

BETHLEHEM TOY STORE REPORT, by Glo Nock, Director

Thank you to everyone who prayed, bought, sorted, brought, bagged, carried, encouraged, invited, witnessed, checked-in, fed, organized, shopped, participated, called, cried and cared for others through this year's C.B.A. Bethlehem Toy Store. Each one of you involved in any capacity was a vital part of this outreach of the Carolina Baptist Association. Thank you to Triangle Stop and Teresa Hill for supplementing our toy selection. Thank you to Fruitland Baptist Youth for their help sorting the toys. Thank you to Camp GLOW for the help in organizing and shopping. Thank you especially to Grace Henson who was our Intake Director and kept everything flowing smoothly. Thank you to each individual who helped organize toys and shop. Thank you to all those who volunteered, prayed and witnessed on distribution day. There were approximately 65 who helped! May GOD bless each one. Last, and best, thank you to Paula Janes who is the brains and the heart behind the Toy Store. She is amazing.

One hundred four children were provided toys for Christmas through your generosity. The greatest gift of all was offered to each client (most were parents) as they came to pick up the toys for their child/children. They were asked if they knew Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Each family was invited to be a part of a local C.B.A. church if they were not already attending. Many gave prayer requests and prayed with our volunteer counselors. All were appreciative of the toys and support shown. The best news of all is that several 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. Follow-up will happen by C.B.A. churches. May God bless each of you for being a part of this important ministry. Please pray all year for the Bethlehem Toy Project. Thank you again for your part in our local mission field. To GOD be the glory, great things HE has done. We start collecting toys and financial assistance for next year immediately. Will you be a part?

And the King will answer and say to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."

Matthew 25:40 NKJV



Carolina Baptist Association

Executive Team Meeting

January 28, 2020

Baptist Resource Center

7:00 PM

Open to Associational Officers, Leadership Team, Team Leaders, Trustees, Director of Missions and the person(s) holding/representing the following positions in each member church: Pastor, Sunday School Director, Discipleship Training Director, WMU/Women's Director, Baptist Men Director, Music Director, Youth Director, Senior Adult Director, Single Adult Director, and the Chair of Deacons.



REGION 9

MISSIONS RALLY

NC Baptists on Mission hosts a series of Regional Mission Rallies

across the state. These rallies will highlight the variety of mission opportunities NC Baptists have been involved in across our state, our nation, and around the world. Featured will be worship, testimony, mission video, and a prayer time for missions. Men, women and youth- everyone interested in missions is encouraged to attend. A main focus of these rallies will be state, national, international partnerships and projects (including Disaster Relief) 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 cut off date for reserving a meal for each Celebration is one week prior to the event. To register, go to baptistsonmissions.org.

Monday, February 17, 2020 at Lake Hills Church (370 Lake Drive, Biltmore Lake, NC), 5:45 PM (Meal), 6:50 - 8:30 PM (Program).

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
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
Oak Forest
Pleasant Grove
Pleasant Hill
Refuge
Shaws Creek
Speak Life
The Beloved
Upward

Valley Hill
Zion Hill

**Churches with-
out a pastor:**

Cedar Springs
Double Springs
Mount Gilead

Mount Olivet
Mountain View
Pleasant Hill
Shaws Creek
Refuge



**Forward . . .
Together**

There is a quote attributed to the African Continent that says, "If you want to go fast, go alone; but if you want to go far, go together." As I look out over the Baptist landscape, I believe we should heed this wisdom.

I know, if I'm a Baptist minister, and want to talk about such things, I should refer to the Bible. Since all wisdom is God's wisdom, that really is not difficult to do. In addition to some other

scripture verses, have you read John 17 lately? Here, Jesus prays for us and asks God that we may be one as He and the Father are one. I would say that Jesus is praying for us to "go together," wouldn't you? He prays for unity of the believers. He prays that we might reach our destiny, and He prays that He will continue to make the truth of the Gospel known to us and through us so that we may be "in Him."

If Jesus is praying over us concerning this, what does it say to us? I believe He is

saying that we can't achieve our mission, or reach our destination without Him – and being together.

So, as my final word to you, and, as this New Year begins, I plead with you as churches, and I urge you as Christians to be *Together for the Gospel*. It doesn't take much to find some things that make us different – or things we don't agree on. Many of those things are secondary or tertiary matters. If we make Christ and His Gospel our main task and focus, we will find ourselves traveling together and going far with

the Gospel mandate.

Please know that I love you all and will be praying for you. Thank you for the great privilege of serving you as Director of Missions. My prayer is the same as Jesus – that we might be one so we may accomplish our mission and achieve our destiny in Him. May 2020 see this come to pass in the churches of the Carolina Baptist Association!

Happy New Year!

Soli Deo Gloria!
Michael Smith
Director of Missions

FITNESS WITH ROXIE

FOUR WEEK SESSION ON SATURDAY

STARTING JANUARY 18, 2020

9-10 AM



Contemporary First Missionary Baptist Church
426 Harris St.

TO SIGN UP PLEASE CONTACT AMBER JACKSON AT (828) 551-4631
HELP WITH NUTRITION, DIABETES, HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE AND MORE

**ROXIE WILL MEET YOU AT
YOUR FITNESS LEVEL**



**BAPTIST ON MISSION CONSTRUCTION
SKILLS TRAINING AT SHELBY**

Shelby Mission Camp - March 14, 2020 - 9:00 am - 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 March 13-14 (Friday to Saturday). The cost of training with overnight housing/meals is \$21.00

Go to BaptistsOnMission.org for more information.



VALUABLE CONSTRUCTION SKILLS!!

Save the Date

CBA Spring Semi-Annual Meeting

April 28, 2020

7:00pm

Balfour Baptist Church

Speaker: Rev. Eric Gash

(Pastor, Speak Life)

Alternate: Joe Lund

(Pastor, Balfour Baptist Church)



VBS 2020
Preview
January 10-11
LifeWay
Ridgecrest
Conf. Center

Nothing beats the experience! Come to a VBS 2020 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>



Welcome New Pastor, Jeff Neelands!

Jeff began his ministry as Senior Pastor at Refuge Baptist Church on November 17, 2019. Jeff is married to Laura and they have three grown children.

Sanctity of
HUMAN LIFE
Sunday

January 19, 2020



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, Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Covenant Presbyterian (2101 Kanuga Rd.)

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.

SKI RETREAT
NC BAPTIST YOUTH MINISTRY

BE·DO·TELL

January 31 - Feb 2, 2020
Winterplace Ski Resort
Beckley, West Virginia

www.bedotell.com/ski-retreat

 **FBC Women**
BIBLE STUDIES

Check out FBC Hendersonville Women's Winter Bible studies beginning in January. Go to fbchnc.org/ministries/womens-bible-studies.



Camp Caraway is hiring summer staff positions for male and female college age students who have completed at least one year in college to serve as camp counselors. Other positions include assistant director, senior counselor leadership, worship leadership, videographer/photographer, and administrative assistant. Must show Christ-honoring maturity in every aspect of their life. Depending on program needs these staff will serve as summer camp counselors, recreation facilitators, lifeguards, support staff, and leadership staff. Apply at <https://campcaraway.org/apply-now>.

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OUR STAFF

MIKE SMITH, D.MIN
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FINANCIAL/OFFICE MANAGER

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)



• CALL TO PRAYER MONTH

- 1 New Year's Day—CBA Office Closed
- 10-11 VBS Preview, Lifeway Ridgecrest Conf. Center
- 19 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 20 CBA Leadership Team Meeting, 9:00am, CBA
- 21 Lights for Life Service, Covenant Presbyterian, 6:00pm
- 22 Lights for Life, Covenant Presbyterian, 6:00pm
- 28 CBA Executive Team Meeting, 7:00pm, CBA

• TRUE LOVE WAITS EMPHASIS MONTH

• 9-15 FOCUS ON WMU WEEK

- 2 Souper Bowl Sunday for IAM
- 9 Racial Reconciliation Day
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 14-15 Marriage Matters Valentine's Retreat, Camp Truett
- 17 CBA Leadership Team, 9:00am
- Region 9 Missions Rally, Lake Hills Church, Biltmore Lake, NC



January

- 2 Greg and Deborah Mathis—Mud Creek
- 7 Craig Stepp—Fruitland
Paula Janes—CBA
- 8 Wilburn and Ruby Lefler—Upward
- 12 Blair and Tiny Stewart—Zion Hill
- 15 Roy Waldroup—Fletcher First
- 18 Don and Syble Freeman—Bearwallow
- 21 K. Dwayne and Kimberly Jeter—
Contemporary First Missionary
- 23 Ted Min—Asheville Korean
- 28 Steve Scoggins—FBC Hendersonville
- 30 Deborah Mathis—Mud Creek

February

- 23 Marie Blackwell—Dana
- 25 Joe Lund—Balfour

**Deadline for March/April
Newsletter is February 10, 2020**

SUMMER CAMP

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. 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 MISSIONS WEEKS AND MINI-WEEKS are pre-packaged mission experiences sponsored by NC Baptist Men/Baptists on Mission that provides Middle (must have completed 6th grade) and High School students and their leaders with the opportunity to: "Share God's love with people through word and deed." Youth and leaders will participate in a variety of opportunities including construction, VBS/Day Camps, sports evangelism, community outreach, prayer walks, and more. Go to baptistsonmission.org/deepimpact for more information and dates.



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MARRIED COUPLES VALENTINE'S DAY RETREAT



Grow
WITH EXCITING MESSAGES



Reconnect
OVER A VALENTINE'S DINNER




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IN YOUR FUTURE IN ONE WEEKEND

GREAT MARRIAGES DON'T JUST HAPPEN. Come spend an intentional weekend with your spouse in the Blue Ridge Mountains. This retreat will help to transform your personal walk with the Lord and bring your marriage relationship to a deeper level!

February 14-15 | **\$126 Per Couple**

HOW TO REGISTER **GO ONLINE TO:** www.TruettCamp.org/MarriageMatters Truett Conference Center & Camp
346 Truett Camp Road
Hayesville NC, 28904



Attention Bible Teachers!

Fruitland Baptist Bible College now offers a Biblical Teaching Certificate that is specifically designed for individuals who teach the Bible in a small or large group setting.

Contact Lisa Jackson for more information:
828.685.8886 or admissions@fruitland.edu
1455 Gilliam Road . Hendersonville, NC 28792

www.fruitland.edu/BTC



The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc.
Serving Those Whose Stewardship Lasts Forever

NCBAPTISTFOUNDATION.ORG

~The NC Baptist Foundation has 3 educational scholarships available for Baptist Students. Applications are open on January 1, 2020 and will remain open until the close of business on February 15, 2020. Go to www.ncbaptistfoundation.org/scholarships to apply.



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

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| Jan 5 | Danny Pridmore Ray Talley, Interim | Gethsemane Shaws Creek |
| Jan 12 | Tyler Pegram Mike Bennett | Locust Grove Tuxedo First |
| Jan 19 | Bryan Melton Richard Merck | Mount Moriah Naples |
| Jan 26 | David Woodie Jeff Neelands | Valley Hill Refuge |
| Feb 2 | Steve Scoggins Kemuel Pruitt | Hendersonville First French Broad |
| Feb 9 | No Pastor No Pastor | Bat Cave Mount Olivet |
| Feb 16 | Curtis Pace Rick Phillips | Jones Gap Pleasant Grove |
| Feb 23 | Wilburn Lefler Donald Freeman | Upward Bearwallow |



Bat Cave Zack Williams resigned as pastor on November 24, 2019.

Etowah Thankful-For-You Community Thanksgiving meal at Etowah Baptist Church. Served 858 dinners. The Youth will go on

mission to Kentucky January 17-19, 2020.

Fruitland Collected 235 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! Will be taking a mission trip to Kenya and Rwanda on July 13—July 26. If you are interested call the church office at 685-8990.

Hendersonville First Youth will be going on a winter retreat on February 7-9. If interested call Abby at 693-3493. Divorce Care support group every Wednesday night at 6:15. Mision Nueva Vida—reaching Hendersonville's Hispanic community on Sundays at Crosswalk with Sunday school beginning at 2:45pm and worship service at 4:00pm. Mom's Connect every second Monday of the month at 6:30. Celebrate Recovery every Monday at 5:45pm. Men's fellowship and prayer time every Saturday at 8:00am. Sew Blessed Quilt Ministry meets weekly on Tuesdays at Noon-4:00pm and Thursdays from 6:00-8:30pm and Monthly on the third Saturday from 9:00-11:00am.

Oak Forest Roy Perry is interim pastor as of December 1, 2019.

Refuge Jeff Neelands was called as pastor on November 17, 2019.

Saluda collected 1,563 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child!

NEWS/EVENTS

~**CBA Executive Team Meeting** will be held on January 28 at the Carolina Baptist Association office at 7:00pm.

~**Cultural Mastery Training** The purpose of Cultural Ministry training is to develop skills for leaders to build relationships with people who are not like them and to fully engage in the Christian life. This training will cover the book, *The Six Stages of Cultural Mastery*. Buncombe Baptist Association, January 30 from 8:30am—3:00pm. Go to ncbaptist.org/culturalmastery to register.

~**Interfaith Assistance Ministry** Clothing Closet needs: Winter coats of all sizes, blankets, men's work boots, new socks and underwear in all sizes, and new or gently used bed pillows.

~**January is Make Your Will Month** How do you wish to be remembered? Most people want to be remembered fondly as having made a difference in the lives of others. Everyone has the capacity to extend their generosity beyond their lifetime by simply having a thoughtful estate plan in place. Consider how you might choose to make a difference, how you might want to "pay your blessings forward" as you seek to be more Christ-like. Then, take action by having a personal estate plan prepared for you and your family. Call the NC Baptist Foundation at 800-521-7334 and they can help you with this planning.

Baptist Retirement Homes NC offering for older adults is February 2-9, 2020. Every dollar contributed is used to financially assist older adults who cannot pay the total cost of their care. This year the theme is "Colorful Places, Colorful People, Colorful Personalities."

~**Operation Inasmuch** Save the Date. NCOIAM is a one-day missions blitz in your community. Imagine your whole church active in missions to your community on April 25 or May 2, 2020.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
HAPPY NEW YEAR

2020-2021 School Year Enrollment FBC Hendersonville Preschool Academy

In-house registration begins January 21 and registration is open to the public on January 27.

This is a half-day, faith based preschool. We have classes for 3 & 4 year olds and transitional kindergarten for 5 year olds. Students must be appropriately age by 8/31/20.

Call 693-8312 for details or to schedule a tour. Visit www.fbchnc.org and Facebook page.



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

Souper Bowl Sunday is February 2, 2020, but many congregations around the country will start their collection in January. Find out more and receive promotional materials at souperbowl.org.