

BETHLEHEM TOY STORE

The Bethlehem Toy Store is an annual ministry of the Carolina Baptist Association to children of families that are not able to provide Christmas gifts due to financial difficulties.

Families are screened by Interfaith Assistance Ministry.

Bring NEW toys (birth-16yrs) or money to the Carolina Baptist Association
Monday- Thursday, 9:00am-4:00pm.

Please have all toys and money in by Monday, December 3, 2018.

Set-up for the toy store will be December 3-6, 2018.

Distribution: December 7, 2018 from 8:00am-8:00pm.

We need your help with set-up, distribution, and witnessing to families.

Please call us to sign up to help!

If you have any questions, please call the Carolina Baptist Association at
828-693-4274.



Agua Viva
Asheville Korean
Balfour
Barker Heights
Bat Cave
Bearwallow
Beulah
Biltmore H'ville

Broad River
Cedar Springs
Contemp. First
Covenant
Crab Creek
Crossroads
Dana
Double Springs
Ebenezer

Etowah
FBC E. Flat
Rock
FBC H'ville
FBC Saluda
FBC Tryon
FBC Tuxedo
Fletcher First
French Broad

Fruitland
Gethsemane
Hoopers Creek
Horse Shoe 1st
Jones Gap
Kings Grove
Liberty
Living Water
Locust Grove

Main Street
Middle Fork
Mount Gilead
Mount Moriah
Mount Olivet
Mountain Home
Mountain Page
Mtn. Valley
Mtn. View Miss.

Mud Creek
Naples
New Haven
Oak Forest
Pleasant Grove
Pleasant Hill
Refuge
Shaws Creek
Speak Life

The Beloved
Upward
Valley Hill
West H'ville
Zion Hill

**Churches with-
out a pastor:**

Mountain Valley
Mountain View
Pleasant Hill



Gratitude

It is dangerous to compare the growing-up years of one generation versus succeeding generations. The young folk are famous for eye rolls when someone older begins to talk about, "When I was a kid."

Yet, there may be times when we must note the realities between the generations that are obvious.

One obvious reality is that for the majority of the history of this Blue Ball, the people who are transported through space on the beautiful orb have maintained a predominately agrarian existence. Each year they put seed into the ground and waited to see what the growing season would give them.

People of faith were no exception. They would plant their seed and voice (and show) their dependence on the Lord

for the increase. If the crop failed, they would still put their faith in God to sustain them. If the crop was plentiful, they would gather in thanksgiving, worshipping the one who gave them enough to continue for another year.

Those days were a part of life for most people until the relatively recent past. Now, few people depend on the land for their survival. There are fewer and fewer people who farm, depending on the land for their livelihood. We just go to the grocery store, or the market, and get what we want or need.

And, it seems to me, that is why there is less gratitude than there ever has been. In our day, even on Thanksgiving, people have a difficult time knowing what the day is about, and who they are thanking.

I pray, as leaders in the church of the Lord Jesus, we will use our influence and our positions of leadership, to help those

around us realize our dependence on God, and the thanksgiving we should have for His continued blessings on our lives. It may not result in Norman Rockwell scenes of Thanksgiving, but hopefully it will result in lives lived out in service as expressions of our Thanksgiving for God's outpouring of blessing on our lives.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations. Psalm 100 (KJV)

*Soli Deo Gloria!
Michael Smith, Director of Missions*



Biltmore Hendersonville was voted into full membership on October 16, 2018. Their pastor, Marcus is married to Mandy and they have 3 daughters: Sarai, Amaya, and Naomi.



Refuge Baptist Church called Rev. Anthony Roberts as their pastor beginning on October 14, 2018. Anthony is married to Christina and they have three grown children.

CBA July—September 2018 Balances

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| Regular Church Contrib. | \$125,219.78 |
| General Fund Expenses | \$ 13,244.12 |
| General Fund Checking | \$ 35,905.69 |
| NCBF Endowment* | \$361,984.25 |
| Crawford Endowment* | \$ 6,177.84 |
| Designated Checking | \$ 23,666.31 |
| Designated CD | \$ 63,418.98 |

**As of August 31, 2018*

PASTORS, STAFF, & THEIR SPOUSES
ARE INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL

CBA Christmas Banquet

DECEMBER 11, 2018
6:30 PM

FRUITLAND BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE
CAFETERIA

SENIOR PASTORS & SPOUSES: **FREE**
OTHER STAFF & SPOUSES:
\$12 PER PERSON

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.CBANC.ORG OR
CALL 828-693-4274 BY **DECEMBER 4.**

SPEAKERS:
JERRY & NORMA MULLINAX



VBS 2019 Preview

January 11-12, 2019

LifeWay Ridgecrest Conference Center

Nothing beats the experience! Come to a VBS 2019 Preview Event and you'll go home inspired and ready to take your VBS to the next level!

Visit <https://www.lifeway.com/en/events/vbs-preview/vbs-2019-preview-ridgecrest-nc>



**NC Baptist State Convention
Annual Meeting
NOVEMBER 5-6, 2018
Koury Convention Center
Greensboro, NC**

VOCATIONAL EVANGELISTS RETREAT-A conference for those whose ministry vocation is focused primarily on evangelism and sharing the gospel through preaching, teaching or in creative ways, such as illusions, comedy, music, drama or art. **Caraway Conference Center, January 10-11.** www.ncbaptist.org/events.

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A Women's Ministry Holiday Event
Friday, November 16, 2018
Guest Speaker: Tina Hemphill Boesch
Worship Leader: Becca Mizell

Two Identical Sessions:
MORNING: 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch at Noon
EVENING: Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by session at 7:30 p.m.
Seating is limited. Call 828-693-3493.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING
for international missions

<https://www.imb.org/lottie-moon-christmas-offering>

Churches of all sizes have helped [us]. And because they have, we have seen God work to spread the gospel in amazing ways.

LARRY PEPPER
IMB missionary, Tanzania

Here's how your prayers and gifts transformed lives in the last year:
811 people groups engaged by IMB
12,005 churches planted
46,495 people baptized

Come to Me
I WILL GIVE YOU REST
— MATTHEW 11:28 —

Week of Prayer:
November 11 - 18, 2018

Baptist Children's Homes
NORTH CAROLINA

ANNUAL OFFERING GOAL : \$1.5 MILLION

Operation Christmas Child
drop-off dates are
November 11-19, 2018
at Hendersonville Presbyterian Church,
699 N. Grove Street. Drop-off times are
9-6, Monday-Saturday and 1-5 on
Sunday. Call the church office at 692-3211 for more
information. www.samaritanspurse.org

*A Service of
Lights
for
Life*

Honoring children and families impacted during the 45 years since Roe v. Wade. Sponsored by the Henderson County Ministerial Association and Open Arms Pregnancy Center

6:00 PM, Tuesday, January 22, 2019
First Baptist Church, Hendersonville
Call 828-702-0581 for more information

Please join us for dedication, remembrance and repentance for our Nation. Prayer is making a difference in a Nation that values LIFE.

Open Arms 2018 Fundraiser Gala **Thursday, October 25, 2018**
Leila Patterson Center

Beautifully and Wonderfully Made

Seating at 5:30 pm; complimentary buffet dinner provided by Cracker Barrel

Guest Speaker: Reverend John Ensor, President, PassionLife and author of Answering the Call.

Seating is limited, RSVP by October 20th at 828-515-1112 or email openarmsgala@gmail.com

**Sanctity of
HUMAN LIFE
Sunday**
January 20, 2019

OUR STAFF

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Our purpose is to develop healthy churches and help them grow: Powerful through Prayer; Warmer through Fellowship; Deeper through Discipleship; Stronger through Worship; Broader through Ministry and Larger through Evangelism.



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Return Service Requested

Monday Minister Meetings:

Mondays at 10:00 AM—Downstairs in the Baptist Resource Center (Light Refreshments Served)



- Baptist Children's Homes of NC Thanksgiving Offering
- Bethlehem Toy Store Collection
- 4 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 4 Disaster Relief Appreciation Day
- 5-7 NCBSA Annual Secretaries Conference, Caraway Conference Center

- 11 Veteran's Day
- 11-18 Week of Prayer for Baptist Children's Homes of NC
- 11-19 Operation Christmas Child Box Dropoff, Hendersonville Presbyterian
- 12-13 BSCNC Annual Meeting, Greensboro, NC
- 19 CBA Leadership Team Meeting, BRC, 9:00am
- 21 CBA Closed at 12:00pm
- 22 CBA Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

• Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Month

- 2-9 Week of Prayer/Study for International Missions & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 3-6 Bethlehem Toy Store Setup
- 7 Bethlehem Toy Store Distribution, BRC, 8:30am-8:30pm
- 11 CBA Christmas Banquet for Pastors/Staff and Spouses, FBBC, 6:30pm
- 17 CBA Leadership Team Meeting, BRC, 9:00am
- 24-Jan. 1 CBA Closed for Christmas and New Year's Holiday



Birthdays and Anniversaries



November

- 9 Valerie Fletcher— West Hendersonville
- 11 Justin Perdue— Covenant
- 12 Randall & Melinda Gilliam— Middle Fork
- 14 John Mason— Main Street
- 21 Mike & Karen Bennett— Tuxedo First
- 25 Dan & Debra Pridmore— Gethsemane

December

- 3 Lisa Owens— Barker Heights
- 5 Nancy Gibbs— CBA
- 8 Justin & Michelle Perdue— Covenant
- 9 Tracy & Valerie Fletcher— West Hendersonville
- 12 Norma Mullinax— Shaws Creek
- 12 Daniel & Laura Sullins— CBA
- 19 Greg Mathis— Mud Creek
- 20 Merle Reese— Saluda First
- 22 John & Sheila Mason— Main Street
- 24 Robert Ponder— Mount Gilead
- 25 Clint McKnight— Horse Shoe First

Deadline for January/February Newsletter is December 10, 2018

HURRICANE DISASTER RELIEF



PRAY that we will be the hands and feet of Jesus, and pray for the volunteers who will be going to assist.

GIVE to help those in need. Baptists on Mission have a Hurricane/Disaster Relief fund. To make a contribution, please make your check payable to NCBM/ Baptists On Mission, designated for Hurricane/Disaster Relief, and mail to: NCBM, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, P.O. Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512. You may also give online at www.baptistsonmission.org.

Also, please support the North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO). All of NCBM's regular budget comes from the NCMO.

GO. We need volunteers to assist with long-term cleanup efforts. To register, please go to <http://baptistsonmission.org/Missions/By-Type/Disaster-Relief>.

You may also receive updates on the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/nmissions>.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Vacation Bible School 2018 Report (for reporting churches)

| CHURCH | ENROLLED | SALVATIONS |
|----------------------|----------|------------|
| Cedar Springs | 25 | - |
| Crab Creek | 83 | 1 |
| East Flat Rock First | 145 | - |
| Ebenezer | 174 | 4 |
| Etowah | 271 | 1 |
| Hoopers Creek | 195 | - |
| Mud Creek | 280 | 8 |
| Naples | 85 | 14 |
| Tuxedo First | 86 | 3 |
| Upward | 44 | - |

Fall Festivities

Ebenezer Fall Festival on October 27 from 1–4 p.m. Food, door prizes, hay rides, farm simulator, face painting, and more!

Etowah Community Thanksgiving meal on November 20 from 4-7:30 p.m.

Hendersonville First Student Ministry Costume Party on October 28 from 6-8 p.m. Fallapalooza, October 31 from 5:30–7:30 p.m. with

a hotdog supper at \$2 per person. Games, prizes, inflatables and more!

Horse Shoe First Fall Festival on October 27 from 5–7 p.m. (rain or shine) with food, games, candy, fun and fellowship. There will be indoor and outdoor activities.

Mud Creek Fall Festival on October 27 from 4:30–7:00 p.m. Includes Trunk & Treat, pumpkin decorating, inflatables, photo booth, balloon

animals and food trucks (for a charge). Fall Frenzy for students in grades 6-12 on October 28 from 5:30–8:30 p.m.. Event includes bonfire, corn hole, basketball, photo booth, hayride, black light putt putt, smores, and more.

Refuge Having a Bonfire Bash on November 3 at 5 p.m.

Christmas Services

Blessed
A Christmas Musical by
FBC Hendersonville
December 1 and 2
at 6:00 PM

Refuge Baptist Church
Christmas Play
December 23
6:00 PM

West Hendersonville Baptist Church
Singing Christmas Tree
The Greatest Story Ever Told
December 15 at 6:30 PM
December 16 11:00 AM and 6:30 PM

Saluda First Baptist Church
Choir Christmas Cantata
December 16
6:00 PM
Candlelight Christmas
Eve Service with
Communion at 6:00 PM

East Flat Rock First Baptist
Christmas Musical
"While the World is Waiting"
December 16
10:45 AM

Etowah Baptist Church
Choir Cantata
December 16 at 10:55 AM
Candlelight Service
December 16 at 6:00 PM

Main Street Baptist Church
Christmas Music Program
He is the Light of the World
December 16 at 11:00 AM
**Christmas Eve Candlelight
Communion Service**
December 16 at 5:00 PM



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

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| Nov. 4 | Horse Shoe First Biltmore Hendersonville | Clint McKnight Marcus Hayes |
| Nov. 11 | Etowah Crab Creek | Brian Henderson Brad Knox |
| Nov. 18 | Barker Heights Contemporary First | Jimmy Owens K. Dewayne Jeter |
| Nov. 25 | Dana Fletcher First | Dan Blackwell Roy Waldroup |
| Dec. 2 | East Flat Rock First Main Street | Brent Thomas John Mason |
| Dec. 9 | Fruitland Covenant | Craig Stepp Justin Perdue |
| Dec. 16 | Gethsemane Shaws Creek | Danny Pridmore Jerry Mullinax |
| Dec. 23 | Locust Grove Tuxedo First | Tyler Pegram Mike Bennett |
| Dec. 30 | Mount Moriah Naples | Bryan Melton Richard Merk |



Balfour is partnering with Faith in God Missions and will be collecting small toys and other children's items during the month of November to be distributed to children in need along the U.S. and Mexico border for Christmas. *In February, a team will be traveling to Haiti to serve the Runk family, missionaries from Hendersonville, as well as individuals and families in Titanyen, Haiti.*

East Flat First Baptist A group will be going to Operation Christmas Child Processing Center on November 26. *On December 1 all ladies are invited to enjoy an evening to "Rejuvenate" their souls during the Christmas season. The evening will include special music, a speaker, and an delicious meal.*

Ebenezer Annual Women's Christmas Dinner, December 6 at 6:30 p.m. with special speaker, Lynn Bryson. All ladies welcome! Cost is \$15 per person. Call 692-0170 to sign up.

Etowah Upward basketball and cheerleading registration on November 1 & 2 from 6-7:30 p.m. *Craft and Bake Sale, with proceeds going toward missions, on November 9-10 from 9 a.m.—2 p.m.* Mission trip to Coeburn, Virginia, on December 7 -8.

French Broad will be conducting an Operation Inasmuch day on October 20. Over 100 volunteers will be providing service projects to those in need in the Mills River area and other parts of Henderson County. *Chili Cookoff, October 31 at 5:45.*

Hendersonville First Upward basketball and cheerleading registration through November 12.

Horse Shoe First Bethel Colony of Mercy men's choir on November 4 at 6 p.m.

Main Street Movie night, "I Can Only Imagine," at 6 p.m. on October 26. *Collecting shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child. Dedication of these gifts is on November 11.*

Refuge *Preparing for the Christ Child drama on November 25 at 6 p.m. 5th Sunday Night Singing on December 30 at 6 p.m.*

Saluda Red Cross Blood Drive on December 13 at 9 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Speak Life Men's breakfast every 2nd Saturday. *Women's breakfast every 3rd Saturday.* Heritage Hills nursing home communion service every first Sunday at 6:45 p.m.

NEWS/EVENTS

~**Interfaith Assistance Ministry** Warmth of Home Concert to benefit the Heating Assistance Fund, November 5 at Flat Rock Playhouse from 5:30—8:30pm. For reservations call 828-697-7029.

~**2019 Bible Drills** for children and youth begin in April so start practicing now! Go to <https://www.ncbaptist.org/index.php?id=122> for more information.

~**Baptist Women's United World Day of Prayer** is November 5 at FBC Hendersonville. Refreshments will be served at 9:30am with the program beginning at 10am. WMU NC encourages prayer for women around the world, focusing on specific needs and prayer requests and giving financially to support various ministries. A downloadable prayer guide, program and posters are available to assist churches in planning for this day of united prayer. The 2018 Day of Prayer program is prepared by the Baptist Women's Union of the South West Pacific. The theme is Arise and Shine through Unity and Justice. Visit www.wmu.com for more information.

*Every church.
Every nation.*

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IMB National Goal: \$160,000,000

Visit <https://www.imb.org/lottie-moon-christmas-offering> for more information.