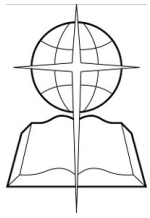


Ashe Baptist Association News



2026

OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 AM—4:00 PM Monday—Friday
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Bald Mountain
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Pleasant Valley
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Preacher David's Corner

Rev. David Blackburn, Director of Missions

Email: domdblackburn@gmail.com



Ask, Seek, Knock" — A Story on Prayer

The old wooden church in Ashe County sat quietly at the edge of the valley where the fog set low in the mornings and the wind whispered through the pines. Inside, on a worn bench near the front, sat a man named David. His head was bowed, his hands clasped tightly, but his heart was restless. He had prayed before, many times. Yet lately, it felt as though his words rose no higher than the rafters. After a moment, God spoke softly: "Son, have you forgotten what the Lord said? 'Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you' (Matthew 7:7, KJV)." David said "I've asked... but nothing seems to happen." Perhaps it's time to understand what it means to truly ask." The lesson begins; "Listen carefully, 'For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened' (Matthew 7:8, KJV). That is a promise. God's promises are not empty words. They come with meaning.

Essential steps for Answered Prayer: First, you must come with faith. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord' (James 1:6-7, KJV). Prayer without faith is like knocking without expecting the door to open. Second, your heart must be right with God. "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me" (Psalm 66:18, KJV). There are times when we have bitterness, pride and unconfessed sin. "Third, you must pray according to God's will. 'And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us' (1 John 5:14, KJV). Prayer is not about bending God to our will but about aligning ourself with His.

Basic Convictions Concerning Answered Prayer -But how can I be sure God hears me? Because God is faithful. 'Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not' (Jeremiah 33:3, KJV). "You must believe three things" 1) God I cry, (Psalm 34:15, KJV). 3) God answers prayer! Not always how we expect—but always perfect. God answers in His time, sometimes immediately, sometimes slowly and not always with a yes.. "Even silence, "is not absence .from an answer it is often preparation for your heart.

Mistakes Made in Prayer - Then why do so many prayers seem to go unanswered? There are common mistakes.

1. Asking with wrong motives -'Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. (James 4:3, KJV) Prayer is not for selfish gain.

2. Doubt and unbelief Faith cannot coexist with doubt. Unanswered prayer and mistakes made in prayer may because of unbelief....

The church was still. The wind outside had quietened down, but something had changed, not in heaven, but in David.

The Answer - Weeks pass. Some prayers are answered quickly. Others take time. Some are answered in ways David never expected, but now I understand: Prayer is not a transaction. It is a relationship. and the promise remains alive in my heart: Ask, Seek, Knock.



Your Servant, David

Ashe Really Cares
336-846-5234

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

Happy glorious Resurrection Day!!!

This is my favorite time of the year. Flowers are blooming again, leaves are sprouting out, and it is finally getting warmer. I realize there will still be cold days and even snow days, but Spring is "a-comin'!"

But, isn't that just like life? There will be good days, but there will also be not so good days. Those days may even be bad, or even stink. But through it all, God is still good! He tells us He will never leave us, nor forget us (Hebrews 13:5). Even in the darkest of times, **God is with us!** We tend to think about the name of "Emmanuel" during Christmas, but we should consider "God is with us" every single day. EVERY MOMENT!!! **Do not** allow Satan to get you down. Do not let Satan remind you of your past. If you are saved, you are **FORGIVEN!!!** Jesus provided you with the ultimate salvation when He died on the cross of Calvary. Then, He rose again on the third day to provide a glorious assurance of Heaven!!! Well glory!!!

During this special time, why not stop by Ashe Really Cares and celebrate Jesus with us? We will have Communion the week of March 30 through April 2, 9am through 3pm each day. Ashe Really Cares will be closed Good Friday, April 3, and Easter Monday, April 6.

Celebrate Jesus and His immense love for us! He alone is worthy of our praise!!!

Praying for God's blessings for you,

Billy Norris
Director, ARC
FaithHealth Connector
336-846-5234

ashereallycares@gmail.com



**Happy Birthdays
& Wedding
Anniversaries**

April 1	B- Mrs. Tina Stone
April 4	B- Mrs. Cherie Monsees
April 5	B- Mrs. Phyllis Pugh
April 5	A- Rev. & Mrs. Gene Shumaker
April 10	A- Rev. & Mrs. Lonnie Carpenter
April 11	B- Rev. Tim Greer
April 11	B- Mrs. Julie Jones
April 15	A- Rev. & Mrs. Tom Graybeal
April 15	A- Rev. & Mrs. Wayne Jones
April 16	B- Rev. Tyler Dillard
April 20	B- Rev. Steve Allen
April 23	A- Mr. & Mrs. Dan Bare
April 24	A- Rev & Mrs. John Elledge
April 24	A- Rev. & Mrs. David Blackburn
April 27	B- Mrs. Amanda Halsey



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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.**

**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

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Celebrating Jesus.

COMMUNION

Alive in Christ | Forgiven Forever

March 30-April 2

When you visit the
ARC 9am-3pm.





ASHE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION
HOLY WEEK SERVICES



12:00-12:30 PM

MONDAY, MARCH 30 - FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD

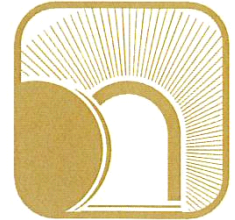
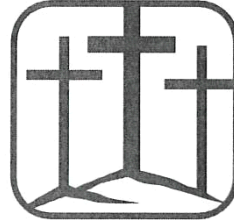
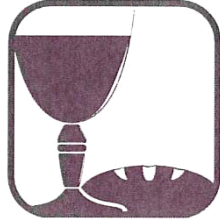
- Community choir on Thursday
(11:20 am rehearsal, all welcome!)
- Community Pot Luck Lunch on Friday at 12:30 pm
- Love offering collected for Habitat for Humanity

LOCATION:

WEST JEFFERSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
107 W 2ND ST, WEST JEFFERSON

Services live streamed at:
www.facebook.com/westjeffersonumc

ASHE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION HOLY WEEK SERVICES



LOCATION:

**WEST JEFFERSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
107 W 2ND ST, WEST JEFFERSON**

DAILY WORSHIP SERVICE

12:00 - 12:30 PM

Monday, March 30, 2026

Perry Hildreth of Episcopal Parish of the Holy Communion, preaching Jefferson Breakdown, leading music

HOLY WEEK LOVE OFFERING FOR: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

Mae Weed of Lansing Presbyterian, preaching First Baptist-WJ and Bethany UMC, leading music

COMMUNITY CHOIR -

On Thursday. All are Welcome!
Rehearsal before service 11:20 AM

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Micheal Lea of First Baptist West Jefferson, preaching Mt. Jefferson Presbyterian, leading music

Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026

Jeff Dreyer & Owen Peeler, performing a scene from the play, "Two Faces in the Shadows"
West Jefferson UMC Community Choir

COMMUNITY POTLUCK LUNCH ON FRIDAY!

Good Friday, April 3, 2026

Fontrina Wray of Cox's Grove Baptist, preaching Cox's Grove Baptist Church, leading music
12:30 pm- **Community Potluck Lunch**

Services live streamed at: www.facebook.com/westjeffersonumc

Easter Services at Bald Mountain Baptist

Sunday, March 29

10:00 AM Palm Sunday Communion Service

Friday, April 3

7:00 PM Good Friday Service

Easter Sunday, April 5

7:30 AM Sunrise Service

8:00 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM Bible Fellowship

10:00 AM Choir Cantata/Worship Service

Pastor John Elledge

1460 Bald Mountain Rd. West Jefferson, NC

Big Flatts Baptist

Easter Sunday, April 5th

7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service

8:00 am Breakfast

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Easter Cantata

Pastor Darien South

2073 Big Flatts Ch. Rd. Fleetwood, NC

North Beaver Baptist Easter Service

March 29th-Palm Sunday

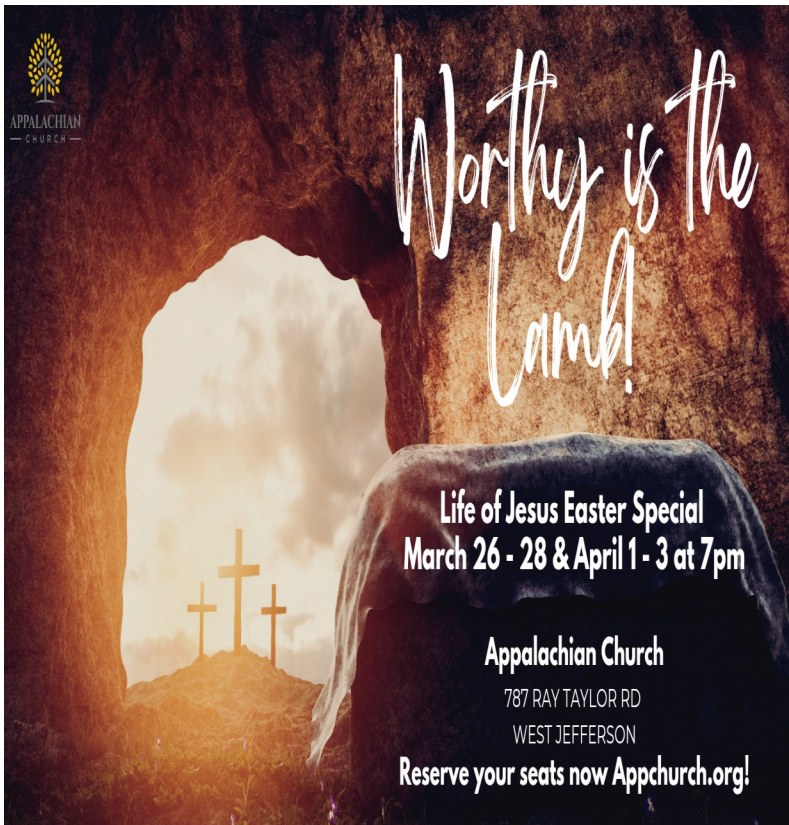
1 Corinthians 1 18-25— The Cross of Christ

April 5th-Easter Sunday

1 Corinthians 15— The Resurrection of Christ.

Pastor Matthew Tilley

8000 Hwy 163 West Jefferson, NC

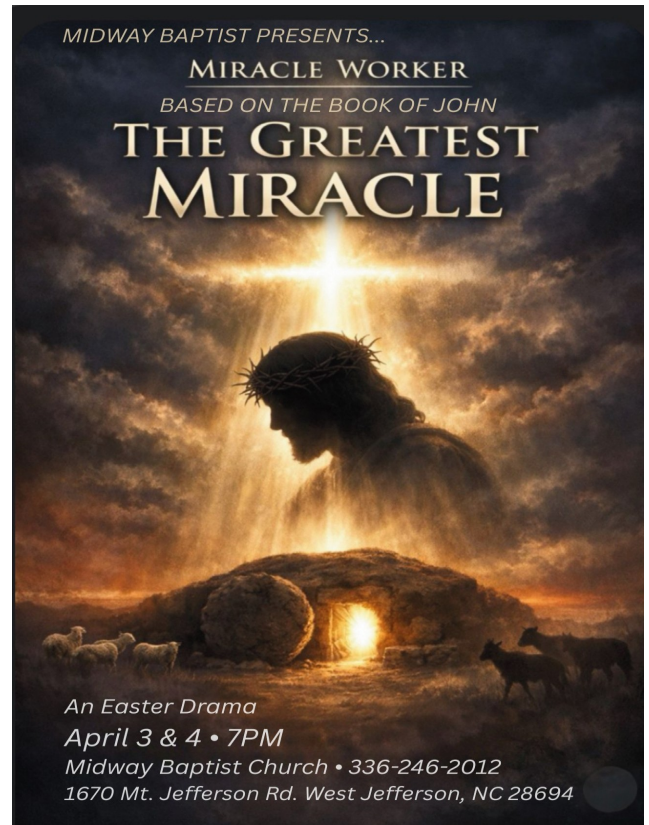


APPALACHIAN CHURCH

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!](http://Appchurch.org)



MIDWAY BAPTIST PRESENTS...
MIRACLE WORKER
BASED ON THE BOOK OF JOHN
THE GREATEST MIRACLE

An Easter Drama
April 3 & 4 • 7PM
Midway Baptist Church • 336-246-2012
1670 Mt. Jefferson Rd. West Jefferson, NC 28694

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.

Bald Mountain Baptist - A new class for **GriefShare** participants will begin on Thursday, April 2, and continue through June 25, from 6-8 pm at Bald Mountain. For more information call Judy Hanlon at 336-877-3436.

Bald Mountain Baptist - Sunday, April 12, at the 10 a.m. worship service, we will have a missionary family (the Enskyy's) at our church who has served in Ukraine for over 25 years, planting a church 16 years ago in Western Ukraine which became a shelter after the war broke out in 2022. They are currently in the U.S. planting churches among Ukrainian refugees and raising ongoing relief funding for Ukraine. They are sending pastor is Bob Vradenburgh from Friendship Baptist in Raleigh.

Bald Mountain Baptist Revival with Rev. Craig Church will be held Sunday, April 26th at 10 am & 7 pm through Wednesday, April 29th—7 pm each evening. Pastor John Elledge invites everyone 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 7 pm for all ages. Pastor, Rev. Darien South and the congregation welcome you!

Remember Holy Week & Resurrection Day

Resurrection Day was Only the Beginning ! The beginning of what you may ask? Of Eternal life

Scripture assures that Christ is the “firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep” ([1 Corinthians 15:20](#))

and that we who believe in Him as Lord and Savior will have eternal life.

Happy Easter from ABA and ARC—Our offices will be closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday April 3 –April 6.

Ashe Really Cares— Quarterly Committee Meeting –Tuesday, April 7th, 7 pm at the Ashe Baptist Association Board Room. Committee Members urged to attend.

ABA Executive Committee Quarterly Meeting— Thursday, April 9th , 7 pm at Bristol Baptist. All committee members and pastors are urged to attend.

**ASHE BAPTIST CAMPGROUND
OPENS APRIL 1ST
CALL THE ABA OFFICE 336-846-5631
TO MAKE YOUR
RESERVATION!**

Northwest NC Visitors Center in North Wilkesboro 2121 US Hwy 421 for the month of April will display churches that were affected by Helene's flooding in 2024 on display to lend honor to all those who were impacted and those who were impacted and those who provided assistance and aid... many of these are from Ashe County.

The Visitors Center will have a reception on Thursday, April 9th 3-5 pm We hope you can drop by and view these paintings. Thank you!

ABA Campground Mowing Schedule-2026

April 11—Orion Baptist

April 25th —Bald Mountain Baptist

We thank each church that takes a turn mowing, thank you to all that work at the campground on various needed tasks & to everyone that donates monetary funds to keep the heat & lights on for all the volunteers coming in to lend aid to Ashe County residents in Ashe County Disaster Rebuild.

From our friends: Mt. Vernon Baptist Church located on 2190 Cranberry Rd. invite you to join them for SS at 10 am and Worship 11 am. Rev. Dale Ring & congregation welcome everyone.

Calvary Freewill Baptist Revival— April 19-23. Sunday 10:25 am & 6 pm-Rev Jake Miller & Brother Kevin Francis, Monday-Thursday— 7 pm -Brother Joe Arthur from Atlanta, GA will speak. Pastor Frank Woods welcome everyone.

When you pray, please remember Mt. Olive Baptist, Phoenix Baptist, Pleasant Home Baptist, Liberty Grove Baptist, Riverview Baptist, Wagoner Baptist and Trinity 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 February– April newsletters. Thank you.



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



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!



FOOD ITEMS

- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Mac & cheese
- Rice
- Flour
- Sugar (granulated & brown)
- Baking mixes (cake, brownie, muffin, Bisquick, pancake)
- Cooking oil & sprays (vegetable, olive, shortening, Pam, Baker’s Choice)
- Cereal (cold & hot)
- Canned fruits
- Canned vegetables
- Gravy mixes
- Coffee, tea & hot cocoa
- Sauces (ketchup, BBQ, soy, Worcestershire, steak sauce, teriyaki, cheese, sweet & sour, hot sauce)
- Snack foods (sweet & savory-fruit snacks, jerky, pretzels, cheese crackers, etc.)

HOUSEHOLD & CLEANING SUPPLIES

- Laundry detergent
- Fabric softener/dryer sheets
- Trash bags (large & small)
- Household cleaners
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Napkins
- Tissues (Kleenex)
- Paper & plastic tableware
- Zip-top bags (sandwich, snack, quart, gallon)

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

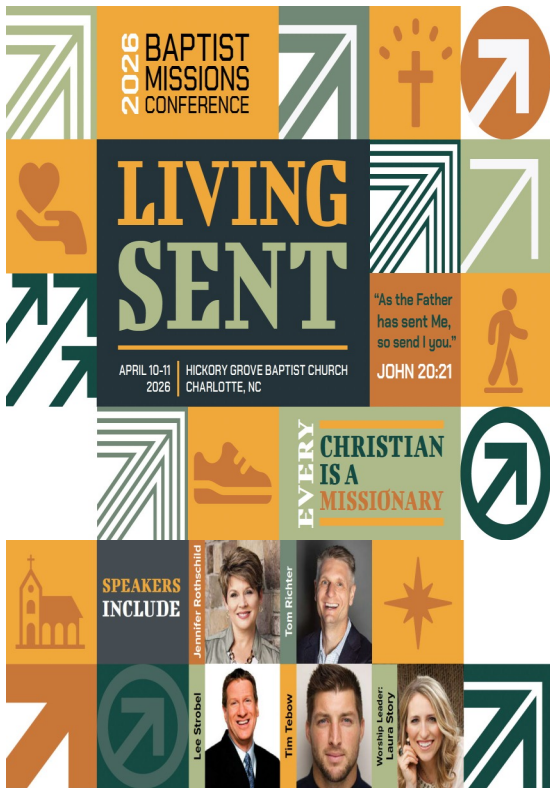
- Soap
- Toothbrushes
- Lotion
- Baby wipes

OTHER ESSENTIALS

- Batteries (AA, AAA, C, D)

FINAL NOTES

Gift Cards are appreciated for buying perishables and items not received. (i.e. Wal-Mart, Sams Clubs, Food Lion, Lowes, Ingles, Piggly Wiggly). We can use all size cans. Some locations prefer #10 cans (family size). **IMPORTANT:** Please check for expired dates on food -- we cannot accept expired items. Please help our volunteer truck drivers by packing your church’s donations in small, sturdy boxes. Pack like items together. Please do not pack chemicals with food.



April 10-11 at Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC

Special features include 100 different breakout sessions, Friday missions supper, mission testimonies, mission exhibits and much more.
COST Friday only - \$20; optional Friday supper- \$10 Friday and Saturday - \$35; optional Friday supper - \$10 Saturday only - \$20
REGISTER– baptistsonmission.org/events/missions-conference
 To register & pay, select the blue Details/Register button.
 For website issues or questions: 919-459-5596
 You will also see lodging info and the schedule for the conference.

House in Mill Creek– 95 % Complete



This house was damaged severely during Hurricane Helene. David White, BOM and many, many, many volunteers & donors from various areas of the state and country have gotten it back to 95% complete.

Thank you Volunteers!!!

Mother's Day Offering 2026

These words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. – Deuteronomy 6:6-9

Join us in ministering from generation to generation by giving to the BCHFS Mother's Day Offering.

In 2024, Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist (AHWFB) established new policies and programs for assisting patients who need assistance with their medical bills (aka charity care). As a result, the demand for the Mother's Day Offering for the general population of patients in need was dramatically reduced. This new reality provided the opportunity to refocus the Mother's Day Offering. From its beginning in 1924, the Mother's Day Offering has been a source of support for ministers that have struggled to pay their medical bills. Fast forward 102 years, and ministers remain disproportionately uninsured, or underinsured. This means that the obstacles for accessing medical care often remain higher among this population. Therefore, beginning in 2025, the Mother's Day Offering has been connected to the Baptist Minister's Subsidy to better assist ministers with financial needs in an effort to remove this obstacle to their healthcare.

The Baptist Minister's Subsidy is not a discount, but rather a payment made on the minister's remaining out-of-pocket expenses after all other discounts have been applied and insurance has paid. Many ministers that receive care at AHWFB hospitals will likely qualify for the expanded charity care programs I mentioned earlier; and our neediest ministers may receive additional assistance from the Baptist Minister's Subsidy.

Would you be willing to join me in doing the following this year?

Pray that ministers who are delaying their medical care due to cost will realize that God will meet their needs.

Promote the 2026 Mother's Day among your congregation with the hope that it will be sufficient to assist all the ministers in need this year.

To obtain Mother's Day Offering Materials you may:

Download items at: www.mothersdayoffering.org/order (You may download beginning April 13th).

Order printed items to be shipped from Mother's Day Offering website: <https://mothersdayoffering.org/order>
 They will be shipped the week of April 20th

Call 336-716-1033 & leave a message with request for materials.

This message is from: Brian K. Davis, DMin, GCPH
 Director-Faith Partnerships & Programs, Community Health and Impact: NC&GA Division,
 Advocate National Center for Community and Clinical Impact Consumer & Social Impact

You may also contact the Ashe Baptist Associational Office at: 336-846-5631

Message from: David White-In God We Trust Ministries and Baptist On Mission

Praise the Lord for all he is accomplished through his volunteers!!! Miss Kelly's elevator has been installed and the electrical is just about complete! Cabinets have been installed in the Johnson families home! Families and individuals in Ashe county, NC have not recovered from the flood! Souls have been saved, many prayers have been lifted up for families and individuals, thousands of Bibles, gospel tracks have been passed out! Thank You so much for everyone that has helped! Please Pray for Souls to be Saved, for the safety the volunteers and our needs! David and Sharon.
(IN GOD WE TRUST)



Rev. Lynn Sasser with the NC Baptist visits with Rev. David Blackburn, AMS at Ashe Baptist Association!

Rev. Lynn Sasser, Special Advisor to the Ex. Director-Treasurer at NC Baptist paid a visit to the Ashe Baptist Associational Office on March 4th. Lynn is a NC native and served as pastor for 20 years, followed by 3 years as an associational mission strategist before coming to the convention in July 1999. Lynn retired from the convention in 2020 but remains active in serving the NC Baptist. Lynn and his wife Deborah, have 3 children and 2 grandchildren.

We appreciate the visit with Lynn, it is always a pleasure to have our NC Baptist Representatives to visit the associational office and Rev. Blackburn.



Little Helton Baptist Church welcomes New Pastor

Rev. Tyler Dillard has been elected as the new pastor at Little Helton Baptist Church. Tyler and his wife, Amy have three beautiful daughters, they reside in Creston, NC.

The congregation at Little Helton Baptist are excited to have Pastor Dillard as their new pastor and invite everyone to join them at Little Helton Baptist on Sunday's for Sunday School at 10 am and Worship at 11 am.

Ashe Baptist Association and Rev. David Blackburn, AMS also would like to welcome Pastor Tyler Dillard. We look forward to working with you in the



North Beaver Baptist Church

Pastor Matthew Tilley will be bringing the sermon series entitled "Christ over Everything" from the book of Colossians this Spring! This is a series based on the letter written by Paul the Apostle to the Colossian Church. Pastor Tilley will be interrupting the Colossian series on March 29th-Palm Sunday 1 Corinthians 1 18-25- The Cross of Christ and April 5th-Easter Sunday 1 Corinthians 15- The Resurrection of Christ.

"Christ over Everything: Sermon Series continues April 12- May 31.

April 12: Colossians 2: 8-15- | The Victory of Christ

April 19: Colossians 2:16-23 | Christ in Everyday Life

April 26: Colossians 3: 1-11 | New Life in Christ

May 3: Colossians 3:12-17 | The Character of Christ

May 10: Mother's Day | Colossians 3:18-4:1 | The Lordship of Christ at Home

May 17: Colossians 4:2-6 | The Grace of Christ in the Face of Opposition

May 24: Colossians 4:7-15 | The Diverse Body of Christ

May 31: Colossians 4:16-18 | Honoring the Treasure of Christ

Pastor Matthew Tilley and the congregation invite you to join them for these sermons at North Beaver Baptist located at: 8000 Hwy 163 West Jefferson, NC 28694.

Welcome Home Baptist



Mr. Ryan Huffman was ordained as a deacon at Welcome Baptist Church on Sunday, March 22. Ryan and his wife, Meaghan have two children and they reside in Crumpler. Rev. Lonnie Jones is the pastor at Welcome Home Baptist.

Pleasant Home Baptist



The youth at Pleasant Home shared scripture and songs at the Valentine Dinner held on Saturday, March 21st, postponed from February due to winter weather!!! The dinner and desserts were wonderful. Thank you for a very enjoyable evening. Pleasant Home Baptist is currently seeking a pastor.

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

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's 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

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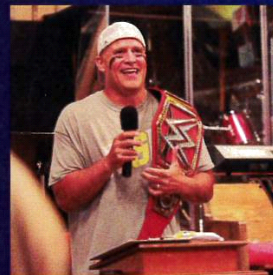
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SPEAKER: MIGUEL
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BAPTIST HOME
BAPTIST CHURCH

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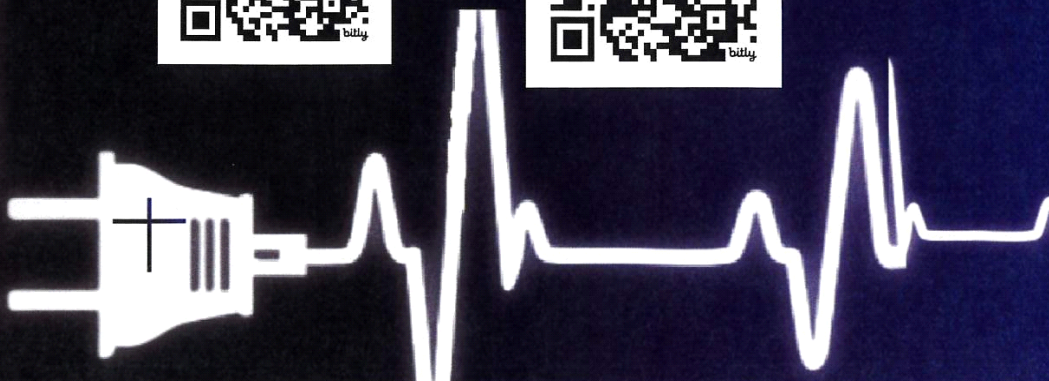
MATTHEW
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RECHARGE

GROUP REGISTRATION



PRE-REGISTER



COME SEE THE VBS DISPLAY AT ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OFFICE



4 Reasons VBS Is Important to the Local Church

1. VBS is a dependable ongoing ministry.

For 95 years, Lifeway has provided trusted VBS resources to churches, **reaching more than 25,000 churches and 3 million people annually.**

VBS can be a short-term event with long-term results.

With a typical five-day time frame, VBS offers a chance to pull out all the stops and create an unforgettable experience. Research shows connections made during VBS result in salvations, discovery of church prospects and potential workers for other ongoing children's programs. Also, it is not uncommon for a leader to volunteer to help for "just one week of VBS," and feel God's tug on his or her heart to work with kids permanently.

2. VBS creates lasting memories.

VBS is a special event that creates memories that help lock Bible truths in a child's heart and mind for a lifetime. Birthday parties and other special events have themes that use creativity to evoke feelings of excitement. Games, food, decorations and fun all link together in a total package. VBS does the same thing. When we connect with kids through this ministry, the biblical truths that permeate all aspects of VBS also connect with their hearts and minds.

3. VBS is an opportunity to share the gospel.

VBS is an intentional evangelistic opportunity.

The biblical content built into the curriculum lays foundational truths that help kids understand who Jesus is and why they need a personal Savior. The relationships you develop with kids and their families can provide many opportunities to not only show the love of Jesus, but to share the truth of the gospel.

4. VBS is an event that you can customize.

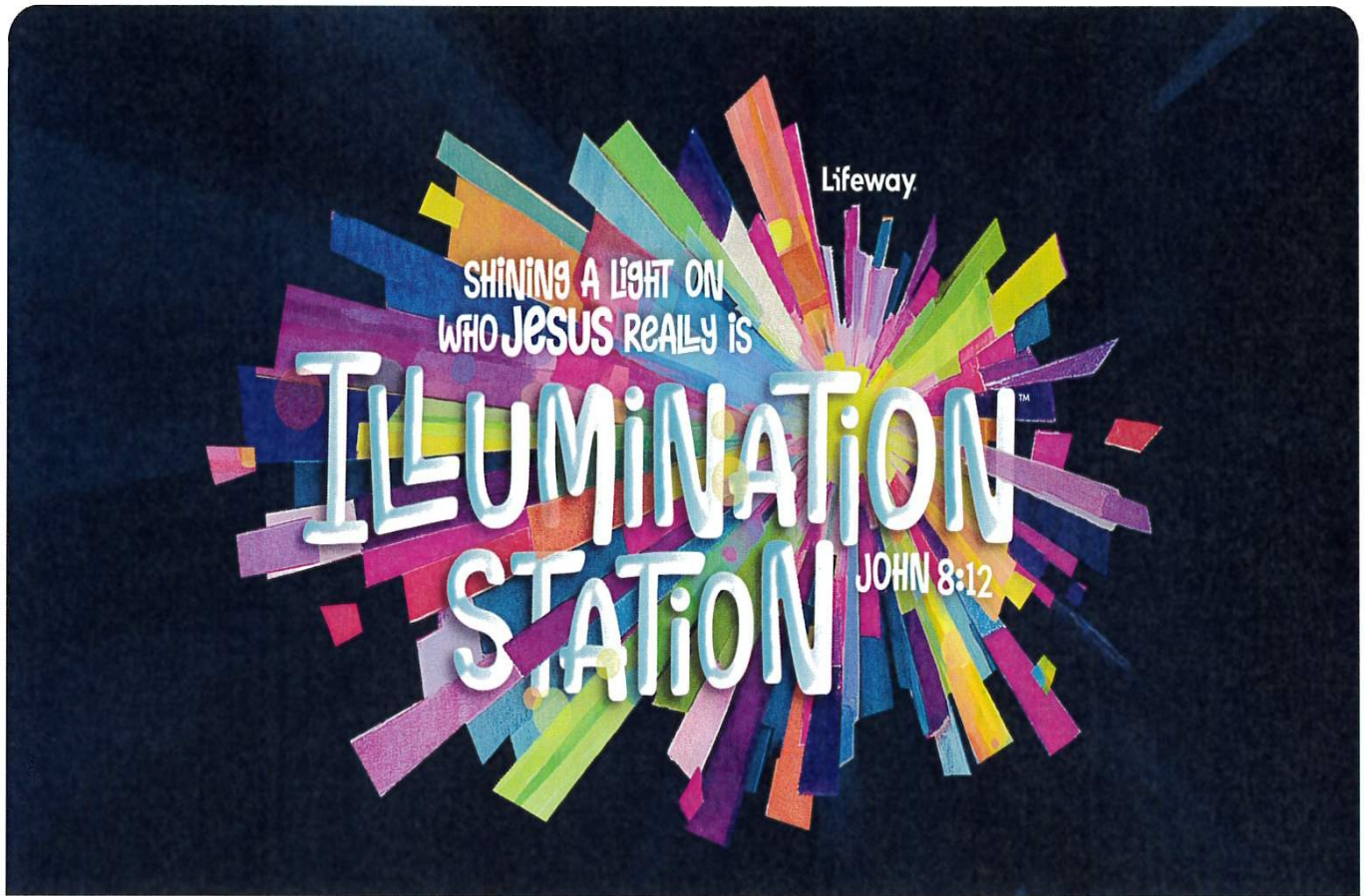
VBS is what you make it.

Whether you provide an on-campus experience that encourages your church kids to bring their friends or an off-campus, community-centered Backyard Kids Club, the purpose of sharing the good news about Jesus is the same. Some churches are finding that it's worth the effort to do both. After a great on-campus experience, you can take those resources to backyards and community rooms, or on mission trips.

VBS is the resource. The name you choose can be your own! You can call it VBS, Kids' Week, Fun Zone or any event name of your choice. Kids will come to love and talk about the events that excite them, engage them, and help them know that God and the people at your church really care about them.

VBS is an opportunity to ignite the imagination of your church, involve volunteers for a specific "doable" commitment and connect with the kids in your church and community.

The methods you use will create memories. The message you share will change lives.



Illumination Station

BY LIFEWAY

Shining a Light on Who Jesus Really Is. Experience what it truly means for Jesus to be the Light of the World (John 8:12). Through engaging stories, songs, and activities, children will encounter a powerful Gospel message that brings them out of the shadows and into the light of God's truth—revealing Jesus as the promised, perfect, powerful, and proven Son of God.

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5
<p>BIBLE POINT Jesus is God's Promised Son</p>	<p>BIBLE POINT Jesus is God's Perfect Son</p>	<p>BIBLE POINT Jesus is the Powerful Son of God</p>	<p>BIBLE POINT Jesus is the Proven Son of God</p>	<p>BIBLE POINT Jesus is God's Plan for Forgiveness</p>
<p>BIBLE STORY Jesus Asked Who People Thought He Was (Matthew 16:13-20)</p>	<p>BIBLE STORY The Baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:1-11; John 1:29-34)</p>	<p>BIBLE STORY Jesus Performed Miracles (Matthew 15:29-39)</p>	<p>BIBLE STORY Jesus Died and Rose to Life (Mark 14:43-16:7)</p>	<p>BIBLE STORY Peter Preached About Jesus (Acts 2)</p>
<p>BONUS VERSE Matthew 16:16</p>	<p>BONUS VERSE Mark 1:11</p>	<p>BONUS VERSE Matthew 28:18</p>	<p>BONUS VERSE Mark 15:39</p>	<p>BONUS VERSE Acts 2:38</p>



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Discipleship Tip of the Month

What talks, burns a hole in your pocket, doesn't grow on trees, and can't buy you love. You got it: money. Though generally considered a taboo topic—ranking up there with politics and religion—money is nevertheless a big part of our lives. Money is simply a medium of exchange recognized by a society as payment for goods and services. Most money has no intrinsic value; it's good only for what it gets you. For the majority of people, money is simply necessary to live. But for many of us, finances can become much more than that, even coloring our perception of the entire world. It seems that money is a problem whether you have too little or too much (though many of you may be thinking that the latter is impossible) The Bible neither condemns money nor criticizes those who have it—even a lot of it. The point is not the amount a person has but his attitude toward what he has or wants to acquire. The Bible's counsel regarding money is balanced, and it is as relevant today as when it was written. Philippians 4:19

- 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						
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- May 3 Senior Adult Sunday
- 7 National Day of Prayer
- 25 Memorial Day
 ABA / ARC Closed



2026 MAY						
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- June 7-10 SBC Annual Meeting &
 Pastor's Conference— Orlando, FL
- 21 Father's Day
- 21 Summer Begins
- 29- ABA/ARC Closed June 29-July 4



2026 JUNE						
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