

December 2023/

Communicator



From our WMU Team...

Lottie Moon

Christmas Offering

Every day 157,690 people die without Christ: a statistic which Paul Chitwood, president of the International Mission Board, shares each time he speaks to help us understand the urgency of reaching a lost and dying world. Each of the churches in the North Central Baptist Network can help to bring hope and light into our world. First, we can help by giving faithfully and generously to the Cooperative Program. And during this advent season we can give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offerina for International Missions. Every cent your church gives to Lottie Moon go directly to support the work of our 3,500+ missionaries and exceed it enabling our missionwho are on the field around the aries to continue the task set beworld. If your church does not re-fore them.

COMING



ceive offering envelopes, prayer guides for the week of prayer and posters, please contact KY WMU at 502-489-3534 and they will be happy to assist you in getting those materials. For videos and other aides in promoting the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in your church, go to www.imb.org/ generosity/lottie-moon-christmasoffering. The national goal is \$200 million. Set your church's goal and let's all celebrate when you meet

FOCUS ON WMU BRUNCH

Saturday, February 10, 2024 Crestwood Baptist Church 10 a.m.



Good News Homes



Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The 2nd is this: you shall love your neighbor as yourself, there is no other commandment greater than these. Mark 12:30-31

Good News Homes is a faith-based organization that exists to help displaced or at-risk families, especially those who are underserved, find housing and/or related resources that can help them become or stay self-sufficient.

For more information on Good News Homes please visit their website listed below.

All information listed come from the following website...



502-225-0351

stephanie@goodnewshomesky.com

115 East Adams St., Suite 1A LaGrange, KY 40031

Addiction Recovery

* Awake Ministries: Moving from Death to Life. Eph 5:14

(502) 647-5555

Food Pantry

* High Point: Bring wholeness to the community.

(502) 713-7090

Housing

* Good News Homes: Sharing the love of Christ by providing housing. (502) 225-0351

Medical Clinics

* Hope Health: Giving Hope in a time of need.

(502) 225-6711

Mercy Medical: Providing compassionate care.

(502) 647-4668

<u>Missions</u>

* Disaster Relief: Bringing Help, Hope, & Healing.

(502) 489-3527

- KY Changers: Every student on mission. John 13:35
- * RIMM Rock: Winning the West for Christ. Acts 1:8
- * Samaritans Purse, Shoebox Ministry: Helping the needs of people.
- Christmas Backpack Program: "Let's not neglect to do good." Heb 13:16

Pregnancy

* ALC: Support & equip women to make educated decisions.

(502) 647-0300

* Crossroads: Providing factual info, emotional support & more.

(502) 222-7700

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. (Ecclesiastes 4:9)

I love this verse and the truth it contains for the believer's task of making disciples. It is true for believers who serve together with fellow church members as they strive together to share the Gospel through their church's ministry and mission outreach efforts. And it is true when churches work with other churches in their local communities, networks, associations, state conventions, and national conventions.

The recent Christmas Backpack collection is a great example of this. 663 backpacks from 20 NCBN churches, 4 neighboring association churches, and 1 church whose name was not recorded were taken from our collection site at Highland Baptist Church to the regional site at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Lexington. A recent FB report from the coordinator at that site said that 1546 backpacks had been collected and processed last week. There are 3 other regional sites and many other churches (some NCBN) have also transported their backpacks directly to a ministry site in eastern Kentucky or the Cincinnati area. All these churches will see a "good reward for their toil" as many children and families will receive the physical blessing of the backpack and its contents and the spiritual blessing of having the love of God and the Gospel of Christ shared with them.

Another way that our NCBN churches are working together for the sake of making disciples can be found in the scholarships that we offer. The Luis and Raquel Salazar Memorial Trust for International Missions provides partial scholarships to Network

church members who are going on international mission trips. The John and Paul Barnett Fund for Missions awards partial scholarships for



those going on domestic mission trips. It provides opportunities churches to receive mission start-up grants or emergency church relief grants. And we have the Dr. Larry Orange Equipping the Called Scholarship which gives scholarships to church pastors and staff who are working on seminary or Bible college degrees. Through these scholarships, our Network churches find that "two are better than one" as they work together to support those who are engaged in the tasks of missions and disciple -making.

Please note, now is the time to begin filling out applications for these scholarships. The application deadline is April 15 for anyone seeking a partial international (Salazar) or domestic (Barnett) mission trip scholarship for the summer of 2024. April 15 is also the deadline for the Calling Out the Called scholarship for church pastors or staff members who will be students at SBTS, Boyce, or Clear Creek in the fall of 2024. These applications can be downloaded at www.ncbnetwork.org/scholarships.

Please consider making a financial gift to one of these Network scholarship funds. By doing so, churches and individuals will discover a "good reward for their toil". Donations can be made through our website at www.ncbnetwork.org/take-action or a check can be mailed to PO Box 1148, Shelbyville, KY 40066 (Made out to NCBN, Memo: the scholarship/s of your choice).

NEWS from the pews & Ministry Partners

Campbellsburg BC, Bro. Wes Brockway, Pastor

On Dec. 3, 12pm please join us for worship & fellowship.

Please join us in person or via livestream on our Facebook or YouTube page.

voutube.com/channel/

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Nickolai has sent a letter from Russia. To read it, you can click on the website link or go to ncbnetwork.org/local-partnerships

Join us as we give God thanks for answering our prayer for a new women's director, Amber Wade. Please pray the Lord's grace on her family's transition into the area. Please pray for wisdom over our board of directors as they seek the Lord for Awake's next season. Pray for our staff as we reevaluate Community Celebrate Recovery. Ask the Lord to make it everything that HE wills to reach the most people & to have the greatest impact.

> Julia Pierce (🌳 Social Media Director



Awake Ministries' end of the year campaign will run through December 31st.

Every donation will be matched dollar for dollar to double the impact of giving!

Churches, Sunday School classes, & individuals are kindly being asked to remember Awake Ministries in their end-of-year giving.

Awake offers residential recovery & food distribution at no cost to anyone that we serve. We rely on the generosity & support of our local churches & community to continue in our mission of "Love, Hope, and Redemption". Thank you for your consideration!

Donations can be made online at: https:// awakeky.networkforgood.com OR

Mailed to: Awake Ministries. PO Box 1302 Shelbyville, KY 40066 OR

Text the word "DONATE" to the number 502-251-8528

Upward Basketball with Cheerleading 2024

Highland Baptist Church 511 Mount Eden Road, Shelbyville, KY

Contact Information: Phone: (502) 633-3516, email: rickyhaven@twc.com

Visit us Online: http://www.hbc-ky.com

Registration (\$60) Ends: 01/02/2024 11:59pm Register Now! @ registration.upward.org/UPW85525

First Practice: week of 1/1/2024 First Game: week of 1/8/2024

Evaluation dates: 12/9 & 12/16 9a-12p

and 12/15 6-8pm in the gym

Basketball is open to boys & girls k5-9th grade. Cheerleading is open to ages k5-5th grade. Practices will begin in early Jan. 2024 with games on Sat. from mid-Jan. to early March. Cost for basketball & cheerleading will be \$60 per child (sales tax included). Partial scholarships may be available upon request.



Upward Basketball 2024

Shelbyville First Baptist Church 1516 Midland Trail, Shelbyville, KY

Contact Information: Phone: 502-633-1317 Register NOW! @ shelbyvillebaptist.com/

First Practice: week of 1/8/2024 First Game: in January

Basketball is available to K5-8th grade. Registration Fee \$75 (this includes jersey & t-shirt)



The Marriage Education & Resource Center (MERCY)

For upcoming events, subscribe to their newsletter, or learn more about the marriage ministry go to https://mercyky.org/. In the meantime click HERE (mercyky.org/wp-content/uploads/ Current_Mercy_Newsletter.pdf) for their current Newsletter '

JOB ODENINGS:

For a current list, please click on the link or visit our website at ncbnetwork.org/positions.



Pigeon Fork Baptist Church will usher in the 2023 Advent season with David Jeremiah's fascinating & provocative movie about the most pivotal moment in human history

the birth of Jesus Christ. "Why the Nativity?" is a fascinating presentation of biblical history with stunning visual dramatics creating an unforgettable journey through the wonders of Christmas! "Why the Nativity" will be presented on **Sun.**, **Nov. 26**, **@ 10:30am**. All are invited.



You are invited to the Cornerstone Christian Academy production of "For the Glory of the King"

A Christmas Musical staring the 3rd-5th
Grades

Thursday, December 14, at 7PM
Cornerstone Christian Academy
3850 Frankfort Road
Shelbyville, KY

Campbellsburg BC Choir invites you to "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" Christmas Musical on Dec. 17, @ 6pm. Following the presentation we will have dessert fellowship & a special guest.

Finchville BC invites you to their Christmas Cantata, *Rhapsody in Bluegrass*, **December 17**th at 7:00. Cookie Reception to follow.

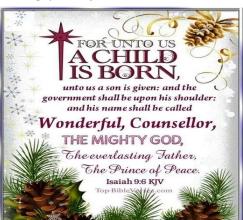
Christmas Eve morning services @ 8:30 & 11am. Connect Classes @ 10am.

Christmas Eve services at 5 & 11pm.

Coming up on Sat., Dec. 2, Shelby County will be celebrating their annual Christmas Parade. At Victory Baptist Church, we strive to serve the community every year before & during the Parade. While you are waiting for the festivities to begin, be sure & drop by Victory. Starting around 9:30 a.m., we will be handing out free hot chocolate & a gift from us!

gift from us!
We are located at 715 Main Street,
Shelbyville, KY 40065 & we are right
across the street from Operation Care.
We will look forward to seeing you
then!

Campbellsburg BC presents, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" Christmas Musical on Dec. 10, @ 3pm to the residents at Twin Oaks Assisted Living Center in New Castle. If you have family or a friend & would like to join us in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ in song, please join us.



Orville Baptist Church invites you to join them during their Candlelight Service to celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ on Sat., Dec. 23, @ 5 pm. Finger Food Refreshments to follow.

For The Glory of God

Shelbyville 1st Baptist & Highland BC will be having a Christmas Eve Service on Sun., Dec. 24 @ 5pm

Calendar of Events

December

◆1 Deadline for ACP

Closed

Holidays

◆3-9 Week of Prayer for International

Missions & Lottie Moon Offering (front cover & pg. 8)

- ◆6 Pastors Prayer Group in Covington @ Westport BC
- ◆7 Retired Ministers Fellowship (see pg. 10)
 - ◆14 CCA Christmas Musical (see pg. 5)
 - ◆25 Christmas OFFICE CLOSED
 - ◆26-29 OFFICE CLOSED for Christmas Holidays



Shawn Knapper Bethlehem - 13

Donna Vanderpool Hempridge - 27

Linda Lowe Turners Station - 29

Pastors:

Mark Sims; Orville - 2

Kyle Wiley; Bagdad – 3

Alex McGaughey Mt. Vernon - 12

Ricardo Jimenez Nueva Esperanza - 13

> Chuck Umholtz Beechridge - 14

Ryan Marcum Mt. Moriah - 22



Christmas

Bethlehem BC at *Crestview* on Thurs., Dec. 14, @ 2pm

Christiansburg BC at *Masonic Home* on Mon., Dec. 11, @ 2:30pm

Graefenburg at *Colonial Hall* on Tues., Dec. 12, @ 2pm



Marcum, Ryan & Robyn; Mt. Moriah - 7

Hearne, Travis & Jordan; Providence - 15

Hockensmith, Brad & Amy; Buffalo Lick - 31

Dec., Jan. & Feb. Network Mtgs:

There will not be any meetings the month of December. Have safe travels & a Merry Christmas!

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JANUARY:

- •9 Leadership @ 5pm, NCBN Office
- •16 All Teams @ 6:30pm, Smithfield BC •15 KY Changers @ 10am, NCBN Office
- •18 KY Changers @ 10am, NCBN Office •15 Admin @ 5pm, NCBN Office

January

- ◆1 New Years Day- OFFICE CLOSED
- ◆4 Retired Ministers Fellowship (see pg. 10)
- **◆15** MLK Day OFFICE CLOSED
- ◆21 Sanctity of Life Sunday (see pg. 8)
- ◆22-25 Church Multiplied Workshops, Lou. & Lex. (see pg. 11)





Vanderpool, Denny & Donna Hempridge - 7

Payton, Mark & Tammie Bedford - 10

Brockway, Wes & Sue Campbellsburg - 10

Young, Christopher & Amanda LaGrange Heights - 15



•13 - WMU @ 6:30pm, Susan's House

Christ Community at *Masonic Home* on Mon., Jan. 8, @ 2:30pm

> Elmburg at **Colonial Hall** on Tues., Jan. 9, @ 2pm

Indian Fork BC at *Crestview* on Thurs., Jan. 11, @ 2pm

Jordan Hearne; Providence - 9

Amy Hockensmith; Buffalo Lick - 13

Kelli Reardon; Finchville - 13

Judy Brockman; Sligo - 13

Emily Wolfenbarger; Ballardsville - 20

Phyllis Davis; Antioch - 22

Robyn Marcum; Mt. Moriah - 28



Pastors:

Keith Abrams; Milton - 4

Bill Taylor; Mt. Pleasant – 8

Vernon Carpenter; Pigeon Fork – 22

February

- ◆1 Retired Ministers Fellowship (see pg. 10)
- ◆2 Youth Evangelism Summit (Bardstown) (see pg. 11)
- ◆8 Shepherding (Lex.) (see pg. 10)
- ◆10 Focus on WMU @ Crestwood BC (front cover)
- ◆18 Focus on WMU Sun. (see pg. 9)
- •1 Retired Minister:
 •2 Groundhog Day
 •2 Youth Evangelish
 •8 Shepherding (Lex
 •10 Focus on WMU
 •14 Valentine's Day
 •18 Focus on WMU
 •19 Presidents' Day
 •25 Racial Reconciliants
 - ◆25 Racial Reconciliation Sun. (see pg. 9)

LaGrange BC Women's Ministry will be holding a one-day retreat on Sat., Feb. 3, 2024. Hope Resurrected-Women Encountering Jesus in the Gospel of John. More details coming soon!!

CORNERSIONE Cornerstone Christian Academy will be hosting their annu-

al fundraising Dinner & Auction at the Shelbyville Convention Center on Sat., Feb. 3, 2024, @ 6pm. For more information please call (502) 633-4070.

What is

Sanctity of Life Sunday?

Recognizing the Sanctity of Human Life; Wade, the Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion in all 50 states. **January 2024** will commemorate the 40th year our nation has observed the sanctity of human life. However, the need to prav a culture of life in our community and our nation is still vitally important.



All information listed comes from the following website... 417pcc.org/sanctity-of-human-life-month/

What is

The Cooperative Program?

The Cooperative program is the financial fuel as we work Together for the Mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ across Kentucky, the nation and the world. Every dollar you give to your church goes to power the work of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention to train pastors, send missionaries, plant new churches and strengthen existing churches. All information listed comes from the following website...

https://www.kybaptist.org/about-cp/





Want to learn more about how from your church are distributed? Scan the QR code with your smartphone or go to www.kybaptist.org/CP

What is Focus on WMU Sunday?

Focus on WMU is a time for churches to highlight ways in which God is changing lives through missions discipleship opportunities provided by WMU.

All information listed comes from the following website... baptistpress.com/resource-library/sbc-life-articles/focus-on-wmu/#:~:text=Focus%20on% 20WMU%20is%20a,discipleship% 20pportunities%20provided%20by%20WMU.

What is the International Mission Study?

This years mission study features Zambia, a beautiful country in Africa famous for its unique landscape and the Zambezi River.

Get the international Mission Study at wmustore.com/missions-resources/international-mission-study

What is



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Racial Reconciliation

SUNDAY

"For he is our peace, who made both groups one and tore down the dividing wall of hostility. In his flesh, he made of no effect the law consisting of commands and expressed in regulations, so that he might create in himself one new man from the two, resulting in peace. He did this so that he might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross by which he put the hostility to death."

EPHESIANS 2:14-16, CSB

All information listed comes from the following websites...

erlc.com/resource-library/topic-index/racial
-reconciliation/

---Mission Events/Trips---



Shelby Touched Twice Saturday, March 23, 2024

Shelbyville First Baptist Church 10:00 am to 4:00 pm 502-437-9437

shelbytouchedtwice@gmail.com venmo

Venmo: ShelbyTouched-Twice www.shelbytouchedtwice.com mail: c/o Salem Baptist Church 8311 Mt. Eden Rd. Shelbyville, Ky 40065

Prayer Vigil, Thurs., March 21, 2024 5-8pm Dedication Service Friday, March 22, 2024 First Baptist Church 7:00 pm Friday evening Friday, March 22, 2024

Come after 12 noon to help set up for the clinic

Koinonia Honduras

The 2024 trip will cover the last two full weeks in July of 2024 and the mission team will be returning to Tela and La Campa to work with Koinonia (mission partners) there.

This trip is open to all NCBN churches and their members. In 2023, there were 32 mission team members representing 11 churches from our Network and 2 churches from out-of-state.

To RSVP or to ask questions, please call or email Rick Lucas, the trip coordinator, at 502-643-4461 or ricklucas 7734@gmail.com.

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Retired Ministers Fellowship



1st Thurs. of every month Thurs., Dec. 7, Jan.4, & Feb. 1 10 am @ NCBN Office

This is open to any retired pastors & church ministerial staff members who live in & around our Network area. If you know of a retired minister, you are welcome to invite them to join us. There will be light refreshments.



www.kybaptist.org/shepherding/

Pastors and their wives are invited to a refreshing weekend at Lexington's Griffin Gate Marriott Resort & Spa. This beloved conference fills up fast. Register today!



Bible Studies

SONrise Ladies Bible Study on the series "Women of the Bible", each *Tues.*, 9:30-11:30am @ Simpsonville BC



Highland BC invites the ladies of the NCBN to the "Fitting Room" Bible Study by Kellie Minter on Wednesday's in January. Times are still being determined.

They will follow this study beginning Wednesday, February 14 through March 27 with a bible study on the "Sermon on the Mount" by Jen Wilken.



For more information related to either study, please contact Highland BC at (502) 633-3516.

Campbellsburg BC welcomes you to join:

As the Ladies continue to host the Tues. Morning (9:20-11:30am) Bible Study, "Encourage One Another".

Their Tues. Evening Bible Study, 5-6pm. We will look at & discuss scripture in Daniel, Ezekiel, & the Gospels. The instruction will follow a pre-tribulation rapture, premillennial view but other interpretations will be presented & discussed on the End of Times.

Campbellsburg BC continues Wed. Student Ministry night

& youth ministry,
froundations

CHURCH MULTIPLIED WORKSHOPS

kybaptist.org/event/church-multiplied-

workshops/2024-01-22/

MON, JANUARY 22, 2024

10am-1:00pm CST South Central Baptist Association Bowling Green, KY

TUES, JANUARY 23, 2024

10am-1:00pm CST Riverwoods Church

WED, JANUARY 24, 2024

10am-1:00pm EST Kentucky Baptist Convention Louisville, KY

THUR, JANUARY 25, 2024

10am-1:00pm EST The Baptist Church at Andover Lexington, KY



rightnow MEDIA.

The NCBN has an account with RightNow Media. As part of that account, the pastors of our Network churches can sign up for their own personal accounts at no charge.

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please email our Network Mission Strategist at jauten@ncbnetwork.org to receive a sign up link.



February 2-3, 2024 Bardstown

BCM ISTUDENT MINISTRY

Students and their leaders will be challenged to know the GOSPEL, be a person of INFLUENCE in their culture, and GO into their communities and schools to reach people.

DATE Feb. 2-3, 2024

COST

\$10 per person before Jan. 1 \$15 after and at the door

LOCATION

Parkway Baptist Church 2580 Springfield Rd Bardstown, KY 40004



SPEAKER

Ryan Fontenot, RAGE Ministries



BAND

Heartsong, Cedarville University

Register Now at

KYBAPTIST.ORG/YES

Questions? 502-489-3345 & campusministry@kybaptist.org

A Christmas Prayer

Dear God, thank you for letting me have family and friends to celebrate with at Christmas time. I pray that those people who don't have anyone can still have a Merry Christmas. Make me a worker for You, so I can help someone who isn't feeling happy this Christmas. In Your name, I pray. Amen.





"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

- Philippians 4:6

"If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked way; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

II Chronicles 7:14



MISSIONARY PRAYER LIST

Even though we cannot list international missionaries (in order to ensure their safety), please pray often for these brothers and sisters who place their lives in harm's way.

We encourage you to develop your own and your church's missionary prayer list. However, keep in mind that even putting their names on your website or in your newsletter may endanger them.

Prayer is an essential part of our support for one another. We have a Network Rotating Prayer Calendar. You are invited to pray for the following churches & pastors during the month of...

Dec

3 Sulphur Baptist Billy Washburn

10 Turners Station Baptist Jim Lowe

17 Union Grove Baptist Tommy Purvis

24 Victory Baptist Marc Webb

31 Waddy Baptist Tex Selph

Westport Baptist Dewayne Sowell

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7 Antioch Baptist Ferrill Davis

14 Bagdad Baptist Kyle Wiley

21 Ballardsville Baptist Tony Wolfenbarger

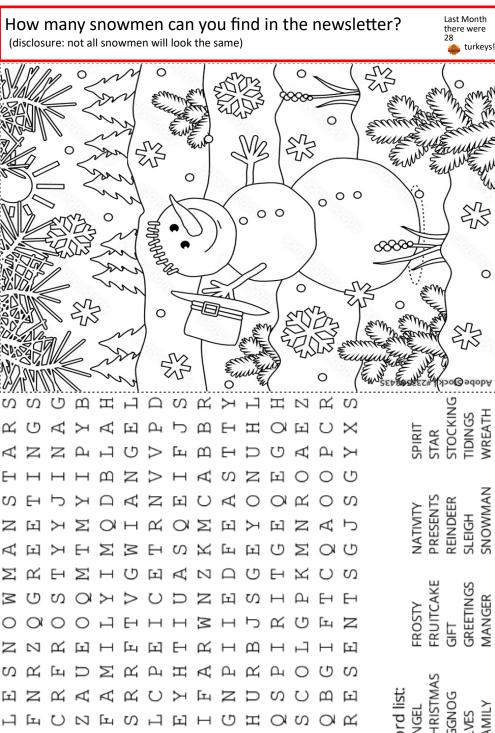
28 Bedford Baptist Mark Payton Beechridge Baptist Chuck Umholtz

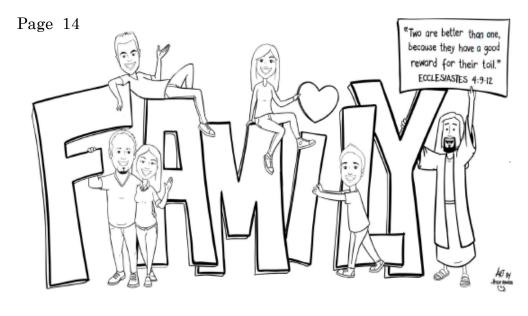


You can find the complete prayer calendar under the **News** tab on our website www.ncbnetwork.org/news-and-updates.

Our churches are encouraged to join the kyprays.org effort. Churches are asked to take one day each month and have a one-hour prayer gathering that day, specifically to pray for area community ministries and churches.











Ministry Partner SPOTLIGHT! A Word from Bro. Jon

News from the Pews & NCBN Calendar of Events Christmas Events

Network Meeting Schedule

Mission Events/Trips

What is...?

Time to Fellowship

Bible Studies

(If possible, please call ahead at 502-633-1198 before you visit the office to confirm someone

is in the office to assist you.)

Please refer to Calendar of Events for the days the office will be closed for holidays.

Monday - Friday, 9am-3pm

Office Hours

Training Opportunities

Be in Prayer Kids Corner!

www.ncbnetwork.org

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