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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
Upward
Valley Hill
Wayside
West Hendersonville
Zion Hill

Calendar of Events

Monday Minister Meetings:

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

August

Prayer Walking Our Schools

- 12 Secretaries Luncheon, 12:15 PM—A Day
in the Country
15-16 Annual Lay Witnessing Conference—
Caraway
18 CBA Council, 9:00 AM—BRC
22-23 North Carolina Sunday School Conference
—Ridgecrest
25-26 NC Western Prayer Retreat—Ridgecrest

Birthday and Anniversaries

August

- 2 Mike and Jean Willoughby
12 Bill Landreth
18 Emily Rhodes
21 Lawrence and Emily Rhodes
24 Dan Blackwell
25 Dewey Barnwell
Danny Pridmore
26 Richard Merck

Broyhill Baptist Children's Home Annual Celebration in Clyde, NC Thursday, September 4, 2008

The celebration begins at 4:00 PM with a meal, music and program involving the children in care and Dr. Michael C. Blackwell, President of Baptist Children's Homes of NC. All churches and individuals are invited to come and fellowship. Call 1-828-627-8811.

Save this date: Sunday, November 9th at 6:00 PM, Dr. Frank Page will be preaching at Fruitland Baptist Church. Dr. Page is President of the SBC and pastor of Taylors Baptist Church in SC.

Executive Committee Meeting
July 22, 2008 at 7:00 PM
Carolina Baptist Association—Lower Level
Business: 1. Updating the Association Constitution and Bylaws.
2. Straightway requesting membership in the Carolina Association.
(See inside for more information)

Women of Carolina Conference September 26-27, 2008 Breakout Sessions Leaders and Topics:

A Woman's Heart for Ministry and Missions

Donna McCrary – A DIVAS Heart
Linda Gilden – Fingertip Faith
Paula Hemphill – Kingdom Women: Embracing God's Heart
Becky Garrett – Ministering to Women in Crisis
Wanda Love/Carol Hogsed – WMU: Mobilizing Your Church for Missions
Sue Walker – Card Making with a Christian Purpose

A Woman's Heart for Family

Robyn Duncan – “Can anybody hear me? Is anybody listening?”
Sherri Holbert – “I said be still.” – God
Sabrina Lynch—*What* is the deal with teenagers!!!
Dr. Donna Gibbs – (2 sessions) Unplanned Childlessness: Hidden Grief
How Children Impact a Marriage

A Woman's Heart for God's Word and Prayer

Marilyn Duncan – Heart's Treasure
Ruth Ellen Boerman – An Artist's View of Psalm 23
Patty Williams – A Place of the Heart

Inner Peace for a Woman's Heart

Annette Heatherly – Empty Arms
Diane Hill – A Song in the Valley
Dr. Cheri Schneider – The Heart of a Woman's Health

Ticket cost: \$20.00 earlybird
\$25.00 after September 8th



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

- Aug 3 Barker Heights—Eric Boone
Contemporary First—James Pea
- Aug 10 Pacolet—Bruce Norville
Dana—Dan Blackwell
- Aug 17 FBC Mills River—Mike Willoughby
Fletcher First—Roy Waldroup
- Aug 24 FBC East Flat Rock—Allen Sherwood
Main Street—Vic Rampey
- Aug 31 Fruitland—Mike Smith
Mud Creek Missionary-Matthew Tollison

Churches without Pastors

Agua Viva, Asheville Korean, Cedar Springs, Ebenezer, Horse Shoe First, Middle Fork, Mount Gilead and FBC Tryon

Announcements

Full-time Youth Pastor Needed—A growing contemporary church in Yadkin Association is looking for a 22-35 year old (preferably married) youth pastor. Qualifications: Completed seminary degree, experience preferred, ability to think “outside-the-box.” Please forward resumes to: Rev. Ron Harrison, South Yadkin Baptist Association, 3009 Amity Hill Road, Statesville, NC 28677 or email: rharrison@sybaptist.org.

Team Kids Materials—A church donated these to any church who could use them. Please pick them up at the association office.

Part-time Worship Leader Needed—Balfour Baptist Church is seeking a strong Christian believer with experience in leading both choirs and praise teams. This worship leader should enjoy leading a blended style of music and working with different instruments. Salary will depend on experience. Interested persons can contact the pastor at 712-2514 or send resume to: Balfour Baptist Church, Attention Worship Leader Search Team, 2502 Asheville Hwy., Hendersonville, NC 28791.

Upward Soccer—Balfour Baptist Church is seeking a sister church to join with them to offer Upward Soccer this fall season. Interested persons can contact pastor Travis at 712-2514 or call the church office at 692-8336.

Church News



Agua Viva—Rev. Samuel Vixtha resigned as pastor on June 29th.

Balfour will begin a new weight loss for wellness class on Saturday, September 6, 2008 from 2-5 PM. Everyone is welcome to come. Call Eva at 693-5244.

Fruitland went on mission to Carlinville, Illinois July 11-19th. Carlinville Southern Baptist Church purchased an old WalMart building and will convert it into a ministry center. Fruitland Baptist Church along with other churches helped with this project.

Horse Shoe First—Rev. Seth Smith resigned as pastor on July 7th.

Middle Fork—Rev. Dan Holbert resigned as pastor.

Collection Site for used Sunday School Literature and Christian Materials

Churches have been asking what they can do with their used Sunday School materials and magazines. Someone has come forward to collect these materials from churches, Carolyn Lawton from Main Street Baptist Church has assumed this responsibility. PLEASE call her first before bringing the materials, her number is 693-1076, literature must be sorted first.

**Executive Committee
Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at 7:00 PM
Baptist Resource Center—Lower Level**

The Executive Committee meets twice a year (January and July) to take care of any business between semi-annual meetings.

The Executive Committee is composed of **associational leaders**: Officers, council directors, program directors, trustees, and chairs of committees.

Also included in the Executive Committee are **church leaders**: Pastor, Sunday school director, discipleship director, WMU director, Baptist Men director, youth director, senior adult director, single adult director, and chair of deacons.

**IRS Increases Mileage Rates
from July 1st through December 31, 2008**

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service announced an increase in the optional standard mileage rates for the final six months of 2008. Taxpayers may use the optional standard rates to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.

The rate will increase to **58.5 cents** a mile for all business miles driven from July 1, 2008, through Dec. 31, 2008. This is an increase of eight (8) cents from the 50.5 cent rate in effect for the first six months of 2008, as set forth in Rev. Proc. 2007-70.

In recognition of recent gasoline price increases, the IRS made this special adjustment for the final months of 2008. The IRS normally updates the mileage rates once a year in the fall for the next calendar year.

**2008 Surviving Conflict in Ministry Seminar
Salem Baptist Church in Lincolnton, NC
September 8-10, 2008**

This event will be led by Wayne Oaks and Dennis Burton. It will begin at 1:00 PM on Monday, September 8th and will conclude at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, September 10th. The session on Tuesday will go from 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM

A new feature this year will provide a separate session for wives of ministers on dealing with stress in the minister’s home/family/marriage.

Eddie Thompson will lead a one hour session Monday afternoon for both ministers and wives. He will spend all of Tuesday with the wives.

The seminar cost will be \$75 for the ministers/pastors and \$40 for the wives to attend. This fee includes them taking an online profile of behavioral tendencies, a notebook, textbooks, snacks, and one lunch.

For more information, call Wayne Oakes at (800) 395-5102, ext. 5658. We recommend the Comfort Inn in Lincolnton for your accommodations.

**Annual Lay Witnessing Conference
August 15-16, 2008
Caraway Conference Center**

Speakers

**Dan Anderson, Tim Atkins,
Kenneth Ridings and Charles Williams**

**Cost: \$61.00 per person—double occupancy
\$74.00 per person—single occupancy**
(Covers overnight lodging, 3 meals and usage fee)

For registration call 800-395-5102 ext. 5599 or email ltharrington@ncbaptist.org.

**Appalachian Regional Ministry
2008 Summit**

September 18-19

**Monroeville Community Church, Monroeville,
Pennsylvania (on the edge of Pittsburg, PA)**

Speakers: J. Robert White and David Waltz

The focus is short-term volunteers and partnership mission opportunities in the Appalachian region of Ohio, Maryland, Western Pennsylvania and the Upper Ohio Valley area of West Virginia.

Registration before August 15, 2008—\$25.00. Registration after August 15th—\$35.00. For more information go to: www.arministry.org.

Breakout sessions featuring “Ideas that work” in church planting and in partnering with a church plant, prayerwalking and prayerdriving.

**Comeback Church Conference
Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC
September 23, 2008**

10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Cost: \$49.00 per person

Speakers

Ed Stetzer, J.D. Greear and Jason Lanier

For online registration:
comebackchurch.ncbaptist.org

For questions call Sheryl Shankles at 1-800-395-5102 ext. 5651 or email sshankles@ncbaptist.org

WMU Women's Prison Project

Each Christmas, women from all across North Carolina provide gifts to fill approximately 1,500 red boxes to be given to women inmates at North Carolina Correctional Institute for Women and Raleigh Correctional Center for Women. For many of these women our gift is all they receive. As one woman told us, "Your (WMU) gift has been the only gift I receive at Christmas. **"It's the highlight of my Christmas."**

This year we will be collecting 1,500 tubes of chapstick. If you would like to help with this project, we need the chapstick and/or money at the associational office by **Wednesday, October 22, 2008**. Your monetary gifts will help purchase chapstick (to make the goal of 1,500 tubes) and cover the expense of having these shipped.

May God bless each of you as you help those in need.
~ Annette Heatherly
Associational WMU Director

You are cordially invited to an
Open House
for

Woman's Missionary Union of NC

Friday, September 26, 2008, 10 AM—3 PM
Saturday, September 27, 2008, 10 AM—3 PM
Sunday, September 28, 2008, 2 PM—5 PM
at

1200 Front Street, Suite 110
Raleigh, North Carolina 27609

A **Dedication Service** will be held at 3 PM on Sunday. For more information call 866-210-8602.

Directions: **From the West on I-40 E:**

Take Exit 289 (Wade Ave) toward North and East Raleigh. Merge onto I-440 / US-1 N toward Wake Forest/Rocky Mount/Wilson. Take Exit 10—Wake Forest Road and turn right at the end of the ramp. Go to the second light and turn left onto E Six Forks Rd. Go to the first light which is Industrial Drive and turn left. Continue to the last right which is Front Street. 1200 Front Street is the first building on the right.

Interfaith Assistance Ministry School Supply Drive

Each year Interfaith Assistance Ministry collects donations of school supplies and backpacks for students whose families are in financial crisis. Last year, your generous donations made it possible for IAM to provide school supplies for **448** Henderson County children.

The traditional school year begins August 25th and the year-round schools begin July 10th and July 17th, so we will be collecting supplies July through August. Donations may be dropped off at Interfaith at 210 Ehringhaus Street and 3rd Ave. W.

Contributions of money for the purchase of school supplies can be sent to IAM at PO Box 2562, Hendersonville, NC 28793. (We have become very good at finding the best buys in town). Please be sure to write "**school supplies**" in the memo line of your check.

Biblical Financial Leader Training

The Purpose: This is a six hour leader training that will teach you how to lead a Crown Life Group and get the best results.

Date: **Saturday, September 20th**

Time: **9:00 am to 3:30 pm**

Location: **Carolina Baptist Association**

Cost: **\$68.00 per couple or individual**

(Cost includes all training material and a lunch).

To register for the event call **1-866-902-6578**.

For more information call Gerald Gillespie at 329-8254 or email: crownhim@mchsi.com

Must register two weeks prior to the event.

The Biblical Financial Study for Life Groups is a 10 week in-depth study of what scripture teaches about money and possessions. Life Group members have confirmed that marriages are being strengthened and individuals are finding their way out of debt. They are also becoming consistent savers, generous givers, and prudent consumers. Most importantly, people are entering into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ as they learn to apply His Word. Groups meet for 2 hours every week and meetings include scripture memorization and interactive discussions.

Financial Report

Account Balances
2nd Quarter 2008

(A) Operating Fund

1. General Fund Checking* \$ 1,911.97

(B) Designated Fund

2. Designated Checking \$ 19,795.36

3. Designated Money Market* \$ 9,641.66

4. Designated CD* \$ 40,000.00

5. NCBF Endowment (5/31/08)** \$390,520.65

6. Zeke Crawford Endowment—
(total as of May 31st) \$ 6,008.06

*\$12,762.94 of General Fund is in the money market/CD.

** This fund is an investment from the sale of Camp Bearwallow. Interest income from this account is used for camp and mission scholarships.

(A) Funds from churches available for all operating expenses as set forth in the annual budget.

(B) Designated funds received for specific purposes only.

(C) Note: Please contact the Association office if you are interested in a detailed financial report.

Prayer Quote

Prayer is not only asking, but an attitude of mind which provides the atmosphere in which asking is perfectly natural.
~ Oswald Chambers

Scholarships Granted June 2008

Scholarship	Amount Granted	People Assisted
Camp	\$5,341.00	52
Mission Trips	\$1,500.00	1 church, 3 people

Reach the Children

The following is an excerpt from an article by Kemuel Pruitt:



Sandy Sez

Researcher and author George Barna has written much about the priority of ministering to children. In his book *Transforming Children into Spiritual Champions*, he lists seven questions that every parent and teacher ought to help their children answer. They are:

1. Does God exist?
2. What is the character and nature of God?
3. How and why was the world created?
4. What is the nature and purpose of humanity?
5. What happens after we die on Earth?
6. What spiritual authorities exist?
7. What is truth?

Barna says, "these questions take us from the beginning of eternity to its end and touch on everything of significance in between those time-space bookends." He goes on to say, "Experience has shown that this process is best conducted as an open-ended dialogue rather than a series of lectures. Children need to be taught the fundamental biblical principles and truths that underline the answers to the questions...in ways that transcend the recitation of stock replies."

How many ways can we do this? V.B.S., Sunday School, RA's, GA's, Missions Friends, Awanna, family devotionals, Christian Schools—How do you do it?

Sandy Beck



Church VBS Reports

Church	Total Enrolled	Decisions
Dana	72	-
Etowah	213	7
FBC Mills River	130	-
FBC East Flat Rock	135	-
FBC Tuxedo	103	3
Mountain View	133	7

Please send in your VBS reports if you have not already done so.