

*YBA is a network of great commission churches in the Research Triangle of North Carolina. Our mission is to see local churches strengthened, planted, and resourced to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the glory of God.*

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Greetings YBA family,

Let me take you down memory lane. I remember as a junior in high school that my track coach asked me to consider running high hurdles. Now back when I was in high school, the high hurdles were nearly 40 inches high. If you haven't met me, let me just say that I used to be, on a good day... maybe somewhere close to 5 foot nine inches tall. If you also know anything about track, most athletes who run high hurdles are over 6 foot tall and have long lanky legs. Once again, I have short, stubby legs, but for some reason my coach imagined that I could do it.



I remember on many attempts, trying and continuously, knocking down the hurdles and falling on to the grass and sometimes on to the asphalt. I remember my knees bleeding and thinking, "this is crazy." I was really frustrated and wanted to tell the coach that this was a bad idea. The coach continued to encourage me and he talked to me about adjusting my stride and stretching to increase the height that I would lift my leg. Somewhat slowly but surely, I began to get better. I was overjoyed that I didn't knock down all the hurdles. Then, I actually came in third in a race. A few weeks later, I came in second, and just before the season ended, I won some races. I don't share this to tell you that I was a great Track Star, because I wasn't. But I have learned that in life we all have to make adjustments, and if we are careful and intentional in our adjustments, we can achieve things tomorrow that we cannot achieve today.

A few years ago we began to pray and dream about the future of Yates Baptist Association. Through that process, a Restart team was formed. We focused on our vision and purpose as a network of like-minded churches. We prayed and conducted numerous discussions about our statement of faith and what we believed. We looked at the past range and scope of the association, as well as dreamed at what the future could look like. We made some difficult but necessary decisions about our personnel, and began to consider our use of the Lakewood property where our offices are located. We have made a number of strides in the past couple years. Our giving last year was the highest it has been in nearly a dozen years. (We are closing the gap of our deficit.) We are starting to see new partnerships between churches to mutually impact their communities. Instead of seeing each other as competitors, they are seeing each other as co-laborers and teammates.

Our new vision statement says, "Our vision is to see the Great Commission fulfilled through sacrificial collaboration." Our new mission statement says, "We collaborate to strengthen, plant, and resource churches in order to glorify God through making disciples of all nations."

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Did you catch that? The three things that we want to do as an association is to strengthen, plant, and resource churches. In other words, we exist to help the local church, fulfill the Great Commission. Now you know how to answer if anybody ask you what YBA does. We strengthen, plant, and resource churches.

I hope you see where I'm going with this article. Your leadership here at YBA has been making adjustments to clear the hurdles that are set before us. I want to ask you to make a conscious effort to make adjustments for your church and the churches around you that preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to thrive. I believe that God has great plans and wants to use your church and this association to advance His kingdom in ways that we've never seen before. As an association of churches, you will be hearing of more adjustments that we are looking to make in the days and weeks ahead. I am confident that God has great plans for this network of churches to impact lostness in our neighborhoods and to the nations.

Now I don't pretend to know what God might be asking you specifically to adjust. It might be a minor adjustment or it might be a major one. I want to ask you to stop right now and ask God what you need to do to help your church, and the churches of this network, to reach the lost here in the Triangle and to the ends of the earth.

For the mission,

Marty Childers  
Associational Mission Strategist



**Tuesday, April 25, 2023**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Edgewood Baptist Church**

**1807 Infinity Road**

**Durham, NC 27712**

**Mark your calendar! You don't want to miss this special time of worship and celebration as we share how God is at work in the Yates Baptist Association. We look forward to seeing you on April 25.**

# Upcoming Ministry Opportunity

## Plans to Restart the Yates Baptist Association Orange Correctional Prison Ministry in Summer of 2023

**WHEN:** One Sunday evening per month for 5 months beginning around June 2023. Times/date are not set.

**WHERE:** Services held in the Peace Center. Same location where we met previously at the Orange County Correctional, Hillsborough.

**WHO:** Each Sunday evening a group of 10 “One-Time Volunteers” will be admitted to enter. A One-Time Volunteer Form (DC 345) will be processed by each volunteer when you arrive at the facility. A valid, current picture ID must be presented by each volunteer. All volunteers must be 18 years of age or older.

A list of all volunteer names will be submitted to Chaplain Leroy prior to the visit date. **IMPORTANT:** Persons from our churches who are victims of crimes (or family members of victims) committed by inmates at Orange Correctional should not be volunteers. Persons that have other personal relationships with any inmate should not be a volunteer.

**WHAT:** We envision a service of Praise/Worship/Music followed by a Fellowship Time. Chaplain Leroy says snacks are permitted. They must be packed in transparent containers. Finger foods: brownies, cookies, etc. are good. No cans allowed, but sodas in plastic bottles are permitted. No metal silverware. We will check about plastic utensils/plates.

**Logistics:** We will seek commitments from at least 3 churches that will have 10 volunteers. For the other 2 Sundays, we will combine churches to establish a Ministry Team of 10 volunteers.

Ministry Teams of less than 10 volunteers may be possible, but we desire 10. If 3 churches cannot assemble 10 volunteers, then we will use whatever combinations that give us a 10-volunteer Ministry Team. As we move forward, we will seek to involve as many YBA churches as possible.

Churches interested in serving will contact Frank Shipp or Marty Childers. They will establish and schedule the ministry teams.

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We will begin informing/educating YBA churches in February. By mid-April 2023, we hope to have our first Ministry Teams in place.

### **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

Moving forward, efforts will be made to offer formal training (Blue Card, Orange Card) to volunteers that desire more involvement. Orange Card certification allows the volunteer to take inmates off site for church/community activities.

- Chaplain Josh Leroy is available to fill the pulpit on fairly short notice or advance notice. If a church invites him to come speak, if possible, plan his visit ahead of time and let the church members know there will be a Prison Ministry emphasis.

We will be considering other ways that YBA can assist in funding this important Chaplain Ministry at Orange Correctional. NO PUBLIC funds support this position.

Please determine your churches willingness to participate in this new Orange Correctional Prison Ministry. Please let Frank Shipp or Marty Childers know when you are ready to commit and how many volunteers will be on your team.

*Please BE AWARE: Because of concerns for the safety of our volunteers and the security of the facility, Orange County Correctional policies regarding volunteers is SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANYTIME. We will proceed with our plans understanding that adjustments may be necessary. ALSO: A return to a ministry “the way it used to be” is not possible given the changes in the facility and the impacts of COVID-19.*

# YBA Mission Opportunity July 1-8, 2023



## The TEAM

You and your student team...

YBA churches

Mission Strategist Marty Childers

Oaxaca National Partners

FBC Oxford Mississippi

**Some questions you or others may ask...**

**Is Oaxaca safe?** Short answer is YES!

The long answer is Oaxaca is a world tourist destination because of its food, history, and culture. Tourists are welcomed and security is meant to protect you. There is no visible drug cartel activity in southern Mexico. Oaxaca is the name of the state and city. (Just like New York, New York). Oaxaca City is a major city with a small-town feel.

**What are the group rules?** Great question!

1. Don't be unwise or cause others to be unwise.
2. If there is a decision to be made, choose the option that is best for our group and not just for you.
3. Whining is not the way – it makes you look bad and annoys those around you.
4. Don't say anything about anyone that you have not said to them.
5. Wear clothes that impress God, not girls or guys. (Raise your hands and touch your toes and if anything shows, then change your clothes.)
6. Whenever you are told to do something with your phone (turn off, turn it in, whatever) do it with a good attitude.
7. Alcohol and tobacco are not allowed on this trip. Don't even think about it.

## Who can go?

This project is for students completing grades 9-12 and their parents.

All participants must have a passport that does not expire before February 9, 2024.

**Where are we staying?** The group will be staying together at a local hotel. We are currently negotiating a contract and we will update you when a decision is made. Each student will have a safe and secure place to sleep. Hot water and WIFI are always a mystery in southern Mexico. We plan to have hot water and WIFI available. But it probably will not work like yours does at home.

**Who is supervising the group?** Each church is required to have one chaperon per five students. Adults/parents will be at the same hotel as students. And, interpreters will be at the hotel as well. There is an excellent amount of supervision.

**What are we eating?** Oaxaca is a world class food destination with an abundance of Mexican food options. Even though we do not recommend it, there's also McDonald's, Papa John's, and Subway. There's plenty to eat. AND, we will have snacks (healthy and unhealthy) available at the hotel at all times. Nobody will lose weight on this trip. Go to this website to learn more about food in Oaxaca: <https://uncorneredmarket.com/oaxaca-food/>



**What about health care?** Each student and adult will be provided with Travel Health Insurance that will reimburse any emergency expense of about \$100. There are excellent healthcare options in Oaxaca. Usually, there are a few who have some stomach issues and those are taken care of quickly with rest and medicine. We hope that a nurse or two will be going with us on this trip.

**What about permission to travel?** Students who are not traveling with BOTH parents will need a signed affidavit from the parent NOT going that the student has permission to travel. This form will be provided to you by YBA.

### WHAT TO BRING!

- Your passport that does not expire before February 9, 2024.
- You are allowed ONE suitcase and one carry on piece of luggage.
- Your own personal water bottle. Most trip illness comes from lack of hydration. DRINK LOTS OF WATER! We will provide water for you!
- Your Bible, notebook, and pens.
- Money for meals while traveling through airports to/from Oaxaca. If bringing credit cards be sure to inform your bank that you are traveling to Mexico.
- At least \$100 for souvenir and fun money. You will be able to exchange dollars to pesos in Oaxaca.
- Your favorite snacks if you're a picky eater.
- Casual clothes. No shorts at ministry sites. Shorts are fine during free time and during training. **Keep everything modest.**
- A backpack to carry your stuff each day.
- Small flashlight. (Your phone may work.)
- A copy of your passport photo page in every piece of luggage and carry-on.
- Oaxaca weather is moderate. It can get chilly in the mountains of Oaxaca so bring a jacket/ sweatshirt.
- ELECTRICITY: The electricity in Oaxaca is 110 volts. You do not need a converter.
- VACCINATIONS: If you are up to date on your USA vaccinations then you are fine to travel to Mexico. Recommended but not required are Tetanus, Typhoid, and Covid.

### MINISTRY PROJECTS

Each student and adult will be expected to be a part of all ministry projects. The following ministry projects are being planned:

- Telling Bible Stories.
- Telling how you became a follower of Jesus.
- Prayer Walking.
- Evangelism in the Park.
- Teaching English.
- Sports and Games.
- Arts and Crafts.

You can learn more about Oaxaca at these websites:

<https://www.responsiblevacation.com/vacations/mexico/travel-guide/the-cultural-heritage-of-oaxaca>

<https://www.asmallworld.com/explorer/articles/cultural-highlights-oaxaca>

Fun fact: The movie Nacho Libre was filmed around the city of Oaxaca. You should watch or rewatch it before coming...

### What is the COST?

The cost is \$750 plus airfare. (Estimate total is \$1,550 per person.) \$750 payment covers meals, lodging, ministry expenses, interpreters, local transportation, and travel health insurance. Meals while traveling through airports to/from Oaxaca are not covered. Students will need approximately \$100 for souvenirs and fun money.

Payment schedule:

\$250 per person is due before 2/15/23.

\$750 payment is due before 4/15/23.

Balance is due 6/1/23.

Partial Financial Scholarships are Available from YBA in certain situations. Contact Marty Childers for more info at YBA office.

### GOT MORE QUESTIONS?

Contact Marty Childers at YBA  
[martychilders@yatesba.org](mailto:martychilders@yatesba.org)





You provide NC children food while pointing them to Jesus.

**HELP  
PROVIDE  
3 MEALS  
EVERYDAY**

When children come into Baptist Children's Homes' (BCH) care, it is obvious they have gone without — **without food, without love, without hope.** One of the first ways our children learn that they are loved is when their cottage parents serve them the regular meals they could not count on before arriving. This is because their families let them down. When you can't depend on your loved ones to care for you, who do you trust?

### How does the Food Roundup help?

When your church, along with NC Baptists across the state, collect food, supplies and gift cards through the Food Roundup, you ensure that we can provide three meals a day plus snacks to our boys and girls and everyone we serve. Children's trust is restored! They learn that they are loved not only by churches and caregivers but by the Heavenly Father we have the privilege of pointing them to.

**By filling their plates, you fill their hearts.**



**Baptist Children's Homes**  
of NORTH CAROLINA

**April 2023**

Slides, ads and other resources are at [bchfoodroundup.org](http://bchfoodroundup.org)  
For more information call 336-474-1277



**COLLECTION DATES:**

**Monday-Thursday - April 24-27, 2023**

**10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**2100 Chapel Hill Road, Durham, NC 27707**





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Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

# Food & Supplies Needs List


**FOOD  
ROUNDUP**

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

**MOST NEEDED: (in bold)**

- Household cleaning products (i.e. bleach, Comet, Lysol spray and wipes, Clorox spray, Windex, Pinesol, Pledge, Tilex, etc.)
- Canned Fruits
- Fruit Juice (Apple, Orange, Grape, Cranberry)
- Laundry Detergent
- Paper Products (paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, Kleenex)
- Bottled Water
- Dry Cereal
- Baked Beans
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Pasta (Spaghetti, Lasagna, Macaroni)
- Canned Tomatoes (diced, sauce, paste)
- Pancake Mix and Syrup
- Soups (All types & condensed)
- Sugar: Granulated & Brown
- Flour
- Stevia and Splenda
- Popcorn, Kettle Corn
- Apple Sauce
- Fruit Pie Filling Cherry, Peach
- Beverage Mixes (Tea, Tang, Kool-Aid, Lemonade, Cider Mix - All Sugar Free)
- Vegetable Oil, Shortening, Olive Oil, Pam Cooking Spray, Bakers Choice
- Canned Sweet Potatoes, Canned Yams, Canned pumpkin
- Canned Meats (pink salmon, tuna, roast beef, chicken - packed in water)
- Stuffing Mix
- Gravy Mixes

- Hamburger, Chicken, Tuna Helper (all types)
- Pickles (Sweet & Dill)
- Refried Beans
- Hot Chocolate Mix
- Snack Foods with & without sugar (Fruit Rollups, Fruit Cups, Beef Jerky, Slim Jims, Pepperoni Sticks, Cheese Nips, Pretzels, etc.)
- Health Snacks (Dried Fruit, Nuts, Raisins, Cranraisins, Trail Mix)
- Individual Cookie Packs
- Jello
- PopTarts
- Rice
- Instant Potatoes (scalloped, au gratin, mashed, julienne)
- Muffin Mixes
- Bisquick Mix
- Kidney Beans
- Pickle Relish
- Cranberry Sauce
- Mac & Cheese
- Corn Meal
- Jiffy Mixes, Corn Muffin Mix
- Potatoes
- Hush Puppy Mix
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly, Jams, Preserves (Strawberry is a favorite)
- Pizza & Pizza Dough Mix
- Saltine Crackers, Ritz Crackers, Graham Crackers, Nabs
- Sauces (A-1, Steak, BBQ, Texas Pete, Cheese, Soy, Worcestershire, Teriyaki Sauce, Sweet and Sour)
- Spices and Seasonings (including Salt & Pepper)
- Dishwashing detergents
- Laundry pre-treating products (i.e. Shout, Spray and Wash)

- HE Laundry Detergent
- Brooms, Mops, Scrub Brushes, Dust Pans
- Foil and Plastic Wrap
- SOS Pads
- Fabric Softener (Dryer Sheets)
- Sanitary Pads & Tampons
- Hand Lotion
- Shampoo
- Body Wash
- Soap

**OTHER NEEDED ITEMS:**

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

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

**FINAL NOTES:**

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

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

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

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

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

**Questions?**

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



This conference is open to all men, women and youth and includes worship, general session, breakout sessions, missions fair exhibits, mission testimonies and more. Cost (\$20/person) covers general sessions, breakout sessions, event materials and lunch on Saturday. For an additional \$8, there is an optional missions opportunities supper on Friday. Pre-registration is required.

Registration deadline: April 6, 2023.

For registration information, go to:  
[www.baptistsonmission.org/MissionsConference](http://www.baptistsonmission.org/MissionsConference)  
 or call 919-459-5596.

Speakers: Sheila Walsh, Lee Stroble, Jennifer Rothschild, Jeff Iorg, D.A. Horton, Tom Richter

Worship Leader: Christy Nockels

## YBA Food Pantry



Antioch Baptist Church  
 1415 Holloway Street  
 Durham, NC 27703  
 (919) 688-8893

Food is received and distributed **ON THURSDAYS**  
 (10:00 am-12:00 noon).

### FIRST QUARTER PANTRY PROVIDERS (JAN-MAR)

Braggtown, Ebenezer, Faith Community,  
 First Baptist-Hillsborough, Gospel, Grey Stone,  
 Guess Road, Hanmaum, Harvest Glen, Immanuel,  
 Mount Hermon, Mount Moriah, Rose of Sharon, University,

### SECOND QUARTER PANTRY PROVIDERS (APR-JUNE)

Agape Reconciliation, Bahama, Bells, Cristo La Solucion,  
 Iglesia Bautista Monte Carmelo, Lawrence Road, LifeSpring,  
 Lowe's Grove, Lystra, Mount Carmel, Mount Pisgah,  
 New Freedom, New Jerusalem, Mount Gilead, Temple, Yates

*Even if it is not your quarter to supply food,  
 donations are appreciated throughout the year.  
 Thank you!*

For more information or to download resources, go to:  
[www.anniearmstrong.com/week-of-prayer/](http://www.anniearmstrong.com/week-of-prayer/)





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# Baptist Children's Homes of NORTH CAROLINA

Michael C. Blackwell, President/CEO



## The Every Child Initiative

Here's how your church can get involved

### Start praying

Pray that God would reveal to you how your church can be part of ministering to children.

Pray for the 15,000+ children in North Carolina who are in need of a home. Pray that they would know the love of Christ and feel it through the local body of believers.

### Invite BCH to share at your church

Find a convenient time for a Baptist Children's Homes staff member to come to your church and share about foster care and adoption. It may be on a Sunday morning, Sunday night or a weeknight -- whatever best fits your church.

Here's why having a representative come is important:

It gives your members an opportunity to interact. They not only learn details about how the foster care and adoption process works, but it allows them to ask questions and hear the need firsthand.

God may move in people's hearts. There are people in our pews that God is already calling to this ministry, but they may not recognize it until the need is shared with them. It gives them, as well as your church as a whole, the opportunity to see how God may be leading.

Contact Dr. Mark Smith @ 828-450-9136  
to take your next step.

**CALENDAR OF YBA MEETINGS**

**MARCH**

Nominations Committee (Zoom)..... Mar. 2, 10am  
 Communications Team (Zoom)..... Mar. 9, 2pm  
 Annual Mission Celebration Comm (Zoom) ... Mar. 10, 10am  
 Missions & Ministry Team ..... Mar. 21, 2pm  
 Finance Committee..... Mar. 29, 11am

**APRIL**

Palm Sunday ..... April 2  
 Nominations Committee (Zoom) ..... Apr. 6, 10am  
 Good Friday (YBA Office closed) ..... April 7  
 Easter Sunday ..... April 9  
 Associational Leadership Team.....Apr. 11, 12pm  
 Missions & Ministry Team .....Apr. 11, 2pm  
 Annual Mission Celebration Comm (Zoom) .....Apr. 13, 1pm  
 Communications Team (Zoom).....Apr. 13, 2pm  
 YBA Semi-Annual Meeting (Edgewood) .....April 25, 7pm

**YBA CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Lawrence Road Baptist Church—Part-time Youth Minister needed.** Visit the YBA website for job description. ([www.yatesba.org/jobopenings](http://www.yatesba.org/jobopenings)) Please send letters of interest and resumes to: Lawrence Road Baptist Church, 1901 Lawrence Road, Hillsborough, NC 27278, ATTN: Deacon Chair or email: [secretarylrbc@gmail.com](mailto:secretarylrbc@gmail.com).

**Rose of Sharon Baptist Church - Red Cross Blood Drive**  
**Dates:** Mar. 23, May 30, June 15.  
**Time:** 2:30-7:00 pm in gym.

***If you would like to support the ministries of Yates Baptist Association, donations can be made online:***

***[www.yatesba.org/give](http://www.yatesba.org/give)***

***or you may scan the QR code to the right.***



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