



FOCUSING ON BASIC NEEDS

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Sept. 2025

MAJOR MISSION 2025

Construction on Raleigh Rescue Mission's The Garden is in full swing, with the anticipated completion date set for the fall of 2026. Once completed, this Knightdale campus will provide long-term transitional housing for up to 300 women and children each night, marking a significant 450% increase in their current capacity to serve this vulnerable population.

White Memorial has partnered with Raleigh Rescue Mission in a variety of ways to raise awareness about The Garden. Our partners have volunteered at a Wednesday Together Dinner, addressed the congregation during Sunday worship, and provided tours of their current facility in downtown Raleigh. Additionally, they received recognition and support during our OnPoint Band's Concert for a Cause, two Servant Saturdays in 2025, the We Are Family Event in August, as well as the VBS children's service project as pictured below. In essence, this remarkable organization has demonstrated its exceptional value as a Major Mission Partner.

We are grateful to the 180 donors who have contributed 90% of our goal. If you haven't donated yet, you can do so by clicking the orange link below. Stay tuned for updates on the progress of building The Garden!

[GIVE TO OUR 2025 MAJOR MISSION PARTNER](#)



Current Collections

As WMPC kicks off a new program year, we are also kicking off a new approach to our church-wide collections! Instead of collecting different items every month or two, we have chosen to focus on the food insecurity issues of local children. Throughout the school year we will continually collect food for **BackPack Buddies**. Through the BackPack Buddies program, WMPC provides weekend meals for children at Oberlin Middle School and Lynn Road Elementary School. Each month members of the service committee pack over **200 BackPack Buddies bags**. Bags contain individual servings of healthy foods, such as shelf stable milk, juice, vegetables, fruit cups, breakfast items, nutritious snacks, proteins like canned chicken or tuna, and pasta. It costs approximately \$8 to fill a bag. Please help by using the Amazon link below to purchase items and ship directly to WMPC! Items may also be left in the red collection bins around campus. Thank you for helping feed children in our community!

BACKPACK BUDDIES FOOD VIA
AMAZON

Thank you for the School Supplies!

Through the generosity of our congregation, WMPC provided new backpacks filled with school supplies to 34 children at Loaves and Fishes, 22 children at Mayview Learning Center, and 6 children at Iglesia Santuario. Additional school supplies were delivered to students served by other community partners, including Haven House, Project Enlightenment,



Service Opportunities

Servant Saturday

Join us Saturday, September 13, from 9 - 10:00 a.m. for a delicious pancake breakfast in Geneva Hall. Afterward, head over to Pickard Hall for Servant Saturday to work on projects that will benefit our community outreach partners, including Habitat for Humanity, SouthLight, Raleigh Rescue Mission, SAFEchild and Backpack Buddies. Servant Saturday will go until noon (or until all the projects are complete). Folks of all ages are invited to come for pancakes, service, and fellowship! **RSVP is requested** but not required. There is no cost to attend this event. Childcare for children under 3 is available in the nursery.

Western North Carolina

As we approach the one year anniversary of Hurricane Helene in our North Carolina mountains, we must stop and remember all that they lost and be thankful for the generosity of communities who have supported our mountain neighbors including White Memorial Presbyterian Church. We have a small but mighty group of volunteers who have been working weekly to sort clothes to distribute to our mountain partners. This is all done through Note in the Pocket who has just acquired rental space at The Loading Dock on Beryl Road (between Neomonde and the Post



Office) just for us to use. Since moving into this space and making it our own in early June, White Memorial volunteers have touched, sorted, counted, and bagged over 8,600 pieces of clothing! A huge shout-out goes to our regular sorters: Angela Farthing, Ann White, Judy and Tim Blount, Missy Mangum, Maggie Black, Ruth Landers and Sherri Miller. We welcome any new sorters to join us at either or both sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at The Loading Dock. Please email [Sherri Miller](#) if you are interested.

As this group continues to work hard at sorting hundreds of bags of clothes, we also give gratitude to our drivers who have disseminated the clothes to our six partner agencies in the mountains. A huge shout-out goes to our drivers: John Reeder, Bill White, Allen Jones, Sherri Miller, Carolyn Pittman, and Diann/Dennis Kearney. We were able to get all of the children's clothes delivered to the agencies in time for the start of school! If you are interested in driving to the mountains with a carload of bags, please email [Sherri Miller](#).

The needs are still great for many families as children grow out of last year's clothing, and we move into a different season. We have much to sort through to get ready for cooler weather and the upcoming requests for additional clothing. Clothing families with dignity and love is what we are doing. We are the worker bees for WNC through the financial support and clothing from Note in the Pocket! Come join us if you can!



The Blessing Project began in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, serving as a beacon of hope and support for those in need. From their humble beginnings with a small shed of donated essentials, they've grown into a nonprofit dedicated to restoring dignity, normalcy, and joy to communities facing hardship. As the hardships are great and the needs are still many even a year later, it was our honor at White Memorial to be able to donate the remainder of the items on their Amazon wish list. We thank you for your generosity, as it allowed us to be a blessing to the Blessing Project.

School Volunteers Needed

With schools back in session, many are looking for volunteers. Needs vary by school but could involve assisting with classroom activities; providing academic support like tutoring and reading; supporting school events; chaperoning; and performing administrative tasks in the school office or library. For more information, please contact the school of your choice.

Join Allocations Committee!

Each year local agencies are invited to submit grant applications to White Memorial requesting funds. The Allocations Committee reviews the applications, learns about the agencies, visits agencies as appropriate,

and decides the best way to utilize the funds designated by the church (from your generosity) to support our community. If interested in joining the committee, email [Ruth Landers](#)

The Outreach Sewing Group meets the third Monday of the month from 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. in C200. After a morning of sewing, we treat each other to a yummy homemade lunch. You don't need to be an expert seamstress to join us, only basic sewing skills are needed. Come join us for sewing and fellowship! If you have questions, email [Sally McLaurin](#)

One way to support our agency partner, **A Place at The Table**, is simply by patronizing their business. A Place at The Table is reinventing how we feed our community. This delicious breakfast and lunch spot was recently enjoyed by the members of the TNT Spiritual Gifts Sunday School class.



Adopt an Agency

A Perfect Match-SouthLight & Faith Foundations Sunday School class

SouthLight, our Major Mission partner in 2024, transforms the lives of more than 8,000 people per year by providing quality services for substance use and mental health treatment needs. After touring the facility and hearing about the life-changes taking place at SouthLight, the Faith Foundations Sunday School class “adopted” SouthLight and began a relationship with the agency. That relationship continues, and the class has now been invested in that work for several years.

White Memorial collected and assembled health kits for SouthLight during several Servant Saturdays and Faith Foundations class members delivered the kits. Class members volunteer in the office helping with clerical and organizational tasks. Because they believe in the SouthLight mission, volunteers support public-facing events including the Food Truck

rodeo, Recovery Month celebration, No Woman No Girl Woman's Day event, and the NAMI walk this spring.

Faith Foundations members shared that they felt a joint sense of accomplishment during the SouthLight Grand Reopening Open House. This Adopt an Agency experience has been beneficial for the Faith Foundations class as they were able to share time together during projects, support a worthy agency in tangible ways, and develop strong relationships with front-line service providers.

Thank you, Faith Foundations, for taking the Adopt an Agency challenge and doing such a terrific job!

We will be presenting each group the opportunity to Adopt an Agency again this year and will provide information to group leaders soon. In the meantime, if you have questions or thoughts, please email [Debbie Fox](mailto:Debbie.Fox).

Agency SPOTLIGHT



The Green Door: Have you noticed the vibrant green door that's been placed in our Hub by **Habitat for Humanity**? It will remain with us through **Monday, September 15**. We invite young and old to take a moment and sign the door. You can include your name and a note of inspiration, congratulations, or gratitude for Habitat's remarkable contributions to Wake County over the past four decades. With your help the green door will be decorated with White Memorial signatures, featured at Habitat's upcoming 40th Anniversary celebration later this year, in addition to ultimately being placed in a brand-new home.

Fun Fact: Our members were part of the planning group that brought Habitat to Wake County 40 years ago. Since then, WMPC has been a valuable partner having donated more than \$1.1 million; provided leadership on their board and at construction sites; and contributed countless volunteer construction



hours.

Habitat for Humanity's mission is to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope. Habitat's vision is a world where everyone has a good affordable place to call home. Habitat Wake, a local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity, is one of the largest affiliates in the country, in part, because of the strong support from WMPC. Since 1985, Habitat Wake has served over 2,500 families through new construction, home preservation, and our global tithe to Habitat partner countries.

WMPC has been a major partner with Habitat Wake since their beginning in 1985. WMPC volunteers ages 16+ regularly build and repair homes. Since Habitat's digital volunteer records began in 2000, at least 241 WMPC members and friends have volunteered at least 541 times. A hallmark of this partnership has been WMPC including other ministry partners (Divan Center, Healing Transitions, Iglesia Santuario) to work beside WMPC volunteers, expanding Presbyterian and Interfaith Builds.

Let's build together! Join the White Memorial build team on the following dates:

- **September 20**, Old Poole Place, Raleigh
- **October 18**, Old Poole Place, Raleigh; lunch provider needed as well.
- **December 13**, A New Neighborhood, Garner; lunch provider needed as well.

Arrive at 8:15 a.m. on location, take water breaks at will, break for lunch, then work until you can. We usually wrap up around 3 p.m. Consider the opportunity to provide lunches if you are unable to work. Anyone 16 and older can participate. Email [Eric Miller](#) for more information or to sign up. Please help us to spread the word!

Learn more about Habitat, by watching their "Faith in Action" video below.



Coming Up in September

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[Serve a Meal at Shepherd's Table](#) email [Jan Stewart](#)
10:00 a.m.

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Note in the Pocket email [Sherri Miller](#)
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

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1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

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1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

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1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

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[Servant Saturday Pancake Breakfast Registration Link](#)
9:00 a.m. Breakfast; 10:00 a.m. Servant Saturday

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Note in the Pocket email [Sherri Miller](#)
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

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1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

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Habitat for Humanity at Old Poole Place Email [Eric Miller](#)
8:15-3:00 p.m.

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