

For God so loved the **WORLD...**

so let's begin to reach the world with the Gospel
by starting *here* and *now*.

Carolina Baptist Association's 142nd Spring Semi-Annual Meeting

April 23, 2019

7:00pm

Horse Shoe First Baptist Church

Speaker: Jack Givens (Missions Pastor, Mud Creek)

CBA Women's Bible Study: A Verse-by-Verse Study of Philemon

Taught by Natalie Long

Carolina Baptist Association
(601 Hebron Rd., Hendersonville)
Monday Evenings, April 29-May 20, 2019

6:00-7:30 PM

Books: \$2

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Churches with
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Cedar Springs
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Mountain View
Pleasant Hill
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Convicting...and Uplifting

Wow! Christmas...then snow, winter, cold, etc....then the

wonderful continuing of the story of the Son of God through the celebration we know as Easter (or Resurrection Day)! Yes, celebrating the Resurrection should be the highlight of the Christian life, because without the Resurrection we have no hope (1 Cor 15:13). And, we benefit greatly from the Resurrection because the power that gives us the New Birth is the same power that raised Jesus from the dead (Ephesians 1:20)!

I love thinking on these things. I enjoy hearing people talk about the New Life we have

in Jesus. I rejoice when I hear people try to tell others about these truths. You know. You've heard people try to put it in terms that people can understand. Statements like, "If you were the only person in the world, Christ would have still died just for you!" Or, "There is nothing you can do, no sin you can commit, that Christ's cross-work cannot cover." And others such as, "Jesus loves you so much that He took your punishment."

These are all wonderful, uplifting thoughts. They comfort me as I am sure they comfort you. However, I'm afraid we miss an important truth in the midst of our celebration. Jesus Christ is the one and only unique Son of God. It took the perfect

Son of God to be the sacrifice for our sin. Think about that. No common, ordinary human being could pay for the sins we have committed. If we take note of that, it means that our sin is pretty serious. Our sin is far greater than we want to admit or imagine. It is evil, ugly, deathly, wretched, mean, rotten, putrid, and so much more. We like to categorize our sin, but ALL sin is as describe above. We typically take it too lightly – God takes it VERY seriously. The wages of sin is STILL death (Romans 6:23). That's how serious it is!

So, this Easter, reflect on the sin in our lives that drove Jesus to the cross. Think about our part in this whole story. We infected the world with the stench of sin. Jesus loved us so

much that He gave himself so we could be rescued from our condition.

I believe it is only when we look at the whole picture of the Cross that we can truly appreciate Easter. Sin placed us in a pit of hopelessness. We could do nothing to save ourselves. God, through Christ, gave the remedy. The Cross. The Resurrection!

The conviction of these facts can lead us to be truly uplifted by the hope of the Resurrection. And, when that happens, we can rightfully celebrate what God has done!

He is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed!!!!

Soli Deo Gloria!
Michael Smith
Director of Missions



CBA Year End 2018 Balances

Regular Church Contrib.\$166,054.99
General Fund Expenses\$178,566.30
General Fund Checking\$ 33,503.37
NCBF Endowment.....\$326,161.86
Crawford Endowment.....\$ 5,662.32
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ATTENTION CHILDREN AND YOUTH DIRECTORS!!

As an Association, we are blessed to have financial resources invested with the NC Baptist Foundation.

With camp season coming upon us, we have new policies for granting scholarships for children to attend a Christian camp.

May 1, 2019 is the hard deadline for camp scholarship applications.

We feel this is the best way to be as fair as possible to all churches and young people who need funding.

We ask that you remember these scholarships are need-based. To download an application go to www.cbanc.org, resources, camp scholarships.

REGION 9 DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING

Disaster response is a unique mission experience because of the sudden nature of the event, difficult conditions, and high expectations from other relief organizations and survivors. We hope you desire to serve God in this type of ministry and that you fulfill that desire through NCBM Disaster Relief! Available trainings will be *Basic, Cross Training, Recertification, and Advanced*. This is an OVERNIGHT training. You will sleep at the church dormitory style. Training is \$40 which includes training manual, hat, shirt, id badge, background check, housing, three meals, and temporary accident insurance. Save the Date: **May 17-18, 2019** at Biltmore Baptist, 35 Clayton Rd., Asheville. Go to ncmissions.org/trainings.



Baptists on Mission Construction Skills Training
Shelby Mission Camp ~ April 13, 2019 ~ 9:00am - 3:00pm

Learn valuable construction skills such as how to hang and finish drywall, install flooring, lay out and frame walls, and more! This is a great training for students, women and men!

The cost of attending the training itself and lunch is \$10.00. There is an option to stay overnight at Shelby on April 12-13 (Friday to Saturday). The cost of training with overnight housing/meals is \$21.00. Go to ncmissions.org/trainings to register.

Advanced Directives

March 30, 2019 at 10:00am

Completing Advanced Directives

- What are Advanced Directives?
- Why are Advanced Directives Important?
- Who Needs Advanced Directives?

It is a gift for your family to have your wishes of end of life care down in writing. This is an opportunity for you to complete your advanced directives of a living will and health care power of attorney. We will discuss what they are and why you should have one. There will be a notary on site to complete an advanced directive. You will need a photo ID. This is a free community service.

Hosted by The Beloved Church. Space limited to 60 people- RSVP to Brian and Jennifer Allen at 828-674-1627. Will be held at 601 Hebron Rd., Hendersonville.

2019 MISSIONS CONFERENCE

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The **Cooperative Program** is Southern Baptists' unified plan of giving through which cooperating Southern Baptist churches give a percentage of their undesignated receipts in support of their respective state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention missions and ministries. Southern Baptists are a fellowship of almost 16 million members in approximately 45,764 churches in all 50 states and Canada. These churches work together through approximately 1,174 associations, 42 state conventions, and the Southern Baptist Convention to accomplish through voluntary cooperation far more than they could ever do alone. Thank you Southern Baptists! 2017 CP giving was up by more than \$1 million (3.7%) from 2016. "We are grateful that God continues to bless us as we are seeking to be faithful to the strategy that He has given us to impact lostness in NC," said John Butler, the BSC's executive leader for Business Services.



COOPERATIVE PROGRAM SUNDAY IS APRIL 14, 2019

SUMMER CAMP/MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

YOUTH WEEKS AT FORT CASWELL-Looking for a youth camp at the beach that includes powerful worship, quality proclaimers, a hands-on missions experience, intentional discipleship for students and youth ministry training for adults? Each week includes lots of sports, pool time, beach time, daily quiet times, church and small group devotions, games and more. In 2018, we celebrated 367 salvations, more than 890 recommitments to walk closer to God and 15 who answered God's call to ministry. Campers packed 280,000 meals to send to an orphanage in Haiti, and gave more than \$75,000 to missions offering. This summer we are taking a closer look at the teachings of Jesus, specifically the parables. *The 2018 theme is "ON THIS ROCK."* For more information, see a video, camp schedule and more go to <https://www.bedotell.com/summer-youth-weeks>.



FUGE WEEKS AT LIFEWAY RIDGECREST-For more than 30 years, over one million people have experienced FUGE Summer Camps. Your group can also be a part of the FUGE family of camps this summer - whether it be Bible study and recreation at Centrifuge, missions at M-Fuge, group building and exciting worship at XFuge, or letting your students choose their experience at Combo Camp. Go to www.ridgecrestconferencecenter.org.

CAMP CARAWAY, SOPHIA, NC-Check out Warrior Summer Camp for boys, Children's Church Camp for boys and girls, Parent Child Retreats and GrandCamp at Camp Caraway. www.caraway.org.

CAMP MUNDO VISTA, SOPHIA, NC Mundo Vista summer camp is for boys grades 3 - 6, girls grades 1 - 6, teen girls grades 7 - 12 and Moms. Camp activities include worship, Bible study and fun camp activities! Children have the opportunity to meet missionaries, participate in mission projects, sing around a campfire and much more! Most importantly, they'll meet Christ in the company of friends. www.campmundovista.com.

DEEP IMPACT BOONE, FRUITLAND, SHELBY, OUTER BANKS, AND RED SPRINGS Middle and high school students and their leaders will have the opportunity to "Share God's love with people through word and deed." Youth and leaders will participate in a variety of mission opportunities including construction, VBS/Day Camps, sports evangelism, community outreach, prayer walks, and others. Morning devotions and worship each evening will help students reflect on their lives and commit themselves to serving others in Christ's name. These are 3 night and 5 night camps. For more information go to www.ncmissions.org/camps.



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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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Monday Minister Meetings:

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



• Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

- 3-9 Week of Prayer/Mission Study for North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 8-9 Awaken, A NC Prayer Gathering, Pleasant Garden BC
- 10 Daylight Saving Time Begins—Spring Forward!
- 17 Substance Abuse Prevention Sunday
- 18 Leadership Team Meeting, 9am, CBA

• NC Baptist Children's Home Food Roundup Month

- 5-6 Known by Love, 2019 Missions Conference, Hickory Grove Baptist Church
- 5-6 D-Now, Living Water Church
- 13 Baptists on Mission Construction Skills Training, Shelby Mission Camp, 9am—3pm
- 14 Palm Sunday
- 14 Leadership Team Meeting, 9am, CBA
- 14 Cooperative Program Sunday
- 18 CBA Office Closed
- 19 Good Friday
- 21 Easter Sunday
- 23 Spring Semi-Annual Meeting, 7pm, Horse Shoe First
- 27 Operation Inasmuch
- 4/29-5/20 Women's Bible Study, A Verse-by-Verse Study of Philemon, 6-7:30pm, CBA
- 5/4 Operation Inasmuch



Birthdays and Anniversaries



March

- 8 Michael and Amy Lewis—Double Springs
- 10 Donald Freeman—Bearwallow
Linda Garren—Liberty
- 16 Beverly Merck—Naples
- 17 Tyler Pegram—Locust Grove
- 18 Marcus Hayes—Biltmore Hendersonville
- 20 Brian Henderson—Etowah
- 23 Kemuel Pruitt—French Broad
- 27 Michelle Perdue—Covenant
- 30 Curtis Pace—Jones Gap

April

- 3 Laura Sullins—CBA
- 6 Christen Blanton—Ebenezer
- 8 Jimmy and Lisa Owens—Barker Heights
- 11 Theresa Woodie—Valley Hill
- 12 David and Theresa Woodie—Valley Hill
- 15 Nancy McKnight—Horse Shoe First
Ranee Stepp—Fruitland
- 16 Steven and Christen Blanton—Ebenezer
- 22 Kathy Phillips—Pleasant Grove
- 23 Sheila Mason—Main Street
- 25 David Woodie—Valley Hill
Levina Pace—Jones Gap
- 29 Eric Gash—Speak Life

Deadline for May/June
Newsletter is April 10, 2019

FEED the NEED

PROVIDING FOOD for CHILDREN in NEED

"FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD, I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK, I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME, I WAS NAKED AND YOU CLOTHED ME, I WAS SICK AND YOU VISITED ME, I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU CAME TO ME." THEN THE RIGHTEOUS WILL ANSWER HIM, SAYING, 'LORD, WHEN DID WE SEE YOU HUNGRY AND FEED YOU, OR THIRSTY AND GIVE YOU DRINK? AND WHEN DID WE SEE YOU A STRANGER AND WELCOME YOU, OR NAKED AND CLOTHE YOU? AND WHEN DID WE SEE YOU SICK OR IN PRISON AND VISIT YOU? AND THE KING WILL ANSWER THEM, 'TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, AS YOU DID IT TO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE MY BROTHERS, YOU DID IT TO ME.'

MATTHEW 25:35-40

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HENDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP LOCAL CHILDREN DURING THE SUMMER. OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE THESE CHILDREN WITH SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD WHEN THEY AREN'T RECEIVING REGULAR MEALS AT HOME. WE BELIEVE SCRIPTURE TELLS US TO SERVE AND CARE FOR THOSE IN NEED.

CONTACT US
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MAY IS ASSOCIATION EMPHASIS MONTH AND THE OUR JERUSALEM OFFERING

When you support your local association, you are strengthening the bond between local churches and fellow believers and empowering each other to do more to serve His kingdom. When churches work in associational missions, they ARE the association in action; an "organization of people with a common purpose" of taking Christ to the community and the world. The Association is not just the director of missions and a few staff members—IT'S YOU, YOUR PASTOR, YOUR CHURCH working together with other like-minded churches in spreading the love of God and ministering to people in His name.

CAROLINA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION IS GLAD TO BE YOUR MISSION PARTNER!

SAVE THE DATE

A ONE DAY MISSIONS BLITZ IN NORTH CAROLINA

WHO COULD YOUR CHURCH IMPACT IN ONE DAY?

April 27, 2019 or May 4, 2019



www.baptistsonmission.org/ncoiam

Churches statewide are challenged to designate either of these dates to help meet the needs in their community. The goal for North Carolina Operation Inasmuch is to involve as many churches as possible in missions. Report your event to the website above.

Operation *inasmuch*

Carolina Baptist Association has a kit available for checkout to help your church organize a One Day Mission Blitz in your community.

FILL HER PLATE FILL HER HEART

OUR GOAL: To roundup \$400,000 in food, supplies & gift cards.

WHY? To provide approximately 700,000 meals & snacks for Baptist Children's Homes' boys & girls, many who have known hunger.

Through the Food Roundup, you fill his or her heart when you fill the plate of a child who has gone without eating regularly before coming to Baptist Children's Homes. **You are the hands and feet of Jesus** helping provide enough food to feed children and families for an entire year at BCH's caring, cottage homes and ministries across 21 NC communities. A needs list can be found at bchfoodroundup.org.

Bring your food and gift cards to the association office by

Monday, May 13, 2019.

APRIL 2019
food roundup



www.bchfoodroundup.org
336-4747-1277

Baptist Children's Homes
of NORTH CAROLINA
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Please pray for these churches and their pastors on each designated week.

Mar 3	Middle Fork Iglesia Bautista Agua Viva	Randall Gilliam Marco Hernandez
Mar 10	Mud Creek West Hendersonville	Greg Mathis Travis Harrison, Int.
Mar 17	Pleasant Hill Speak Life	No Pastor Eric Gash
Mar 24	Mount Gilead Ebenezer	Robert Ponder Steven Blanton
Mar 31	Beulah Mountain Home	Dewey Barnwell Craig Garren
Apr 7	Living Water Mountain View Missionary	Tony Birkhead Tony Halford, Int.
Apr 14	Oak Forest FBC Saluda	Jerry Lacefield Tony Reese
Apr 21	Cedar Springs Broad River	No Pastor Bob Hagan
Apr 28	Mountain Valley Liberty	David Dickerson Robert Garren

NEWS/EVENTS

~**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.

~**Child Evangelism Fellowship** sponsoring the Good News Spectacular on April 13 at the WNC Ag Center from 10 a.m.—3:00 p.m. This 100% totally FREE Family Fun Day includes: inflatable rides & slides, games, popcorn, snow-cones, drinks, and most importantly, sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ! We need volunteers! Call Jason Beverly at 828-450-6194.

~**Long-Term Disaster Rebuild** is wide open in three “rebuilding hubs” in eastern NC. At this time there is no housing or food costs for teams. Volunteers do not have to be trained in Disaster Relief, but it is helpful if each team has at least one person familiar with construction. The scope of work is such that we are trying to get as many families as possible back into a safe, sanitary, and secure home quickly. This will be a long term response that will take 2-3 years and require thousands of volunteers. Go to baptistsonmission.org/mission-projects or call 800-395-5102, ext. 5596.

~**Open Arms Crisis Pregnancy Center** is hosting their 6th 5K Run and Walk with the goal to raise \$10,000 that will be used to help mothers and their families. This Run4Life is a beautiful course through Justice orchards. Will be held on May 18, 2019. For more information call Marilyn Duncan at 828-674-4481.

~Much thanks goes to the **North Carolina Baptist Foundation** for a \$250 grant toward our Bethlehem Toy Store!



Disciple Now is a weekend retreat for youth that will be held on **April 5-6, 2019**. Churches from all across Henderson County will participate in this exciting weekend hosted at Living Water Church. Cost is \$25 per student. Speaker is Josh Gardner, Director of Discipleship at Clayton

King Ministries, and Pinnacle Worship will bring great worship music! This is an impactful weekend that will encourage and inspire students to go deeper in their relationship with Christ. Contact 693-3493 or email marshalla@fbchnc.org for more information.



Cedar Springs Phillip Winter resigned as pastor on December 16, 2018.

Ebenezer Women’s Bible Study, God of Creation by Jen Wilkin, led by Natalie

Long every Sunday evening at 5:30pm beginning on February 17.

Fletcher First The Hayes Family will be in concert on April 7 at 10:45am. **The Primitive Quartet will be in concert on April 7 at 6pm.**

Hendersonville First First Baptist Academy registration is now open to the public. This is a half-day, faith-based preschool. They have classes for 3 & 4 year olds and transitional kindergarten for 5 year olds. Call 693-8312 for details or to schedule a tour. **Author of The Heavenly Man, Brother Yun (Back to Jerusalem Ministries), will be speaking on March 17 at 6pm.**

Hooper’s Creek requested to be removed from membership from the Carolina Baptist Association on January 23, 2019.

Horse Shoe First Prayer Breakfast on March 30 at 9am. **Easter Egg hunt on April 20 at 11-2pm. Inflatables, games, prizes, snacks and fun for the entire family.** Sunrise service and breakfast on April 21 at 6:45am. Morning worship will begin at 8:30am (no 11am service).

Main Street Movie night, “God’s Not Dead,” and free pizza on February 8 at 6pm. **Carolina Quartet in concert on March 10 at 6pm.** Men’s Fellowship Breakfast on March 23 at 9am. **Maundy Thursday Communion Service on April 18 at 6pm.** SonRise Service at 6:45am. on April 21. **Prodigal Sons in concert on April 28 at 11am. service. Covered dish luncheon following the service.** Matt Fore, Christian humorist & magician will be performing on May 18 at 6pm. **Heart2Heart will be performing on June 9 at 6pm.** Showing the movie, “God’s Not Dead 2” and serving ice cream on June 14 at 6pm. **“Purpose” performing on July 14 in the 11am. service.**

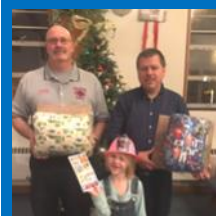
Mount Olivet Larry Stapleton resigned as pastor as of February 3, 2019.

Naples Easter Sunrise service at 7am. at Shepherd’s Memorial Park. Breakfast will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School will begin at 8:30am. and the Choir will present the Easter musical: “Victor’s Crown” during the morning worship beginning at 9:45am. No evening service.

Refuge Easter Egg Hunt at 10am. on April 20 at the Family Life Center.

Saluda First Sunrise service on April 21 at 7am. followed by a light breakfast.

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



Valley Hill Baptist Church was able to place “Comfort Pillows” with Valley Hill Fire Department in December. VHF representative, Chris McDowell, came and spoke to the congregation on fire safety and prevention. With the help of Carolina Baptist Association, through supply of these child-size pillows, we placed small toys along with a Bible tract. We pray that these pillows provide much comfort in a child’s life when most needed.