

Giving Thanks

2025 MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

WEEK of PRAYER

MAY 4-10, 2025

Baptist ministers were among some of the earliest recipients of financial assistance from the Mother's Day Offering.

Fast forward 100 years and the financial needs of ministers have not changed.

Few congregations provide health insurance for their pastors and they often struggle to pay their medical bills.

The 2024 Lifeway Compensation study reports that only 9% of congregations in North Carolina, with fewer than 100 in attendance on Sunday morning, provide health insurance for their pastors. Across the Southern Baptist Convention, 73% of churches have fewer than 100 in Sunday morning worship.

Our Baptist ministers are called to make many sacrifices in their service to our Lord.

Thank you for supporting the annual Mother's Day Offering so that we may assist those who have served our Lord receive the medical care they need and alleviate the financial burden they may bear.



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Timothy 5:17-18



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SUNDAY, MAY 4 Pray that God will help each of us to recognize the burden that ministers bear as they fulfill their calling. This burden can impact physical health, emotional health, and overall wellbeing. Ask God to bless, strengthen, and encourage ministers as they serve congregations and communities.

MONDAY, MAY 5 Pray for God to provide both hope and healing to ministers, their families, and their congregations enduring hardships when a minister has an unexpected surgery, an accident, or a catastrophic health event. Ask God to help those in need know that He hears their cries for help and will meet all of their needs, when their pastor is ill.

TUESDAY, MAY 6 Pray for God to work through the many efforts of the FaithHealth Division at Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist to serve ministers and help ministers become healthy and well. Pray that God will work through the coaching and consultation we provide to help ministers manage the stresses and burdens of modern ministry.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7 Pray for our ministers who are considering leaving the ministry because of the toll ministry has taken on their body, mind, and spirit. Pray that ministers will enjoy renewal this week in their calling and find confirmation that God has much He desires to accomplish through their continual ministry and service.

THURSDAY, MAY 8 Pray for our chaplains as they bring comfort and hope to patients and their families at the Medical Center. Chaplains desire to partner with ministers to serve their church members when hospitalized. As chaplains minister to patients and their families, they extend the ministry of the local church in the clinical setting.

FRIDAY, MAY 9 Pray that individuals and congregations across the state will give generously to the Mother's Day Offering, giving hope in the name of Jesus Christ. Ask God to impress upon those who give that their donation, no matter the size, makes an impact on the lives of those in need.

SATURDAY, MAY 10 Pray that the Mother's Day Offering will serve as a reminder to congregations, that caring for, supporting, and providing for their ministers is an expectation outlined in Scripture and our theme verse is only one of those Biblical admonitions:

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