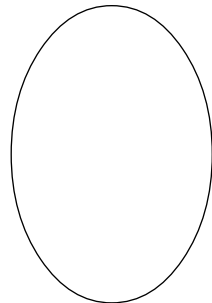




Merry
Christmas
and
Happy New Year
from our staff



Congratulations to Rev. David MacEachern

Rev. David MacEachern of Bat Cave Baptist Church is WMIT's Pastor Appreciation Winner for the month of December.

WMIT Christian radio (106.9 *The Light*) urged people to write a letter about their pastor in October. Kathy Morgan from Bat Cave Baptist Church wrote one of the hundreds of letters that were sent in.

A committee from WMIT read the letters and chose 12 winners, one for every month of the year. Their decision was based on their work in the church and their ministry to the community. Then WMIT would follow-up with a telephone interview with the pastor.

Kathy wrote about David, "...*He is a light in this dark and dreary world. He preaches the Word of God. He's not ashamed to stand up for what is right...*" David has been pastor for Bat Cave Baptist Church for 9 years. The church is growing and will begin building a new facility for worship, education and fellowship. Their ground breaking for this building is December 14.

Kathy then wrote about the ministry David has done in the community and the mission trips that he went on to Russia, Romania, West Virginia, and Warfield, Kentucky. David practices the Word by ministering to his Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost parts of the world. "*David never wants credit for anything he does, but gives all the glory to God...I see the cross and the light of Christ through this man.*" Kathy ended the letter by saying "*You can count on him at any time day or night, just like Christ. After all isn't that what we are all to strive for?*"

PrayerLink

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

January 4	Pleasant Grove - Bill Landreth Upward - No Pastor
January 11	Bearwallow - Thom Sherwood Zion Hill - Dale Holloway
January 18	Crossroads - Eddie Conard Balfour - Joe Mullins
January 25	Double Springs - Robert Garren Hoopers Creek - Lawrence Rhodes

Churches without Pastors

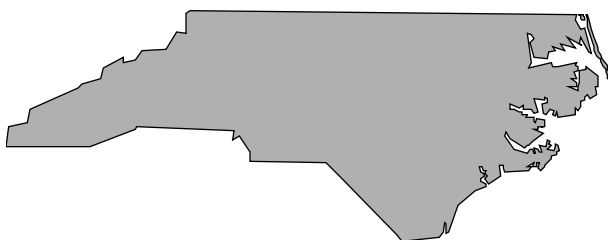
Asheville Korean, Iglesia Bautista Agua Viva,
Tuxedo First, Upward

PRAYER MEETING

Men's Associational Prayer Meeting sponsored by our Bivocational pastors the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. Call Troy Maybin (692-6491) for place.

Ladies Prayer Meeting the last Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. Call Frances Gosnell (692-3472) for place.

Pastors Evangelical Prayer Breakfast the third Thursday of the month from 7:30 to 9:00 AM at the Chariot.



Facts About North Carolina - our "Judea"

- * Population: 8.3 million
- * Number of unchurched: 4.5 million
- * Number of ethnic groups: 100+
- * Largest ethnic groups: Hispanic, Korean
- * Percentage of Hispanic population living in urban area: 73.8%
- * Number of Baptist churches in state convention: 3,964
- * Number of baptisms in 2002: 28,397
- * Membership in North Carolina Baptist churches: 1,187,927

Church News



Bat Cave had ground breaking for their new sanctuary on December 14. Rev. MacEachern received a Pastor Appreciation award from WMIT. (See cover story).

Beulah and Etowah - Several members traveled together to a coal mining community in Kentucky and served about 500 people a Thanksgiving meal to those who are less fortunate. They also took 3 truck loads of clothing and household items to give to the people there.

Crab Creek has finished their multi-purpose building and is in use.

Fletcher First is building a new facility that will include a sanctuary, sound room, pastor's study, offices, work room and a conference room.

French Broad has completed the "40 Days of Purpose" the Purpose Driven Life. In 40 days:

- * Attendance in Sunday School has grown,
- * Attendance in Sunday worship has grown,
- * 10 people joined the church,
- * 145 people recommitted to the Lordship of Christ,
- * There is much spiritual growth throughout the church.

Hendersonville First received a National Award for being number 83 out of 40,000 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention in highest giving to Lottie Moon Offering. The award was presented by Avery Willis, senior VP for the International Mission Board, on Sunday, November 16th.

Kings Grove has almost completed their new sanctuary. **Living Water** had ground breaking for their new church building on November 23, 2003.

Main Street collected 300 shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse.

Refuge began building a new multi-purpose building.

Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 19, 2004 at 7:00 PM

Baptist Resource Center

This is a meeting to take care of any business between the semi-annual meetings. The Executive Committee is composed of the Associational Officers, Council Directors, Program Directors, Trustees, Director of Missions (ex-officio), chairs of all standing committees and the persons holding or representing the following position in each member church: Pastor, Sunday School Director, Discipleship Training Director, WMU Director, Baptist Men Director, Music Director, Youth Director, Senior Adult Director, Single Adult Director, and chair of Deacons.

Announcements

Association Equipment - The association has several items of equipment for churches to use. Among them are: tape duplicating machine, folding machine, laminating machine, multi media projectors, screens, and more.

The most recent item that was purchased for churches to use is a die cut machine which is able to cut out shapes, numbers and the alphabet. We purchased the entire alphabet, a set of numbers, a cross and a heart all 5 inches in height. More will be purchased in the future. This is a great tool to create bulletin boards.

Church PA System - Complete PA system in excellent condition for sale. Call Rev. Phillip Trees at 216-3492.

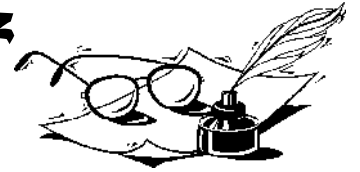
Equipment Needed - La Comunidad Internacional needs play pens and electric drums. Call 697-0857.

Organ for Sale - Church style, 3 manual, Yamaha organ for \$2,800. Call 258-0721.

Pews Cushions - 21 eight foot long brown and tan tweed pew cushions 2" thick in good condition FREE to any church who would like them. Call Betty Pace at 685-3768.

Toy Project - **Thank you** to all who volunteered for the Toy Project. The toy donations increased from last year. 49 families were ministered to, and 110 children will receive toys this year from this project.

Sandy Sez



Power Through Prayer (Last in the Healthy Church Series)

The healthy church - the purpose driven church - has six major functioning principles. It is the ministry of your association to help you to achieve full health and grow: Warmer though Fellowship; Deeper though Discipleship; Stronger though Worship; Broader though Ministry; Larger though Evangelism; and **Powerful through Prayer.**

Power though Prayer was added at our last associational semi-annual meeting. Not only was it added to our purpose statement, it was added as the first purpose.

Richard Foster wrote, "To pray is to change. As Christians, we will either allow prayer to change and grow us in the image of Christ, or we will stop praying." All of the great - Bible centered - church growth principles in the world will not replace the power of a praying pastor and the power of a praying people. Several years ago I asked our churches to consider calling for a "Solemn Assembly" of prayer and fasting. Some churches declared and observed this assembly. I again encourage you to seek to be a balanced - Biblical - healthy church and do a spiritual "check up" on the health of your church.

Scholarships Granted in November

<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Amount Granted</u>	<u>People Assisted</u>
Camp	-	-
Missions	\$2,183.00	6
Education	\$ 400.00	1

The scholarship application can be printed out from our website at www.cbanc.org.

Scholarship applications must be turned into the CBA office by the first Monday of the month. The CBA Council meets the third Monday of each month.

Total Scholarships Granted in 2003

<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Amount Granted</u>	<u>People Assisted</u>
Camp	\$ 7,901.00	73
Missions	\$22,332.62	75
Education	<u>\$14,063.00</u>	<u>31</u>
	\$44,296.62	179

Who is Henderson County Churches Uniting?

You will probably see and hear about (and possibly from) Henderson County Churches Uniting. They are the group formerly known as LARCUM. This is a predominantly old main line group of liberal protestant churches plus the Roman Catholic, Immaculate Conception Church.

This group will do some fine community service work and provide social services for those in need. While some will call themselves evangelical most are not evangelistic. If you are attempting to reach out to other denominations for evangelistic emphasis and common fellowship let one recommend the Evangelical Fellowship instead. Please call me for more information.

Of course the best place to begin fellowship outside of our individual churches is the Pastors Conference, Semi-Annual meetings and the many other opportunities afforded to member churches of the Carolina Baptist Association.

MERRY
CHRISTMAS

January 2004

Calendar of Events

Monday Minister Meetings:

1st Monday at 8:00 AM for fellowship breakfast, other Mondays at 10:00 AM.

January

- 1 New Years Day - office closed
- 3 WMU Leadership Team for CBA Meeting, 9:00 AM - BRC
- 5 Youth Minister's Meeting, 11:00 PM - BRC
- 10 Single's Event, 6:00 PM -BRC
- 13 Secretaries Luncheon, 12:15 PM
- 15 Disaster Team Covered Dish, 7:00 PM - BRC
- 15-16 Vocational Evangelism Conference - Caraway
- 18 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 19 Association Council, 9:00 AM - BRC
- 25 Baptist Men's Day
- 27 Executive Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM -BRC



Reminder: The association office will be closed from December 24 - January 1st for the holidays.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

January

- 2 Greg and Deborah Mathis
- 3 Darrell and Bernice Rhodes
- 7 David Blackwelder
Paula Janes
Cindy Rampey
- 14 David Stikeleather
- 15 Roy Waldroup
Bobbi Noe
- 16 Victor Rampey
- 30 Deborah Mathis



Oh Holy Night



"Is not the festive season, when families and friends exchange gifts in memory of The Gift laid on the altar of the world for the redemption of the human race, the most appropriate time...to send forth the good tidings of great joy into all the earth?"
 - Lottie



January is "Jesus Video" Month

Help us send the Jesus film to every home in Henderson County. Our Association Council has voted to ask all associational churches to have a Jesus Video promotion by mid January. Many of our churches have responded positively to the Jesus Video Project. In order to have an Easter mailing we need to receive most of our money by mid January.

Please promote it NOW!!! We have a 10 minute promotion video in our association library that can be checked out and shown to your congregation to present the need for this project and to encourage enthusiasm.

Send your tax-deductible contributions to:

**Henderson County
 Jesus Video Project
 PO Box 2049
 Hendersonville, NC 28793**



Outreach/Inreach Seminar

Mud Creek Baptist Church will host a C.A.R.E. (Christians **A**ctively **R**eaching **E**veryone) Seminar on Thursday, January 15, 2004. This will be taught by Mark Hunnicutt, Associate Pastor at Mud Creek Baptist Church. This seminar will be from 4:30 - 8:00 PM. The cost is \$15.00 per person which includes dinner. For questions or to register contact: Candis Patterson, CARE Administrator, at 692-1262 extension 104.



Women's Conference
February 6 - 7, 2004
Biltmore Baptist Church
Cost: \$50.00

Biltmore Baptist Church in Arden will host a two day conference designed to give biblical, specific and sensitive answers to a woman's most personal questions about sex. The intimate issues conference is Friday, February 6th, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM and Saturday, February 7th from 9:00 AM to 5 PM. Early registration is \$40. After January 28th, the cost is \$50.

For more information call Biltmore Baptist at 687-1111 or e-mail intimateissues@biltmorebaptist.org. Register by phone at Parables Christian Book Store 828-650-6500.



Attention Youth
Experience the all new
Winter Jam Spectacular
Bi-Lo Center in Greenville, SC
Friday, February 20, 2004
7:00 PM (doors open at 6:00 PM)

This event is hosted by NewSong featuring **Audio Adrenaline** and special guest **Relient K**. Others that will perform are: Todd Agnew, Jady Maria and Illusionist Brock Gill.

No tickets are required, just pay \$10.00 at the door. For more information call 864-241-3800

40 Days of Purpose Workshop Seminar

Tuesday, January 13, 2004, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Pleasant Garden Baptist Church,
Greensboro, North Carolina**

Cost: FREE (lunch included)

Imagine the impact on your community if every member of your church discovered the answer to life's most important question: **What on Earth am I here for?**

40 Day of Purpose is an intensive spiritual growth campaign that encourages every adult member of your church to integrate the 5 purposes of God into their lives:

Worship - You were planned for God's pleasure

Fellowship - You were formed for God's family

Discipleship - You were created to become like Christ

Ministry - You were shaped for serving God

Evangelism - You were made for a mission

Your leadership team will receive valuable coaching and resources on how to conduct a successful campaign in your church. To RSVP and for more workshop information, call Purpose Driven at 1-800-633-8876, or call Pleasant Grove Baptist Church at 336-674-5382, or go to web site www.pgbc.com and select "Special Events."

**Spiritual
Renewal**

57th Annual North Carolina State Evangelism Conference

"Engaging our Culture with the Gospel"

February 9-10, 2004

**Pleasant Garden Baptist Church,
Greensboro, North Carolina**

Featuring a seminar with Josh McDowell speaking on "Beyond Belief to Convictions."

Other speakers: Bob Robers, Alvin Reid, Kenny Grant, Haddon Robinson, Afshin Kiafat (former Muslim).

Church Staff Training

Friday, January 9, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

First Baptist Church Charlotte

Speaker: Dr. John Trent

Cost: \$25.00

This unique training event of the Baptist State Convention is designed to strengthen volunteer staff and leaders in your local church.

- * **Build strong ministry teams who care for each other!**
- * **Develop better communication between team members!**
- * **Clarify roles and expectations among your team!**
- * **Avoid personality conflicts before they occur!**

For more information and registration, please contact Debbie Davis at 800-395-5102, ext. 228.

January 18-25, 2004

Sanctity of Human Life Week

Did you know that 4,000 abortion occur every day? That is one abortion every 22 seconds!

Please consider setting aside Sunday, January 18th to observe this cause (or any Sunday in January) and take a special offering to support our very own **Open Arms Crisis Pregnancy Center** here in Hendersonville. Write check to Carolina Baptist Association and send to 601 Hebron Street, Hendersonville, NC 28739.

Visit Focus On the Family's website www.family.org/pregnancy for more statistics and an awesome PowerPoint presentation about this crisis pregnancy ministry that you can use in your service.

