

Ashe Baptist Association News



March

2026

OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 AM—4:00 PM Monday—Friday
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Welcome Home

Preacher David's Corner

Rev. David Blackburn, Director of Missions

Email: domdblackburn@gmail.com



Spring in Ashe Baptist Association

From the first whisper of creation in Genesis—"In the beginning..."—to the tender garden scenes in the Book of Revelation, Scripture carries the rhythm of spring. It is there in the dove returning to Noah with an olive leaf and in the psalmist's joy that "weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning". Christ's promise gives us the promise that unless a seed falls into the ground and dies, it remains a seed but when it dies, it bears much fruit. In the coolest corner of North Carolina, where the Blue Ridge Mountains rise like ancient statutes, the Ashe Baptist Association of 43 churches begin to feel that excitement as winter loosens its grip. Snow retreats from fence posts. Creeks swollen with ice begin to chatter again. Dogwoods dare to bloom against the gray ridges. Spring has always meant warmer days for these mountain congregations. It means Revivals will be coming. After long Appalachian winters, when winds rattled sanctuary doors and ice weighed heavy on tin roofs, the churches renew their strength. Men climb ladders to patch shingles loosened by snow. Deacons clear fallen branches from cemetery paths. Youth groups scrub fellowship hall floors scarred by muddy boots and months of potluck suppers. Women arrange fresh flowers near pulpits worn smooth by generations of preaching. We call it Spring Cleaning. It is more than maintenance. It is a testimony. In like manner, the Lord reminds us in Genesis how He spoke darkness into light. We gesture toward the newly painted white siding gleaming against the mountains. Feels like we're speaking light again, doesn't it? Cool mountain air sweeps in, carrying the scent of thawing earth. We stop beneath the cross and whisper from memory God saying, "Behold, I make all things new." The garden is never far from our thoughts. The pastors of the 43 churches speak of revival services to come, of guest preachers, choir specials, and altars that will once again hold kneeling burdens. We pray for prodigal sons and weary saints. We pray for fields ready for planting, thinking about Jesus' words in John that the fields are white unto harvest (both crops and souls). Outside, redbuds bloom like scattered embers along the hillsides. The Blue Ridge seems to hum with quiet expectation. Spring in Ashe County doesn't come suddenly. It unfolds patiently, like Scripture itself—line upon line, promise upon promise. Its message is clear death does not have the last word. Winter does not reign forever. Beginning in April some churches gather for a United Revival Service. Cars wind up gravel roads. Children chase one another between gravestones that bear the names of founders long gone but not forgotten. Inside, the sanctuary fills with song "Because He Lives" rising strong against wooden rafters. Our Lord has much to say about gardens from Garden of Eden to this very hillside. He plants hope. He brings life from what looks dead every spring and He reminds us of His promise. Amens echo like rolling thunder. When the invitation is given, people come forth for salvation or recommitment, some simply come to kneel in gratitude. Outside, the last light of day settles soft and golden over the Blue Ridge Mountains. A breeze stirs budding branches. In that quiet Appalachian corner, the 43 churches understand something deeply rooted. Spring is not just a season. It is a promise written from Genesis to Revelation. A promise that God restores, that faith can bloom again. What was damaged by winter can be repaired by grace. As we sweep out sanctuaries and mend broken boards, we are also tending souls—preparing fertile ground for the Spirit to move, for in every mountain hollow and every white-clapboard church, Spring Revival is in the air.



Your Servant, David

Ashe Really Cares

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

Matthew 28:16-20

At Ashe Really Cares (ARC), we usually recite scripture from Matthew 25:35-40, feeding the hungry and clothing those in need. But, the basis for our association and Ashe Really Cares begins with the Great Commission, the “great ask” from Jesus, where He commands us to preach and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world around us. THIS is where our organizations should begin and end. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life—no one comes to the Father except through Jesus (John 14:6). It is the duty of every born-again Christian to proclaim Jesus to a lost and dying world. Feed the hungry. Clothe those in need. Tell people about Jesus.

I am Billy Norris, new director at Ashe Really Cares. It is my desire to share Jesus with every person who walks through our doors. We served 352 individuals with food, and 473 families with clothing last month. We still need your help! I will be making my way across Ashe Baptist churches over the next several months, speaking about our wonderful organization. Would you consider helping? Volunteering? Donations? Please be in prayer about this ministry and how you can help spread the joy of Jesus.

Praying for God’s blessings for you,

Billy Norris
Director, ARC
336-846-5234

ashereallycares@gmail.com



Rev. Billy Norris is the new Ashe Really Cares, Director and he is also the FaithHealth Connector for Ashe County. Billy resides in Watauga County. You may reach Billy at 336-846-5234

Greetings in the name of our precious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

As Faith Health Connector for Ashe County, I am available to assist those with needs regarding their health. This can include finding resources for transportation and financial assistance. It also includes providing a spiritual presence for those who may be discouraged. I am not here to replace any pastor or family member, but to ADD to and help. Recently, I have even assisted in helping create a family’s budget! Please call me at 828-964-8837 if you see a need. I am here to help!

Billy Norris, Faith Health Connector



March 2	B- Mrs. Jessica Stansberry
March 3	B- Mrs. Jennifer Hart
March 9	B- Rev. Russell Hart
March 14	B- Mrs. Linda Wyrick
March 17	B- Mrs. Vanessa Tilley
March 21	A- Rev. & Mrs. Chris Taylor
March 22	B- Rev. Luke Watson
March 22	B- Rev. Nathan Caparolie
March 28	B- Mrs. Jean Burkett
March 30	B- Dr. Jim Rash



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What is the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering?

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) is the primary way Southern Baptists fund missions in North America. **One hundred percent** of gifts given to AAEO go to the field to support more than 3,000 missionary families serving across the United States and Canada.

**Week of Prayer for Annie Armstrong North American Missions
March 1-8, 2026**

How do your gifts make a difference?

Gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering are used to train and resource missionaries in church planting and compassion ministries. Gifts are also used to create evangelism resources. New churches are being planted, hurts are being healed and lives are being transformed by the gospel because you give.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG (1850-1938)



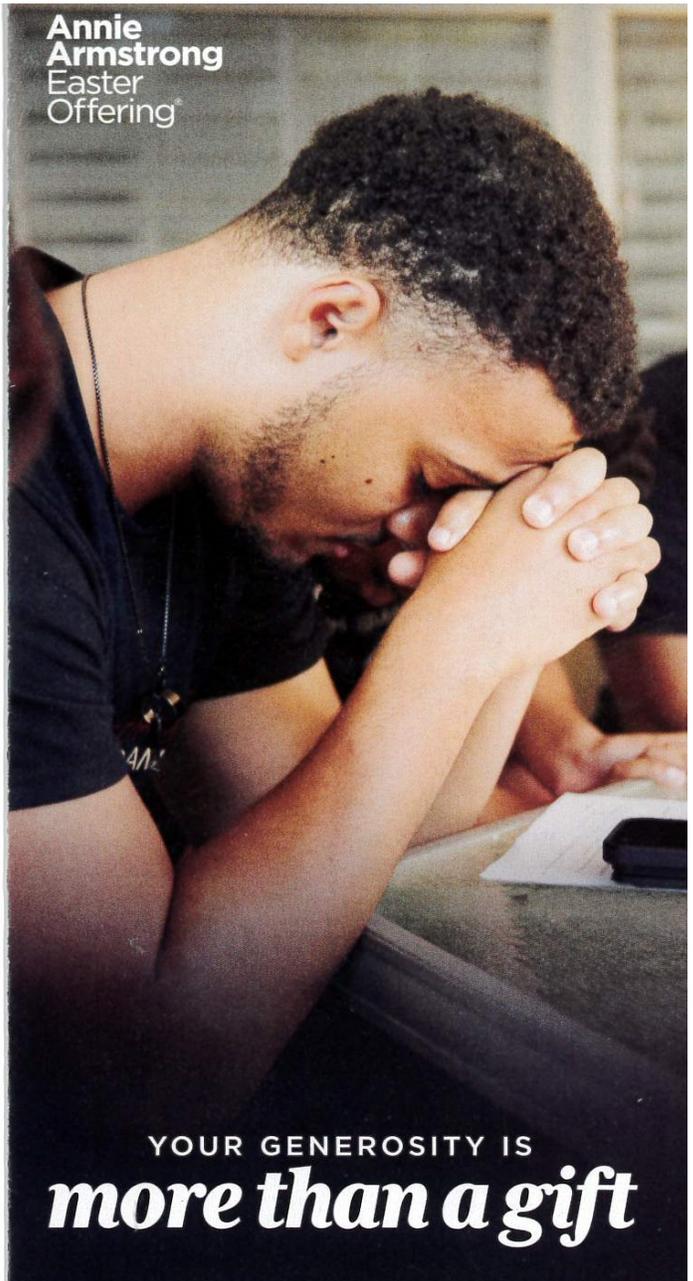
Annie Armstrong was born in Baltimore at a time when women were not expected to lead. She served, challenged churches to action, and rallied support for missionaries. Ultimately, Annie was recognized as a national Southern Baptist trailblazer renowned for visionary missions leadership.

Contributions

- Developed a heart for missions as a young woman while attending missionary meetings with her mother
- Became a Christian at 19 years old
- Started Bay View Mission for Baltimore's poor and addicted
- Served as the first executive of Woman's Missionary Union
- Raised support for missionaries to Italian and Jewish immigrants
- Initiated fund-raising "brick cards" to build churches in Cuba
- Gained support for the first black, female missionaries
- Secured funds to relieve China missionary, Lottie Moon, who had served for 11 years without a furlough
- Advocated for Native Americans and impoverished mountain people
- Traveled across America encouraging missionaries and inspiring churches to pray, give, and act
- Honored in 1934 when The Home Missions Offering was re-named for her to encourage more to follow her sacrificial example

Today, over \$2 billion has been given through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering*. All gifts—100%—support thousands of missionaries in church planting and compassion ministries across the U.S. and Canada.

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North American Mission Board
P.O. Box 116543
Atlanta, GA 30368

Note: "AAEO" in the memo line



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ABOUT
IT!

**HOPE FOR THE MOUNTAINS
PRAYER TEAM
MEETS EACH TUESDAY 8:00 AM
MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH
EVERYONE IS WELCOME !**

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.

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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 WSKS 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.**



Worthy is the Lamb!

**Life of Jesus Easter Special
March 26 - 28 & April 1 - 3 at 7pm**

Appalachian Church

787 RAY TAYLOR RD
WEST JEFFERSON

Reserve your seats now Appchurch.org!

Church Announcements

Appalachian Church announces Worthy is the Lamb, Easter special, Life of Jesus. March 26-28 and April 1-3 at 7:00. Reserve your seat now at Appchurch.org. Pastor is Rev. Steve Ashley See Flyer on page 4

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

Big Flatts Baptist– invite you to join them on Sunday's 10 am Sunday School –Worship 11 am. Wednesday Choir Practice at 6:30 and Bible Study for all ages at 7 pm. Our Easter Service will be in April-info soon! Pastor, Rev. Darien South and the congregation welcome you!

You are invited to come and worship with us at North Beaver Baptist Church, 8000 Hwy 163, West Jefferson, NC Sunday School starts at 10:00, with Worship Services starting at 11:00.... Bible study and Prayer service are on Wednesday evenings starting at 6:30

Pastor Matthew Tilley will be preaching on Sunday mornings, February through May, the sermon series is entitled "Christ over Everything!" From the book of Colossians.....it is a series based on the letter written by Paul the Apostle to the Colossian church.

March 1, 2026: Colossians 1:9-14 | Praying in the Power of Christ

March 8, 2026: Colossians 1:15-20 | The Supremacy of Christ

March 15, 2026: Colossians 1:21-23 | Reconciled by Christ

March 22, 2026: Colossians 1:24-29 | Christ in You

Pastor Tilley will be interrupting the Colossians series for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday to preach sermons on the Cross and on the Resurrection.

March 29, 2026: Palm Sunday | I Corinthians 1:18-2:5 | The Cross of Christ

April 5, 2026: Easter Sunday | I Corinthians 15 | The Resurrection of Christ

Obids Baptist—Pastor Mark Harless and congregation invite you to join them at church each Sunday at 10 am Sunday School and 11 am Worship– Bible Study on Wednesday Evenings 7 pm.

Pleasant Home Baptist Church will have their 4th Annual Valentine Dinner (date changed due to the ice) Saturday, March 21 doors open at 6:00. Youth will sing at 6:15 and Dinner served at 6:30 pm Congregation invites everyone.

Blood Drive on Saturday, March 7, 2026 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the **Warrensville Baptist Church Fellowship Hall**, 130 Church Street, Warrensville. There is a critical blood shortage at this time. Help us to fill this need. To make an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS. For more info, contact Beth Eastridge 828-406-8897. Pastor is Rev. Jackie Stone.

Welcome Home Baptist Church– Deacon ordination for Mr. Ryan Huffman on Sunday, March 22nd at 6:00 pm. The pastor is Rev. Lonnie Jones and the congregation invite you to attend.

Who's Your One? Is a personal evangelism initiative from the North American Mission Board (NAMB) that challenges every Christian to intentionally identify one person in their life who does not know Jesus, pray for their salvation consistently and look for opportunities to share the gospel with them. The movement emphasizes that evangelism is not about reaching everyone at once—it's about faithfully reaching the one God has place on your heart. We have material at Ashe Baptist Association. Come by and pick up some information—Who's Your One?

SPRING FORWARD ON MARCH 8TH!!!!

2026 TAX PREPARTION GUIDE FOR MINISTERS—are available at the Ashe Baptist Associational Office.

You are welcome to stop and pick a copy up.

When you pray, please remember Mt. Olive Baptist, Pleasant Home Baptist, Liberty Grove Baptist, Riverview Baptist & Wagoner Baptist as they search for 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 January - March newsletters. Thank you.

Life Compass Living was first developed for churches and that is often surprising when someone reads the book. As one supporter said, “The book reads like a secular program”. I wanted to go back and let you see how the process serves our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ and church families, living in covenant with one another. This is a brief description of Life Compass Living with the original language.

The churches that helped develop our work found that when they invited their family, friends and neighbors to learn the process and enter into conversations, some pushed back because they thought it was something just for church. Others saw it as another attempt to convert them, rather than a genuine desire to become better at loving and supporting one another as family, friends and neighbors. We know servant evangelism must come from the same heart that fed the 5,000 and healed all 10 lepers. Even as we pray and look for how we can bear witness to the saving work of Jesus Christ, we will be faithful to the command to love ourselves and our neighbors. We are the ones who give them the experience of unconditional Love of Christ that draws them to the Living Water and eternal life.

Life Compass- The will of God is not like a GPS but more like a compass. We do not know where we will be throughout our lives and God does not tell us every twist and turn ahead of time. (We might not be ready to know all He will get us through before we get there). A faithful life is lived with an orientation to our True North (Jesus Christ) and then learning each day in prayer where we are being sent and how to be faithful each day, as we listen to the Spirit.

A Life Compass in Person, People and Place.

- **Person - We must have our own personal relationship with Christ and maintain a daily prayer life so that we can know our own calling and be faithful stewards of all life and resources we are given.** God honors our dignity of choice and asks us to choose Christ as Lord and to follow His will in all our relationships. (Greatest commandment and Great Commission)
 - I use the model of Life Story because we must all seek to make our Life Story a story of faithfulness to Jesus a of us being ‘transformed by the renewing of our minds’ so we become the proof of God’s will. (Romans 12: 1-2)
 - I define human flourishing in the book. Here are the original terms.
 - For Mindfulness I used “Prayer” since we all have regular disciplines where we decide who we want to be and how we want to live.
 - Fore Core Relationships I used “Highest Covenants” since we must choose who we will share life with in faithfulness to God, church and family.
 - Physical Vitality was about taking care of our “temples”, the bodies we live in.
 - Mental Vitality was about “renewing your mind” and letting all that we learn become part of how we live faithfully.
- **People - As disciples of Jesus and humans in need of community, we must choose who we share life with and how.** Many experience crises in life, some are part of being human and aging, others are from changes in our world and natural disasters. Family, church and community can be sources of security when we share life well. The early church was being cast out of their families and religious communities as they followed Christ. The letters of Paul could be seen as him offering help as they were learning to become family to one another after being cast out and suffering persecution as well.
 - Covenants are called “agreements” in the book. We will choose who we love as family, church, neighbor and enemies. We hope that as we share life with others we lift up Christ in how we love them and draw them to Christ.
 - What is called “Essential Conversations: were originally called “Covenant Conversations” and the progression was to have Commitments to roles and responsibilities that fulfill your covenants and finally you enter Contracts that were about the practical steps in real life. That included calendars, accounts, legal documents and any sharing of resources.
- **Place - In the book we talk about building a “home” and that a “home” is not the structure you sleep in but where your Life Story is values and expressed. I now say a “home” is found in the relationships where everyone flourishes. Originally we talked about **building the Kingdom of God. Jesus taught us that we were the people and place where the Kingdom of God was happening. We pray, “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven”. Churches are learning to demonstrate the Kingdom of God and that includes how we support and care for each other throughout life.****

We will learn how to use Life Compass Living as we follow Jesus Christ, so that each Person will be faithful to love their People and build their Place where the love of God will be found and the Kingdom of God will be shared by all who are our family and neighbors.

One of the ways we have taught Life Compass Living in churches and to ministers is called, “The Stewardship of life, Death and Legacy”. Often people seek to utilize our tools during a time in their own lives or the lives of loved ones, when they are facing the end of life. Many have expressed gratitude for how they have been helped to navigate that transition we will all go through.

Please come learn how Life Compass Living can be a tool for our stewardship through all the stages of life and all the life transitions we will face as families, churches and neighbors. Life Compass Living can be helpful in building resiliency in our families, churches and communities like “Financial Peace University” or other family budgeting programs have been in the realm of financial stewardship.

If you are interested in learning Life Compass Living for yourself, your family, your church or your community please reach out to me. George Fuller- george@fullerlifenavigating.com - 919-417-8284

A Life Compass Living Training Session will be held at North Beaver Baptist Church on Tuesday, March 10 at 6 pm and on Tuesday March 24 at 6 pm. Sessions are 2 hours each. Please Rev. David Blackburn, AMS at Ashe Baptist Association- 336-846-5631.

George Fuller, Jr
M.Div., D.Min., Mediator CSA



Building Resilience

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST AGING MINISTRY

STATEWIDE AGING WELL CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026

10am–2:30pm

Woodlawn Baptist Church

440 7th Street Place SW, Conover

Guest Speaker - Dr. George Fuller, Jr.

"Faithful Stewards of Life & Legacy"

To register or to learn more about this conference, please go to
<https://ncbam.org/events> or contact NCBAM at (877)506-2226.

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- 9:30am - Registration & refreshments.
- Cost - \$20 per person (Group rate for 10 or more \$18) includes conference materials, refreshments & lunch.
- There will be a special "give-away" at the end of the day.
- This conference promises to be filled with practical tools for building resilience into the daily lives of Senior Adults!

They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing, Psalm 92:14 NKJV

2026 Presentations

A.I. for Aging Adults

A biblical view of the ever-changing landscape of Artificial Intelligence that will encourage & inform senior adults

Better Sleep

Throughout our lives, sleep patterns are impacted by our circumstances (newborns, work, volunteerism, retirement). Learn how to do a hard reset on your sleep patterns by providing real-life tips and applications for a better night's sleep.

Care for the Caregiver

Learn how caregivers can better care for themselves so they can better care for their loved ones, and how to better support the caregivers in your church.

Care Villages for Churches

Learn about this missional model of ministry for Aging Adult Ministry and how to implement it in your church

Disaster Preparedness

Learn practical ways churches can help aging adults be prepared for emergency situations

Down, But Not Out

Discover the symptoms of depression in aging adults and how to battle that in your life or in the life of others

Fall Prevention

Examine the keys to preventing falls and staying active and healthy longer

Let's Stop the Hurting

Study how to recognize elder abuse, what to do about it, and how the church can prevent that in your community

My Prayer Life for All Life

Using Jesus as our example - we'll explore how our prayer life can shake the Heavens & make an eternal impact for the advancement of His Kingdom

NCBAM Overview

Discover who NCBAM, how we can serve your church, and how you can make a difference in the life of aging adults

Reducing Stress

The Golden Years often present new stresses and participants will discover how God desires for us to handle these pressures & demands.

Scams & Frauds

Learning how to protect yourself and not become a victim of the latest scams & frauds.

ASHE + RAISING RESILIENT ROCKSTARS

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MARCH

HEALTH INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR K-6

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INSIDE OUT 2 SCREENING

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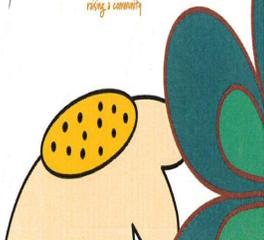
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BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

Items for Baptist Children's Homes Food Round Up may be dropped at **Ashe Really Cares** 204 Beaver Creek School Rd. West Jefferson, NC through April 30!!! For more information, a list of food items, personal care items, cleaning items or other essentials call the **Ashe Baptist Office 336-846-5631** or visit the website at: bchfoodroundup.org

You may also contact:

Austin Decker, BCH Food Roundup Coordinator
336.250.3683 | adecker@bchfamily.org



FOOD ROUNDUP

When you are a part of the Food Roundup, you meet real needs and share Christ's love with North Carolina children who are hungry for more than a meal—they are hungry for hope!



Baptist Children's Homes
of NORTH CAROLINA



Ashe Habitat is accepting applications for homeownership through March 31, 2026!

If you have a housing need and would like to learn more, visit our office at the ReStore on

March 20 or 21, 10am-3pm.

505 S Jefferson Ave. West Jefferson

or call (336) 846-2525 ext. 3



Information is also on our website at **ashehabitat.org**

Scan below to learn more:



A New Blessing Box
Take What You need Leave What You Can
Galatians 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

I am excited to announce the launch of a new community outreach- Our Blessing Box created to serve and support families in our local area.

The blessing Box is a simple but powerful expression of Christ' love. Stocked with non-perishable food items. It is available to anyone in need with no questions asked. Our goal is to help provide constant access to food so that everyone in Our Community has what they need to prepare a meal and provide hope in difficult times.

How it Works: Take what you need- Leave what you can- Pray for one another

The Blessing Box will be located right off of Wade Bare Road in the parking lot of Shelters Unlimited. It will be Accessible 24/7 and is intended to serve individuals, families, seniors and anyone facing temporary hardship. In today's world many quietly struggle with food insecurity or financial strain. The blessing box provides dignity, hope and immediate assistance.

How Can You Help: Church Members and community partners are invited to contribute:

*Canned Goods *Pasta, Rice, Peanut Butter *Any other Non-Perishable food items *Encouraging Notes or Scripture Cards

If your Church or Organization takes up donations to help restock the box on a regular basis or to learn more please contact Sirena Huffman- Restoration Volunteer Coordinator, NC Works- 336-620-0304

Lifeway Illumination Station VBS Material Coming Soon!!!!



The **Ashe Food Council** was formed in November 2025 in order to bring together leaders in the food distribution area to identify gaps, develop strategies to address those gaps, and work together to support our community to improve food security and systems, not just for today but for the future.

One of the many focus areas of the Food Council is home-delivered meals in the County. There are two agencies which currently offer a Mobile Meal program – Ashe Outreach Ministries and Generations Ashe. Ashe Outreach provides over 1,000 meals per month to elderly shut-ins and those recovering from medical procedures covering the west and northwest parts of the county with five delivery routes. Generations Ashe provides home delivered meals to home-bound adults each weekday and offers a backpack program to adults for the weekends.

Ashe County has a need for increased home delivered meals. In addition to the nutritional value these meals offer, it also offers a wellness check and a friendly face to those who are shut-in. These deliveries create invaluable relationships between the volunteers and the recipients that can bring a much needed blessing. We are seeking volunteers to assist both Ashe Outreach and Generations with the meals they provide. If anyone can help, please reach out to these organizations directly to learn more.

Ashe Outreach Ministries – Dave Ahrens – 336-336-1314 or asheoutreach@gmail.com

Generations Ashe – 336-246-2461 or info@generationsashe.org

If a church or church ministry would be interested in providing their own home-delivered meal program, that would also be very beneficial to our community. If there is a church or ministry interested, please reach out to Tracie McMillan or Michele Blevins at Ashe Department of Social Services.

Tracie McMillan – 336-846-5719 or traciemcmillan@ashecountygov.com

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EARLY ENTRY - \$25



TICKETS:

General Admission – \$15. Doors open at 5:30pm.
Early Admission – \$25. Get in at 5:00pm to find a seat you like before the rush!
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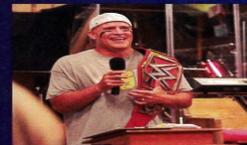
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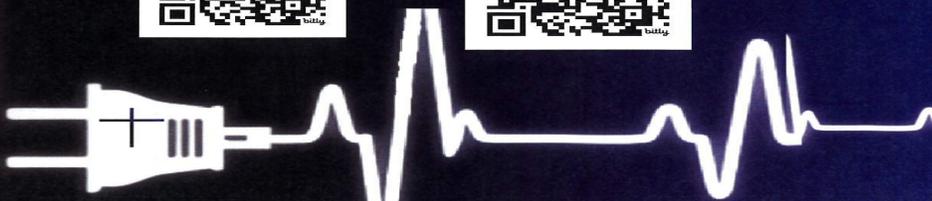
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Discipleship Tip of the Month

The Missing Link

Romans 7:15 reads: & quote; For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I & quote; This verse highlights the inner conflict between a person's desire to do good and the struggle with sin. Many of us have found ourselves repeatedly confessing the same sin to God, wondering why we cannot overcome it. 1 John 1:9 -- If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we confess our sins, he is faithful. **The missing link is repentance.** Before Jesus ascended to heaven, he told his disciples that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. Acts 2:38-- Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. **The Missing Link is solved.**

- March 1-8 Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer
 North American Missions
- 8 Spring Forward
- 20 Spring Begins
- 23-24 AMS Conference- Caraway



2026 MARCH						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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- April 1 ABA Campground Opens
- 3-6 ABA - ARC Closed - Easter
- 3- Good Friday
- 5 Easter
- 6 Easter Monday
- 7 ARC Committee Meeting @ ABA
 Conference Room 7 pm
- 9 ABA Executive Committee Meeting
 @ Bristol Baptist



2026 APRIL						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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- May 3 Senior Adult Sunday
- 7 National Day of Prayer
- 25 Memorial Day
 ABA / ARC Closed



2026 MAY						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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