

Carolina Baptist News

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Semi-Annual Meeting "Honoring Our Pastors" Tuesday, October 26, 2010 Ebenezer Baptist Church

Business and Reports—4:00 pm
Dinner—5:30 pm
Pastor Appreciation and Worship—7:00 pm
Guest Speaker—Milton Hollifield

At this meeting we will honor our pastors in the Carolina Baptist Association. Pastor's, please come and have your picture taken anytime between 2:00—7:00 p.m. There will be **no** pressure to purchase any pictures. These pictures will also be for the Association Pastor Pictorial Directory. **We need every pastor to participate.** Then at 7:00pm we will have a special time to honor the pastors in Carolina Baptist Association.

Bethlehem Toy Store

Christmas in July was a kick off for the Bethlehem Toy Store to collect toys for parents who need help with gifts for their children. Several churches collected toys and got the Toy Store off to a great start.

Some churches plan to collect toys and money in October and November, these are due by November 23, 2010. The toys will be distributed on Friday, December 3, 2010.

Last year the Bethlehem Toy Store had 17 volunteers. We helped 49 families, 108 children received gifts and had **3 professions faith.**

If you would like to help with the Bethlehem Toy Store this year, we need volunteers to set up for the toys, witness to the recipients and distribute toys. If you can help in any of these areas, please call the association office at 693-4274.

Heartwarming Stories of Giving to the Bethlehem Toy Store

One family who had lost a loved one earlier this year had monetary memorials go to Bethlehem Toy Store, they gave in their sorrow.

In September, twin girls had a birthday party and gave the gifts they received to the Bethlehem Toy Store, they gave in their celebration.

These two families gifts are an inspiration in their giving, that even during a time when a daughter loses a mother and when two girls are celebrating their special day, they are thinking and caring for others that are less fortunate.

Calendar of Events

Monday Minister Meetings:

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

November

- 1 Women's World Day of Prayer, 7:00pm
- 1-3 NC Baptist Secretaries Conference—Caraway
- 7 Daylight Savings Time Ends—turn clocks back
- 8-10 Baptist State Convention Annual Meeting—Koury Center, Greensboro
- 10 Pastor's Lunch, 11:30am—BRC
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 15 CBA Council, 9:00am—BRC
- 21-28 Baptist Children's Homes Offering
- 23 Bethlehem Toy Store—toys and money due in CBA office
- 24 CBA office closes at noon
- 25 Thanksgiving Day—CBA office closed
- 26 CBA office closed
- 28-Dec 5 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering/Week of Prayer for International Missions
- 29-Dec 2 Bethlehem Toy Store set-up

December

- 3 Bethlehem Toy Store Witnessing & Distribution
 - 7 Pastor and Wife Appreciation Dinner, 6:30pm — FBC Hendersonville (see inside for details)
 - 20 CBA Council, 9:00am—BRC
 - 23-31 CBA office closed
- Merry Christmas!**

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Return Service Requested

Birthdays and Anniversaries

November

- 5 Mike Willoughby—FBC Mills River
- 9 Valerie Fletcher—West Hendersonville
- 9 Sandee Carpenter—Shaws Creek
- 12 Betty Chandler—Upward
- 21 Mike and Karen Bennett—FBC Tuxedo
- 25 Danny and Debra Pridmore—Valley Hill
- 26 John and Ketrena Saunders—Mt Olivet

December

- 2 Matthew Tollison Sr.—Mud Creek Missionary
- 3 Eric and Cassie Hardman—Gethsemane
- 9 Tracy & Valerie Fletcher—West Hendersonville
- 10 Joe and Darlene George—Double Springs
- 10 Bill and Betty Landreth—Pleasant Grove
- 13 Paul Chandler—Upward
- 18 Jeff and Kathrine Tankerlsey—Wayside
- 19 Greg Mathis—Mud Creek
- 24 Robert Ponder—Mount Gilead
- 27 Carey Sherwood—FBC East Flat Rock
- 27 Allen & Carey Sherwood—FBC East Flat Rock
- 28 Matthew Williamson—Oak Forest
- 30 Kathrine Tankersley—Wayside



For the Jan/Feb newsletter, articles must be received by December 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
Straightway Spanish
Upward
Valley Hill
Wayside
West Hendersonville
Zion Hill

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

- Nov 7 Horse Shoe First—Tollie Cunningham
Carolina Baptist Association—Sandy Beck
- Nov 14 Etowah—Brian Henderson
Crab Creek—Brad Knox
- Nov 21 Barker Heights—no pastor
Contemporary First—James Pea
- Nov 28 Pacolet—Bruce Norville
Dana—Dan Blackwell

- Dec 5 FBC Mills River—Mike Willoughby
Fletcher First—Roy Waldroup
- Dec 12 FBC East Flat Rock—Allen Sherwood
Main Street—Victor Rampey
- Dec 19 Fruitland—Michael Smith
Mud Creek Missionary—Matthew Tollison
- Dec 26 Christ Covenant Com.—Branton Bureson
Gethsemane—Eric Hardman

Churches without Pastors

Agua Viva, Bilingual Community, Barker Heights, Cedar Springs, Mountain Page and Pleasant Hill.

Announcements

Children’s Christmas Musicals Needed—Pleasant Grove Baptist Church would like to borrow some children’s musicals (preschool—middle school age group) to present a Christmas program this year. If you have any, please contact Tracy Allen at 691-2003.

Luke 19:10 Ministries—25 boxes of Sunday School materials, devotionals and Bibles were collected and taken to South Carolina to be shipped to Africa.

Secretary Needed—French Broad Baptist Church is seeking a secretary to work 20 hours a week, Tuesday-Friday. Call 891-4665 for details.

If your church has not turned in your Congregation Profile, please send it in as soon as possible.

Church News



Fruitland celebrated their 135th anniversary on September 12th. **Tuxedo First** collected 24 health kits for the Fair Ministry. Tuxedo celebrated their 100 year church anniversary in October, 2010. **Valley Hill** celebrated their 102 year anniversary on October 10th, their Homecoming Day.



**Pastor and Wife
Appreciation
Dinner
December 7, 2010
at 6:30 p.m.
FBC
Hendersonville**

The senior pastor of the church and their wife come at no cost. Church staff and their spouse may come at a cost of \$10.00 per person. The music will be provided by Gordon Butler.

VBS Reports

(Continued from last newsletter)

<u>Church</u>	<u>Enrolled</u>	<u>Salvations</u>
Bearwallow	28	-
FBC East Flat Rock	72	1
Hoopers Creek	118	-
Living Water	191	8
FBC Mills River	20	-
Mount Moriah	175	-
Wayside	23	-

The grand total that was reported: 3,837 in VBS attendance and 92 decisions for Christ.



Sandy Sez

Chuck Campbell, Director of Missions of the Transylvania Baptist Association has made the following observations on the article “Ten Deadly Sins of a Dying Church” by Stephen Gray. It is an extended evaluation of Thom and Sam Rainer’s “Essential Church.”

Why are our young people leaving the Church and how can we regain their attention? Can we, as Christ’s followers, help the younger generation rediscover an essential quality to the Church? Those pressing questions were the catalyst behind the research revealed in this book. According to the authors, more than two-thirds of young adults drop out of church between the ages of 18 and 22. The church is only retaining one-third of our young adults. Most simply leave, lose contact and relegate the church as ineffective and non-essential.

Why does this happen? Rainer offers seven primary reasons the church is losing the battle for the hearts and souls of our youth. He calls them the “Seven Deadly Sins.” I have added three of my own to his seven. Each of these sins, to varying degrees, can be seen in stagnant and dying churches.

1. Doctrinal Drift—In a desire to reach more people , churches have often watered-down doctrinal truths, believing that they are creating a more inviting environment for seekers. I dislike the term “seeker sensitive.” The scripture isn’t very sensitive in many ways. Rather, we should think in terms of “seeker intelligibility.” The Word of God may not be very sensitive to an unbeliever, but it should be intelligible. Make no mistake, the younger generation like straight talk. They are tired of the mush.

2. Evangelistic Atrophy—Most churches in America aspire to have evangelism as a driving force but they have lost their passion. Ask every one of them, however, and they will proclaim it as a core value. Yet a quick look at their checkbook, annual budget and programs will tell the truth. For most churches in America evangelism is a great thought and desire, but in all actuality very little in the way evangelism is done.

3. Failure to be Relevant—I know, many in the church hate this word. But don’t forget, the Gospel was not written in a cultural vacuum. The words we read today were written thousands of years ago. They still apply, but we must learn to understand them in their cultural context and then find ways to help 21st century people understand. Church is no different. We have to do church in a way that connects with this culture otherwise the church simply becomes a huddles mass of cloistered believers hiding from a sin-sick world.

4. Inwardly Focused—The new, unspoken mantra of the modern American church is: “it’s all about me.” While no one will readily admit it, all one has to do is look at the ministries and programs. What can be quickly discovered is that most churches build ministries to satisfy the already fed. These programs are good to keep the flock happy. Not necessarily a

bad thing, but too much of a good thing ends up being a bad thing.

5. Personal Conflict—I’m not sure I need to explain this too much. Church people have found a way to make an argument out of almost anything. Political power struggles rule the day.

6. A Priority of Comfort—Dying churches refuse to reach out beyond their own comfort-zones. When any real ministry does happen and dirty, sinful people walk in among the righteous, it upsets the apple cart. It simply isn’t comfortable.

7. Biblical Illiteracy—The latest research by Gallup and other pollsters reveal that most long time members of churches don’t really know what the Bible says. Phrases like “God helps those who help themselves” are regularly quoted as scripture.

8. Hoarding—It amazes me the amount of money many dying churches have in their saving accounts. The thought is that they are saving it for a rainy day, but I wonder what God thinks about this? Will He be happy if we, like the man with one talent, have not invested His Kingdom resources in the Great Commission work when He returns? Which would be best: Die rich, having saved our resources and done as little as we can get by with, or die broke with the knowledge that we have done all we can?

9. Failure to Follow—Too many cooks in the kitchen. Too often pastors are treated like hirelings and not called, anointed people of God. The pastor is forced to walk on eggshells to avoid losing his job. Those who are in positions of authority are unwilling to let go of the reigns and follow the leader called to serve them.

10. Idolatry—You may think this is absent from today’s church, but it is very alive. Beloved programs, furniture, paintings on the wall, and the placement of objects have caused more quarrels than I care to mention. We have taken these items to god-like levels in the church and forgotten the main thing.

The last 8 words of a dying church may well be “We have never done it that way before.” We, at the associational office can help show how to allow the Holy Spirit to revitalize your church. Please call us. We love you.

Scholarships Granted August-September 2010

<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Amount Granted</u>	<u>Children Assisted</u>
Camp	\$572.50	4
Mission Trips	—not available at this time	

Special Offering



**Lottie Moon
Christmas
Offering**
**National Goal:
\$175 million**

Week of Prayer Nov 28-Dec 5

If your church did not receive an International Missions Study Kit entitled "Are We There Yet?", the Carolina Baptist Association has one that you can check out.

THE POWER OF A SIMPLE GIFT



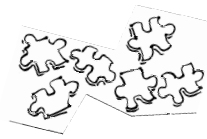
Operation Christmas Child, the Samaritan's Purse shoe box program, provides an opportunity to reach out and share your love and faith and the 'Gospel' message with needy children around the world. Shoe boxes that you fill with gifts, along with a booklet telling of God's grace and salvation goes into countries where there is poverty, natural disasters, war, famine, etc. A follow-up discipleship course is offered in many countries.

Please prayerfully consider and encourage your members to support this effort that has taken the gospel to children in foreign countries since 1993. What a wonderful way to carry forth the "**Great Commission.**" Millions of children have given their lives to Christ and after sharing their faith may lead family members and friends to Christ as well.

More information and "help" materials are available by calling 1-800-353-5949 or visiting the website at www.samaritanpurse.org. National Collection Week is November 15th - 22nd. The Hendersonville area collection site is First Presbyterian Church of Hendersonville, at the corner of King and Route 64. Collection hours are: 9 am—5 pm starting Mon. (the 15th), Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sat, and Monday (the 22nd). 9 am—3 pm Wed. (Nov. 17th) and 1 pm—5 pm Sunday (Nov. 21st).

Should you have further questions, locally you can contact the Church Relations Team volunteer, David Stewart @ 698-1296.

The Bridge Connecting Volunteers with Missions

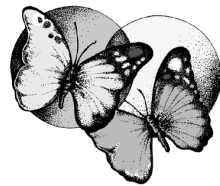


The Bridge is a service of the North American Mission Board's Adult Volunteer Mobilization Team. Through **The Bridge**, people are connected with needs. Information is exchanged between Southern Baptist missionaries, churches, camp-grounds and ministries that need volunteers, and Southern Baptist volunteers and churches that want to help.

The Bridge
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Website: www.thebridge.namb.net

To find a project on **The Bridge**, simply go to the website, log in and follow the directions that are given.

To place projects with **The Bridge**, go to the website, log in and follow the steps outlined on the website. If you need assistance call the toll free number above.



Teen Seminar Mount Moriah Baptist Church Saturday, November 6th 10:00 am—4:00 pm

This seminar for girls is called **Finding the Butterfly Within**. There will be special speakers, activities and a fashion show. There is **no cost** for this seminar, but **please register** by calling Jenny Pace at 691-0117.

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

I Timothy 4:12



Church and Community Missions

It is hard to believe that I have been Director of Church and Community Missions for a year now. God is working in our association in great ways. God is continuing to work in the one-hundred ministries that we are already involved in and He is opening doors for new ministries. I could not begin to tell all that God is doing in our association but I would like to share some of the highlights of a few ministries.

The back pack ministry is going in every school. At this time we are not sure of the total number of packs that are going out each week. The summer feeding program saw around twenty-four families being ministered to for the ten weeks of summer break. Some of these families are showing up in church now. We are also working on clothes and school supplies for the schools.

The National Day of Prayer events are growing. There was over one-hundred in attendance in front of the historic court house in downtown Hendersonville for the noon event. There were other events scheduled across the county.

The women's conference at Fruitland Baptist Institute was well attended and received great reviews by all that attended. They are already planning for next year

Rev. Tony Hall is the Evangelism Team Leader for the association. One of the events was the Tent Campaign which was held in front of Ebenezer Baptist Church. It was well attended by many churches in the association, Independent Baptist churches, and by many churches from other denominations.

This year's Prayer Conference was well attended with approximately 1200 people. I am looking forward to next years conference. Be looking for details by the first of the year.

This is only a sample of where God is at work in what we are already doing and how God has opened doors for other ministries. Be on the look out for information about new and exciting ministries opportunities coming in the near future.

We have a major need for people to pray and to be involved in ministry. If you are willing we have a place for you.

Sam Gibbs
Director of Church and Community Missions
Carolina Baptist Association

Prayer Walking Report

Below is a list of the churches that participated in *Prayer Walking Our Schools* and turned in a report:

Balfour—21 people prayer walked 10 schools: Atkinson, Veritas, Hillandale, Rugby, West High, Fletcher Elementary, Captain Gilmer's, Fletcher Academy, Clear Creek Elementary, and Balfour Education Center.

Etowah—32 people prayer walked 3 schools: Etowah Elementary, West Henderson High, and Rugby Middle.

Fletcher First—19 people prayer walked 2 schools: Fletcher Elementary and Veritas Christian Academy.

Fruitland—10 people prayer walked 6 schools: Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute, Edneyville Elementary, North Henderson High School, Apple Valley Elementary, Veritas Christian Academy, and Clear Creek Elementary.

FBC Hendersonville—14 people prayer walked 10 education centers: Board of Education, WEE First Baptist, Imaculata, Hendersonville High, Hendersonville Elementary, Hendersonville Middle, Rugby, West High, Bruce Drysdale, Veritas, and Hendersonville Christian.

Living Water—3 people prayer walked Sugarloaf.

Mountain View—12 people prayer walked 17 schools: Hendersonville Elementary, Middle and High, West High, East High, North High, Clear Creek Elementary, Sugarloaf Elementary, Upward Elementary, Bruce Drysdale Elementary, Hillandale Elementary, Apple Valley Middle, Rugby Middle, East Flat Rock Middle, Dana Elementary, Edneyville Elementary and Hendersonville Christian.

Naples—7 people prayer walked 3 schools: Clear Creek, Glen Marlow and Mills River.

FBC Saluda—7 people prayer walked Saluda school.

Shaws Creek—17 people prayer walked 17 schools: Apple Valley, Atkinson, Bruce Drysdale, Dana, East High, Edneyville, Etowah, Flat Rock, Hendersonville High, Hendersonville Middle, Hendersonville Elementary, North High, Rugby, Sugarloaf, West High, Blue Ridge Tech, and Imaculata.

Valley Hill—9 people prayer walked 9 schools: Atkinson, Hillandale, Flat Rock Jr. High, East Henderson, Upward Elementary, Dana Elementary, Edneyville Elementary, Polk County Elementary, Middle, and High.

Total prayer walkers: 151