

Ashe Baptist Association News



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Welcome Home

Preacher David's Corner

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A New Season in the Blue Ridge Mountains

There is something special about fall in the **Ashe Baptist Association**, where 43 Southern Baptist churches serve among the coolest corner, beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. As summer begins to fade, the mountains remind us that God is bringing us into another season. The leaves begin to change from green to brilliant shades of red, orange, yellow, and gold. The mornings become cooler, the days a little shorter, and the mountains seem to proclaim that God is still in control of His creation. The Bible reminds us in **Genesis 8:22**, While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." God established the seasons, and each one has its purpose. Fall is a season of harvest—and what a wonderful picture that is for the church!

Across the Ashe Baptist Association, churches are preparing for **fall revivals, homecomings, special services, Bible studies, fellowship meals, and opportunities to reach people for Jesus Christ**. Pastors and church families are praying that God will use this season to bring people back to church and bring those who are lost to saving faith in Christ. Some churches are seeing people come forward, surrender their lives to Jesus, and follow Him in **believer's baptism**. What a joyful sight it is to see the baptismal waters stirred as someone publicly declares, "I belong to Jesus"! Fall reminds us that there is a spiritual harvest as well as an earthly harvest. Jesus said in **John 4:35**, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

God is also the One who controls the seasons of our lives. **Genesis 1:14** reads: "And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years." And **Psalms 74:17** reminds us: "Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made summer and winter." As the leaves change and eventually fall, we are reminded that nothing on earth stays exactly the same. Seasons change. Circumstances change. Churches change. Families change. But **God does not change**.

So, as the 43 churches of the Ashe Baptist Association enter another fall season, may we not simply watch the leaves change. May we look for what God wants to do next. May our churches continue to preach the Gospel, sing praises, pray faithfully, baptize new believers, disciple Christians, help our neighbors, and reach into our communities with the love of Jesus Christ. The summer season is passing, but the work of the Lord continues. **A new season is here—and the harvest is still before us**. From the mountaintops to the valleys, may the churches of the Ashe Baptist Association move forward together, trusting God for another season of ministry, revival, salvation, and service. **The leaves may be changing, but God's mission remains the same: Go, tell, baptize, teach, and make disciples for Jesus Christ.**



Your Servant, David

Ashe Really Cares

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Greetings in the name of our precious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! "Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength." - Nehemiah 8:10

Celebrate Jesus!!! Yes, we all experience trying times. Yes, we all fall short of the kingdom of God from time to time. BUT, God is always faithful! This month, let us try to look at our blessings and place the bad times, our regrets, and the trials in our "rear-view mirror." We see the Jews heading back to Jerusalem to not only reclaim the city, but also to rebuild the walls and temple. Each family worked on the section of the wall they lived closest. They protected their section of their particular section as they worked. They pushed forward and didn't look back, regardless of what their enemies did. When they were finished, they were instructed to CELEBRATE and to help those who had nothing. No regrets. No negative thoughts. They celebrated their blessings from God. Stop feeling sorry for yourself. Remember what God has done for you! The joy of the LORD is your strength!!! Celebrate what Jesus has done in your life!!!

As a reminder, please take the time to tell at least THREE persons what God has done for you. And also donate to Ashe Really Cares, who strives to tell people every day what God has done.

This month, we need:

- ☐ Ramen Noodles
- ☐ Fruit Juice
- ☐ Spaghetti Sauce
- ☐ Saltine Crackers
- ☐ Linens (towels, washcloths and bedsheets)
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Plush Toy Animals

Ashe Really Cares assisted in food care for 454 individuals in August and 572 individuals for clothing. Praise the Lord!

Remember, God is good..... All the time!!!

Billy Norris
Director, ARC
Faith Health Connector



Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...



October 9	B- Rev. Kevin Jones
October 10	B- Rev. Teddy Shatley
October 14	B- Rev. Darien South
October 14	A- Rev & Mrs Luke Watson
October 15	B- Mrs. Ruby Blevins
October 16	B- Rev Allen Huffman
October 17	B- Rev. David Blackburn, AMS
October 18	B- Mrs. Penny Ambrose
October 23	B- Rev. Jackie Stone
October 23	B-Mrs. Marcia Elledge
October 27	B- Mrs. Katy Watson
October 27	B- Mrs. Ann Huffman
October 28	B- Mrs. Gaynell Goodman

GOOD SOIL MINISTRY would like to remind everyone that we accept your used literature and other materials monthly at Ashe Really Cares. This literature goes out all over the world to assist in aiding those you are spiritually orphaned. We do appreciate your support with this mission.

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We want to **CELEBRATE** with you and share the **GOOD NEWS** when exciting things are happening at the church you attend! Please send articles, pictures or flyers to our e-mail address at:

ashebaptist@gmail.com, and we will announce on our WSKS weekly radio show, post on the events page of our website, ashebaptist.org, and on our Facebook Page, in addition to printing in this monthly newsletter publication that is posted in color on the website and mailed to 580+ folks in Ashe Co., all across NC, and neighboring states! As you set dates for church events, Special Singings, Revivals, or Speakers, let us know! You must submit articles for the Newsletter NO LATER THAN the 20th of each month in order for them to appear in the next month's publication.

**COME AND PRAY
WITH THE
HOPE FOR THE MOUNTAINS
PRAYER TEAM
EACH TUESDAY 8:00 AM
MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH
1670 Mt. Jefferson Rd
West Jefferson, NC
EVERYONE IS WELCOME !
See you on Tuesday morning -
bring a friend !!!!**

**ASHE BAPTIST CAMPGROUND MOWING
SCHEDULE**

**OCTOBER 3- BEAVER CREEK BAPTIST
OCTOBER 17- BALD MOUNTAIN BAPTIST**

\$2.8 *million*
2026 GOAL

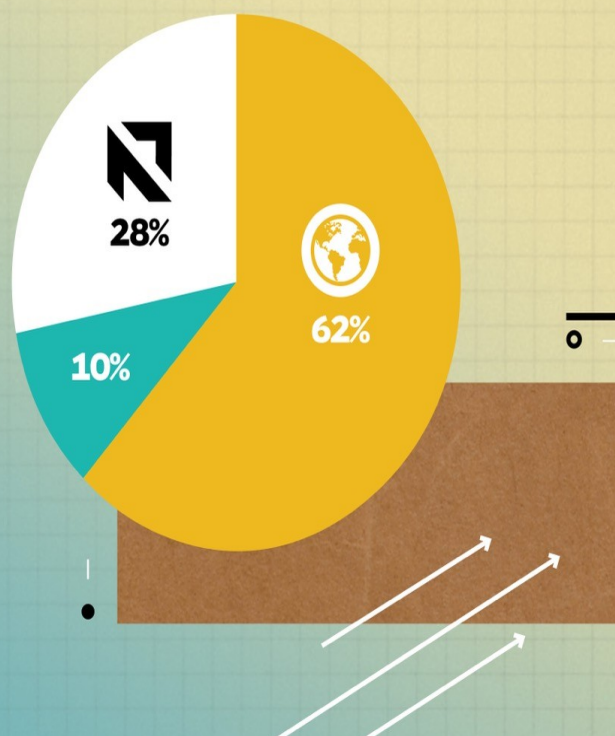
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SUPPORTS:

■ Baptists on Mission Ministries	\$1,724,800
■ Church Planting	\$795,200
■ Associational Missions	\$280,000

TOTAL \$2,800,000





Ephesians 4:11-12 KJV ¹¹ And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

¹² For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

A Shining Light

A pastor is a guiding light
Shining bright in the darkest of nights
A guiding hand, a comforting voice
Helping us to make a wise choice.

A pastor is a faithful servant
Dedicated to the Lord, in all that he does.
He preaches the Word, with all of his heart
Spreading the love of God, from the start.

He offers encouragement when we are down,
He listens with care, when we wear a frown,
He offers support when we need a friend,
He is there for us, until the very end.

So here's to you, dear Pastor, true
Thank you for all that you do,
For sharing the love of God, with all of your might
You are a blessing from God, truly a shining light.

We love and appreciate all our Ashe Baptist Associational Pastors.



Pastor Ordination Service at Orion Baptist on Sunday, September 13th for new pastor, Rev. Johnny Sloan. Rev. Sloan, his wife and children reside in West Jefferson.



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.

Sunday, October 4 –Evening Service 5-7 pm will have Special Speaker, Rev. Gatanneh from Persecuted Christians speaking. Rev. John Elledge invites everyone to attend this special service.

Big Flatts Baptist-welcomes you each Sunday10 am for Sunday School &11am Worship & Children's Church. Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir practice. We will be having Sunday School High Attendance Day on October 18 with a Fellowship Meal following the service. Pastor Darren South & congregation invites everyone to attend!

Buffalo Baptist will have guest speaker, AMS, Rev. David Blackburn on Sunday, October 4th –11 am. Sunday School– 10 am. The congregation and pastor, Rev. Gene Shumaker invite you to attend.

God's Will Baptist is Sparta elected Rev. Tracy Todd as their Associate Pastor. We welcome Rev. Todd and his wife, Tammy to the Ashe Baptist Association and look forward to working with them. Rev. Homer Murdock is the Senior Pastor. They will have Homecoming on Sunday, October 4 at 11 am. Rev. Murdock invites everyone to attend.

North Beaver Baptist- Pastor Matthew Tilley and the congregation invite you to come and Worship with us at North Beaver Baptist Church, [8000 Hwy 163, West Jefferson, NC](http://www.northbeaver.org). Sunday School classes for all ages start at 10:00, with Children's Church and Worship Services starting at 11:00.... Bible Study and Prayer Service are on Wednesday evenings starting at 6:30....for more information, contact us at [336-698-6396](tel:336-698-6396), or by email at mjtilley@gmail.com, or through our website, www.northbeaver.org, Facebook & YouTube @northbeaverbaptistchurch October is PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH... To Our Pastor, Matthew Tilley In God's perfect wisdom, He knew what to do. He sent us a Pastor as Faithful as you. With Faith as your rock and a Spirit so bright. You Guide us in Truth, walking in HIS Light. A Shepherd for his Flock, so Strong and True You Give of yourself in all that you do. For all your Devotion, we simply want to say, We are Blessed by your Service each and every day. THE CONGREGATION OF NORTH BEAVER BAPTIST CHURCH.

Trinity Baptist announces Rev. Mark Walker is their interim Pastor. We look forward to working with in him in our Ashe Baptist Association.

Warrensville Baptist will be celebrating their 26th annual homecoming on Sunday, October 4th with Rev. Lynn Powers at 10 am with lunch following the service. All former members are encouraged to attend. Pastor Jackie Stone invites everyone to come and worship with them. **BLOOD DRIVE– Saturday, November 28-9:30 am—2 pm.**

When you pray, please remember Pine Swamp, Mt Olive Baptist, Liberty Grove and Wagoner Baptist Churches. They are all seeking a pastor.



Riverview Baptist has elected Rev. Jonathan Toliver as their new pastor by 100% vote! Rev. Toliver and his wife, Marlena reside in Todd, Ashe Baptist Association looks forward to working with Rev. Toliver.

God is still working in Ashe County after Helene! David White & volunteers from near and far are nearing the completion of a family's home that was flooded in Grassy Creek. Jesus is the Light of the World! Pray for Souls to be Saved & safety for the volunteers & their needs as they continue to help folks in Ashe County!



POUR OUT REVIVAL

THIRSTY SOULS. DRY GROUND. LIVING WATER.

10/4-10/7 — 7:00PM

AT GREENE'S CHAPEL

"For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on
the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit..." Isaiah 44:5



REVIVAL'S IN OCTOBER

God's Will Baptist in Sparta, Pastor Rev. Homer Murdock.

Sunday, October 4th, 7 pm– Wednesday, October 7th.

Speaker Rev. Brandon Ware for Hopewell Baptist in Monroe.

Special Singing each evening—Prayer Room at 6:30 pm

New River Baptist -October 4-7—7 pm each evening with
special singing . Brother Brian Weaver will be the speaker.

Pastor, Rev. Wayne Jones

and congregation invite everyone to attend.

Orion Baptist – October 4-7—6 pm each evening.

Pastor, Rev. Johnny Sloan will be the speaker.

Ashe Really Cares Quarterly Meeting –Tuesday, Oct. 6, 7 pm
at Ashe Baptist Conference Room. All Committee Members
and interested folks are urged to attend.

Ashe Baptist Association Quarterly Executive Committee will
be on Thursday, October 8th –7pm at North Beaver Baptist.
All Church Executive Representatives & Pastor are urged to
attend.

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH CONFERENCE

5:00-7:00PM

Sunday, October 4, 2026

BALD MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH

1435 Bald Mountain Rd, West Jefferson, NC 28694

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Dr. Selman Hassan from Iraq
and

French Missionaries to Cameroon

Nursery available for ages 4 and under
- Snack will be provided





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Discipleship Tip of the Month

How well do you really know God?

Many people know about God. We have heard Bible stories, attended church, sung hymns, and listened to sermons. But knowing about God is different from knowing God personally. Proverbs 3:5–6 gives us a wonderful picture of what it means to know Him: “Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Perhaps the best way to answer the question, “How well do you know God?” is to ask yourself: Do I trust Him? Do I seek His Word? Do I acknowledge Him in my daily life? Am I willing to follow where He leads? The better we know God, the more we learn to trust Him. And the more we trust Him, the more willing we become to let Him direct our paths. So today, don’t just know about God. Take time to know Him—through His Word, through prayer, and through a life surrendered to His direction. Trust Him. Acknowledge Him. Follow Him. He will direct your path.

October 6 ARC Committee Meeting @ ABA Conference Room 7 pm
8 ABA Ex. Committee Meeting @ North Beaver Baptist 7 pm
31 ABA Campground Closes (Open to Volunteers Only)

2026 OCTOBER

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November 11 Veteran’s Day
15-16 NC Pastor’s Conference & NC Baptist Annual Meeting
26- Thanksgiving
26-27 ABA-ARC Offices Closed

December 11-29 –12-6 Lottie Moon Week of Prayer
21 Winter Begins
21-25 ABA - ARC Offices Closed for Christmas
25 Christmas

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