

# Carolina Baptist News

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## Western Carolina Prayer and Evangelism Conference April 13-14, 2010

It is almost time for the Western Carolina Prayer and Evangelism Conference. We did not have a conference in 2009 because the state conference was held at Biltmore Baptist Church.

I am excited to announce the details of this year's conference. This year's conference will again be sponsored by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Carolina Baptist Association, Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute, and Mud Creek Baptist Church.

The morning sessions will be held at Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute, beginning at 9:30. The evening sessions will be held at Mud Creek Baptist Church, beginning at 7:00.

We are blessed to have some wonderful speakers this year. Dr. Don Wilton will be sharing with us in both sessions on Tuesday, and Dr. Richard Blackaby in both sessions on Wednesday. Dr. Wilton is senior pastor of First Baptist Church, Spartanburg. Dr. Blackaby along with his father, Dr. Henry Blackaby, wrote *Experiencing God*. I hope everybody will mark their calendars and make arrangements to be there.

This year's theme is "Experiencing God Through Prayer." Dr. Wilton and Dr. Blackaby have published new materials and books since our last conference. They will have a table with some of their latest material and they will be available to sign books.

This will be an amazing opportunity to hear some great teaching on prayer. I also hope we can use this time to experience God through prayer and deepen our relationship with Him.

~ Sam Gibbs, Prayer Team Leader

## Executive Committee Meeting

January 26th, 7:00 pm at the Baptist Resource Center (Downstairs)

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, team leaders, 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.

**Note to Pastor/Secretary: Please announce this meeting to your church leaders and/or place this announcement in your church bulletin.**

## Calendar of Events

### Monday Minister Meetings:

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

### January

- 1 New Years Day—office closed
- 7 WMU Leadership Team Meeting, 7:00pm—BRC
- 13 Pastor's Internet Meeting
- 18 CBA Council, 9:00am—BRC
- 24 Baptist Men's Day
- 26 Executive Committee Meeting, 7:00pm—BRC

### February

- 10 Pastor's Luncheon, 11:30am—BRC
- 14 WMU Focus Sunday
- 14 Valentines Day
- 15 CBA Council, 9:00am—BRC
- 22-25 Ministerial Tax Issues Conference
- 28-March 2 Convergence (Prayer, Evangelism and Leadership Forum) - Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte

Save the Date:

Women of Carolina Conference

Carolina Baptist Association  
601 Hebron Street  
Hendersonville, NC 28739

Return Service Requested

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### January

- 2 Greg and Deborah Mathis—Mud Creek
- 3 Darrell and Bernice Rhodes—Liberty
- 7 Paula Janes—CBA
- 7 Cindy Rampey—Main Street
- 12 Blair and Tina Stewart—Zion Hill
- 15 Roy Waldroup—Fletcher First
- 16 Victor Rampey—Main Street
- 18 Shannon and Kim Owen—Mountain Valley
- 20 April Drake—Pleasant Hill
- 26 Tina McMillion—Mountain View Missionary
- 30 Vicky Melton—Refuge
- 30 Eric Hardman—Gethsemane
- 30 Deborah Mathis—Mud Creek

### February

- 1 Jeff Tankersley—Wayside
- 8 Matthew and Eva Tollison—Mud Creek Missionary
- 8 Bill Carpenter—Shaws Creek
- 11 Michael McMillion—Mountain View Missionary
- 14 Robert and Lisa Ponder—Mount Gilead
- 22 Kim Owen—Mountain Valley
- 23 Marie Blackwell—Dana



For the March/April newsletter, articles must be received by February 8th.

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### Churches and Missions

Agua Viva  
Asheville Korean  
Balfour  
Barker Heights  
Bat Cave  
Bearwallow  
Beulah  
Bilingual Community  
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

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

- Jan 3 Pleasant Grove—Bill Landreth  
Upward—Paul Chandler
- Jan 10 Bearwallow—Jonathan Jenkins  
Zion Hill—Blair Stewart
- Jan 17 Crossroads—Eddie Conard  
Balfour—Travis Harrison
- Jan 24 Double Springs—Joe George  
Hoopers Creek—Lawrence Rhodes
- Jan 31 Middle Fork—no pastor  
Agua Viva—Interim, Vicente Zepeda
- Feb 7 Mud Creek—Greg Mathis  
FBC Tryon—Interim, William Henderson
- Feb 14 West Hendersonville, Tracy Fletcher  
Pleasant Hill—Ronnie Drake
- Feb 21 Mount Gilead—Robert Ponder  
Ebenezer—Tony Hall
- Feb 28 Beulah—Dewey Barnwell  
Mountain Home—Craig Garren

### Churches without Pastors

Agua Viva, Bilingual Community, Broad River,  
Cedar Springs, Middle Fork, and FBC Tryon

### Bethlehem Toy Store Report

On December 4, 2009, the Carolina Baptist Association WMU Leadership Team hosted *The Bethlehem Toy Store*. We not only provided Christmas gifts for children in our community, we also shared Christ's love with the parents by telling them how they can accept Christ as their Lord and Savior. Some parents needed special prayer during this time.

We had 17 volunteers to witness and distribute toys. We helped 49 families, 108 children, and had **3 professions of faith**. Praise God!

I want to thank **all the churches** for the toys and financial donations, and **Smile By Design, Dr. David W. Moates, DDS** and his staff for their generous giving to Bethlehem Toy Store.

Just knowing that these children will have joy on Christmas morning is priceless. The Gospel was shared, some accepted Christ, some seeds were planted, and God's Word is not void. Please pray for these families to find Christ in **Christmas**.

Merry Christmas,  
Annette Heatherly, WMU Director

## Church News

**Carolina Baptist Association**—Sam Gibbs, Church and Community Missions Director, has been working with the Carolina Baptist Association for 5 years this January, 2010. Since Sam has been here, he has started the prayer ministries of the association (6 teams), organized the prayer conferences in Hendersonville, has been instrumental in the Back Pack Bunch and began the Care Pillow ministry. **Thank You, Sam!**

**Etowah** started another morning service called "Reign" on November 8, 2009 with about 80 people present.

**Shaws Creek** - 27 people prayer walked 20 schools: Apple Valley, Atkinson, Bruce Drysdale, Immaculata Catholic, Dana, East High, Edneyville, Flat Rock, Glenn Marlow, Hillandale, North High, Rugby, Sugarloaf, West High, 2 home schools, Justus Academy, the County School Administration Office, Hendersonville Elementary, Middle and High Schools.



### Judgment House Report

This year around 2,600 people went through the Judgment House, an evangelistic walk through drama. 217 people accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior, and 196 people rededicated their lives to the Lord.

The following churches that gave their time and worked hard to make the Judgment House a success were: Bat Cave, Ebenezer, Fruitland, Living Water and Mountain View Missionary. Thank you!

### Women's' Prison Ministry Report

Our goal was to collect 500 sticks of deodorant for women in prison at Christmas. 477 were collected and \$93.00 was collected to help with shipping costs and buy more deodorant if needed.

The churches that participated were: Balfour, Christ Covenant Community, FBC East Flat Rock, Ebenezer, Etowah, Fruitland, FBC Hendersonville, Naples, Refuge, FBC Saluda, Shaws Creek, and West Hendersonville.

Thank you! You are a blessing to the ladies in prison. It may be the only gift she will receive this Christmas.

## New in our Library

### DVD's

*Christmas Child* by Max Lucado—Jack finds himself disconnecting from the holidays, his job, and ultimately his wife. As a journalist, Jack delves into the mysteries surrounding an intricately carved life-sized nativity and its creator that returns him to the love that never left him.

*The Ultimate Gift* based on the novel written by Jim Strovall—Jason is a young man whose wealthy grandfather dies and leaves a most unusual inheritance: Twelve tasks to challenge Jason to grow as a man and to discover the real meaning of wealth.

*Saving Sarah Cane* based on a story written by Beverly Lewis—Sarah is a sweet, successful, slightly self-absorbed single city girl. But with the untimely death of her sister, she is now the legal guardian to five Amish nieces and nephews.

*Flywheel*—Jay Austin is a used car salesman and will do whatever it takes to sell a car. But as Jay works on restoring a classic convertible, God begins to work on restoring Jay as well.

*The Last Sin Eater* by Francine Rivers—Cadi is not only mourning the recent loss of her grandmother, but she also feels responsible for the earlier death of her little sister. In her quest for redemption, she finds the Truth.

*One Night with the King*—the story of Queen Ester in her inspiring story about courage, faith and destiny.

*Chonda Pierce: This Ain't Prettyville*—Take a trip with Christian comedian, Chonda, to her small-town America, a place she calls home.

### The Frazzle Female

(fraz-eld fee-mal) n

1: a woman of the twenty first century who is stressed, frayed, challenged, frenetic...and totally dependant on God to keep all the segments of her life together;  
2: YOU?

**Cindi Wood**, a popular speaker, teaches the "strung-out and frazzled" how to creatively manage the stresses of life. Join us and learn how Cindi can help you find sanity amidst your daily chaos!!!



**The Frazzled Female**  
**February 13, 2010**  
**9:00am—12:00 noon**  
**Living Water Baptist Church**  
**Cost: \$25.00**

Purchase your tickets today, call 828-698-4664.

## Thank You!

Ray Boltz wrote and performed one of the most meaningful mission songs I have ever heard. The chorus is repeated as the observer meets people in heaven who are there because of mission giving:



**Sandy Sez**

*Thank you for giving to the Lord*  
*I am a life that was changed*  
*Thank you for giving to the Lord*  
*I am so glad you gave*

I wonder how many people in Henderson County and surrounding areas are singing "Thank You" to our Carolina Baptist Association churches for giving to "Our Jerusalem" associational offering.

Please know that we at your association office appreciate your participation. Because of your giving we will be able to enlarge our 100 ministries by 5 or 6 through our new Evangelism Team. Thank you for giving to the Lord.

The "Our Jerusalem" offering was almost \$14,000 with more money still coming in. This will enable us to finish well "in the black" at years end.

### Great Holidays!

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving last month. Please enjoy a joyous, Merry Christmas. Why not use this season as a time to reach people for Christ? Even the unsaved world will be more open to the saving message of our Lord better at Christmas (and Easter).

As we move into a new year, let us commit to making 2010 a year of evangelism. The coming of our Lord is near, we need to be about our Father's business—faithful at His return.

Have a

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



**and a Happy New Year!**

## North Carolina Baptist Foundation

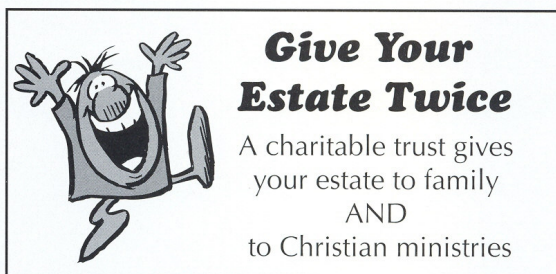
Guess who is turning 90? The NC Baptist Foundation began by action of the Baptist State Convention at its annual meeting in 1919. The Foundation was chartered as a charitable corporation on November 24, 1920.

### Christian Estate-Planning Emphasis

January has historically been *Make Your Will Month* in Baptist life, and because of the high interest, the Baptist Foundation has carried the emphasis through March. The Last Will and Testament is a major component of any estate plan and should be prepared along with other important documents.

The theme for 2010 is "Doing Right With What's Left." We know that we cannot take our belongings with us when we die, and according to North Carolina law, there are two options. The first is to have a Last Will and Testament (and other estate planning documents) and then the individual gets to choose who gets what. The second option is to not have a Will (or other estate planning documents) and then the laws of the State of North Carolina will determine who gets what. The second option is not good Christian stewardship.

By having a Will, you get to choose if you want to leave anything to your church or other favorite ministry and/or if you want to leave an inheritance outright to your children or if you want to use a trust so that they receive income over their lifetime.



For help with your estate plan, contact David Webb, Western Area Manager, at the NC Baptist Foundation at 1-800-521-7334.

## NC Baptist Men's Golf Tournament May 15, 2010 High Point, NC Cost: \$55.00 per player (includes lunch)

Prizes awarded are: Men's division, women's division, longest drive, closest to the pin, and door prizes.

For more information, contact Mike Sowers, NC Baptist Men at 800-395-5102 ext. 5626 or email [msowers@ncbaptist.org](mailto:msowers@ncbaptist.org). **The deadline for entry is May 1, 2010.**

## NC Baptist Men's Outdoor Weekend May 21-22, 2010 Camp Caraway Cost: \$68.00 per person

(Includes Friday night lodging and three meals)

**Friday events:** Archery, fly fishing, camp craft, gun safety, and field dressing.

**Saturday events:** Target shooting, fishing, canoeing, archery, zip line and hiking.

Contact NC Baptist Men at 800-395-5102 ext. 5607 or email [mabernathy@ncbaptist.org](mailto:mabernathy@ncbaptist.org).

**Register by May 3, 2010.**

## Where there's a Wheel there's a Way!

Imagine one person riding the length of North Carolina in record time. Imagine thousands of supporters giving to raise a record amount of money. Imagine hundreds of hurting children's lives touched because people like you care enough to be a part of historic **Ridenc2010**.

On September 8, 9, and 10, 2010, endurance cyclist Chris Boone will attempt the unimaginable and ride non-stop from Murphy to Manteo in less than 40 hours to aid Baptist Children's Homes.

Boone currently holds the record for a non-stop ride of the entire Blue Ridge Parkway. He tackled that challenge in 2000 riding 471 miles in 29 hours and 36 minutes.

For more information contact Baptist Children's Home's Lewis Smith at 828-421-9300. : [www.ridenc.2010.org](http://www.ridenc.2010.org).



## Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 7, 2010

On Super Bowl Sunday, participating churches will have church member bring a can of soup and/or a dollar to donate to the Interfaith Assistance Ministry (IAM) to help out with their food pantry.

For more information call IAM at 697-7029.

### Find it Here!

The North Carolina Baptist Convention, in partnership with the North American Mission Board, will be encouraging the "*Find it Here*" Easter Evangelism emphasis.

*Find it Here* is an attempt to offer a simple and flexible approach with multiple options for maximum effectiveness. Each cooperating church and association can contextualize their approach to the four evangelistic activities described below. *Find it Here* will center around the following four evangelistic activities on or before Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010:

1. Praying for the salvation of non-Christian family, friends and neighbors.
2. Inviting non-Christian family, friends and neighbors to Easter services.
3. Preaching an evangelistic sermon and extending an evangelistic invitation Easter Sunday.
4. Baptizing new converts Easter Sunday, 2010, or the Sunday following.

In order to offer support to the association and churches participating, BSCNC has launched the web site [www.finditherenc.org](http://www.finditherenc.org) to provide various resources for carrying out each of these four evangelistic activities. The web site will feature ways to participate in *Find it Here*.

The web site will also allow pastors to register to participate in *Find it Here*. By registering online pastors are pledging their support to this initiative, and after Easter they will be able to share on the site how the Lord worked in their church. In addition, the first 2,000 churches registering to participate will receive a **free Find it Here outdoor banner**.

## Convergence (A Prayer, Evangelism and Leadership Forum) Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte

February 28-March 2, 2010

Sunday 6:30pm-9:30pm

Monday 8:45am-9:30pm

Tuesday 8:45am-9:30pm

### Speakers

John Avant, Henry Blackaby, Will Graham, Kenny Grant, Derwin Gray, James MacDonald, David Platt, Tobert Smith and James Walker.

There is **no** conference fee. For more information and registration please visit [www.convergence2010.org](http://www.convergence2010.org) or call 919-459-5563. A love offering will be received.

## Operation Inasmuch April 24, 2010 and/or May 1, 2010

Now is the time to start planning for this one day missions blitz in North Carolina. Last year 1,031 churches participated in all 100 counties of North Carolina, with 50,000 volunteers serving more than 300,000 people in need.

Each North Carolina community is unique, and OIAM will help North Carolina churches to consider the needs of their communities and work to meet those needs. Possible projects include Backyard Bible Clubs, sewing projects, home repairs, wheelchair ramp construction, homebound visitation, yard work for elderly, blood pressure checks, affirmation of public servants, prayerwalks, block parties, garden projects, child care and nursing home ministry.

OIAM hopes to have projects in all of North Carolina's 100 counties. Think of people in your community who need Christians to touch their lives in the name of Jesus Christ. On these two days, hundreds of churches and thousands of volunteers will share the love of Jesus with those who have never heard the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

If your church is interested in doing OIAM and for more information, call the Baptist State Convention at (800) 395-5102 ext. 5606.

