

Carolina Baptist News

Churches and Missions

Agua Viva
Asheville Korean
Balfour
Barker Heights
Bat Cave
Bearwallow
Beulah
Bob's Creek
Brevard Road
Broad River
Cedar Springs
Christ Community
Christ Covenant
Comunidad Internacional
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
Focus Point
French Broad
Fruitland
Gethsemane
Hoopers Creek
Horse Shoe First
Jones Gap
Kings Grove
Liberty
Living Water
Locust Grove
Main Street
Middle Cross
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

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Coming this Spring...

Praying Evangelistically Association Prayer Evangelism Conference

Mud Creek Baptist Church

April 27-28, 2007

Friday—6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Saturday—8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Music:

Chris Roberts (Mud Creek Baptist Church), **Mud Creek Choir**,
and **Dennis Horton** (Living Water Baptist Church)

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Allen Blume, Senior Pastor
at Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Boone, NC

Other Speakers:

Elaine Helms, North American Mission Board
Dr. Kenneth Ridings, President of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute
Dr. Greg Mathis, Pastor of Mud Creek Baptist Church



Executive Committee Meeting Tuesday, January 23 at 7:00 PM Baptist Resource Center—Lower Level

If you are a leader in Carolina Baptist Association or a leader in a CBA church, you are included in the Executive Committee and you are welcome to come. The Executive Committee meets twice a year (January and July) to take care of business between semi-annual meetings. This will be an important meeting as we will be discussing Association budget cuts for 2007.

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

- February 4 Pleasant Grove—Bill Landreth
Upward—Paul Chandler
- February 11 Bearwallow—Thom Sherwood
Zion Hill—Blair Stewart
- February 18 Crossroads—Eddie Conard
Balfour—Joe Mullins
- February 25 Double Springs—Joe George
Hoopers Creek—Lawrence Rhodes

Churches without Pastors

Ebenezer, Mountain Home,
Oak Forest, and Saluda First

Announcements

Retreat Center—A Baptist church in Avery County (located near Grandfather Mountain and the ski slopes of Sugar and Beech Mountains) has renovated the Old Minneapolis Elementary School and turned it into a retreat center. This is a self serve center with a cafeteria to prepare your own meals. It has dorm type sleeping arrangements with 72 beds. The cost is \$10.00 per person per night. View www.candlestickretreat.org or call Bryan Griffith for more information at 828-733-9022.

Women's Supervisor/Volunteer Coordinator Needed—Hendersonville Rescue Mission has a position available. Please call the mission at 697-1354 if interested.

Simple Conference

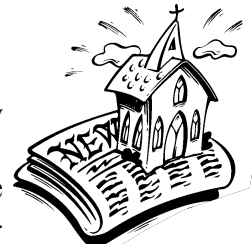
February 5, 2007, 9:30 AM—2:00 PM
Life Community Church, Greensboro
Cost: \$20—\$50

Relax, this conference is not about another church model. Church is done best when it's kept simple. This conference is based upon the recently released book from Broadman & Holman Publishers titled, **Simple Church**: Returning to God's Process for Making Disciples.

Eric Geiger (one of the authors of the book) will be the speaker for this conference.

For registration and more information, call Neal Eller of the Baptist State Convention at 1-800-395-5102 ext 415 or email neller@bscnc.org.

Church News



Asheville Korean—has a new pastor coming in February.

Etowah—is showing the movie "Facing the Giants" to the community as an outreach effort.

Everyone is invited. See insert for more information.

FBC Hendersonville—started a new ministry to singles. See below for more information.

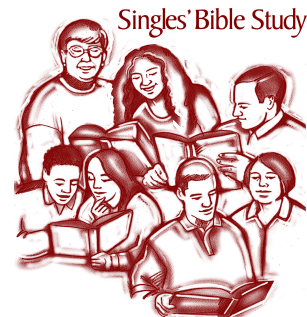
Mountain Valley—Rev. Oliver (Butch) Skerrett resigned as pastor.



**Our Hearts
go out to...**

Rev. David MacEachern
(Bat Cave Baptist Church)
in the death of his mother.

Rev. Jeff Tankersley
(Wayside Baptist Church)
in the death of his mother.



Singles' Bible Study

Singles (Singles Again) Ages 25-50

Hey, singles and singles again! Here is an opportunity to get involved and find encouragement in a powerful in-depth Bible study of personal revival and to have us accept the challenge to "let us return to the Lord." (Hosea 6:1) The study is entitled **Downpour**.

This 12 session study leads Christians to take the personal steps they need to return to the Lord and experience spiritual renewal and victory. Keith Thielke, Singles and Missions Minister, will be the facilitator. Singles will meet on Wednesday nights, January 10 through March 28, 2007 from 6:00 PM–7:30 PM in room A200A. Free childcare is provided and scholarships for books will also be available. We will save a seat for you!

Financial Report

Account Balances
4th Quarter 2006

(A) Operating Fund

1. General Fund Checking* \$ 2,664.93

(B) Designated Fund

2. Designated Checking \$ 15,531.99

3. Designated Money Market* \$ 64,172.66

4. NCBF Endowment (Mkt. Value)** \$361,614.68

5. Zeke Crawford Endow. (Nov.30 Bal.) \$ 3,464.39

*\$17,940.06 of General Fund is in the money market. **Balance as of Nov. 30. 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.

RECEIPTS FROM CHURCHES	
Jan.—Dec. 2006	Jan.—Dec. 2005
\$196,816.46	\$202,713.85

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

Scholarships Granted December 2006

Scholarship	Amount Granted	People Assisted
Camp	-	-
Mission Trips	\$2,000.00	10
Education—no funds available at this time		

Totals for 2006

Scholarship	Amount Granted	People Assisted
Camp	\$ 9,412.00	88
Mission Trips	\$13,560.00	55
Education	—	—

Our guest article is written by Dr. Randy Watford, Director of Missions, Cabarrus Baptist Association. This is a very cutting edge approach to church leadership.



Sandy Sez

Leadershift

Today we live in a world that is constantly shifting and changing. These rapid changes have created a need for the leaders in both the business community and the local church to make some changes in their approach to working with organizations. I just completed a review of a video by Joel Barker entitled, "**Leadershift.**"

The central theme of this video is that leaders are to build bridges. They build bridges to connect the present with the future. Joel Barker defines a leader as "a person you chose to follow to a place you wouldn't go to by yourself." A disciple of Christ is a leader; he/she is a person who others chose to follow into a relationship with Christ, who they probably would not have come to without the leader's help.

There are five principles that Joel states in the video leaders need to know and understand.

1. Leaders must focus on the future.
2. Leaders must understand the fundamental reasons for change.
3. Leaders must understand how complex systems work (*the church is a very complex system*).
4. Leaders must know their leadership style and lead others in the appropriate style.
5. Leaders must have a **shared vision** to lead others into the future. (*What is Christ's vision for the church?*)

These principles are essential if church leaders are going to build bridges from the community to the church and from the church to the community. Leaders need to know the present reality of their congregation and look to shape the future of the church. The world today in which we live sees leadership no longer as a privilege; it is now a responsibility of the leader to lead others across the bridge into the future.

Pastors and church leaders today must work together to build bridges that will assist Christians in going into the world and living a life that will encourage persons to come face to face with Christ. Then the leaders must lead the new followers to live out their lives in the same way, so they too bring others into a relationship with Jesus Christ our Lord. I hope you will step out this year and become a leader who builds bridges to bring others to Christ.

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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—Baptist Resource Center (BRC).

February

- 8 Association Prayer Team Meeting, 7:00 PM—BRC
- 10 Singles/Single Again Event, 5:00 PM—BRC
- 12-13 State Evangelism Conference
- 13 Secretaries Luncheon, 12:15 PM—BRC
- 14 Valentines Day
- 18 WMU Focus Sunday
- 19 Association Council, 9:00 PM—BRC
- 20 WMU Focus Celebration, meal at 6:00 PM, Meeting and 7:00 PM—Ebenezer



Birthday and Anniversaries

February

- 1 Jeff Tankersley
- 8 Matthew and Eva Tollison
Bill Carpenter
- 11 Michael McMillion
- 23 Marie Blackwell

Share Your FAITH Conference

Biltmore Baptist Church is hosting an Evangelism Explosion workshop on Saturday, January 27th from 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM.

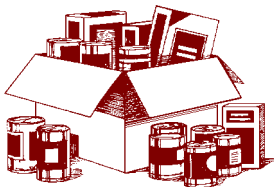
This is not a certification workshop but a practical “how to” share your faith workshop.

The cost is only \$30.00 which includes the cost of materials, lunch and refreshments. Anyone can go.

Call Amber Zoller at 828-687-1111 for more information or to register.

Souper Bowl of Caring

The *Souper Bowl of Caring* is on Sunday, February 4, 2007. On this day, many local churches, along with churches all over the country, will be taking up a collection of cans of soup and/or a dollar or two to be given to a local organization helping hurting and hungry people.



The food pantry at Interfaith Assistance Ministry (IAM) provided food for 9,977 individuals in 2005. The numbers will either exceed or match that for 2006.

In most cases, the Pantry provides enough food for three nutritious meals a day for each person in a family for five days. IAM has been blessed to receive Souper Bowl of Caring contributions from local congregations and it is always a big help in stocking the food pantry with soup at his wintry time of year. For more information (and to report donations from your church) log onto souperbowlofcaring.org. In 2006, \$5,010,510.66 in cash donations nationally was reported to the Souper Bowl of Caring website.



Winter Jam 2007

Friday, February 16th
Bi-Lo Center in Greenville, SC
7:00 PM—Doors open at 6:00 PM

Entertainers:

NewSong (Host)

Steven Curtis Chapman

Jeremy Camp

Hawk Nelson

Sanctus Real

Britt Nicole

Fire Breathing Andre the Hollywood Cowboy

Comedy by "The President" John Morgan

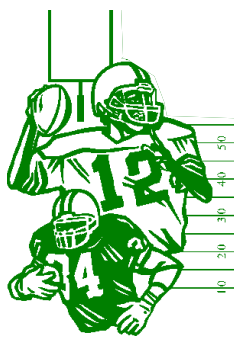
Guest Speaker: Tony Nolan

Only \$10.00 at the door—No tickets required!

For more information call 864-241-3800 or go to www.PremierProductions.com

"Facing the Giants"

Sunday, February 11th
Etowah Baptist Church



5:00 PM—Tailgate Fellowship in the Social Hall. Bring your favorite tailgate food to share and wear your favorite sports team's colors.

5:45 –7:40 PM—Movie in the sanctuary.

This movie is a drama about a high school football coach who draws up a new game plan for his team...and himself. However, an unexpected challenge helps him find a purpose bigger than just victories. Daring to trust God to do the impossible, Coach Taylor and the Eagles discover how faith plays out on the field...and off. With God, all things are possible.

You don't have to be a football fan to enjoy this action-packed, family-friendly movie. Everyone is welcome and admission is **FREE**. This is a great witnessing opportunity, so bring an unsaved family member or friend with you.

"A great movie....every family in America should see it."

~ Dan Reeves, NFL Coaching Great



Revive Us Again

Great Commission Prayer Conference
March 16-17

First Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC

Cost:

Before February 23rd - \$25.00

After February 23rd - \$30.00

Plenary session speakers include David Horner, Jim Weidman, John Avant, Richard Owen Roberts, Steve Hawthorne, Steve Rummage and TW Hunt.

For more information or to register, visit www.PrayNC.org. You may also contact Devon Bagwell at the Office of Prayer Evangelism Strategies at 1-800-395-5102, ext. 228 or email dbagwell@bscnc.org.

Beth Moore

Live Via Satellite

Straight Talk About God's Deliverance

(based on Beth's new book coming out in January)

Saturday, February 24, 2007

First Baptist Church, Hendersonville

Cost \$15.00

In this very personal simulcast, Beth will share the healing to be found in Jesus—lessons of hope for all of us. Beth Moore wants you to know that if God could lift her out of the pit and set her feet on sturdy ground, then He can get **anyone** out! Beth should know, she wasn't just a visitor; this former pit-dweller had to be delivered from acres of life-accumulated dirt. Beth was profoundly wounded with little hope of wholeness.

Deliverance is for everyone - no matter how you got stuck, no matter how long you've been down, whether you think you deserve it or not. And in her straight-talking but loving style, Beth will remind us that deliverance can begin for us this very day.

Call Kenneth Priest at 693-3493 for tickets. The **deadline is February 16th** to buy tickets.



Women Helping Women

**Financial Assistance for
Breast Care Services**

Mammograms are a normal part of a healthy woman's annual checkup after age 40. All women need this screening each year because early detection saves lives! If you are worried that you cannot afford a mammogram, help is available.

Women Helping Women is a fundraising and educational effort of the Pardee Hospital Foundation to increase breast cancer awareness and raise funds to care for uninsured patients who have financial needs.

To find out if you or someone you care about qualifies, please call Pardee Hospital's **Patient Financial Services** at 696-4663 to schedule an appointment.

Women of Joy Conference

Gatlinburg, TN

March 30-April 1, 2007

Speakers

Candace Cameron Bure

Lisa Harper

Chonda Pierce

Angela Thomas

Charles Billingsley—Worship Leader

Michael W. Smith—Concert Artist

The cost varies from \$80.00 to \$209.00 per person. For more detailed information on the fee, visit: mywomensevents.com.

Benefit Singing for Baby Carly Carter

Gethsemane Baptist Church

Saturday, January 20, 2007

7:00 PM

Featuring the Moody Brothers and Others

Baby Carly was born with multiple birth defects and has undergone five surgical procedures to correct some of the problems. She is currently under the care of the Shriners Hospital, preparing her for braces for her legs in the coming year.

There will be a love offering taken during the service. Please make checks payable to: Gethsemane Baptist Church or Misty Carter.

LifeBox—Military Ministry Project

If you or your church would like to be involved in a ministry to the men and women in our armed forces, this project might be just right for you!

What is it? It is a ministry of mailing special packages of encouragement to our military at designated times of the year like Easter.

A LifeBox may include: a LifeWay magazine, snacks, comfort items, personal notes of encouragement, and other appropriate gifts (LifeWay has special prices for LifeWay magazines and a CD for this project).

More information is available about this project at the Carolina Association Resource Center or you may email LifeBox@lifeway.com.

