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## Calendar of Events

### Monday Minister Meetings:

Mondays at 10:00 AM—downstairs in the Baptist Resource Center (BRC).

### January

- 1 New Year's Day—CBA office closed
- 8 WMU Leadership Team Meeting, 6:00 PM—BRC
- 14 Pastor's Lunch, 11:30 AM—BRC downstairs, must register (693-4274).
- 19 CBA Council, 9:00 AM—BRC
- 19 Disaster Relief Covered Dish Supper, 7:00 PM—BRC downstairs
- 25 Baptist Men's Day in churches
- 27 Executive Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM—BRC

### February

- 9-15 Focus on WMU
- 10 Secretaries Luncheon, 12:15 PM
- 11 Pastor's Lunch, 11:30 AM—BRC - must register call 693-4274.
- 14 Valentines Day
- 15 WMU Focus Sunday, WMU Director's Tea, 2:00—4:00 PM—West Hendersonville Baptist Church. Please RSVP, call 693-4274.
- 16 CBA Council, 9:00 AM—BRC
- 17 WMU Focus Celebration covered dish meal at 6:00 PM, meeting at 7:00 PM—Ebenezer Baptist Church
- 23-24 State Evangelism Conference—Ridgecrest

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### January

- 2 Greg & Deborah Mathis—Mud Creek
- 3 Darrell & Bernice Rhodes—Liberty
- 7 Paula Janes—Carolina Baptist Association
- 7 Cindy Rampey—Main Street
- 12 Blair & Tina Stewart—Zion Hill
- 15 Roy Waldroup—Fletcher First
- 16 Victor Rampey—Main Street
- 18 Shannon & Kim Owen—Mountain Valley
- 20 April Drake—Pleasant Hill
- 26 Tina McMillion—Mountain View Missionary
- 30 Vicky Melton—Refuge
- 30 Eric Hardman—Gethsemane
- 30 Deborah Mathis—Mud Creek

### February

- 1 Jeff Tankersley—Wayside
- 8 Matthew & Eva Tollison—Mud Creek Miss.
- 8 Bill Carpenter—Shaws Creek
- 11 Michael McMillion—Mt. View Missionary
- 22 Kim Owen—Mountain Valley
- 23 Marie Blackwell—Dana



For the Mar/Apr newsletter, articles must be received by Feb 6th.

### Churches and Missions

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

## Women's Prison Ministry Project Report

The Carolina Baptist Association collected 2,059 tubes of chap stick and \$190.00 for women in prison at Christmas. Our goal was 1,500 tubes, Carolina Baptist churches surpassed the goal again! The churches (we have record of) giving chap stick and money are: Balfour, FBC East Flat Rock, Ebenezer, Etowah, Fruitland, FBC Hendersonville, Main Street, Mountain View Missionary, Mount Olivet, Naples, Oak Forest, Pacolet, Refuge, FBC Saluda, Shaws Creek, FBC Tuxedo, Upward and West Hendersonville. Tracy Grove Baptist Church (who is not in our association) also joined in on collecting chap stick. Thank you!

## Bethlehem Toy Store Report

The distribution of the toys was held on Friday, **December 5, 2008**. We helped 49 families, 131 children. I want to thank everyone that helped with getting toys and money to the association office, those that gave of their time in helping with set-up, and especially those that came on Friday and helped with distribution and witnessing. We had three parents come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior this year.

The Bethlehem Toy Store is in the red this year due to economical times. We are asking that if you or your church would like to help defray the extra costs spent in providing Christmas for the children this year it would be much appreciated. Please send your monetary donations to the Carolina Baptist Association and ear mark your check "Bethlehem Toy Store."

Again my sincerest thanks goes to those that helped make Bethlehem Toy Store a success. Please be in prayer if you would like to participate in the Bethlehem Toy Store next year.

Annette Heatherly, Association WMU Director

## Used Christian Literature

Carolyn Lawton will be taking used Sunday School literature, devotionals, etc. to Luke 19:10 Ministries mid January. Please make contact with Carolyn at 693-1076 before that time if you have collected materials that you would like for her to deliver.

**Prayer Link** – Please pray for these churches and their pastors on each designated week.

- Jan 6 Beulah—Dewey Barnwell  
Mountain Home—Craig Garren
- Jan 13 Living Water—Mike Stewart  
Mt. View Missionary—Mike McMillion
- Jan 20 Oak Forest—Matt Williamson  
FBC Saluda—David Webb
- Jan 27 Cedar Springs—no pastor  
Broad River—Anthony Moseman
  
- Feb 3 Mountain Valley—Shannon Owen  
Liberty—Darrell Rhodes
- Feb 10 Kings Grove—Phillip Capell  
Asheville Korean—Yeon Kim
- Feb 17 Horse Shoe First—Tollie Cunningham  
Brevard Road—no pastor
- Feb 24 Etowah—Brian Henderson

**Churches without Pastors**

Agua Viva, Bearwallow, Bilingual Community, Brevard Road, Cedar Springs, and FBC Tryon

**Announcements**

**Cassette Tape Reproduction Supplies**—FBC Hendersonville is no longer using their duplication machine, blank tapes, and tape covers and would like to offer them free to a church that can use them. Call Justin McKinney at mckinneyj@fbchnc.org or 693-3493 x163.

**Part-Time Paid Youth Director Needed**—Send résumés to: West Hendersonville, 730 Willow Street, Hendersonville, NC 28739.

**Ridgecrest Conference Center** is seeking an **Account Representative** to identify and develop key accounts primarily among Southern Baptist entities and churches. Requires bachelor's degree with two years of direct sales experience and/or ministry experience. Send resume to mmarlow@lifeway.com or Ridgecrest, P.O. Box 128, Ridgecrest, NC 28870.

**Ridgecrest Conference Center** has an opening for an **Event Services employee**. Job responsibilities include conference room set-up and take-down for tables, chairs and sound systems. Some running of sound systems during events is also required. This is a year-round, benefited position. Please call Bill Vickery if interested at 828-669-3763.

**Church News**



**Brevard Road**—Rev. Jeff Wilkie is longer pastor. **Fletcher First** celebrated their 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary on November 17, 2008 with a series of revival services called *Celebration of 170 Years of God's Blessings*. Dr. Darrin Waldroup was the guest preacher. 13 souls were saved during these days. **Fruitland** called Craig Stepp as Associate Pastor. He began December 1, 2008. **Horse Shoe First** called Rev. Tollie Cunningham as their pastor on November 2, 2008. **Living Water** had to cancel their Christmas program, the puppet team recently returned from a 10 day mission trip to Trinidad and Tobago and do not have enough time to prepare for the program. **Mount Gilead** called Rev. Robert Ponder as pastor on October 12, 2008. **Valley Hill** celebrated their 100 year church anniversary on October 10, 2008.

**Received for Operation Bandana**

**Fruitland Baptist Church** gave \$106.00.  
**Mountain View Baptist Church** gave \$1,000.00.  
**Naples Baptist Church** gave \$50.00.

**Billy Wayne Ministries** will be holding a youth conference at **Balfour Baptist Church** entitled "*Imagine*." This conference will challenge our youth to imagine what they can be in Christ and teach them to live to their full potential using the gifts God has given them. **Friday, February 20th** - Teaching Session & Concert beginning at 6:30 PM. **Saturday, February 21st** - Teaching Session & Concert beginning at 6:30 PM. **Sunday, February 22nd** - Morning Worship service with Billy Wayne at 10:30 AM. For more information, please contact Jill Raines at 692-8336 or visit Billy Wayne Ministries at billywayne.net.

**Churches Paying Property Tax**  
If your church is required to pay property tax on adjacent property, or any other property the church owns, please call Sandy at 693-4274.

**IRS Standard Mileage Rates for 2009**

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service issued the 2009 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.

Beginning on Jan. 1, 2009, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups, or panel trucks) will be:

- 55 cents per mile for business miles driven
- 24 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations

The new rates for business, medical and moving purposes are slightly lower than rates for the second half of 2008 that were raised by a special adjustment mid-year in response to a spike in gasoline prices. The rate for charitable purposes is set by law and is unchanged from 2008.

The business mileage rate was 50.5 cents in the first half of 2008 and 58.5 cents in the second half. The medical and moving rate was 19 cents in the first half and 27 cents in the second half.

The mileage rates for 2009 reflect generally higher transportation costs compared to a year ago, but the rates also factor in the recent reversal of rising gasoline prices. While gasoline is a significant factor in the mileage rate, other fixed and variable costs, such as depreciation, enter the calculation.

The standard mileage rate for business is based on an annual study of the fixed and variable costs of operating an automobile. The rate for medical and moving purposes is based on the variable costs as determined by the same study. Independent contractor Runzheimer International conducted the study.

A taxpayer may not use the business standard mileage rate for a vehicle after using any depreciation method under the Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System (MACRS) or after claiming a Section 179 deduction for that vehicle. In addition, the business standard mileage rate cannot be used for any vehicle used for hire or for more than four vehicles used simultaneously.

Taxpayers always have the option of calculating the actual costs of using their vehicle rather than using the standard mileage rates.

Revenue Procedure 2008-72 contains additional information on these standard mileage rates.

**State Evangelism & Church Growth Conference: A Great Commission RESURGENCE**  
**February 23-24, 2009**  
**Ridgecrest Conference Center**

For more information and conference schedule visit website: [www.ncbaptist.org](http://www.ncbaptist.org) or email [evangelsim@ncbaptist.org](mailto:evangelsim@ncbaptist.org). There are no conference fees but advance reservations are required for meals and lodging at Ridgecrest, call 1-800-588-7222.

**Extraordinary Women Conference**  
**March 27-28**  
**BI-LO Center in Greenville, SC**

**Speakers**

Chonda Pierce, Angela Thomas, Michelle McKinney-Hammond and Stormie Omartian

**Performers**

Charles Billingsley, Kathy Troccoli, NewSong, and Children of the World Choir

**Ticket Prices**

**Early Bird Special until 2-20-09:** \$59.00 per person or \$49.00 per person for groups of 10 or more.

**After 2-20-09:** \$69.00 per person or \$59.00 per person for groups of 10 or more.

**Door price:** \$89.00

**Register online:** [www.ewomen.net](http://www.ewomen.net) or call 1-800-526-8673.



Please remember to include The Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 1, 2009 when you make your church calendar of events for the coming year.

It is recommended for church members to bring in a can of soup and/or a dollar for Interfaith Assistant Ministries on Super Bowl Sunday.

For more information, call IAM at 697-7029 or visit [www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org).



for ALL Youth  
March 4 and 14, 2009

FBC Hendersonville, Crosswalk Building  
**March 29, 2009 Reach Up Rally**  
(Place for rally to be announced at a later time).

With the growing youth population in America, it is important to equip our youth with the tools to share their faith effectively. Statistics show that by the year 2010 the youth population will outnumber that of the baby boomers. This large number of youth will be leading the church by 2020. Have we provided them with tools to reach this world for Christ?

**The Reach Up Tour** has three components:

- 1) How to Pray Youth Friends to Christ
- 2) Share Jesus Without Fear Witness Training and
- 3) The Reach up Tour Rally—that will allow students in your area to bring their friends and hear the Gospel in a youth atmosphere with a worship band, speaker, drama and media.

**Wednesday, March 4, 2009, 6:00—8:00 PM** will be the first meeting at FBC Hendersonville's Crosswalk building. This will be the "Praying Your Friends to Christ" training meeting. Chris Schofield from the Baptist State Convention will be leading this event.

**Saturday, March 14, 2009, 5:00—8:00 PM** will be the second meeting at FBC Hendersonville's Crosswalk building. This will be the training for "Sharing Jesus Without Fear." Merrie Johnson from the Baptist State Convention will be leading this conference.

**Sunday, March 29, 2009, 5:00—8:00 PM** will be the youth rally. Place not yet determined.

### Used Bibles Needed

If you have extra Bibles lying around the house and don't know what to do with them, one ministry is to give them to prisoners. This will make a great impact on those who may not have heard the Gospel. You may bring your Bibles to the Carolina Baptist Association.

## Conclave Youth Evangelism Conference Worship and Training for Youth Ministers January 28-31, 2009 Gwinnett Arena, Atlanta GA Cost : \$165.00 Theme: Fourteen40

**Fourteen40**—That's how many minutes are in a day. How are you living yours? Each day in the United States:

- 18 teenagers die from homicide
- 41 teenagers die from suicide
- 328 teens attempt suicide
- 2,800 teens get pregnant
- Nearly 3,000 teens under 18 become smokers
- One teenager is diagnosed with AIDS
- 8 teens will die in an alcohol-related crash

Time is ticking away.....what will you do today to make a difference? Do you know how? Let Conclave help—www.southeastconclave.org.

### Does Your Church Have A Weekday Ministry?

If your church has a weekday education program for young children, you are encouraged to join the North Carolina Baptist Church Weekday Education Association. NCBCWEA's purpose is to encourage and network directors and staff of faith-based weekday ministries across our state.

As a NCBCWEA member, your center will receive a quarterly newsletter that includes informational articles, teaching ideas, information on regional/state trainings, and trends and developments in the field of childhood education.

Your center will also receive registration discounts to our training conferences. Mark your calendars for the 2009 CWE Director's Retreat to be held **February 26-27** at Caraway Conference Center. Our 2009 CWE Summer Conference for all weekday staff will be held at Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church in Charlotte on **July 18**.

### Join us today!

For more information, contact: Mary Sweat, Church Weekday Education Consultant at 800-395-5102 ext 5650 or Faye Edwards, Ministry Assistant at 800-395-5102 ext 5646.

## New Library Media

### Books

*The Love Dare* by Stephen and Alex Kendrick—this is a 40 day marriage devotional. This book was featured in the movie *Fireproof*.

*Fireproof Your Life: Building a Faith that Survives the Flames* by Michael Catt (Pastor of Sherwood Baptist Church, executive producer of *Fireproof*). This book discusses practical issues such as temptation, marriage and finances to help build your faith.

*Fresh Faith* by Jim Cymbala (Pastor of Brooklyn Tabernacle for 35 years). The book illustrates true stories of men and women whose lives have been changed through the power of faith.

*Follow Me: Becoming a Lifestyle Prayer Walker* by Randy Sprinkle—A six week study that will guide any willing believer to be an effective prayerwalker.

*Girls Ministry Handbook* by Jimmie L Davis—This book is for starting and growing a girls' ministry in your church.

*What Women Wish Pastors Knew* by Denise George

### CD's

*The Stress of Ministry and the Clergy Family*—with speaker H.B. London. These CD's have been recorded at the Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove.

### DVD's

*The Judeo-Christian View on Same-Sex Unions and Child Sacrifice* with sermon outline and newsletter.

*Obsession: Radical Islam's War Against the West* as seen on CNN and Fox News.

### Kits

*Fireproof Your Marriage*—This curriculum was created to help build and strengthen marriage using biblical principles. It's a six session study with DVD, leader guide and a sample participant guide.

*FAITH Evangelism: Discipling for Evangelism and Ministry*—12 session study creating a culture of evangelism in your church by equipping and mobilizing believers in lifestyle evangelism, disciple-making, and ministry.

## Scholarships Granted November 2008

Scholarship	Amount Granted	People Assisted
Camp	-	-
Mission Trips	\$200.00	1

## Happy New Year!

In several of his writings Greg Frizzell lists strong personal and corporate prayer as a major essential of church priority focus. He says:



**Sandy Sez**

*Powerful, New Testament churches place a major sustained focus on corporate and personal prayer. (Mark 11:17; Acts 2:1; 42-47; 4:31-32; James 5:16) According to Scripture, untied prayer is absolutely crucial to full church empowerment and fellowship.*

Like perhaps nothing else, corporate prayer is God's primary means of manifesting His awesome presence among His people. Personal and corporate prayer are the very heart of our power and closeness with Jesus.

Developing dynamic personal and corporate prayer is by far the biggest failure of most modern pastors and churches. Today's conspicuous lack of fervent prayer meetings is no doubt a huge reason for low baptisms and spiritual weakness among churches. Corporate prayer and repentance are among the primary ways we humble ourselves and hallow God's holy name. These are essential expressions of reverential awe (fear) of God which we must regain!

As we say "good bye" to 2008 and "hello" to 2009, we do so with much apprehension about our economy and the spiritual apathy—even rebellion—of our once Christian nation.

We could become depressed very easily if we let ourselves. What is the solution for God's church? For American society? His answer today is the same answer that has worked for centuries, II Chronicles 7:14-15 says:

*"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place."*

We can and should have a Happy New Year if we simply obey the scriptures and look to our great God to lead us. We are His people, called by His name.

Carolina Baptist Association has the most wonderful, most powerful prayer ministry in North Carolina—possibly the largest of any association in the country. Churches that have called on this prayer team have experienced revival as the result of a Friday evening, Saturday morning prayer retreat. Please call on brother Sam Gibbs.

Let us commit together to become powerful, obedient, prayerful servants of our wonderful Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Let us let Him bless us with a "Happy New Year!!"