



BETHLEHEM TOY STORE REPORT

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 who was involved in any capacity was a vital part of this outreach of the Carolina Baptist Association.

One hundred nine children were provided toys for Christmas through your generosity. The greatest gift of all was offered to each client 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 6 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. 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. Glo Nock, Director, Bethlehem Toy Store.

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



REGION 9

MISSIONS RALLY

NC Baptists on Mission hosts a series of Regional Mission Rallies across the state. These rallies (10 of



them) 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 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.

Tuesday, February 19, 2019
Newbridge Baptist Church
(199 Elkwood Ave., Asheville)

5:45 PM (Meal)
6:50 - 8:30 PM (Program)



VBS 2019 PREVIEW

January 11-12, 2019
LifeWay Ridgecrest Conference Center

Nothing beats the experience!

Come to a VBS 2019 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>

Save the Date

CBA Spring Semi-Annual Meeting

April 23, 2019

7:00pm

Horse Shoe First Baptist Church

Speaker: Rev. Jack Givens

(Missions Pastor, Mud Creek)

Alternate: Rev. Clint McKnight

(Pastor, Horse Shoe First)

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
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
Speak Life

The Beloved
Upward
Valley Hill
Zion Hill



**Churches with-
out a pastor:**

Mountain View
Pleasant Hill
West H'ville



ORDINARY DAYS

Birthdays and holidays have curious effects on us. Times like these cause us to reflect on our past, and on our future. New Years is especially powerful in its impact on our lives. We mark another year's passing, make resolutions, promise to do better, mourn failures, celebrate victories, and generally get caught up in this "new" possibility for a fresh, new start.

Why is it that we only do this on this momentous holiday, or landmark occasions? Do we not realize that every day is a new start? It seems to me that this is what the scripture teaches. Lamentations 3:22-23 states: "It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness."

Because of the Lord's faithfulness, in the midst of our own unfaithfulness, God causes ordinary days to be extraordinary days

because of His mercies. Every day for the Christ follower is a day that is NEW in Christ Jesus. We start over in HIM.

Ordinary days. A few weeks ago, I heard Dr. David Horton, President of Fruitland Baptist Bible College, give a devotion. He asked, "How many people would love to trade their ordinary day for your ordinary day?" I haven't been able to get that out of my mind. You see, we typically grumble and fuss throughout the day about things that really are of little consequence. Don't get me wrong, there are important things that go on in the lives of many people that need attention and prayer. However, I would challenge all of us to review those things that claim our attention and ask the same question Dr. Horton asked. There are many people who would trade our day for what they are going through.

We get bored with the day-to-day rather quickly. I do the same thing. My mom will call and ask what I've been doing. I'll respond, "Same as you Mom. I eat, sleep, and

work. Not much different going on."

What an indictment on me! What an indictment on us! Our ordinary days are where God shows up if we will just be attentive. As Dr. Horton said in his devotion, it was an ordinary day when God met with Abram. It was an ordinary day tending sheep when God met with Moses. It was an ordinary day when God selected David. It was an ordinary day when God encountered Saul. And, it was an ordinary day when God convicted us or our sin and brought us face to face with His Son!

So, in this new year, don't treat the day, or the other mile-marker days, as the only times to think about a new start. Each day is no ordinary day! It is a clean, crystal clear beginning for each of us. And in the midst of these not-so-ordinary days, if we are sensitive to the Spirit of God, we may just be blessed to encounter HIM!!

Soli Deo Gloria!

Michael Smith

Director of Missions



*Helping to provide the printed
"Seeds of the Gospel" to the ends of the Earth!*

Harvest Seeds Ministry at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church in Shelby collects used literature then volunteers separate, organize, shrink-wrap, then ship to Decatur, AL. These "Love Packages" are then shipped to third world countries like the Philippines, Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria, and Zimbabwe to distribute freely to people hungry for the Word of God. These are materials that would have sat collecting dust on shelves or thrown away but are now being used to reach souls for Christ, encourage and build up the Church, and raise up and train leaders to shine light in dark places. **Some examples of materials they accept are: Bibles, tracts, Sunday school supplies, devotionals, etc.** You can bring your used literature/materials to the association office Monday-Thursday from 9-4. For a more detailed list go to www.mtsinaibaptist.net.



Welcome New Pastor!

David Dickerson was called to **Mountain Valley Baptist Church**. David begins his ministry on

Sunday, December 16, 2018. David is married to Hope. They have two Children, Morgan, age 17, and Josh, age 14.



VOCATIONAL EVANGELISTS RETREAT

A conference for those whose ministry vocation is focused primarily on evangelism and sharing the gospel through preaching, teaching or in creative ways, such as illusions, comedy, music, drama or art. Caraway Conference Center, January 10-11, 2019. www.ncbaptist.org/events.

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, Tuesday, January 22
FBC, Hendersonville**

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.

*Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year!*

Mike Laura
Paula Sam



The Awaken Prayer Gathering provides an environment for God to speak to His people through seasons of worship, focused prayer, dialogue and the preaching of God's Word.

PLEASANT GARDEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Friday, March 8 from 3 PM—9 PM

Saturday, March 9 from 8:45 AM—12:15 PM

1415 Neelley Road

Pleasant Garden, NC

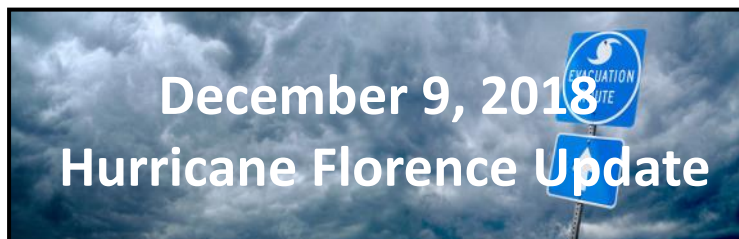
Register at the door. A love offering will be received. For more information, contact Fatima Roma at froma@ncbaptist.org or 1-800-

395-5102 ext. 5513, or visit

<https://ncbaptist.org/event-awaken-prayer-gathering-2019>



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. <http://www.campcaraway.org/staffpositions>.



December 9, 2018 Hurricane Florence Update

FEEDING

At one time, we had 10 large kitchens providing food to Florence survivors at 10 different locations. A total of 1,057,623 HOT meals were prepared and served from these 10 kitchens.

RECOVERY

We have a total of 6 sites that have recovery or rebuild operations working out of them (at one time we had 14 different sites). We are doing chainsaw, mud-outs, tear-outs, shockwave/sanitation and putting tarps on roofs and doing rebuilds. Our large Recovery sites with site coordinators include: Lumberton, Morehead City, Warsaw, Rocky Point, Brunswick County and Kelly. So far, over 4,500 recovery jobs have been completed. More than 500 jobs are still open and we need lots of tear out volunteers/teams. You do not need to be trained. We are so thankful for those who have come to help us!

SUPPLIES

We are also distributing cleaning supplies, non-perishable items/canned food, diapers, baby formula, etc. to more than 20 different Distribution sites from our warehouse in Red Springs.

LONG TERM RESPONSE

This disaster is so big that it will require a long term rebuild response to help get many people back in their homes. We are planning on setting up three different rebuild center sites where we can house and feed many volunteers who will be working on homes. We plan to manage the rebuilding of homes from these "rebuilding hubs". This will be a long term response that will take 2-3 years and require thousands of volunteers to help get many people back in their homes.

Please go to our website for more information or to sign up to go or to give. <https://baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/By-Mission-Type/Disaster-Relief/Hurricane-Florence>

Thank you for Praying, Giving and Going!

Here is the link to view and download a video about Hurricane Florence response <https://vimeo.com/291041514>

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 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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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
- Make Your Will Month

- 1 New Year's Day—CBA Office Closed
- 10-11 Vocational Evangelists Retreat, Camp Caraway
- 11-12 VBS Preview, Lifeway Ridgecrest
- 20 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 21 CBA Leadership Team Meeting, BRC, 9am
- 22 Lights for Life Service—Hendersonville Presbyterian
- 29 CBA Executive Team Meeting, BRC, 7pm

- True Love Waits Emphasis Month



- 10 Racial Reconciliation Sunday
- 10-16 Focus on WMU Week
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 16 Children's Missions Day
- 18 CBA Leadership Team Meeting, BRC, 9:00am
- 19 Region 9 Missions Rally, Newbridge Baptist Church

Birthdays and Anniversaries



January

- 2 Greg & Deborah Mathis— Mud Creek
- 3 Jerry Mullinax— Shaws Creek
- 7 Craig Stepp— Fruitland
- 7 Paula Janes— CBA
- 12 Blair & Tina Stewart— Zion Hill
- 12 Daniel Sullins— CBA
- 15 Roy Waldroup— Fletcher First
- 18 Donald & Syble Freeman— Bearwallow
- 21 K. Dewayne & Kimberly Jeter— Contemporary First
- 28 Steve Scoggins— Hendersonville First
- 28 Michael & Kelly Smith— CBA
- 30 Deborah Mathis— Mud Creek

February

Deadline for March/April
Newsletter is February 11, 2019

CAROLINA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING

JANUARY 29, 2019
7:00PM
BAPTIST RESOURCE CENTER
601 HEBRON RD., HENDERSONVILLE, NC 28739

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 Director, Baptist Men Director, Music Director, Youth Director, Senior Adult Director, Single Adult Director, and the Chair of Deacons.

Christmas Services

~FBC Hendersonville—Christmas Eve Communion Service at 4:30 (childcare available) and 6 PM.
~Etowah—Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, 6 PM.
~Main Street—Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service at 5 PM.
~Mud Creek—Caroling/Hot Chocolate/Gingerbread Decorating 20 min before services on December 23.
~Refuge—Christmas Play, December 23 at 6 PM.
~Saluda First—Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Communion at 6 PM.



RED BOXES FOR WOMEN INMATES REPORT THANK YOU to the following churches for your MANY donations of deodorant for women inmates this Christmas season! Bearwallow, Contemporary First, Covenant, Dana, Etowah, Fruitland, Hendersonville First, Horse Shoe First, Main Street, Mud Creek, Naples, Refuge, and Speak Life.


Our goal was 850 and you collected 866 containers of deodorant! Thank you!

The NC Baptist Foundation has 3 educational scholarships available for Baptist students: The Luther H. Butler Scholarship, The Bullard Family Scholarship, and The Martha Watson Scholarship.

Applications are open on January 1, 2019 and will remain open until the close of business on February 15, 2019.

Go to www.ncbaptistfoundation.org/scholarships to apply.





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 3, 2019, but many congregations around the country will start their collection in January. Find out more and receive promotional materials at souperbowl.org.







Appalachian Christmas Outreach

Praise the Lord! Churches across the state have collected and are delivering nearly 14,000 backpacks to the Appalachian Region this Christmas. You have done a fabulous job of promoting and participating in this ministry that touches areas of great financial need. Go ahead and plan to get involved so that we have over 15,000 in 2019!

JANUARY IS MAKE YOUR WILL MONTH

You Make A Difference When You "pay the Blessings Forward" ...

MISSIONS

through your Christian Estate Plan

How do you wish to be remembered? Most people want to be remembered fondly and 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.



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



Biltmore was voted into full membership to Carolina Baptist Association on October 16, 2018 at our semi-annual meeting.

Fletcher First Mylon Hayes Family Singers, Sunday, Feb. 3 at 10:45am.

Fruitland Youth will be participating in the Winter Retreat Nineteen, held at Ridgecrest, on January 19-21.

Hendersonville First Women's Bible Studies are starting in January. Tuesdays at Crosswalk from 9am-11:30am: 1 Samuel: God's Search for a Man After God's Own Heart by Kay Arthur, Red Sea Rules by Robert Morgan, Psalm 23: The Shepherd With Me by Jennifer Rothschild, and The Armor of God by Priscilla Shirer. *Men's Bible Study, "Act Like Men" by James MacDonald, will be starting Wednesday, January 2 in Room C-300 from 6:15pm-7:15pm. The Bible Study "Unwavering: Living With Defiant Joy" by Staci Eldredge will start Wednesday, January 2 in Room C-304 from 6:15pm-7:15pm.* For more information about these studies, visit <https://fbchnc.org>. *First Baptist Academy will begin enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year. In-house registration begins January 14, 2019. Registration is open to the public on January 28, 2019. 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. Trip to Haiti to distribute Christmas backpacks. Launch of Evangelism Explosion in February. Continued trips to Warsaw, N.C., beginning the rebuild process after Hurricane Florence. Prayer and support for I.M.B. project focused on reaching our adopted Unreached People Group in 2019.*

Shaws Creek On Tuesday evenings from 7-8 pm throughout January and February, Pastor Jerry will be offering a writing workshop for anyone who wishes to study great writers and fine-tune personal writing skills. Pastor Jerry says, "We will create-create-create and then publish our best pieces in our first book entitled JoT&SCRiBBLE, which will be available on Amazon." Space is limited. Please sign-up at MyCreek.ORG.

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

West Hendersonville Tracy Fletcher resigned as Senior Pastor on November 21, 2018. Travis Harrison is serving as Interim Pastor.

Jan. 6	Valley Hill Refuge	David Woodie Anthony Roberts
Jan. 13	Hendersonville First French Broad	Steve Scoggins Kemuel Pruitt
Jan. 20	Bat Cave Mount Olivet	Zack Williams Larry Stapleton
Jan. 27	Jones Gap Pleasant Grove	Curtis Pace Rick Phillips
Feb. 3	Upward Bearwallow	Wilburn Lefler Donald Freeman
Feb. 10	Zion Hill Crossroads	Blair Stewart Eddie Conard
Feb. 17	Balfour The Beloved	Joe Lund Brian Allen
Feb. 24	Double Springs Hoopers Creek	Michael Lewis Phillip Youngblood

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.

~**Interfaith Assistance Ministry** The holiday season is a joyous time for many of us. Yet for those families who have to make the difficult choices between putting food on the table or fixing the car, it can become a season of stress, sadness, and depression. IAM's holiday meal program strives to relieve the stress these struggling families face. Please consider having your church, youth group, Sunday school class, etc., host a food, clothing, coat, shoes or blanket drive. *Items include: Hams, turkeys, potatoes, yams, canned fruit and vegetables, stuffing mix, cake mixes, coats, gloves, winter shoes/boot, socks, underwear and blankets.*

~**Operation Inasmuch** Historically we have skipped odd years but we want to promote Operation Inasmuch in 2019. We are in the process of scheduling trainings in a few areas (TBA).

~**Region 9 Disaster Relief Training** is available to ALL believers who have a passion to serve others. 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*. Save the Date: **May 17-18, 2019** in Asheville, NC. Location TBA. Go to ncmissions.org/trainings.



Baptists on Mission Construction Skills Training

Shelby Mission Camp - April 13 - 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 April 12-13 (Friday to Saturday). The cost of training with overnight housing/meals is \$21.00. Go to ncmissions.org/trainings to register.

