your church can be involved in them. Please call or email our office today and arrange that opportunity.

Your gifts to the Heck-Jones Offering **fan the flame** of missions in countless ways. Consider giving generously so that our age-level organizations will continue to train women like Susan, raise up young ladies like Julie, and minister to the lost and hurting people of our communities and across the world.

Pass It On,

Dee Dee Moody  
WMU NC President



# Missions Extravaganza & 127<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

## Defining Moments

# RECAP



Missions Extravaganza 2018 was hosted by Ardmore Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC. On April 27 and 28 close to 500 women (and

yes, some men) gathered together for the 127<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and missions conference. Friday evening opened with the flags of the nations processional and with the congregation singing "Song of the Nations." The theme for this year was "Redeemed, Restored, Released." Each session focused on one of these themes through song, testimonies and scripture. Worship was led by Ardmore's Dr. Jim Davidson, accompanied each session by various musicians and singers from the church including, Harmonia with Frank Voltz, Gustavo Antoniacomi accompanied by Johnathan Williams and Keith McHone.

Taylor and Susan Field of *Graffiti Ministries* in New York were the keynote speakers for the conference. Taylor and Susan brought perspective and an "upside down" view of our actions, worship, and obedience to God. Taylor shared that their ministry has condensed thousands of pages of "how-to" down to 13 words. He spoke each session unpacking these. He began with the 4 four most important words of their ministry: *Meet the need first*. In order to do this, we are to:

**Serve the Unservd**, Luke 14:12. God loves them just as much as he loves me. Who is the one who can't pay me back...that is the person I should be looking to serve. Remember, everyone has a gift, something to offer. One woman at *Graffiti* shared, "Partial commitment brings stress and strife. Total commitment brings joy and life"

**See the Unseen**, 2 Corinthians 4:18. Instead of looking at one's behavior, try to see beyond, where will they are going, where they will be in 5-10 years. "Stop leading – if there is a God, if He is telling us what to do we don't need 15 more techniques of leadership, we need to learn to listen. Isaiah 30 says, 'this is the way, walk in it' You won't have enough time to do what you want to do or what others want you to do BUT you will have enough time to do what God wants you to do. You can't always see the picture when you are inside the frame. Step outside of the normal frame and rest, to see God's invisible love" Vince Lombardi once said, "Exhaustion makes cowards of us all."

**Small is Big**, Matthew 18:20. Think of the big numbers in scripture. Did you know the most misquoted verse in the Bible is Matthew 18:20? We are quick to say "Where two or more are gathered in your name..." when actually this verse says "For where two or three gather in my name..." There are three tiers of ministry.



**1. Bless the Many** (where we serve food to a large group, pack buddy backpacks, host a community yard sale)

**2. Invest in the Few** (think of when Jesus invested in Peter and John – this is the time when we get discouraged, the devil wants to take your courage. The most valuable essential you possess as a believer is the Holy Spirit, our encourager, paraclete, and Satan's accuser.

**3. Things Can Get Out of Hand** (when the ones you have invested in want to get involved. The kingdom of God is described as a mustard seed. Funny fact – gardeners didn't want to plant mustard seeds in their gardens because it was invasive and would take over.



Our mission projects supported Operation Bandanas and Ronald McDonald House of Winston-Salem.

"What a wonderful experience to share the mission of Operation Bandanas, a ministry of spiritual encouragement for our armed force, with so many mission-minded women coming together from across our State! I had the help of many enthusiastic women to fold and package 1000 *Psalm 91* bandanas to be provided to our troops! I can't wait to see how God is going to use those same women to further His kingdom work through THIS mission! Thanks so much! It truly was an amazing, blessed experience and I am so thankful to ME for allowing Operation Bandanas this opportunity! Our servicemen and women need to know that they are remembered and appreciated."

— Mary Gray

Founder and Executive Director Operation Bandanas





# REGIONS RECALL



Welcome to a new section of our publication entitled "Regions Recall." Here we will best connect the "destination dots" along the highways and byways of our state. We look forward to sharing your stories, ministries & events to best connect you, the reader, with others across the regions. North Carolina is 170 miles wide and 560 miles long, so there is a lot of territory to cover. We want to feature what God is doing through WMU NC in all the regions. We need your help in sharing our stories from Manteo to Murphy. If you have a story to share email Jenn B at [jennb@wmunc.org](mailto:jennb@wmunc.org) and include "Regions Recall" in the subject line.

## MOUNTAINS

### "My Life.... A Gift for Christ" Missions Gathering in Franklin

WMU NC was invited to come to Franklin, NC and have a *Ladies Day* retreat. It was held December 2, 2017. We had 35 women from three different churches and two GA's attend. We were very grateful for Pine Grove Baptist Church hosting us with Mrs. Elaine Holland, WMU Director. This was a dream of Kathy Hildreth to have a group come. We are so thankful for her vision!

Those that led the weekend were Irma Duke, Richard and Delores Thomas, Amy Boone, Amanda Martinsen, Angie Reid and Judy Pettigrew. Different conferences were planned that included "The Joy of Mission Trips," "Mentoring Youth and Young Women in Missions," plus three others. After a special brunch there was a time of worship and viewing various exhibits. A great time was had by all!

The team stayed in the Missionary house of the Macon Association. The team enjoyed meals together, a mission project at the local laundromats to give out quarters and tracts and the opportunity to bring greetings on Sunday at Pine Grove Baptist and Cartoogechaye Baptist.

*My Life ...  
A Gift for Christ*

*Missions Extravaganza*  
for women of all ages, teens & girls grades 1-6  
refreshments, break-out sessions, worship, fellowship & fun!

December 2, 2017  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Pine Grove Baptist Church  
Franklin, NC

presented by WMU of NC Missions Team



# PIEDMONT

## "Treasures of the Heart" Mother/Daughter Retreat Sandhills Baptist Association, Pinehurst, NC



The Sandhills Baptist Association hosted its first Mother-Daughter Retreat, "Treasures of the Heart" on February 23-24 at First Baptist Church of Pinehurst. The retreat was for mothers and daughters in grades 6-12. This day featured breakout sessions for teens and mothers. A keynote session was led by Tara Furman of *Knowing God Ministries*. Amy Boone and Deborah Taylor led breakout sessions on parenting for the mothers and Cassie Taylor and Amanda Martinsen led breakout sessions for the teens. The retreat also included a delicious breakfast provided by Pinehurst and a fun photo booth! Each girl went home with a copy of Tara Furman's *Growing in Prayer*, a prayer journal for teens. The Sandhills Baptist Association looks forward to making this an annual event!

# COAST



## God's Power Unleashed in Haiti

God's power has been unleashed in Saintard, Haiti. The Eastern Baptist Association has its handprints and footprints throughout Saintard. Haiti has a population of 12 million with the landmass of 10,714 square miles. The state of North Carolina has a population of 10 million with a landmass of 53,819 square miles. As you can see the country of Haiti will fit inside the state of North Carolina and the population of Haiti continues to grow. With the lack of resources and education they continue being one of the poorest countries. Some even comment that there is no hope for Haiti. Let me clear the air by saying with Jesus Christ, there is always hope. When asked, "How will Haiti ever change?" the answer always given was, "Educate the Children." Four years ago, we prayed, trusted and believed and began our work of building a church and school in an effort to change Haiti, one child at a time. When we arrived in Haiti, January 2018, for our annual mission trip we were totally amazed at what all we saw. God's POWER had been *Unleashed*. Right before our eyes was the church, school, banana orchard, the wall to secure the property that we had worked so hard to make happen, children in classrooms singing to us in English. All we had prayed and worked for was before us, but God wasn't finished. The truly amazing thing was God had provided something we never had in our original plans. There was a well that was just waiting for water to start flowing and flowing it did at eight gallons a minute; pure, clean drinking water. You see several months prior to our trip God allowed unexpected donations to be given for a well and solar panels. Wow, our God is a God of true blessings and provisions. God gave us a 180 ft deep well with 100 ft of pure, clear flowing water right underneath the church and school, and solar panels on top of the school that are now providing electricity. After many years of prayer, work, doubt- and yes, at times doubt crept in, My God said, "I told you to trust ME my child." Through the WMU Region 3 Rally that was held this past August we were able to take flip flops for our Haitian brothers and sisters, if you could have seen the smiles on their faces. God also touched the hearts of those attending the *Hearts for Haiti* breakout session. Some child sponsorships have finally started coming in. I am reminded when God gives any of us a vision we should be prayerful and ask for *His direction, be obedient, and believe in THE POWER OF AN ALMIGHTY GOD.*

— Tammy Weeks

Missions Ministries Director, Eastern Association



# Defining Moments... Redeemed, Restored, and Released.



By Margaret Harding  
WMU NC Associate for Adults

Whether you were able to attend Missions Extravaganza this year or not, I want to use part of the theme from that weekend to talk about the key words used in each general session.

## Redeemed...Restored...Released

**Redeemed** – When you hear that word what comes to mind? Immediately an old hymn comes to my mind...*Redeemed How I Love to Proclaim It...Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb*. There's also a more contemporary song by Big Daddy Weave called *Redeemed* and it says:

*Seems like all I can see was the struggle, Haunted by ghosts that lived in my past, Bound up in shackles of all my failures, Wondering how long is this gonna last. Then You look at this prisoner and say to me "son, stop fighting a fight that's already been won." I am redeemed. You set me free. So I'll shake off these heavy chains and wipe away every stain – now I'm not who I used to be I am redeemed. I'm redeemed.*

One of the definitions I found for redeem reads "to save (someone) from sin, error, or evil." As Christians we know we have been redeemed (saved from sin) by our Lord and Savior. We should be **"on mission"** every day to help someone else know how they can be redeemed. That is our mandate. That is our Great Commission!

**Restored** – There is a praise song and a scripture verse that both say.... *"Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation."* I found a definition for restore that says *"to bring back to a state of health, soundness, or vigor."* I like that definition. Jesus Christ on the cross restores us to being the best we can be. He wants us to have joy!

All that stuff we've done to ourselves to "beat ourselves up" is gone – we are restored to His image. Beautiful in His eyes! There are moments in my life when I cry out for God to restore me – to renew a right spirit within me. I am sure we can all think of someone who has low self-esteem or is constantly critical of themselves. Maybe you know someone who has been incarcerated or a victim of human trafficking or a CWJC participant. They need to hear from YOU the good news of Jesus Christ – that He will *"restore"* them and heal them from the inside out.

**Released** – I love this definition of released...*"set free."* I think about a bird in a cage and when that cage door is open the bird might hesitate but not for long – the bird soars and wants to fly high and far. Think about our life in Christ...isn't that what He wants from us – to be set free – to not let anything weigh us down or distract us from living for Him. Immediately the song that comes to my mind by Chris Tomlin says, *"My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God my Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy rains, Unending love, Amazing grace."* I can't help but smile and praise God whenever I hear that song. I think about the inmates I've ministered to at the annual women's prison retreat. I think about the PTSD victim who has been healed from his or her emotional wounds. I see them worshipping and praising God with arms outstretched because they have found freedom in Christ and their chains are gone.

As people that love Jesus and want to serve Him in missions through WMU NC let's show others throughout the summer how they can be **redeemed, restored, and released** to be all that God wants them to be. Summer provides the perfect opportunity to be aware of people all around us. More people are outside because of the nice weather. Notice those in your neighborhood – at the pool – at ballgames – wherever you go each day be the hands, feet and voice of Jesus. Make your summer a series of

## Defining Moments

### MILITARY WIVES RETREAT

REFRESHED AND RENEWED • Camp Mundo Vista • August 18-19

\$20 for 1 night or \$40 for two nights\* – Refundable, if you come to the retreat.

We need YOUR help to share the word about this retreat. Here are some ways to promote:

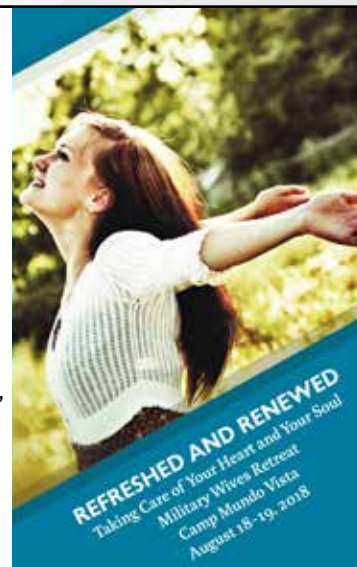
- "SHARE" the flyer from our WMU NC Facebook page
- Download and Print a flyer from our website [www.wmunc.org/military-missions](http://www.wmunc.org/military-missions)
- View & Share our *vimeo* of the Military Wives Retreat [www.wmunc.org/videos](http://www.wmunc.org/videos)
- Contact & Share with military service members in your church and community
- Contact & Share the Flyer with your local National Guard Armory.

#### We need your help to get the word out about this retreat.

Consider **providing a scholarship** for a military wife to attend:

- Send \$100 to the WMU NC office and designate it "Scholarship for a Military Wife"

There are many other ways you can help. Want to know how? Contact Margaret Harding at [mharding@wmunc.org](mailto:mharding@wmunc.org)



\*Note: most military wives arrive Friday evening, August 17 so they can be ready to start at 9:00 a.m. Saturday. Retreat concludes at 11:00 a.m. Sunday.



# 2018 Red Box Ministry

The **Red Box Ministry** is a ministry of WMU NC. We could not do this without the help of our associations across the state who participate in this ministry with us. With your help, we provide over 2000 red boxes filled with various items such as lotion, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, chap stick, deodorant, gloves, soap, socks, hard candy, etc. to eligible incarcerated women in NC prisons. Part of the red box includes a Christmas greeting and a Scripture tract. Each year we receive lots of mail after the ladies get their red box telling us how much the red box gift means to them. It gives them hope and encouragement during a difficult time in their life.

**If you are the association WMU leader and you have not received your Red Box information by June 30 please contact Margaret Harding at [mharding@wmunc.org](mailto:mharding@wmunc.org).**

The association WMU leader will select a Red Box item and an amount for the churches in her association to collect. She will notify all the churches in her association and give the details. She or someone she designates will be responsible for getting the items to FBC Asheboro by the deadline. Your gifts to the incarcerated women in NC prisons do make a difference!

**DON'T  
FORGET**



## THE LOCATION TO BRING YOUR RED BOX ITEMS HAS CHANGED THIS YEAR. BRING YOUR ITEMS TO:

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 133 N Church St., Asheboro, NC 27203  
(336) 629-9191 *(try to call and let the church know when you are coming)*

Beginning Friday, October 19 and ending Friday, November 2.

Bring items: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

*(Because the volunteers who count, sort, pack and deliver the red boxes are from FBC Asheboro it will make it much easier to use this as the location this year – please make a note of this change of venue and thanks in advance.)*

## WORLD MISSIONS WEEK

July 2 - 7, 2018

Caswell Baptist Assembly

Don't forget to register – there's something for every age  
(Preschool – Adult)

Opportunities for Bible Study, Worship, Music, Missionary testimonies, hands on missions, and time to have fun at the beach or pool, play games or sit on the porch and read! What a great family vacation fellowshiping with other Christians surrounded by the beauty of the ocean and the landscape of Fort Caswell.

**We hope to see you there!**



**GOOD.  
RIGHT. TRUE.**

**WORLD MISSIONS WEEK**

*July 2-7, 2018 • Fort Caswell*

# Winter Collegiate Retreat

## *From the Inside Out*



Julie Keith,  
Associate for Youth, College & Young Women

**O**n the last weekend in January, we had the privilege of attending the Winter Collegiate Retreat, geared for college students from all around North Carolina. The colleges/universities represented included: Gardner-Webb University, UNC-Asheville, UNC-Greensboro, Appalachian State University, Western Carolina University, Chowan University, NC State, and UNC-Chapel Hill.

This retreat invited the students to come together, to worship and to grow in their relationship with God. The focus of the weekend was how to live *From the Inside Out*, knowing that we have to be changed with God's grace and love before we can go out and share His love with others.

We had the opportunity to speak with these students, from the different college campuses, about the variety of ministries WMU NC is a part of. Some of these include: WorldCrafts, Prison Retreat, Angel Tree, serving at Mundo Vista Camp & Retreat Center as a staff during the summer, and the upcoming myMISSION trip for young women in Greensboro. While sharing, we were able to help students see a small glimpse that missions through WMU NC is a lifestyle, not just a project and that they can play a part in that mission wherever they are. Just as we helped connect students' passions with WMU NC ministries, we hope that you will share with the college students and young adults in your churches and areas about the ways they can connect their passions with the ministry opportunities within WMU NC.

— Hannah Boehmer &  
Cassie Taylor



*Join us as we serve  
the internationals and  
refugees who live in the  
community of Greensboro.*

SAVE THE DATE

## Greensboro, NC • May 25-28, 2018

This opportunity is for women between the ages of 18 and 34.

Visit our website  
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events to find  
out details of the  
event, tentative  
schedules, and to  
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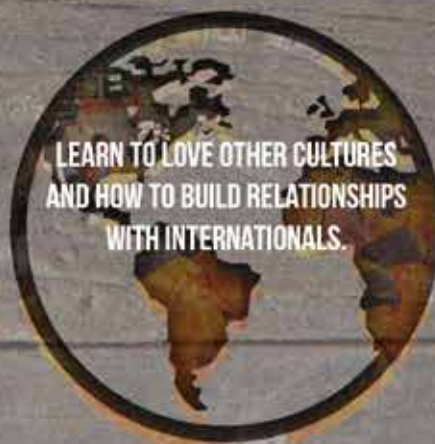
# Loving the Nations, Starting in Your Community

THE FOREIGNER RESIDING AMONG YOU  
MUST BE TREATED AS YOUR NATIVE-BORN.  
LEVITICUS 19:34A

**OCTOBER 19-21, 2018**

*Lawndale Baptist Church*

*3505 Lawndale Drive, Greensboro, NC*



*Opportunity to attend an international worship service on Sunday morning*

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**AN EVENT FOR ACTEENS, TEEN GIRLS, AND THEIR LEADERS**





# Reflections from Camp Mundo Vista

Kelly Brame Year-Round Program/Summer Camp Director



who attended the gala.

This winter found us paying attention to some infrastructure needs. We hired a local tree service to get rid of underbrush, raise the canopy, and remove troublesome trees mainly in Unit One. The

Guest Lodge is also being renovated with the help of volunteers and hired contractors. We have been able to pave the path to the Outdoor Chapel. With help from some potential donors we hope to expand existing parking options. In December, thanks to continued financial support from many, we furnished Unit 4 with new bunk beds. We hope folks will continue to give so we can outfit the remaining two Units with new bunk beds by the end of the year. With other donor funds we plan to put in a twin zip line before summer camp begins. Supporters have been particularly generous this past year and we want you to know how much we appreciate it.

## WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING AT CAMP?

We have hosted or sponsored the following groups or events:

- FBC Lexington
- Shadybrook Baptist Church
- Fall Children in Action Day
- Missionary Parent Fellowship
- First United Methodist Church
- FBC Asheboro
- Faith Journaling Retreat
- First Christian Church
- Couples For Christ
- Carolina Memorial Church
- Red Box Volunteers
- Christ Episcopal Church
- Scrapbooking Retreat
- CBF NC
- Baptist Nursing Fellowship NC
- Scripture Journaling Retreat
- Valentine's Daddy/Daughter Gala
- Prayer retreat
- BNF NC Executive Board
- Spring CA/GA Days

## WHAT IS HAPPENING AT CAMP NOW?

Summer camp preparations are in full swing as we focus on "Life on the Edge"—Philippians 4:13, we are investing in the lives of boys and girls, teens and mothers. Here is what is new at camp this summer:

- Pre-camp mission trip for counselors as part of orientation
- Beautification projects and cutting troublesome trees
- Longer weeks and mini-weeks
- Two weeks of co-ed camp for boys and girls grades 3-6
- New bunk beds for all (remember you can still donate!)
- Twin zip-line
- Updated ropes and archery course
- Teens pottery, music, and drama electives

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE FALL

We are still booking groups for the fall and sponsoring retreats. Consider us as a venue for your next gathering, banquet, celebration, retreat, meeting, or special event.

- Nov. 2 - 4: Thriving Father/Son Relationships: a weekend to deepen relationships between fathers and sons by reflecting on biblical stories while enjoying God's creation. (Includes time for campfires, woodcraft, hiking, and other activities - more details to come);
- Christmas at Mundo Vista: an opportunity to celebrate Christ's birth with a holiday meal, campfire fun, and special activities - look for details.

Many thanks to all the camp supporters donating funds for new bunk beds, path to Outdoor Chapel, zip-line, guest lodge renovations, and an expanded parking area

**WE DON'T THINK OF IT AS GIVING BACK.  
WE THINK OF IT AS PAYING IT FORWARD.  
INVEST IN YOUR CAMP!**

## Interview with Zoe - Valentine's Gala

**Zoe Garcia**

**Age- 8**

*Interviewed by Mom, Jenny*

*Re: Mundo Vista Valentine's Daddy/Daughter Gala*

### How did your Dad ask you?

*My Dad bought me a small stuffed elephant and flowers and asked me to the dance. I said yes. ☺*

### What were you most excited about?

*Being with my Dad and dancing*

### Is your Dad a good dancer?

*Yes! He loves spinning me around. He's not a fancy dancer, but a fun one.*

### What did you wear?

*I wore a pretty white dress with red roses on it. My hair was pulled back and I wore lipstick.*

### What were your top 3 favorite things about the Gala?

1. The games, especially the Oreo game.
2. The punch.
3. The dancing.

### Did you meet any new friends?

*Yes! My Dad and I both made new friends.*

### How did you feel the night of the dance?

*It made me feel like I had a really loving father. I felt special.*

### What part of the night made you feel the most special?

*When my Dad asked me to dance.*

### What are the 3 words you would use to describe the night?

*Joyful, decorative and amazing!*

### Will you attend again?

*If they have another one, YES!*





# Life On The Edge Summer 2018

*I can do all things through  
Christ Jesus who strengthens me.  
Philippians 4:13*

Camp Mundo Vista  
3140 Camp Mundo Vista Trail  
Sophia, NC 27350



Register online at  
[www.campmundovista.com](http://www.campmundovista.com)  
or call 336-625-4828 or  
email [mundovista@wmunc.org](mailto:mundovista@wmunc.org)

## Camp Mundo Vista Children's Programs

June 17 - 22

Children (Boys and Girls, grades 3-6) / Teen Girls

June 24 - 27, 27 - 30

Mother/Daughter Mini Camp

July 8 - 13

Children (Boys and Girls, grades 3-6) / Teen Girls

July 15 - 18, 18 - 21

Mother/Daughter Mini Camp

July 22 - 25

Girls/Leaders Mini Camp

**It's not  
too late to  
register for  
summer  
camp**

Check out our new Website: [www.campmundovista.com](http://www.campmundovista.com)

**Overnight  
Option  
for 10/12  
Available**

All Boys and Girls Grades 1 - 6

GA, RA and CA Groups!

## Children's Missions Day

October 12 - 13, 2018

**Mundo Vista**  
Camp and Retreat Center

Register your child for this event anytime between  
August 19, 2018 and September 30, 2018 at  
[www.campmundovista.com/events](http://www.campmundovista.com/events).

For more information email [mundovista@wmunc.org](mailto:mundovista@wmunc.org) or  
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"We love because He first loved us."  
1 John 4:19



Sara Lamkin  
*Preschool & Children Consultant*

**C**hildren's missions education is vital in the spiritual development of a child. There are many ways that you can reach the children of your family, your church, and your community. WMU NC is here to help guide you. The curriculum available for preschoolers, girls, boys, and co-ed groups is adaptable to meet your group's needs. There is also Missions in a Box! Currently, Thailand and Peru are available to study with your child or children's group. Take a closer look at the culture of these two places and do fun activities! The International Missions Study coming in the fall is focused on Refugees. There are studies for all age groups! There are bilingual (Spanish/English) books that teach young children about God and the world. Please visit [www.wmunc.org](http://www.wmunc.org) to see what is available to get the children in your life passionate about missions! Missions Education will change their lives.

## 2018 State Incentive Plan for New Organizations

### 50% off Publications for a total of 12 months\*

These subscriptions are provided by National WMU in partnership with WMU NC for churches:

- *That have never had WMU or age-level organization.*
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\*All churches must go through State WMU office in order to receive the discount.

## Ten Compelling Reasons Why Children's Missions Education Is Important

**Teaches children that life isn't all about them.** Children learn to be God-centered instead of self-centered.

**Demonstrates to children how God is at work in the world through stories from the mission field.** God is at work all around us, but sometimes it takes being able to step back and see the big picture to see that God is at work.

**Cultivates an atmosphere where children are accepted – always inclusive, never exclusive.** Missions education teaches children to go and minister to all people. This includes ministering to children at school by showing them the love of Christ.

**Provides a place where children participate in fun, age-appropriate learning activities.** Curriculum is written appropriately for the mental, social, physical, and spiritual development of children.

**Instills godly characteristics in children.** The curriculum reinforces the Biblical mandate to be a light in the darkness through word and deed.

**Offers outreach to non-churched families.** Non-churched parents are more likely to send their children to church if they perceive the church is teaching them to not only "be good" but "do good." Also, non-churched families hear about children doing ministry projects in the community.

**Encourages children to learn and apply the Bible to their lives.** This is the only organization at church where children actively go and demonstrate their faith through missions projects and witnessing.

**Teachers serve as role models and mentors/coaches for children.** Missions education is more hands-on and allows leading by example. Children see adults living out the Great Commission in the classroom and on the mission field.

**Offers opportunities where parents can serve.** Here are a few examples of how parents can serve: teach, lead activities, bring snacks, **donate supplies, plan mission projects, chaperone mission projects, and participate in outreach to children.**

**Provides outreach to the community and the church.** Through mission projects, God's love is shared and lives are changed.

**Outcome:** Children learn what God desires of them and are encouraged to live out the Great Commission.

— National WMU/WMU NC

## RECAP

**CA DAY** on March 10, 2018 and **GA DAY** on March 17, 2018 brought 305 people to Mundo Vista. A total of 29 churches were represented, some traveling more than two hours to be a part of this missions day for children. During our time together, we enjoyed hearing from missionaries Anna and LaCount Anderson. The Andersons minister to those in poverty in Conetoe, NC. There was a time of "crafting," making our own stress balls and creating kindness postcards. The postcards made were sent with the Andersons to be handed out to the children they work with. The children collected and donated cereal bars for an after-school program the Andersons work with. We look forward to gathering together again in the fall for CA Day. Mark your calendars! Be sure to check out the flyer for information on page 13.



# SUMMER MISSION PROJECTS FOR FAMILIES

By Keith Tusing, Family Ministries Pastor

*This article was first published by Church Leaders, September 3, 2013*

One of the great things that we can teach and model for our kids is volunteering. This is something entire families can do together as they “put feet to their faith.” Below is a list of some of my favorite service projects for kids and families. We would love to know about your favorite family summer missions ideas. Email your ideas and any corresponding pictures to [jennb@wmunc.org](mailto:jennb@wmunc.org)

## HOST A BOOK DRIVE

Collect gently used books, CDs and DVDs and donate them to schools, libraries and homeless shelters.

## VOLUNTEER AT THE SCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL

Running a game booth, ticket stand, or even cleaning up with your family.

## BE A NEIGHBOR

Challenge each child to help three neighbors with small things around their house this week. Older kids can help neighbors by weeding, mowing, painting, housesitting, or pet-sitting. Preschoolers enjoy leaving flowers or handmade cards on doorsteps.

## HOST A TOY DRIVE

Everybody does it at Christmas but kids need toys year-round. So, chose a time during the middle of the year and encourage everyone to drop off toys to be donated.

## VISIT A NURSING HOME

The initial visit for this one takes the longest. First meet with the Activities Director for a few minutes, filled out any needed paperwork and set a date for your group to come by to visit. Some suggested activities sing, bring flowers, or just visit with a resident.

## VOLUNTEER TO READ

Libraries and schools are always looking for volunteer readers. Offer to staff your public library's reading hour with families from your church, or encourage kids to help younger readers at their schools.

## HOST A FAMILY WORKDAY

Announce a workday for families at your church. Make a list of chores such as vacuuming, painting, gardening, or spring cleaning. Provide coffee, juice, and doughnuts.

## VISIT AN ANIMAL SHELTER

Set a day to collect materials to donate to the shelter. Many shelters need stuff we all have around the house like old towels, newspaper, or a roll of paper towels we can donate easily. Then set a day to visit, we load the kids and supplies in the car and visit the animal shelter.

## SAY “THANKS” TO FIRST RESPONDERS

Prepare baked goods and treats and deliver them to the local Police and Fire Stations.

## CLEANUP

Participate in cleaning up your local neighborhood, park or community center.

**“THE SON OF MAN DID NOT COME TO BE SERVED, BUT TO SERVE.”**

Mark 10:45





# Living Out Leadership

## *Equipping & Encouraging Those Who Lead*



### For the Leader Who Needs Encouragement to ... *Press On*

Amanda Martinsen

*Leadership Development Consultant and Resource Coordinator*

**I**n addition to my position with WMU NC, I have the privilege of being an Acteens leader in my local church. After one of our recent meetings, I left with my heart heavy and my soul feeling burdened. I rarely leave feeling anything but joy and contentment. I find our meetings are usually filled with laughter, bonding, and a mutual excitement for Jesus. *But this night was different.*

My original lesson for the evening centered on sharing faith in real, tangible ways. We talked about how important loving others is, how growing up and walking in faith is hard. The girls had great, albeit it difficult, questions for me surrounding these things. I could tell their hearts were burdened with some of the issues they are dealing with at their age and my own heart grew a little weary.

We wrapped up our time that evening, said our goodbyes and turned off the classroom light. I watched them walk down the hallway and outside where they waited on their rides to pick them up and I thought...*this is the reason.*

This is the reason we have to *keep going* as leaders. The upcoming generations need us to press on. **To teach. To love. To help them grow.**

I think the reason my heart was so heavily burdened that evening was because it was a strong reminder that there is much work to be done for the next generation. Perhaps you see this too within your own church and group. Maybe you see the need within your mission group, Bible study or prayer group. There are people that need us to press on and keep going as leaders.

People need strong, biblical leaders to **stand up for them. To pray fervently over them. To speak the truth in love** to them based on the foundation of God's holy word. **To love them and accept them and show them** that grace and mercy are not baseless gifts but ones bought at the high price of Jesus' blood.

I know you might be weary. I know that sometimes it can be challenging to reach others, even if you're doing it for the sake of The Gospel. I know that while not every day is hard, there are moments when the feelings of inadequacy and unworthiness get the best of you and you want to give up.

If you find yourself feeling defeated lately, I want to encourage you to **press on. Please don't stop.** You are an instrumental piece of the puzzle. God is working through you. So keep leading. Keep mentoring. Keep reaching your hands and hearts out to the upcoming generation and those around you. **Press on** leader!

Looking to connect with other leaders? Consider attending one of our **FIRMLY PLANTED LEADERSHIP GATHERINGS** happening across the state throughout the month of August. Whether you have been leading for many years, or feel a call to lead but don't know where to start, this gathering is for you.

Visit: <http://www.wmunc.org/training> for more information.





# FIRMLY PLANTED: UNSHAKABLE FAITH & LEADERSHIP

## A Gathering of Friends & Ministry Leaders

Being a leader in any context can be difficult.

There are seasons where you wonder if the work you are doing really matters, but it does!

WMU NC is committed to helping leaders feel equipped to lead in their churches and communities. That is why this summer, we are excited to offer Leadership Gatherings across the state. These one-day gatherings are focused on encouraging and equipping leaders to live out their specific ministry callings within their churches and communities.

Maybe you are seeking age-level training for one of our various mission groups like: Mission Friends, GA's, Children in Action, Acteens, SHINE, Women on Mission, or Church-wide WMU. Or perhaps you need more spiritual guidance and renewal, a time of recharging your leader batteries.

Whether you have been in leadership for many years, are a brand new leader, or are feeling the call to lead, there will be something for everyone!



"My dear brothers and sisters, stay firmly planted be unshakable- do many good works in the name of God, and know that all your labor is not for nothing when it is for God"

1 Corinthians 15:58 (The Voice)

## 2018 DATES & LOCATIONS

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*First Baptist Church of Pinehurst*

August 11-Murphy, NC

*First Baptist Church of Murphy*

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# All Things New



By Cynthia Furr, MSN, RN  
President NC BNF

*"Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall bring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:19*

**O**n February 3 our NC Baptist Nursing Fellowship celebrated its 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and we learned of "All Things New."

From the Bible we know that God has promised many "new" things to us: He gave us a new commandment (John 13:34), new covenant (Jeremiah 31:31), new creature (2 Corinthians 5:17), new heaven and new earth (Isaiah 65:17), new spirit within people (Ezekiel 11:19), new name (Isaiah 62:2), and a new song (Isaiah 42:10).

We know that all the promises are fulfilled in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 1:20). Our hope is that Christ will come back for us one day and make *all things new* (Revelation 21:5).

Scripture has many stories that show us how God makes things new. So, how does He make things new for us today?

- 1) When we become followers of Christ, He promises a "new name." Names and their meanings are very significant in the Bible. Eve was "the mother of all the living," Isaac was "laughter," and Samuel was "asked of God." When God changes the names of people in the Bible, it marks the start of a new relationship or a new phase in relationship with him: Abram to Abraham (Genesis 17:5), Simon to Peter, Saul to Paul (Matthew 4:18, Acts 13:9). We may not receive new names today, but we receive new identities as Christ-followers.
- 2) God "restores" lost relationships, lost years, disabilities: Jesus restores sight to the blind, the ability to walk to the crippled, hearing to the deaf, and new clean skin to the diseased (Mark 8:22-26, Matthew 9:2-8, Mark 7:31-37, Luke 5:12-25). He restores our soul: through His Word to guide us, encourage us and nourish us spiritually, through prayer, fellowship and worship with other believers. In Joel 2:18-26 we learn that God restored lost years and the result was both physical and spiritual. We restore our relationship with Christ (1 John 1:9). The first step in repairing relationships is to know that we are forgiven and that we are to forgive others (Ephesians 4:32).
- 3) God "resurrects" as He has power over death. He raised Jesus from the grave. His power in us, as believers, gives life to our dead souls (Romans 8:11). We have the power of His resurrection to overcome any life situation. We are restored from our failures with new life and new grace.

Our NCBNF program relating to missions included Renee Crane, former IMB missionary, and member Mindy Flowe, RN. Ann Marie Carter reported on our mission trip to Guatemala, and Claudia Hayes, MSN talked about her trip to China. Amy Boone, WMU NC Executive Director was first on Saturday's agenda. Genevra Kelly from Wake Forest presented "Regenerative Medicine: Science Fiction Becoming Science Fact." There was a time of recognition of BNF officers, as we thank those who have served and installed with a Blessing of the Hands those coming in.

The tree (see below image and explanation) was our NCBNF symbol of "all things new" during our prayer walk and spiritual renewal time.

**Roots** = represent the **Bible** as we are faith-based in His Word; with God everything is possible.

**Trunk** = **NCBNF** is a fellowship of Christian Nurses, seeking to model and encourage others to model Christian professional care giving. We are gathered from many backgrounds and share our expertise. The tree rings represent our long years of history. From the center (organized in 1983), our rings continue to steadily wind and circle outward, with some unevenness and spots as we have learned and grown and expanded through the years. We remain as a strong core because we work together for God's purpose and in His service.

**Branches** = **Chapters and Members**. To carry out our NCBNF purposes, which are: To provide Christian professional fellowship, to promote continuing professional education and growth for membership and nurse missionaries, to encourage nursing service that evolves from a personal commitment to Jesus Christ.

**Leaves** = Our **good works and service to God**. Our leaves represent what we have accomplished and also what we plan to do in the future in His service. The colorful leaves will shed in the fall - but with the spring many leaves will be added, as the tree will be nourished throughout the winter, and sprout with new growth. And, there are many opportunities to serve God. We seek God's guidance and listen to Him to plan future missions and to accomplish His will.



Our NCBNF "Tree" will continue to survive and flourish because our roots are firmly planted, we receive nourishment, together we form a strong core, we have direction and purpose, and we will spring forth with many beautiful leaves.

*It is interesting to note that the Bible begins in Genesis with the Tree of Life, and ends in Revelation with the Tree of Life. People have sought the knowledge of the Tree of Life throughout history and we continue to seek it all the years of our lives - from the beginning to the end when we will be with God.*

"By the river on its bank, on one side and on the other, will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither and their fruit will not fail. They will bear every month because their water flows from the sanctuary, and their fruit will be for food and their leaves for healing." Ezekiel 47:12

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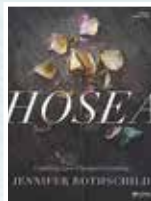
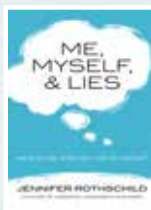
# OUR STAFF'S *Picks* FOR BIBLE STUDY

## MARGARET'S PICKS

*Jennifer Rothschild studies*



I love the Bible Studies by Jennifer Rothschild. I have used them in ladies retreats. Jennifer has a way of making you feel like she's in your home with you just having a conversation. She is delightful and makes you think as you listen to her. The workbooks help by providing an outline for her topic and as you fill in the blanks it reinforces the topic of the discussion. There is always personal application. I have found that when I use them for retreats I can use the entire study or I can pick out certain sessions of the DVD and just use those. Even though the sessions build on each other, some of them are also designed to use independently for a women's group, if your time is limited. Jennifer uses her own personal testimony and stories from her own life to make many of her points and to also show that she is "real" and "genuine" in what she is teaching. She is one of the many Bible Study authors that I love!



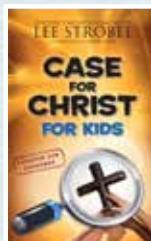
## SARA'S PICK

*Case for Christ for Kids*

*By Lee Strobel*



Kids are always asking hard faith questions. Like how do we know God is real? How do I defend my beliefs against those who question me? This series, *The Case for Christ for Kids* sets a firm faith foundation and meets kids where they are in their faith journey and development. Using stories and facts, Strobel makes the solid truth of God's existence evident to all. There is also an adult book since adults can have the same questions. ☺



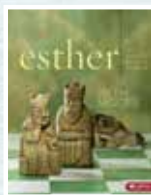
## JULIE'S PICK

*Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman*

*By Beth Moore*



This Bible study gives an in-depth and very personal examination of Esther's story. *Esther* is an amazing narrative complete with tragedy and triumph. You'll encounter intrigue, ambiguity, and excess, all in theatrical form. The thread of mystery that runs through the story will leave your mind spinning. Beth Moore peels back the layers of history and shows how very contemporary and applicable the story of Esther is to us. This portion of God's Word contains treasures to aid us in our hurried, harried, and pressured lives.



## DEE DEE'S PICK

*A Woman's Heart, God's Dwelling Place*

*By Beth Moore*



This is one of the most inspiring Bible studies that come to my mind. First published in 1995, the consistent theme of this study is "the desire of a holy God to dwell among mortals." Much of the study was the Old Testament tabernacle and then God's desire for my heart to be His dwelling place. Why was this impressive? Perhaps because it was my first really in-depth Bible study following Henry Blackaby's *Experiencing God*. Perhaps because as a remembrance, our facilitator made each of us a bracelet whose stones represented the 12 tribes of Israel. Perhaps because I love to study and this was quite intensive. Whatever the reason, I encourage you to call the WMU NC office to request this study — or better yet, visit the office and browse our library. There is something for everyone!



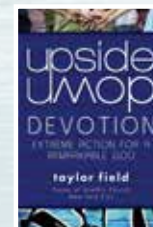
## JENN'S PICK

*Upside-Down Devotion: Extreme Action for a Remarkable God*

*By Taylor Field*



As a mama of three who feels pulled in multiple directions most of my day and who is limited on time I am most thankful for this devotional. The devotionals are concise, but don't be misled, they pack a good "punch." You will be left "chewing" on what you've read all throughout the day. In order for me to be the best wife, mama, friend & neighbor I need to begin my day and bathe in God's word. This devotional has me digging deeper into the woman God has called me to be, examining my "why" of how I worship Him. The study's description shares: *When extreme action for your remarkable God is fueled by a passion to serve in His name, this fresh narrative will compel you to show your desire for Him through your do-votion.*



## AMY'S PICKS

*5 Conversations You Must Have with Your Daughter*

*5 Conversations You Must Have with Your Son*

*By Vicki Courtney*



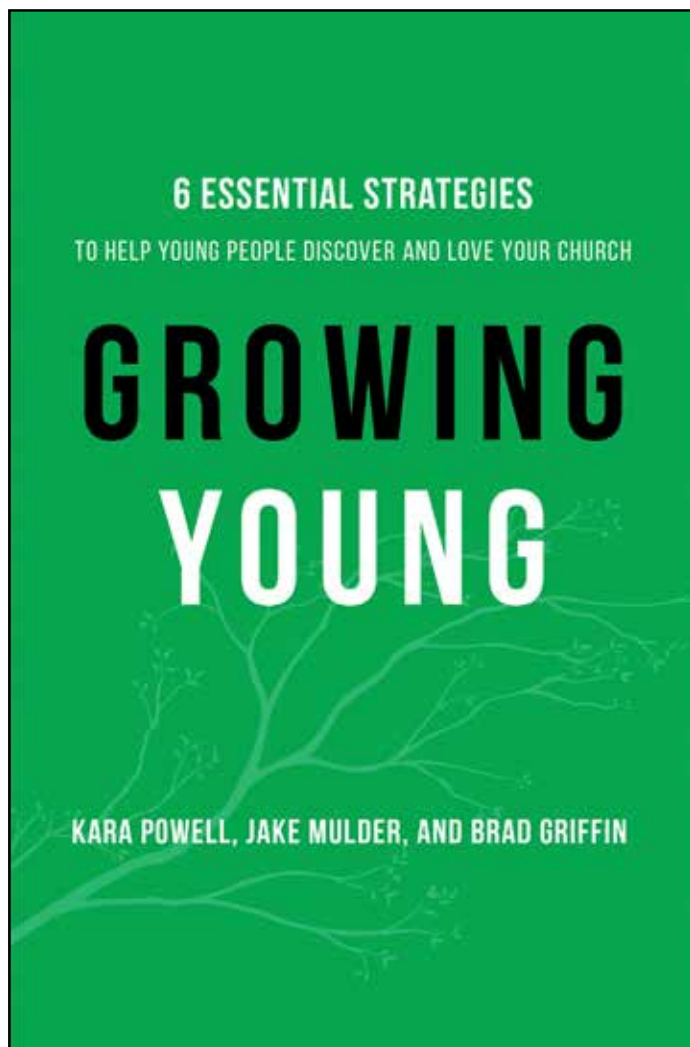
I have done this study by myself and have taught it with two groups. I highly recommend it to moms. I think it is a must read for parents!! It is for parents with children of all ages. I did it when my kids were teenagers and I wish I would have had it sooner. I have taught it to parents with small children, helping to prepare them for the ages to come. This is a "must-study" for parents, grandparents, even other adults who desire to influence the next generation!





Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina presents

# Growing Young Conference



**August 18, 2018 9am-2:30pm**  
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Packed with ideas, Growing Young shows ministry leaders how to position their churches to reach younger generations in a way that breathes life into the whole church.

9:00am  
 Introduction and Growing Young Overview

9:30  
 Keychain Leadership and Empathy

10:45 - Break

11:00  
 Jesus' Message and Warm Community

12:15 - Lunch

1:00  
 Prioritizing Young People  
 and Being Best Neighbors

2:15pm  
 Next Steps

**Cost:** \$15/person or \$60/church  
 (4-6 people + \$10/person over 6)

**Facilitator:** Andy Jung, DMin (Fuller Seminary in Youth, Family and Culture) and Certified Trainer for Growing Young.

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## Level I National Certification Training

By Cara Lynn Vogel

On February 21, seven women arrived in Hendersonville, NC to begin a three and one-half day National Training Certification with Christian Women's Job Corps. These women were from North and South Carolina. Two had already begun serving as site coordinators in existing sites and had each brought someone with them to work alongside them in the ministry. Two were investigating what it might look like to start a new site in their own community, one of these women is a graduate of CWJC and one was intentionally attending to be of support to the site where we were holding the training.

Time was spent learning about the foundations of CWJC which include a *Strength-Based Philosophy* and a *Theology of Poverty* (to understand that poverty can be defined as a broken relationship with God, others, self and resources). Time was also focused on differentiating between *Deficit-Based* and *Strength-Based* responses to people. *Strength Based* sees the abilities and potential in individuals and works with the individual to nurture these attributes. This philosophy also provides a means to offer development of an individual rather than relief or restoration, getting the person back to where they were before a crisis. These foundations make up the rationale for the key elements of CWJC and provide the structure around which this ministry is designed.

After completing the training and pre-requisite reading, these women were certified to register their intent to begin or work in a CWJC site.

Overheard at this training were statements such as:

*"Developing a whole person—how could anyone think that could be done in 6 weeks?"*

*"I wish I had had this training before I started work with another organization... I could really have made a difference there."*

*"I can look back at my life and see exactly where God was preparing me to lead this in my community. I'm amazed at where I'm being led."*

*"How could we have developed such strong friendships in just a few days... only God can do that."*

Surely God was working in and on the lives of the women at this training. Now, we anxiously and expectantly watch and pray for what is to come.



**In April, one of these participants registered her intent to begin a new site in NC! Please pray as she and those partnering with her begin to lay the foundations to work with women in their area.**



# Please Welcome to the WMU NC Family...

**LISA D. JACOBS**

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Lisa D. Jacobs is a speaker, vision board strategist, certified Christian life coach and the owner of Lisa Jacobs Events. Lisa is on a mission to share God's abounding grace and great love for all of us. She believes that regardless of your life circumstances that through Christ you can overcome any obstacle. She delights in sharing how we can all have victory in Christ.

Lisa and her husband Terry have been married for 25 years and together they have one son, Chris, who is currently pursuing his Masters of Public Health from UNC-Greensboro. Lisa and her family worship and serve at Kingdom Family International Church in Wake Forest, NC.

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## Welcome New Organizations

**Chowan Association**  
Sound Side Missionary Baptist  
Church, Columbia  
GA's and RA's

**New South River Association**  
Center Baptist Church, Wade  
Mission Friends

**Robeson Association**  
Bladen Union Baptist,  
Fayetteville  
Mission Friends,  
GA's and RA's



# Calendar Talk

WMU NC & CMV  
2018 CALENDAR  
OF EVENTS

## May

- 4-6 Annual Hispanic UFM Retreat, Camp Mundo Vista, Sophia, NC
- 25-28 myMISSION Mission Trip, Greensboro, NC
- 28 Memorial Day Holiday (Offices Closed)



## June

- 10-11 National WMU Annual Meeting & Missions Celebration, Dallas, TX
- 13-14 Southern Baptist Convention, Dallas, TX\*
- 17-22 Children (GA, RA, CA) Grades 3-6, Camp Mundo Vista, Sophia, NC
- 17-22 Teen Girls, Grades 7-12, Camp Mundo Vista, Sophia, NC
- 24-27 Mother/Daughter Mini Camps, Grades 1-6, Camp Mundo Vista, Sophia, NC
- 27-30 Mother/Daughter Mini Camps, Grades 1-6, Camp Mundo Vista, Sophia, NC



## July

- 4 Independence Day Holiday (Offices Closed)
- 2-7 World Missions Week, Fort Caswell\*
- 9-11 NC Baptist Ministers Wives Retreat, Caraway Conference Center\*
- 9-14 MissionsCAROLINA, Red Springs Mission Camp, Red Springs, NC
- 8-13 Children (GA, RA, CA) Grades 3-6, Camp Mundo Vista, Sophia, NC
- 8-13 Teen Girls, Grades 7-12, Camp Mundo Vista, Sophia, NC
- 15-18 Mother/Daughter Mini Camp, Grades 1-6, Camp Mundo Vista, Sophia, NC
- 18-21 Mother/Daughter Mini Camp, Grades 1-6, Camp Mundo Vista, Sophia, NC
- 22-25 Girls/Leaders Mini Camp, Grades 3-6, Camp Mundo Vista, Sophia, NC



## August

- 4 Leadership Development, FBC Pinehurst, Pinehurst, NC
- 11 West of Asheville Leadership Development, FBC Murphy, Murphy, NC
- 17-19 Military Wives Retreat, Camp Mundo Vista, Sophia, NC
- 18 Region 3 Leadership Development, Poston Baptist, Wallace, NC



## September

- 3 Labor Day Holiday (Offices Closed)

## October

- 12-13 CA Day, Camp Mundo Vista, Sophia, NC
- 19-21 Carolina Girls, Lawndale Baptist Church, Greensboro, NC
- 20-21 Missionary Parent Fellowship, Camp Mundo Vista, Sophia, NC



## November

- 2-4 Thriving Father/Son Relationship Retreat, Camp Mundo Vista, Sophia, NC
- 5 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer\*
- 5-6 BSCNC Annual Meeting, Koury Convention Center, Greensboro\*
- 21-23 Thanksgiving Holidays (Offices Closed)



## December

- 1-20 Christmas at Camp Mundo Vista & Retreat Center
- 2-9 International Missions Emphasis and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 24-28 Christmas Holidays (Offices Closed)



## Mission Opportunities:

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Visit [www.wmunc.org/mission-trips](http://www.wmunc.org/mission-trips) for contact information.



**New York City, NY**  
Graffiti Center  
VBS/Children Clubs  
July 8-12



**MissionsCAROLINA**  
Red Springs Mission Camp  
Disaster Recovery/Poverty  
July 9-14



**Barre, Vermont**  
Church Planters' Wives  
September 9-14



**Houston, TX**  
Mission Centers of Houston  
Work with children, families & seniors  
October 12-21

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



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<sup>3</sup>I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. <sup>7</sup>For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

2 Timothy 1:3-7 NIV

# Fan the Flame

2018  
Heck-Jones  
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WEEK OF PRAYER  
for WMU of North Carolina  
Goal: \$400,000

