

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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Merry Christmas



from the staff
of Carolina Baptist
Association
and may your new year
be filled with the joy, peace
and happiness of God.

Toy Project Report

We have some **great** news. Forty-eight (48) families were helped this year with the generosity of the Carolina Baptist churches in giving gifts and money to buy toys for children birth—16 years of age. One hundred and ten (110) children will receive gifts this year as a result of this project. One family had six children to receive gifts. These children may not have had anything this Christmas if it weren't for the Toy Project.

That is good news, but the **best** news is that six (6) people received Christ as their personal Savior!!! Two young couples (husband and wife) were included in this number. What better way to start the Christmas season!

Many thanks to Kim Anderson, Ginny Bradley and Barbara Chester who have spent many hours preparing for this project, for the volunteers who came to help and witness the day of the project, and for those who donated toys and money. It was a great success because of the cooperation of all who contributed.

Check out the website for pictures of this project, cbanc.org.

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

January 7	Refuge—Alvin Melton, Jr. FBC, Hendersonville—Sam Boyd
January 14	French Broad—Kemuel Pruitt Bat Cave—David MacEachern
January 21	Mount Olivet—John Saunders Bob's Creek—Ira Daves
January 28	Christ Community—Phillip Trees Jones Gap—Curtis Pace

Churches without Pastors

Asheville Korean, Ebenezer,
Mountain Home, Oak Forest,
and Saluda First.

Announcements

Laptop Needed—Wayside Baptist Church is needing a laptop capable of powerpoint presentations. If anyone has a laptop that they can donate to the church it would be greatly appreciated. If you can help, please call Pastor Jeff Tankersley at 692-7778.

Movie: The Nativity—A movie based on the birth of Jesus is now in the theaters. With a rating of PG, this movie was recommended by James Dobson of Focus on the Family. “*Straightforward.* That's perhaps the best word to describe *The Nativity Story*. Christmastime moviegoers will undoubtedly leave the theater more filled with the true Christmas spirit than when they arrived.” Check the reviews on the Focus on the Family website, www.family.org/entertainment.

Toy Project Report—See the front cover story. Pictures of this project on our website, cbanc.org.

Women's Prison Ministry—a total of 803 baggies full of hard candy were collected by Carolina Baptist Association for incarcerated women this Christmas.

Church News

Crab Creek called Scott Thompson as their new pastor on November 19th. Scott started his ministry on December 3rd.

Locust Grove called Tim Worthington as their new pastor on November 12th.

Upward called their interim pastor, Rev. Paul Chandler, Jr., as their new pastor on November 19.



13 Week Pre-Martial Course
“So Your Getting Married”
Sunday Nights from 5-6 PM
Mud Creek Baptist Church

Starting January 21, this thirteen week pre-marital course is offered to you at \$85.00 **per couple**. This cost includes 6 books that will be given to each couple. The course will be led by Bill and Lynn Byars in room 203. For more information and to register, call Lisa Jackson at Mud Creek Baptist Church at 692-1262.

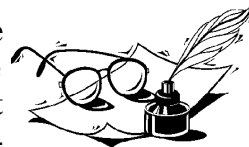


Top Ten Predictions for the New Year

1. The Bible will still have the answers.
2. Prayer will still work.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still inhabit the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost.

~ Author Unknown

North Carolina Baptist State Convention Peaceful and Polite



Sandy Sez

Although it was the lowest attended State Convention meeting in years, in many ways it may have been one of the best. There was a good spirit present, even with the more controversial topics.

I felt the general spirit of the meetings was very peaceful. Even with debate and disagreement people were polite and allowed procedures to function smoothly.

There were many by-law amendments—perhaps too many. Some passed—some failed. It was good to see that the system still works. By-law II.E.4 which took authority away from the committee on nominations and gave authority of institutions and agencies to name their own boards was soundly defeated. It was refreshing to me to see 62% of the messengers vote their conscience in spite of the endorsement of the administrative and elected officers.

The genius of being Baptist, especially Southern Baptist, is that the decision making authority still rests in the hands of the local church. Indeed we have no hierarchal authority but Christ—the head of His church.

Media Library

Book

Making Change: A Transformational Guide to Christian Money Management by Ken Hemphill

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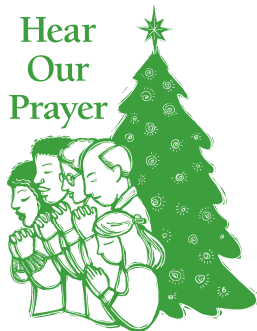
Managing Our Finances God's Way—by Purpose Driven Ministries

Can We Take Another Look at Giving?

I know that most churches have passed their 2007 budget by now, but I am asking you to take another look. At this writing, it looks like we are going to finish this year in the red. We are already dipping into reserves to make budget. It is also probable that 2007 may well be over \$20,000 less due to cuts in the budgets of some of our largest givers. This large shortfall will make it very difficult to continue some of our most important ministries and impossible to add some needed new ministries.

I know you believe in the ministries we have together through Carolina Baptist Association. As an association of churches, we need to renew our commitment to give 5% of our general offerings to the Association. The churches who give nothing need to re-examine priorities and begin to give at least 2% of their budget to local missions through their local association.

Pray about it!!!



Hear
Our
Prayer

*The greatest
gift we can give
to others is our
prayers.*

Scholarships Granted November 2006

<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Amount Granted</u>	<u>People Assisted</u>
Camp	-	-
Mission Trips	\$400.00	2
Education—no funds available at this time		

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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).

January

- 1 CBA office closed - Happy New Year!
- 6 WMU Leadership Team Meeting
- 9 Secretaries Luncheon, 12:15 PM—West Hendersonville
- 11 Association Prayer Team Meeting, 7:00 PM—BRC
- 13 Singles/Single Again Event
- 15 Association Council, 9:00 AM—BRC
- 23 Association Executive Committee, 7:00 PM—BRC

Birthday and Anniversaries

January

- 2 Greg and Deborah Mathis
- 3 Darrell and Bernice Rhodes
- 7 Paula Janes
Cindy Rampey
- 12 Blair and Tina Stewart
- 15 Roy Waldroup
- 24 Sandy Daves
- 26 Tina McMillion
- 30 Deborah Mathis



Crown Financial Ministries Announces
Facilitator Training Workshop

Are you interested in starting the Crown Small Group Study in your church this Spring? Or, perhaps you want to increase the number of classes offered?

Crown will be offering a *Small Group Facilitator Training Workshop* on Saturday, January 6, 2007 at Biltmore Baptist Church in Arden from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

Crown requires two “facilitators” per class, with a husband and wife team constituting one facilitator. Thus, a couple must be paired up with another couple or an individual.

The six hour workshop costs \$68.00 for an individual or a couple and includes all training and leadership materials.

Reservations must be made no later than December 22, 2006 so you will have time to receive your training materials and complete pre-workshop materials.

Call our special Southern Baptist Stewardship Division number, **1-866-902-6578**, to receive our substantially discounted pricing.

For further information please call Gerald Gillespie at 890-1410 (Hendersonville) or Dick Leonard at 654-9276 (Asheville).

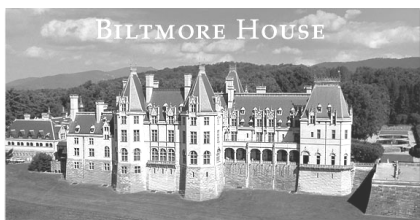


**“Christmas Present for Jesus”
Mission trip to
Caraway Boys Camp in Asheboro, NC
December 26—30 (Tuesday—Saturday)**

Mud Creek Baptist Church is taking a group (everyone is invited) to Caraway to build a new building for the camp, re-roof existing buildings, cut away some dead trees and clean up around the camp. People needed are: electricians, plumbers, carpenters, tree servicemen, and general workers.

This is a family oriented trip that has NO COST to you. Mud Creek will take up to 80 people in their vans, workers will camp in Caraway cabins and the food is provided by Caraway. Bring your entire family.

For more information, call Mike Nelson at 674-5974 or go to Mud Creek Church for brochures.



Biltmore Estate—Reduced Rates

Special *group rates for 20 people or more:

January 2—February 28, 2007 - \$23.00 per person (ages 17 and over) and \$16.00 per person (ages 10-16). Special price of \$25.00 per person if less than 20. Ages 9 and under are free.

February 28—November 5, 2007 - \$36.00 per person (ages 17 and over) and \$18.00 per person (ages 10-16).

This would be a fun activity for the senior adults in your church.

***Groups of 20 or more must make reservations, call 225-1222 or 1-866-851-4661 and tell them you are from Carolina Baptist Association.**

Pardee Lifeline Services

With Pardee Lifeline, you don’t have to worry. Whether you live across the country or just across the street, you can’t always be with your loved ones, but Pardee Lifeline can—24 hours a day, 7 days and week, 365 days a year. Simply a push of a button will signal the Lifeline Response Center. The Lifeline Personal Response associate will send the right type of help for any situation, even if your loved one can’t answer.

Lifeline sends assistance—whether it is a neighbor, family member or emergency services to your loved one. Lifeline follows through every time to ensure help always arrives. This January 2007 Pardee Hospital is offering FREE installation to new subscribers (a discount of \$22.50), after that there will be a fee of \$36.00 per month for the service. If you know someone that could use this service please call Ron Comeens at 828-692-9061.

Minister's Mileage Reimbursement

The IRS has just announced the 2007 Standard Mileage Reimbursement rate effective January 1, 2007. This is very important information as we try to encourage churches (and associations) to reimburse business expenses in an **accountable reimbursement plan**. As churches prepare budgets for 2007, I would hope they would take this information into consideration. Without question this plan is the most tax effective way to take care of ministry-related expenses of which travel is a huge item for church employees. If churches are giving a travel allowance or have a non-accountable plan, the ministers (and other church employees) are paying more in taxes than they should.

The official announcement from the IRS release of November 1, 2006, the rate for 2007 is **48.5 cents per mile**.

~ Johnny Ross, GuideStone State Representative

GuideStone Financial Resources

GuideStone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention is expanding its investment choice for eligible retirement and retail participants with the launch of the **MyDestination Funds** on January 2, 2007. These five registered date target funds will be managed to specific retirement dates and may be a suitable solution for investors of all ages looking to create or maintain a diversified, age-appropriate retirement choice in a single fund.

Each of the MyDesintation Funds is a diversified "funds-of-funds" that has an asset allocation that gradually becomes more conservative as an investor approaches retirement. The five funds are managed to specific target dates and 15 years after retirement in 10 year increments—2005, 2015, 2025, 2035, and 2045—allowing investors to simply choose the year closest to their planned retirement. The funds are designated for investors willing to bear additional expenses in exchange for automatic rebalancing. These funds will offer participants:

- ◆ A simple retirement solution.
- ◆ An age-appropriate, diversified portfolio that gradually adjusts as a participant's retirement date approaches.
- ◆ Access to professional management with automatic asset rebalancing.
- ◆ A way to save time without sacrificing performance.

For more information about MyDestination Funds see www.GuideStone.org. Or call 1-888-984-8433.

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.

Extraordinary Women Conference Friday and Saturday, March 23-24, 2007 Spartanburg, SC, Evangel Cathedral

Who is going to be there?

Gloria Gaither
Chonda Pierce
Lisa Whelchel
Karen Kingsbury
Michelle McKinney Hammond
Charles Billingsley
Point of Grace

Ticket Price list

Order by Jan 31—\$39.00 per person, 10 or more gets 1 free registration.

After Jan 31—\$49.00 per person

Price at the door—\$59.00 per person

To charge by phone or for more information call 1-800-526-8673, or register on-line at: www.ewomen.net.