

Calendar of Events

Monday Minister Meetings:

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

July

- 3 Independence Day Observed—office closed
- 4 Independence Day
- 20 Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.—BRC
- 28 Executive Committee, 7:00 p.m.—BRC

August

- 1-24 Prayer Walking Our Schools
- 17 CBA Council, 9:00 a.m.—BRC



For the Sept/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—Liberty
- 9 Karen Bennett—FBC Tuxedo
- 10 Mike Bennett—FBC Tuxedo
- 14 Curtis and Levina Pace—Jones Gap
- 20 Victor and Cindy Rampey—Main Street
- 30 Kemuel and Pruitt—French Broad
- 30 Branton & Jessica Burleson—Christ Covenant
- 31 Jean Willoughby—FB Mills River

August

- 2 Mike and Jean Willoughby—FB Mills River
- 4 Lisa Ponder—Mount Gilead
- 8 Jessica Burleson—Christ Covenant
- 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

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**Mark your calendars, coming this Fall...
IBL Leadership Seminar (Institute of Biblical Leadership)
for pastors, staff, and church leadership
“Training, Coaching, Consulting and Counseling
from God’s Word for God’s Leaders”
September—November 2009 (biweekly)
No cost to participants!**

Time: 9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Dates: September 9th and 23rd, October 7th and 21st, November 4th and 18th

Leaders: Dr. David Phelan, Ph.D., President; Executive Director of IBL
and Mr. Derick Jarvis, IBL Leadership Team Member

Location: Carolina Baptist Association Resource Center—lower level

Topics: Overview of Essential Ministry Leadership, Right Relationships, Marks of Engaged Leadership, Laboring in Harmony, Prerequisites to Godliness, and several other topics relevant to today’s minister and ministries.

Note: Each 2 1/2 hour session will Biblically address two topics essential to ministry and ministers. Every leader who participates will receive a notebook filled with resources for future ministry reference.

Please pre-register by August 12th (for materials), call 693-4274.

IBL provides training in the Essentials of Ministry Leadership (EML). EML is the result of faithfully applying the truths of scripture to real-life challenges faced by men and women in positions of ministry leadership. It has been developed from IBL’s twenty-plus years experience serving alongside thousands of pastors, church staff, missionaries, ministry executives, and lay leaders.

For more information about IBL, go to their website: www.iblministry.org.

Executive Committee Meeting

July 28th, 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.

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Return Service Requested

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.

- July 5 Middle Fork—Jack Presnell
Agua Viva—no pastor
- July 12 Mud Creek—Greg Mathis
FBC Tryon—no pastor
- July 19 West Hendersonville—Tracy Fletcher
Pleasant Hill—Ronnie Drake
- July 26 Mount Gilead—Robert Ponder
Ebenezer—Tony Hall
- Aug 2 Beulah—Dewey Barnwell
Mountain Home—Craig Garren
- Aug 9 Living Water—Mike Stewart
Mountain View—Mike McMillion
- Aug 16 Oak Forest—Matt Williamson
FBC Saluda—David Webb
- Aug 23 Cedar Springs—no pastor
Broad River—no pastor
- Aug 30 Mountain Valley—Shannon Owen
Liberty—Darrel Rhodes

Churches without Pastors

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

Announcements

Associate Pastor—Horse Shoe First Baptist Church is looking for an Associate Pastor. Included in this position the associate pastor would have to live in the parsonage and be a member of the church. For details call Marvin Metcalf at 891-3099.

Mercy Me in Concert at Biltmore Estates—concert is July 23, 2009 at 8:00 pm. For group rates call 800-211-9805.

Musicians Available—Leabron and Betty Jo Rogers are a wonderful couple who are in the music ministry (not the music business). They sing traditional as well as gospel music. Contact information: Leabron and Betty Jo Rogers, 588 Bridges Road, Blacksburg, S.C. 29702. Phones: home (884-893-6792) or cell (704-472-6083).

Pianist Needed to start service at Carolina Assisted Living each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Please call Patrick Ballard at 685-1070.

Church News



Broad River—Pastor Anthony Moseman resigned in February 2009.

Etowah completed a 40 day revival. A plan is set in motion to go door to door in a five mile radius of the church to find out the needs of the community, to meet some of the needs if possible, and to pray for them.

FBC Mills River will be having Backyard VBS, *Boomerang Express*, on July 9, 16 and 23 at Maple Hill Mobile Home Park and August 6, 13 and 20 at Knoll Ridge, both in Mills River. Call Jean Willoughby at 891-5822 for more information.

Mountain View Missionary—Men came to build a block wall behind the CBA garage.

Straightway planted its first Hispanic church and ordained Oscar Lovos to pastor the Hispanic church. They had a bilingual ordination service where 225 attended.



Collection of VBS Materials

Every year we ask Carolina Baptist Association churches to collect and bring in used VBS teaching materials and decorations to our office. A lot of churches in our association count on these collections to have a VBS in their church.

Please, **please, PLEASE**, don't throw your materials and decorations away. We **need** them, your sister churches need them.



Many thanks to the men of **Mountain View Church!** They came on Saturday, April 25 to build a decorative block wall behind the association garage. The rail road ties that were there were decaying and falling down. Mountain View also bought the blocks by taking up love offerings for this project. It looks great!

Thanks to David MacEachern for installing a peep hole in the association door. This will give extra security when one of the association staff are alone in the building.

Carolina Baptist Association Reports

Baptist Children's Homes Food Roundup—14 churches participated in the collecting food or food cards for Broyhill Baptist Children's Home: Balfour, Crab Creek, Dana, Ebenezer, Etowah, Fruitland, FBC Hendersonville, Horse Shoe First, Locust Grove, Naples, Refuge, FBC Saluda, Shaws Creek, and West Hendersonville Baptist Churches.

Larry Austin from Dana Baptist Church picked up the 159 boxes and bags of food from the association and delivered it to Broyhill.

Bibles and Sunday School Materials - CBA is collecting used LifeWay Sunday School material and Bibles again. Carolyn Lawton took 27 boxes to Steve Rutledge Ministries on June 1st.

VBS Clinic—There were 70 people in attendance with 15 churches represented.

New in our Media Library

Books

To His Glory—Autobiography of Doris and John McGee, missionaries to Nigeria.

C.A.R.E. Implementation Manual by Mark Hunnicutt—an outreach/inreach program for any size church.

Drawing the Net: 30 Practical Principles for Leading others to Christ by O.S. Hawkins

The Pastor's Primer by O.S. Hawkins

Good News for Great Days by O.S. Hawkins—a collection of messages for special days (holidays) and special occasions (graduation, dedications, etc). The Good News is expressed in every chapter.

You Can Double Your Class in Two Years or Less by Josh Hunt—this book gives practical ways to enlarge your Sunday School, Bible study or any church group.

**Scholarships Granted
April and May 2009**

Scholarship	Amount Granted	People Assisted
Camp	\$2,557.50	61
Mission Trips	\$1,332.50	14

Are We Missing Out?
(Second in Series)



Sandy Sez

1. Bible Drills and Speakers Tournament
2. RA Racers

(1 & 2 discussed in previous newsletter)

3. **Prayer Ministry**—Did you know that only about 1/3 of our churches are involved in Prayer Ministry? Carolina Baptist Association has the largest and best prayer ministry in North Carolina. Your church can be involved in prayer ministry by:

A. **Prayer Walking** the public, private and Christian schools from preschool to college. We do this every year prior to our fall school start.

B. **Shield-a-Badge**—prayer for every one in Henderson County who wears a badge, police, fire, EMT, all who protect us who wear a badge.

C. **Military Support**—prayer for specific members of U.S and State military.

D. **Event Team**—National Day of Prayer, Prayer Evangelism Conference, Special Olympics, etc.

E. **Prayer Conference**—Friday night and Saturday morning prayer conference and/or retreat for your church.

F. **Pastors Support**—prayer for pastors and their churches.

Call Sam Gibbs for information about prayer ministry at our office on Monday, 693-4274, other days call 699-4112.

4. **Bethlehem Toy Store** (Christmas for the needy)—Our associational WMU each December gives Christmas gifts to needy children. If we had enough presents and gifts, enough workers and soul-winners we could serve twice as many families and twice as many children. These children are sent to us by Interfaith Assistance Ministry. Each year we provide for families that otherwise would receive little or no Christmas. Each year we are able to lead parents to Christ. Call the office to help. (See *Christmas in July* article).

We can help get your church involved in any of these ministries.



Are You Ready To Give Up?

I am generally apolitical. As much as possible it is best to steer clear of endorsements of party politics. The following information by David L. Shelley, pastor of Smith Springs Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee and director of church and community relations for the Family Action Council of Tennessee, is a major exception. The following is an edited reprint from the Baptist and Reflector of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.



At the federal level, on April 2, Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.) and Rep. Mark Kirk (R-Ill.) quietly introduced HR 1913, the Local Law Enforcement Crimes Prevention Act (LLECPA). Rep. Louise Gohmert (R-Texas) has pointed out that this legislation could be used to intimidate and prosecute pastors who may preach biblical sermons concerning the homosexual agenda and lifestyle. It passed the house last week and will now go to the Senate where it is likely to pass. President Obama has committed to signing it into law.

The legislation broadly defines the word "intimidation." A pastor's sermon could be considered "hate speech," under this legislation, if heard by an individual who then acts aggressively against persons based on any "sexual orientation." The pastor could be persecuted for "conspiracy to commit a hate crime."

Barrett Duke of the Southern Baptist Convention Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission warns, "While we should never condone acts of violence against anyone, for whatever reason, including whether or not that person is a homosexual, this bill proposed to prosecute someone based on their belief about homosexuality and therefore makes religious belief a germane issue in this debate."

"Anyone who holds a religiously based belief about homosexuality is immediately suspect of engaging in a hate crime if a homosexual is involved, even if the person was unaware that the victim was a homosexual. Those who teach that homosexuality is contrary to God's design may find that they as well are targeted by this law."

What is, perhaps, even more troubling is that this hate crime bill defines sexual orientation as actual or perceived. This means that all 30 sexual orientations defined by the American Psychiatric Association's DSM-IV could be considered protected minorities under federal law. Do we really want voyeurs, incestuous fathers or pedophile claiming federal protected status under the law? The real goal of this legislation is to target speech and expression not to help local law enforcement officers deal with crime. The second goal is to criminalize any criticism of bizarre sexual behaviors as "hate speech" to be prosecuted by federal officials.

Are you ready to give up your right of freedom of speech? Freedom of religious expression? We should never go looking for a fight, but it appears that this fight is looking for us. It is time for us to stand up and exercise our free speech rights while we still have them!

Begin calling and writing your legislators immediately. Inform your church members of this brazen attack on the Lord's church. Encourage them to call, write, email and text your concerns.

Always remember to speak the truth in love, as harmless as doves and as wise as serpents.

Sandy Beck

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Director of Christian Counseling

Standing in the gap. That is a role we proudly accept at *A Clear Word Counseling Center* (CWCC). There has been a great demise in the public mental health system in Western North Carolina over the past several years. We consider it an honor to stand in the gap, providing life-changing hope through Christ. The emotional, spiritual and relational needs of our community have risen with the decline in our economy. Financial strains, marital difficulty, job loss, abuse, addiction, illness, death, anxiety, depression, grief, and divorce. And so the list goes...Life certainly can be tough and sometimes it is hard to see God's hand of hope and provision. Indeed, there are times in all of our lives that we can benefit from a safe, objective, clear word of hope.

CWCC was developed with these struggles in mind, with staff that are committed to providing a hope that secular institutions cannot provide. Our goal is to stand alongside our local churches and pastors; partnering to meet the emotional, spiritual and relational needs of our community. Though our affiliation and much of our support is from Mud Creek Baptist Church, our goal is to collaborate with all Christian churches in our Western North Carolina Community seeking to promote hope and healing.

"I, along with other pastors in the area, can recommend Dr. Donna Gibbs and her staff with confidence. When a person comes to seek counseling, they will be ministered to with compassion, clear Biblical teaching and confidentiality."

Dr. Greg Mathis
Senior Pastor, Mud Creek Baptist Church

A Clear Word On Careers Seminar
Friday, June 26—Saturday, June 27
Mud Creek Baptist Church
Family Life Center

Speakers: Donna Gibbs PhD
Mitch Marlowe, MA

Cost: \$100.00 per person

For information and registration, call 692-6383.



Baptist Children's Homes Foster Home Care

Baptist Children's Homes is expanding its array of services to include providing foster homes to children in need in the Western Area.

Committed, Christian families are being sought to serve as foster parents. If you are interested in opening up your home to this service, please contact Vicki Buckner at 828-627-9254 or email her at vmbuckner@bchfamily.org.

Please pray for this ministry of "helping hurting children...healing broken families."

Would You Sponsor an Orphan?

The Hands of Hope, Orphan Ministry of First Baptist Hendersonville (FBC), announces its orphan sponsorship program through Children's Hope Chest (CHC). This has been a wonderful opportunity for individual families of FBC to get involved in an orphan's life to give them the blessing of God and family.

Ministry member, Justin Rhodes, visited Russia last winter with CHC to identify an orphanage in need. Through a series of events and prayer God revealed Kirov #1 as an extension to the FBC family. Now, 100 of the 135 children in Kirov are sponsored through FBC.

Hands of Hope is now looking for a partnering congregation for the remaining 35 orphans. Sponsorship asks for individuals and/or families to contribute \$34 a month towards the program, to pray for their child every day, and to write their child a letter each month.

Sponsorship money goes towards improving the orphans' living condition and placing a Christian discipler who will visit the orphanage at least twice a month. Praying impacts the children's lives more than you and I can imagine and the letters give them a sense of family.

If interested in partnering with FBC Hendersonville's Hands of Hope Ministry, please contact Justin Rhodes at: 828-651-9827 or rlrhodes@bellsouth.net.



Women of Carolina Conference

Friday, September 25th, 6:00pm—9:00pm
Saturday, September 26th, 8:30am—12:30pm
Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute
Keynote Speaker: Joy Earle
Praise and Worship: Jodi and Emily Funk

Cost

Early Bird— \$20.00

After September 16th— \$25.00

(Conference fee includes conference materials, breakfast snack and lunch)

Joy Earle's ministry of encouragement will not only have you doubled over in laughter, but at some movement in the service, you'll probably cry. Her words and her song will lift you to worship the Almighty, while God applies the healing balm of His Word.

We will have breakout sessions with topics relevant to the needs of women and a mission emphasis. Invite your friends. There will be something for everyone.

Break Out Session Topics (Choose Three)

Behavior Issues in Children; Girlfriends—The Importance of Friendships; The 5 Love Languages; Prodigals; Building Relationships Using the Personality Types; Heaven/Spiritual Warfare; When You Don't Understand/Unanswered Prayer; Radiant Joy; Get Out of That Pit; Becoming A Vessel God Can Use; The Loss of a Pregnancy/Post Abortion/Miscarriage; Boundaries; Baptist Children's Home & Orphan Ministry; Crown Financial; Overcoming Obstacles/Balance; Hospitality & Etiquette; Body, Soul & Stress; Search for Significance/Broken Self Image.

For more information call Anne Beck at 694-0694.
For tickets call 693-4274.



Bethlehem Toy Store is a ministry sponsored by WMU and the Women's Ministry of Carolina Baptist Association. The first Friday each December, parents of approximately 130 children receive toys to give to their kids for Christmas. *These are families that are hurting and having financial difficulties* (families are screened by IAM). Parents are presented the gospel and given a Bible and many come to know Christ during this time. Names (by permission only) are then given to our local churches for follow-up.

Bethlehem Toy Store is not just the distribution of toys!

Last year we had more children than ever and because of the economic times, monetary giving and contribution of toys was very low. November and December are already tough on everyone so we are asking churches if they would give to "Christmas in July."

Please collect **NEW** toys (birth-16 years old) in **JULY** and bring to the Association in August. Office hours are Monday—Thursday, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

If you would like for someone to come to your church to speak or if you have further questions, please call Annette Heatherly at 290-2584.

The date for toy distribution this year is Friday, December 4, 2009. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND VOLUNTEER TO HELP!**

Family Endowments Through The North Carolina Baptist Foundation

Love for family lasts forever! Many of us feel this way about our grandparents, parents, siblings, spouses, children, grandchildren and other relatives. A wonderful way a Christian family can extend its love is by establishing a permanent Family Endowment for ministry causes that are dear to the family.

For as little as \$100.00, any Baptist family can start an Endowment that will permanently benefit the cause of Christ through the local church, association, or one of our fine Baptist institutions or mission offerings. The endowment can bear the family name and future donations can be made on such special occasions as birthday, anniversaries, and as Christmas gifts.

Contact David Webb, the Western Area Manager of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation at 888-668-0488 or by email at dwebbnbcf@hughes.net for additional details on how you can extend your family's love through a continuing gift to missions until Jesus returns.



E-Giving (On Line Giving)

LifeWay Envelope Service has added a new service, On Line Giving, or what LifeWay calls it, E-Giving. This new program is very effective as a stewardship tool and cost effective for the church.

If you have any questions or want more information call Mike Salt (LifeWay Sales and Marketing Manager) at 1-804-320-3860 or call LifeWay at 1-866-716-6484, email egiving@lifeway.com, or visit their website: www.lifewaystores.com/envelopeservice.

School Supply Drive for IAM

Every year Interfaith Assistance Ministry collects donations of school supplies for students whose families are in financial crisis. Donations may be dropped off Monday– Friday 9:00am—3:30pm at IAM, 210 Ehringhaus Street.

Items needed: Backpacks, 3 ring binders, notebook paper, dividers, calculators, index cards, mechanical pencils, colored markers, pocket folders, safety scissors, pencil sharpeners, highlighters and marbled notebooks (composition books).

Webinar

On June 10th at 11:30 a.m. Carolina Baptist Association had a "Webinar" hosted by Mud Creek Baptist Church. Around 25-30 pastors and staff participated by viewing their website for a live internet technology discussion.

If you missed this informative discussion, you may still view it on Mud Creek's website: mudcreekchurch.org. Under "media" click on Internet; video archives; Webinar 6 1.

Bivocational Ministries Conference *Stretching Our Faith While Surviving the Stress* **Caraway Conference Center** **June 26-28, 2009**

Speakers:

Dr. Lloyd Elder and Charlie and Ruth Jones

Music: Tony Pangle

Cost is \$50.00 per person or \$100.00 per couple (includes 2 nights and 6 meals).

For more information call 800-395-5102.

Women's Prayer Conference: Refreshed **Ridgecrest Conference Center** **September 11-12, 2009**



Worship Speakers:

Beth Evans, Mary Kassian and
Bobbye Rankin

Worship Leader

Cindy Johnson

Rates begin at \$112.00. For more information call 800-395-5102 ext. 5513 or email praync@ncbaptist.org or visit www.PrayNC.org.

Summer Zoo Stay-cation Special **Caraway Conference Center** **June—August, 2009**

Family Four Pack: One night lodging, breakfast and four tickets to the NC Zoo in Asheboro for \$99.00.

For reservations call 1-888-899-2374 or visit www.caraway.org. All rooms based on availability.

