



I would like to express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve Carolina Baptist Association. This is the best association in the state! It has been for many years. I am blessed to be able to serve you, and I thank you for the confidence you have placed in me to take on this responsibility.

I hope you can understand the difficulty of the last few weeks. It is not easy leaving a church you have served for 25 years. The people at Fruitland Baptist are more than people I have served as pastor, they are family – and they always will be.

I do want to share with you the three major areas I want to focus on during my time here. They do not represent all we will do as an association, but, in my opinion, they do outline the major things that need to be attended to in the next little while.

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## CHRISTMAS IN JULY

### Bethlehem Toy Store Collection for Children from Birth—16 Years

Each year Carolina Baptist Association collects new toys in July for the Bethlehem Toy Store. The families who receive the toys are screened by Interfaith Assistance Ministry and are verified to be having financial difficulty. The parents are presented the gospel and given a Bible and many come to know Christ during this time. Also, if the parents are unchurched, and approve, they are directed to a church in their community and are contacted by that church.

**Please collect *new toys for children ages birth—16 years old* and bring to the CBA office Monday-Thursday from 9-4.**



**The Toy Store will be held on Friday, December 2, 2016**

### **Gifts for Inmates—Red Boxes ~ CBA Goal: 850 Pairs of Women's Crew Socks**



Each Christmas, women from all across NC provide gifts to fill approximately 1,600 red boxes to be given to women inmates at NC Correctional Institute for Women and Raleigh Correctional Center for Women. For many of these women our gift is all they receive.

Please know these gifts do make a difference. Thank you for all your work and support in this ministry.

**Guidelines: Women's white crew socks.** Please remove the plastic tags, plastic, etc. and fold together as a pair. *Only white socks can be accepted.* **Bring to CBA by October 17, 2016**

Agua Viva	Broad River	Ebenezer	Fletcher First	Kings Grove	Mount Olivet	Oak Forest	Wayside
Asheville Kore- an	Cedar Springs	Etowah	French Broad	Liberty	Mountain	Pleasant Grove	West H'ville
Balfour	Contemp. First	FBC E. Flat	Fruitland	Living Water	Home	Pleasant Hill	Zion Hill
Barker Heights	Covenant	Rock	Gethsemane	Locust Grove	Mountain Page	Refuge	
Bat Cave	Crab Creek	FBC H'ville	Hoopers Creek	Main Street	Mtn. Valley	Rise Fellowship	
Bearwallow	Crossroads	FBC Saluda	Horse Shoe	Middle Fork	Mtn. View Miss.	Shaws Creek	
Beulah	Dana	FBC Tryon	First	Mount Gilead	Mud Creek	Upward	
	Double Springs	FBC Tuxedo	Jones Gap	Mount Moriah	Naples	Valley Hill	

**Churches without a pastor:** Balfour, Cedar Springs, Contemporary First, Locust Grove, Mount Olivet, and Wayside

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First, every pastor needs a pastor. Although some say it is not possible for the DOM to be a pastor to pastors, I believe it is possible. Every effort will be put forth so that I can spend one-on-one time with every pastor in our association. These relationships, and the support of our pastors, are vital for the health of our association.

Second, we are a group of Southern Baptist churches with like faith and doctrine who have partnered together to fulfill the Great Commission. In order to fulfill the Great Commission, I want to be an encourager and example to our churches to reach "Our Jerusalem" with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As I visit the churches, I hope to have the opportunity to share my heart, and the reason I believe this is a realistic goal for us. I KNOW we can reach our whole county with the Gospel!

Thirdly, and last, we have been given the responsibility of sharing the Gospel not only with "Our Jerusalem," but with the rest of the world. As God opens doors, I hope to lead our churches to be on mission to Judea, Samaria, and the Uttermost.

There is much to do. By God's Grace, I pray that Carolina Baptist Association will become the strongest force in the history of our association for the reaching of people with the message of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Soli Deo Gloria!  
Michael Smith



**Ashley Allen**  
Embrace Women's Ministry  
Baptist State Convention of NC



*Save the Date*

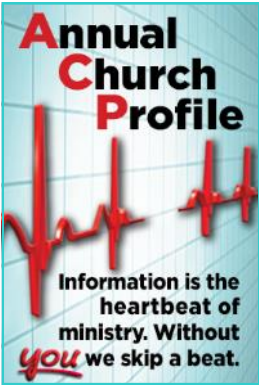
10th Annual Women's Conference  
**Saturday, September 24, 2016**  
**8:15 AM—3:15 PM**



Fruitland Baptist Bible College

*Let everything that has breath*

*Praise the Lord!*  
Psalm 150:6



The Annual Church Profile (ACP) is an annual statistical report churches submit to their local association. The reported numbers provide an annual snapshot of the impact Southern Baptists are making through local churches in penetrating their communities with the Gospel. The ACP also seeks to preserve Southern Baptist history while collecting data on the ministries occurring in Southern Baptist churches. Another goal of the ACP is to allow individual churches to examine their own progress of ministry and growth. Church clerks compile information, including church membership, Sunday school, discipleship, finances and mission data.

Carolina Baptist Association encourages each church to fill out a profile. Our goal is 100% response from our churches!

**The ACP will be mailed to your church clerk on August 15 and the deadline to return to CBA is October 17. If you do not receive one please let us know and we will be glad to provide one for you.**

# Bible Studies

The Women's Ministry of Carolina Baptist Association has taken on the mission of resetting and stocking the Associational library. Does your church have DVD Bible studies they have previously used and are just sitting on a shelf? Would you be willing to donate to the CBA library or place on loan?

If you would be willing to loan a Bible study, it would be documented on them, but would be available for churches within the Association to check them out for a designated period of time. The churches would be responsible for providing their own study guides for the study.

The library/media center can become a vital tool to help all the churches be able to have Bible study. How exciting!! Thank you so much.

*Patty Williams, CBA Women's Ministry Director*

# 1 DAY

EQUIPPING LEADERS  
TO MAKE DISCIPLES

For Pastors, Staff, Teachers, Leaders  
and Volunteers

Join NC Baptist Evangelism and Discipleship consultants for this intensive training with equipping sessions in Sunday school and small groups, children's and youth ministry, worship and music ministry, women's ministry, evangelism, special needs ministry, pastoral leadership and more!

**Saturday, August 20, 2016**  
**Western Avenue Baptist Church**  
**Statesville, NC**  
**8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.**

Early Bird Deadline: August 5 ~ \$15/pp  
Registration Deadline: August 17 ~ \$20/pp  
At the Door: \$30/person  
[www.ncbaptist.org](http://www.ncbaptist.org) | 800-395-5102, ext. 5628



## SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM

**Summer can be an exciting time for children, but it can also be a time of uncertainty. In Henderson County over 50% of children receive a free or reduced lunch during the school year, but during summer three meals a day are not always available.**

**At this writing there are 515 children signed up and 213 still need sponsoring.**

**What can you and/or your church do to help? Definitely pray, but we need food, donations and volunteers. We also need individuals, Sunday school classes, and churches to make up the boxes and distribute them.**

**Please call Kevin Gilliam at 828.489.2533 and sign up!**

# FOOD DRIVE



## LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

### HIGHEST GIVING EVER!!!

Southern Baptist Churches gave the highest ever international missions offering! The 2015 Lottie Moon offering totaled \$165.8 million—the highest total in the 127 year history of the offering. The offering surpassed the previous all-time record of \$154 million in 2013 by \$11.8 million. The 2014 Lottie Moon offering totaled just over \$153 million.

**THANK YOU, SOUTHERN BAPTISTS!!**

### Vacation Bible School

- **Barker Heights** June 26-July 1, 6-8 PM
- **Bat Cave** July 18-22, 6:30-9:00 PM
- **Double Springs** July 13-16, 6 PM
- **East Flat Rock First** July 17-21, 6:15-8:45 PM
- **Ebenezer** June 26-29, 6-8:30 PM
- **Etowah** June 20-24, 6-9 PM
- **Fletcher First** July 11-14, 6:30-9 PM
- **Fruitland** July 24-29, 6-9 PM
- **Hendersonville First** June 20-24, 9:00-Noon
- **Iglesia Bautista Agua Viva** July 11-15, 6-8:30 PM
- **Naples** July 10-15, 6:30-9 PM
- **Refuge** June 19-24, 6-8:30 PM
- **Tuxedo First** August 1-4, 6-8:30 PM (Kickoff, July 31 from 5-6:30 PM)
- **Upward** July 18-22, 6-8:30 PM (Kickoff, July 16 at 1:00 PM)



Recycle your VBS materials by bringing them to the Association office for other churches to use. *Also, send us your VBS report so we can all rejoice and praise God for the souls that were saved!*



## Open Arms Crisis Pregnancy Center

### Informational Tea

Open Arms Crisis Pregnancy Center of Hendersonville is hosting an informational tea at the First Alliance Church on Saturday, June 25, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. The purpose of the event is to obtain a group of enthusiastic, informed, dedicated supporters who will act as spokespeople within our community for Open Arms.

The afternoon will include key speakers, inspirational testimonies, delicious homemade snacks, valuable handouts, and a silent auction with something for everyone to enjoy.

Please plan on joining in and bring 1 or 2 members from your congregation who would be willing to make a difference. Every church in our community is touched by unexpected and unwanted pregnancies; we need to avail ourselves of the lifesaving services of Open Arms ministry. Education and information...along with prayer are essential!

Call 828-595-6031 for more information.

**FIRST ALLIANCE CHURCH,**  
**1821 Windsor Dr., Hendersonville**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2016**  
**1:00 PM**

## 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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### Monday Minister Meetings:

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



**SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM  
CHRISTMAS IN JULY  
IAM SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE  
COATS FOR THE CITY**

- 11-13 NC Minister's Wives Retreat, Caraway
- 18 CBA Leadership Team, CBA, 9:00 AM
- 26 CBA Executive Team, CBA, 7:00 PM (If needed)

**SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM  
IAM SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE  
COATS FOR THE CITY**



- 13 By All Means, WMU Meeting, Sylva First Bapt., 9:00 AM—2:00 PM
- 15 CBA Leadership Team, CBA, 9:00 AM
- 20 1 DAY Equipping Leaders to Make Disciples, Statesville, 8:30 AM—3:30 PM
- 23 Baptist on Missions Regional Rally, W. Asheville Baptist, 6-8:30 PM

**Deadline for September/October CBA  
Newsletter is August 10.**



### July

- 7 Jimmy Owens—Barker Heights
- 9 Karen Bennett—Tuxedo First  
Karen Scoggins—Hendersonville First
- 10 Mike Bennett—Tuxedo First  
Kyle Thomas—East Flat Rock First
- 11 Michael Lewis—Double Springs
- 12 Rick and Kathy Phillips—Pleasant Grove
- 14 Curtis and Levina Pace—Jones Gap
- 15 Jerry and Norma Mullinax—Shaws Creek
- 30 Kemuel and Melissa Pruitt—French Broad

### August

- 1 Margaret Perry—Refuge  
Sharon Capps—Bearwallow
- 4 Lisa Ponder—Mount Gilead
- 13 Samuel and Jean Lee—Asheville Korean
- 24 Dan Blackwell—Dana
- 25 Danny Pridmore—Gethsemane  
Dewey Barnwell—Beulah  
Roy and Margaret Perry—Refuge
- 26 Richard Merck—Naples
- 30 Sam Gibbs—Carolina Baptist Association



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

Jul 3	Balfour Double Springs	Joe Lund, Interim Michael Lewis
Jul 10	Rise Fellowship Hoopers Creek	Mitch Corn Phillip Youngblood
Jul 17	Middle Fork Agua Viva	Ralph Fry, Jr. Marco Hernandez
Jul 24	Mud Creek W. Hendersonville	Greg Mathis Tracy Fletcher
Jul 31	Pleasant Hill Mount Gilead	No Pastor Robert Ponder
Aug 7	Ebenezer Beulah	Steven Blanton Dewey Barnwell
Aug 14	Mountain Home Living Water	Craig Garren Tony Birkhead
Aug 21	Mountain View Oak Forest	Larry Mason Jerry Lacefield
Aug 28	FBC Saluda Cedar Springs	Tony Reese Oliver Skerrett, Interim



**Covenant** installed their third pastor/elder, Ron Diaz. Ron took elder vows and his fellow pastors laid hands on him Sunday, May 22. Ron also serves as a detective for the Fletcher Police Department.

**Double Springs** Hosting a God-fest on August 13 from 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. with preaching, singing and free hot dog lunch and BBQ supper provided. Call Michael Lewis at 216-0930 for more information.

**East Flat Rock First** Going to Pineville, Kentucky on a mission trip on July 10-16.

**Ebenezer** will be sending a group of seven to do mission work in Maine on July 24-30.

**Etowah** is participating in the Appalachian Christmas Outreach, a ministry of NC Baptist Men, and will be taking filled backpacks to Williamsburg, KY in December. If you are interested in participating or would like someone to come to your church to speak, call Wanda Love at 891-7167 or Ron Case at 329-4687. Having a garage sale on July 2 from 8-Noon in their Promise Center with proceeds going toward missions. A group will be going to West Virginia on July 24-30 on a mission trip.

**Fletcher First** Revival with Darrin Waldroup on August 7 at 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and continuing August 8-11 at 7:00 p.m. Hosting the Hayes Family Concert on August 21 at 10:45 a.m.

**Fruitland** Mission trip to Freeport, PA from June 25-July 2. If you would like to go contact Linda Bradley at 606-7186.

**Hendersonville First** *Splish-Splash Preschool Day Camp* will be held July 11-15 from 9 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Now registering for First Baptist Academy for 2-4 year olds. *Moms Connect* the first Monday of each month from 6:30-8 p.m. 828-693-3493.

**Horse Shoe First** has called Travis Harrison as their pastor on May 8, 2016.

**Naples** Youth group will be attending SuperWow at Jekyll Island, GA.

**Pleasant Hill** called Matt Morgan as their new pastor. Matt began his ministry at Pleasant Hill in September 2015.

**Refuge** Mylon Hayes Family Concert, July 16 at 6:00 p.m. 5th Sunday Night Singing, July 31, 6:00 p.m.

**Saluda First** will be having a fried chicken dinner on July 9 (coon dog day) to raise money for missions. There will be a bounce house for the children. Looking for water-themed VBS decorations for their own VBS on July 20-22. Call 749-4301 if you can help with this need.

**Wayside** Joshua Schaller resigned as pastor on May 23, 2016.

## OTHER NEWS/EVENTS

- **NC Minister's Wives Retreat** Come and renew your spirit at this annual retreat. The theme is "Repurposed." Re-purposing challenges us to look at our faith from an different angle—not what we need to do, but what has already been done for us by Jesus. *July 11-13* at Caraway Conference Center. Call Renea Henderson at 336.953.0908 for more information.
- **IAM School Supply Drive** now through August 31.
- **Women of Carolina 10th Annual Women's Conference** Save the date! Saturday, September 24, 2016, at Fruitland Baptist Bible College.
- **The Storm Inside** Bible study, led by Becky Wuerzer, was held at CBA in April-May. Becky says "it was truly a blessed time together as approximately 25 women joined together to study God's word. It is always good to hear how the Lord is working in lives and learn from each other. May the truths we learned be applied when that storm hits! Thank you for sharing with me and blessing my life so richly. Thank you also for the fern and love gift."
- **Baptist Children's Home Food Roundup** Thank you to the following churches for participating: Balfour, Dana, East Flat Rock First, Hendersonville First, Locust Grove, Mountain Home, Naples, Tuxedo First and Upward. Thank you, Larry Austin, for delivering the food!
- **WMU, By All Means**, Regions 9 & 10, updates and inspiration, August 13, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m., First Baptist Church, Sylva. Includes lunch and WMU Yearbook). Call Judy Pettigrew at 828.627.2114 for more information.

LUKE 10:1

The Lord... sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.

PREPARE THE WAY

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\$ 2.1 MILLION

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North Carolina MISSIONS Offering

North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO) is a special offering received during the month of **September** that supports the ministries of N.C. Baptist Men, Church Planting, mission camps, associational projects and mobilization ministry projects. Your gifts help prepare the way for Jesus.



### Living Proof Live Simulcast

September 17, 2016 ~ 9:30 AM—4:15 PM (Central Time)

Experience Living Proof with Beth Moore and Travis Cottrell live via simulcast in the comfort of your church, home, or favorite hangout for life-changing Bible study and inspiring worship. Come be a part of this global, one-day simulcast that will encourage you to dive deeper into the Word of God. Beth follows the leading of the Holy Spirit to prepare a specific message for each of her events, and the simulcast is no exception. Don't miss out on this special event. Registration is \$20 per person. Go to [lifeway.com](http://lifeway.com) for detailed information.



## A Collection of New and Gently Used Coats for New York

Collection Due Date: **October 1, 2016**  
Bring to **Carolina Baptist Association**

This is a Great Commission Partnership with North Carolina Baptists. It began as Coats for Queens and became a huge success. Now, partnering with church planters all across New York, this year the goal is 30,000 coats and either a Bible or Jesus film in the language of the person receiving the coat.

*The coats need to be new or gently used, sorted in heavy lawn bags according to three styles: Men, Women, and Children.*

A donation of \$2.00 for every coat will help cover the cost of a Bible and/or Jesus Video.

If you are interested in going to help distribute the coats, contact Abby Edwards at 800-395-5102, ext. 5536, or email her at [aedwards@ncbaptist.org](mailto:aedwards@ncbaptist.org). Visit [www.ncbaptist.org](http://www.ncbaptist.org) and click Events for more information.



## BAPTISTS ON MISSION Regional Rally

Tuesday, August 23, 2016 - Region 9  
West Asheville Baptist Church  
926 Haywood Rd., Asheville  
6:00—8:30 PM

This rally will highlight the variety of opportunities NC Baptists have to be involved in missions across our state, in our nation, and around the world. Featured will be worship, testimony, mission video, and a prayer time for missions. These rallies are for men, women and youth- everyone interested in missions is encouraged to attend! A main focus of these rallies will be the **NC Missions Offering (NCMO)** and ministries that are supported by the NCMO.

A meal is provided for the NC Mission Rallies at no charge, but reservations are necessary to ensure an accurate meal count.

The deadline to register is Tuesday, August 16. Go to <http://baptistmission.org/events/region-rallies> and register today!



A Ministry of Baptist Churches  
in Western North Carolina



The mission of the WNC Mountain State Fair Ministry is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with people working at and attending the annual Mountain State Fair. This will be accomplished by volunteers from Baptist churches in Western North Carolina who will witness by caring for the physical and spiritual needs of fair employees and fair guests.

**Ways you can help:** Pray for the Fair Leadership Team and for the church volunteer teams; volunteer a church team to serve a shift; provide Bibles; make "Jesus Loves You" teddy bears, salvation bracelets or hygiene kits; provide clothing from a specific list; provide new or clean used blankets and towels; provide paper plates, cups, plastic silverware, or paper towels; give a tax deductible gift to the fair ministry. Checks can be made to Buncombe Baptist Association, designated "Fair Ministry" and mailed to 227 Hazel Mill Road, Asheville, NC 28806. The State Fair will be held September 9-18, 2016. For more information and a list of needs go to [buncombebaptist.org](http://buncombebaptist.org) or call 252-1864, ext. 306.



Over 150 people participated in the **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER** at the Hendersonville Historic Courthouse on May 7. Special musical performance and flag folding ceremony by East Hendersonville High School.

There was special prayer for government, military, education, family, church and many more. This event is held on the first Thursday of May each year. Plan to attend next year!

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### SPECIAL OLYMPICS



On April 15 Carolina Baptist Association along with Sam's Club of Hendersonville served over 1,500 snow cones and bags of popcorn. This event was a memorable

time to show God's love to the special people of Henderson County.

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### FIELD DAY AND TEACHER APPRECIATION AT SUGARLOAF ELEMENTARY

Mud Creek Hispanic Ministry delivered the concession trailer on May 30 and provided snow cones, cotton candy, and popcorn to over 450 children at Sugarloaf Elementary as part of their Field Day. Also, fed teachers lunch for teacher appreciation.