

## Calendar of Events

### Monday Minister Meetings:

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

### March

February 28—March 2

Convergence ( Prayer, Evangelism and Leadership Forum) - Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC

7-14 Week of Prayer and Offering for North American Missions

10 Pastor's Luncheon—11:30am—BRC

14 Daylight Savings Time begins

15 CBA Council, 9:00am—BRC

21 Reception for Sandy Beck's 10th Anniversary, 2:00-4:00 p.m.—CBA

23 Region 9 Spring Mission Rally

28— April 4 **Find It Here** Evangelism Emphasis

### April

2 Good Friday—CBA Holiday

4 Easter Sunday

8 WMU Leadership Team Meeting

9-10 Baptist Missions Conference—Hickory Grove Baptist Church

13-14 Association Prayer Conference—see details on cover page

14 Pastor's Luncheon— 11:30am—BRC

16-18 Missions Extravaganza—Ridgecrest

19 CBA Council, 9:00am—BRC

21 Administrative Professionals Day

24 Operation Inasmuch Missions Blitz

27 CBA Semi-Annual Meeting, 7:00pm—Balfour

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### March

2 Shannon Owen—Mountain Valley

4 Diana Harrison—Balfour

11 Heather Pack—FBC Hendersonville

14 Mike and Tina McMillion—Mountain View

16 Beverly Merck—Naples

17 Laura Hall—Ebenezer

19 Marline MacEachern—Bat Cave

20 Brian Henderson—Etowah

23 Kemuel Pruitt—French Broad

29 Branton Burleson—Christ Covenant

30 Curtis Pace—Jones Gap

31 Alvin and Vicky Melton—Refuge

### April

4 Cassie Hardman—Gethsemane

6 Tollie Cunningham—Horse Shoe First

8 David and Cynthia Webb—FBC Saluda

9 David Webb—FBC Saluda

10 Cynthia Webb—FBC Saluda

11 Myung Kim—Asheville Korean

18 Chris Pace—Straightway

19 Anne Beck—CBA

22 Yeon and Myung Kim—Asheville Korean

25 Dolores Cunningham—Horse Shoe First

25 Levina Pace—Jones Gap

26 David MacEachern—Bat Cave

28 Ketrina Saunders—Mount Olivet

28 Kim Pace—Straightway



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## Western Carolina Prayer and Evangelism Conference *Experiencing God Through Prayer*

**Tuesday, April 13, 2010**  
with message from Dr. Don Wilton



**Wednesday, April 14, 2010**  
with message from Dr. Richard Blackaby



**Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute, 9:30–11:00 a.m.**  
**Mud Creek Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m.**

It is almost time for the Western Carolina Prayer and Evangelism Conference. Both days 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*. Mark your 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.

**Coming Soon!**

**Spring Association Meeting  
April 27, 2010**

**Balfour Baptist Church  
Message by Dr. Ryan Pack  
Pastor of First Baptist Church, Hendersonville**

### Churches and Missions

Agua Viva

Asheville Korean

Balfour

Barker Heights

Bat Cave

Bearwallow

Beulah

Bilingual Community

Broad River

Cedar Springs

Christ Covenant Community

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.

- March 7 Living Water—Mike Stewart  
Mountain View—Mike McMillion
- March 14 Oak Forest—Matt Williamson  
FBC Saluda—David Webb
- March 21 Cedar Springs—no pastor  
Broad River—no pastor
- March 28 Mountain Valley—Shannon Owen  
Liberty—O.D. Rhodes
- April 4 Kings Grove—Phillip Capell  
Asheville Korean—Yeon Kim
- April 11 Horse Shoe First—Tollie Cunningham  
Carolina Baptist Assoc.—Sandy Beck
- April 18 Crab Creek—Brad Knox  
Etowah—Brian Henderson
- April 25 Barker Heights—Eric Boone  
Contemporary First—James Pea

**Churches without Pastors**

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

**Announcements**

**Eighteen (18) boxes of Bible study materials** were taken to Luke 19:10 Ministries.

**Kitchen Beautification**—On January 23, 2010, the Carolina Baptist Association’s kitchen was updated. The old wall paper was taken down and the walls were painted. Those who helped with the project were: Debbie Stewart, Marlene Jimenez, Becky Garrett, Shannon and Kim Owen, Todd and Leigh Ann Allen, Paula Janes and Linda Marie Phillips.

**Part-time Youth Minister Needed:** Medium-size church seeking part-time, mission-minded youth minister (married, male or female) with a heart to see young people grow in their relationship with God. Please send resume to: Green Creek First Baptist Church, Youth Minister Search Committee, 534 Coxe Road, Columbus, NC 28722.

**Thanks to Rocky Holbert** who donated his service to Carolina Baptist Association on December 19, 2009. He scraped the snow from the parking lot so that we could hold a second Bethlehem Toy Project. He plowed again on January 31st, 2010 after another snow storm. We appreciate your willingness to serve our Lord.

**Church News**



**Carolina Baptist Association** - March 15, 2010 marks the 10 year anniversary for Sandy Beck as our Director of Missions. A reception for Sandy will be March 21, 2010. See additional information below.

**Refuge**—A DVD of Refuge Baptist Church history was presented at homecoming on October 4, 2009. The 1 hour 10 minute video contains pictures, pastors and churches from 1847-2009. Of special interest was movies of church homecomings from the 1950's. It also contains snapshots of church functions from 1930-2009. This DVD can be purchased for \$20.00, call Carolyn Brown 693-4393. A copy for viewing is available to check out at the Carolina Baptist Association.

**Straightway** moved their location at the end of December, 2009, to 636 Greenville Highway, near Haus Heidelberg German Restaurant. They are continuing to grow as a church.

**FBC Tryon** called Rev. Jeff Harris as their pastor in November 2009.



**Sandy Beck's 10th Anniversary Reception on Sunday, March 21, 2010**  
**2:00-4:00 p.m**  
**3:00 p.m. - award presentation**  
**Baptist Resource Center—lower level**

**Everyone is invited!**  
**Please come and let Sandy know how much he is appreciated.**

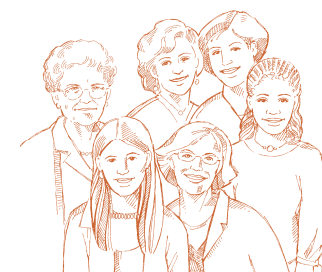
**If you would like to write a note of appreciation or encouragement, you may send it to the attention of: Linda Marie Phillips or Paula Janes, Carolina Baptist Association, 601 Hebron Street, Hendersonville, NC 28739.**

**Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Distance Learning Program**

**Online Classes**—Southeastern offers all of the Master of Divinity core and select electives online in a rotating schedule, allowing distance learning and commuting students to plan their degree wisely and effectively.

**Spring Extension Classes at Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute**—this spring two classes are offered: **Christian Theology III** and **Baptist History and Distinctives**.

For more information call Southeastern at 919-761-2269, or [distancelearning@sebts.edu](mailto:distancelearning@sebts.edu) or <http://sebts.edu/distance>



**Embrace Events (NC Baptist Women's Ministries)**

**March 26-27, 2010**  
**Legacy: A Mother/Daughter Retreat**  
**Fort Caswell, Oak Island NC**

Based on Ester 4:14 this retreat will bring mothers and daughters together for inspiration, dialogue and relaxation. Popular women’s ministry speaker, mother and granddaughter, Barbara O’ Chester, will give the keynote addresses with additional break out sessions for girls of all ages. Participants will be encouraged to leave a legacy of faithfulness to God, His mission and each other as they seek Christ together.

**Embrace Leadership Training**  
**April 30—May 1, 2010**  
**Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary**

For more information on Embrace and upcoming events visit [www.embracenc.org](http://www.embracenc.org) or call 800-395-5102 ext. 5561.

**Thank You Note**

This was a thank you note sent to the Association from one of the recipients of Christmas gifts from the Bethlehem Toy Store:



*We will be forever grateful for your thoughtful and generous gifts for my children. I know that comes from you and your families beautiful heart, so thank you for blessing this Holiday*

*Season and making the new year have a brighter outlook.*

*From my family to those God blessed to help us out for Christmas, we wish you God's blessing, that you all deserve.*

**Church Library Ministries Workshop**  
**April 23-25, 2010**

**Fort Caswell, Oak Island, NC**  
**Cost: \$170.00 Double Occupancy**

**Workshops Include:**

- Care and Repair
- Classification and Cataloging
- Promotion Ideas
- Processing Books and other Media
- Bogging
- Space and Design
- Library Software

**Register by April 6, 2010**  
**Call 800-395-5102, ext. 5635**  
**[www.churchlibraryministries.org](http://www.churchlibraryministries.org)**



**OPERATION BANDANAS**

As of December 31, 2009, **101,799** Psalm 91 Bandanas have been provided to our military troops. These bandanas give hope and encouragement to those serving our country. This ins an on-going ministry. If you would like to learn more about this ministry, go to: [www.operationbandanas.org](http://www.operationbandanas.org).

**Buckets of Hope—Relief for Haiti**

If you would like to personally help the people of Haiti, you can put together a bucket of food that will be delivered to Haiti for you by the NC Baptist Men. Time is short. The collection due date to bring buckets to the association is **February 25th by 4:00 pm.**

**Please buy these specific items:**

- one 5 gallon bucket with lid (at Lowes)
- two 5 pound bags of long grain rice (or smaller bags totaling 10 pounds)
- one 48 ounce plastic bottle cooking oil
- two 2 pound bags dry red or black beans (or smaller bags totaling 4 pounds)
- one 5 pound bag of **all-purpose** flour (not self-rising)
- one 20 ounce cylinder container of granulated white sugar (coffee service size)
- two 1 pound boxes spaghetti noodles
- one 40 ounce plastic jar of smooth peanut butter



- one white kitchen trash can size plastic bag

The packing instructions for the buckets are in the

association office or on the following link:  
[www.baptistsonmission.org/Projects/disasterrelief/2010Response/Haiti.aspx](http://www.baptistsonmission.org/Projects/disasterrelief/2010Response/Haiti.aspx)

For more information, please contact Mike

**NC Baptist Men’s Missions Rally  
 Tuesday, March 23, 2010  
 6:30—8:30 p.m.  
 North Asheville Baptist Church**

Anyone who is interested in being on mission is invited to come (men, women and youth). You will enjoy a meal at no charge, an evening of fellowship and emphasis on mission opportunities, Operation Inasmuch and mission testimonies.

Again, there is no charge for the meal, but they must have your reservation no later than March 15th. Call 1-800-395-5102 ext. 5613 or email: [kmorgan@ncbaptist.org](mailto:kmorgan@ncbaptist.org).

Fill his plate...  
 fill his heart.



**Food Roundup  
 April 2010**

**Annual Food Roundup for Baptist  
 Children’s Home**

In April, the Carolina Baptist Association will be collecting boxed and canned food, supplies, and gift cards for the Broyhill Baptist Children’s Home in Clyde.

Please bring your donations to the Carolina Baptist Association **by Tuesday, April 20th.**



**Associational Missions Week  
 May 17-23, 2010**

There are several ways that your association can assist your church in fulfilling its Great Commission responsibilities. We equip workers for the harvest by providing resources, training and strategies for evangelism.

Our new Evangelism Team is headed by Tony Hall. He would love for you to get involved in evangelism in your church and association.

There are also several ways you can assist your association:

- 1. Prayer**—pray for your association, the leaders and the ministries.
- 2. Our Jerusalem Association Offering**—a special offering to be taken May 17-23 for the work of the association.
- 3. Volunteer work**—there are many repair jobs that need to be done on the association building, anything from painting to re-roofing. If you would like to get a team together from your church to volunteer a job, please give us a call.

**Financial Report**

**Account Balances  
 4th Quarter 2009**

- (A) Operating Fund
1. General Fund Checking\* \$ 7,928.68
- (B) Designated Fund
2. Designated Checking \$ 20,526.13
  3. Designated Money Market \$ 11,040.68
  4. Designated CD\* \$ 30,000.00
  5. NCBF Endowment\*\* \$ 308,769.24
  6. Zeke Crawford Endowment \$ 4,952.62

\*\$ 18,255.80 of General Fund is in CD.

\*\* This fund is an investment from the sale of Camp Bearwallow. Interest income from this account is used for camp and mission 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	
Jan.-Dec 2009	Jan.-Dec. 2008
\$176,729.97	182,119.08

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

**Our Jerusalem Association Offering**

In the last newsletter the amount for the "Our Jerusalem" offering was announced to be almost \$14,000. That was incorrect. The correct amount is \$10,177.17.

**Scholarships Granted  
 January 2010**

Scholarship	Amount Granted	Children Assisted
Camp	\$47.50	1
Mission Trips	—not available at this time	

**2010**

It seems as though I have just become accustomed to writing 2009 and all of a sudden 2010 is here! They say time flies when you are having fun. I must be having a ball.



**Sandy Sez**

2009 was a wonderful year in many ways. We had new ministries started and older ministries strengthened. We had financial challenges and financial victories. Some churches were struggling yet other churches had banner years.

I have learned that excessive introspection is slow suicide. We must learn to look out at the fields white for harvest. We must look up to the Lord who is able to equip us, sustain us and empower us to become great commission churches involved in a great commission association.

Let us allow the Holy Spirit to energize us with new visions and new enthusiasm for the unchurched and unsaved people in Henderson County. God has given us Sam Gibbs as our new director of Church and Community Ministries. He will be teaming up with Tony Hall forming a new Evangelism Team. Let us all make 2010 a year to evangelize and disciple as Great Commission Churches.

**Find it Here!**

*Find it Here* is a Southern Baptist Convention, North American Mission Board and NC Baptist State Convention evangelism emphasis. For 2010 to be a find it now church we simply need to:

1. Commit to pray for lost people to be in our Easter Morning Worship service.
2. Invite lost people to our Easter service.
3. Preach an evangelistic Easter message.
4. Present an evangelist invitation.
5. Follow up as soon after Easter as possible with baptismal services.

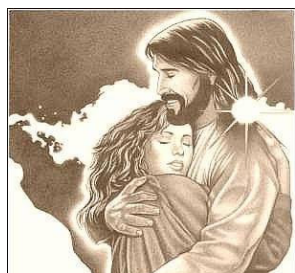
We should be already doing this. Will you commit to be an Easter *Find it Here* church? Call me so I may report your commitment.

**Week of Prayer for North American  
 Missions: Live With Urgency  
 Share God’s Transforming Power  
 March 7-14, 2010  
 National Goal \$70 Million**

Anne Graham Lotz, Daughter of Rev. Billy Graham, to hold free event for women:

**Just Give Me Jesus Revival**  
Friday, March 19, 2010, 7:00-9:00pm  
Saturday, March 20, 2010, 8:30am-5:00pm  
BI-LO Center in Greenville, SC

After more than three years of organizing, the daughter of the Reverend Billy Graham, will offer her **Just Give Me Jesus**, a free, two-day revival for women at the BI-LO Center, March 19-20, 2010. Anne Graham Lotz comes to Greenville on the invitation of more than 80 pastors, their congregations and an organizing committee comprised of hundreds of women from all denominations and counties throughout Upstate South Carolina.

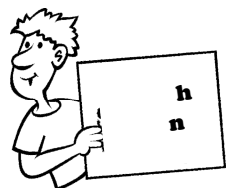


“The focus of **Just Give Me Jesus** is to bring women into a fresh encounter with Jesus Christ so that their hearts will be revived,” says Lotz. Joining Lotz on the program are Christian speaker, Jill Briscoe, and recording artist, Fernando Ortega.

“We want to fill the BI-LO Center with women who are seeking answers to life’s challenges. We believe they will find those answers in a renewed relationship with Jesus.”

Please bring your Bible and a pen and paper for note taking. As you look forward to participating in *Just Give Me Jesus*, join us as we pray that the hearts of each person who attends would be ignited in genuine revival fire!

For more information or questions, email [JGMJesusSC@givemeJesusSC.com](mailto:JGMJesusSC@givemeJesusSC.com) or call 864-349-1039. There is **no** registration required.



**2010 Ignite Youth Revival**  
Asheville Civic Center

**April 30, May 1 and 2, 2010**

For more information visit:  
[igniteasheville.com](http://igniteasheville.com)

## find 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 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**.

**Operation**  
*inasmuch*

**April 24, 2010 and/or May 1, 2010**

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 or check online: [www.operationinasmuch.com](http://www.operationinasmuch.com)

### Ministerial Tax Issues and Planning Financial Support Seminar February 25, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. First Baptist Church Brevard 94 S Gaston Street, Brevard (828-883-8251)

This seminar is designed for pastors, staff ministers, secretaries, treasurers, church committee (especially personnel, budget/finance, stewardship), deacons chairs and other interested lay leaders.

Topics include: Insurance and retirement benefits, dangers of “lump sum” or “package” plans, handling ministry-related expenses, and documenting housing allowance for ministers.

Please register by calling Betty Pleasant at the Baptist State Convention at 800-395-5102 ext. 5595 as soon as possible for materials.

### 2009 Ministers Tax Guide

The 2009 Ministers Tax Guide is now available on the GuideStone web site. This is a valuable tool that many ministers use in completing their tax returns each year. Many who use tax professionals to do their returns make sure those professionals also have access to the tool.

The link is: [www.guidestone.org/taxguide](http://www.guidestone.org/taxguide)

### IRS Announces 2010 Standard Mileage Rates IR-2009-111, Dec. 3, 2009

WASHINGTON—The Internal Revenue Service today issued the 2010 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.

Beginning on Jan. 1, 2010, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

- 50 cents per mile for business miles driven.
- 16.5 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes.
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations.



### 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.

### 2010 SBC Compensation Survey

Every month, churches around the Southern Baptist Convention call new staff members. To help churches provide competitive salary and benefits, GuideStone, LifeWay and your state convention partner every other year to conduct the SBC Church Compensation Survey.

To make the survey successful, **we need your help**. In just 10 minutes, you can complete the survey. When survey results are available this summer, your church and other churches can print customized reports to see average salary and benefits for various positions in similar-sized churches in your state convention or at a national level.

We know you’re busy. But your involvement will help us provide the most comprehensive survey to date. For more than a decade, GuideStone, LifeWay and state conventions have teamed to provide this survey: In 2008, more than 13,000 individuals representing more than 7,000 churches participated.

Before you take the survey, you’ll need your average attendance, resident membership, annual church budget, and your salary and benefit information. It’s quick, easy and best of all, helps ministers and staff members just like you.

Please take the online survey by April 30, 2010: [www.lifeway.com/menu/?id=201250](http://www.lifeway.com/menu/?id=201250)