



And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. Luke 1:35



A huge thank you to everyone who prayed, bought, sorted, brought, bagged, carried, encouraged, invited and participated in this year's C.B.A. Bethlehem Toy Store. *Over 37 families and 81 children were impacted by your generosity and prayers.* The greatest gift was offered to each participant as they were asked if they knew Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Each family was encouraged to be a part of a local C.B.A. church if they were not already attending. The best news of all is that 5 adults asked Jesus into their hearts on toy distribution day! Several left without accepting the good news, so please remember every family that came through our doors that God will send a brother or sister into their path to help water the seeds that were planted. May God bless each of you for being a part of this important ministry. *Gloria Nock, Toy Store Coordinator*



Volunteers Setting Up and Praying

Prayer Gathering

A TIME FOR PRAYER AND WORSHIP

A WESTERN NC PRAYER GATHERING

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

9:45-10:45 AM—Fruitland Baptist Bible College

6:30 PM—Ebenezer Baptist Church

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

9:45—10:45 AM Fruitland Baptist Bible College

6:30 PM—Ebenezer Baptist Church

This event is a great opportunity for churches to come together to worship the One True God and lift up His church and the world around us in prayer.



FEBRUARY 5, 2017

The Souper Bowl of Caring collections on Super Bowl Sunday are a big help to the Food Pantry at Interfaith

Assistance Ministry, In 2016, the IAM Pantry received 4,458 lbs. of soup and \$4,445.25 from 31 congregations!

Souper Bowl Sunday is **February 5, 2017**, but many congregations around the country will start their collection in January. Find out more and receive promotional materials at souperbowl.org

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



*A word from your Director of Missions...**Something Old to Start the New***

It is hard enough to write about the immediate. If that is true, thinking about what the future may hold, and writing about it, becomes a daunting task. I mean, here I am, a couple of days before Thanksgiving, attempting to write a newsletter article for January and February!

I have no idea what January and February 2017 will hold. For most churches this will be a slower time – the Holidays are over and cold weather will prevent us from doing a lot of our normal ministry activities. It is a good time to take a breath and get ready for a busier season.

My mind keeps going back to our Old Testament forbearers. Their new year was in the fall because of their emphasis on agriculture. On the first day of the seventh month (Tishrei), the Jews celebrated Rosh Hashanah (beginning, or head, of the year). This was a two-day feast. It is also known as the Day of Trumpets since they blew the shofar and shouted to celebrate the new year. For the next ten days, they lived a life of introspection and considered the sin that had been part of their lives. On the tenth day, they fasted for 25 hours and dressed in white in anticipation of “finding” their names in the Book of Life. The tenth day is Yom Kippur, or the Day of Atonement. Devout Jews still celebrate these High, Holy Days (see Leviticus 23:23-32).

Perhaps as this new year approaches, with a bit of a slower pace, we, too can reflect on our lives. Unlike the Jews, we don't have to worry whether or not our lives are written in the Book of Life. If Christ is our Savior, we are assured of such. Yet, we would still profit from introspection about how we are living our lives - whether we are following the Lord we claim to serve, and if our lives are being fruitful in Kingdom work. And, if we are not pleased with what we are seeing in ourselves, we can come to repentance and, God, in Christ, can give us a new start for a new year. Talk about a reason for shouting and celebrating!

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And, with a new, clean slate before us, God can use us in greater ways than ever before. That is the type of witnesses Christ desires to be on mission for Him – those who are constantly repenting and starting new. My New Year's prayer is that those of us who make up the Carolina Baptist Association will seek God in such a way in this New Year - and that He will use us mightily in 2017!

Churches without a pastor: Bat Cave, Cedar Springs, Contemporary First, Fruitland, Horse Shoe First, Locust Grove, Mount Olivet, Valley Hill, and Wayside



**REMEMBER
OUR
LORD'S
WORK IN
YOUR WILL**

Have you ever thought about your Last Will and Testament as being your greatest act of stewardship...or maybe even an act of worship? It will be your last written instructions, and what you write will tell a lot about you and what has been important to you. All NC Baptists have the ability to go far beyond their wildest dreams in impacting Kingdom work!

During the first three months of each year, the Baptist Foundation places a special emphasis on Christian estate planning and provides free support and materials for all churches. The theme for 2017 is “Using Christian Estate Plans to Soar...Above and Beyond.”

Call the NC Baptist Foundation at 800-521-7334 or visit nabaptistfoundation.org.



VBS Preview January 6-7

Ridgecrest Conference Center, Black Mtn. Come to a VBS Preview Event and you'll go home inspired and ready to take your VBS to the next level! \$70 per person, \$80 per person after November 1. Group discounts available. LifeWay.com

Balfour Christmas Day: 11 AM only

Bat Cave Christmas Eve: 7 PM; Christmas Day: 11 AM only

Bearwallow Christmas Eve: 7 PM; Christmas Day: 11 AM only

Covenant Christmas Eve: 6 PM

Crab Creek Christmas Day: 11 AM only

Ebenezer Christmas Eve: 5 PM; Christmas Day: 10 AM only

Etowah Christmas Day: 10:55 only

FBC East Flat Rock Christmas Day: 10:45 AM only

FBC Hendersonville Christmas Eve: 4:30 PM (Childcare), 6 PM. Christmas Day: 11 AM only

FBC Saluda Christmas Eve: 6 PM; Christmas Day: 11 AM only

Fletcher 1st Christmas Day: 10:45 AM only

Fruitland Christmas Eve: 6 PM; Christmas Day: 10:45 only

Main Street Christmas Eve: 5 PM

Mountain Valley Christmas Eve Play: 6:30 PM

Mud Creek Christmas Day: 11 AM only

Naples Christmas Eve: Christmas Eve: 6 PM; Christmas Day: 10:45 only

Refuge Christmas Eve: 11 PM

Shaws Creek Christmas Day: 10:30 AM only

Lights for Life Service Sunday, January 22, 2017 Hendersonville Presbyterian 6:00 PM

Co-sponsored by the Henderson County Ministerial Association and Open Arms Crisis Pregnancy Center. Join us for a time to honor life, a time of testimonies, forgiveness, healing, and prayer. For more information call Open Arms at 828-676-4510.



2017 YOUTH & YOUTH LEADER EVENTS



BE·DO·TELL

BECOME a Christian.
DO Discipleship.
TELL others.

SUMMER YOUTH WEEKS 2017 CASWELL, OAK ISLAND, NC

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? Then join us for one of the Summer Youth weeks at the N.C. Baptist Assembly at Ft. Caswell.

Each week also includes daily quiet times, church and small group devotions, sports, drama, improv, games and more. More than 297 salvations and 940 commitments were celebrated in 2016. Youth weeks are June and July with exciting speakers and praise and worship time each week. A very affordable camp! Go to BeDoTell.com for more information.

SWAT—Students-Witnessing- Accountability-Training | July 14-16

Do you have students in your youth group who understand their God-given purpose and strengths to lead a movement of students in their generation to be a force for Christ? Bring these students to be a part of the BeDoTell SWAT Team of student leaders reaching their generation for Christ.

This training is for rising 8th—12th grade students who are leaders in their youth groups. There must be one adult chaperone, age 21 or older, for every eight students of the same gender. BeDoTell.com.

Summer Youth Week East Camp Cale | July 3-8 | Hertford, NC

Looking for a camp for your students this summer? Join us for Youth Week East Camp, a camp that challenges and strengthens students and leaders alike in their walk of faith. The camp is located on the Perquimans River with high and low ropes courses, shooting ranges, canoes, kayaks, sailing, disc golf course, rock wall, and a swimming area. Each day includes Bible study, worship, free time, church group devotions, and time to be with friends. This camp is for rising 7th—12th graders. BeDoTell.com

A TRAINING CONFERENCE FOR PASTORS AND LEADERS WHO WORK WITH TEENS

CONCLAVE

JANUARY 26-28, 2017
CHATTANOOGA, TN

YMCONCLAVE.ORG
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Scorecard



MARCH 25, 2017

Bear Creek Baptist Church | Bakersville, NC

It's about more than just hineys in the seats! If you continued in the same direction, where would you be in a year? By the time your students graduate High School, what foundations will be in their lives?

If you are striving to make disciples instead of filling pews, you need a new scorecard to know if growth is taking place. If you want to see students engaged in the gospel and growing in their faith—how do we measure that? Come explore ways to approach ministry from birth—high school that includes life transformation instead of just head knowledge. Go to BeDoTell for more information.

SKI 2017 RETREAT

NORTH CAROLINA • YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth from all across the state will converge on Beckley, W.Va., for the 13th annual winter ski retreat. In addition to ski time, there will be a time of worship with special speaker Acton Bowen and praise and worship with the BeDoTell Band. Go to BeDoTell.com for more information or call 800-285-7273.

FEBRUARY 3-5, 2017



Summer Team Auditions

JANUARY 20-21, 2017

More than 7,000 teenagers attend Youth Weeks each summer at Caswell. A team of college students comprises the BeDoTell Team, better known as BDT. BDT is looking for students who love the Lord and desire to serve Him at youth camp. A sample of your performance skills in music or drama, or a media PowerPoint presentation must be sent by January 5. This can take the form of a DVD mailed, a video posted to YouTube with the link emailed, or a file emailed to Merrie Johnson, mjohnson@ncbaptist.org. Online applications are due by Dec. 31. Go to BeDoTell.com for further information.

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them grow: Powerful
through Prayer;
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Monday Minister Meetings:

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



MAKE YOUR WILL MONTH

- 6-7 VBS Preview, Ridgecrest
- 16 CBA Leadership Team, CBA, 9:00 AM
- 16 Women of Carolina, CBA, 6:00 PM
- 20-21 Youth Summer Team Auditions
- 15 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 22 Lights for Life, Hendersonville Presbyterian, 6:00 PM
- 26-28 Conclave, Chattanooga
- 31 CBA Executive Team Meeting, CBA Office, 7:00 PM

TRUE LOVE WAITS EMPHASIS MONTH

- 3-5 Youth Ski Retreat with BeDoTell, Beckley, W.VA.
- 13-19 Focus on WMU Week
- 14 Happy Valentines Day!
- 20 CBA Leadership Team Meeting, CBA, 9:00 AM
- 21 Women of Carolina, CBA, 6:00 PM
- 26-30 CBA Office Closed for the Holidays



January

- 2 Greg and Deborah Mathis—Mud Creek
- 3 Jerry Mullinax—Shaws Creek
- 7 Paula Janes—CBA
- 12 Blair and Tina Stewart—Zion Hill
- 15 Roy Waldroup—Fletcher First
- 18 Shannon and Kim Owen—Mountain Valley
- 26 Samuel Lee—Asheville Korean
- 28 Steve Scoggins—Hendersonville First
- 30 Deborah Mathis—Mud Creek
- 31 Robert and Sharon Capps—Bearwallow

February

- 14 Robert and Lisa Ponder—Mount Gilead
- 22 Kim Owen—Mountain Valley
- 23 Marie Blackwell—Dana
- 25 Jerry Lacefield—Oak Forest
- Joe Lund—Balfour

Deadline for March/April
Newsletter is February 8, 2017



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



Balfour has an ongoing WMU ministry called "Busy Fingers" that makes blankets, quilts and scarves for Mexico.

Ebenezer Ladies Fellowship night will be held on January 12 at 6:30 p.m. This is a great event to mingle, get to know one

another, and enjoy a great evening of fun, fellowship and a brief Bible lesson in a laid-back setting. Bring your Bible, your favorite finger food, and invite a friend! Contact Natalie Long at natellington2004@yahoo.com to sign up.

First Baptist Church Hendersonville Student Ministry Winter Retreat will be held at Ridgecrest on January 14-16. Registration deadline is November 20. Call 693-3493. LifeSong from Trinity Baptist College in Jacksonville, FL, will be the special worship guest on January 15 at 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00 AM. A team of 19 worked in partnership with Clarkston International Bible Church to renovate facilities for refugee programs. A team of 13 did rebuild on houses in Duplin and Sampson Counties. 60 students enjoyed a Christmas party and were given easy-to-read English Bibles. Trips to Russia, Honduras, and Cuba are planned for the summer.

Fletcher First Mylon Hayes Family will be in concert on February 5 at 10:45 a.m.

Main Street Christmas Eve candlelight service at 5:00 p.m. with Communion and Advent Wreath. Fellowship afterward.

Naples Had a Praise Team Christmas Musical and a Children's Christmas Play (pics below). Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6:00 p.m. On Christmas day will have a morning service only beginning at 10:45 a.m.



OTHER NEWS/EVENTS

~**Learn to Read Music** at West Hendersonville Baptist Church beginning on January 19. There is training for Basic Music Reading and Advanced Music Theory. Also beginning on January 24 there will be Kidz Learn to Read Music and Voice & Ear Training. Contact Terry Baker at 329-8938 for more information.

~Carolina Baptist Association granted \$13,448.50 in 2016 to assist 100 children to attend a **Christian camp**. Praise God!

~**Bible Drill** is for children, youth and high school students in grades 4-12. The purpose of Bible Drill is to help students and families: Increase the knowledge of the Bible, develop skills in effectively handling God's Word and memorize the names of the books, verses and key passages of the Bible. Get all the resources and information you need at www.ncbaptist.org and click Bible Drill or call Jim Hyler at 625-9061.

~**Baptist Men's Day** in the Churches is on January 22. Churches use this day to remind their entire congregation of the importance of Baptist Men's ministry within the church, community and the world. Go to BaptistsOnMission.org to learn how to plan this special day. If January 22 is not a convenient date, please feel free to plan it for any Sunday.

~**North Carolina offering for Older Adults/Week of Prayer Emphasis** for Baptist Retirement Homes is February 5-12, 2017. Go to brh.org for more information.

~Beginning on January 1, 2017, the IRS optional standard mileage rate is 53.5 cents per mile.

*Christmas blessings to all from the staff at
Carolina Baptist Association*



VOCATIONAL EVANGELISTS' RETREAT 2017

Caraway Conference Center, Sophia, NC

January 12-13, 2017

IMPACTING LOSTNESS THROUGH DISCIPLE-MAKING

This is a conference for those whose ministry vocation is focused primarily on evangelism and sharing the gospel through preaching, teaching or in creative ways—illusions, comedy, music, drama or art.

Special Speakers: Dr. David Horton, Anne Graham Lotz, Kerwin Wray, Vince Tharp, and Paul Jones with Praise and Worship Leader, Cindy Johnson.

Go to NCBAPTIST.ORG/VER for more information.

Check with Carolina Baptist Association for Possible Scholarships.

Sunday, January 15, 2017

Churches around the United States use this day to celebrate God's gift of life, commemorate the many lives lost to abortion, and commit themselves to protecting human life at every stage.



If you don't know who the Joy Singers are, we are a group of Christians from the area that meet at the Carolina Baptist Association office each Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. to practice and then go to local retirement homes to sing for the patients. It is such a rewarding experience to see them brighten up with the singing and fellowship. Come join us! This invitation is open for all ages! Call Terry Baker at 329-8938



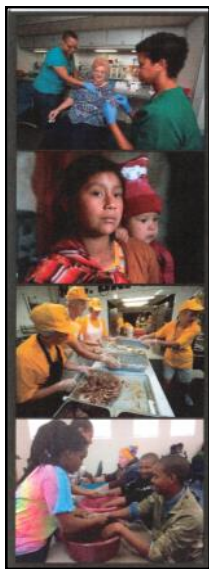
Hurricane Matthew Update

Hurricane Matthew struck the eastern half of NC on October 8, 2016 with a tremendous amount of damage mostly related to record flooding. Several rivers crested higher than previous major flood events like Hurricanes Fran and Floyd. In all, 28 people lost their lives due to this storm. Officials estimate over \$1.5 billion in damage occurred in NC alone.

NCBM Disaster Relief teams responded to the needs with 6 mobile kitchens: 3 from NC, 1 from Missouri, 1 from Virginia, and 1 from Arkansas. In addition, we had 13 recovery sites setup at the height of cleanup efforts.

The Lord has blessed with many volunteers, 15,200 volunteer days, completing over 1,025 cleanup jobs across eastern NC. Currently there are 10 sites open for recovery. However, this number is expected to be reduced as the requests for assistance continue to drop in some areas. This doesn't mean the work is complete. It only means that the work is consolidating to fewer places. We will need volunteers for months to come to be involved in cleanup and rebuild. Two sites are already beginning the rebuild process: Warsaw and Windsor.

Volunteers will be needed for many months to come and up to 2 years. For more information and to get involved go to BaptistsOnMissions.org, click Ministries then Disaster Relief.



A MISSIONS RALLY FOR MEN, WOMEN, AND YOUTH

Tuesday, February 7 | FBC Waynesville

Supper: 6:00 PM | Program: 6:50–8:30 PM

Come join us for a night of mission inspiration as we experience what God is doing through NC Baptists around the world. There will be worship, testimonies, videos, and information on mission opportunities.

The meal is free, but we need to have an accurate head count. Register by going to our website at www.baptistmission.org (Events/Regional Rallies/Mission Rallies) or by contacting our office at 800-395-5102 x 5596; email keskridge@ncbaptist.org.

Mark your calendar now for this exciting event for men, women, and youth.

Registration is due one week prior to the rally date (January 31)!



Saturday, March 4, 2017

1:00—5:00 PM

Join us on March 4 for the Glory Girls conference on the campus of Fruitland Baptist Bible College. Glory Girls is for students **6th grade through 12th grade**. Glory Girls will take place on Saturday, March 4 from 1:00—5:00 PM. Praise and worship, all girls band, guest speakers and dinner. There is no cost for this event. Register by March 1st to guarantee a free t-shirt. Register at <http://www.mudcreekchurch.org/glory> or call 828-692-1262.



MINISTER GETAWAY We've all been there. All needed a time to refresh. To step back from the busyness of our ministry...to reconnect with our families...to get away. At Ridgecrest, we invite you to do just that...get away! Located in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains, there is a place for you to come and enjoy at an incredible room rate of \$49 per night for up to four persons per room. Ridgecrest now offers a new resource just for you, a pastor's study. From the comfortable, productive furniture arrangement to the reference library of 300 books and commentaries, as well as Wi-Fi, our pastor's study is designed to assist you in making the most of your time away. This is the rest and renewal you have been looking for individually, or use as an inexpensive vacation with your family. *This offer is based on room availability.* Call 800-588-7222.