

Calendar of Events

Monday Minister Meetings:

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

July

Christmas in July for Bethlehem Toy Store—Please bring new toys for children birth to 16 years of age to the Carolina Baptist Association

- 4 Independence Day—CBA Office closed
- 8-9 Bivocational Pastor's Conference (see insert for more details)—Caraway
- 18 CBA Council, 9:00 am—BRC
- 26 Executive Team, 7:00 pm—BRC

August

Prayer Walking Our Schools

- 15 CBA Council, 9:00 am
- 30 Region 9 Missions Celebration - West Asheville Baptist Church



For the Sep/Oct newsletter, articles must be received by August 8th.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

July

- 4 Sandy and Anne Beck—CBA
- 6 Travis Harrison—Balfour
- 7 Lawrence Rhodes—Hoopers Creek
- 9 Karen Bennett—Tuxedo First
- 10 Mike Bennett—Tuxedo First
- 14 Curtis and Levina Pace—Jones Gap
- 20 Victor and Cindy Rampey—Main Street
- 30 Kemuel and Melissa Pruitt—French Broad
- 30 Branton & Jessica Burleson—Christ Covenant

August

- 4 Lisa Ponder—Mount Gilead
- 8 Jessica Burleson—Christ Covenant Community
- 8 Meris Jenkins—Bearwallow
- 12 Bill Landreth—Pleasant Grove
- 18 Emily Rhodes—Hoopers Creek
- 21 Lawrence and Emily Rhodes—Hoopers Creek
- 23 Tony and Laura Hall—Ebenezer
- 24 Dan Blackwell—Dana
- 25 Danny Pridmore—Valley Hill
- 25 Dewey Barnwell—Beulah
- 26 Richard Merck—Naples
- 30 Sam Gibbs—CBA

Churches and Missions

Agua Viva
Asheville Korean
Balfour
Barker Heights
Bat Cave
Bearwallow
Beulah
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

Watch-care

Soul Harvest

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Baptist Children's Home Food Round-up Report

Thank you for your outpouring of love to the children at Broyhill Baptist Children's Home. In April we had an in-gathering of food and supplies, gift cards and money.

This was the best year so far for donations! The churches that participated were: FBC Hendersonville, Crab Creek, Fruitland, Locust Grove, Naples, FBC Saluda, Valley Hill, Christ Covenant Community, Etowah, Horse Shoe First, Dana and Kings Grove. Together they collected 173 boxes/bags of food and supplies, 3 gift cards and \$1,235.00 to help feed the resident children.

Thank you to Larry Austin, from Dana Baptist Church, who volunteered to load his truck and take the donations to Broyhill on Saturday, May 7, 2011.



Our Jerusalem Offering for Carolina Baptist Association

The amount that was collected from the churches and individuals was: **\$12,949.93.**

Thank you to the churches that contributed to Our Jerusalem Offering: Mud Creek, Mountain Valley, Ebenezer, Horse Shoe First, Christ Covenant Community, First Baptist East Flat Rock, Upward, Bat Cave, Etowah, Fruitland, Naples, West Hendersonville, Liberty and Bearwallow.

Carolina Baptist Association Executive Team Meeting

Tuesday, July 26, 2011
7:00pm—CBA Resource Center

This meeting is for business and reports of the Carolina Baptist Association between Semi-Annual meetings. Association leaders and church leaders are encouraged to attend.

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

- Jul 3 FBC Mills River—no pastor
Fletcher First—Roy Waldroup
- Jul 10 FBC East Flat Rock—Allen Sherwood
Main Street—Victor Rampey
- Jul 17 Fruitland—Mike Smith
Mud Creek Miss.—Matthew Tollison, Sr.
- Jul 24 Christ Covenant—Branton Burleson
Gethsemane—Eric Hardman
- Jul 31 Shaws Creek—William Carpenter, Jr.
Locust Grove—Tim Worthington

- Aug 7 FBC Tuxedo—Mike Bennett
Mountain Page—no pastor
- Aug 14 Mount Moriah—Bryan Melton
Naples—Richard Merck
- Aug 21 Valley Hill—Danny Pridmore
Refuge—no pastor
- Aug 28 FBC Hendersonville—Ryan Pack
French Broad—Kemuel Pruitt

Churches without Pastors

Agua Viva, Barker Heights, Cedar Springs,
FBC Mills River, Mountain Page,
Mountain View, Pleasant Hill and Refuge.

Announcements

Congratulations to Dr. John Rymer for the honor of the North Carolina Baptist Heritage Award. He was selected for this award because of his many years of service to Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute. This award is co-sponsored by the NC Baptist State Convention and the NC Baptist Foundation.

Missions DVD's—The association has several missions DVD's and prayer guides to give away. Please drop by the office and see if there is anything that your mission groups could use.

Full-time Chimney Sweep—Environmental Chimney Sweep is looking for a hard working, dedicated, Christian employee. Pay is \$12 an hour. Call 243-0098.

Church News



Cedar Springs pastor Gerald Jones was called October, 2010 and resigned in April, 2011.

FBC, East Flat Rock is going on a mission trip to Kentucky, July 11-16, 2011.

Mount Moriah had their last service in their church sanctuary on May 15, 2011. The plans are to take down the old church building and rebuild a new one in its place. They are meeting in their fellowship hall during construction. They have raised over a million dollars for the new church building that will be 3 times bigger than the old one.

Mud Creek—Thank you to Mud Creek's Military Ministry group for making at least 177 Care Pillows that are given to children in trauma.

Soul Harvest was voted into watch-care of Carolina Baptist Association on April 26, 2011 at the semi-annual meeting. The church will be eligible for full membership in April 2012. The pastor is Rev. Joe Hayes.

Rev. Mike Willoughby Retires

Rev. Mike Willoughby, pastor of First Baptist Mills River, retired after 43 years in the pastoral ministry.

A native of Clinton, MS, he received his Bachelor of Science degree from Mississippi College in Clinton and his Master of Divinity from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served as Senior Pastor at churches in Mississippi, Virginia and North Carolina. For the past 7 years, Mike has been involved in church planting in Mills River, NC.

Currently he serves on the Board of Directors for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. He is married to the former Jean Buffington, who is a Preschool/Children's Field Consultant for NC Baptist LifeWay.

Mike is available for supply and interim ministry. He may be contacted at 123 West Laurel Lane, Etowah, NC or call 828-891-5822.

Account Balances

May 2011

(A) Operating Fund

1. General Fund Checking* \$ 9,368.62

(B) Designated Fund

- 2. Designated Checking* \$ 36,847.13
- 3. Designated CD* \$ 30,000.00
- 4. NCBF Endowment** (April 30) \$ 342,242.78
- 5. Zeke Crawford Endowment*** (April 30) \$ 5,457.63

*\$30,780.18 of general fund is in designated checking and CD.

** Interest income is used for camp scholarships.

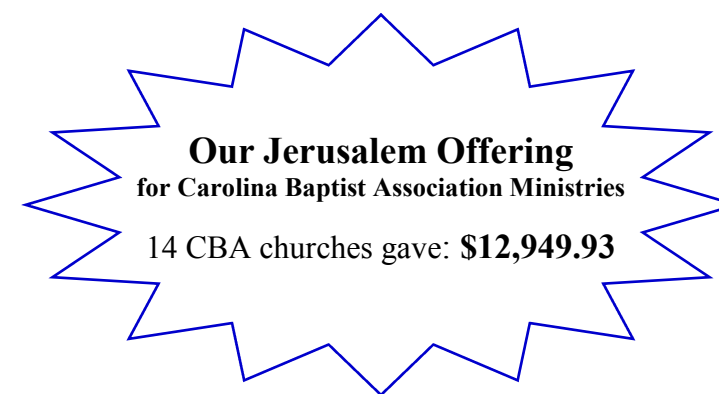
***Interest income is used for Fruitland student scholarships.

(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 | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| January—May 2011 | January—May 2010 |
| \$77,875.14 | \$67,884.44 |

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



| Scholarships Granted April/May 2011 | | |
|--|----------------|-------------------|
| Scholarship | Amount Granted | Children Assisted |
| Camp | \$6,182.50 | 46 |
| Mission Trips—not available at this time | | |

Let the Lord Lead



Sometimes we get drawn into conversations when and where we least expect it. Recently I was slurping a diet coke float when I ran across a

Sandy Sez

member of one of our churches who had a sincere concern that both his church and the Southern Baptist Convention were going to put a seal of approval on social drinking. I sincerely doubt this will happen, but whether we do or do not remains to be seen.

The thing that impressed me the most was not his staunch position nor his sincere passion. The thing that impressed me the most was his desire to discuss lovingly and Biblically his philosophy with a commitment to maintain the bond of love among and between his brothers and sisters in Christ.

There are without a doubt some sin issues that are not negotiable. However, not every issue is a sin issue. Some even say that one thing that is a sin issue for me may not be a sin issue for them. I will let theologians and scholars debate these weighty issues. One thing I do know, if we approach every debate with this brothers desire to allow the love of Christ and the unity of the brethren have the proper place, Christ can solve our problems if it is only to agree to disagree.

Sometimes the lines are clear. Sometimes they are not so clear. But the Bible is unmistakably clear that the mind of Christ, the love of Christ, the love of the brethren, the authority and clarity of His Word and the leadership of the Holy Spirit must be allowed to work within us and between us to follow Him. Let us learn to let the Lord lead.

The Church Financial Tax & Law Conference

(21 new rules you must know)

Friday, July 8, 2011

At the Hilton, 45 West Orchard Park Dr. Greenville, SC

\$139 per person

Call 1-800-344-0076 for more information and for other locations:

July 6—Fayetteville, NC

July 7th—Greensboro, NC



Bethlehem Toy Store Collection

Bethlehem Toy Store is sponsored by the WMU and Women's Ministry of Carolina Baptist Association. Last year our response to *Christmas in July* was great...Thank You!

We will witness and distribute toys to families in financial need on December 2, 2011 at Carolina Baptist Association.

In July, please collect NEW toys from birth to 16 years of age and bring to the association in August. Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-4:00pm.

If you would like for someone to come to your church and speak or if you have any questions, please call Annette Heatherly at 290-2584 or Carolina Baptist Association at 693-4274.

Mentoring Program

Are you ready to put some feet to your faith? HATS (Helping All Teens Succeed) is a new program in Henderson County Middle and High Schools that calls for trustworthy, caring adults who are willing to spend an hour a week with one of our students who are at risk of dropping out of school.

The role of the mentor is nothing more than building a relationship with the student. To qualify, one needs to be an active, non-judging listener, positive, encouraging and motivating. Does that sound like you?

The most recent studies show the impact of mentoring our students:

- ◆ Decrease in skipping school
- ◆ Increase in sense of self-worth
- ◆ Higher graduation rates
- ◆ Decrease in absences
- ◆ Increase in motivation, goal-setting
- ◆ Decrease in initiating drug and alcohol use
- ◆ Better family relationships

Call now for more information: 828-388-1094. Ask about a 20 minute HATS presentation for the adults in your church. Or, check the website:

www.hendersoncountypublicschoolsnc.org

- Click on **Departments**
- Click on **Student Services**
- Click on **HATS Program**.

VBS Time is Here!

Already we have had phone calls to the association asking for VBS materials and decorations from churches who have had their VBS and are willing to give away what is left over. It is wonderful to be able to share with our smaller churches who are struggling financially. Please call the Association if you have any materials or decorations to share.

Please remember to send in your church's VBS report to the Carolina Baptist Association. It is good news to share when children accept the Lord through your VBS. We can all rejoice and praise God for the souls that were saved through Jesus.

PRESCHOOL MISSIONS CAMP French Broad Baptist Church August 1-4, 2011 9:30-11:30am

Preschool Missions Camp is for children ages 3-5. At this day camp preschoolers will learn through scripture based devotions that Jesus wants us to serve others as He came to serve us. They will learn how much God loves them, how they can serve God, and how to share Jesus with others. Other activities will be daily hands-on mission projects, worship through songs, snack and playtime. What a special week it will be!

Some of last years projects included making care packages for all the prisoners in the Henderson County Jail, potting plants and giving to neighbors, baking cookies for those who serve our community and other projects that served the church and their families. They were all sent home with ideas of ways they could continue to serve others.

Share this information with your family, friends and neighbors. Registration forms are available in the French Broad Baptist Church office as well as on the church website: www.frenchbroad.org. The form along with a \$15 camp fee will secure their spot. Multiple children from the same family will receive a discount. Registration deadline is July 15, 2011. Call Paige at 891-4665 for more information.

Church Alert to Church Break-ins

Since early May several churches in our area have been broken into stealing sound equipment (including speakers and microphones), computers (including laptops), flat screen TV's, projectors and other electronics. Among the churches were some in our own association: Crab Creek, Crossroads, Pleasant Hill, Middle Fork, Mountain Valley and Double Springs.

Thanks to our police department the thief has been caught. But it is still a good idea for smaller churches "off the beaten path" to still take security precautions. Cameras, alarm systems and motion alert sensors can be installed at a nominal one time fee. Hendersonville Police Department recommends Dave McCall for installation of security devices. Call Dave at 862-8406 for an estimate.

New in the Media Library

Books

Biblical Patterns for Powerful Church Prayer Meetings by Gregory Frizzell.

The Orphaned Generation by Scott Wilcher— This book focuses on the problem with the younger generation leaving the church and gives practical ideas to help your church become a place that feels like family to a generation that often feels orphaned by the adults around them.

DVD's

Open Hearts Open Hands: Mission Dignity—This is a short video clip of how you can help struggling retired ministers and their spouses with financial aid.

Our Jerusalem: Carolina Baptist Association— This is a short video clip of selected ministries of Carolina Baptist Association.

CD's

This Hope: There is a Reason—music CD

This Hope: To Know Christ—music CD

Books for Small Church Pastors

Help for the Small Church Pastor
How to Thrive as a Small Church Pastor
Meeting the Challenge of Bivocational Ministry
Shepherding the Small Church
The Little Church that Could: Raising Small Church Esteem

2011 Bivocational Ministries Conference July 8-9, 2011

Caraway Conference Center
Theme: Conflict Resolution
Strong Anchors for Stormy Times

Eighty-one percent (81%) of the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention have 124 or less average Sunday School attendance. Our convention is largely made up of small churches. Many of our new church plants are being staffed by bivocational leaders. Bivocationalism is a calling.

This year's conference centers on the topic of conflict. Learn ways to deal with conflict, how to negotiate through conflict and manage or resolve conflict. Although most of the conflict encountered seems to be in the church, the minister and his and his family are not immune to conflict in the home, therefore the conference will also explore conflict in the minister's marriage and home.

You will enjoy wonderful fellowship and be able to establish networks with other ministers who are facing the same struggles and challenges. You will also have a lot of fun!

Conference leaders are Wayne Oakes, Farris Jordan, Phyllis Elvington and Eddie Thompson.

Although this conference is sponsored by NC Bivocational Ministers, all small membership church leaders are invited and welcomed to attend.

The registration cost is \$50.00 per person, and the deadline June 27, 2011. **The Carolina Baptist Association has scholarships available for our association's bivocational pastors and their spouse.**

Please make check out to: BSCNC and earmark it "2011 NC Bivo Conference." To register online, go to www.ncbaptist.org, click on "Bivocational Ministries Conference" event page and follow instructions.

There are tremendous resources available to leaders of smaller membership churches. Check out these resources for bivocational and small church ministers:

- www.lifeway.com/bivo
- www.lifeway.com/pastors
- www.bivosmallchurch.net

Your association's library has several helps for small church pastors too. (See directly over to the left column for the list of books).