

CAROLINA BAPTIST NEWS

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Churches and Missions

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Agua Viva
Asheville Korean
Balfour
Barker Heights
Bat Cave
Bearwallow
Berea
Beulah
Bob's Creek
Brevard Road
Broad River
Cedar Springs
Christ Community
Christ Covenant
Comunidad Internacional
Contemporary First
Crab Creek
Crossroads
Dana
Double Springs
East Flat Rock First
Ebenezer
Etowah
Fletcher First
Focus Point
French Broad
Fruitland
Gethsemane
Hendersonville First
Hoopers Creek
Horse Shoe First
Jones Gap
Kings Grove
Liberty
Living Water
Locust Grove
Main Street
Middle Fork
Mills River
Mount Gilead
Mount Moriah
Mount Olivet
Mountain Home
Mountain Page
Mountain Valley
Mountain View
Mud Creek
Mud Creek Missionary
Naples
New Jerusalem
Oak Forest
Pacolet
Pleasant Grove
Pleasant Hill
Refuge
Saluda First
Shaws Creek
Tryon First
Tuxedo First
Upward
Valley Hill
Wayside
West Hendersonville
Zion Hill

Is Your Pastor Paying Too Much in Taxes?

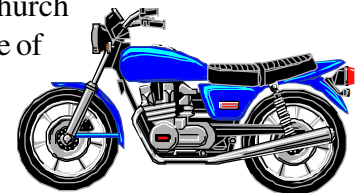
A financial seminar is scheduled for Thursday, July 29, 2004, 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon at the Buncombe Baptist Resource Center in Asheville to help answer this question. Johnny Ross, Senior Consultant for Church and Convention Annuity at the Baptist State Convention and Dwayne Dills, with Dills, Lane and Associates (the accountant for Buncombe Association) will be leading the workshop. There is no cost for this conference, however, they need to know how many to plan for to bring enough materials. Call Nancy (252-1864, ext. 301) to register.

Birthday Party for Interfaith

Interfaith Assistance Ministry will be celebrating 20 years of service to the Henderson County community with a Birthday Party/Reception and Open House at Interfaith (Ehringhouse Street and Third Ave.) from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Thursday, August 26th. Please let Interfaith know if you plan to attend so they can plan for refreshments. Call 697-7029 or email iam7029@bellsouth.net.

Fund Raiser for Open Arms

On Saturday, September 11, 2004, Saluda First Baptist Church will host a motorcycle tour of 250 miles and an endurance ride of 1000 miles. The purpose of the event is to raise money for the *Open Arms Pregnancy Center* and for outreach to the secular riding community. There is also a Spirit Rider option for those who do not ride.



If you would like for someone to come to your church during a worship service to give a brief presentation of why they are doing this instead of a bake sale or car wash, please call Robert Phillips at 828-749-9555 or Rev. Paul Black at 828-749-3231 for more information or if you would like to participate in this event.

PrayerLink

Please pray for these churches and their pastors on each designated week.

- August 1 Mount Olivet - John Saunders
 Bob's Creek - Scott Owens
- August 8 Christ Community - Phillip Trees
 Jones Gap - Curtis Pace
- August 15 Pleasant Grove - Bill Landreth
 Upward - Tony Galloway
- August 22 Bearwallow - Thom Sherwood
 Zion Hill - Dale Holloway
- August 29 Crossroads - Eddie Conard
 Balfour - Joe Mullins

Churches without Pastors

Asheville Korean, Mills River, Mountain View and Tuxedo First

PRAYER MEETING

Men's Associational Prayer Meeting sponsored by our Bivocational pastors the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. Call Troy Maybin (692-6491) for place.

Ladies Prayer Meeting the last Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. Call Frances Gosnell (692-3472) for place.

VBS Reports

<u>Church</u>	<u>Enrolled</u>	<u>Decisions</u>
Balfour	255	15
Broad River	40	-
East Flat Rock First	113	2
Upward	39	-

Women's Prison Ministry Project

Every year our association participates in the women's prison ministry. A collection of toiletries and other gifts are presented to women at Christmas. This year our association has been asked to collect deodorant for women; 500 are needed. The size needs to be 2.0 - 3.5 oz. in a plastic only (no glass). Please have deodorant in the association office by October 13. Thank you for your help in this ministry.

Church News



East Flat Rock First - Pastor Brian Davis resigned. Brian accepted a call from a church in Statesville, NC.

Mills River - Rev. Wade Laughter is the interim pastor. **Naples** called Don Porter as Minister of Music on June 13. Naples is still in need of a Minister of Youth. Call the church office at 692-7982 for more information.

Announcements

Broyhill Children's Homes Needs:

1. Social workers or licensed counsellors (LCSW or equivalent).
2. House parents - great ministry for mature "empty nesters."

Call Reggie Gilmore at Broyhill, 1-828-627-9754 or email resume's to rgilmore@bchfamily.org.

Organs - 3 playable organs are available free of charge to any church. Call Zollie at 692-3701.

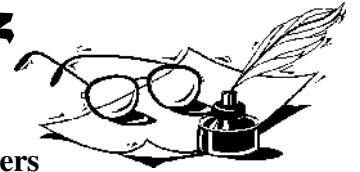
Seven Habits Workshop for church and Christian leaders is about making people effective so that they, in turn, can make their organizations effective. This workshop will be August 5-6 from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM at the Hollifield Leadership Center in Hickory NC. Call 828-441-3146.

Shaws Creek Baptist Church Youth are planning to do mission work in this area from July 25-28. If you know of an elderly person who needs yard work done or some kind of one day project, please call Pastor Bill Carpenter at 693-7731.

Youth Minister Needed - Flat Creek Baptist Church is seeking a part time youth minister for a salary of \$150.00 per week. If interested, call 828-658-3349 or 828-645-6681. Send resume's to: Rev. Travis Harrison, Flat Creek Baptist Church, 21 Flat Creek Church Road, Weaverville, NC 28787.



Sandy Sez



Spiritually Gifted Leaders

As many of you know, I teach Leadership at Fruitland Institute. This week I was reading an article in Your Church magazine on "Spiritually Gifted Leaders" by Dr. Bill Hybels, Senior pastor of Willow Creek Community Church in South Barrington (Chicago), Illinois. The following thoughts are a summary of his article.

In one of the spiritual gifts lists, Romans 12:8, the apostle Paul essentially says, "if you have the spiritual gift of leadership, lead with it, and lead with all diligence." The following is a partial list of what spiritually gifted leaders do if they develop and use their leadership gifts.

1. Leaders cast a God-honoring vision. Spiritually gifted leaders live in such a way that God invariably ignites within their hearts a compelling idea, a heartfelt yearning for some part of God's kingdom to advance. They start thinking about it, dreaming about it, and praying about it. Pretty soon, they start talking about it. They have lunch with someone and say, "Could you imagine what this part of the kingdom would be like if...?"

If you have the gift of leadership, God ignites in your heart a vision. You cannot **not** talk about it.

There is so much power released when leaders start casting a godly vision. It draws people out of the woodwork. It gets bored spectators out onto the playing field.

2. Leaders gather and align people for the achievement of the vision. Spiritually gifted leaders have that God-given capacity to attract, challenge, and persuade people. Then they assist them in finding their niche in the achievement of the vision.

Spiritually gifted leaders are almost shameless in the boldness with which they approach people. They can't understand why anyone isn't already on board with them. People catch their enthusiasm. Next, the leader says, "I'm going to find a role that fits who you are. You're going to grow and develop as an individual while all of us grow together in the achievement of the vision. This is a win-win deal."

3. Leaders can motivate their co-workers. Motivation makes work fun. It can make thankless tasks exciting. It can make beaten-down people feel renewed and rejuvenated. People with the spiritual gift of leader-

Scholarships Granted in June

<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Amount Granted</u>	<u>People Assisted</u>
Camp	\$2,660.00	30
Missions	\$6,355.00	26
Education	\$ 800.00	2

The scholarship application can be printed out from our website at www.cbanc.org.

Scholarship applications must be turned into the CBA office by the first Monday of the month. The CBA Council meets the third Monday of each month.

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Calendar of Events

Monday Minister Meetings:

1st Monday at 8:00 AM for fellowship breakfast, other
Mondays at 10:00 AM.

August

- 1 Social Issues Sunday
- 5 Carolina McGee Senior Adults, 11:00 AM -
Main Street Baptist Church
- 7 All WMU Leadership Team Training, Fruitland
Baptist Bible Institute
- 8 Day of Prayer for Students
- 10 Secretaries Luncheon, 12:15 PM
- 12 WMU Church Leadership Training, 7:00 PM -
Oak Forest Baptist Church
- 14 Single's/Single Again Event, 6:00 PM - BRC
- 16 Association Council, 9:00 AM - BRC
- 19 Disaster Team Covered Dish, 7:00 PM -
BRC

Birthdays and Anniversaries

August

- 1 Margaret Perry
- 3 Brian Davis
- 7 Guy Smith
- 10 Paul and Bobbi Noe
- 12 Bill Landreth
- 15 Darryl and Doris Maxwell
- 18 Emily Rhodes
- 21 Lawrence and Emily Rhodes
- 24 Dan Blackwell
- 25 Roy and Margaret Perry
Dewey Barnwell
- 26 Richard Merck

**Executive Committee Meeting of the Carolina
Baptist Association, Tuesday, July 27,
7:00 PM at the CBA Resource Center.**

Sandy Sez continued

ship have a God-given ability to know what to say and how to inspire different people.

4. Leaders sense the need for positive change and then constructively bring it about. Leaders have a nose for how to bring change constructively. They are vision casters who lead people to want the change. People want to follow positive change agents.

5. Leaders create a leadership culture in their organization. This is absolutely counterintuitive. One would think that strong, gifted leaders would make sure that no emerging leader would mature to the point where his or her own leadership might be threatened. Actually, the exact opposite is true of a spiritually gifted leader.

The greatest thrill a mature, gifted leader can experience is the gradual achievement of the God-given vision through the combined efforts of developing younger leaders who some day will carry the kingdom baton.

That's at the heart of leading an organization. A leader creates a culture where more and more people can rise to the surface and lead.

I pray to our Lord that I can become such a leader.

Seasoned Adult Conference

Edgewater Hotel in Gatlinburg, TN

October 5-8, 2004

Cost: \$139 - \$249 per person

(depending on how many people to a room)

Price includes: Three nights, four days at the Edgewater Hotel and it's privileges, conference registration fee, and all conference attractions. The above prices do not include meals. Pay in full by August 25, 2004 and receive a \$10.00 per person discount!

Conference Leaders:

Scott Dawson, Ernie Perkins, Dwayne Moore, Karen Singleton, Dr. Jim Henry and Gold City, (a Southern Gospel Quartet).

Filling in the Gaps in your Deacon Ministry (Help for leaders and churches facing transition)

Deacon/Spouse Retreat

October 22-23, 2004

Fort Caswell Baptist Assembly

For reservations call 910-278-9501

Cost: \$65/person before September 15

\$85/person after September 15

Media Library

Books

The Power of a Praying Parent by Stormie Omartian

The Power of a Praying Wife by Stormie Omartian

The Power of a Praying Husband by Stormie Omartian

The Gift of Forgiveness by Charles Stanley

Crowd Breakers and Mixers for youth groups

A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23 by Phillip Keller

Through Gates of Splendor by Elisabeth Elliott - a true story of five missionaries that were killed for sharing the gospel to a stone-age tribe in Ecuador. The author of this book was one of the five widows of the missionaries who were killed.

Angels: God's Secret Agents by Billy Graham

Peace with God by Billy Graham

Till Armageddon: A Perspective on Suffering by Billy Graham

DVD

Waterproof - Fiction - An 11 year old boy is caught up in helping his friends rob a local store and shoots the shop keeper (Burt Reynolds) by accident. His single mother takes her son and the shopkeeper to her mothers house in desperate attempt to protect her son from the law. This is a story of forgiveness and redemption.



CHRISTIAN LIFE & PUBLIC AFFAIRS INFO PAGE FOR JULY 2004

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The Federal Marriage Amendment (FMA), sponsored by Colorado Republican Sen. Wayne Allard, which is set for a vote during the week of July 12, consists of two sentences: "Marriage in the United States shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman. Neither this constitution, nor the constitution of any State, shall be construed to require that marriage or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon any union other than the union of a man and a woman."

Thirty-six senators are sitting on the fence concerning this amendment. Passage requires a 2/3 vote of Congress. Senator Elizabeth Dole supports FMA. Senator John Edwards does not.

North Carolina - The General Assembly will close soon after the budget is approved, as early as July 3. The window of opportunity to pass a constitutional amendment to protect marriage in NC is closing. H1606-Defense of Marriage is currently in the House Rules Committee. Eleven of the committee's 18 members are cosponsors of the bill. However, members have not been given the opportunity to vote on it.

Arkansas has collected enough signatures to place on the November ballot a state constitutional amendment to protect marriage. The list grows of states that are seeking to protect marriage. However, a state constitutional amendment will not survive a federal judge ruling. Remember, the ruling in Lawrence v Texas wiped out existing state anti-sodomy laws.

Hearings on the Democratic Party's national platform are over. Both the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and the (pro-gay) Human Rights Campaign called for the party to speak out strongly against the Federal Marriage Amendment and for full legal recognition of same-sex relationships. Stephan Dinan, who works for The Washington Times, said the platform committee usually goes along with what the party's presidential candidate wants. Sen. Kerry has said that he opposes the Federal Marriage Amendment.

"Sexual Orientation" Policy - On JUNE 30 and JULY 1, the NC State Board of Education considered a new policy to "protect" individuals from harassment, bullying, and discrimination based on different classifications including the individual's sexual orientation and gender identity/expression. The terms "sexual orientation" (which could include an orientation toward any form of "sexuality," such as homosexuality, bisexuality, pedophilia and bestiality) and "gender identity" and "gender expression" (which could include trans-sexuality and cross-dressing) are not defined, thus giving approval to varying sexual behaviors.

Sanctity of Life Issues - The full body of American Catholic Bishops (June 18) passed almost unanimously a statement titled "Catholics in Political Life" which had harsh words for pro-abortion leaders but left the final decision of whether or not to deny Communion to them to individual Bishops. Stem Cell Research- According to Dr. James Dobson, in a speech at the National Press Club on June 25: "...not one human being anywhere in the world is being treated with embryonic stem cells. There is not a single clinical trial going on anywhere in the world, because (embryonic) stem cells in laboratory animals...create tumors. Nobody will use them." He added that adult stem cells have shown great promise in the treatment of diseases such as diabetes. They do not require the destruction of embryonic human life, since they can be harvested from such sources as umbilical cord blood and bone marrow. Since the death of Ronald Reagan, a push has been on to expand embryonic stem cell research.

Religious Liberty Issues - The commonwealth of Pennsylvania has added an amendment to its hate-crimes law that covers something called "harassment by communication." These new provisions could open clergy to the possibility of prosecution for preaching on homosexuality. Though the law may be tailored to intimidate pastors, priests and rabbis (the wording is broad), the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty is ready to defend any pastor who might be charged for speaking out. HR235 Houses of Worship Free Speech Restoration Act would amend the Internal Revenue Code to state that churches and other houses of worship shall not lose such designation because of the content, preparation, or presentation of any homily, sermon, teaching, dialectic, or other presentation made during religious services or gatherings. It was first introduced in 2001 by NC Representative Walter Jones. In 1954 Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson, "...concerned about the threat to his re-election from right-wing political groups, passed a bill barring political activity by tax-exempt organizations. In time, this was broadened to keep churches out of politics." (syndicated columnist Robert Novak (Asheville Citizen-Times, June 29) The IRS does not enforce this law in a consistent manner. According to Rep. Jones, "Discretionary enforcement, primarily against conservative churches, of an unenforceable law is wrong and should not stand." Before Congress left town for the July 4 recess, Rep. Bill Thomas of California transformed HR235 "into a hybrid that neither friend nor foe could support."