Ashe Baptist Association News







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"VBS Launches in the Blue Ridge Mountains"

As the warm days of summer settle over the Blue Ridge Mountains of Ashe County, North Carolina, something special is stirring in the hearts of local churches and communities. Vacation Bible School (VBS) season is right around the corner, and the Ashe Baptist Association is ready to help churches across the county launch their most exciting and spiritually impactful outreach of the year.

This year's VBS theme is "Magnified: Discovering the Bigness of God in the Smallest of Things," based on Psalm 34:3 — "Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together!" It's a powerful reminder that even in the smallest details of life, God's greatness shines through.

But this isn't your typical summer program. This year, kids will embark on an immersive time travel adventure that transports them to key moments in biblical history. Through vivid storytelling, interactive activities, and dramatic reenactments they'll witness firsthand how God has revealed His gospel plan through the ages from the Garden of Eden to the empty tomb. Each "time jump" is carefully designed to bring the truth of Scripture to life and help children see God's greatness in new and exciting ways.

The Ashe Baptist Association Office is fully stocked with Lifeway's VBS material, including the Director's Kit, samples, and guides available now for churches to preview and schedule. These resources are designed to equip churches of every size to host engaging, Christ-centered VBS experiences. Whether your church has hosted VBS for decades or is considering it for the first time, the Association Office is here to support your efforts.

VBS isn't just another summer event — it's one of the most significant discipleship and outreach tools a church can offer. For many children, VBS is their first introduction to the gospel. For others, it's a time to grow deeper in their understanding of faith and community. And it's not just the children who benefit. Teens, parents, and volunteers all find their faith enriched as they come together to serve, teach, and learn.

"Vacation Bible School has always been one of the highlights of our church's year," says one local VBS director. "It's amazing to watch kids light up as they discover how big and wonderful God is - often in ways they've never imagined."

Churches throughout Ashe County are encouraged to begin planning now. The earlier you get materials, the more time your team will have to prepare and pray for the impact this summer's VBS will make. Whether your setting is a fellowship hall, a sanctuary, or the great outdoors of the Blue Ridge, the theme of "Magnified" is sure to connect hearts with the majesty of God.

Stop by the Ashe Baptist Association Office today to view the materials and get equipped. Let's come together as a community to help the next generation discover the greatness of our God — one child, one story, one time-traveling adventure at a time. For more information or to reserve your VBS kit, contact the Ashe Baptist Association Office or visit during regular hours.

Because Vacation Bible School isn't just a program — it's a mission.

Appalachian Bald Mountain Beaver Creek Big Flatts Big Laurel Blue Ridge Bristol Buffalo Calvary **Christian Unity 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 Ohids **Old Fields** Orion **Phoenix**

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Pleasant Valley

Riverview **Round Knob**

Tuckerdale

Warrensville

Welcome Home

Wagoner

Trinity

Your Servant David

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God is moving at Ashe Really Cares

We're thrilled to share some recent blessings that are helping us better serve families in need across Ashe County. Thanks to the generous support of our partners at Second Harvest, we've purchased a new ministry van—now equipped with a liftgate for safer transport and branded with our logo to raise community awareness. We're also preparing for a renovation this June to repair damaged floor joists and upgrade to more durable flooring in our facility. These improvements will strengthen our ability to serve our community with dignity, compassion, faith and generosity for many years to come. We're deeply grateful for your continued prayers and support that make this ministry possible. "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done." — Proverbs 19:17. Stay tuned for photos of the progress and impact you help create!

Stay up to date with pantry needs at: www.ashereallycares.com/donate

April impact:

Food pantry: 174 households impacting 450 individuals Clothing pantry: 209 households impacting 619 individuals

Electric vouchers (prevent disconnections): 7 households totaling \$700

Disaster relief: Sheetrock and flooring repair, supplies and labor for a finished basement damaged from the storm.

Twila Miller Director, Ashe Really Cares







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

Newsletter

We want to CELEBRATE with you and share the GOOD NEWS when exciting things are happening at the church you attend! Please send articles, pictures or flyers to our e-mail address at: ashebaptist@gmail.com, and we will announce on our WKSK weekly radio show, post on the events page of our website, ashebaptist.org, and on our Facebook Page, in addition to printing in this monthly newsletter publication that is posted in color on the website and mailed to 680+ 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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Baptist Children's Homes of NC FOOD ROUNDUP

Rev. Jody Yopp picked up the food and supplies at Ashe Baptist Associational Churches provided on Tuesday, May 6th. Because of churches across North Carolina, Baptist Children's Homes are able to provide meals and the message of Jesus to children. Baptist Children's Homes are in the midst of the mission field. When a child is removed from the care of their family or guardian, it is often that they have gone without food, clothing, kindness and the love and care they deserve. When boys and girls come to BCH from situations of neglect and abuse, they not only arrive physically hungry, but spiritually hungry as well. God gives BCH the opportunity to model His unconditional love through the care of our cottage parents and EVERY CHILD foster and adoptive parents throughout the state. The Ashe Baptist Associational Churches play a vital role in making this possible. BCH of NC are able to share the gospel because we are able to see God's love in action through you. Thank you for supporting the 2025 Food Roundup Baptist



Rev. Jody Yopp, BCH of NC & Rev. David Blackburn, AMS at ABA.



Rev. Jody Yopp, NC Baptist-Mr. Nathan McLeese, Asst. Dir. ARC & Rev. David Blackburn, AMS at Ashe Baptist Association.

Church Announcements

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

Fletcher Memorial Baptist- AMS, Rev. David Blackburn will be the guest speaker on Sunday, June 8th -10:30 am. Sunday School at 9:15 am. Pastor, Rev. Paul Strickland and the congregation invite you to attend.

Laurel Knob Baptist-June 1st Guest Speaker for the 11:00 worship service will be Missionary Jay Pratt. Jay is the director of Global Catalytic Network and has been working with the earthquake victims in Thailand, Yangon, Myanmar and Burma *Please invite someone to be with you for any or all of these services. Pastor is Rev. Dr Russel Hart.*

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

North Beaver Baptist- Summer Sunday Nights of Revival- One Sunday Evening Each Month May -August. Sunday, June $22^{nd} - 6$ pm Eli & Hope Tilley. Pastor Eli Tilly, is the Student Pastor at Trinity of Fairview in Fletcher, NC. Eli & his wife Hope will also be providing special music. Sunday August 3rd-6 pm with Dr. Steve Petit & Music by the Steve Petit Band. Pastor Matthew Tilley invites everyone to attend.

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

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

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

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

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

Ashe Baptist Association has a new Faith Health Connecter, Rev. Billy Norris, Billy is a Chaplain for Hospice and pastor at Big Flatts Baptist Church. He will begin his training this month with Atrium Baptist Hospital and Ashe Baptist Association. We appreciate Billy and looking forward to working with him.

BLESSINGS FOR ASHE COUNTY

The Duke Endowment has given Ashe County another Summer Reading Program, consisting of rising first and second graders whose teachers recommend, and it is being hosted by the West Jefferson United Methodist Church.

To date we have 28 students which filled our goal. The program begins June 16th and ends July 18th. (Monday- Friday)

We are in need of volunteers for afternoon activities. Students pursuing a career in early childhood learning can get their volunteers hours by volunteering for the Summer Reading Program.

If you have a desire or talent to share or enjoy reading with a child, help with meals or other activities, please call Pam Cope at 252-341-0728. Thank you

You are invited to Vacation Bible School

Orion Baptist Church
477 Frank Dillard Road, Jefferson
June 16-20
Supper at 5:30 VBS 6:00-8:30
Classes for all ages!

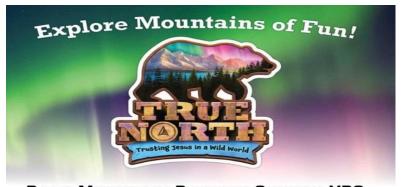
ASHE BAPTIST CAMPGROUND NEWS June Mowing Schedule June 7-TBD-- June 21 Welcome Home Thank you to everyone that helps in supporting the ABA CAMPGROUND!



CAMPGROUND NEWS

The campground is a very happening place, with volunteers helping with the rebuilding and cleaning left from Hurricane Helene. Volunteers from near and far are still coming to help with the aftermath. We appreciate and thank them for everything they are doing to help folks in our county! Mr. David White, our Baptist on Mission is still with us, he is amazing, keeps everything going smooth and always checking out another job to do!

Friendship Baptist & Youth Pastor Jeffery Cotten are gearing up for Vacation Bible School this month at the campground. CampVBS will begin June 16-20. Preteen Camp 4-6 Grade - June 26-28. Be sure and register to reserve your spot at: subsplash.com



BALD MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH VBS



JUNE 8TH-11TH 6:00-8:00 PM



Registration/check in opens at 5:00 pm each day! Meal each night provided from 5:30-6:00 pm!







June 1	B-Mrs. Terri Shatley
June 1	A- Mr. & Mrs. Butch Miller
June 3	B- Mrs. Holly South
June 4	B- Rev. J.C. Darnell
June 5	B- Rev. Paul Strickland
June 5	B- Ms. Linda Richardson
June 6	A- Rev.& Mrs. Lonnie Jones
June 7	B- Mrs. Sherrie Harless
June 13	A- Rev.& Mrs. Steve Ashley
June 14	B- Rev. Mark Harless
June 14	B- Mrs. April Jones
June 17	B- Mrs. Teresa Blevins
June 20	A- Rev. & Mrs. J.C. Darnell
June 21	B- Rev. Billy Norris
June 23	A- Rev.& Mrs. Mark Harless
June 27	A- Rev.& Mrs. Brandy Phipps
June 27	B- Mrs. Judy Viers
June 29	B- Mrs. Sarah McLeese
June 30	A- Rev.& Mrs. Homer Murdock
June 30	A- Mr. & Mrs. Garry Miller
June 30	A- Mr. & Mrs. Donnie Houck

THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!!

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for the Ashe Baptist News heard on WKSK each Saturday and on SoundCloud on the Web.

Randy Marion Ford in West Jefferson Randy Marion Chevrolet in West Jefferson Josh Harrold, General Manager Krista Harrold

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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.

The LOOMS Bible Study Class is currently holding a Bible Study on Revelation- this is an 18 week study utilizing Bible Teacher Margaret Feinberg's study guide and streaming video access. Classes are held each Thursday at Midway Baptist Church Fellowship Hall beginning at 11:45 am- 12:45 pm. Facilitators are Mrs. Linda Blackburn, Mrs. Jeanne Coward and Mrs. Elaine Cox. Call Ms. Coward at 336-877-0041 or Mrs. Cox at 336-877-7934 for more information.

The Looms Ladies Bible Study Class would like to thank Rev. Steve LeaShomb, pastor at Midway for allowing them to use their fellowship hall for this study. The group consists of 60 ladies currently.

THANK YOU, PASTOR STEVE & MIDWAY BAPTIST!



Conquerors

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



Tara Lorencen

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



Kristin L. Kellen

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

More Info. And to register online

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







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NC BAPTIST MINISTERS' WIVES RETREAT

July 7-9, 2025/CARAWAY CONFERENCE CENTER

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



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

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 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

LOCATIONS:

Western North Carolina counties of Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Madison, Mitchell, Watauga, and Yancey, as well as in Johnson County, Tennessee

For more information or to apply, call 828-588-4663

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 to help homeowners make their properties livable again after a natural disaster.

Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world in Jesus' Name



For more information go to:

https://baptistsonmission.org/helene-homeowner-assistance



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.

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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
- 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

A ministry of Baptist Children's Homes of NC

Postpartum Support International's



June 14th, 2025

The Mount Jefferson Shelter at Ashe County Park 527 Ashe Park Rd, Jefferson, NC 28640

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

MEET

Please join us for a community gathering to raise awareness and support for the mental health of new families!

ENJOY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS · FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES · CONNECT WITH OTHERS · EXPLORE RESOURCE TABLES · HONOR YOUR OWN JOURNEY WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY THERE!

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JOIN THE TEAM!

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Baptist on Mission Men and Volunteers at work in Ashe County!!!!



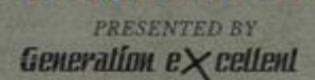






the promised seed

Discovering Jesus in the Story of Genesis



One of the best ways to understand our salvation and our Savior is by looking at the creation account. Realize that a plan of redemption was in place even before the words, "Let there be light" were uttered. Discover the world was created as a setting with tools for this redemption plan. Rejoice in the fact that nothing can alter or disrupt God's plans. See how the book of Genesis demonstrates that Jesus can take all the evil we create and make something good. And He does so not because He has to, or not because He should, but because he makes a gracious promise that He would.

Bookings now available May-November.

Limited dates—please call or email to schedule TODAY!

MORE INFORMATION AT: www.generationexcellent.org

CONTACT:

Pam Miller 336-877-3440 contact@generationexcellent.org

National Day of Prayer-Thursday - May 1, 2025



National Day of Prayer was opened by Rev. David Blackburn, AMS at Ashe Baptist Association.

The National Anthem was sung by Mrs. Christine H.
Davis. It was beautiful! Mrs.
Davis also sang, America
The Beautiful and God
Bless the USA. We
appreciate Mrs. Davis
singing at the National Day
of Prayer this year. Mr.
John Chapman played Taps
at the end of the program;
he always does a great job.
Thank you both so much!





The Ashe County High School JROTC led by Lt. Col. Wes Young presented our Colors for us. We always appreciate the ROTC for coming to NDP. Sheriff B. Phil Howell led the Pledge of Allegiance. Rev. Chris Taylor, Family Pastor at Midway Baptist, Rev. Keith Wagoner, Bristol Baptist Pastor, Rev. Blake Smarr, Pastor at WJ Methodist-all did our Prayer Messages. Mr. Jerry Powers, County Commissioner read the Presidential Proclamation, Mr. Bill Carter, Former District Commander & Commander at Jefferson VFW Post 7946 honored local veterans. Veterans came and place the wreath at the wall. The wreath was made by Mrs. Tonya Roark. We thank each person that participated in the program and all of those who came out to the 2025 National Day of Prayer! The National Day of Prayer is the first Thursday in May -11 am, each year and held at the Ashe County Courthouse. We do appreciate County Manager Adam Stubb, the Maintenance Department & Sheriff B. Phil Howell for their assistance with the National Day of Prayer also.



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Discipleship Tip of the Month

Who is this man called Jesus?

His name is above every name. "Every knee will bow" and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father(Phil.2:9-11). Even the world's tyrants who have rejected Jesus and want to control everything will one day fall on their knees and be forced to admit that He is Lord. His name is the only name by which we are saved(Acts4:12). There is salvation in no one else. Jesus is called the only begotten Son of God(John 3:16). He gives us abundant life (John 10:10). All that we have in Christ is beyond our understanding. He's given us His amazing promises and is continually working in and for us. Who do people say that the son of man is? (Matt. 16:13)

June 2025

8-11 SBC Pastor's Conference & SBC Meeting

14 Flag Day

15 Father's Day

20 Summer Begins

30 ABA/ ARC closed for Week of Fourth



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July 2025

June 30-July 4 ABA/ARC Offices Closed

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





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August 2	2025
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15 ABA Annual Meeting- 2:00 pmBeaver Creek Baptist16 ABA Annual Meeting 9:00 am

Orion Baptist



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