

Distribution Date:
Friday,
December 1, 2017
8:00 AM—8:00 PM

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, November 27, 2017.

Set-up for the toy store will be Monday, November 28-November 30, 2017.

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
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
The Beloved
Upward
Valley Hill
West H'ville
Zion Hill

**Churches
without a
pastor:
Mountain View
Refuge**



The Season(s) for Jesus



November and December are chock full of exciting events and tradition. For many people, these are two of their very favorite months of the year.

November, of course, is the month of Thanksgiving. The Pilgrims (Separatists who were some of our Baptist forebearers) had a hard time at Plymouth Rock, but were helped by the Native Americans and commemorated the first American Thanksgiving by celebrating their survival and the abundant crops that were gained by the harvest. Although the Pilgrims celebrated the next year also, the holiday was not made an official American holiday until 1863. President Abraham Lincoln established Thanksgiving as an American holiday that has been celebrated ever since. For most in our modern day it is a day of eating and football, but the origins of the day centered on a time of thanksgiving to God for His provision and plenty brought about through the agricultural harvest.

Of course, December is that time when we observe the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. There is nowhere in the scripture

where we are commanded, nor is it suggested, that Jesus' birth be celebrated. Although the celebration has some convoluted history, it makes sense that the church would have some type of observance to commemorate the birth of the Messiah (although His birth was probably not in December!). Through the influence of Constantine, Europeans, and others (over a long stretch of time), December 25th became the day of celebration for the Birth of Christ. Although it has become very secular in the last century or so, the roots of the celebration are very much a part of the church of Jesus Christ. It is appropriate that we celebrate the "...good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all the people" Luke 2:10.

Might I suggest a couple of ways to celebrate these two very popular months? In November, please consider supporting the work of the North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes. This is one of the best ministries of the Baptist State Convention. Show your thanksgiving to God by being a blessing to these children. You can get more information on the web at www.bchfamily.org. Of course you can give through your local congregation!

In December, please consider giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Every penny of this offering goes to support those who work around the

world to bring the Gospel to the world – especially the unreached, unengaged people groups. We have thousands of workers who are dependent on us to continue to support them. Celebrate the birth of the Messiah by supporting those who tell others of the Messiah! You can find out more by going to www.imb.org. Again, you can give through your local church.

There are many other ways you can celebrate these two wonderful holidays. You can certainly give to disaster relief through the NC Baptists on Mission. You can be a part of Operation Christmas Child. You can participate in the CBA Bethlehem Toy Store. The local opportunities are almost limitless.

I suppose the real message is, use this time to bless people because we know we have been blessed. Make much of Jesus. In fact, this is a great season to tell people about Jesus. He is the centerpiece of both of these wonderful traditions!

Soli Deo Gloria!
Michael Smith, Director of Missions



2017 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING
<https://www.imb.org/lottie-moon-christmas-offering>

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Welcome New Pastors and Baby!

Zack Williams was called as pastor at **Bat Cave Baptist Church**. His first Sunday was July 30, 2017. He is married to Summer and they have 3 children: Tucker, age 11; Noah, age 9; June, age 3.



Larry Stapleton was called to **Mount Olivet Baptist Church** on August 22, 2017. Larry is married to Jessica and they have four boys, Dylan, age 17; Thurman, age 14; Tommy, age 12; Westley, age 11.

Clint McKnight (Pastor at **FBC Horse Shoe**) and his wife, Nancy, welcomed a new baby girl, Amelia Ruth, born on September 16, 2017.
Congratulations!



The Beloved was voted into watchcare on April 25, 2017. They will be voted on in April 2018. We welcome Brian Allen and his wife, Jennifer! They have two grown children, Dalton and Shelby, and one grandchild, Carter, age 2.


 PASTORS, MINISTERIAL STAFF, AND THEIR SPOUSES
 ARE INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL
Christmas Banquet
 DECEMBER 12, 2017
 6:30PM
 HENDERSONVILLE FIRST BAPTIST
 SENIOR PASTORS & SPOUSES: FREE
 ALL OTHER MINISTERIAL STAFF & SPOUSES: \$12 A PERSON
 GUEST SPEAKER: DR. BUDDY FREEMAN, COMEDIAN

 FOOD CATERED BY CHUCKWAGON CATERING
 (MIKE AND KATHY SPIRES)



 Sanctity of
HUMAN LIFE
 Sunday
 January 21, 2018

Operation Christmas Child

drop-off dates are

November 13-20, 2017

Hendersonville Presbyterian Church

699 N. Grove Street.


Call the church office at 692-3211 for

more information.

samaritanaspurse.org





 A Women's Ministry Holiday Event
Friday, November 17
 Hendersonville First Baptist Church
 Guest Speaker: Sharie King
 Worship Leader: Mandi Moseley
 Tickets: \$15
 Tickets go on sale Sunday, October 8


VBS 2018 Preview
January 5-6, 2018
 Ridgecrest, NC: LifeWay Ridgecrest Conference Center
 Nothing beats the experience! Come to a VBS 2018 Preview
 Event and you'll go home inspired and ready to take your VBS
 to the next level!
Before November 1st:
 \$70 per person, (\$60 per person with 3 or more group discount)
After November 1st:
 \$80 per person (\$70 per person with 3 or more group discount)
www.lifeway.com

BECAUSE OF YOU,
 THEIR LIVES WERE
SAVED
 Baptist Children's Homes
 of NORTH CAROLINA
 Week of Prayer:
 November 12-19, 2017
 ANNUAL OFFERING GOAL // \$1.5 MILLION





The Appalachian Coalfields Ministry, sponsored by NC Baptist Men, seeks to help meet the physical and spiritual needs of some of the poorest people in the Appalachian area. One of the greatest ministry needs in this area occurs at Christmastime. We are calling on churches statewide to respond to this need. The goal is to collect 10,000 backpacks of items to be distributed to Appalachian children in December. Teams serve in the states of West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, and North Carolina. Collection date is November 4 from 9:00—3:00. Collection sites will be listed on the website soon. For more information call our local representative, Wanda Love, at 891-7167. Also visit baptistsonmission.org, Mission Projects, United States, Appalachian Coalfields.

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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 Annual Thanksgiving Offering Bethlehem Toy Store Collection

- 11 Veteran's Day
- 12 Ministry Wives Brunch, Ebenezer, 9:00am
- 20 CBA Leadership Team Meeting, BRC, 9:00am

- 13-14 BSCNC Annual Meeting, Greensboro, NC
- 22 CBA Office Closes at 12:00pm
- 23 Thanksgiving Day
- 19-26 Week of Prayer for NC Baptist Children's Homes Offering
- 27 Region 9 Men's Ministry Worship rally, baptistonmission.org
- 28-30 Bethlehem Toy Store Set-Up, BRC

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

- 1 Bethlehem Toy Store, BRC, 8:00am-8:00pm
- 3-10 Week of Prayer/Study International Missions & Lottie Moon Offering
- 12 Pastors/Ministerial Staff and Spouse Christmas Dinner, FBC Hendersonville, 6:30pm
- 13-20 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection, H'ville Presbyterian
- 18 CBA Leadership Team Meeting, BRC, 9:00am
- 25-1 CBA Office Closed for the Holidays
- 27 Men's Worship Rally, Buncombe Baptist Association, 6:15pm



Birthdays & Anniversaries

November

- 8 Robert Capps— Bearwallow
- 9 Valerie Fletcher— West Hendersonville
- 11 Justin Perdue— Covenant
- 14 Betty Chandler— Upward
- 18 John Mason— Main Street
- 21 Mike and Karen Bennett— Tuxedo First
- 25 Dan and Debra Pridmore— Gethsemane

December

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

*Deadline for January/February
Newsletter is December 11, 2017*

Vacation Bible School 2017 Report (for reporting churches)

CHURCH	ENROLLED	SALVATIONS
Contemporary First	63	0
Crab Creek	97	0
Dana	14	0
East Flat Rock First	170	0
Ebenezer	158	5
Etowah	264	6
French Broad	125	0
Fruitland	215	1
Hendersonville First	368	3
Hoopers Creek	190	1
Mount Olivet	48	0
Mud Creek	250	0
Naples	102	0
Refuge	128	5
Tuxedo First	98	0
Upward	48	0
West Hendersonville	77	1

HURRICANE DISASTER RELIEF UPDATE

During this hurricane season, individuals can help by praying, giving and going. We appreciate your support for Hurricane Harvey, and we ask you to do the same for the Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Matthew response.

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. We have established 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.

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/ncmissions>.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

You are invited to a
Ministry Wives Brunch
"Seasons of Grace: Pruning & Praying"
John 15:1-4
Speaker: Julie Cannon (Locust Hill Baptist Church)
9:00am-10:30am
November 11, 2017
Ebenezer Baptist Church (Fellowship Hall)
No cost to attend

Carla Brevard came into the CBA office seeking assistance. Her elderly mother-in-law was essentially trapped in her home. She had a ramp that was rotten and would sway when walked on. She asked if anyone could help. Paula Janes reached out to Balfour Baptist Church to see if anyone could help, and they, alongside Mountain View Baptist church, agreed to take this project on. Lowe's Home Improvement was contacted and were excited to help with this project. They shared that their focus for 2017 is "Love Where You Live." They provided an extremely generous discount on materials. The ramp was completed on August 25. Thank you to those from Balfour, Mountain View, and Lowe's for their help with this project!



Christmas Services

*Merry Christmas,
Hendersonville!*
A Christmas Musical by
FBC Hendersonville
December 7 at 7:00 PM
December 10 at 3:30 & 6:00 PM

Naples Baptist Church
Choir Christmas Special
December 17
During Morning Worship

West Hendersonville Baptist Church
Singing Christmas Tree
The Greatest Story Ever Told
December 17
11:00am and 6:00pm
During Morning Worship

Crab Creek Baptist Church
Christmas Play
December 17
6:00pm
Fruit bags will
be given to
all who attend!

Christmas Eve
Candlelight Services
Bearwallow Baptist Church
7:00pm
Etowah Baptist Church
6:00pm
FBC Saluda
6:00pm
Naples Baptist Church
6:00pm

Refuge Baptist Church
Christmas Cantata
*"Emmanuel:
Celebrating Heaven's Child"*
December 10
10:30-am
Children's Christmas Program
December 17
10:30am

Fletcher First Baptist Church
Christmas Program
"The Keeper"
December 2 at 7:00pm
December 3 at 6:00pm



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

Nov 5	Fletcher First FBC East Flat Rock	Roy Waldroup Brent Thomas
Nov 12	Main Street Fruitland	John Mason Craig Stepp
Nov 19	Covenant Gethsemane	Justin Perdue Danny Pridmore
Nov 26	Shaws Creek Locust Grove	Jerry Mullinax Mike Rogers
Dec 3	FBC Tuxedo Mount Moriah	Mike Bennett Bryan Melton
Dec 10	Naples Valley Hill	Richard Merck David Woodie
Dec 17	Refuge FBC Hendersonville	No Pastor Steve Scoggins
Dec 24	French Broad Bat Cave	Kemuel Pruitt Zack Williams
Dec 31	Mount Olivet Jones Gap	Larry Stapleton Curtis Pace



Bearwallow has a Dodge Van available to donate to a church in need. It needs minor repair work, but is in running condition. Call the church at 625-2100 or Don Freeman at 329-2460 for more information.

Etowah November 2-4 is Upward Basketball and Cheerleading registration and evaluations. November 10 and 11 is a Craft and Bake Sale, from 9:00am-2:00pm. (All proceeds go toward mission efforts.) November 21 is Thankful-for-You Meal for the Etowah Community and Homeless/Less Fortunate. November 26 is the Hanging of the Greens at 6:00pm. December 31, Dr. Michael Smith will be speaking at 8:30am and 10:55am.

Fruitland EFL Training, November 18, 2017 at Fruitland Baptist Bible College. Friday 5:00pm-9:00pm, Saturday 8:00am-5:30pm. Cost: \$20.00 (includes materials and lunch/snacks). Call 685-8990 to register.

Hendersonville First Teams of 18 participated in NC Baptists on Missions recovery effort in Nederland, TX. Love's Kitchen continues to serve hot meals and provide food and clothing to an average of 80-90 people each week. Approximately 80 students are attending Crosswalk's after school program. ESL ministry began in September. During Operation Inasmuch, volunteers served cookies to Henderson Co. first responders and law enforcement, sang in nursing homes, visited shut-ins, and completed over 30 projects. Now registering for Upward Basketball and Cheerleading 2017-2018 season. Registration ends November 13. Register online at www.upward.org. Cost is \$70 per child. Visit www.upward.org for more information. The Blessings in Boxes through Storehouse Ministry collection is December 11-13 from 8:00am-4:00pm. Deliver unwrapped gifts to Upward Christian Fellowship (911 Upward Rd., Flat Rock, NC, 28731). Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are due by November 12. You must purchase a plastic shoebox from the Dollar Store, Walmart, etc. Please include \$9 cash donation to cover shipping. Student Ministry Winter Retreat will be January 13-15, 2018 at Ridgecrest Conference Center. Cost: Pay \$25 deposit by November 15 and total cost is \$105, by December 31 and total cost is \$115, or by January 15 and total cost is \$125. Register online at www.fbchendostudents.org/events. Student Ministry Thanksgiving Feast will be Sunday, November 19 at Crosswalk at 6:00pm. Orphan Sunday is November 12. Jingle Jam, a family event, is Wednesday, December 6 from 6:15-30pm in Rood D-409. Parents and children are invited to hear the Christmas Story, coordinated with the Life App of Generosity. Parent's Night Out is Friday, December 1, from 5:30-8:30pm. Cost is \$6 per child, \$20 max per family. For children birth-5th grade. Dinner is served. Registration is required. Register at www.fbchnc.org.

Main Street gave a total of \$2,621 to Pure Water Pure Love on August 13, 2017. They collected coins and dollars for this total.

Naples will host the Broyhill Baptist Children's Home Blanton Cottage during our morning services on Sunday, Nov. 12th to kick off the Mile of Pennies collection followed by their annual Thanksgiving/Christmas luncheon. They are also participating in the following Missions for November-Appalachian Backpack, Red Box Chewing Gum, Bethlehem Toy Drive and Samaritan's Purse OCC shoe boxes. Their missions project for December will be the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Refuge Old Fashioned Fall Revival beginning November 5 until... Guest speaker is Darrin Waldroup. Sunday November 5 services times are 10:30am and 6:00pm. Weeknights begin at 7:00pm. For more information, please call the church office at 685-8544 or Troy Maybin at 692-6491. November 19th Church Family Thanksgiving Meal 5:00pm. December 1st Sound of Singing Men and Christmas Buffet 5:30pm. December 16th Primitive Quartet 6:00pm.

Saluda First All veterans are invited to a Veterans Appreciation Dinner on Friday, November 10. There is no charge for the meal. 5:30pm at Saluda First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. All are invited to an Operation Christmas Child Packing Party on November 3. 3:00pm-until. Come when you can, stay as long as you can!

West Hendersonville MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) November 7 and 21 from 9:00am-11:00am. West Hendersonville began this program for the first time in October.

OTHER NEWS/EVENTS

~**2017 Day of Prayer** November 6, 2017 at Fruitland Baptist Church. The theme is Arise and Shine through Transformation. This years program has been prepared by the Baptist Women's Union of Africa.

~**IAM Grand Opening** Thursday, November 16, 5:00-7:00pm. 310 Freeman St., Hendersonville. Ribbon cutting at 5:30pm. Tours, food and drinks, combined with Henderson County Chamber's Business After Hours. Sponsored and food provided by United Federal Credit Union

~**2018 Bible Drills** for children and youth begin in April so start practicing now! Mail in forms must be in by March 19, online registration is open March 1-26. Join NC Bible Drill on Facebook and share testimonies and teaching activities that work for you. Go to <https://www.ncbaptist.org/index.php?id=122> for more information.

~**Living Out Your Faith Ministries, Inc.** Nicaragua Mission Trip is March 29, 2018-April 5, 2018. Cost is \$1,100.00. Space is limited, call today to reserve your spot! 828-337-2837.

~**S.P.L.A.S.H: Show People Love and Share Him** with Ken Hemphill. April 14, 2018 from 9:30am-2:00pm at Buncombe Baptist Association. To register, call 828-252-1864 or 828-782-0545. Lunch is provided.

~**Church Financial Seminar** Planning for retirement, compensation planning, church retirement plan, employer provided benefits, tax updates, and much more. November 14 from 7-9 PM. Tuckasegee Baptist Association, 93 Lovedale Church Rd., Sylva, NC. Call 800-395-5102, ext. 5637 to sign up.

Steadfast and Immovable



North Carolina Baptists on Mission presents a

Men's Worship Rally 2017

November 27, 2017 at Buncombe Baptist Association

Come join us for an evening of fellowship that will include music, a spiritual challenge, discussion, and prayer. This gathering is designed to provide a time of meaningful worship for men, as well as ideas for how similar men's gatherings can be held in the local church. Every man and his pastor is invited and encouraged to attend!

Go to baptistsonmission.org to sign up by November 22 or call 800.395-5102, ext. 5607.