

Ashe Baptist Association News



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- Calvary
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- Clifton
- Cristo el Salvador
- Farmers Memorial
- Fletcher Memorial
- Friendly Grove
- Friendship
- God's Will Missionary
- Grassy Creek
- Happy Trails Cowboy
- Healing Springs
- Laurel Knob
- Liberty Grove
- Little Helton
- Midway
- Mission Home
- Mount Olive
- New River
- North Beaver
- Oak Hill
- Obids
- Old Fields
- Orion
- Phoenix
- Pilot Mountain
- Pine Swamp
- Pleasant Home
- Pleasant Valley
- Riverview
- Round Knob
- Trinity
- Tuckerdale
- Wagoner
- Warrensville
- Welcome Home

Preacher David's Corner
 Rev. David Blackburn, Director of Missions
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"The 2018 Ashe County Children's Christmas Project"

What a privilege to help 850 children to have a better Christmas! I would like to thank everyone for your help with this project. This project had over 8,500 gifts that were wrapped. Every child's gifts are checked to be sure they have several gifts and that they are the correct size. You are looking at one hundred thousand dollars in cost. Thank you, checkers, wrappers, and those who moved the gifts to the storage room and then to the gym for distribution. To see Ashe Co. students from the elementary, middle, and high schools as well as the new High School College was wonderful. Churches and Faith Based Organizations pitched in. Department of Social Services, Partnership of Ashe, Board of Education, County of Ashe, folks at Family Central, Parks and Rec and WSKS are among the many that had a hand in this project. Special thanks to General Electric from Ashe County who took one hundred names and bought the commercial trash bags and sent a crew to wrap gifts. Thanks to those who came early on Monday morning to help get us set up for sorting and wrapping. Thank you for those who bought gifts for the children and those of you who gave money to help the program. Thanks to the many who brought snacks and home-made goodies for us to eat as we worked from 8AM-8PM each day the week of wrapping. We also received 500 Back Packs filled with goodies from Stanley Association (an example of the church "getting out of the seats and into the streets") to be given out to our 4 to 14 year old children along with their gifts. They brought the backpacks, stayed to wrap gifts for the afternoon, and then leaving home at 3:30 AM, returned the next week to help with distribution. "Muchas Gracias" to Michele Palayo for assisting on distribution day and being our Spanish interpreter! **The list goes on for all of you who helped. You know who you are!** God's helpers trying to help a child. Six Laptop Computers, three Desktop Computers, twenty tablets and three TVs as well as sixty bicycles with helmets were among the gifts. A very nice play kitchen model was also given. A dorm-size refrigerator was given. Perfect for someone going to college. Over two thousand new books were distributed. Thank you Episcopal Church Ladies for going to get 1000 books and for paying for them. Red Christmas stockings were included with most packages. Folks wrapping were singing along with the Christmas music that was playing; it was a joy to see and hear. Tears, thank you and hugs were given freely to many of us. One lady shared with me that she wanted to talk to me. She began by saying the Christmas Project had bought gifts for her children for about five years. She was in a hard place at that time and was not a believer in Jesus and His love. But folks restored her faith in that folks really do care and that God loves her. She now has a job and is a Christian. Her children are grown and live outside the county. Her children always make sure that they partner with an organization at Christmas-time to help folks in need. Those children will never forget what your love and the love of God has done for them. What you do in the life of a child will last forever. Special thank you to: Myra Phillips, Shelia Miller, Jeanne Coward and Johnny Davis who worked extra hard and even pulled double shifts to make this project move so smoothly.

It takes all of us to make this happen and we appreciate it very much. There are a lot of good people in Ashe County and others who have helped help from outside the county. **God has blessed us beyond measure!! Praise be to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!!** Merry Christmas from all of us to all of you!!

Your Servant, David

Discipleship Thought of the Month

“Merry Christmas “ 4. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) 5. To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. 6. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. 7. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. 8. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. 10. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. 11. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. (the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 2)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

- All month Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 2-9 Week of Prayer for International Missions
- 6 Minister and Wives, Staff Christmas Dinner @ Friendship Baptist Church, 6:30 PM
- 20-27 ABA/ARC offices closed for Christmas

JANUARY 2019

- 4 Discipleship Team meeting at ABA office, 8:00 AM
- 8 ARC Quarterly meeting, ABA conference room, 7:00 PM
- 10 ABA Executive Committee Meeting @ Fletcher Memorial, 7:00 PM

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LOTTIE MOON

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

*Providing financial support to missionaries
as they share the gospel overseas.*

Every Church, Every Nation

It's more than a catch phrase. It's at the core of what we do. We believe every church and every church member has a critical role to play in bringing the gospel to the world. Your church' participation in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is a key part of that.

Your Gifts, Transform Lives

Because you and your church give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, International Mission Board missionaries can take the gospel to unreached peoples around the world. Every dollar you give makes a difference, because 100% of the money collected goes to the work of teaching every nation.

The Story of Lottie Moon

In the 1800's, a missionary named Lottie Moon wrote letters from China urging American churches to fund more overseas workers. After Lottie's death on the mission field, an offering was started in her name. The offering was established to empower international missions efforts for Southern Baptists.

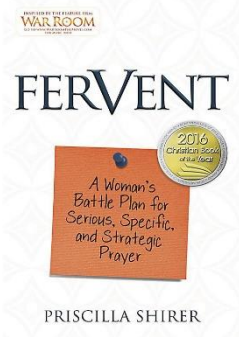
Offerings are collected throughout the month of December in our local Southern Baptist Churches.

ATTENTION LADIES:

LOOMS first ladies Bible Study of the new year will begin class on January 10, 2019, Thursdays at 11:30 at the Association Office. We will be doing Priscilla Shirer's hands-on, knees-down, never-give-up action guide to practical, purposeful prayer for interested women! Contact Linda Blackburn, facilitator at 336-877-7720.

***This will be a woman's battle plan for serious, specific and strategic prayer.
Is there a lady out there that might need this?***

Saturday morning January 12, 2019 will be a special time for the LOOMS, so ladies save this morning. Much more information to come. Please plan to attend. Don't let the enemy talk you out of it.



Ashe Really Cares

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Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth. Psalm 46:10

This is the busy time of year as we celebrate the Holidays. As we live in a world that continues to get busier we rush around trying to do "everything". I wonder is "everything" that important? There are times when we need to just stand still and let God speak to us. The simple things in life is what God tells us is important. Knowing that God created everything and He is the one that we need to give thanks to and lift up His name in praise. If we let God be first and focus upon his work then "everything" will fall into place and we will have the peace and stillness that we seek. Knowing Jesus Christ is what "everything" is about.

Last month we were able to help 189 families which touched 464 individuals along with about 300 individuals with the clothing. We had 7 new families to come in seeking assistance. We have helped about 3 individuals who found themselves in a homeless situation, with food, clothing and other items.

As we share food and clothing with these families you are sharing God's love to hurting folks who need to feel and see his love. Blankets and coats are a needed item during this time of year to help folks stay warm.

Thanks to all of the churches that have helped bring in items that will make a Christmas meal. We appreciate all of the to your mission and how that you care about the community that we live in. I hope that each one has a very Merry Christmas and that we always keep Christ in the center of our celebration!



Pat Miller, Director
Ashe Really Cares



December Birthdays

7 Lesia Goodman

8 Eva Miller

9 Rev. David Brooks

10 Denise Woodie

11 Rev. Wade Huntsinger

December Anniversaries

4 Rev. & Mrs. Toby Oliver

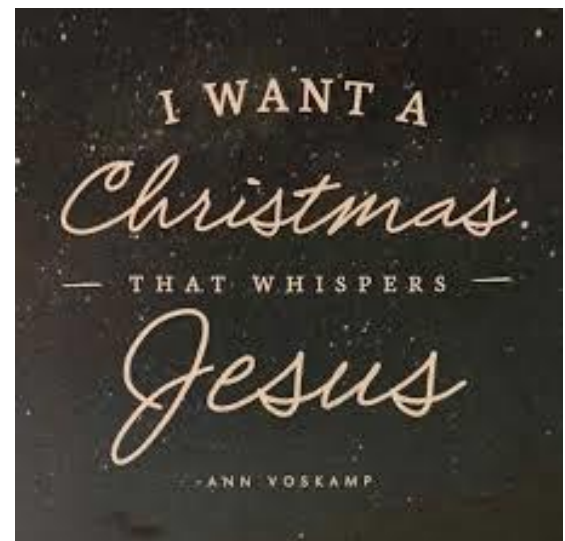
5 Rev. & Mrs. Garrett Mahaffey

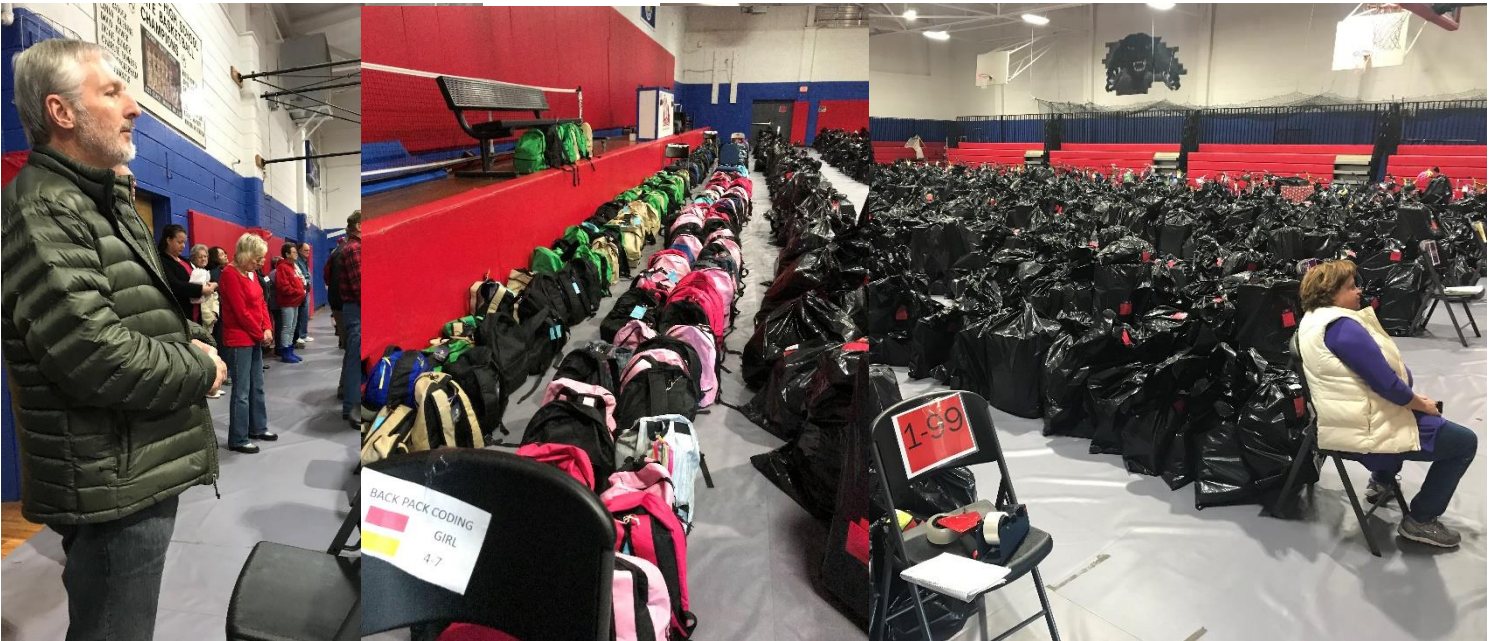
6 Rev. & Mrs. Larry Powers

7 Bill & Jean Burkett

8 Rev. & Mrs. Lawrence Goodman

9 Rev. & Mrs. Russell Hart







Some of the 'faces' that made the Ashe County Children's Christmas Project (ACCCP) a huge success. God's love being shared with each bag!



Folks of all ages came out to help with the enormous project of moving, sorting, checking, wrapping, and distributing gifts for 856 children in Ashe County. Santa himself even made an appearance.







MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF YOU FROM ALL OF US!

**Ministers, wives, families, and staff from our Baptist Churches
came together for fun, food, and fellowship to celebrate the
Birthday of a King!**



Thanks to Friendship Baptist Church for hosting, to Virginia/Carolina Concrete (Ted Huffman, Teddy Huffman, Jr, and Adam Huffman) for providing the meal, and to Smokey Mountain BBQ for catering the event.

Rev. Lawrence White provided music, and Rev. Jack Pugh read the Christmas Story as told in Luke 2.

