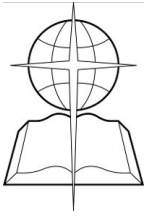


Ashe Baptist Association News



May 2025

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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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Springtime in the Ashe Baptist Association

A Season of Renewal and Revival

As the cool mountain air of the Blue Ridge Mountains begins to warm, Ashe County, North Carolina, awakens to the vibrant colors and sounds of spring. The 44 churches of the Ashe Baptist Association, nestled in this picturesque corner of the state, are experiencing a season of spiritual renewal and community revival.

A Season of Revival and Baptism

Spring has ushered in a wave of revival services across the county. Churches are hosting special singing events, prayer gatherings, and, notably, baptisms in the region's pristine creeks and rivers. These baptisms are not just symbolic acts; they represent a deep, personal renewal of faith and a collective commitment to healing and hope through our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Helene's devastation, these springtime revivals serve as beacons of light and restoration. Churches are not only offering spiritual solace but also practical assistance to those affected by the storm. For instance, volunteers from various churches, in Ashe County, across the state and across America, have come together to rebuild homes for displaced families, demonstrating the hands and feet of Christ in action.

Communities United in Faith and Service

The towns of Ashe County are alive with a renewed sense of purpose. Local businesses, schools, and residents are collaborating with churches to restore what was lost and build a stronger, more resilient community. The Ashe Baptist Association's "Hope for the Mountains" and other initiative exemplifies this collective effort, focusing on both spiritual and physical restoration.

A Call to the Community

As spring continues to unfold, the Ashe Baptist Association invites all to partake in this season of hope and renewal. Whether through attending a revival service, joining in community outreach, or simply offering prayers, every act contributes to the collective healing and growth of Ashe County. We together with God's help are looking forward to great 2025 year. As the season progresses, the association continues to focus on missions and discipleship. Plans are underway for the upcoming Associational Meeting in August 2025, with Beaver Creek Baptist Church and Orion Baptist Church stepping forward to host. Churches were encouraged to consider hosting future meetings, fostering a sense of shared responsibility and community. Spring 2025 is a time of renewal and growth for the Ashe Baptist Association. Through worship, service, and fellowship, the churches united to make a lasting impact in Ashe County and beyond, embodying the love and mission of Christ in their community. For more information on upcoming events and how to get involved, visit the Ashe Baptist Association's website at ashebaptist.org.



Your Servant, David

Ashe Really Cares

336-846-5234

ashereallycares@gmail.com

Each month, our food and clothing pantry opens its doors to hundreds of individuals and families facing life's toughest challenges. Behind every bag of groceries or warm coat is a person with a story—and this month, we want to honor a few of those stories that remind us why we do what we do.

Ms. Wilma

After Hurricane Helene flooded her furnace, Ms. Wilma, a senior living alone, planned to cover the replacement cost herself. She never asked for help but when her need was discovered, her community came through. Covenant Presbyterian Church collected donations for storm victims—just enough to pay for Ms. Wilma's new furnace. Thanks to their generosity and God's timing, her need was met without ever asking for help.

Ms. Betty

Betty came to ARC for the first time after suddenly taking custody of her 3-year-old granddaughter, who arrived with nothing but the clothes she was wearing. Living on a fixed income, Betty wasn't sure how she'd provide. With help from ARC, she now has access to food and clothing—giving her space to focus on caring for her granddaughter.

These stories are just two of many. Whether someone needs help for a few months or several years, your continued support gives them more than just food and clothing—it gives them dignity, hope, and a reminder that they are not alone. We are planting seeds of God's love and kindness with every interaction. As we move into the spring, we're reminded that change is always possible, and community care is the heart of it all. Thank you for walking with us and with them.

Pantry needs: 15oz can: diced tomatoes, potatoes, carrots, pinto beans, blackeye peas, sauerkraut, mixed vegetables, yams. Canned cream soups (mushroom, chicken, etc), small boxes of cereal, spaghetti noodles.

To stay up to date on needs, learn about volunteering opportunities and more check out:

www.ashereallycares.com

Thank you,

God Bless,
Twila Miller
ARC Director



May 2	A- Dr. & Mrs. Jim Rash
May 5	B- Rev. Johnny Goodman
May 8	B- Rev. Cory Halsey
May 9	B-Rev. Kirby McNeill
May 9	A- Rev. & Mrs. Billy Joe Blevins
May 16	A- Rev. & Mrs. Jackie Stone
May 27	A- Rev. & Mrs. Nathan Caparolie
May 29	B- Rev. Steve Viers
May 31	B- Mrs. Roxanne Ring

*Wishing all mothers
Happy Mother's Day*

THANK YOU!
thank you!

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**HOPE FOR THE MOUNTAINS
PRAYER TEAM
MEETS EACH TUESDAY 8:00 AM
At
MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH**

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 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 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.

**Award of Excellence
2024 NC Missions Offering
Leading the Ashe Baptist Association**

BALD MOUNTAIN BAPTIST
\$3,069.10
MIDWAY BAPTIST
\$2,625.00
ORION BAPTIST
\$2,260

Rev. David Blackburn, AMS will be presenting these three churches their Certificates.

Ashe Baptist Association would like to thank Bald Mountain, Midway & Orion for their generous monetary gifts to the North Carolina Missions Offering along with all our other associational churches that gave. Ashe Baptist Association receives 10 % of the total offerings given to the NCMO .

This year's total received
\$ 1,175.28

THANK YOU FOR GIVING

Volunteers At The Ashe Baptist Campground & All Around Ashe County!



We thank the Lion's Club of Cleveland, NC for donating and installing window and a washer/dryer at the ABA Campground!!! Thank you all so much! We love and appreciate all our VOLUNTEERS!!!!

Volunteers putting in time at the Campground on projects AND all around our county. They are out and about everyday helping our friends and neighbors with many different tasks left from Helene. When you see this folks out please give them a hug and a huge THANK YOU!!!

**ASHE COUNTY
THANKS ALL
VOLUNTEERS
FROM WHERE EVER
YOU ARE FROM!
THANK YOU!**



More scenes of David White with Baptist on Mission along with volunteers from everywhere, all ages, races and religions coming together to help others clean up, rebuild and share God's Love through out our Ashe County and the High Country of North Carolina. We love, appreciate and thank each and every one!



POUR OUT TO THE
GOD OF
HOPE
AND BE FILLED

ROMANS 15:13



THE 74TH ANNUAL
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025

NATIONAL
DAY OF
PRAYER



WWW.NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG



THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025 ASHE COUNTY COURTHOUSE 11:00 AM

Welcome

**Rev. David Blackburn
Director of Missions, Ashe Baptist Association**

Patriotic Medley

TBD

Presentation of Colors

**Ashe County High School, JROTC
Lieutenant Colonel Wes Young**

The Pledge of Allegiance

**B. Phil Howell
Sheriff, Ashe County**

The National Anthem

TBD

Prayer Celebration of America's History

**Rev. Blake Smarr
Pastor, West Jefferson Methodist Church**

Honoring of Local Veterans

**Mr. Bill Carter
Past District Commander and Commander at Jefferson VFW 7946**

Prayer for Those in Active Duty

**Rev. Keith Wagoner
Pastor, Bristol Baptist Church**

Patriotic Music

TBD

Appreciation and Presidential Proclamation

**Mr. Todd McNeill
Chairman, Ashe County Commissioner**

Honor God with Prayer

**Rev. Chris Taylor
Associate & Family Pastor, Midway Baptist Church**

Placing of the Wreath

Veterans

(In honor of those Veterans who have served that we might have our freedom)

Three Volley Salute

Veterans

Special Music "Taps"

**Mr. John Chapman
Retired, Ashe County High School**

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.

Bald Mountain Baptist- Revival Services will be held May 4-7. On Sunday there will be a service at 10 a.m. and again at 7 p.m. The following three nights will also be at 7 pm. Rev. Ken Furches from Mocksville will be the speaker.

Bald Mountain Baptist - Bill Katz, with Hope for Israel, will be coming to Bald Mountain on Sunday, May 18. Services that day are at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Laurel Knob Baptist-Special Sunday Services: May 4th Guest speaker for Sunday School 10:00 and worship service at 11:00. Dr. Frankie Matthews president of Baptist Equipping Nationals and National Theological College and Graduate School in Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Uganda.

May 11th Mother's Day Pastor Russell Hart.

May 18th Guest speaker for Sunday School 10:00 and worship service at 11:00. Evangelist Neil Hatfield founder of Uplands Reach Conference Center. Neil is a powerful speaker and through his preaching many thousands of people have been led to Christ.

May 25 Guest speaker for the 11:00 worship service is Pastor Kent Brown. Kent is the Associate pastor of Rock Branch Baptist Church in Elberton, Georgia.

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. Website www.midwaybaptistnc.org

North Beaver Baptist- Summer Sunday Nights of Revival- One Sunday Evening Each Month May -August. Sunday, May 25th -6 pm featuring Daniel Ritchie & Music by Mountain Rain... Sunday August 3rd-6 pm with Dr. Steve Petit & Music by the Steve Pettit 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.

Riverview Missionary Baptist-Evangelism Conference with Larry Stamm Ministries-Saturday, May 10 -9 am -4 pm *Lunch provided.* Register at: armatoliver@yahoo.com The congregation invites you to attend.

Tuckerdale Baptist - Revival Services May 3-7 -7 pm with Rev. Kevin Jones and Rev. Evan Roten. Special Singing Nightly, everyone is invited to attend by the pastor, Rev. Jonathan Stansberry & the congregation.

ASHE BAPTIST CAMPGROUND May Mowing Schedule May 10- Midway Baptist May 24 - To Be Determined

Thank you to everyone that helps in supporting the ASHE BAPTIST CAMPGROUND!

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 March-May newsletters. Thank you.

Join the LOOM Ladies in Bible Study (LADIES WITH OPEN HEARTS AND OPEN MINDS)

Beginning May 1, 2025, The Book of Revelation

Without doubt, the last book of the Bible, The Book of Revelation, is a challenging one. However, it tells us a special blessing is promised to those who hear, read, and obey the prophecies. We hope you will join LOOM Ladies as we look deeper to understand current and future events. We are reminded God knows the future, and we do not need to fear. During this 18-week study, we will utilize Bible Teacher Margaret Feinberg's study guide and streaming video access, "Revelation, extravagant hope," as well as share additional resources. The study includes discussion questions, in depth personal study of Scripture, memory verses, and a deep connection of the text to our daily lives.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

Thursdays, Beginning May 1, 2025

Midway Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

11:45 – 12:45 (each Thursday) Facilitators: Linda Blackburn, Jeanne Coward, and Elaine Cox welcome you to attend. If you wish to reserve a seat or need additional information, call Jeanne at 336-877-0041 or Elaine at 336-877-7934.

INCOME					
2025 January - March (3rd QTR)					
Home Missions	January	February	March	Minutebooks	TOTAL
APPALACHIAN					\$ -
BALD MOUNTAIN	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00		\$ 2,100.00
BEAVER CREEK	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00		\$ 450.00
BIG FLATTS					\$ -
BIG LAUREL					\$ -
BLUE RIDGE					\$ -
BRISTOL	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00			\$ 400.00
BUFFALO	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00		\$ 450.00
CALVARY			\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
CHRISTIAN UNITY	\$ 300.00				\$ 300.00
FARMER MEMORIAL		\$ 133.48	\$ 166.78		\$ 300.26
FLETCHER MEMORIAL	\$ 213.73				\$ 213.73
FRIENDLY GROVE		\$ 300.00			\$ 300.00
FRIENDSHIP	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00		\$ 1,650.00
GOD'S WILL		\$ 600.00			\$ 600.00
GRASSY CREEK	\$ 109.45	\$ 89.60	\$ 184.85		\$ 383.90
HAPPY TRAILS					\$ -
HEALING SPRINGS	\$ 74.76	\$ 119.49			\$ 194.25
LAUREL KNOB	\$ 139.50	\$ 116.46	\$ 133.08		\$ 389.04
LIBERTY GROVE					\$ -
LITTLE HELTON	\$ 60.00				\$ 60.00
MIDWAY			\$ 875.00		\$ 875.00
MISSION HOME			\$500.00		\$ 500.00
MOUNT OLIVE					\$ -
NEW RIVER	\$ 212.75	\$ 326.50			\$ 539.25
NORTH BEAVER	\$ 1,125.00				\$ 1,125.00
OAK HILL					\$ -
OBIDS	\$ 250.00				\$ 250.00
OLD FIELDS	\$ 500.00			\$ 50.00	\$ 500.00
ORION	\$ 1,250.00		\$ 1,250.00		\$ 2,500.00
PHOENIX	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00		\$ 600.00
PILOT MOUNTAIN	\$ 149.70		\$ 82.95		\$ 232.65
PINE SWAMP					\$ -
PLEASANT HOME	\$ 550.00				\$ 550.00
PLEASANT VALLEY	\$ 250.00				\$ 250.00
RIVERVIEW	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 150.00
ROUND KNOB	\$ 111.00	\$ 114.00	\$ 142.00		\$ 367.00
TRINITY					\$ -
TUCKERDALE	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 300.00
WAGONER	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 150.00
WARRENSVILLE	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00		\$ 1,200.00
WELCOME HOME	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 300.00
TOTALS	\$ 7,945.89	\$ 4,449.53	\$ 5,984.66	\$ 50.00	\$18,380.08

Executive Committee Meeting - April 3rd at Round Knob Baptist Church



The meeting consisted of many reports including Mr. Jimmy Lancaster with NC BAM, Mr David White with NCBOM and a report from Rev. Matthew Tilley, Pastor at North Beaver Baptist on Church Planting in Boston! The next Executive Committee Meeting will be on Thursday, July 10 at Orion Baptist. 7 pm.

Jesus Christ King of Kings and Lord of Lords!!! Thank you volunteers for your service! Thank you for everyone that have helped with supplying materials! Here are some pictures of a lady's home that was flooded up to the guttering during the flood up to now. She lost about everything she owned. The home is about 65% complete. Please Pray!!! (IN GOD WE TRUST) David and Sharon White.





Easter Sunday, April 20th -Bald Mtn. Baptist Church held

Sunrise Service at 7:30 with breakfast following the service. 9 am Life Groups met. 10 am -Worship Service **"In Christ Alone"** presented by the choir. This was a beautiful Easter Service.

Rev. David Blackburn, AMS presented the Award of Excellence to Rev. John Elledge. This award is presented to Bald Mtn. Baptist for leading the Ashe Baptist Association in giving to the 2024 NC Missions Offering. Their total giving to the offering was \$ 3,069.10. Thank you, Pastor John Elledge and Bald Mtn. Baptist Church.

May is Foster Care Awareness Month

every
CHILD
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SHARING HOPE...CHANGING LIVES

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

For more info, contact:

RICK NORMAN

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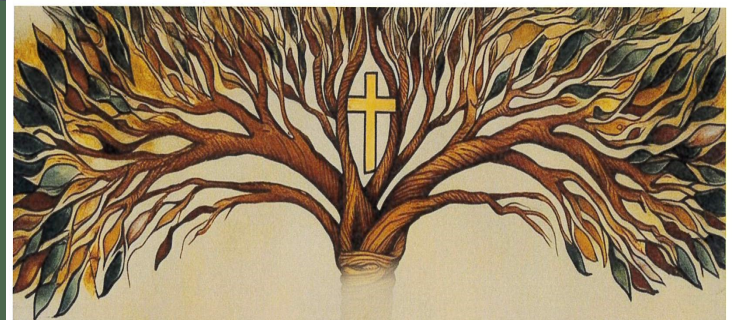
Church Liaison

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rnorman@bchfamily.org

www.every-child.org

Our mission is to ensure that every child in North Carolina receives the caring home he or she deserves. With over 10,000 children in the North Carolina foster system, we believe that the church is the answer! We train and license couples in churches to be foster families for these children who are in desperate need. We also work with pastors and their staff to establish a foster and adopt ministry within their churches to surround the couples and the children they foster with the support needed to help them thrive.



THE PROMISED SEED

Discovering Jesus in the Story of Genesis

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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!*

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Discipleship Tip of the Month

The Bible is a Trustworthy Book

The scriptures are a message given to us by almighty God. And since it is the word of our creator and Savior, we can say that it is true. He says His Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light to our path. Therefore, it always leads us the right way. (Psalms 119:105) And though our world constantly changes, the word of our God stands forever. (Isaiah 40:8) Because He wants us to know how to live in a manner that honors Him and benefits us. He's given us words of promise, joy and peace as well as instructions and warnings. The Bible is also a trustworthy guide! The Bible is adequate for every need. Because it is infallible, we can confidently depend on it for wise guidance in every circumstance of life. Therefore the Bible is a must read every day because it can help in so many ways and we know that it will be inerrant.

May 2025

- 1 National Day of Prayer 11 am
@ Ashe County Courthouse
- 4 Senior Adult Sunday
- 11 Mother's Day
- 26 Memorial Day
ABA/ARC Offices Closed



2025 MAY						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

June 2025

- 8-9 SBC Pastor's Conference
Dallas, Texas
- 10-11 SBC Annual Meeting
Dallas, Texas
- 15 Father's Day



2025 JUNE						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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



2025 JULY						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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