Ashe Baptist Association News







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Preacher David's Corner

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"Overcoming Helene Disaster"

All things work together for good: WE are preparing for the 139th Annual Meeting of the Ashe Baptist Association. In the cool Blue Ridge Mountain Air of Ashe County, North Carolina, the steeples of 44 churches stand as steadfast reminders of faith, endurance and community. As the calendar turned toward August, the Ashe Baptist Association prepares once more to gather for one of it's longest running traditions, the Annual Meeting. This year marks the 139th session, a testament to generations of prayer, perseverance and purpose.

This year something felt different. Just months earlier, the region had been rocked by the Helene Disaster, a storm that tore through the mountains with unexpected fury. Trees were uprooted, homes flooded, churches damaged and roads washed away. Among the wreckage were not only buildings but hearts—shaken, tested, and grieving. Yet from the very beginning, the Association's leaders held fast to a promise found in Romans 8:28: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

As August 15th and 16th approaches, preparations begin with a new kind of urgency. The theme, "Overcoming Helene Disaster", is more than a title; it is a shared testimony. Association Mission Strategist David Blackburn, committees of the Association and many individuals are planning meetings filled with prayer and quiet resolve. Host churches, Beaver Creek Baptist Church on Friday afternoon and Orion Baptist Church on Saturday morning, go to work organizing meals and music. They also allow time for attendees to tell their stories, offer comfort and praise God for what He is still doing in their midst.

From the valley of West Jefferson to the mountains of Crumpler, choir's hymns of hope can be heard. Preachers are preparing messages rooted in healing and restoration. The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina have confirmed their representatives ready to share updates from their agencies and remind the people of Ashe County that they are not forgotten.

On August 15, the host churches Beaver Creek Baptist and Orion Baptist Church will open their doors wide for messengers and visitors alike. The sanctuary will be filled with prayers, coupled with the sound of old gospel melodies and new songs of praise as the scent of home-cooked meals begin to fill the church as members and friends wait in fellowship halls to serve the people. Friends meet with hugs and stories. The preaching will be powerful and words will stir the soul and point hearts to a God who works even in the storm's wake. There will be tears, especially during the moments when stories of loss gives way to testimonies of God's provision. There will be laughter and joy as well, as folks sing and elders testify that the Church, though tested, stands stronger than ever.

The 139th Annual Meeting will become more than an event. It will be a celebration of survival, a declaration of purpose, and a living example of Romans 8:28. Through Helene's disaster, the churches of Ashe have not only endured, they have overcome. Together in song, prayers, sermons, and shared meals, churches remind one another of this enduring truth: God's purpose always prevails and He is still working all things for good. Be praying and come to the Annual Meeting!



Tuckerdale

Warrensville

Wagoner

Your Servant, David



SERVENC WEEK

AUGUST 2-9, 2025 Any project. Any day.

ServeNC is an opportunity for every

NC Baptist church to love its community in

Jesus' name through service projects. Every
church. Every community.

If your church didn't exist, would your community notice? Whether it's painting a school, cleaning up a yard or serving meals to those in need, your church knows your community's specific needs and can choose the best project to make a difference through ServeNC.

Out of your seats and Into the streets!!!!

Sign Up!!! ncbaptist.org

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July 1	B- Rev. Dale Ring
July 2	B- Rev. Johnny Huffman
July 6	B- Mrs. Chasta Shumaker
July 6	A- Rev. & Mrs. Matthew Tilley
July 7	A- Mr. & Mrs. Hal Monsees
July 10	B-Rev. Jeffery Rizoti
July 14	B- Mrs. Elin Caporolie
July 14	B- Mrs. Anna Mary Shepherd
July 15	B- Rev. Steve LeaShomb
July 17	B- Rev. Keith Wagoner
July 17	B- Rev. Joshua Dellinger
July 18	B- Rev. Keith Woodie
July 20	A- Rev & Mrs. Keith Wagoner
July 21	B- Mrs. Barbara Murdock
July 21	A= Rev. & Mrs. Cory Halsey
July 23	A- Rev. & Mrs. Brian Furches
July 27	B- Rev. Alan Ambrose
July 27	B- Mrs. Sandy Carpenter
July 30	B- Rev. Wayne Jones
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Happy Fourth of July- 2025

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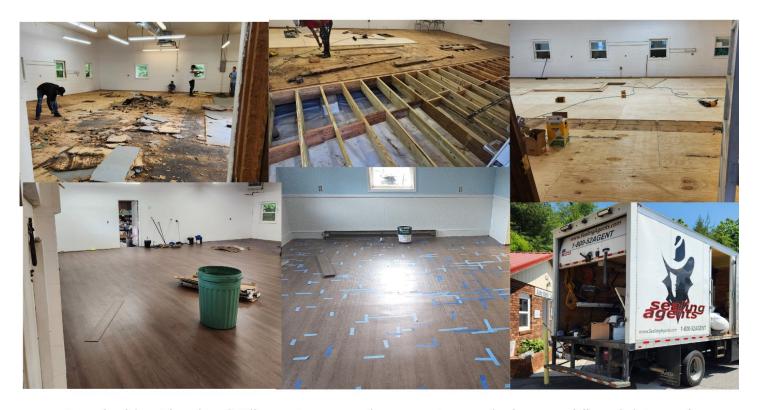
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ASHE REALLY CARES REVOVATION JUNE 2025



Second Harvest provided a generous grant of \$45,000 to address some structural issues and functional pantry needs. Our amazing volunteers and staff worked overtime to clear out the office and pantry. Once the space was empty everything got a fresh coat of paint!



Appalachian Flooring & Tile sent an amazing crew to repair damaged floor joists and subflooring. The crawlspace has been sealed and a dehumidifier installed to prevent future water damage. Finally the beautiful and durable flooring was laid through the office and pantry.



Midway Baptist Church sponsored the updates for the office/waiting area and the staff and volunteer breakroom. Fresh paint and new furniture have created a beautiful, welcoming environment for the neighbors we serve.



Part of the grant funded the purchase of new shelving, checkout tables and more! Creating a clean, and organized shopping experience for our neighbors!



The three beautiful crosses were hand made and donated by Phil Cox from Woodland Baptist Church out of Wake Forest. The ARC signage seen on the walls and the new donation tables was printed by 2 Gals Graphics. We would like to thank All Star Junk Removal for their services in removing over 3 tons of trash and debris. This monumental undertaking would not have been possible without the generosity and support of our staff (Twila Miller and Nathan McLeese), our many volunteers, and donors. God is good!

2025 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL'S

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord! Psalm 150:6



Everyone Welcome

Dinner Provided

Rides Available

JULY 20 - 23, 2025

JULY 20

PRAISE THE LORD SINGING THE PSALMS

JULY 21

SIN & SALVATION A TRIBUTE TO JOHN 3:16

JULY 22

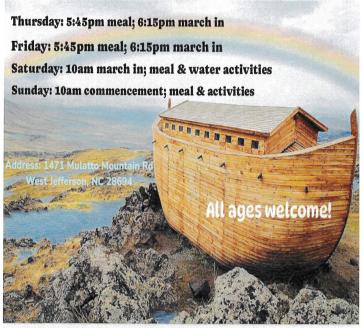
THE POWER OF PRAYER LEARNING THE LORD'S PRAYER

JULY 23

COMMENCEMENT CELEBRATION ROCKIN' WITH THE FAMILY

Liberty Grove Baptist Church, Fleetwood, NC www.libertygrovebc.org

Join us at Beaver Creek Baptist Church for VBS July 10-13, 2025.

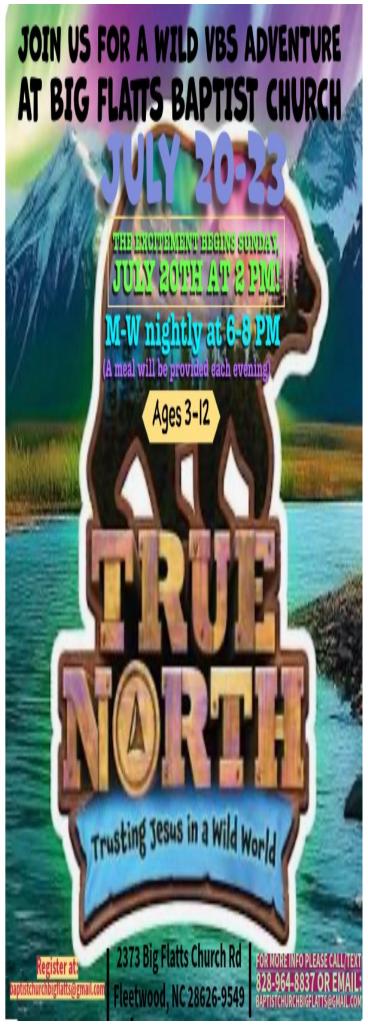


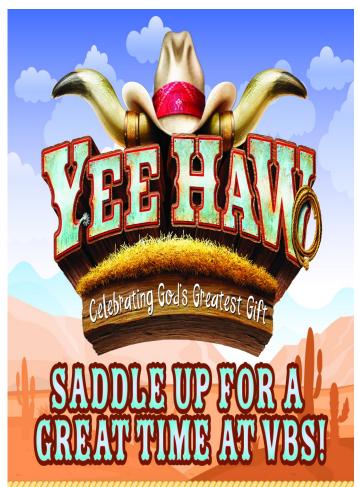
DISCOVER the covenant God made to Noah and all living things!
(Genesis 9:8-17 KJV)



OBIDS BAPTIST CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

UIFE IS A CIRCUS, JESUS IS THE
WAY, THE TRUTH & THE LIFE
July 12th - 2 pm Carnival Games,
Prizes & Cookout!!!
July 13- 16- 6:00 pm-8:30 pm
VBS Classes for all ages!!!
Contact: Pastor Mark Harlee at:
336-977-3736 for more info.





ONE DAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 26 | 10 AM - 4 PM

Friendly Grove Baptist Church

444 East Buck Mtn. Rd, West Jefferson, NC 28694

Bible Adventures * Pony Rides * Hay Rides

"Buckin" Bouncehouse * Western Games * Music * Crafts

★ Cookout & Family Fun at the Corral 4 - 6:30pm ★

* All our VBS wranglers will be dressed in their best cowboy and cowgirl gear so get ready for some rootin'-tootin' fun! *

YEE-HAW! WE'RE CELEBRATIN' GOD'S GREATEST GIFT
AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE Y'ALL AT VBS!

Church Announcements

Bald Mountain Baptist –Come join us! Sunday School- 9 am and Worship Service -10 am. Wednesday night services are at 6: 30 pm. Pastor John Elledge welcomes you to attend.

Fletcher Memorial Baptist in Jefferson will begin Wednesday Morning Bible Study - July 9th at 10:30 am. The study will be on the Gospel of John for 1 hour and only material needed is your Bible. Pastor Paul Strickland invites you to attend!

Midway Baptist-S.M.I.L.E. Single Mothers inspired Love Encouraged. Are you a single Mother? Our ministry seeks to walk alongside single mothers & their children by providing spiritual, emotional & practical support, empowering them to grow in faith, and to overcome challenges through the love of Christ. Free childcare provided, dinner, resources, social gatherings, devotions & more. Begins June 5th at 5:45 pm. On the third Wednesday of each month in the Midway Fellowship Hall. RSVP by calling 336-246-2012 or email: adminassist@midwaybaptistnc.org. Pastor is Rev. Steve LeaShomb. Midway Baptist is located at 1670 Mt. Jefferson Rd. West Jefferson, NC 28694. www.midwaybaptistnc.org

North Beaver Baptist- Summer Sunday Nights of Revival- One Sunday Evening Each Month May -July. Sunday, July 27th -6 pm will be Dr. Steve Petit & music provided by his band, "Eighteen Mile". Pastor Matthew Tilley invites everyone to attend.

North Beaver Baptist- Vacation Bible School- July 20-25 6:30-8:30 pm- MAGNIFIED- "O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together. Psalm 34:3 Classes for all ages, fun activities... "Discovering the bigness of God in the Smallest of things" through Bible Studies, skits, music, snacks, crafts, indoor/outdoor activities. Come have fun meeting new friends! Hope to see you at VBS! Pastor Matthew Tilley invites everyone.

North Beaver Baptist-HOMECOMING celebrating 82 years of God's Faithfulness...Sunday, September 14th. Worship at 11 am with former Pastor David Blackburn, currently our Director of Missions for Ashe Baptist Association, bringing the message. Special Music provided by Mountain Rain. A covered dish meal to follow. Everyone is welcome, especially those who have been part of what God has done in our church over the decades! Pastor, Rev. Matthew Tilley.

Warrensville Baptist Church, do you like to crochet? Knit? Would you like to learn? Or learn more? Or would you just like to meet with others who do? Come Join Warrensville Creative Stitchers Crafters for Christ Who are we A group of people who enjoy crafting and fellowship. A group of encouragers; not just with crafting but with the Christian-walk and life in general. All skill levels are welcome. Those who are not crafters at all are welcome to come for the fellowship. What We Do We make items for those in need, for ourselves, for others. There are no requirements of what you do Meeting Info Every Saturday, except for holiday weekends. 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Upper Level of the Warrensville Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. 130 Church Street Warrensville, NC 28693.For More Information Beth 828-406-8897 (text or call) or Donna 336-977-4434. Pastor Jackie Stone and the congregation invite you to Warrensville Baptist Church.

When you pray, please remember Liberty Grove, Riverview, Round Knob Baptist, Wagoner Baptist, Big Laurel Baptist and Pleasant Home as they are currently seeking a pastor.

New Church Announcements: please send updated church information for the church you attend to: domdblackburn@gmail.com or ashebaptist@gmail.com. We will get all new information provided on the Saturday Radio Program, the www.ashebaptist.org and the May-July newsletters. Thank you.

<u>FaithHealthNC Ashe Connector</u>- Rev. Billy Norris. Billy is the Chaplain & Faith Liaison to Amorem and the Pastor at Big Flatts Baptist. We appreciate Billy and look forward to working with him.

CAMPGROUND NEWS

Mowing Schedule for July Friendly Grove-July 5th Fletcher-Memorial July 19th

We appreciate and thank all the churches & volunteers that help keep the campground looking good!!! Thank you!!!

If you would like to use the campground for your church & family get togethers, please call the ABA Office at 336-846-5631 & schedule a date! We love to share the campground!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!!

Ashe Really Cares Committee Meeting will be held at the ABA Conference Room, 7pm on Tuesday, July 8th. All Committee members are urged to attend.

ABA Executive Committee Meeting Thursday, July 10th- 7 pm at Orion Baptist. Executive Committee Members & Pastors are urged to attend.

ABA Program Committee will meet on Thursday,
July 17th -7 pm at the ABA Conference Room. All members
are urged to attend.

Ashe Baptist Association & Ashe Really Cares Offices will be closed June 30th-July 4th!

We wish everyone a Happy and Safe July 4th!

Ways an NCBAM Regional Director Can Share in Your Church



Church Service: Enjoy a 30-minute uplifting message along with an NCBAM update.

2

Outreach Opportunities: Receive a 5-minute update on NCBAM's 14 outreaches and an info table featuring ways to minister to and with aging adults.

3

Wise Up Workshops: Choose from 40 workshops covering topics such as Planning Ahead, Healthy Aging, Prevention Programs, and more! Our workshops are great for lunch 'n' learns, conference break-outs, mission groups, and senior adult rallies or retreats.

Jimmy Lancaster, NCBAM's West Regional Director, would love to share with your church!







North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry
A ministry of Baptist Children's Homes of NC
ncbam.org / onehopencbam.org

PRAYER TEAM MEETS EACH TUESDAY 8:00 AM MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Annual Church Profile -2025

We will be sharing the information on ACP'S 2025, as soon as we receive the it! We are anxiously awaiting the dates for training and the ACP 2025 Forms. We do encourage each church to submit the 2025 Annual Church Profile Information. You may contact the Ashe Baptist Association with any questions you may have once needed dates and 2025 Forms are available. Ashe Baptist Association Office Number: 336-846-5631 Thank you!

GOOD SOIL MINISTRY would like to remind everyone that we accept your used literature and other materials monthly at Ashe Really Cares. This literature goes out all over the world to assist in aiding those you are spiritually orphaned. We do appreciate your support with this mission.



We want to CELEBRATE with you and share the GOOD NEWS when exciting things are happening at the church you attend! Please send articles, pictures or flyers to our e-mail address at:

ashebaptist@gmail.com, and we will announce on our WKSK weekly radio show, post on the events page of our website, ashebaptist.org, and on our Facebook Page, in addition to printing in this monthly newsletter publication that is posted in color on the website and mailed to 580+ folks in Ashe Co., all across NC, and neighboring states! As you set dates for church events, Special Singings, Revivals, or Speakers, let us know! You must submit articles for the Newsletter NO LATER THAN the 20th of each month in order for them to appear in the next month's publication.



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(Ashe, Watauga, & Avery Counties)

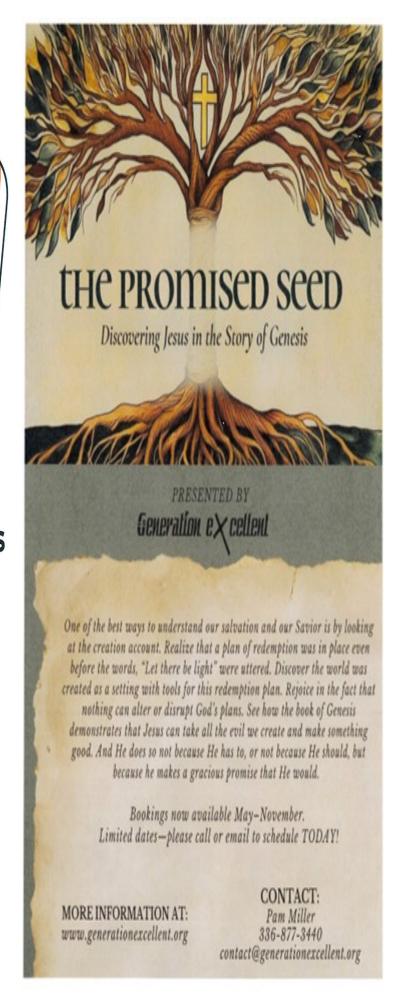
A single caring adult can change the trajectory of a child's entire life!

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youth ages 6-17 with a mentor
willing to spend time with them
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their role model & cheerleader.

Apply Today!

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The Center for Congregational Health
Life Compass Living written by: Rev. George Fuller



The Center for Congregational Health would like to offer a potential partnership to support the many ways the Ashe Baptist Association and Ashe Really Cares meet the needs of neighbors and demonstrate the love of Christ in service together with people, churches and organizations.

I am, Rev. George Fuller and I am looking forward to meeting you all at the Ashe Baptist Association Annual Meeting in August! I will introduce Life Compass Living as a tool to help build resilient families, churches and communities. I have served in Kentucky, Arkansas and North Carolina since 1977. I retired from pastoral ministry to focus on helping build compassionate communities of mutual support in my new calling with Life Compass Living in May of 2024. I developed a process described in my book-Life Compass Living: A Guide for Growing Up and Growing Old together. I built his process working with churches and families. Life Compass Living helps build strong relationships and support networks, ensuring that life transitions and the disasters that can occur are managed gracefully and with maximum community involvement. This method is not just about financial planning but also about creating a meaningful life surrounded by supportive relationships, helping people with isolation and improving their quality of life at every stage. It helps us address the importance of considering spiritual, emotional, practical and financial needs, ensuring that people are fully supported through their entire life journey. Churches are models of loving one another and our neighbors. One church leader said, "Jesus gave us the love we have one for another, but you sure helped us coordinate how we loved one another over a lifetime".

Hello Friends,

I pray you are having a great start to the summer!

Just three quick notes:

- The one year anniversary of Hurricane Helene is just three months away. Baptists on Mission would really like the opportunity to share with your churches around September 27, 2025. We want to thank people for their generosity, prayers, and for their hard work. There is still much to be done and we plan to be rebuilding homes in WNC for at least the next five years. If one of our staff can share even a few minutes at an upcoming annual session or quarterly meeting please let me know.
- We have completed repairs to more than 300 homes in WNC so far.
- Our promotion of the NC Missions Offering (NCMO) is about to begin. This offering is critical as it provides the entire
 regular budget for Baptists on Mission. BoM benefits from Cooperative Program giving in that if provides our office space
 and benefits from some of our staff. Please encourage your churches to give more to CP in 2025 than every before!
 However, BoM receives all funding from the NCMO and designated gifts.

In His Service,

Paul Langston

Missions Mobilization Consultant Baptists On Mission O: (919) 459-5611 Mobile: (919) 604-4778







WOMEN'S EVANGELISM + DISCIPLESHIP CONFERENCE

SEPT. 13, 2025 GREENSBORO

3:30 pm

SCHEDULE

8 am Doors Open Main Session 10:30 am Break 10:50 am

Breakout Session 1 11:50 am Lunch

12:45 pm **Breakout Session 2** 1:45 pm Break 2:00 pm Main Session Dismiss



CATHERINE RENFRO

is a church planter's wife, a mom, and serves as the National Director of Women's Evangelism at the North American Mission Board. She graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 2010 and has a passion to see lost people come to know Jesus and for believers to live out their purpose of making Jesus known.

Conqueror

Yet in all things we are More Chan Conquerors through Him who loved us. Romans 8:37



Tara Lorencen

Tara has a Master's degree in Church Ministries. She leads Women's Ministry at her church and has had the privilege of speaking at women's events across the region. Tara loves the Bible and testifies of its life-changing power. Teaching God's Word and encouraging women in their relationship with Jesus is her passion. We will be blessed as Tara joins us to share her passion for Jesus and His Word.



Kristin L. Kellen

Kristin has a M.A. in Biblical Counseling, a Ph.D. in Applied Theology - Biblical Counseling, and an Ed.D. in Christian Counseling. Kristin is the Associate Professor of Biblical Counseling and the Associate Director of EdD. studies at SEBTS. We are so privileged to have her join us to share with us in how we can better counsel those we come in contact with in life.

More Info. And to register online

https://ncbminwives.com/ncbmw nvbminwives@gmail.com







NC BAPTIST MINISTERS' WIVES RETREAT

July 7-9, 2025/CARAWAY CONFERENCE CENTER

Retreat Chairs: Sandy Cooper - cooperttw@yahoo.com Barbara Murdock - barbaramrdck@yahoo.com



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Discipleship Tip of the Month

Hebrews 5:7

In the book of Hebrews, the writer paints a vivid portrait of Jesus' humanity. Jesus loved the human experience including the deepest joy and sorrows of life. Jesus fully God and fully human in the flesh, intimately connected with human emotion and experience. Maybe today you find yourself in the debts of sadness or in the middle of a difficult trial. Remember Jesus has been there too. The Savior walked the same path you do, let without sin and with great hope. So today, what if you allow God to hear your raw emotions, doubts and fears that you have been carrying. What if you bring it all to Him? What if like Jesus , you trust God to save your soul and tell others how to find salvation. Read Hebrews 5:7 again and grow in the walk you are now in.

July 2025

June 30-July 4 ABA/ARC Offices Closed

- 4 Happy Independence Day
- 8 ARC Committee Meeting
 @ ABA Board Room 7pm
- 10 ABA Executive Committee Meeting
 @ Orion Baptist 7 pm
- 17 ABA Program Committee @ ABA Board Room 7 pm



15 ABA Annual Meeting 2:00 pm Beaver Creek Baptist Church 16 ABA Annual Meeting 9:00 am Orion Baptist



September 2025

1 Labor Day (ABA/ARC Closed)
21 Autumn begins



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