



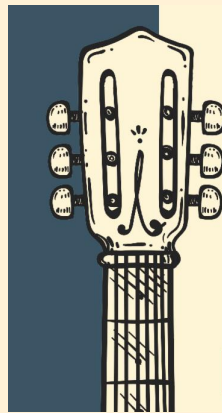
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MAJOR MISSION 2025

Friday, May 2, at 7 p.m. the OnPoint band and the WMPC Youth Choir will host a benefit concert in the Main Hall, for our 2025 Major Mission Partner, Raleigh Rescue Mission.

It will be a fun night for all!

REGISTER
HERE



CONCERT FOR A

cause



featuring the OnPoint Band & Youth Choir



Tour Raleigh Rescue Mission

We warmly invite you to join us for a special private tour of our 2025 Major Mission Partner, the Raleigh Rescue Mission, exclusively for our White Memorial community. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore the Raleigh facility and witness firsthand how their transformative New Life Plan is making a profound difference in the lives of individuals and families through compassionate support, job training and placement, transportation assistance, financial coaching, and the provision of permanent housing. During our visit, we will also learn about The Garden, an exciting new campus dedicated to women and children in Knightdale, which is set to break ground this month. Additionally, we will hear about the upcoming changes at the Raleigh campus as it transitions to a men's facility, further enhancing the mission's outreach efforts. We encourage everyone to participate in this enriching experience—not only to learn about these impactful initiatives but also to discover how we can actively engage in

fostering hope and change for our 2025 Major Mission Partner.

RRM is located at [314 East Hargett Street Raleigh, NC 27601](#)
[Tour Dates/Times](#)

REGISTER HERE FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, AT 10
a.m.

REGISTER HERE FOR THURSDAY, MAY 8, AT 1:30
p.m.

GIVE TO OUR 2025 MAJOR MISSION PARTNER



REGISTER HERE FOR THE GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY ON MAY 21, AT 10
AM

Member Engagement

We would like our Outreach efforts to follow member engagement. In order to do that we would like to know how you are engaged in the community. If you are currently volunteering at a local or international non-profit, with which agency(ies) do you volunteer?

Are you currently on the Board of a non-profit? If so, which one?

Are you interested in being on the Board of a non-profit?

Please send your feedback to **Laura Rolston**

A Word of Thanks

We have numerous volunteer opportunities each month. Here are a few things we did in April:

On Saturday, April 5, we held a Servant Saturday in the gym. We completed the following service projects:

- Painted baffles for Habitat for Humanity
- Assembled 200 bags of food for Backpack Buddies for Lynn Road Elementary and Oberlin Magnet Middle School
- Assembled 300 hygiene kits for Church World Service
- Assembled medical kits for FIGS
- We provided 40 bag lunches to RRM

We helped deliver Meals on Wheels on Good Friday for Raleigh Rescue Mission. RRM took over meal deliveries that day for Meals on Wheels.

We assisted with the cleanup of Oberlin Cemetery.

We provided over 700 bags for the Hayes Barton Food Collection where in April they collected 348 bags, and 3,838.3 lbs. of food. Interact received this entire donation and volunteers from White Memorial assisted in shelving the donations in the Interact pantry.

We gave 135 Easter baskets prepared by members of the congregation and wrapped up by Presbyterian Women to StepUp, Mayview Learning Center, Loaves & Fishes and Iglesia Santuario. Pictured below are the children of Loaves and Fishes with their baskets.



A heartfelt thank you to our incredible **Outreach Sewing Group** for their dedicated efforts in creating beautiful quilts for families moving into their Habitat homes! Your hard work not only provides warmth and comfort but also wraps these families in a sense of belonging and love as they begin their new journeys.



project **FIGHT**

We provided 25 hygiene kits to Salvation Army for project FIGHT. The Salvation Army in the Carolinas has been fighting for those impacted by human trafficking since 2011 through Project FIGHT. Through partnerships and relationships with state and local governments, law enforcement, and other agencies, they have been able to provide comprehensive case management to survivors of human trafficking. [Project FIGHT](#) serves all populations of human trafficking. Their mission is to identify and serve victims and survivors of human trafficking in North and South Carolina.



On the morning of April 27, at 8:30 a.m., a remarkable collaboration took shape as six volunteers from WMPC, three volunteers from Healing Transitions, and a few other churches came together, united by a shared

purpose and spirit of service. With teamwork, they assembled all the interior and exterior walls by 9:45 a.m., possibly setting a record for efficiency! Following this, the group ventured into the Old Poole Place neighborhood, where they continued sheathing and raising several walls, transforming their collective efforts into a tangible home that began to rise before their eyes. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Harry Montgomery from WMPC and Karen Boyne from CGS for providing nourishing lunches that fueled our volunteers throughout the day. If you are interested in volunteering at Habitat for Humanity, [contact Eric Miller](#).

StepUp Annual Impact Luncheon

Thirty-six years ago, White Memorial Presbyterian Church established StepUp Ministry to serve the community combating homelessness. Over the years, StepUp Ministry has shifted the way it serves, based on the needs of the community; however, StepUp has remained consistent in their overall mission by in providing the tools to create transformation in an individual's life, from learning job readiness, to financial literacy, communication and trust.

The first Monday in June has been a special day for the last 14 years, as it has been StepUp Ministry's annual Impact Luncheon which brings together 230 community members for one brief hour to learn about StepUp and hear the moving testimonies of their Empower 48-Life Skills program graduates, while raising money directly benefitting their programs. "We are truly grateful for White Memorial Presbyterian Church's support in allowing us to host our weekly program in their facilities, but also for all of their help in putting on such a powerful event," Kelly Hurter, Chief Development Officer.

To learn more about StepUp's Impact Luncheon on **Monday, June 2, from noon - 1 p.m.**, and how you can get involved, please contact [Kelly Hurter](#)

StepUp is in need of volunteers to support their baby and toddler program! Classes take place on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 - 7:45 p.m. For this and other opportunities, please visit their website [StepUp Ministry](#) or reach out to Volunteer Coordinator, [Dayna Jameson](#), for more information!

May Collections

In May we are collecting diapers, wipes and board books for Diaper Train. They need pull-ups and diapers in sizes 5, 6, 7. If you would prefer to donate rather than purchase the items, use the link below. A point of interest, Diaper Train can buy diapers wholesale with the monetary donations.

DONATE FINANCIALLY TO DIAPER

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PURCHASE ITEMS ON AMAZON FOR DIAPER
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Thank you for your generosity and consideration by only donating items requested.

Service Opportunities

Western North Carolina

WMPC donated funds for much needed supplies for families returning to their homes in the Swannanoa area through The Blessing Project. The Blessing Project runs a “free shopping” area off of Old US 70 in a shed and also carries much needed supplies in a mobile truck in that neighboring area.

WMPC generously donated to Bounty & Soul to provide individual assistance to families returning to their homes in WNC. Mattresses, washer/dryer, pots and pans etc. were purchased for or given to individual families in need.

Another carload of winter coats and accessories from Note in the Pocket was delivered this month to Homestead Recovery Center in Boone.

Once Note in the Pocket receives the next large clothing donation for WNC and is in a new warehouse just for WNC, we will begin to sort and distribute to our friends in the mountains. If you are interested in delivering items this spring, please let [Sherri Miller](#) know.

Western North Carolina - Relief Effort

Thank you to the folks who have reached out to Sam Stewart expressing an interest in volunteering. They will continue to make trips to Burnsville, NC, in Yancey County to help with the rebuilding efforts. Please email [Sam Stewart](#) if you are interested, so that he can coordinate how many vehicles are needed.

Upcoming Dates: May 17 and June 7 MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

DONATE TO OUR DISASTER RELIEF
EFFORTS



Salvation Army Volunteers Needed

The Salvation Army has a special project on
May 7, from 10 a.m. – Noon.

A local consignment shop located at 1213 Buck Jones Road in Raleigh has graciously donated their clothing items to the Salvation Army. They need assistance packing the items and transporting them to the SA Family Thrift Store. Profits from the SA Family Thrift Store

help fund many SA programs. Our help with this project will make a lasting impact that will continue to support their work. If you are interested in assisting in packing up the clothes, please contact [Angela Farthing](#).



There are volunteer opportunities at The Green Chair Project (hospitality, processing donations, assembling home bundles, warehouse assistance, sewing). If interested, [email them your availability](#). Also, they are currently looking for sewers to make simple pillowcase covers, table runners and placemats. [Go to their website](#) to sign up if you can help with sewing duties.

2024 Major Mission Partnership Update

On Sunday, April 13, SouthLight held the Grand Reopening celebration of their newly renovated Hub on Garner Road. Speakers at the dedication included White Memorial member John Crumpler. Adam Hartzell, CEO said, “The Hub is an example of what is possible when a community comes together.” White Memorial members contributed more than \$114,000 for the renovation at SouthLight. [Read more about the event here](#).

The SouthLight logo is displayed within a dark teal square. The word "SouthLight" is written in white, with the "i" in "Light" featuring a small orange dot above it.

Haiti Outreach Ministries by Carol Vassey

Despite the ongoing crisis in Haiti, White Memorial continues to support two ministries serving the Greater Port-au-Prince area. We have partnered with Family Health Ministries (FHM) and Haiti Outreach Ministries (HOM) for more than 20 years.

FHM's Womens Health Clinic (located outside Leogane, in the Tom Gato community) sees an average of 25 patients per day, three days per week. In 2024, the in-country team provided care to 2,207 women and performed 658 ultrasounds and 716 lab tests. Their birthing center remains open 24/7 staffed by rotating nurses and midwives and welcomed 122 new lives into the world in 2024.

HOM's ministry includes three active churches, four schools (three

primary, one secondary), a medical/dental clinic, clean water distribution, a vocational school, as well as other programs. Over 2,000 students attend our schools (1,341 in primary, 535 in secondary and 144 in various universities). Additionally last year 352,985 meals were provided to students and community members, 16,671 patients received care in the clinic and 2,468 families received free drinkable water. The educational, nutritional, and medical care as well as the spiritual nurture our friends receive through the three active churches, makes a real difference.

These are difficult days in Haiti, with our partners suffering through feelings of despair, insecurity, and shock continuously. The friends we have made over the past decades are confronted with stress and uncertainty on a daily basis. We are awed with their incredible commitment – and their willingness to put their lives at risk just to get to work. Every day doctors, nurses, pastors, teachers, and technicians demonstrate their dedication to building up Christian-educated and healthy citizens of Haiti. The adversity and hardship they endure command our unceasing pleas: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.



Coming Up in May

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[Serve a Meal at Shepherd's Table](#)

10:00 a.m.

Please email [Jan Stewart](#)

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Tour Raleigh Rescue Mission

10:00 a.m.

[Register here.](#)

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Tour Raleigh Rescue Mission

1:30 p.m.

[Register here.](#)

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WNC Work Day
Please email [Sam Stewart](#)

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Groundbreaking Ceremony at The Garden in Knightdale
10:00 a.m.
[Register here.](#)

[View All Activities...](#)

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