

# Ashe Baptist Association News



# April

## 2024

**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](mailto:domdblackburn@gmail.com)



## Spring Arrives in the Ashe Baptist Association

As winter loosens its grip on the Blue Ridge Mountains, a renewed sense of energy stirs in the hearts of the 44 churches of the Ashe Baptist Association. Snow still lingers on the highest peaks, but the valleys come alive with the first signs of spring buds on the dogwood trees, the chirping of robins and the scent of fresh rain soaking into the earth. For these mountain congregations, the arrival of spring is more than just a change in the weather. It is a season of spiritual awakening, fellowship and service.

With the longer days and warmer temperatures, preparations for revivals begin in earnest. Pastors and church leaders pray for a fresh outpouring of faith. They are seeking God's guidance for powerful messages that will touch hearts. Revival banners go up along winding country roads, inviting all to come and be renewed. The sounds of gospel hymns fill sanctuaries as choirs rehearse. Their voices rise in harmony with the Spirit of revival.

Spring also marks the beginning of Vacation Bible School planning. Volunteers gather in fellowship halls, sketching out lesson plans, crafting decorations and organizing games that will bring Bible stories to life for the children. Parents and grandparents, eager to see young hearts grow in faith, sign up their little ones for a week of learning, laughter and love.

As the churches gear up for special events, they focus on consistent church attendance. Pastors remind their congregations that faith flourishes in communities. The return of pleasant weather makes it easier for families to join together in worship. Sunday School classes see an increase in attendance and Bible studies spring back to life with renewed enthusiasm.

Fellowship is at the heart of the season. What better way to gather than over a shared meal? Church kitchens become bustling hubs of activity with the aroma of homemade biscuits, fried chicken, and fresh-baked pies filling the air. Potluck dinners bring neighbors together, strengthening bonds that may have waned during the long winter months.

Beyond their walls, the churches turn their attention to those in need. Warmer days provide opportunities for work projects; repairing a widow's porch, delivering firewood to an elderly couple or organizing food drives for struggling families. The spirit of service is alive echoing the love and compassion of Christ in every act of kindness.

In the Blue Ridge Mountains, spring is more than a season. It is a reminder of renewal, hope and community. The 44 churches of the Ashe Baptist Association embrace this time with open arms, ready to worship, serve and rejoice in the blessings of a new season.

Will you join us as we seek God's will for our lives as an individual and as a church? **Jude 1:22 reads "And of some have compassion, making a difference"**. Be apart of the "SOME". Encourage folks to know Christ as Saviour and invite them to church to worship, learn, grow and fellowship.

*Your Servant, David*



## Ashe Really Cares

336-846-5234

### Ashe Really Cares

Philippians 2:3-4 **3** Let nothing *be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. **4** Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

### Souper Bowl

Souper Bowl 2025 is a wrap! We want to extend a special thanks to all who collected items and donated this year. Our top donors go to Midway Baptist leading with the most cans donated and Laurel Knob Baptist Church with the most financial contribution. All in all our community came together to collect 3166 cans and \$2060.

### ARC Receives Grant to Support Community Growth and Recovery

We are thrilled to announce that ARC has received a generous grant from Second Harvest to purchase a new 2023 Chevrolet Express 3500 14ft box truck. This new addition will be instrumental in helping us meet the increasing needs of our community as we continue to recover and rebuild.

In recent months, our dedicated staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly to improve our facilities, upgrade equipment, and expand services to better serve those in need. This grant marks an exciting step forward in our mission to support our neighbors and address the challenges many are facing.

As we celebrate this milestone, we remain deeply grateful for the blessings that God continues to pour into our community. At ARC, we are not just focused on providing food and clothing; we are committed to building meaningful relationships with our neighbors. By connecting with individuals and families using our pantry services, we strive to meet both their immediate needs and their long-term spiritual well-being. Through these relationships, we aim to plant seeds of faith and share God's love in tangible, transformative ways.

We look forward to continuing our work and watching how God will use this new resource to impact lives in our community.

Thank you,

Twila Miller  
Director  
Ashe Really Cares



April 1	B- Mrs. Tina Stone
April 3	B- Mrs. April Norris
April 4	B- Mrs. Cherie Monsees
April 5	A- Rev. & Mrs. Gene Shumaker
April 5	B- Mrs. Phyllis Pugh
April 8	B- Mrs. Ashley Miller
April 10	A-Rev. & Mrs. Lonnie Carpenter
April 12	B- Mrs. Julie Jones
April 15	A- Rev. & Mrs. Tom Graybeal
April 15	A- Rev. & Mrs. Wayne Jones
April 20	A- Rev. Steve Allen
April 21	B- Mrs. Ashley Miller
April 23	B- Mr. & Mrs. Dan Bare
April 24	A- Rev. & Mrs. David Blackburn
April 24	A- Rev. & Mrs. John Elledge
April 27	B- Mrs. Amanda Halsey



**1LB BAG OF FRESH CARROTS**  
**BROWN GRAVY PACKETS**  
**4 OZ INSTANT POTATOES PACKETS**  
**20 OZ CAN SLICED PINEAPPLE**  
**JIFFY CORN BREAD MIX**



### ASHE REALLY CARES

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Donation Drop off - M-F: 9-12 & 1-2:30



Ashe Really Cares has a new website: [ashereallycares.com](https://ashereallycares.com). Check it out for more about the available services, needs and opportunities to serve your community. Thank you to all who support Ashe Really Cares





## HOST AN INTERNATIONAL CHILD WHO IS WAITING TO BE ADOPTED.

THROUGH CHRISTIAN ADOPTION SERVICES' FOUR-WEEK CHILD HOSTING PROGRAM, YOU OFFER A CHILD THE EXPERIENCE OF AMERICAN LIFE IN A HOME WITH A CHRISTIAN FAMILY.



# 100%

The 2024 Child Hosting Program was a 100% success! All five children are being ADOPTED due to the commitment and love of our host families.

### WHO ARE THE HOST CHILDREN?

THEY ARE OLDER CHILDREN, SIBLING GROUPS, AND CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS WHO CURRENTLY LIVE IN THE PHILIPPINES AND HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR A FAMILY. THEY HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BY THEIR CHILD CARING AGENCY AS A CHILD(REN) WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE HOSTING PROGRAM.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- We hope to invite 10 children and 2 escorts for the 2025 program.
- The program is eligible to families who live in North and South Carolina.
- Eligible families with a heart to change the lives of a child(ren) are needed to welcome them into their home for 4 weeks from mid-July to mid-August 2025.
- A backup host family is needed for hosting the escorts and potential child placement if necessary.
- There will be an end-of-program celebration for all children and families.



If you are interested in learning more or applying email: [childhosting@bchfamily.org](mailto:childhosting@bchfamily.org)

A ministry of Baptist Children's Homes of NC



## BECAUSE OF CHURCHES ACROSS NC

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES IS ABLE TO PROVIDE MEALS AND THE MESSAGE OF JESUS TO CHILDREN.



**FOOD ROUNDUP**  
BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

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**What if we could see thousands profess Christ through believer's baptism on a single day?**

**That's the heartbeat behind the statewide "Fill the Tank" baptism emphasis.**

**We're encouraging every N.C. Baptist church to fill their baptism tanks on April 27 – or an upcoming Sunday – and trust God to save people between now and then.**

**Will you sign up to "fill the tank?"**  
[ncbaptist.org](http://ncbaptist.org)





# Help Rebuild Ashe County After Hurricane Helene



**ASHE COUNTY  
DISASTER CASE  
MANAGEMENT**

336-846-5877

*Standing together with Hurricane survivors  
through all the phases of recovery and  
restoration.*



## What we need?

### General Contractors

- Assess storm damaged houses
- Develop scopes of work
- Assist with planning for materials and labor needed for repairs
- Join Ashe County Long Term Recovery Group

### Electricians

- Assisting with quotes and logistics of connecting campers to temporary power.

### Plumbers

- Assisting with quotes and logistics of connecting campers to septic.

Have you been looking for a way to help families whose homes were devastated in Hurricane Helene?

Your knowledge and experience will allow us to efficiently source materials and mobilize skilled volunteers to restore homes and bring a sense of hope and recovery back to Ashe County.



Contact Ashe County  
Disaster Case  
Management at  
336-846-5877 to offer  
your services.



# 3rd Annual Youth Rally by Stone Mountain Baptist Association May 4, 2025 At 3:00 pm

Hebrews 3:11 KJV  
Through faith we  
understand that the worlds  
were framed by the word  
of God, so that things  
which are seen were not  
made of which do appear.

Baptist Home Church  
2367 Sparta Rd  
North Wilkesboro, NC 28659

Games, Pizza, Music, and  
Worship

Guest Speaker  
Tyler Blue



To Register yourself or your Church Youth  
Group:



For yourself



Youth Leader



Youth leaders that register their Church Youth Group prior to April 4, will receive a free  
Leader T-shirt.

# 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, Rev. John Elledge welcomes you to attend.

**Congratulations to Buffalo Baptist Church** that had their first service back in the sanctuary since the damaged caused by Helene. AMS David Blackburn will be the guest speaker on Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 and Sunday School at 9:45. Everyone is welcome by the pastor, Rev. Gene Shumaker and the congregation.

**Christian Unity Baptist** - Welcomes you to come-worship with them. Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 11 am Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm. Pastor Darien South. Located at 513 East Main Street in Jefferson.

**Fletcher Memorial Baptist**-Sunday School 9:15 am and Worship Service at 10:30 am. Pastor Paul Strickland and congregation invites you to join them and worship our Lord and Savior. Address is: 201 South Street, Jefferson, NC.

**Friendship Baptist Church** has an opening for Ministry Assistant/Secretary- Hours are Monday through Thursday 8:30 to 2:30. If interested, please come by the church office and pick up a job description. You can also email the church at [friendshipbaptist@skybest.com](mailto:friendshipbaptist@skybest.com) and request a copy. Also, our phone number is 336-982-2080.

**God's Will Missionary Baptist**-1629 Grandview Drive in Sparta, NC will be holding a Revival April 6-9, 7 pm with Rev. Hugh Miller as the speaker. Special Singing nightly! Pastor Homer Murdock welcomes everyone!

Thank you, **Beaver Creek Baptist** for volunteering to host the annual meeting on Friday, August 15. This will be voted on at the April Executive Committee Meeting. Rev. Johnny Goodman is the pastor.

**Orion Baptist** will be hosting the Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. They were voted on and approved in the January 2025 Meeting. We appreciate Beaver Creek Baptist and Orion Baptist for hosting the 139<sup>th</sup> Ashe Baptist Associational Meetings in August 2025.

**Pleasant Home Baptist Weekend Revival**- April 11, 12 & 13 at 7 pm each evening. Rev. Lonnie Jones, Pastor at Welcome Home will be the speaker. Special Music each evening. Pastor Lonnie Carpenter invites everyone to attend.

**Ashe Baptist Association** would like to thank all the churches that gave to the NC Missions Offering in 2024. The association received 10% of that offering. The 2024 amount received was \$1,175.28. The NCMO supports church planting, disaster relief & other ministries in North Carolina and beyond. Thank you for giving!

**When you pray**, please remember Round Knob, Wagoner, Big Laurel, Riverview. These churches are currently seeking a pastor.

**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 Sound Cloud on Friday, the Saturday Radio Program, the [www.ashebaptist.org](http://www.ashebaptist.org) and the monthly newsletters.

**The Ashe Really Cares** Quarterly Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 1 @ 7:00 PM at the Ashe Baptist Conference Room. All Committee Members and interested folks are urged to attend.

**The Ashe Baptist Association Executive Committee** will have its quarterly committee meeting on Thursday, April 3 at 7:00 PM with the Round Knob Baptist Church. All committee members and pastors are urged to attend.

**Needed: FaithHealth Connector!** Call Rev. David Blackburn if you have an interest in helping folks with their health & faith needs. Paid position -8 hours per week. Training provided by NC Baptist-Wake Forest Atrium Health.

If you have some disaster needs, please contact me at the Ashe Baptist Office and we can send a team out to help you. Please keep Ashe County in your prayers for folks to be saved, Christians strengthened and the hurting to feel good again. Check us out at [www.ashebaptist.org](http://www.ashebaptist.org) for the latest from "the coolest corner of North Carolina."

The Ashe County Board of Commissioners along with the Ashe County Initiative will present the Volunteers Awards Program to honor outstanding volunteers and organizations in the county. The award ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Ashe County High School.

**Ashe Baptist Campground Mowing Season is here!!!** Orion Baptist mows April 12 and Bald Mountain Baptist mows April 26. Call the office to schedule your time at the camp this year. Open dates to mow are May 24 and June 7. Thank you to all who keep the campground up and running.

**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.



## MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

### INFORMATION

With this in mind, would you be willing to join me in doing the following this year:

1. Pray that ministers that are delaying their medical care due to cost will realize that God will meet their needs.
2. Present the Mother's Day Offering to the pastors in your association, remembering that some pastors are not familiar with the offering.
3. Promote the 2025 Mother's Day Offering among the congregations of your association with the hope that the offering will be sufficient to assist all of the patients in need this year.

To obtain Mother's Day Offering materials, please encourage churches to do one of the following:

1. Download the items they want from <https://mothersdayoffering.org/>
2. Order the printed items they want to be shipped to them from the Mother's Day Offering website <https://mothersdayoffering.org/order>
3. Call 336-716-1033 and leave a message providing their request for materials
4. Email me at [briadavi@wakehealth.edu](mailto:briadavi@wakehealth.edu) with their request for materials

**Thank  
You So Much**

### Ashe Baptist Association

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We appreciate our sponsors & encourage you to  
call them when you need their services!

## HOPE FOR THE MOUNTAINS PRAYER TEAM

**Tuesday Morning's at 8:00 am**

**MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME !**

**Let's Get Together & Pray!!!**



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](mailto:ashebaptist@gmail.com), and we will announce on our WSKS weekly radio show, post on the events page of our website, [ashebaptist.org](http://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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**David White with Baptist on Mission along with his troop of Volunteers have been working aimlessly in Ashe County since Hurricane Helene hit! We appreciate their hard work and all the volunteer hours they have put into aiding many Ashe County residents. They have done many tasks including bridge work, moving debris, mud-outs & the list goes on! If you see these folks out & about-- please stop & say Hello & give them a huge THANK YOU! They are awesome!**







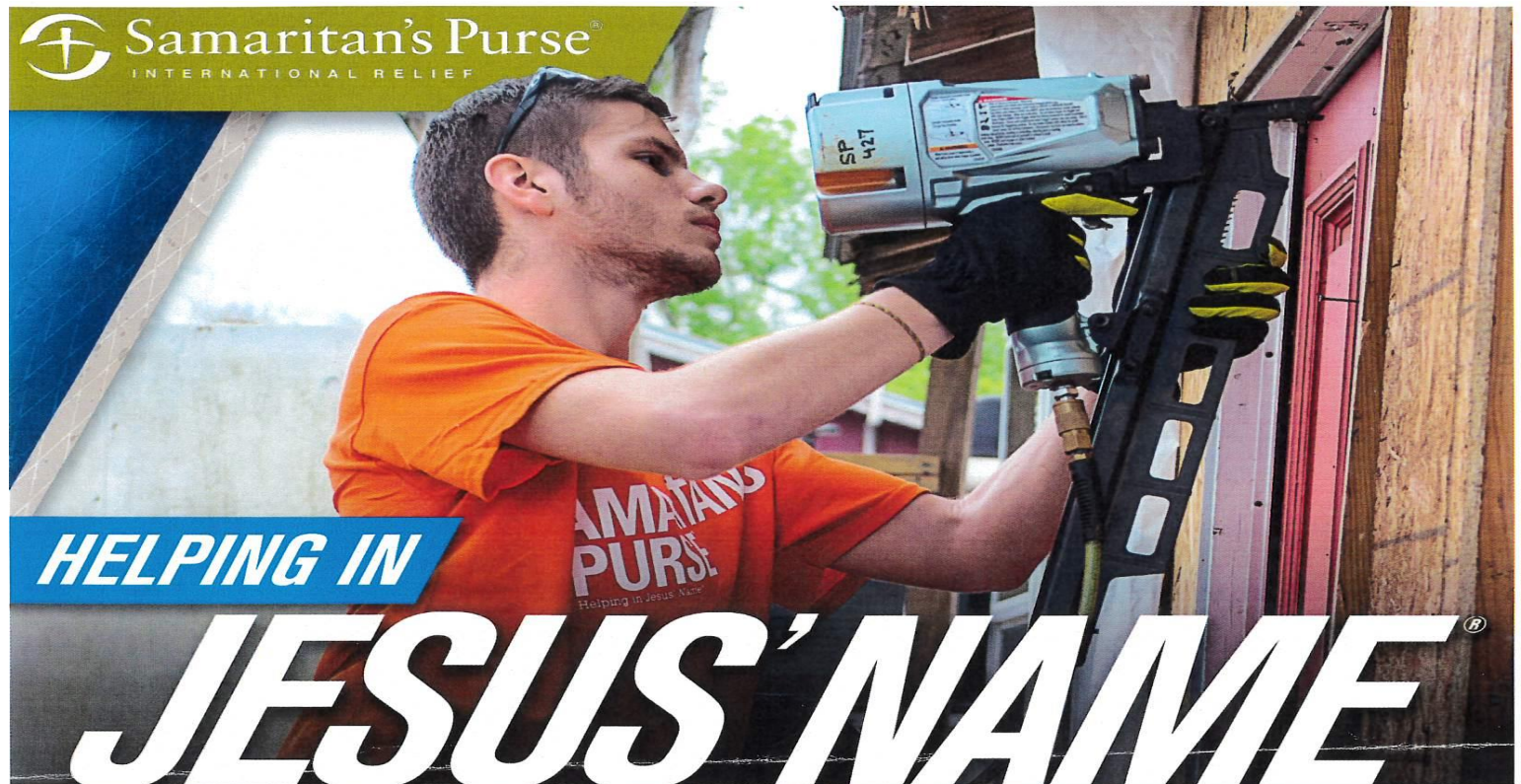




## Ashe Campground News

This winter has brought some storm damage to the campground! The fellows staying at the campground & still assisting in Helene clean-up & some rebuild, have been restoring the shingles to the roof of the Mattie Parsons building. Repairing the picnic shelter that was damaged by a fallen tree, and cutting up some trees brought down by the most recent ice storm and winds we had in our county! These folks are from Alabama & Mississippi and deserve a big Thank You!! They are a blessing to the Campground and to so many in our County!

**Thank You Thank You Thank you**  
from Ashe Baptist Association & on behalf of Ashe County!



## ***HURRICANE HELENE REBUILD PROGRAM***

Do you need assistance to repair or rebuild your house after Hurricane Helene?  
Did your church sustain hurricane damage? **Find out how Samaritan's Purse can help!**

### TYPES OF ASSISTANCE:

- Manufactured home replacement
- Repair of hurricane damage to stick-built homes (wooden frame houses that were built on-site) owned as primary residence
- Rebuild of primary residence houses destroyed by Hurricane Helene (stick-built construction)
- Building materials assistance
- Furniture assistance (replacement for qualified renters and owners)
- Church grant program

Priority will be given to homeowners with no insurance or who are underinsured. Applicants also must fall between minimum and maximum income levels.

Samaritan's Purse has been operating three disaster relief bases in western North Carolina to help homeowners clean up hurricane damage. Now, we are expanding this assistance, provided free of charge through the generosity of our donors. Our U.S. Disaster Relief staff works with an army of volunteers



# 2025 Vacation Bible School

## SEND US YOUR VBS DATES

### WE WILL BE HAPPY TO SHARE THEM WITH NEIGHBORS, FRIENDS AND NEW FOLKS IN OUR COUNTY!!!



#### 2025 Lifeway VBS Theme

**Magnified! VBS** will teach kids how looking closely at the details of God's amazing world leads us to proclaim His greatness. Kids will learn that God made us, cares about us, loves us, forgives us, and is faithful to keep all His promises. We can praise God together. We were made to magnify God!

Stop by the ABA Office and take a look at the Director's Kit & Catalog!!!

#### Chalats Faith-Based Coaching for Women

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P.O. Box 42  
Blowing Rock, NC 28605

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## Discipleship Tip of the Month

### The Priority of Prayer

Prayer is one of the most important activities in our lives because we're actually talking to the sovereign God of the universe who has all power and knowledge. He understands how we feel, knows how we think, and has the power to intervene in every area of our life. When times are good we may forget to pray. Or maybe we doubt that God will answer. But the biggest hindrance to prayer is sin. True prayer requires a relationship with God. When someone is willing to humble himself, confess his sins, and receive Jesus as his personal Savior, the Lord will forgive Him and welcome him into the family of God. To determine if prayer is a priority, ask yourself: What promotes or hinders me. How can I make prayer a daily lifestyle? Let's pray right now!!!!

#### April 2025

- 1 ABA Campground Opens
- 1 ARC Committee Meeting @ ABA Board  
Room 7 pm
- 3 ABA Ex. Committee Meeting  
@ Round Knob Baptist 7 pm
- 18 Good Friday **ABA/ARC Closed 18-21**
- 20 Easter Sunday
- 21 Easter Monday



2025 APRIL						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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#### May 2025

- 1 National Day of Prayer
- 4 Senior Adult Sunday
- 11 Mother's Day
- 26 Memorial Day **ABA/ARC CLOSED**



2025 MAY						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

#### June 2025

- 8-11 SBC Pastor's Conference & SBC Meeting
- 15 Father's Day
- 20 Summer Begins
- 30 **ABA/ ARC closed for Week of Fourth**



2025 JUNE						
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