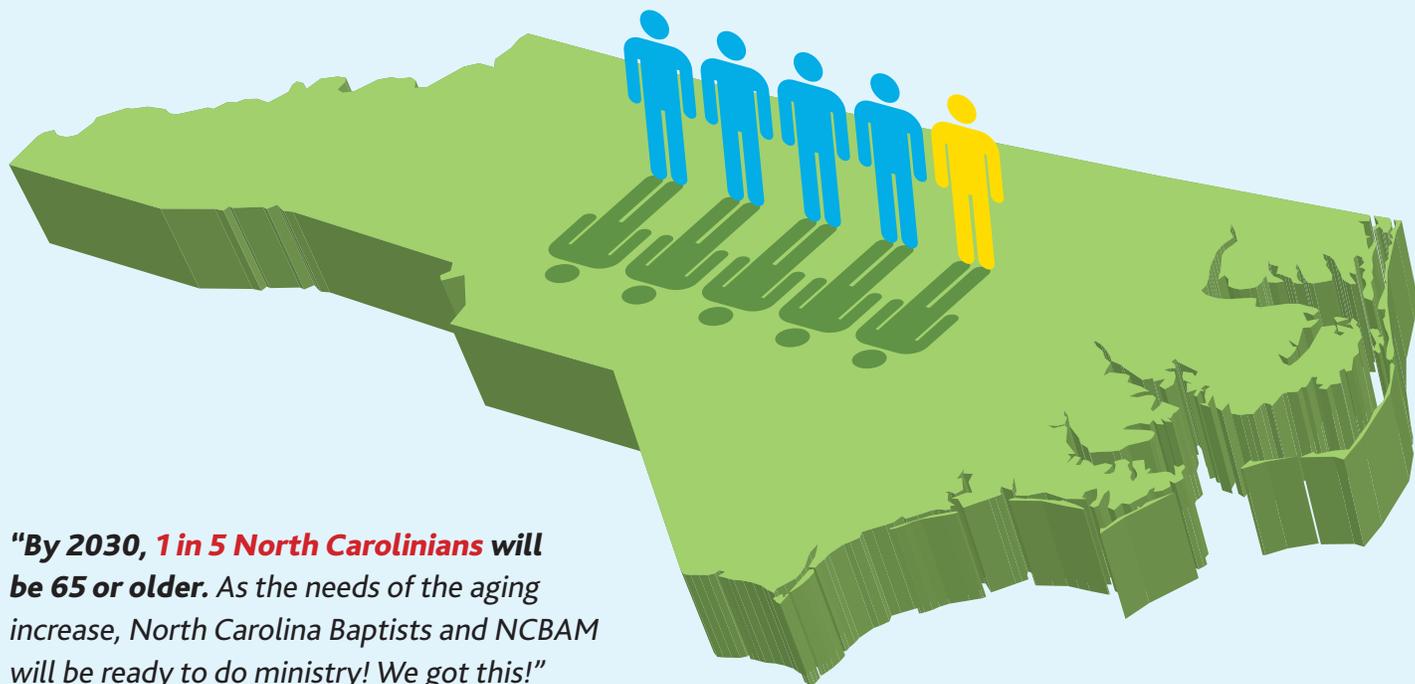




North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry  
**2017 Ministry Highlights**  
JANUARY 2018



**NCBAM has met the needs of aging adults  
in all **100 counties** of North Carolina.**



***“By 2030, 1 in 5 North Carolinians will be 65 or older. As the needs of the aging increase, North Carolina Baptists and NCBAM will be ready to do ministry! We got this!”***

– Dr. Sandy Gregory, NCBAM Director

**North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM)** is a ministry of the Baptist Children’s Homes of North Carolina with the mission to provide *“Help for the Journey”* to aging adults—to help them safely maintain their independence in their own homes as long as possible.

The keys to **NCBAM’s statewide impact are its strong partnerships** with religious, government and social agencies—including:

- More than 4,000 Baptist churches and their servant volunteers
- Regional Baptist Associations
- NC Baptists on Mission
- NC Baptist Foundation
- NC Area Agencies on Aging
- NC Office of State Fire Marshal
- NC Association on Aging
- NC Department of Insurance and SHIP (Seniors’ Health Insurance Information Program)
- Lowe’s, Home Depot, and other lumber retailers
- Meals on Wheels of NC
- FaithHealthNC
- National Fire Protection Association

*"When NCBAM began in 2009, there was no template. Its innovative outreaches and breadth of services are unparalleled. There is no other ministry like NCBAM—anywhere."*

– Dr. Michael Blackwell, President/CEO, Baptist Children's Homes of NC and NCBAM Founder

*"NCBAM continues to be blessed by God to help meet needs in North Carolina and to help the church understand its role within the social revolution of aging."*

– Dr. Sandy Gregory, NCBAM Director

### **FROM NCBAM'S CLIENTS:**

*"I really enjoyed the young people who helped with my yard work. I shall never forget their kindness."* – Essie, Pembroke

*"I have been almost a prisoner of my house because I have end stage arthritis in both knees. Thanks to all involved with getting me a wheelchair ramp."* – Linda, Salisbury

*"I appreciate your help in getting my handrail. I have become very dependent on it."*

– Peggy, Washington

*"You all are God's gift to our state, giving reassurance, peace and helping where needed. May God continue to give you strength to carry on his work."* – Jewel, Smithfield

*"I'm so thankful to be able to live at home and for your thoughtfulness for remembering me in my old age."* – Corinne, Shelby

**NCBAM received the 2017 Outstanding Community Service Award for North Carolina** from the **Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging.**

The award recognizes agencies, organizations, religious institutions, civic groups or governmental

departments that have made positive contributions to the lives of older people in the community.

The ministry of NCBAM was shared with an international audience in June when NCBAM's director, Dr. Sandy Gregory, **spoke at the 7th International Conference on Aging and Spirituality in Chicago.** Gregory shared "In Good Faith: Co-laborers for Aging Adults" — detailing how Baptists are leading the way to help meet the physical and spiritual needs of aging adults in North Carolina.

**Aging Adults Innovating Ministry** The AAIM "Roundup" was held in Thomasville in May. In addition to great music, fellowship and food, speakers shared how churches can support their members who serve as caregivers. Fall Regional Gatherings were held in Asheville, Thomasville, and Rocky Mount. Each event featured special speakers, music, regional highlights and roundtable discussion.



Barbara Gordon (l), SE4A president, presents award to Dr. Sandy Gregory (r), NCBAM director.

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## 2018 EVENTS

**March 8:** NCBAM Advisory Team Meeting

**May 1:** AAIM Senior Adult Ministry State Leadership Conference

**April 28 & May 5:** Rampin' Up!

**May 28-June 1:** Summerfest, Fort Caswell

**August 13-17:** Summerfest, Fort Caswell

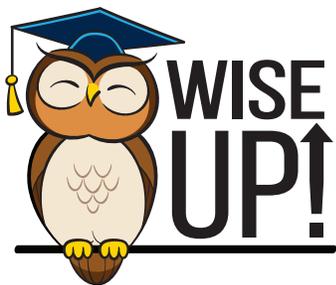
**Sept. 13:** NCBAM Advisory Team Meeting

**Sept. 20, Oct. 9, 16:** AAIM Senior Adult Ministry Regional Leadership Gatherings

**Oct. 1-4:** Fall Festival of Fellowship, Camp Caraway

### In 2017, NCBAM's regional directors

added new titles to the list of workshops they offer. From basic classes to advanced evidence-based programs, NCBAM offers more than 40 workshops addressing issues relevant to aging adults. **See the full list of classes at [ncbam.org/classes](http://ncbam.org/classes).**



In 2017, NCBAM partnered with the High Country Area Agency on Aging to

**create a HomeMeds pilot program in eastern NC.**

HomeMeds is an evidence-based medication review program. Seventeen volunteers from seven churches participated in the outreach which began with funds donated from Rocky Hock Baptist Church's annual fishing tournament.



Regardless of religious affiliation, **NCBAM's Call Center** provides information and referral services to adults 65+ and connects them with volunteers.

NCBAM regional directors help **strengthen ministries** to aging adults, **form community partnerships**, and **help bring awareness** to the needs of aging adults.

# \$78,763

value of volunteer hours

# 3,829

 Calls in

# 6,594

 Calls out

# 6,944

 individuals received training

# 3,426

 Volunteer hours

*"Numbers tell only part of the story. Call Center Specialists daily hear testimony of how NCBAM and NC Baptists impact the lives of aging adults by showing compassion and helping to meet their varied needs."*

– Melanie Beeson, Call Center Director



You can **make a difference** in the life of an aging adult in North Carolina! Step up to volunteer or make a donation at [ncbam.org/support](http://ncbam.org/support).

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