

Ashe Missionary Baptist Association



“CHURCHES OF FREEDOM”

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Psalms 122:1



One Hundred Thirty-Seventh Annual Session

Friday, August 18, 2023

Hosted by:

Bald Mountain Baptist Church

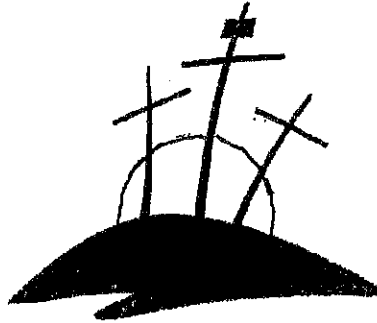
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A Special Thanks

Rev. David Blackburn, Director of Missions,
and Mrs. Debbie Miller, Ministry Assistant,
would like to thank Ms. Linda Richardson
who made this minute book possible.

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IN MEMORIAL MEMBERS WHO DIED DURING THE YEAR 2022-2023



Bristol	Carol Halsey	1-20-2023
Friendly Grove	Shelby Roten	7-24-2022
Friendship	Lenna Hope Brooks	6-23-2023
Grassy Creek	Freddie Rutherford	1-16-2023
	Clara Hart	4-13-2023
Healing Springs	Virginia Ann West Bower	5-1-2023
Laurel Knob	Mikey Penley	2-23-2023
Liberty Grove	Beulah Jones Greer	8-7-2022
	Lorna Greene Scott	10/23/2022
	James Michael Miller	7/2/2023
Mission Home	Ella Sue Grogan	11-16-2022
	Charles Moore	4/10/2023
New River	Irene Suitt Billings	11-13-2022
	Martha Privette	1-5-2023
	Louella Baker	6-24-2023
Obids	Dean Bare	11-21-2022
	Allen Lewis	
	Lenna Miller	9-12-2022
Orion	Kenneth Greene	3-11-2023
Round Knob	Sybil Wallet Williams	6-21-2023
Tuckerdale	Dan Decker	12- 2022
Warrensville	Josephine Bledsoe	1-22-2023
	Donnie May	5-24-2023
Welcome Home	Betty June Barker	9-23-2022
	Edna Jones	6-16-2023
	Lorene Lambert	7-6-2023

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BALD MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH

A Brief History

Bald Mountain Baptist Church of West Jefferson, North Carolina, was organized on March 5, 1910, in the old Lawrence schoolhouse, which was located near the site of the present church.

The congregation, interested in forming a new church, met for worship in the schoolhouse. After prayer by Rev. Roby Burkett, Rev. P.H. Haire preached a sermon taking as his text Matthew 16:18, "And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

A business meeting following the sermon resulted in the organization of Bald Mountain Missionary Baptist Church with twenty-four charter members joining that day. Brother Haire called for letters of all present who wished to go into an organization of said place, order and faith. A temporary moderator, clerk, and treasurer were elected.

The first church was built nearby. F.P. Trivette and Wm. E. Carlton were appointed to the Building Committee. The cost of the building site was \$15 which was donated by the members and was paid to H.A. Lawrence. The total cost of the church was \$730.

The first pastors were Rev. Roby Burkett and Rev. T.M. Hayes. The church was dedicated August 31, 1912. Preachers who participated were Rev. W.R. Bradshaw, who preached the Sabbath Sermon, and Rev. C.M. Cope, who preached the Dedication Sermon.

In 1946 an attempt was made to put a basement under the church. The church fell and the plan was abandoned. Several members were under it when it fell among which were Coy Howell, Paul Lawrence and Dean Lawrence. There were no serious injuries.

On May 4, 1946, a vote was taken to determine whether the church should be repaired or whether a new church should be built. The vote carried for a new building. Another church was built which has been in use since that time. It has been remodeled, improved, and expanded over the years.

In 1989 the need for more Sunday School rooms, additional choir space, a fellowship hall and a baptistry as well as the need to encourage additional growth resulted in the decision to build a new sanctuary with a fellowship hall in the basement. The first service in the new building, with the Rev. Jack Pugh as pastor, was held May 20, 1990. The dedication service was held August 19, 1990. The total cost of the new building was \$211,000.

Continued church growth necessitated a decision in 1998 to build a new church sanctuary to seat approximately 500 people. The construction included a new fellowship hall, choir room, nursery, classrooms, administrative offices and library. The project was completed in December 2000 at a cost in excess of \$2,000,000.

The first service in the new sanctuary was held December 24, 2000, with Rev. Lawrence Goodman serving as pastor. A dedication service was held on May 6, 2001.

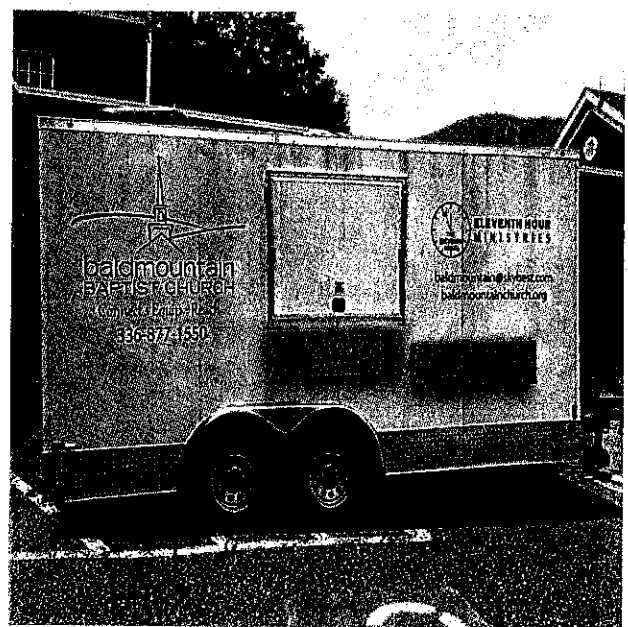
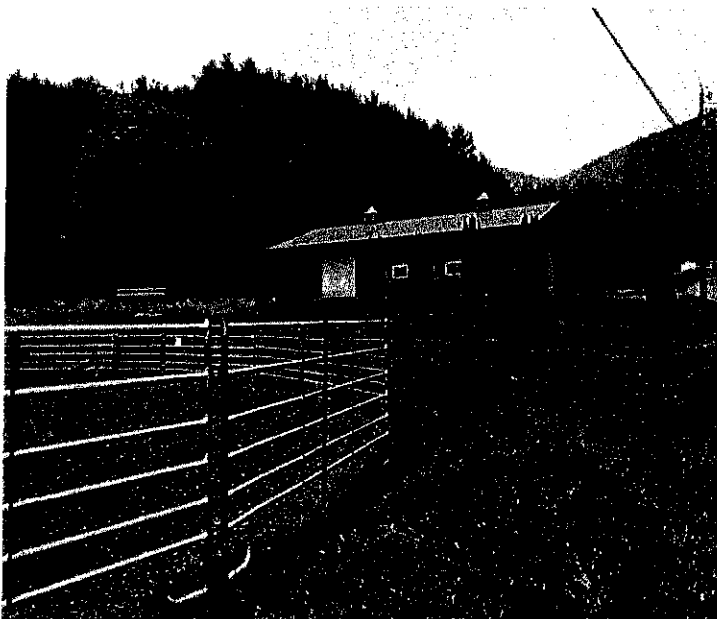
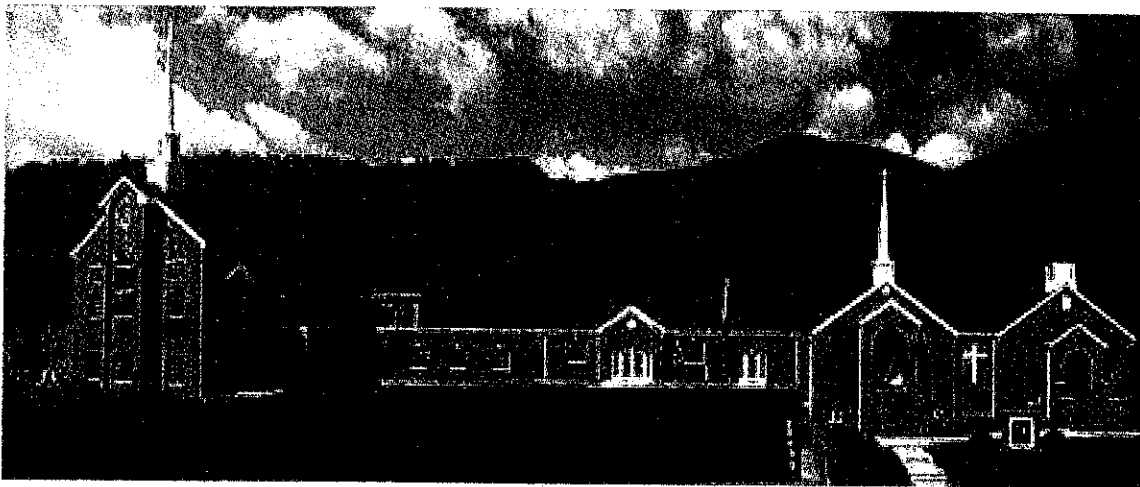
In 2017 Rev. John Elledge came to serve as Senior Pastor of Bald Mountain Baptist Church having served as associate pastor since 2016.

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In 2022 a barn, adjacent to the church property, was purchased from Barbara Lawrence to provide space for new ministries that have been added: Operation Christmas Child Ministry, the Food Ministry, and a Horse Ministry.

Pastors that have served over the years at Bald Mountain Baptist Church are Rev. T.M. Hays and Rev. Roby Burkett at the time of organization. 1910—Rev. T.M. Hays; 1913—Rev. Roby Burkett; 1914—Rev. W.E. Carlton; 1915—Rev. I.G. Miller; 1917—Rev. P.H. Haire; 1919—Rev. R.M. Burkett; 1920—Rev. P.H. Haire; 1922—Rev. S.C. Blackburn; 1931—Rev. H.M. Winkler; 1933—Rev. T.A. Farmer; 1936—Rev. G.C. Burkett; 1938—Rev. Grady Hamby; 1939—Rev. M.D. Hart; 1948—Rev. R.C. Ashley; 1967—Rev. David Brown; 1968—Rev. J.E. Owens, Jr.; 1977—Rev. Michael Lemly; 1984—Rev. Jack Pugh; 1991—Rev. Lawrence Goodman; 2017—Rev. John Elledge.

Respectfully submitted by:
Bald Mountain Baptist Church (August 1, 2023)



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PHOENIX BAPTIST CHURCH

A Brief History

Berlin Baptist Church was organized May 9, 1908, by member taking letter form Forest Home Baptist Church at Warrensville, North Carolina. Forest Home was located near the mouth of Buffalo Creek where the Ashe County Middle School is now located. The church sat very near where the field house is located at present. Members from Berlin and Lansing areas felt somewhat isolated from the church because they had to cross the New River by boat or horseback. Sometimes the river was too full and they were unable to get to church.

The first home of Berlin Baptist Church was a small private school building in the Berlin Community. It was located near the present church site, about 50 yards from the front door and slightly right. James Eller, Sr. had donated the little school building to his three sons for the purpose of educating his grandchildren and his neighbor's children. With the coming of the larger, state supported school, the little school building was no longer needed for schooling purposes. However, it proved to be an ideal place for people to meet to worship. Following two or three great revivals in the little school building, a Presbytery was called to organize a new church. The Presbytery was composed of Elders: Elihu Tucker, R.L. Shoaz, T.W. Carter and L.J. Day. Charter members consisted of 17 men and 18 women.

Men:

James Eller
T.M. Carter
M.L. Jones
J.L. King
H.A. Eller
A.S. Eller
E.C. Eller
A.L. Snapp
A.M. Childress
Johnson Carter
Levi Ashley
Jacob Childers
W.F. Eller
J.D. Eller
J.F. Eller
C.R. Eller
F.R. Jones

Women:

MaryAnn Eller
Ellen Jones
Elizabeth Childers
Mary Eller
Jennie Carter
Victoria Ashley
Alice Badger
Clyde Eller
Virginia Eller
Gertrude Eller
Angeles Eller
Beatrice Eller
Ida Sage
Ina Eller
Minnie Jones
Maude Jones
Martha King
Rosa Ashley

The first pastor of Berlin Baptist Church was Elder Elihu Tucker.

During World War 1, the post office name was changed for Berlin to Bina. The story told was, that the mail was sometimes sent to Germany instead of Bina as one reason for the name change. James Eller, Sr., who had given the little schoolhouse and the land it was built on, did not like the name Bina for the church. At his suggestion, the church voted to change the name to "Phoenix" for the Phoenix Mountain, which stands nearby. Back in the eons of time, God, in His infinite wisdom made a little slit in the earth and a mountain rose up known as Phoenix and a little white church had a proper name. By the time the little schoolhouse was too small for worshippers and the white clapboard church was built. The church was heated with a large coal and wood burning stove. Sunday School classes were held in the church white curtains pulled to divide the church into four sections with the "card" class being held in the bell tower. Money to build the "new" church came for the sale of right-of-ways to the Norfolk and Western Railroad for rail service into Ashe County. The three Eller brothers sold the right-of-way

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through the property to the Norfolk and Western Railroad and used the proceeds from the sale to buy supplies for the new church building. In 1914 a comfortable house of worship was completed. The little school building had served its purpose, so it was sold and moved off the property. The church continued to grow and by 1930 the membership was ninety-eight members.

Today the Bina Community seems to just be a place between Warrentsville and Lansing, but at one time it was a bustling little village with three stores. It had two groceries and one department store. Clyde Mullis and Rowie McNeil operated the grocery stores and E.C. Eller operated the department store. There was also a post office with Ms. Lessie King as postmaster. Bina also had a Baptist Church, a Methodist Church and a school. The story has been told through the years that on one hill the Methodist was singing "Will There Be Any Stars In My Crown", and on the other hill the Phoenix Baptist Church was singing "No Not One".

Over the years the church has undergone major renovations. The first was the addition of three Sunday school rooms and the excavation of a small basement. Some time later the furnace was added. Later, in the early 60's, seven Sunday school rooms were added, the basement was enlarged and the clapboard siding was replaced with brick. During the pastorate of Reverend E.W. Powers, the church voted to install carpet in the sanctuary, in all the Sunday school rooms, and in the basement.

In the early 70's, Phoenix Baptist Church adopted a constitution and purchased its first van for outreach service. In July 1980, under the leadership of Reverend Jimmy Eldreth, the church moved forward by going to full time worship service and mid-week service. The church has since begun WMU for the women of the church and the Brotherhood for the men.

Charter member, Mrs. Gertrude Eller Waddell, participated in a June 1991 groundbreaking service for a new fellowship hall and education building. Her words reflect her own life and the life of the church, "Never start anything you can't finish and never finish anything you cannot give God the glory for." The fellowship hall was completed and construction is continuing in phases with a baptistery planned for the future.

In 2002, under the leadership of Elliott Oswitt, the church started a compassionate program called the "C.A.R.E. Ministry" on Thursday nights. The program consists of reaching out to others through visitation and sending cards to the sick and shut-in.

The surviving charter members were siblings: Mr. Jess Eller, who died in 1983 and Mrs. Gertrude Eller Waddell who died at the age of 99 in 1991. She was in an automobile accident on her way to church. The church van was struck by a car outside of Lansing and went off the road and rolled into Big Horse Creek killing Mr. Waddell and injuring several others.

Through the years, 24 pastors have served Phoenix Baptist Church:

Elihu Tucker	1908	Jimmy J. Eldreth	1980-1985
P.H. Haire	1909-1915	Frank Tucker	1985-1987 (Interim)
C.M. Cope	1915-1917	Kenneth Dix	1987-1989
Fred Blackburn	1918-1919	Rex Eldreth	1990-1994
T.F. Roberts	1919-1920	Ken Furches	1994-1997
W.F. Barker	1920-1922	Dayton Roten	1997-2000
W.E. Denny	1922-1948 (26 years)	Elliott Oswitt	2002-2003
S.S. Graybeal	1948	Ray Minton	2003-2006
R.C. Ashley	1948-1968 (19 years)	Jeff Dollar	2007-2011
C.R. Witherspoon	1968-1970	Tom Graybeal	2012-2018
E.W. Powers	1971-1973	Chris Taylor	2019-2021
W.T. Brackett	1974-1979	Chris Goforth	2022-present

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In spite of the many additions and improvements to Phoenix Baptist Church, the church is still debt free. Although the church is autonomous, it has been faithful throughout the years to the Ashe Baptist Association, the N.C. Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention, contributing to its missionary endeavors.

The present membership is 75. Chris Goforth serves as the pastor.

Services are as follows:

Sunday: Sunday School 10 am
Worship Service 11 am

Wednesday: CARE Ministry (2nd & 4th) 6 pm
The Seekers (1st, 3rd, 5th) 6 pm
Choir Practice, Prayer & Bible Study 7pm

We welcome anyone to come and worship with us.

Respectfully submitted,

Maude McNeil Calhoun
Member of Phoenix Baptist Church for 60 years
8-02-05

Updated by Phoenix Baptist Church 7-15-2023



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ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION BALD MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH Friday Afternoon, August 18th, 2023

- 2:00 Call to Order** Moderator, Rev. Allen Huffman
Pastor, Pleasant Valley Baptist Church
- Congregational Hymn** To God Be The Glory Mr. Butch Miller
Associational Music Director
Rev. Alan Ambrose
Worship / Associate Pastor, Bald Mountain Baptist Church
- Welcome / Devotion / Prayer** Rev. John Elledge
Pastor, Bald Mountain Baptist Church
- 2:15 Organization (See "Rules of Order" Page 14)** Moderator, Rev. Allen Huffman
Seating of Messengers
Adoption of Order of Business
Recognition of Visitors
Recognition of New Pastors
Committee Appointments
- 2:25 Roll Call of Churches** Associational Clerk, Mrs. Debbie Miller
- History of Bald Mountain Baptist Church** Mrs. Diane Roark
Member, Bald Mountain Baptist Church
- Congregational Hymn** O Praise The Name Mr. Butch Miller
Rev. Alan Ambrose
- 2:40 Message** Rev. Homer Murdock
Pastor, God's Will Baptist Church
- Alternate** Rev. Toby Oliver
Pastor, Liberty Grove Baptist Church
- Congregational Hymn** All Hail The Power Mr. Butch Miller
Rev. Alan Ambrose
- 3:10 Miscellaneous Business** Moderator, Rev. Allen Huffman
Election of Administrative Committees
Treasurer's Report Mrs. Debbie Miller
Budget Report Rev. Dr. Russell Hart
Pastor, Laurel Knob Baptist Church

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BALD MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH
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Institutions Agencies Missions
(See "Rules of Order" page 14)

Reports
(10 minutes each)

3:40 Great Commission Catalyst, Region 9 Baptist State Convention of NC Rev. Steve Harris
3:50 Baptist on Mission, Baptist State Convention of NC Rev. Paul Langston
4:00 Southeast Seminary Rev. Chris Allen

4:10 **Congregational Hymn** I Stand Amazed In The Presence Mr. Butch Miller
Rev. Alan Ambrose

4:20 North Carolina Baptist Children's Home Rev. Jody Yopp
4:30 NC Baptist Hospital and FaithHealth NC Rev. Dr. Brian Davis
4:40 NC Baptist Aging Ministry Mrs. Angie Gregg
4:50 Baptist Retirement Homes of NC Mr. Wesley Berry
5:00 NC Baptist Foundation Rev. Allen Schuyler

5:10 **Special Report** (20 Minutes)

Associational Partnerships Western Catalyst, Missions Catalysts Group Rev. Dr. Lester Evans
Baptist State Convention of NC

5:30 **Congregational Hymn** Thank God, I'm Free Mr. Butch Miller
Rev. Alan Ambrose

5:40 **Special Music** Mrs. Penny Ambrose
Member, Bald Mountain Baptist Church

5:50 **Annual Message / Associational Sermon** Rev. Matthew Tilley
Pastor, North Beaver Baptist Church

Alternate Rev. Mark Harless
Pastor, Obids Baptist Church

6:20 **Benediction & blessing on food** Rev. John Elledge
Pastor, Bald Mountain Baptist Church

Supper will be served by Bald Mountain Baptist Church

**Special thanks to Bald Mountain Baptist Church
for hosting and to the ladies and men for a delicious meal!
Thanks to everyone who attended today's meeting.**

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PHOENIX BAPTIST CHURCH

Saturday Morning, August 19th, 2023

9:00 Call to order

Moderator, Mr. Jerry Powers
Member, Bald Mountain Baptist Church

Congregational Praise Him, Praise Him

Mr. Butch Miller
Associational Music Director
Rev. Alan Ambrose

Worship / Associate Pastor, Bald Mountain Baptist Church

9:05 Welcome / Devotion / Prayer

Rev. Chris Goforth
Pastor, Phoenix Baptist Church

9:15 Roll Call of the Churches

Mrs. Debbie Miller
Associational Clerk

(See "Rules of Order" page 14)

9:20 History of Phoenix Baptist Church

Rev. Chris Goforth
Pastor, Phoenix Baptist Church

9:25 Mission Reports (5 Minutes Each)

Associational Missions Strategist
Ashe Really Cares
Baptist Men
FaithHealth NC
Missions
Evangelism

DOM, David Blackburn
Mrs. Pat Miller
Mr. Fred Walters
Rev. Paul Strickland
Rev. Ken Jones
Mr. J.C. Trivette

9:55 Special Music

Rev. Chris Goforth
Pastor, Phoenix Baptist Church

10:10 Message

Rev. Lonnie Jones
Pastor, Welcome Home Baptist Church

Alternate

Rev. Jackie Stone
Pastor, Warrensville Baptist Church

10:30 Reports

(Local & Associational)

5 minutes each

N. C. Baptist Women
Disciple Making
Church Music
Historian
Baptist Campground
Vacation Bible School

Mrs. Elaine Cox
Mrs. Linda Blackburn
Mr. Butch Miller
Mrs. Debbie Miller
Mr. Tim Hamby
Rev. Jeffery Cotten

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- 11:00 Congregational Hymn** Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone
Mr. Butch Miller
Rev. Alan Ambrose
- 11:05 Reports**
5 Minutes each (See "Rules of Order", page 14) **(Local & Associational)**
GuideStone ABA
Gideon's International
Ashe Pregnancy Care Center
Community Prayer
Detention Center Chaplain Program
Rev. Johnny Goodman
Mr. Bill Barr
Director, Mrs. Sherry Edwards
Rev. Steve Ashley
Rev. Michael Carter
- 11:30 Congregational Hymn & Offering** Thank God, I'm Free
Mr. Butch Miller
Rev. Alan Ambrose
Offering to Ashe Baptist Association Budget
- 11:35 Business Session**
Old Business
Adoption of Associational Budget
Other
Moderator Mr. Jerry Powers
New Business
Other
Resolutions Committee
Report of Time / Place Preacher Committee
2024 August 16th, Friday, Liberty Grove Baptist
2024 August 17th, Saturday, Host _____
Mr. Fred Walters
Mr. Jerry Powers
- 11:45 Memorial Service**
Rev. Steve LeaShomb
Pastor, Midway Baptist Church
- 12:00 Benediction & blessing on food**
Rev. Chris Goforth
Pastor, Phoenix Baptist Church

Lunch will be served by Phoenix Baptist Church

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Also thank you to Phoenix Baptist Church for hosting.
Thanks to everyone who attended today's meeting.**

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Senior Pastor Directory

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Big Flatts, Fleetwood	Rev Billy Norris 466 Stoney Fork Rd, Deep Gap, NC, 28618-0128, (828) 964-8837 D
Big Laurel	
Blue Ridge	Ted Shatley 168 Gum Branch Rd, Jefferson, NC, 28640-9751, TGShatley@gmail.com, (336) 977-0808 C
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Buffalo	Rev Tommy Graybeal 820 Glenn Miller Rd, Warrensville, NC, 28693-9495, (336) 384-3194 D
Calvary	Rev. Kirby McNeill PO Box 1104, West Jefferson, NC, 28694-1104, (336) 846-7482 D
Christian Unity Baptist Church	Rev Darien South 4015 North Main Street, High Point, NC, 27265, (336) 529-4049 C
Farmers Memorial	Rev. Danny Farmer 789 N Flatwoods Rd, Creston, NC, 28615-8940, (336) 385-6642 D
Fletcher Memorial	Rev Paul Strickland 440 Don Walters Road, Jefferson, NC, 28640, (336) 846-9642 D
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Friendship	Rev Kenneth Jones 891 Friendship Baptist Church Rd, Jefferson, NC, 28640, pastorkejones@gmail.com, (704) 400-7497 C
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Mission Home	Rev Luke Watson 334 Born Again Dr, Deep Gap, NC, 28618-8226, (828) 964-6610 D
Mount Olive	Rev Derick Hodges 204 Leather Hinge Dr, Wilkesboro, NC, 28697-8172, (336) 262-5373 D
New River	Wayne Jones 105 NC Hey 16 N, Crumpler, NC, 28617, (336) 982-4360 D

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Senior Pastor Cont.

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Obids	Rev. Mark Harless 458 Will Vannoy Rd, West Jefferson, NC, 28694, (336) 877-1553 D
Old Fields	Rev RD Watson (828) 963-0246 D
Orion	Rev Lawrence Goodman 1363 Paul Goodman Rd, Fleetwood, NC, 28626, pastorbmbc@gmail.com, (336) 877-6107 C
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Pine Swamp	Rev Steve Viers 793 Gaither Poe Rd, Laurel Springs, NC, 28644-9149, (336) 977-9373 C
Pleasant Home	Rev Lonnie Carpenter PO Box 88, West Jefferson, NC, 28694-0088, (336) 977-0654 D
Pleasant Valley	Rev Allen Huffman 415 Ashe Central Road, Jefferson, NC, 28640, aahuff@skybest.com, (828) 773-3539 C
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ASHE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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ASSOCIATIONAL ARC COMMITTEE (Ashe Really Cares)

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2 YR MEMBER
3 YR MEMBER
3 YR MEMBER
3 YR MEMBER
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RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Fred Walters -Chairman
Mr. David Trivette
Rev. Billy Norris

PREACHER/PLACE COMMITTEE

Rev. Allen Huffman- Chairman
Mrs. Lucy Hagin
Mr. Harold Riddle

RULES OF ORDER:

1. Every session shall be opened and closed by prayer
2. When the Moderator calls the house to order, every member shall at once, take his seat.
3. When a member wishes to speak, he shall rise and address the Moderator, and not proceed until he is recognized.
4. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject except by permission of the body.
5. It shall be counted disorder for any member to stand up, leave the house or hold private conversation while any person is speaking.

ASHE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Associational Key Leaders 2023- 2024

These names are respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee of the Ashe Baptist Association in accordance with Article V: Section 7 of the Constitution and By-Laws.

ASSOCIATIONAL CLERK	MRS. DEBBIE MILLER
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DEACON MINISTRY DIRECTOR	MR. TIM CHURCH

ASHE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Ashe Really Cares Annual Report

2022-2023

Thank you, Ashe Baptist Churches, for supporting your mission through another year. Many people were fed, clothed and loved on, in the name of Jesus. As people visited the ARC for help, they received food and clothing but much more came with that. We were able to pray with and hug a lot of hurting people. Your mission gives out Bibles and material with God's word so that the seed can be planted. Ashe Really Cares wants everyone from our neighbors, volunteers and our donors to feel and know God loves and uses each of us to share his love to a hurting world. You and your church make the ARC a place that can and is making a difference in the world we live in now and our home to come.

This past year we have had the privilege to serve 1,235 families that needed help to make ends meet. This touched 2,735 individuals with food, clothing and household items. We also had 61 new families to come in needing assistance. Some families only come in to get clothing, which can easily double the number of individuals that we serve.

We have given out 29,651 pounds of food from Second Harvest Food Bank. The estimated retail cost was \$54,701.95 the amount that was paid by Ashe Really Cares was \$4,999.32. We received 64,112 pounds of food from our local Food Lion Store with 40,219 pounds of that being produce. Our Souper Bowl project collected 3,690 items and \$5,826.00. Along with all of the food collected by our churches and community you can see that there is a lot of food that goes out our doors. The Baptist On Mission is still sharing "Senior Boxes" with the ARC through that we are able to give 41 extra boxes each month to our seniors.

Your mission loves on the whole person, not just the situation they find themselves in. We see so many folks that are dealing with health issues and are in need of someone to tell them that God cares and loves them. Sometimes a prayer and a hug help the hurt that people go through. Needs are being met and praise God for his work!!!

Thank all of the volunteers that give their time to help hurting families. Without you we would not be able to meet the needs that come through our doors. As we look to the future and what God is doing, continue to pray and never cease the work you have started.

Thank you,
Pat Miller
Director, Ashe Really Cares



ASHE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Ashe Really Cares Financial Report
JULY 01, 2022 to JUNE 30, 2023

CONTRIBUTOR	AMOUNT
American Emergency Vehicles	\$4,335.00
Appalachian Church	\$2,000.00
Ashe Alliance Church	\$1,000.00
Bald Mountain Baptist Church	\$2,400.00
Baptist State Convention, NC	\$3,750.00
Beaver Creek Baptist Church	\$1,119.00
Bristol Baptist Church	\$300.00
Buffalo Baptist Church	\$1,120.50
Carolina Fraser Fir Co. LLC	\$500.00
Calvary Baptist Church	\$200.00
Chestnut Hill Baptist Church	\$600.00
Clifton Baptist Church	\$200.00
Cline Church Nursery	\$150.00
Community Found. Of Louisville Dep	\$100.00
Covenant Reformed Presby Church	\$200.00
Ebenezer Community Church	\$350.00
EFS Natl Brd Pgm Award Instil	\$7,671.00
Executive Committee Offering	\$84.00
First Baptist Church	\$500.04
Friendly Grove Baptist Church	\$232.00
Friendship Baptist Church	\$3,600.00
Generations Ashe	\$911.13
Glendale Springs Baptist Church	\$900.00
Grassy Creek Community Church	\$550.00
Harland Clarke Check Refund	\$129.28
Healing Springs Baptist Church	\$1,200.00
Jefferson Landing Ladies LLC	\$150.00
Laurel Knob Baptist Church	\$2,790.00
Liberty Baptist Church	\$1,200.00
Midway Baptist Church	\$500.00
Mission Home Baptist Church	\$300.00
Mount Olive Baptist Church	\$800.00
Mt. Jefferson Baptist Church	\$1,341.87
NC Hunger Grant	\$750.00
New River Baptist Church	\$1,531.48
North Beaver Baptist Church	\$1,169.68
Obids Baptist Church	\$2,250.00
Old Fields Baptist Church	\$250.00
Orion Baptist Church	\$540.00
Parish of the Holy Communion	\$1,425.00
Pine Swamp Baptist Church	\$20.00
Pleasant Home Baptist Church	\$400.00
Pleasant Valley Baptist Church	\$600.00
Pro Paint LLC	\$80.00

CONTRIBUTOR	AMOUNT
Round Knob Baptist Church	\$1,699.00
Set Free Bible Fellowship	\$157.00
Shelter Baptist Church	\$600.00
Silas Creek Baptist Church	\$80.00
Smethport United Methodist Church	\$100.00
Sturgill's Baptist Church	\$1,225.00
Tuckerdale Baptist Church	\$1,200.00
Wagoner Baptist Church	\$1,200.00
Warrensville Baptist Church	\$2,400.00
Welcome Home Baptist Church	\$1,000.00
Individual Contributions	\$50,167.20
Cash	\$110.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$110,338.18
EXPENDITURES:	
Mtn Times Paper-FEMA required article	\$315.64
Uline- freezer thermal sheet & bag	\$313.34
Shatley Electric-ARC electrical light	\$145.00
Colvard Oil- Clients kerosene	\$100.00
Speedway-(6-\$100)Fuel Card for clients	\$600.00
Ashe County Car Center- Van inspection	\$13.60
Harland Clark-Check blanks	\$198.14
Grease Monkey-Van Repairs	\$1,124.64
Blue Ridge Energy Electric Bills	\$6,819.44
Warrensville Baptist WMU-Food for ARC	\$2,400.00
Frontier Gas, propane for ARC	\$1,544.87
Skyline Telephone- Phone Service	\$747.20
ARC Wages	\$68,178.44
Rent for ARC Building	\$15,200.00
Second Harvest Food Bank-Food for ARC	\$5,625.08
Rid-a-bug	\$480.00
Sam's - items for ARC	\$49.12
Leavitt Elite Insurance-Van Insurance	\$373.00
United Way Worldwide/EFSP-Phase36 Reimb	\$7.00
Trash Pick-up	\$1,800.00
NC DMV-ARC van tags & taxes	\$160.25
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$106,194.76
Balance as of June 30, 2023	\$ 89,581.11
Total Contributions	110,338.18
Total Expenditures	106,194.76
ADJ-Outstanding Checks	2,711.68
Balance as of June 30, 2023	\$ 96,436.83

ASHE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Ashe Baptist Campground Report 2023-24

Nestled in the heart of the Appalachian Mountains, there is a beautiful nine-acre campground known as the Ashe Baptist Campground. The land was donated by a local family and the community had come together to build a place where people could gather to enjoy nature and strengthen their faith. The centerpiece of the campground was the Mattie Parsons Memorial Building, a large wooden structure that could accommodate up to 300 people for worship services, conferences, and retreats. It has a kitchen, showers, sleeping quarters and a media center with internet. It was named after a beloved member of the community who had dedicated her life to serving others and spreading the gospel. On the grounds include a serene Prayer Garden with benches and pathways winding through vibrant flowers and shrubs. It is a peaceful place for meditation and reflection. Just you and God in a special place. On the other side of the campus is an amphitheater, where concerts, outdoor movies and plays can be held on summer evenings. Nearby is a softball field, where boys and girls and community groups could compete against each other in friendly games. For those who prefer basketball, there is a court where pick-up games could be played. And for those who enjoy a slower pace, there is horseshoe pits where people could toss horseshoes and chat with friends. Throughout the campground are picnic tables where families could enjoy a meal together in the shade of the trees. There's also walking trails that wind through the woods, offering glimpses of wildlife and breathtaking view of the mountains in the distance. I hope this year will be the year that the church you attend will go to the camp for a different type of worship service or training session for folks. Church wide picnics are a must. Boys and girls can camp out or stay in the Ray Minton Cabin, in tents or the Mattie Parson Building for overnight experience. Showers are available. A nice kitchen is there for your use, the internet is available in the media center down stairs. Wide screen TV, computer and DVD Player is there for you to use as well. Churches of Ashe Baptist Association mow and keep the camp open April through October each year. Individuals do lot of odd jobs to keep it in great shape and we appreciate it. We are on mission together! Church and individual financial support is needed to pay electric bills and for upkeep of different types. One of the larger expenses is Insurance. Everyone is responsible for leaving the building clean like it was when you arrived. If you move anything from where you found it please put it back in its place. There are pictures posted that show you where things belong. All electronics must be used with care and not moved or disconnected. Please remember cleaning commodes, vacuuming and moping is necessary before you leave. We want the campground to always honor God. Call the office and book a time now. Let's keep the camp beautiful for the next generation. See you at the campground!

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Hamby

Ashe Baptist Campground Committee

ASHE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Ashe Baptist Campground Annual Treasurer's Report

ASHE BAPTIST CAMPGROUND	2022-2023	
Beginning Balance 6/30/2022		1,840.41
DEPOSTS		
App District Office	100.00	
New River Baptist Church	323.23	
Midway Baptist Church	1,000.00	
Tuckerdale Baptist Church	200.00	
Friendship Baptist Church	500.00	
Mission Home Baptist Church	50.00	
Bald Mountain Baptist Church	600.00	
Grassy Creek Baptist Church	180.00	
Orion Baptist Church	330.00	
Laurel Knob Baptist Church	50.00	
Round Knob Baptist Church	1000.00	
Blue Ridge Energy	66.90	
Cash	68.00	
<u>Interest (Lifestore Bank)</u>	<u>6.14</u>	
TOTAL	\$4,474.27	6,314.68
EXPENSES		
BREMCO (electric)	1,821.17	
<u>Repairs</u>	<u>2,317.55</u>	
TOTAL	4,138.72	
Paid Donation by Ashe Baptist Association- 2022 Campground Insurance -\$1,517.00		
Ending Balance 6/30/2023		2,175.96

ASHE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Ashe Baptist Women

Women on Missions is certainly not a new term but is so meaningful to Ashe County churches. Many churches still look to Women Missionary Unions (WMU) to educate and inform the congregation of mission work at home, the community and throughout the world. Many churches currently hold a monthly meeting to plan, organize, and pray for events to share the importance of mission work. Women promote special offerings including Anne Armstrong at Easter and Lottie Moon at Christmas. Various churches call the women's organization differing names such as Embrace, Ladies Circle or Women on Mission, but each of these groups has the same mission, to serve the Lord while serving others.

Currently, a group of ladies called SEEKERS (Scriptures are Excellent Examples Keeping Everyone Reaching and Searching). These ladies met beginning in 2022 realizing women needed to be in God's word. Ladies committed to be a "coach" and meet with a small group of ladies (2 to 3) in their church or community to study and share the scriptures. Each participant was challenged to read short scripture passages daily and come back periodically with their Coach to share what God had spoken to her. In II Timothy 2:15 it says, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." SEEKERS Coaches and their participants met back for lunch on February 28, 2023 to share their progress. What a blessing to hear women tell how much they enjoyed reading the same scriptures/passages as their coach. God was revealing the word to them, and many felt encouraged to move forward and be a "coach" themselves. They now have formed a small group of their own, and hopefully this process will continue so more women will find support while reading scriptures and applying it to their lives.

LOOMS (Ladies with Open Hearts and Open Minds), meet Thursdays for Bible study. Elijah: Faith and Fire by Priscilla Shirer is our current study with twenty-five ladies attending. With this number of participants, we outgrew Ashe Baptist Associational conference room, and Midway Baptist Church has graciously offered us a room at their church. All ladies who are available from 11:30 - 12:30 are invited, and our hopes are that we outgrow the space we are currently using and will need to have even more space as we gain more participants. We have such a great time going deeper in God's word.

Women have been busy, but it's not over yet. We are just beginning. As a celebration, SEEKERS and LOOMS will host Priscilla Shirer's simulcast August 26, 2023, from 9:30 am to 4:45 pm. Lunch will be provided, and we want to invite all ladies to register to attend this great event. More information will be sent to each church. Ladies! We hope to see you there, and it would be even better if you brought a friend to enjoy the day cultivating a deep desire for God. Be in prayer for the ladies in our churches who are committed to knowing more about God and his purpose in their lives.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Cox, Ashe Baptist Women Leader

ASHE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Disciple Making in Ashe Association

Doing together what we cannot do alone

Jesus said:

"My sheep hear My voice and I know them and they follow me." John 10:27

"Come into Me all you that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Matt.11:28

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...teaching them to observe all things that I commanded you." Matt. 28:16, 20

"The things that you have heard from me among many witnesses the same commit thou to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."

And the list goes on and on. The things that we are told to do, actually commanded to do all through scripture. How obedient have you been?

The Association has been diligent to share this concept of these commands for at least 22 years. Ten years ago, the challenge was given from a report during an annual meeting. At that time, if at least a team of two had obeyed the Word in any church or community gathering and two began to teach each other for one year and then teaching two who now teach four who teach eight and so forth for ten years. One year at a time learning how to grow in Christ from those first two, in the 10 years I was just wondering how many serious Disciples you would have.

Guess what? You would have 424 strong disciples ready to serve. How many can say that you have anywhere near that many faithful Christians never mind disciples. Even if the chain has a break once in a while the process continues.

The problem is understanding what discipleship actually means. Jesus left us the perfect example for us to follow hence we have no excuse.

I would like to see every church have a plan for discipleship. First, we must understand just what discipleship is.

There is a documented fact that in the past 20 years or so the "Church" has lost power because of neglecting the teaching of the Word to the sheep in such a way God's Word is reaching the Christians in the pews. God cannot speak to Christians from the Word if they are not in the Word. I'm afraid that we have thrown the Word out there and said come and get it and many have but so many "Christians" have not. We, the church, have a responsibility to reach every sheep with a pathway to "Growing in Christ".

In preparation for this I ask three things of you.

1. Pray specifically for this ministry of disciple making often
2. Check out Jesus's plan for His Disciples
3. Give the team a chance to present a church changing plan

With a thankful heart,
Linda Blackburn, Disciple Making Committee Director

ASHE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Regional Catalyst for Region 9

It is the privilege of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina to deploy a team of Regional Great Commission Catalysts to make all of the resources of the state convention available in every corner of the state. Dr. Steve Harris is the Regional Catalyst for Region 9 and is ready to assist in any way possible.

Steve's primary focus is to encourage and equip churches in this region to fulfill their God given mission of making disciples of all nations, beginning right here at home. The light that shines farthest shines brightest close to home. In growing as an Acts1:8 church, each church must accept the calling to implement a strategy to reach their own Jerusalem/ local community. This requires an intentional strategy of entry level ministry, evangelism and discipleship. Steve would love to provide training events for the churches and associations in how to reach your community like a missionary.

Beyond our local area, we also want to reach out to our Judea/national, Samaria/intercultural and the ends of the earth/international. This requires strategic partnerships which we have readily available in connecting our churches with opportunities through Baptists on Mission, NAMB and the IMB. Thank you for the opportunity to partner with you in building "A Movement of Churches on Mission Together." "Please feel free to reach out to Steve Harris at sharris@ncbaptist.org or call 829-772-1908. "

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Steve Harris
Regional Catalyst for Region 9

Ashe Baptists On Mission

In August 2023, Baptists on Mission will host a series of Regional Mission Rallies across the state. These rallies (10 of them) will highlight the variety of opportunities NC Baptists have to be involved in across our state, nation and world. Featured will be worship, testimonies, mission videos and a prayer time for missions. These rallies are for anyone in your church who is interested in missions. A main focus of these rallies will be state, national, international partnerships and projects (including Disaster Relief) and the NC Missions Offering. A meal is provided for the NC Mission Rallies at no charge, but reservations are necessary to ensure an accurate meal count. The cutoff date for reserving a meal for each rally is one week PRIOR to the event. You may register by sending an email to Melanie Crawford at mcrawford@ncbaptist.org or by calling 919-459-5596. The meal will begin at 5:45 pm, followed by the program from 6:50 pm- 8:30 pm. The nearest one for us is **Region 7 Thursday August 24th, 2023 at Greater Vision Baptist Church, 1090 N. Minton Road, Miller's Creek, NC 28651.** We encourage you to attend, it's only 2 minutes away from Ashe County. Be on mission by serving others locally and beyond.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Walters
Baptist On Mission Leader, Ashe Baptist Association

ASHE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Vacation Bible School- 2023 Association Report

	<u>Total</u> <u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Decisions</u> <u>for</u> <u>Christ</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Missions</u> <u>Offering</u>
Bald Mountain Baptist	107	0	\$ 357
Beaver Creek Baptist	25		
Bristol Baptist Church	32		\$ 111
Friendship Baptist Church	185	1	\$ 750
Healing Springs Baptist	30		\$ 450
Laurel Knob Baptist	19		
Liberty Grove Baptist	80	1	\$ 2,140
Midway Baptist Church	180	8	\$ 1,000
Mission Home Baptist	45	0	\$ 300
New River Baptist	83	1	\$ 825
Orion Baptist Church	81	1	\$ 230
Pleasant Home Baptist	67	2	\$ 151
Round Knob	15		
Warrensville	95		\$350
Welcome Home Baptist	190		

These are the churches reporting Vacation Bible School information.

Vacation Bible School Report

Ashe Baptist Association Campground hosted the third annual CAMP VBS in which multiple churches came together to host 140 children in learning about the parables of Jesus. Over 50 volunteers worked tirelessly to share the gospel and disciple the young people of Ashe County.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Jeffery Cotten

ASHE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Faith-Health Ashe Connector Report

The Faith-Health model recognizes that we are now in a new era of health care and a new way of caring for people in need. Providers must also focus outside hospitals and practices into the local community. Part of my job description is to identify social and faith networks that provide physical, mental, social, or spiritual health resources and connect them with patients within the relevant community who are in need of such Care Resources. In the past few months as the new Connector for Ashe County, I have assisted residents with various needs. The following is a sampling of my recent work:

1. Met with gentleman to visit wife in total care unit of nursing facility. Prayer and discussions with husband on final arrangements. Assisted him in seeking resources and finalizing arrangements.
 2. Gave presentations on Faith-Health to two groups of Pastors and local radio station.
 3. Assisted resident who was previously treated for brain cancer. He had started having serious head pain and I was able to get him scheduled with oncologist the following day.
 4. Worked with resident whose husband was released from rehab and in need of a liver transplant. Assisted her in getting orders for home health to help her during this time of transition.
 5. Went to ER to be with patient having an anaphylactic reaction to medication. Stayed with wife at ER until patient stabilized. Went next day to assist him in getting settled at home. Reviewed medications with he and wife.
 6. Met with a number of residents in need of encouragement for pressing needs. Counsel and prayer with them and offered Faith-Health connections.
 7. Attended a number of meetings on Faith-Health including a daylong meeting at the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.
 8. Followed up with a number of residents who were post-op or DC'ed from rehab. Prayer and offered assistance with Faith-Health resources.
 9. Assisted resident with transportation needs to medical appointments.
 10. Assisted disabled resident in need of funds to have car repaired. Found resources and had mechanic agree to a lower price for repairs.
 11. Finally, just like all pastors, I am on call 7 days a week if needed.
- As you can see, the needs in Ashe County are many and multi-faceted. Please call me at the Association Office if I can assist you, a church member, neighbor, or friend who is in need.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Paul Strickland, R.N.
Faith-Health Connector for Ashe County, N.C.

ASHE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

GuideStone - ABA

GuideStone was founded more than 100 years ago to meet the financial needs of retired pastors, their families and, in many cases, their widows. Today, we serve more than 50,000 churches and ministries and 250,000 individuals, including pastors, ministers, church workers, missionaries, hospital employees, university and seminary staff, and countless others serving in ministry organizations around the world. As one of the historic boards of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), GuideStone affirms the beliefs and statement of faith adopted by Southern Baptists. At GuideStone®, we are committed to providing retirement solutions, insurance coverage and investment products and services to churches, ministries, organizations and institutions as well as ministry-minded individuals. Count on GuideStone to walk alongside you today AND help you prepare for tomorrow. From the first day of your career to your last and into your retirement years, GuideStone will be with you every step of the way. Because we believe in holding fast to our ideals, several decades ago GuideStone implemented an investment policy to help support our biblical values through the protection of the health, safety and emotional well-being of those we serve. Therefore, GuideStone does not invest in any company that is publicly recognized as being in the alcohol, tobacco, gambling, pornography or abortion industries. The Ashe Baptist Association encourages you to be a part of GuideStone. For more info go to www.guidestone.org or contact Rev. Johnny Goodman or AMS David Blackburn.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Johnny Goodman, Ashe Baptist Association Leader for GuideStone

ASHE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

BAPTISTS ON MISSION

www.baptistsonmission.org

BAPTISTS ON MISSION AREAS OF WORK

At Baptists on Mission, our Purpose is to Glorify God by involving churches and Christians in meeting human needs in Jesus' name. We do that by offering a wide variety of opportunities for volunteers to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Everything from aviation missions where we fly patients to much-needed medical care, partnership missions, prayer ministries, medical, dental, construction, disaster relief, disaster recovery, etc.

Baptists on Mission volunteers serve in 19 ministries that include the following:

STATE/NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL MISSION PROJECTS

God is changing lives through mission trips sponsored by Baptists on Mission in North Carolina (mission camps, Impact NC, Disaster Rebuilds, etc.) and to places such as Pennsylvania, Hawaii, New England, Rocky Mountain Region, Appalachian Coalfields, Alaska, Guatemala, Kenya, Armenia, Romania, Hungary, Moldova, Cuba, South Africa and other places. Many hundreds of volunteers serve in these partnerships every year. As a result of the war in Ukraine, we have sent and are sending teams and funds to assist refugees in Poland, Hungary, Moldova and inside of Ukraine to assist displaced people. Because of your generosity, our goal we fed more than 1,000,000 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) whose lives have been upended by the war in Ukraine. Additionally, this past Winter we were able to send more than 1000 stoves to Ukraine to assist those affected by the war.

Lives are being changed... The British missionary William Carey said, "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God." Here are some of the things that we as NC Baptists have been doing to minister to people and to glorify God:

DISASTER RELIEF

God has blessed us with excellent disaster relief equipment and volunteers. North Carolina Baptists have five large disaster feeding units. The two largest units are capable of preparing and serving 30,000+ meals per day. We now have more than 250 disaster recovery trailers (owned by local churches and associations) used to clean up and repair work after a disaster. We also have six large shower units, three laundry units, a childcare unit, several large recovery units, large generator units, and lots of other disaster relief equipment that the Lord has provided. This past year NC Baptist Disaster Relief responded to the Kentucky Tornadoes, Rockingham County tornadoes, Hurricane Fiona in Puerto Rico, flooding in Kentucky and Virginia, Hurricane Ian in Florida, and other disasters.

DIASASTER REBUILD

In September, 2018, Hurricanes Florence slammed our state and affected thousands of families. Three years later in August 2021, Tropical Storm Fred devastated Haywood and other counties in WNC. God has blessed us with rebuild centers where we can house, feed, and coordinate the work of thousands of rebuild volunteers. So far, we have helped more than 2000 families get back in their homes. There are more families still waiting for assistance in rebuilding their lives years after the storms. People in great need are hearing and seeing the love of Christ, and many people are coming to commit or to recommit their lives to Jesus.

MEDICAL/DENTAL MISSIONS

Baptists on Mission offers the use of the mobile medical/dental units to Baptist and non-Baptist churches and service organizations within North Carolina who wish to reach out to people in need. More than 100 clinics are

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held each year on the two mobile units. Patients targeted through this ministry may include the impoverished, Hispanic, and other ethnic groups, farm workers, fair workers, the homeless, the elderly, and more.

HEALTH SCREENING MINISTRY

Health disparities are prevalent in more impoverished neighborhoods. Our goal is to take healthcare to the most disadvantaged populations, thus improving community health navigation as we align local community health centers with patients seen at the mobile clinics. The unit's health screening tests include Hemoglobin A1C for diabetes screening, finger stick glucose, Cholestech LDX for total cholesterol and HDL results, body mass index calculation, depression screening, basic eye exams, and vital signs assessment. This ministry provides not only basic health screening clinics but spiritual assessments and counseling as well. Our hope is that by meeting a physical need, a spiritual door will be opened, and the love of Jesus can be shared.

STUDENT MISSIONS

Deep Impact helps North Carolina Baptist churches develop a comprehensive, coed youth missions strategy to produce committed followers of Christ. This strategy includes pre-packaged mission weeks, free online mission studies, weekend mission retreats, hands-on mission training, and much more.

DI KIDS

One of our newest efforts is DI Kids (Deep Impact Kids), a missions weekend/week for children and their leaders. DI Kids Missions Weeks, Mini-weeks, and Weekends are pre-packaged mission experiences sponsored by Baptists on Mission. They provide elementary-age students and their leaders/parents with the opportunity to share the love of God with people in NC. The children enjoy a great camp experience with a mission focus. Involving children in missions is an excellent beginning to develop disciple-making students and adults with love for missions.

OTHER MINISTRIES

In addition to the ministries described above, other ministries of Baptists on Mission designed to equip, motivate and mobilize volunteers to be involved in missions are Agriculture Missions, Aviation Ministry, Baptist Builders, Baptist Educators, Family Foundations, College Missions, Compassion Ministry, Church Renewal, Prayer Support, Sports and Recreation, Men's Ministry, Student Missions and Children's Missions.

MISSIONS CONFERENCE

The annual missions conference, sponsored by Baptists on Mission, includes music, testimonies, speakers, breakout sessions, mission fair exhibits, volunteer suppers, and much more. The desired end result is for participants to be spiritually renewed and inspired to become involved in missions locally and worldwide. Over 1,600 people attend this conference every year.

REGIONAL MISSIONS RALLIES

Each spring and fall, Baptists on Mission sponsors regional rallies in all 10 regions of our state. These meetings are designed to challenge North Carolina Baptists across the state to greater mission involvement and promote the September North Carolina Missions Offering. The rallies are open for all men, women, and youth interested in missions.

BAPTISTS ON MISSION MAGAZINE

This publication is mailed twice each year to all church mission leaders on each level, mission volunteers, BOM ministry groups, youth directors, ministers of education, and pastors. Information is provided through this magazine to promote upcoming mission projects/events and to report on recently completed projects.

MISSION CAMPS

Every year an average of 5,000 volunteers respond to needs through the Mission Camps in Red Springs, Shelby, and Rose Hill (Charity). These Mission Camps are a great way to get your church involved in life-changing mission projects at a very affordable price.

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STAFF

The Baptists on Mission Staff is committed to helping North Carolina Baptist churches involve their members in missions. Your Baptists on Mission staff are: Richard Brunson, Executive Director-Treasurer; Chelsie Carpenter, Administrative Coordinator; Krissy Watson, Mobile Dental Ministry Coordinator; Crystal Horton, Health Screening Ministry Coordinator; Mark Abernathy, Consultant for Partnerships and Men's Ministry; Tom Beam, Consultant for Disaster Relief and Mobilization; Jordan Caddell, Consultant for Student Missions Mobilization; Dollie Noa, Consultant for Children and Family Missions; Paul Langston, Missions Mobilization Consultant; K Brown, Videographer and Communications Consultant; Robbie and Christie Alexander, Mission Camp Coordinators in Shelby; Sarah Johnson, Shelby Mission Camp; Larry and Teresa Osborne, Mission Camp Coordinators in Red Springs; Teresa Jones, Financial Administrator/Roma Partnership Coordinator, Melanie Crawford, Events and Partnerships Assistant; Tracey Ford, Disaster Relief Assistant; Dewey and Kathie Aiken, Appalachian Coalfield Field Coordinator; Bill Martin, Florence Rebuild Coordinator; Rick Trexler, College Missions contract worker; Lynn Tharrington, Board/Advisory Council Communications Coordinator contract worker.

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Evangelism

What is evangelism? A good definition is the presenting of the gospel of Jesus Christ and His saving Power to a lost and dying world, with the intentions of putting men, women, and children in touch with the living God, who came into the world through Jesus Christ to seek and to save that which is lost. The Gospel of John says, "In Him (Jesus) was life, and the life was the light of men. (John 1:4) And John says that he wrote the gospel "that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing ye might have eternal life through His name." (John 20:31) Jesus Himself said, "I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly." (John 10:10)

There are many ways to accomplish this goal. Personal contacts are now, and have been since the beginning of the Church in Jerusalem, the most effective means of spreading the good news (gospel) of Jesus Christ. As the Church has progressed, other really good methods have been developed. Many churches have one or two revivals every year, which is supposed to revive and renew the members, but is an excellent evangelism tool as well.

Now that the concern about Covid has diminished, many churches have resumed having a Vacation Bible School during the summer. This is an excellent method of reaching the young people in our communities, with a good number professing Christ each year.

Disciple making, which is really aimed to teach those that have already accepted Christ about His words and concepts, has also proven to be an effective evangelism method, with people being saved during discipleship classes.

More and more churches are using electronic equipment and social media to get their services into homes that might not otherwise have access to local services, or a desire to attend an organized church. This is one good result of the Covid-pandemic, although nothing can replace the fellowship of the local church.

Our own Good Soil Ministry, in which most churches in the Association participates, recycles the printed Word in the form of Bibles, Sunday school literature, Christian books and magazines, etc., to foreign countries to be reused and become excellent evangelism tools for people who might not otherwise have any such tools. All of these methods and more (Is there really a wrong one?) have one goal in mind, the salvation of lost souls!!!

Respectively submitted,
J.C. Trivette

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Historian Report 2023

This year's Historian report is taken from the Ninety-Fifth Annual Session. The theme was: "Every Baptist Involved Until Every Person Reached." The year was 1981 and both sessions were held at the Associational Camp and the first session was held on August 7, hosted by the Laurel Knob Baptist Church. The second session was held August 8 hosted jointly by Mission Home and Old Fields Baptist Churches. Rev. Bill Ballou served as the Director of Mission; Rev. Richard Baird served as Moderator, Mr. Joe Brown as Vice-Moderator and Mrs. Jeannie McNeill as Clerk-Treasurer. Speakers for the ninety-fifth session were Rev's Joe Riley Blevins, Wayne Jones, Steve Pegram and Jimmy Eldreth. The Association was made up of 56 churches.

History of the Ashe Baptist Camp was printed as follows:

On the 23rd day of September, 1968, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Hodgson deeded a 10 acre tract of land to the Ashe Baptist Association or denominational and associational purposes.

The Camp has been in constant stages of development since that time. A shortage of funds has caused development to proceed very slowly.

A \$12,000 loan was secured from Northwestern Bank making possible construction of the building. The balance on the loan at this time is \$9000.

On Sunday, June 22, 1980, special dedication services were held here at the camp.

Prior to her death, Mrs. Mattie Parsons had a dream of a building being erected here for Christian activities for people of the churches in our association. Through a generous gift on her part and contributions given in her memory, construction began. The building and grounds have been dedicated to God and the structure has been named, The Mattie Parsons Building. It is here for your pleasure and enjoyment. Miss Mattie would have wanted it that way. Her photograph hangs here in the building. It is our hope that your church will place the camp in the budget or at least periodically receive a special offering. Possibilities are unlimited as to the Christian influence our camp can have in the lives of young people and adults of our association.

The Ashe Baptist Summer Camp Committee consists of the following people.

3 Year Term: (Chm). Rev. David Blackburn, Mrs. Grace Neaves, Mrs. Wanda Elliott
2 Year Term: Rev. Jimmy Caparolie, Mr. Jerry South, Mrs. Connie Miller
1 Year Term: Rev. Jimmy Warden, Mr. Russell Roark, Mrs. Janice Senter

Today, August 19th, 2023, at our One Hundred Thirty-Seventh Annual Session, churches continue to use the campground for Vacation Bible Schools, church meetings, church picnic's, overnight bible studies and more. Our churches volunteer to keep the campground mowed and individuals volunteer for many jobs needed done at the campground. This year our local boy scouts have and will be doing some work also at the campground. The funds for the campground as in 1981 are still an issue. The 2023 campground committee does appreciate all churches and individuals that volunteer and make monetary contributions to the campground. The Campground Committee encourages you to use the campground and enjoy as it is a wonderful place to have your church events and enjoy God's beauty.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Miller, Historian

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Report by the Association Mission Strategist / Director of Missions

The theme this year is, "Churches of Freedom"

In the Ashe Baptist Association, there stands beautiful churches that radiate warmth, love, and an unyielding sense of freedom. The people who gather within its sacred walls are bound together, not only by their shared faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior but also by the incredible liberty that their belief bestows upon them. Within the church, diverse voices intertwine, each speaking their own unique stories of redemption and grace. The members come from different walks of life, bearing scars of their past and seeking solace in the embrace of their spiritual family. It is in this haven of faith that they find the ultimate freedom—the freedom to be themselves and the freedom to love and be loved unconditionally. United by their common bond, the churchgoers rejoice in the freedom that their faith grants them. They celebrate the freedom to worship openly and fervently, raising their voices in melodic harmonies that echoes through the sanctuary, lifting their spirits to the heavens above. Their passionate prayers and heartfelt hymns know no physical boundaries, the impact of their faith ripples through the county and beyond, permeating the hearts and minds of those who encounter its transformative power. The church is not confined within the walls it inhabits; rather, it extends its reach to touch lives, heal wounds, and inspire hope in the lives of others. This freedom is not limited to spiritual matters alone. The church community cherishes the liberty to express their beliefs openly, sharing the gospel with anyone willing to listen. They fearlessly embrace their role as messengers of love, compassion, and salvation, spreading seeds of joy and acceptance wherever they venture. In their pursuit of freedom, the church members never lost sight of their calling to serve others. They dedicated themselves to acts of kindness, extending helping hands to the needy, feeding the hungry, and sheltering the homeless. Through these selfless acts, they embodied the essence of their faith, manifesting the love of Christ in tangible ways. The church's freedom was not exempt from challenges and opposition. Yet, in the face of adversity, they remained resolute, fortified by the unwavering conviction that their faith afforded them. They found strength in Jesus' teachings of love and forgiveness, embracing these virtues as their shield against hatred and persecution. The story of the church and its people serve as a testament to the profound freedom that comes from believing in Jesus Christ as Savior. It is a freedom that transcends boundaries, liberates the spirit, and empowers individuals to live purposefully and abundantly. Within the embrace of this faith, they discovered a liberation that allowed them to soar beyond their limitations, transforming lives and communities, and illuminating the world with the radiance of God's love. The advent of Jesus Christ and His sacrificial work on the cross has brought about a profound sense of freedom within the church. This freedom entails the liberation from the burdensome weight of legalism and religious regulations, for Jesus fulfilled the law and introduced a new covenant based on grace and faith. Moreover, the freedom in the church encompasses the freedom to live in alignment with God's purpose, guided by the Holy Spirit. In essence, the freedom brought by Jesus Christ within the church grants believers the liberty to experience a transformative relationship with God, pursue genuine spiritual growth, and live out their faith authentically. Enjoy your Christian freedom!

Ashe Really Cares continues to serve Ashe County with the love of Jesus. I am thankful for Mrs. Pat Miller, Director and assistant Mr. Nathan McLeese. Our 68 volunteers continue to get food, bar code it, stock it on the shelves, sort clothes, clean floors and the list goes on. Sharing Christ is a priority to all the people that come through those doors. Thousands of people and tons of food and clothing go out our doors every year. We have increased our food supply through North Carolina Baptist on Missions and USDA. Reworked computers are available to folks in need as well. We still go after grants to help us financially. Thank you to all who support us financially. Many prayers are lifted through the ARC for clients who are now called our neighbors! The ARC thanks our treasurer, Mrs. Mary Miller from the Round Knob Baptist Church. She does a great job! Many thanks for all the volunteers who make this incredible mission possible. Thank you Ashe Really Cares for all you do.

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Vacation Bible School Clinic. Thank you VBS workers for all the hard work you do for Christ. Thank you churches for having VBS and leading so many folks to Christ. The Outstanding Achievement Award for VBS went to Pleasant Home Baptist Church. We want to encourage you to fill out a VBS Report form so we can get it into the Book of Reports and the Minute Book each year. Does not matter if you use Lifeway Material or other, we still would like to share your information with other folks. Young people and adults as well are changed forever because of VBS.

The Annual National Day of Prayer was a big success again. It was held on the courthouse steps in Jefferson, NC. Many activities transpired. The county manager, county commissioners, preachers, veterans and lots of the school children and young folks (Middle School Band, National Anthem vocalist from High School and Jr ROTC from High School), as well as the general public provided a wonderful service which praised God. Approximately 200 in attendance. Praying for America and Ashe County, they are special to me. I hope you will attend next year on the first Thursday in May. **Pray** for folks in Ashe County, our nation and around the world to find peace!

Disciple Making continues to make available lots of training materials for all churches. Mrs. Linda Blackburn continues to lead Beth Moore Studies, Priscilla Shirer, Max Lucado, Rick Warren and other studies on Thursdays at the Ashe Baptist Conference Room at 11:30 AM. This year it was moved to Midway Baptist Church Conference Room because 25 ladies are currenting in study each Thursday and they needed more room to meet. It is open to all ladies and was well attended this past year. Disciple Making continues in our churches for men, women and young people and encouraged by Ashe Baptist Association to grow and learn more about Disciple Making. Disciple Making Material and Studies for women groups are available at the Ashe Baptist Office for you to check out.

Baptist Women, WMU, WOM, Ladies Circle and Embrace continue to do the work of Christ in Ashe Association as well as around the world. Mrs. Elaine Cox is our Baptist Women's Leader for the association. She is available to speak and help you in this arena. Pray for Baptist Women as they do the work of Christ.

Ashe Baptist Campground continues to be used every week end and some week days. A lot of work has been done at the campground including new gravel on the road, cleaning of ditch lines, concreting and drainage at the well, redoing cubicle number 3, paving the basketball court, new back boards at the basketball goals, replumbing, removing electrical heaters and the list goes on. I hope you will form a team and do some repair work. It takes all of us to keep the camp going. Thank you churches for giving to the campground fund. This pays our electric bill, insurance and other bills that come in. The Campground treasurer, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Walker does a great job and are members of the Friendship Baptist Church. The complex is in great shape. Thank you to all who give financially that we can have such a beautiful facility. Come use your campground.

The New Office Complex at 204 Beaver Creek School Road is working great for our churches and our county who need our services. We are thankful to have it. We have scheduled a strip to be paved in the parking lot which should be done this year. Mrs. Debbie Miller the Administrative Assistant at the office who is also the clerk, treasurer and is a Notary (should you need one) is doing a great work for the Lord. Thank you, Debbie for all your hard work. Lots of Southern Baptist and State materials are on display for you to take with you. We can copy, bind or fold materials for you if needed. We are open Monday – Friday from 9-4 and other hours as needed. Currently we owe \$45,200 on the Ashe Baptist Complex. That is a long way from \$350,000 that we started with eleven years ago. Thank you for giving. Check out our website at: www.ashebaptist.org. Call us at 336-846-5631, we are all here to help you any way we can. Come see us if you need our help in any area.

The Ashe Baptist Association, made up of forty-four Southern Baptist Churches, has on going activities such as; including Children's Christmas Project for 1000 children, National Day of Prayer, Facebook Page and a website which is updated daily at www.ashebaptist.org. Training for needed areas such as DiscipleMaking, Baptist Women, Vacation Bible School, Sunday School Material is provided, Ashe Baptist is responsible for Ashe Really Cares. There are too many projects and activities to take time to cover. We are here to serve the Churches of Ashe County and Southern Baptist around the world. Please remember that support through the churches, businesses and individuals provide the financial means for

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us to be able to do missions at home in Ashe County and around the world. I really feel missions begin at home and I challenge you to be directly involved in the work of Ashe Baptist Association.

The following is a portion of the work that God has allowed me to do this year:

- * Drove 6267 Business miles
- * Attend Ministerial Meetings
- * Prepared 150 Book of Reports
- * Prepared 650 Newsletters each month
- * Provided pulpit supply as needed
- * Sent E-Mails, cards, and letters, text, zoom meetings as needed, forward Church announcements and emails daily.
- * Conducted Radio Program on WKSK weekly
- * Met with Associational Committees
- * Assisted in revivals and presentations of ministry
- * Supervise Associational Staff and volunteers
- * Assisted in Hope for the Mountains Committee and prayed every Tuesday morning at 8:00 at Midway Baptist Church
- * Provided hands on leadership for Ashe Really Cares and Campground upgrades.
- * Provided over 680 hours counseling to individuals
- * Shared "The Thought for Today" every 2 months on WKSK
- * Conducted training sessions in county and out of county
- * Represented the Faith Community at Baptist State Convention of NC Leadership Team, Smart Start - Partnership of Ashe, Ashe County Homeless Coalition, FEMA, Ashe Middle School, Ashe High School, and all three elementary schools.
- * Attended Camp Caraway Summer Conference for DOM, Baptist State Convention Annual Meeting in Greensboro, Food Bank Winston Salem, NC Disciple Making Conference, and presented information on the Happy Time Show on WKSK.

Together we number 3,838 reported. We have more than that due to 13 churches not reporting their info on the Annual Church Profile. If all churches reported would be approximately 4,400. We are hoping more will turn in an ACP this year so we will know for sure. Training is offered for those who need it. Alone we are number one. Pray that we will serve Christ together doing what we cannot do alone.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you as your Associational Mission Strategist / Director of Missions / Associational Missionary and allowing me to be your friend. Without your help and the help of the Lord I can do nothing.

Rev. David Blackburn

Association Mission Strategist / Director of Missions / Associational Missionary Ashe Baptist Association

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Music Report

Why Do We Sing In Worship?

Think back to the last birthday party you attended. Did you sing "Happy Birthday?" My guess is that your answer is "yes." Rather it's singing with the family at a funeral, or with friends at a concert, singing occurs naturally. So what about singing with the body of Christ?

Today we are going to dissect the question, "Why do we sing in worship?" This may be a question you've always asked yourself, but haven't hear discussed within the church. Generally speaking, singing in a congregational setting has been a widely- accepted practice amongst various denominations, age groups, and even cultures. So why is that? Why do we sing? Here are five reasons that we sing in worship.

God commands us to sing. There are hundreds of references of singing within the Bible. Jesus Himself sang songs of praise after the Last Supper. If we are called replicate the character of Christ, I'm confident that singing should always be involved.

Christians have sung throughout history. The earliest Christians put their community beliefs in songs, which is why Christian hymnody as a whole began. Songs are recorded in scripture and other historical texts. The Book of Psalms in the Bible is a great resource for reading songs of believers that have gone before us.

Songs can give us theology. As you may know, hymns and other Christian songs are full of rich, theological text. The act of singing uses both part's of the brain, therefore it can educate us and teach us about the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Singing connects us emotionally. Songs of celebration have the power to lead us to dance. Songs of lament have the power to lead us to tears. Music has a way of piercing into the deep parts of our soul, that assists in our expression and response to God and to church.

Singing helps unites us to the church. The gospel alone unites believers to one another. However, music is a tool that allows us to do so. As we gather on the Sabbath, we join together as one body, and praise God with one voice.

We recognize that God gives each of us different gifts. But at the end of the day, we all are called, wanted, and expected to sing.

My hope for you comes from the proclamation found in Psalm 96. " O Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord, all of earth. Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.

Respectfully submitted,
Butch Miller



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Ashe Pregnancy Care Center
Growing Hope & Showing Love

2023 Report

Dear Friends,

As we look to the past 12 months I am pleased to report that the Ashe Pregnancy Care Center has been effectively working in our community serving moms, dads and babies.

We provide a loving environment and all services are FREE & confidential to our clients. We offer over 200 FREE educational classes through Bright Course. These are high quality educational videos on parenting - pregnancy - life skills and abstinence, all with a Christian foundation. Classes are offered in office and via text to the clients phone for ease of accessibility.

Our services include infant supplies & equipment, formula, baby food, diapers & wipes, maternity clothing, peer support & mentoring, adoption information & referral, pregnancy testing, fatherhood mentoring & classes, and local resource referrals. Many moms would tell you that one of their favorite reasons for coming to the APCC is that we truly care for them, encouraging and inspiring them to take the next steps in their lives. We also offer an after abortion recovery and emotional healing study scheduled individually and confidentially. We lead a new believers and discipleship Bible Study with our clients.

In the last 12 months:

- 752 individual parenting classes
- 370 client office visits
- 1392 volunteer hours
- 18 Clients delivered healthy babies
- Many diapers, wipes and baby supplies given out
- Many donations received

In the pro abortion environment we live in, we give thanks to God for the new NC law which took effect July 2023 which limits surgical abortions to 12 weeks (an improvement from the previous 20 weeks). We have increased our efforts and budget to reach her, the abortion vulnerable woman. We provide the true facts and information about all options, as well as all the support available through our center, local churches and community services.

Our dedicated staff, volunteers and board members are continually seeking the Lord's guidance as we reach more young moms with help and hope.

Our main annual fundraiser, the *WALK FOR LIFE* will be Saturday, September 30 at the Backstreet Stage in West Jefferson. This fundraiser meets the majority of our operating expenses. We will be reaching out to our local churches, businesses and individual friends for support. Everyone is welcome to Walk and show your support for LIFE!

We appreciate all you do in supporting LIFE and the work of the Ashe Pregnancy Care Center.

In His Service,
Sherrie Edwards
Director

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For you formed my inward parts: you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works: my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance: in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them. Psalm 139:13-16

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Community Prayer Gatherings 2023

When we work, we work. When we pray, God works! When we pray, we experience God in power. When we don't, we don't!

When God gave me this idea of getting churches all across Ashe County together to pray, I wasn't sure what God would do or if anyone would want to participate. In 2022 we had 3 prayer gatherings between August and November on the 5th Wednesday Evenings. The Lord prompted us to expand our prayer gatherings to every 5th Wednesday night and every 5th Sunday night.

The Lord has blessed each gathering in His own special way and the presence of the Holy Spirit has been very evident. We have been strategic in where we gather to pray as we wanted to move to different parts of Ashe County and even across the region of Appalachia.

I want to challenge every church to send at least one person to represent your congregation as a sign of unity of the body of Christ. At every gathering, our purpose is to :

Adore the Lord.

Confess sin.

Thanksgiving to the Lord.

Supplication and requests unto the Lord.

Here is where we will be for the rest of 2023,

Wednesday August 30th 6:30pm Beaver Creek Baptist Church

Wednesday November 29th 6:30pm Friendship Baptist Church

Remember, IF God's people who are called by His name will humble themselves and PRAY and seek His face and turn from our wicked ways..... THEN HE will hear from heaven, forgive sins and heal our land.

Will you join us in prayer and seeking the face of God? If your church would like to host a Community Prayer Gathering please contact me and we can discuss.

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." Jeremiah 33:3

2024 Community Prayer Gathering Dates

Wednesday January 31st at 6:30pm

*****No Prayer Gathering on the 5th Sunday March 31st, EASTER SUNDAY

Wednesday May 29th at 6:30pm

Sunday June 30th at 6:00pm

Wednesday July 31st at 6:30pm

Sunday September 29th at 6:00pm

Wednesday October 30th at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Steve Ashley
Pastor, Appalachian Church

Community PRAYER NIGHT

2024 SCHEDULE

WED - JAN 31ST 6:30PM	ASHE CIVIC CENTER, WEST JEFFERSON
SUN - MAR 3RD 6:00PM	WELCOME HOME BAPTIST CHURCH, CRUMPLER
WED - MAY 29TH 6:30PM	RESTORATION CHURCH, WEST JEFFERSON
SUN - JUN 30TH 6:00PM	CHRISTIAN UNITY CHURCH, JEFFERSON
WED - JUL 31ST 6:30PM	CALVARY FREEWILL BAPTIST, GLENDALE SPRINGS
SUN - SEP 29TH 6:00PM	SOUTH FORK CHURCH, PINEY CREEK
WED - OCT 30TH 6:30PM	PLEASANT VIEW CHURCH, LANSING
SUN - DEC 29TH 6:00PM	MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH, WEST JEFFERSON

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Ashe Baptist Association Mission Report, 2023 Annual Meeting

Jesus said this: Acts 1: 8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (CSB).

Friendship Baptist Church takes this command seriously as well as other Ashe Baptist Association Churches who have mission work going on right here in our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

We take seriously that our mission is obedience to the Great Commandment of loving God and others and to the Great Commission through evangelism and discipleship.

In the past year we have been actively engaged in our **Jerusalem** by working with Ashe Really Cares, Ashe Crisis Pregnancy Center, Good News Bible Clubs, Back to School Bash, Jesus Video Distribution, Ashe VBS Camp, Pre-teen Bible Camp, Sunday School, Discipleship Training, celebration worship services, special events and other activities to reach Ashe County with the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We are attempting to establish a partnership with the town of Pocahontas, Virginia. This is our **Judea**. Pocahontas is a small village just outside of Bluefield, West Virginia. The town has a Baptist church as well as a few others but attendance is low, needs there are great. We have been working to refurbish a mission house and to establish a relationship with the local church to make possible short term mission trips for both youth and adults to share with that town of 268 plus those that live in the surrounding hollers.

Samaira is a little distant but not too far for a great foreign mission experience on a budget. A partnership has been established with the Baptist Church in Pueblo Viejo, Toledo District in the country of Belize. Since that partnership has been established a church construction project has been completed and services are being held there on a regular basis with a pastor in place. Several trips to Belize have been made in the past year to work on the building, install a reliable solar power system, and begin to plant an additional church in the village of Jalacta. This village is about a fifteen minute drive over some horrible roads from Pueblo Viejo and is very near the Guatemala border. English is the official language of Belize but several other languages are spoken in these villages.

The **end of the earth** for us currently is Peru. In 2009, the International Mission Board invited me to travel to Lima, Peru, to attend a seminar on reaching unreached people groups in that country. We spent a few days learning of the history, culture, world views, and religion of the country. An IMB missionary took me to an area in the Ancash District high up in the Andes Mountains to the city of Caraz. This city of about 50,000 is the center of commerce for approximately 250,000 or so residents in an area between the Black and White Mountains. We identified a "Person of Peace" and began a ministry there that we continue to work to this day. Teams have been there frequently except for two years during Covid. During the past year two teams have traveled there, one to do evangelism and eye clinics, the other to do discipleship in the four churches/preaching points that have been established. On July 10, a team of thirteen persons traveled there to continue that work. Thousands have responded to the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this area.

The International Mission Board, the North American Mission Board, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, North Carolina Baptist on Mission and others offer many opportunities to be on mission together to fulfill God's Great Commission.

If your church is participating in these or other mission projects in our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the end of the earth, praise The LORD! If you would like to get involved please contact me and our teams will gladly include you and your group.

We say: "To God be the glory, great things He has done!"

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Ken Jones, Lead Pastor
Friendship Baptist Church

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Chaplain Michael Carter
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February 8th, 2023

Dear Pastor and Church Leaders,

I am asking for your and your congregation's support in helping our local Detention Center. There are several ways a church can be involved in helping those incarcerated: Second Mile Ministry, Bible Blitz, Holiday Helps, CCC Ministry, IPM, and Tender Teddy.

*Second Mile Ministry (Matt. 5:41): We have partnered with ACTA so that a church or individual can give directly to ACTA to provide transportation to inmates that do not have a ride to make it safely home. This is mainly for inmates that are SMCP, which means they come from another county, and the jail is not responsible to provide them a return trip home. This also helps decrease homelessness in the county.

*Bible Blitz (Mark 4:14): There are several ways to help with this. Inmates are always asking for large print Bibles. Churches can give Bibles, Bible studies, or books (no hardbacks or staples). Also, Badges of Ashe will take any donations earmarked to Chaplain's Ministries to be applied to this cause. Churches can give plastic (not metal) reading glasses as well. We would also like to say a special thank you to the Gideons for the Bibles they currently provide to the detention center.

*Holiday Helps (1 Corinthians 12:28): Churches can give gift bags to inmates during Christmas or other holidays. Acceptable items include candy, word searches, hygiene items, playing cards, tracks, and devotions. Prohibited items: no items with metal or staples; no long pencils, long pens, or long toothbrushes; and no handmade food. Call 336-846-5610 for any questions on item eligibility. All items are subject to dismissal by the jail staff.

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*Clothes, Coats, & Cloaks Ministry (Matt. 5:40): The jail has partnered up with the Salvation Army to help supply clothes for inmates when they are released or for funerals. They need clothes because of the difference in times of the year when they are incarcerated and released. Also, if they have lost or gained weight (we have great cooks at the jail). You can help by supporting the Salvation Army through clothes donations or purchasing items. Inmates always need undergarments, even during incarceration. Thank you so much, Salvation Army, for helping us.

*Intercessory Prayer Ministry (Ephesians 6:18): If there are any prayer warriors out there that would pray over requests that I would send by email or text. Please contact me at: pastormichaelcarter@skybest.com.

*Tender Teddy (Mark 10:14): This is a stuffed animal drive, so our officers and deputies have teddy bears and blankets to comfort kids in dire circumstances.

Pastors, if you have a church member or family of a church member in our local jail, you can visit them through a system by phone or computer known as Homewav. Contact me for information. Also, I hope to implement a future project called "Reboot." This would help inmates that are wanting to change and pursue education, establish a career, and find housing after release. Please pray for that to come to fruition. Sheriff Howell & I are available to speak to a congregation or group about these items and other ACSO activities: Sheriff Reading Program, Back 2 School Blast, Rooftop Cops, Halloween Map, Christmas with Cops, Blood Drives, Medicine Drop, or Baby Box. Thank you in advance for your support and may God Bless you and your church.

God Bless,

Michael Carter, Ashe County Sheriff's Office Chaplain

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2023 Gideon Report
Ashe Baptist Associational Meeting

The Gideons International is an association of Christian business and professional men and their wives who are dedicated to seeing lost people come to Christ. They do this through associating together for service, prayer, personal testimony and work and placing and distributing God's Holy Word in specific venues.

The Gideons association was formed in 1899 when two traveling salesmen shared devotions in a hotel while traveling and began wondering how they could put a Bible in hotel rooms for other travelers to do the same. In 1908 a church gave a love offering for these men to place the first 25 Bibles in rooms of a Wisconsin hotel. Many men at that time were traveling salesmen and away from home and family quite often. As they associated together as Christian businessmen, they held one another accountable to the Lord and Biblical principles. Their wives, known as the Auxiliary, became the prayer power behind this work and they still are today!

Gideons are members in good standing of evangelical churches and are recommended by their pastors for membership. Many churches have provided Scriptures in Ashe County and around the world. Currently, there are over 150,000 Gideons and over 93,000 Auxiliary in 199 countries around the world. COVID-19 and its lingering after-effects continued to restrict our normal activities somewhat this past year, however we were blessed to be able to distribute almost 54 million Scriptures worldwide during our last fiscal year which ended June 30th, 2023.

The Ashe County Camp, currently totaling 43 Gideons and 33 Auxiliary members, was able to give 86 presentations in Ashe County churches this past year. This was over a seven-fold increase from the 12 presentations last fiscal year. Praise the Lord!!! These 86 presentations raised a total of \$38,478 from our generous congregations. We were also able to raise an additional \$48,929 through Gideon and Auxiliary offerings, Gideon Card receipts, and other contributions by churches and individuals. That total of \$87,407 will purchase 56,030 Testaments or 17,481 Bibles for lost and hurting people. We are glad to report that, as always, 100% of these offerings were used to purchase and place Scriptures.

In Ashe County, Gideons personally place Bibles in nightstands of local motels and hotels and check the condition of these Scriptures every year. They offer Testaments to 5th graders in Ashe County's three elementary schools as well as to graduating Seniors at Ashe County High School, college Testaments to students on Ashe campus of Wilkes Community College, to inmates in the Ashe County jail, and employees of emergency and rescue facilities. Gideons and Auxiliary place large print Testaments in rooms of Ashe County nursing homes. We thank God for these opportunities and ask for your prayers for continued open doors and receptive hands in future.

Ashe County Gideons also have a booth during the "Christmas in July Festival" offering Testaments to youth who may not have received one in the fifth grade, as well as to others who show an interest. This past year we were blessed to distribute 400 Testaments.

The Auxiliary places Bibles in waiting rooms of doctor, dentist and Veterinary offices and offers Medical Testaments to the staff of these offices, as well as to medical staff at nursing homes. They also offer Testaments to chaplains of Domestic Violence Shelters to pass along to the

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residences and leave Testaments with the director or chaplain of Crisis Pregnancy Center for those clients. Gideon and Auxiliary couples go together to place large print Testaments in rooms of Ashe County nursing homes and make them available to patients at Ashe Memorial Hospital when they ask for a Bible.

The Gideons International now have a Friends of Gideons Program where individuals can become a financial partner when they may not have time to join as actual members of The Gideons International. Pastors may now sign up as Friends of Gideons on behalf of the church and purchase Testaments for church mission work.

Another important source of funds for the Gideon ministry comes from our Gideon card program. Many of you may be familiar with our cards but in case you are not, we provide free spiritually based greeting cards for a variety of occasions; to honor or remember someone or to simply tell them that you're thinking and praying for them by donating Bibles in their honor. The person sending the card simply chooses the number of Bibles they wish to donate and mails payment of \$5 per Bible by check, cash or credit card in the self-addressed envelope provided. If your church does not have a Gideon card display rack and would like one please contact us and we'll be happy to provide it along with cards at no cost.

Pastors and church representatives, thank you for recommending Christian business and professional men and their Christian wives for membership in this association. Your support for The Gideons International through prayer and funds for Scriptures are living proof of Isaiah 55:11. "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

We never know how many lives will be impacted by that one little Testament.

In appreciation,
Ashe County Camp
The Gideons International

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2023 Annual Report to Baptist Associations
Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center

North Carolina Baptist Hospital (Hospital), now known as Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, enters its 100th year of service with new relationships and new opportunities. I am glad to share highlights of each with you during this report.

Centennial Celebrations

The first patients were admitted to NC Baptist Hospital on May 28th, 1923. The first child born at the hospital arrived on that day, as well as additional patients requiring surgeries and other forms of care. To kick off the season of celebrations, the FaithHealth Division called attention to a century of spiritual care during National Spiritual Care Week in October 2022. We then celebrated with NC Baptists with a banquet on Monday evening during the annual meeting of the Baptist State Convention of NC (Convention), on November 7th, 2022. During the banquet, we recognized two of our original partners in ministry: Woman's Missionary Union of NC and the NC Baptist Foundation. Without the support of these two partners, the Hospital literally would not have been able to open its doors in 1923. During the Tuesday morning session of the annual meeting, we called attention to the 100th anniversary of the Convention's approval of the Charter for the Hospital and presented a plaque to BSCNC Executive Director-Treasurer, Todd Unzicker, in recognition and appreciation of 100 years of partnership with the Convention.

I have written an article related to the history of the founding of the Hospital that appears in the most recent FaithHealth magazine. The magazine, and my article, can be read online by visiting: <https://faithhealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/FaithHealth-Fall-22.pdf>
The article is found on pages 23-26.

New Relationships

The annual meeting in November 2022 provided the messengers the opportunity to provide the final approval to a new relationship between the Convention and the Hospital. The new relationship is now in place and is expressed in the following ways:

1. The Convention no longer elects trustees for service on the board of trustees for the Hospital
2. The Convention no longer provides undesignated Cooperative Program funds to the Hospital
3. The Convention engages in a variety of shared ministries with the Hospital when these ministries align with the Convention's strategies and ministry priorities.
4. The Hospital continues to provide access to active and retired ministers, Associational Missionaries, and missionaries that have retired from service with NAMB and IMB who now reside in North Carolina to the Baptist Minister's Subsidy (BMS). The BMS is not a discount, but a payment toward the remaining out-of-pocket expense of a qualifying minister that receives their medical care at one of the five Wake Forest Baptist Health System hospitals.

It was noted during the November 2022 annual meeting of the Convention, that the BSCNC staff will evaluate the continued endorsement of the annual Mother's Day Offering – benefitting patients who cannot pay their medical bills – and report their recommendations to the BSCNC Board of Directors no later than September 2023.

Mother's Day Offering

The Annual Mother's Day Offering (MDO) is being received by churches across the Convention as this report is being written so we do not have final totals for these gifts. Our goal is \$650,000 and we thank

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North Carolina Baptists for their continued support of this offering. The MDO was established by the Hospital in 1924, and endorsed by the Convention during its annual meeting that same year. The purpose of the offering is to assist patients that often fall through the cracks: they make too much for other supports but struggle to pay their bills. If you have a church or community member that you wish to recommend for consideration for assistance, please contact me. To learn more about the MDO, download promotional materials, or stream promotional videos, please visit: <https://mothersdayoffering.org>

Healthy Farmer Initiative - CareNet

CareNet Counseling has received a grant from the NC Agromedicine Institute that provides funds to pay for counseling for farmers, farm families, and farm workers in five (5) locations across North Carolina. From West to East, those locations are Wilkes County, Anson County, Robeson County, Duplin County, and Pitt County. To qualify, we have a very low threshold for income/expenses from agricultural work: individuals must only earn/lose \$1,000 per year in an agricultural pursuit to qualify for this funding. This income and expense threshold is intentionally very low as the goal is to assist as many farmers, farm family members, and farm workers as possible. In addition, we have developed a specialized Community Health Worker known as the Farm Health Connector that assists farmers, farm families, and farm workers as well. To learn how to refer a farmer, farm family member, or farm worker for counseling, please contact me at briadavi@wakehealth.edu or by calling 336-413-9297.

The Healthy Farmer Initiative is proving to be not only an effective partnership with the Agromedicine Institute but is being hailed as an innovative approach to addressing the mental health crisis taking place across rural North Carolina. As a result, I was invited to present a paper on our work to the International Society for Agricultural Safety and Health (ISASH) during the society's meeting in June in Tampa, Florida.

Ministers Assistance Plan – CareNet

Ministers serving churches affiliated with the Convention may qualify for financial assistance when they seek counseling through CareNet. The Minister's Assistance Plan will pay for counseling when a minister is uninsured, or underinsured. This assistance is also available to immediate family members (defined as the minister's spouse and dependent children under 18 still living within the home). The MAP applies to both in-person and telehealth services. For more information, please contact me at briadavi@wakehealth.edu or by calling 336-413-9297.

New Opportunities

At the conclusion of 2022, the Federal Trade Commission gave final approval to the merger of Atrium Health with Advocate-Aurora Health; the combined healthcare system will now be known as Advocate Health. Advocate-Aurora Health is a health system with hospitals located across Illinois and Wisconsin. The new corporate offices of Advocate Health will be in Charlotte, with the executive leadership of the new health system hailing primarily from Atrium Health leadership. Advocate Health employs more than 150,000 teammates, making us the fifth largest non-profit healthcare system in the United States. The system includes 67 hospitals located in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Wisconsin, and Illinois. Advocate Health's 21,000 doctors are joined by 42,000 nurses as we serve more than 6 million patients annually. With the expansion of the Wake Forest University School of Medicine to its second campus in downtown Charlotte, we now have one of the largest medical schools in the nation. Coupling clinical care, medical education, and research – led by the Innovation Quarter in Winston-Salem and soon to be joined by the Pearl Innovation District in Charlotte, Advocate Health is creating an

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innovation corridor between Winston-Salem and Charlotte with the potential to bring new medical breakthroughs to market faster, impacting more lives quicker, and improving health more thoroughly than our founders could have ever dreamed 100 years ago.

Thank you for your continued partnership but most of all for your prayers. May the foundation, so expertly established by the Convention 100 years ago, continue to hold firm as Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist enters its next century of service. If I can be of assistance to you and your association, please do not hesitate to contact me at briadavi@wakehealth.edu or by calling 336-413-9297.

Submitted by Brian K. Davis, DMin

Director of Operations (Interim)

CareNet Counseling

Director of Community and Congregational Engagement

FaithHealth Division

Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center

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BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA

Who we are: Since 1885, the heart of Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) has beat with a rhythm of hope that extends throughout North Carolina, South Carolina and Guatemala. For each person's specific need, we offer a unique ministry ready to help. It is only through the providence of God and being *on mission together* with NC Baptists throughout the state that we are able to minister to the myriad of needs and share God's love with those we are privileged to serve. **We are many ministries beating with one heart -- the heartbeat of Jesus.**

Did you know: God has grown BCH from its roots as an orphanage to a sprawling non-profit organization that ministers to others from the first heartbeat to the last.

- BCH has locations in more than 35 communities in NC, SC and in Guatemala.
- BCH impacted 167,619 lives in 2022 through the support of NC Baptists.
- 80% of those we serve come to BCH unchurched and unreached for Jesus.
- There have been 661 professions of faith throughout the past five years.
- Through the **EVERY CHILD Foster & Adopt Initiative**, a partnership between BCH and NC Baptists, we train and license Christian couples to be foster families. We help churches to begin their own foster care ministries. There are more than 10,000 (*Data from morethanenough.cafo.org*) NC children in the state's foster care system who were removed from their homes for their protection. We believe the church is the answer for connecting children with caring, Christian homes. *Visit every-child.org*
 - Also through **EVERY CHILD**, BCH's Christian Adoption Services aids couples with domestic and international adoption and ministers to expectant mothers to show them the beauty of choosing life for their babies by helping them make an adoption plan. *Visit christianadopt.org*
 - The total number of foster homes licensed: 354. The total number of foster children served in BCH foster homes: 725.
 - **Domestic adoptions have increased 41%** compared to this time last year.
- BCH oversees an orphanage and cottage homes at Good Shepherd Ministries in Xela, Guatemala providing care to indigenous boys and girls who are abused and neglected.
- The ministry provides homes for intellectually/developmentally disabled adults.
- BCH operates the North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM) serving senior adults. *Visit ncbam.org*
- It offers 24/7 residential wilderness camp ministries that are accredited, non-public schools. *Visit cameronboyscamp.org and campduncannc.org*
- BCH provides a supportive home for teen mothers and their babies.
- Family Care offers a residential program for single mothers needing support.
- Greater Vision Outreach aids immediate needs of community families in crisis and connects them with resources to achieve long term stability.
- HOMEBASE offers resources to college students with little to no family support.

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Highlights and Future Efforts:

- **Tirrell Discovers Family & Freedom, Accepts Christ:** From isolation to salvation, Tirrell is experiencing family and freedom for the very first time. For years, he was confined in his childhood home never attending school and only being fed rice. His extreme situation was not discovered until he was almost a teen. Now, he has found his family through John and Erin Stuebe who were trained and licensed as foster parents through the **EVERY CHILD Initiative**, a partnership between BCH and NC Baptists. *Through the couple's discipleship and church involvement, Tirrell accepted Christ on June 16.* Tirrell's story is the focus of the Annual Offering. **The Week of Prayer is November 5-12. The new video and offering resources are at bchoffering.org**
- **Emmanuel Home Welcomes First Resident:** The new residential ministry for mothers who have chosen adoption for their babies, has its first resident. This birth mother comes from Eastern NC and has no family support. She found a job almost immediately.
- NC Baptists throughout the state **collected more than \$500,000 in food, supplies and gift cards** through the annual "Food Roundup."
- Bikers participating in "Ride to Clyde," the statewide motorcycle ride organized in partnership with NC Baptists, **raised a record \$178,002.00.**
- Efforts are in place for a **new collaboration between BCH's Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Ministry and NC Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM).** This will bolster each ministry and continue to grow our services to the local community including the aging population as well as families with special-needs members.
- **Two new Innovations in Special Needs Ministry:** The first new effort is known as "**Special Homes for Special Adults,**" known in the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) field as Alternative Family Living. This is where families or individuals open up their homes for a special needs adult to live. A family in Greensboro will be the first within this new model of care. The second new effort are **Inclusion Classes** at the Weekday Education center in Thomasville, one of the few places serving special needs children. Inclusion Classes are designed to mix special needs children with typically developing boys and girls so they help each other learn and grow.
- NC Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM) opened the first of its **new "Care Villages"** at BCH's Kennedy Home in Kinston with help from the Neuse Baptist Association and area churches. Plans are in place for a **Care Village at the Baptist Convention building in Cary.** NCBAM works with churches, aging-service providers, and others to bring services to Care Village members living in their own homes. This allows them to age "in community." *Learn more at ncbam.org.*

Learn more about the many ministries of Baptist Children's Homes at bchfamily.org.

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Report of the Associational Partnerships Catalysts for 2023

Lynn Sasser, Central Catalyst

Roy Smith, Eastern Catalyst

Lester Evans, Western Catalyst

The Associational Partnerships Catalysts serve in a part-time permanent role to partner with the Associational Missions Conference Leadership Team, Associational Mission Strategists and Associations to develop and offer leadership, strategic and operational training across North Carolina. Serving in the three respective areas of the state, each catalyst works with each individual AMS as well as Associational Search, Vision and Strategy Teams. Regional AMS Roundtables meeting frequently offer another layer of connection for resources and relationships. Another important and powerful component introduced this year continues to be training of the Leadership Library and Pipeline with the help of Marcus Redding. The next phase of the Pipeline is to equip AMSs to share this tool with their pastors.

We are grateful to and for our Executive Director-Treasurer, Dr. Todd Unzicker, who engages our AMSs across the state frequently through the use of Zoom calls in order to keep a personal connection and offer updates and resources.

The 2023 North Carolina Associational Missions Conference was held at Caraway Conference Center April 17-19, 2023. During the training for Potential and New AMSs offered on Monday morning, information was shared regarding support organizations who offer additional training and resources, a panel discussion with three veteran and three new AMSs addressing “Best Practices and Wisdom for Getting Started Well,” and overview of the role of Associational Missions.

The following early bird sessions open to potential and current AMSs were offered: Roy Smith focused on “Pastor Search Team Tools” while Marcus Redding facilitated training regarding the “Multiplication Pipeline.”

AMS Spouses offered a track focusing on “The Hand of God – Trusting Him in The Waiting.” Matthew and Danielle Kelly lead the spouses in prayer and worship. Cynthia Marks was the speaker.

The theme for the main conference focused on “Regaining Movement.” Dave Rhodes, Clarity House, lead through the following four sessions: “Regaining Movement: Name the Problem,” “Regaining Movement: The Disciple’s Journey,” “Regaining Movement: How to be a Leader that is Easy to Follow,” “Regaining Movement: Helping Churches Identify and Take Their Next Best Step.” Our Executive-Director Treasurer, Todd Unzicker, opened the conference as our first speaker. Bob Lowman, AMS Metrolina Association, and Kenny Lamm lead the times of prayer and spiritual emphasis. Representatives from the NC Family Policy Council, SEBTS, Baptist Children’s Homes, Baptist on Mission and Saturate USA shared information with the AMSs.

AMSs participated in the following partner and equipping opportunities: The annual AMS Conference at SEBTS; the SBCAL Annual meeting; the NOBA Summits and Webinars; the

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NAMB Replant and AMS Excellence Summit; and the November Banquet sponsored by SEBTS.

In addition to the annual missions conference, the Associational Partnerships Catalysts participated in the program of the annual Retired AMS Retreat at Caraway in December.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Lester Evans

Western Catalyst, Baptist State Convention of NC.

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BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES FOUNDATION

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2023 Annual Report to Baptist Churches and Associations

Greetings from Baptist Retirement Homes Foundation! We are thankful for another year of having the privilege to care for older adults in North Carolina. The ThriveMore (formerly the "Homes") communities across the state continue to thrive and grow, all while providing a standard of care head and shoulders above our for-profit counterparts.

Renovations and growth continue on campuses across the state. Our residents and the greater community have spoken, and we have listened. With 10,000 baby boomers turning 65 every day, there is a consistent need for more units and dynamic, innovative approaches to healthcare. Our ThriveMore at Home Program is a wonderful example of innovation. Recognizing that there was not a Baptist Retirement Home in the Raleigh area, we chose to launch ThriveMore at Home there. This is a Continuing Care at Home program for independent adults who want to age in place. Our unique program allows members to receive a lifetime promise of care and services, at the standard to which you would expect from our rich legacy of caring for North Carolina seniors.

The Baptist Retirement Homes Foundation is proud to support ThriveMore in their endeavors, and remains immensely thankful for the support we have received for over 70 years now! The ongoing support of so many churches and individuals across the state and beyond enable us to provide benevolent funding of approximately \$4.6 million dollars in 2022... providing assistance to more than a quarter of the resident population. We thank you for answering God's call to give back to those who most deserve it. Your very meaningful and generous gifts to the Baptist Retirement Homes Foundation continue to allow us to give 100% of every donation dollar directly to resident support, a feat that most nonprofits are unable to achieve. We simply cannot thank you enough for your investment in older adults. Contributions of any size and in any manner make a significant difference and are received with deep appreciation.

With our communities in Winston-Salem, Concord, Albemarle and Asheville all growing, so must our team. We are thrilled to welcome 2 new Church Relations Managers to our team. Wesley Berry and Stephanie Shaffer have joined Hal Bilbo in working tirelessly to engage with you- our church families and associations. They each bring years of ministerial experience and a strong faith to the Foundation team, and we know they will do great work.

As excited as we are about our new team, we were equally disheartened when Keith Dixon announced his retirement in January. Keith was with the Foundation for 7 years, serving as a dedicated and loyal friend, supporter, and missionary. Keith was instrumental over the years and it is no surprise that it took us TWO employees to fill his shoes. We continue to be grateful for his service and know that you share that sentiment as well.

In closing, please know that we continue to explore ways to reach more older adults with the need for our communities and services. We are eager to partner with local churches and associations that have a vision to help older adults. Baptist Retirement Homes Foundation would value the opportunity to share with your congregation, Senior Group or Mission Group about this vital ministry and areas of need among our senior adults. We have speakers across the state that would embrace the opportunity to engage with your church family, and we always welcome groups from your church to visit one of our communities and possibly provide ministry with our residents. Our "Medicine from the Heart" program also provides a great opportunity around engaging mission

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groups, VBS participants, Sunday School Classes, etc. This initiative seeks to help older adults with limited financial resources purchase the medications they need. We will provide you with everything you need- medicine vials, collateral materials, and a speaker connected to the program if requested. Simply have your groups fill the vials with spare change, checks, or cash, then submit a gift for that total amount. This program touches lives in a direct and significant way. I invite you to watch the very moving video on our website as testament to that fact.

We also hope you will visit our website www.brh.org to take a look at our communities. Take a quick glimpse at the vibrant activity that is taking place across this great state of ours. Additionally, use the church resources tab to find a growing resource page for your use. And lastly, donations can always be made securely via our website.

Baptist Retirement Homes Foundation is blessed to have support across the state and we never take your prayers and contributions for granted. We continue to cherish our Baptist heritage and values, and will always explore ways to share our biblical compassion for older adults. May God continue to bless you as you share the Gospel and as you provide resources of prayer and financial assistance to touch the lives of many through Baptist Retirement Homes Foundation and other ministries that you feel led to support!

Sincerely,

Monique Farrell

Monique Farrell

For more information, please never hesitate to reach out to me at mfarrell@thrivemorenc.org or by calling me at 336-725-0300, ext. 117. I would love to hear from you!

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NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT

OUR MOTTO

Fostering Generosity...Facilitating Kingdom Growth

OUR MISSION SINCE 1920

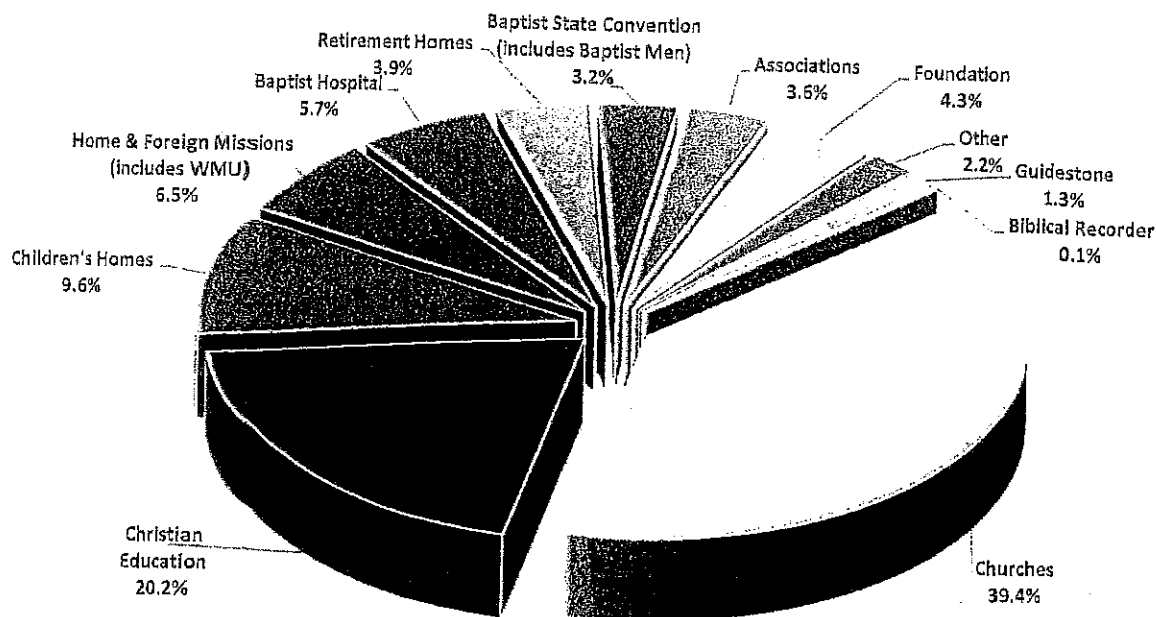
As an agency of the Baptist State Convention of NC we are "committed under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to serving North Carolina Baptists and others in generating an increased awareness of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding Baptist churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis."

Since 2008 when NC Baptist Financial Services was established we have added this to our mission statement: "...to serve the needs of NC Baptist churches, Baptist institutions and members of NC Baptist churches by providing loan and investment services."

HIGHLIGHTS

- 42 new accounts established
- \$7.5 million in contributions
- Distributed \$5.6 million to charity and \$1.5 million to individuals
- Awarded 138 scholarships to NC Baptist students totaling \$234,150
- Awarded 64 special ministry grants to NC Baptist churches and associations totaling \$150,794
- Ended 2022 with \$164.8 million under management
- NCBFS held \$43.9 million in church loans, and \$82.5 million in Certificates of Participation
- 180 Speaking Engagements
- Used PhilanthroCorp to assist 43 NC Baptists with Christian Estate Planning

2022 Charitable Distributions



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Hello Friends,

NC Baptist Aging Ministry wants to thank you! Together with church volunteers, we are able to assist senior adults in all 100 counties. Without our church volunteers we know that we could not provide the care and love to senior adults that they deserve.

Volunteer Opportunity- The NCBAM Hopeline was created to offer the One Hope of the Father to those senior adults experiencing social isolation and loneliness. Hope Line volunteers are trained in active listening and other techniques-- reminding callers that God sees them, loves them, and desires a relationship with them. There are NCBAM Hopeline volunteer opportunities for you and your church. Learn more at <https://onehopencbam.org/>

NCBAM was awarded another grant for long life smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms for adults 65+. The smoke alarms are intended to be installed in senior adult homes where there are no working smoke alarms or where the alarms are over 10 years of age. If your church would like to learn more about this ministry contact our office. (Note: Alarms are for existing homes and do not meet requirements for new construction)

As always Adults 65+ can call 877-506-2226 and NCBAM's Call Center can provide information on community resources, connect callers with servant volunteers for friendly visits, transportation, yardwork or safety issues such as grab bars, and offer prayer and spiritual encouragement.

Angie Gregg

Central West Regional Director agregg@bchfamily.org

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The NCBAM Triangle Area Care Village (based at the Baptist State Convention building in Cary) celebrated its new space there by hosting a brunch for senior adult ministers in the area. This newest Care Village will be a resource for seniors in the area who wish to live independently while being part of a caring community of support. NCBAM is currently planning additional Care Villages in Thomasville and Shelby.

The third annual Camp BAM was held in July on the Mills Home campus in Thomasville. Forty-one volunteer campers completed six wheelchair ramps and provided other services to area seniors. Ramp materials were purchased with a grant NCBAM received from the American Rescue Plan Act.

Aging Well Conferences were held in Cary, Lewisville, and Asheville in the spring of 2023. These conferences address aging well spiritually, emotionally, and physically and are held across the state each spring.

NCBAM's State Leadership Conference was held in May in Winston-Salem. The conference kicked off a year-long exploration of strengthening intergenerational ministries within churches.

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Southeastern
Baptist Theological Seminary

The longer I live, the more I am resolved that what matters most in life is that you please King Jesus. Nothing else is more important or more precious. When I consider what the Bible says about what is on Jesus's heart — what he is most pleased to see in us — my mind immediately goes to his Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20) and to his High Priestly Prayer (John 17).

The Bible tells us in all four Gospels and in the book of Acts that what was on our resurrected Savior's heart was his Great Commission for his Church. The mission to make disciples was Jesus's final charge to his disciples, and it is what he expects his disciples to devote themselves to until he returns. That is why he promises in Matthew 28:20 to be with us in this mission until the end of the age.

If we want to please King Jesus, then we will commit ourselves to his mission. If we want to honor him as he desires, we will proclaim his glory among the nations whatever the cost. No sacrifice is too great for our great King. That is why our mission at Southeastern is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ by equipping students to serve the Church and fulfill the Great Commission. It is our King's passion. It is to be our passion too.

This is our mission as an institution, but we are not in this alone. Everything we do at Southeastern we do in partnership because chapter 17 of John's Gospel tells us that the unity and collective witness of his Church is central to the mission — central to what pleases him most.

Twice in John 17, Jesus prays that his disciples would be one like he and his Father are one, and he tells us why that unity is so important: so that the world might believe that Jesus was sent from the Father and so that the world would know the Father's love — the very same love the Father has for the Son. Our unity and our partnership in Christ magnify God's love to the world and are integral to the task of fulfilling the Great Commission.

Here at Southeastern, we believe that serving the Church means partnering with faithful, Bible-believing

churches to train students who are committed to local church ministry and to the glory of King Jesus among the nations. We believe that uniting our hearts and efforts with other likeminded ministries is a wise and strategic way to provide biblical and theological training to the increasing numbers of global church leaders. We believe that theological education is best done together for the glory of Christ, the spiritual formation of our students, and the collective witness of the Church.

This commitment to local church ministry and to Great Commission partnerships is in the DNA of our institution. That is why our faculty are pastors, deacons, Bible study teachers, and ministry leaders in their local churches. That is why our students are required to be actively involved in the mission and ministries of their local churches. And that is why our alumni are committed to serving and leading local churches as they work to fulfill the Great Commission among the nations.

One of my greatest joys as the president of Southeastern is hearing these stories — stories of how our students, staff, faculty, and alumni are serving local churches and fulfilling the Great Commission in rural towns, urban centers, and hard to reach places all around the world. Their devotion to please King Jesus and live on mission encourages me to remain faithful and champion Jesus's heart for the nations.

The stories in this magazine offer a glimpse into what God is doing through some of our Great Commission partnerships. I hope, like me, you will be encouraged by these stories to give, to send, and to go, fulfilling the Great Commission wherever the Lord has placed you. Thank you for your prayers and for your partnership with us as together we go. As the wonderful missionary and martyr Jim Elliot wrote in his journals, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose."



Daniel L. Akin,
President



Scan here to watch Dr. Akin's spring convocation address on Psalm 1, *What Do You Do When You Come to a Fork in the Road?*

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3,521
missionaries supported
with comprehensive care

67
new people groups
and places engaged

728,589
people heard the gospel

178,177
new believers

21,231
new churches

102,417
baptisms

146,026
people received
leadership training



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Missions Giving

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- NCMO actively promoted by sending partner churches materials and video stories of God's work through Disaster Relief, church planting and medical camps.
- Hiring of Dayna Cook as a part-time Ministry Assistant to support Missions Giving.
- From July 2022 to June 2023, two churches became partners with N.C. Baptists, and six additional churches had consultations about partnership.
- Explored how to offer training to churches to cultivate generosity among members.
- Sent informational letter in March 2023 to 1,722 partner churches, who had not given through CP in 2021 or 2022; letter explained that churches remain in friendly cooperation by giving once in a three-year rolling period.
- Served about 30 churches who directly contacted Convention Relations to clarify how to retain partnership status.
- In 2023, we will continue re-engaging church partners by invitations to meet, participate and give.
- In 2023, we plan to increase cooperation with regional N.C. Baptist staff, associational leaders and Baptists on Mission to learn what churches need to engage in missions and to increase their generosity toward missions giving.
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- In January 2023, N.C. Baptists launched a year-long prayer initiative for missionaries, church planters and people groups in North Carolina. The group coordinated weekly emails, social media posts, push notifications, print resources, articles and podcast episodes to support the ongoing initiative. Analytics show that N.C. Baptists continue to regularly engage with and sign up for year-long distribution of these resources.

Fill the Tank Campaign

- In the months leading up to the statewide baptism emphasis on April 16, 2023, the group promoted Fill the Tank and then celebrated churches' stories through social media and articles on the day of and in the weeks following.

New Online Giving Form

- In partnership with the Operations group, the group released a new online giving form, making it easier and more efficient for churches to give to missions and keep track of their contributions.

Children's Ministry

- Churches continue to become aware of the need for safety and security procedures in their children's and youth ministries. In response to this need Childhood Ministries and BOM Children's partnered to offer safety and security training across the state at four locations.
- There was a significant increase in the number of Individual churches and organizations requesting training for safety and security.
- As churches continue to struggle to restart discipleship training after COVID, requests for consultations for facility evaluations and leadership training are increasing.
- Bible Drill saw a 50% growth this past year.
- Regional drills/speakers tournaments were held at: Flint Hill Baptist, Shelby; Elizabeth Missionary, Roseboro; Lilesville Baptist, Lilesville. State Finals were held at Burkemont Baptist, Morganton. Nationals were held at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Fort Worth, Texas. Our State Winners who attended Nationals represented North Carolina very well.
 - o Youth state winner: Peyton Woodell, Mt. Airy Baptist, Pembroke: Came in 1st place at Nationals and had a perfect score.
 - o High state winner: Annabelle Hamrick, Mt. Sinai, Shelby: Came in 2nd place at Nationals and had a perfect score.
 - o Speakers state winner: Liliana Locklear, Reedy Branch, Fairmont: Came in 2nd place at Nationals



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- All three state winners are the recipients of the \$2,500 college scholarship from the Baptist Convention
- The National Invitational Bible Drill/Speakers Tournament will be hosted by North Carolina for 2024.

Cheryl Markland, Children's Ministry Strategist

College Ministry

- N.C. Baptists hosted The Call Conference March 24-26, 2023, in Black Mountain. We saw approximately 200 students and church staff in attendance.
- Pastor Ricky Harris Jr. from Hope Church, Las Vegas, Nev., challenged students to see the grace of God in their lives and count the cost of following Jesus. In breakout sessions, students were presented with opportunities to learn about discernment, stewardship, unmet expectations, mental health, the character of God, discipleship tools, international missions from IMB missionaries, SendNC church planting, and ministry residencies.
 - Faith Baptist Church in Youngsville reported, "One of our students took away from the conference that he is called to do hard things for Jesus. He literally changed his college decision to go to a place with more lostness that will push him to be a light for Jesus in a dark place." Brackston Rhyne of Hope Community Church (Gardner-Webb University '23) committed to a ministry residency after her time at The Call Conference. MaKinley Neill of Hope Community Church (Gardner-Webb University '23), committed to follow Jesus through baptism after her time attending The Call Conference.
 - *"Attending the Call Conference was very timely for me, as I attended about two months before I graduated college. This time was vital to refreshing my faith and shifting my career focus from myself, to how I can honor God in the vocational world. I am now applying the many lessons I learned by knowing how to keep the gospel at the center as I navigate a career in Finance."* Jordan Barnett, Wingate University '23
- We hosted a Leaders' Cohort gathering Jan. 9-10, 2023, in Burlington and another June 19-20, 2023, in Boone. The purpose of the cohorts is to facilitate community among those in similar ministry positions and contexts, provide opportunity to problem solve and improve ministries, and allow us to hear the challenges churches are facing on college campuses. The outcome of each event has been an increase in year-round collaboration and cooperation, sharing of resources like curriculum and events, and opportunity to invite more leaders into our network.



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o "The N.C. Baptist College Cohort has been an incredible space for both collaboration and encouragement. Meeting with other college ministry leaders to share best practices, ask questions and encourage one another has proven helpful for our college ministry!" Spencer Martin, College and Missions Pastor, Two Cities Church

o "The N.C. Baptist College Cohort was an absolute game-changer for our college ministry. It was a priceless opportunity to learn from other leaders and receive encouragement and prayer." Chandler Donegan, College Minister, Faith Baptist Church

o "I personally have found the College Ministry cohorts super helpful. Not only have they provided an opportunity to network with other churches in N.C., but they have also provided a space to strategize and sympathize with others in similar situations. Ministry can sometimes feel isolating, so it has been incredibly fruitful and validating to connect with others on issues and experiences." Katy Weaver, Director of College Discipleship, Membership and Growth Groups, Imago Dei Church

Alex Hugo, College Ministry Strategist

Ethan Nunn, Ministry Assistant

Church Health and Revitalization

Pastoral Wellness:

- We hosted two Replenish Retreats in September 2022 and May 2023 at Fort Caswell. Between the two retreats, over 50 couples attended and spent a few days focusing on replenishing their marriage, ministry and mission through times of worship, main sessions on various topics, small groups and a designated date night.
- This year, six Pastoral Wellness cohorts were established across the state with the purpose of connecting pastors and working through a personal Pastoral Vision frame.
- This year we partnered with five churches to provide sabbaticals for their pastors.
- We worked with two associations to provide events to encourage their pastors: one weekend retreat and a one-day Refresh Conference.
- Allan Blume hosted eight Transitional Interim Trainings across the state, training around 117 pastors.

Church Revitalization:

- Our N.C. Baptist partners have conducted 600 church health assessments over the last year. We have driven many of these assessments online for a shared database.
- We currently have over 210 churches in our revitalization process with 29 completing the process this year. Of those 29, over 80% are showing significant growth on our Missional Health Assessment.



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- This year, we equipped 71 in our revitalization tools and processes. This effort has led to 21 church revitalization cohorts in 9 of 10 regions across the state, with 13 being new. These cohorts engage pastors to develop and deliver our Revitalization Process to their church.

Foster-Replant:

- We have directly coordinated over 20 Fosters, Replant, Mergers and Adoptions. Additionally, we have played a supporting role to numerous others.
- We have launched 11 Foster/Replant Teams over 7 regions across the state.
- We launched the Reconstruct Conference in January 2023 with 208 registered from numerous healthy and struggling churches across the state.

Sandy Marks, Pastoral Wellness Strategist; Terry Long, Church Health & Revitalization Strategist

Gabby Seel, Pastoral and Church Health & Revitalization Ministry Assistant

SendNC

- On Sept. 27 Todd Unzicker announced to our Board of Directors that N.C. Baptists had entered a new church planting partnership with the North American Mission Board. This co-branded partnership was named SendNC and would combine the work of the state conventions church planting team with the systems, structures and planter benefits that NAMB's Send Network provides.
- The SendNC worked in conjunction with the Send Network Assessment team to implement Send Network Assessment in North Carolina. Candidates, their spouses and their Sending Churches gather for the two-day assessment where our assessors observe, interview and determine the couples' readiness to plant. During this calendar year our assessment teams have assessed 19 candidates with 81% of candidates receiving a "Ready" recommendation.
- From July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, we saw 48 new churches partner with SendNC and N.C. Baptists as a new church plant. All of these planters have an official N.C. Baptist Sending Church.
- The Lord continues to bring the nation as well as the nations to North Carolina, giving rise to the need for new "On Mission Together" churches across the state. Throughout the year, SendNC's multiple training pathways have trained 79 planters including English language (29), International (26), Korean (7), and Spanish speaking planters (17).



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- The SendNC Team hosted 4 Sending Church Labs across the state (Winston Salem, Rocky Mount, New Bern, and Greensboro) serving and onboarding 106 churches as potential sending churches. The purpose of the Sending Church Labs is to help engaged N.C. Baptists understand what it means to be a sending church and how they might become a church that plants and sends.

Mike Pittman, SendNC Director

Amy Torcasso, Ministry Assistant

Student Ministry

- The Momentum Tours began with the goal of assisting churches in equipping and training students to reach their generation with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We had stops in Morganton, Mars Hill, Brunswick, Rutherfordton, Murphy and Whiteville.
- Local churches and associations are continuing to see the need for revival in their student ministries. There was a significant increase in churches reaching out and wanting the Momentum Tour and more consultations for youth pastor training.
- Fall retreats were held in Black Mountain and Fort Caswell where 70 churches attended with 1336 in attendance. There were 65 first-time decisions, 84 rededications, and 30 called to ministry. The students learned what it meant to be a disciple maker and how to “act justly, to love faithfulness, and to walk humbly with your God.”
- During 2022, students at Summer Youth Weeks studied “I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me — the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.” We looked at Is Jesus worth it? Am I worth it? Is living the Christian life worth it? Is the church worth it? There were 5570 in attendance, with 228 churches represented. There were 412 first-time decisions, 1548 recommitments and 585 calls to ministry.

Merrie Johnson, Student Ministry Strategist, Daniel Rose, Student Ministry Strategist

Katie Pegram, Ministry Assistant

Worship Ministry

- The RenewingWorshipNC.org blog continues to get weekly updates with relevant resources to help our churches in all areas of worship.
- A continuing partnership with Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and Fruitland Baptist Bible College offers training for worship leaders across our state, including options for undergraduate and graduate certification.
- A worship choir and orchestra of 135 members, made up of musicians from across our state, sings for the annual meeting and worship concerts in churches throughout North Carolina –The NC Baptist Singers & Orchestra.



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- A new resource was created to help worship leaders transform the worship of their churches – *The Worship Ministry Guidebook: Engaging Your Congregation in Transformational Worship*. The 282-page book is based on the curriculum of the worship leader training program mentioned above.
- Plans were made for the return of the Renewing Worship EXPO to be held in September 2023 to provide encouragement, resourcing and fellowship opportunities for all serving in the worship ministry in their churches.

Kenny Lamm, Worship Ministry Strategist

Ethan, Nunn, Ministry Assistant

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School continues to be many churches' largest evangelistic ministry event each year. VBS offers opportunities to minister to children/families while discipleship and growth occur in their church as well as create outreach and open doors to share the gospel to children/families in surrounding communities.

- Our N.C. VBS Consultant & Training Team (total of 8 individuals) **attended Lifeway's VBS Preview event** in January 2023 where they were trained in sharing effective & exciting ways to lead Twists & Turns, a Lifeway curriculum that focused on "Following Jesus Changes the Game."
- Our VBS Consultant & Training Team wrote & recorded **11 Make It Matter VBS 2023 Training Videos** to provide curriculum training options to churches/VBS Volunteers. These are located on the N.C. Baptist Children's Ministry Vimeo Channel and will be archived there so churches can reference them should they use past year's curriculum in the future.
- We offered **five VBS Lunch Bunch Zoom Training opportunities** where leaders/volunteers could gain insight and direction. Attendees experienced round table discussion on topics that included leading a child to Christ, Volunteer recruitment and appreciation, Budget VBS Decorating, VBS Curriculum Selection and VBS Follow-Up and Discipleship. These were taped & offered to individuals on a request basis should they be unable to attend.
- The **Go & Tell Mission Trip VBS** (transportable VBS) was trained & shared with several mission trip teams, so they were prepared to share the good news with kids/families.
- The **NCVBS Facebook Community Page** continues to thrive and has grown substantially to over 450 members this year. The goal and purpose of this Facebook group is to provide the best possible Vacation Bible School communication, connection and support to the large base of North Carolina VBS volunteers, leaders, church staff and N.C. associations. It stands as our strongest communication format.



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- We were thrilled to offer five **Associational VBS Training Clinics**, with a variety of churches attending across the state, providing resources and training to VBS leaders, teachers and volunteers to aid them with the implementation of Vacation Bible School. In addition, for the first time we were able to offer a stand-alone Spanish/Bilingual inclusive VBS Training Clinic.

Compensation and Benefits Services (CABS)

The Compensation and Benefits Services (CABS) office exists to assist churches with financial and tax issues. We provide workshops and one-on-one meetings to help answer general questions regarding accounting, tax, compensation, retirement and insurance matters that impact our churches. Our goal is to keep our N.C. Baptist association offices and churches up-to-date on financial and tax changes that impact them. The following information is a summary of those efforts:

Retirement

- Educate and encourage church staff to understand the importance of being prepared for retirement. This process includes urging lay leaders to be responsible employers by providing retirement contributions for their staff members in a Christ-honoring manner.
- Present specific workshops to educate attendees how to prepare for retirement including financial and tax related timelines and options to maximize their resources in the future, and to protect their estates through planning.

Convention Protection Benefits

- Continue to offer disability survivor protection benefits to all eligible staff members of N.C. Baptist churches participating in the Church Retirement Plan through GuideStone.
- North Carolina continues to lead all state conventions in the number of participants, but we still fall far short of the goal of having every church providing protection benefits for their staff members through participating in a GuideStone Retirement Plan.

Tax and Health Insurance Laws

- GuideStone remains a leader in providing detailed information regarding the impact that new tax and health care laws have on our churches and their staff. Timely and thorough updates of changes in the tax law are available on the GuideStone website.

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- We work with churches to present a flexible and robust compensation and benefits package to existing and prospective staff. CABS helps churches to see the disadvantages of providing their ministerial staff with the typical “lump sum pay packages.” Such pay packages can cause a minister to be assessed more in taxes than originally intended.
- 2022 Southern Baptist Compensation Study results are available online by visiting the Lifeway website (www.compstudy.lifeway.com).

Mission:Dignity

- GuideStone Financial Resources continues to provide financial assistance to elderly ministers, church workers and their widows/widowers who live under financial duress and need ongoing and/or one-time assistance through Mission:Dignity.
- In 2023, the convention made an extra gift to Mission:Dignity so the 160+ N.C. recipients would receive a 13th check. The extra check was distributed in the spring of 2023.
- SBC ministers and church staff are now able to complete an application online at GuideStone.org/Mission-Dignity.
- For assistance, call Mission:Dignity at (877) 888-9409

Davis Blount, CABS Ministry Consultant

Global

Hunger

Relief

This year, through our joint efforts with more than 100 churches and associations, the Hunger Office distributed more than \$225,000 to feed hungry men, women and children in North Carolina. Ministries include Backpack Buddies, Kids Café, food pantries, crisis centers and lunch buddies. We have also helped maintain community gardens with many North Carolina Baptist churches through our hunger grants.

We challenge our churches to join us on mission together to our communities and our world by supporting the Global Hunger Relief Offering.

John Butler, Director of Operations / CFO

Caraway Conference Center and Camps

Caraway is centrally located in N.C. near Asheboro. It sits on 1,100 beautiful acres in the Uwharrie Mountains. Through Christian hospitality, the Caraway staff strive to have an impact for the kingdom of God. Caraway is a ministry tool that assists N.C. Baptist churches in their efforts to be on mission together through camps, retreats, meetings and training events. Caraway facilities accommodate adults, children and youth.



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In 2023 Caraway has:

- Served 21,000 guests and campers
- Led 8 weeks of summer camp
- Planned 6 weekend retreats for children and parent/child experiences
- Hosted Fall Festival of Fellowship for senior adults
- Provided environmental education for 3000 public school students

Caraway also has operational responsibility for Camp Mundo Vista under contract with Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina. Mundo Vista is a great resource for N.C. Baptist churches for retreats and training events. In cooperation with WMUNC, Caraway conducts girls and mother/daughter camp experiences, and also hosts many WMUNC events.

Caraway is owned and operated by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and is a vital resource for a movement of churches on mission together in North Carolina.

Jimmy Huffman, Director

Truett Conference Center and Camp

Truett Conference Center & Camp is blessed with 95 acres located in the Blue Ridge Mountains of western North Carolina. Since 1953 Truett Conference Center & Camp has served the Churches of western N.C. through summer camp programming as well as hosting groups. Since 2018 Truett has expanded greatly in facilities, outreach and ministry opportunities through God's providence and blessings. Truett continues to seek ways that allow those in attendance to experience God like they never have before as they Revive (Isaiah 57:15), Refresh (Philemon 1:7) and Renew (Isaiah 40:30-31).

- Truett desires to provide a facility, for our churches of the BSCNC, in the beautiful mountains that allows for a refreshed perspective on how to connect deeper with our Heavenly Father.
- Truett now offers year-round programming for both the young and "young at heart."
- Truett continues to experience growth in the number of attendees from 2022 to 2023.



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- The biggest area of increase happened with our Youth Group Camp. 2021 was our first year operating this camp with two churches attending. In 2023 we finished up three co-ed youth weeks along with our five other summer camp weeks.
- We've seen a great response in the hearts of those who come, with a reported 65 salvations, 14 rededications, and 14 called to full-time ministry.

Kenny Adcock, Director

Fort Caswell – Coastal Retreat and Conference Center

In 2023, Fort Caswell had a busy Season of Ministry and campus upgrades. We continue to work to provide a facility that pulls together both the natural beauty and history of our campus as well as provide a fresh updated approach to many of our meeting and lodging spaces. Our team is focused on serving N.C. Baptist congregations while inviting our guests to come and be a part of our mission: To provide experiences that amplify the voice of God in a unique, Christian environment.

Come experience the excitement as we continue to update and refresh the Fort Caswell you love:

- Updated first floor of the Smith Conference Center
- Updated and enlarged Cafeteria, with a refreshed color scheme
- Numerous updates to Hatch Auditorium to include seating, flooring, color scheme, house lights, stage front and sound/speaker system
- New gym floor with refreshed paint throughout
- Many new recreational opportunities across campus: new volleyball court, tether ball, resurfaced tennis court, corn-hole competition court, and bazooka ball
- Many more updates to come!

Brian Hemphill, Director

Baptists on Mission

- **State/National/International Mission Projects**
Mission trips sponsored by Baptists on Mission are getting churches involved in serving those in our state, across our nation and around the world.
 - **State:** At our Rebuild Centers and Mission Camps, lives are being changed as volunteers are serving those in need. Across North Carolina, homes are being rebuilt after a disaster, ramps are being built to provide accessibility, and volunteers are sharing the love of Christ.



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- **National:** Many opportunities are available for churches to serve across our nation. Pennsylvania, Hawaii, New England, Rocky Mountain Region, Appalachian Coalfields and Alaska are all places teams are being sent.
- **International:** In Guatemala, Kenya, Armenia, Romania, Hungary, Ukraine, Cuba, Moldova, South Africa and other places, God is on the move. Teams are still serving in Ukraine and Moldova to bring relief and hope to refugees of the war.

- **Dental/Health Screening Ministries**

Both the medical and dental units are used by churches and service organizations within North Carolina to serve those in need of health and dental care. The hope of these units is to meet physical needs which can open the door to share the love and message of Jesus.

- Approximately 4,000 people are seen on the two units each year.
- Patients treated through these ministries include those who are facing poverty, people from various ethnic groups, farm workers, fair workers, the homeless, the elderly and more.

- **Children/Student Mobilization**

- Deep Impact Kids Missions Weeks, Mini-weeks, Weekends, One Day events are pre-packaged mission experiences. They provide elementary-age students and their leaders/parents with the opportunity to share the love of God with people in N.C.
- Deep Impact helps N.C. Baptist churches develop a comprehensive, co-ed youth missions strategy to produce committed followers of Christ. This strategy includes pre-packaged mission weeks, free online mission studies, weekend mission retreats, hands-on mission training and much more.
- Each of these ministries allow students/children to enjoy a great camp experience with a mission focus. The goal is to have participants develop a love for missions.

- **Disaster Relief and Recovery**

This past year, N.C. Baptist Disaster Relief responded to nine events, five of which impacted North Carolina. Volunteers responded to Hurricane Fiona in Puerto Rico, Hurricane Ian in Florida, flooding in Kentucky and Vermont, tornadoes in Cherryville and Rocky Mount, N.C., power outages in Moore county, search and rescue efforts in Scotland county, and storms in Thomasville.



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- N.C. Baptists have six large disaster feeding units. The two largest units are capable of preparing and serving 30,000+ meals per day.
- Disaster Relief now has more than 250 disaster recovery trailers (owned by local churches and associations) across the state. These are used for clean up and repair work after a disaster.
- God has provided six large shower units, three laundry units, a childcare unit, several large recovery units, large generator units and lots of other disaster relief equipment.
- **Baptists on Mission Events**
 - The annual Missions Conference, sponsored by Baptists on Mission, includes music, testimonies, speakers, breakout sessions, mission fair exhibits, a volunteer supper and much more. We desire for participants to be spiritually renewed and inspired to become involved in missions locally and worldwide. We want to encourage and equip every Christian to live as a missionary.
 - Regional Rallies take place in all 10 regions of our state. They are offered annually in February and August. These rallies are open for all men, women and youth interested in missions locally, nationally and internationally. Regional Rallies are designed to celebrate and challenge N.C. Baptists across the state to greater mission involvement and promote the North Carolina Missions Offering.



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

October 6, 2022

The Executive Committee of the Ashe Baptist Association met for its quarterly meeting on Thursday, October 6th at Liberty Grove Baptist Church. The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Mr. Jerry Powers. The congregation was led in singing Amazing Grace by Mr. Jackie Blevins and music by Mr. Butch Miller. Rev. Toby Oliver, Pastor at Liberty Grove welcomed everyone and thanked Rev. David Blackburn and wife, Linda for everything they do for our association. "We are blessed by their leadership," said Pastor Oliver. Rev. Oliver read Colossians 3: 12,16 and 17. Paul's Character of New Man-Believer. Rev. Oliver gave reminders and keys to the scripture; Let the Word of Christ dwell in you, we need the Word of God. Study it, Read it, Mediate on it. Live out God's Word. Sing hymns and spiritual songs with grace in our hearts sing and praise God. We are living out Jesus, we may be the only opportunity that someone may have to come to know Jesus! Rev. Oliver then led us in prayer.

Debbie Miller, presented the Roll Call with 10 churches being represented. Mrs. Miller then presented the minutes from the 1st quarter July- September 2022 Executive Meeting and the minutes from the Annual Meeting on August 19th and 20th. Debbie asked everyone to read over the minutes as we would be voting to approve them later in the meeting. Ms. Miller, also presented the 1st Quarter 2022-2023 treasurer's report along with the 2022-2023 Budget which was approved at the Annual Meeting August 20th at Tuckerdale Baptist Church. The association does appreciate all churches you have given and thank you again for your support.

Moderator, Jerry Powers introduced Rev. Carl Witherspoon. Rev. Witherspoon pastor at Gap Creek Church, he brought information about Rob and Pam Riley, missionaries currently serving in Taiwan. They are currently visiting in our area and are able to visit our churches while they are here. You may contact Rev. Witherspoon to schedule Rev. Riley. Please keep the Riley's in your prayers. They are with the International Mission Board.

Mrs. Pat Miller, presented the Ashe Really Cares report. In the 1st quarter the ARC helped 308 families, 672 individuals and 15 new families. The ARC thanks churches, and individuals for helping them be the hands and feet of Christ planting seeds of salvation. Special thanks to the gardeners, Jerry and Wanda brought so much, thank you for all the produce! The ARC is now focusing on holiday food, stuffing mixes, sweet potatoes, canned cranberry sauce, instant potatoes, and gravy mixes are some the items needed. We are with the help of Paul Langston with the Baptist on Mission and the USDA currently providing 41 of our seniors with an extra box of food each month, we are on a 3-year program with this and it allows up to help our seniors with extra food. We have no FEMA money coming in currently. We are in hopes it comes in soon so we can help with electric bill and heat. We have had a few folks donate funds for fuel assistance. If you are sending monies for fuel assistance, please write fuel assistance in the memo line. We appreciate any and all assistance. We are having our first Volunteer Dinner for the first time in a couple of years! This will take place on October 11, 6:30pm at Friendly Grove Baptist Church. Everyone bring a covered dish and enjoy the meal and fellowship. God has blessed us with wonderful volunteers and we appreciate each of them. If you are interested in being a volunteer at the ARC, just give Pat a call. Thank you.

Rev. Russell Hart spoke about the Debt Reduction Offering coming on Sunday, October 16th. This offering will go towards paying the mortgage debt for the Ashe Baptist Complex. Last year, the total offering was \$23,678, we exceeded our goal of \$20,000. Hopefully we can come close to the same amount this year, and possibly eliminate the debt in the next couple of years. Rev. Hart reminds us that it's our association, it's our debt. Do your part, promote the special offering to help on the Ashe Baptist Association Debt.

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Rev. Larry Powers, pastor at Round Knob Baptist Church presented the report for the Campground Committee. The committee met at the campground, checking for issues and repairs. There are some things that need attention including the ceiling in the boy's restroom downstairs, which was caused by a leak upstairs. One of the rooms downstairs needs paneling to go up and the floor repaired, the leak in the corner has been taken care of. The drain outside this end of the building needs to be re-routed so leaks from heavy rain don't happen. The storm door needs a little attention, road needs to be scraped and graveled, Ray Minton cabin needs some repair, the hornet's nest at the picnic shelter needs to be taken down. The heat registers have been taken care of. The insurance for the campground is \$1500. Gravel will cost in the spring, so we have 44 churches in the association, we need to step up and help the campground in good condition. Thanks to everyone that helps support the campground and to all churches that mow each season. Let's support and use the campground.

Mrs. Linda Blackburn gave her report on Disciple making. Ladies are working together in devotions followed by a short response to get more ladies into the Word in several of our Ashe Baptist Association. Scripture from John 17:6 and verse 17 & 18. The difference between a disciple and a Christian. Can you be a Christian and not a Disciple? As a Christian we accept Christ as our Savior and don't feel like we need or have to learn more about Jesus. Disciples take the next step to follow Jesus to learn to be more like Him! The extra step to take in order to be a disciple is a relationship. Are you ready to take the next step and be a Disciple.

Rev. David Blackburn, DOM presented his Missions Strategist Report. The Lord is good and we appreciate the work churches are doing for the work of Christ. We appreciate your prayers, financial support, volunteering and for the work you do for the Lord. We thank Debbie, Associational Clerk and Treasurer. Lifestore Bank had issues getting September statements out so she worked hard to get the Treasurer's Report done without it, and once it is received and reconciled, she will report any changes if there is any at our January 2023 meeting. We also appreciate Pat and Nathan for their hard work at the ARC along with our volunteers. We will be attending the Baptist State Convention in Greensboro November 8, we encourage you to go and learn about things going on in our NC Baptist State Convention. Linda and I will be going to the Pastor's Conference on the 6 and 7th of November. Bald Mountain Baptist Church will be hosting our Friday session of the 2023 Annual Meeting in August. We are in need of a host for the Saturday session, if the church you attend would be interested in hosting, please give us a call. We are asking if you have a person you would like to be recognized in our minute book on the In Honor and In Memory pages. The bios for these will be due on November 4. We appreciate Larry's report on the campground and we will be having a Work Day in the Spring to get some things done there. Remember Big Laurel and North Beaver Churches as you pray, they are currently without a pastor. Mission Home Baptist is possibly getting Rev. Luke Watson as their Interim pastor in November. Pray for Rev. Jeff Rizoti and his wife, Jeff pastors at Friendly Grove Baptist. He and his wife are also taking care of their parents also, please remember them as you pray. Jeff is doing a great job at Friendly Grove. Rev. Jackie Stone, pastor at Warremsville Baptist will be taking clothing and supplies once again to Kentucky. Rev. Chris Goforth, recently elected pastor at Phoenix is also doing a great job and has a baptizing. FaithHealth (WFBC) is 99% sure that Rev. Paul Strickland will be our new our county FaithHealth contact. Paul is retired and living on Don Walters Road in Ashe County, we are excited for Paul and know he will do a great job. He is also available to fill in for pastors. Thank you and Keep on Keeping on for the Lord.

Moderator Jerry Powers ask if there were any more reports with none, we went into the Business Section of the meeting.

In Old Business Motion- Motion to accept the minutes of the 2022 Annual meeting was made and a second. Motion carried and Minutes were approved. Motion was made and a second to approve the minutes from the (4th quarter) July 14th meeting Motion Carried and Minutes were approved. Motion made and a second to accept the (4th quarter) Treasurer's Report as presented. All agreed. Motion carried and the Treasurer's Report

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was approved. A host is needed for the 2023 Saturday Session of the Annual Meeting, please pray about hosting the meeting in August 2023. No other old business to discuss.

In New Business Moderator, Jerry Powers asked for new business: Discussion for Place to have the 4 quarterly Executive Committee Meeting for 2022-2023 year. January 12- Laurel Knob, April 6- Round Knob, July 13, Christian Unity, October 5- Liberty Grove will be our host churches. Jackie Blevins would like to honor Rev. Keith Wagoner on the In Honor page of the minutebook and on the In Memory page, Rev. Bill Burchett. Motion to accept these candidates was made by Rev. Larry Powers and second by Jackie Blevins. Motion carried. The bios are due for these on November 4th. With no other new business, Moderator adjourned the meeting with a closing prayer around the alter led by Mrs. Peggy Powers of Round Knob Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Miller, Clerk

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 12, 2023

The Executive Committee of the Ashe Baptist Association met for its quarterly meeting on Thursday, January 12th at Laurel Knob Baptist Church. The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Mr. Jerry Powers. Butch Miller played the piano and led the congregation in the hymn, There Is Power In The Blood. Rev. Russell Hart, Pastor at Laurel Knob welcomed everyone. Rev. Hart read scripture from Hebrews 10:25 says ...not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. Rev. Hart spoke on the verse and its meaning. Covid has changed this verse, it has changed our churches. It has affected our church attendance not only locally, but also all across our state and nation. In the past 2 years church attendance according to Lifeway has shrunk 25-30%. The Biblical Recorder had an article we should read; "Covid Has Changed American Theology". We should be at church.... We see the Day approaching, we can see an atmosphere of the coming of the Lord, what are we to do. Verse 22 -He gave us the plan, "Let us", v. 22 says, let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. We have 19 Rev. Hart said "Could we be approaching God without a true heart. The old sacrifices did not ever clear a conscience., the Blood of Christ cleans our conscience and we have a clean soul a saved soul. Don't waiver, don't cave, stand strong! It is not time for watered down doctrine, It is time to encourage one another in love and good works. Rev. Hart closed with prayer.

Debbie Miller, presented the Roll Call with 9 churches being represented. Mrs. Miller then presented the minutes from the 2nd quarter October- December 2022 Executive Meeting. Debbie asked everyone to read over the minutes as we would be voting to approve them in the Business Section of this meeting. Ms. Miller, also presented the 2nd Quarter- October-December Treasurer's Report and a revised Treasurer's Report for July- September. These reports will also be voted on for approval in the Business Section of the meeting.

Moderator, Jerry Powers introduces Rev. Paul Strickland, our new FaithHealth Connector.

Rev. Paul Strickland introduces himself and his wife, Cindy. They have retired to Ashe County from Sumter, SC. He is a licensed retired nurse; Rev. Strickland explains to us that FaithHealth is a partnership in faith communities with Baptist Hospital Atrium -Wake Forest with the goal of improving individual that need services in both faith and health. A partnership with churches and other organization helping find resources to help these individuals whether it is mental, spiritually, or medical. We want to help them in Spirit, Soul and Body offering assistance to all who ask and need help with various medical issues and questions. This is a free service, there may be charges out in the community however. If you know of an individual needing assistance, please have them call the Ashe Baptist Association 336-846-5641.

Moderator Jerry Powers adds that there are federal funds in Ashe County that should be used for needy Ashe Countians instead of being returned to Washington D.C.

Mrs. Pat Miller, presented the Ashe Really Cares report. In the 2nd quarter the ARC helped 316 families, 709 individuals and 4 new neighbors. Our numbers are going up, there is need for a lot of things. We are doing 41 Senior Boxes currently this is an extra box of food for 41 of our seniors. In October we did recognize our 53 volunteers. The ARC could not operate without them. The ARC thanks churches, and individuals for donating clothing and household items, food and monetary donations also your assistance also helps up help others. Lots of churches gave food items for Thanksgiving and Christmas as well as Food Lion donated turkeys. This helped several neighbors have nice holiday meals. ARC was blessed with \$50 gift cards to Food Lion for extra food during the holiday season. Project Star also provided more food and needs to several of our neighbors were blessed with during the giving season. Some receive monetary aid for electric bills. Donations were very good for

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December, we are blessed with a giving community and also from outside our county. Again this year the ARC received \$4335 from AEV, these funds are contributed by employees of AEV and matched by the company. ARC is one of the top five recipients of this funds. Our inspection in October went very well we were very happy about that! The ARC is still waiting for FEMA funds, this helps with electricity for neighbors this time of year. Churches and individuals do donate monies to help with heat and electricity. These does aid many of our less fortunate neighbors. As you can tell we are more than a food pantry, we want our neighbors to see the Love of God! They also have issue with health, loss of loved ones, some are homeless many different situations. We want to share the Love of God with them.

Rev. David Blackburn, DOM presented his Missions Strategist Report. Rev. Blackburn thanked everyone for their friendship, prayer, financial support for the past 26 years for the cause of Christ. He also thank several others for their help at the office, with association and Ashe Really Cares. Debbie Miller, as administrative assistant, Butch Miller with music, Pat Miller for her 24 years of service at Ashe Really Cares, all these folks do a good job and all go beyond what the job calls for, state Rev. Blackburn. Special thanks to Linda Blackburn for working with Disciple Making, she also had a bible study with 15 women each week, she has been doing this for 25 years, also we are blessed to have Elaine Cox to assist Linda now, they are the Dynamic Duo. We have several Baptist men from our churches helping out at the campground with several projects and jobs that need doing. Tim Hamby, Jim Walters, Johnny Goodman have all done extra work at the campground, including work on the Ray Minton cabin, plumbing, cutting trees that have fallen this winter. Bobby Shearon and Freddie Walter have done some work in Mattie Parsons building in the downstairs area. If anyone would like to help with replacing ceiling near the water heater in the boys restroom downstairs just give us a call that is something that needs to be done also. We will have a meeting in late February with the Campground Committee. A work day will be scheduled for early April and the campground opens April 1st. We do thank and appreciate each of you and what you have done and are doing to keep the campground going.

This year's Ashe County Children's Christmas Project helped 770 Ashe County Children. We thank everyone that helped with gifts this includes folks who gave monies, bought gifts, volunteered, it is a huge project and it takes all of us to make it work. Many of our churches, business and organizations took names and assisted in various ways this year, Also, thanks to West Jefferson Police Department, they donated bicycles, and to Stanley County Association for the 1000 back packs. All extra bicycles and backpacks were donated to the Kentucky Flood Victims, these were taken to Kentucky by Rev. Jackie Stone. Pastor at Warrensville Baptist Church.

North Beaver Baptist will be voting on Rev. Matthew Tilley as their pastor, pray for them as they vote this week. Remember Big Laurel Pastor as they are seeking a pastor. It is always a hard time when churches are without pastor. Take time to remember Scantiny of Life on Sunday, January 22nd. We do appreciate Ashe Pregnancy Center and what they do. We are happy to have Rev. Paul Strickland & his wife, Cindy, pray for him as he works with FaithHealth. Rev. Blackburn encourages all churches to recognize Baptist Men's Day also on January 22nd, if this does not work for the church you attend you can do it any day you like. The association is doing well, we are blessed and thankful. If we can help you, just call the office. Thank you.

Rev. Russell Hart thanks all churches and individuals you have contributed to the Debt Relief Offering This offering will go towards paying the mortgage debt for the Ashe Baptist Complex. Last year, the total offering was \$23,678, we exceeded our goal of \$20,000. This year debt relief funds are currently at \$15,053. There is an additional \$750 which will be on next quarter's report. The debt started at @ \$101,000 since we began the Debt Relief Offering the 3rd Sunday in October our debt is down to @ \$65,275.65. Rev. Hart reminds us that it's our association, it's our debt. Do your part, promote the special offering to help on the Ashe Baptist Association Debt. Thank you for giving.

Moderator Jerry Powers ask if there were any more reports with none, we went into the Business Section of the meeting.

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In Old Business Motion and second to approve the minutes 1st qtr. July- September October 6 Executive Meeting. Motion Carried and Minutes were approved. Motion made and a second to accept the (Revised 1st quarter) Treasurer's Report as presented. All agreed. Motion carried and the Treasurer's Report was approved. A motion was made and second on the 2nd Qtr.-October-December Treasurer's Report. All agreed Motion carried and the 2nd quarter Treasurer's Report was approved. Phoenix Baptist Church has volunteered to host the Saturday Morning, August 19 session of the Ashe Baptist Association Annual Meeting. This comes from the Preacher/Place Committee. Motion and second made. All agreed. Motion carried and approved. No other old business to discuss.

In New Business Moderator, Jerry Powers asked for new business: With no new business, Moderator adjourned the meeting with a closing prayer around the alter led by Rev. Paul Strickland of Friendship Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Miller, Clerk

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
April 6, 2023

The Executive Committee of the Ashe Baptist Association met for its quarterly meeting on Thursday, April 6th at Round Knob Baptist Church. The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Rev. Allen Huffman. Butch Miller played the piano, Jackie Blevins led the congregation in the hymn, When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder. Rev. Larry Powers, Pastor at Round Knob welcomed everyone. Rev. Powers read scripture from Luke 23:6 ... Rev. Powers reminds us that the Lord went through a for us, because of love. Jesus covered our sins on the cross at Calvary. Rev. Powers closed with prayer.

Debbie Miller, presented the Roll Call with 14 churches being represented. Mrs. Miller then presented the minutes from the January- March 2023 Executive Meeting. Debbie asked everyone to read over the minutes as we would be voting to approve them in the Business Section of this meeting. Ms. Miller, also presented the 3rd Quarter- January - March Treasurer's Report. Income from churches for the 3rd quarter totaled \$17,114.07. We do appreciate all churches who financial support the association, thank you. The Ending Balance was \$16,366.66 on March 31,2023. Current Debt Reduction total is \$15,803.00 and mortgage balance on March 31,2023 was \$48,207.71. The budget is looking good with the 4th quarter coming up our Budget Balance is \$28,916.21. Our average expenses per quarter is @ \$28,916.21. This Report will also be voted on for approval in the Business Section of the meeting.

Rev. Allen Huffman, Moderator asked Pat Miller for the Ashe Really Cares Report.

Mrs. Pat Miller, presented the Ashe Really Cares report. In the 3rd quarter Ashe Really Cares served 373 families, 826 individuals, 19 new neighbors with food. 578 families were served with clothing. Souper Bowl Donations collected were 5,826 food items, and \$3,690 in monetary donations. Pat would like to thank all the churches and individuals that gave in the Souper Bowl Drive. Appalachian State University Group is doing a food drive to be delivered to the ARC, our Local Boy Scout Troop 221 collected 223 pounds of food for the ARC also. We appreciate all our donations they help us help those in need. We are still giving out 41 Senior Boxes through Baptist On Missions to some of our seniors each month. Our neighbors love fresh vegetables, so as you plant your gardens, please plant a row for the ARC. Our neighbors would greatly appreciate good fresh vegetables as they are no longer able to tend a garden. We are thankful for our winter assistance. Donations were made for fuel assistance and we were able to help 25 families. FEMA assistance (Phase 39) assisted 49 families this winter to be able to keep their electric on. Phase 40 will be coming soon ; this will also allow us to assist more families. David applies for the NC Hunger Fund each year, we were approved and will receive \$750.00 for each quarter of the year. We not only aid neighbors with food and clothing, but also with household items and furniture. Volunteers are a necessity for the ARC, and we appreciate each one of them, ladies that sort clothes and hang them, the ladies that work in the food room, the fellows who pick up food each day, we could not make it without our volunteers, so thank you Volunteers very much! Pat also was at a meeting at Generations Ashe, to learn how to get more volunteers involved. April 17-19 Pat will be attending a conference at Caraway with David and Linda.

Rev. David Blackburn, DOM presented his Missions Strategist Report. Rev. Blackburn thanked everyone for their friendship, prayer, financial support for the past 26 years for the cause of Christ. He also thanked several others for their help at the office, with association and Ashe Really Cares The association is doing well, we are blessed and thankful. Rev. Blackburn ask that we remember Tuckerdale and Big Laurel churches as we pray as they are seeking a pastor. The VBS materials are at the ABA office and available to be checked out and use. Rev. Blackburn encourages everyone to plan for VBS. Fill the Tank will be on April 16th. Last year 1000's was baptized, does not have to be that day, as long as they give their hearts to Jesus any day would be good. ABA Campground News: Rev. Blackburn send a letter out on March 3 asking churches for donations to the campground. Some funds have come in. We thank those of you that sent donations in, we thank all that came to work on Work Day, it takes funds to keep bills paid such as electric, internet and insurance. It takes volunteers that come to work on the property and the Mattie Parsons building we thank each of you for your part. Mission Baptist and Liberty Grove Baptist along with Scott Brothers are taking out the baseboard heating

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and putting in a heat vac system. This should help with both heat and humidity. We thank these folks for doing this. Tom Ashley is here from Bald Mountain, they are scheduled to mow but instead of mowing, Mr. Blackburn ask them to mop the bathrooms and floor downstairs on their turn. Tri County Paving provided the gravel and Tim Hamby and Jim Walters spread it and worked on the road. Tim has also worked on the well to keep it from getting contamination in it. Tim Church has checked the well and it is approved as safe drinking water. There is still lots to do, wood to cut, anytime you would like to come and do something at the campground just stop by the office and pick up a key. Just lots of work by many and all is appreciated. Thanks to all churches on the mowing schedule this year. Friendship Baptist will start a Hispanic Sunday School on April 16th. If you know of anyone interested, please let them know. Remind you of National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 4th at the Ashe County Courthouse at 11 am. We hope you will attend. The ARC Committee on Tuesday met and approve to pave a graveled portion or the parking lot. They are financially sound by the many donations given for food, fuel, and just for whatever they need. Tri-County will be paving the strip for the discounted amount of \$10,000. I ask that you prayer for the Miller girls and Nathan as they work to serve others at the ABA Office and Ashe Really Cares. If we can help you, just call the office. Thank you.

Moderator, Rev. Allen Huffman call Rev. Paul Strickland for his FaithHealth Report.

Paul tells us he has many hats as the FaithHealth Connector here in Ashe County. He helps folks with community resources, helps them find providers and connects folks with caring congregations for those who need spiritual support. He does home visits, helps them with their medications and transportation to appointments. Paul works hard to get folks resources they need. There is no charge for the service he provides, but unfortunately some resources he tries to get for folks is not free. Paul does his best to get help for them, there has been some funds given to help folks with rides through ACTA, funds are very limited. Paul helps folks with end-of-life planning, sometimes finding sitters for folks, or someone just to relief the caregiver a while. The needs are many in Ashe County. Paul will continue as Barnabas encouraging others daily as he tries to help meet the needs of the needy in Ashe County.

Moderator, Rev. Allen Huffman call Ms. Linda Blackburn for the Disciple Making Report.

In Galatians, after faith come, Paul says "In Christ we are free, living in liberty God now gives us". God gives us free choice. The choice to spend time in God's Word or not, to be led by the spirit or not. In 1 Corinthians 3:16 it tells us to study; this is a command to Christians. It may be the reason we do not grow in God's Word if we chose not to read, study and share God's Word. We need to set a time to study God's Word and be disciple makers. The Seekers Ladies Group is currently encouraging ladies to take 2-3 and a coach.do daily devotions and discuss how the scriptures apply to them. Call Linda if you church would be interested and like help getting a Disciple Making class started. Linda and Elaine Cox (LOOMS) are currently doing a lady's class at Midway Baptist each Thursday at 11:30 am. Currently there are 25 ladies participating and they are studying Elijah.

Moderator Rev. Allen Huffman ask if there were any more reports with none, we went into the Business Section of the meeting.

In **Old Business** Motion made by Jackie Blevins and second by Larry Powers to approve the minutes for the January 2023 (2nd quarter) meeting. Motion Carried and Minutes were approved. Motion made by Keith Wagoner and a second by RD Watson to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. All agreed. Motion carried and the 3rd Qtr. Treasurer's Report was approved. No other old business to discuss we moved to New Business.

In **New Business** Moderator, Rev. Allen Huffman asked for new business: The Key Leaders need to be voted on. No motion needed as this comes from the committee. Vote was taken and with all agreeing on the Key Leaders they are approve. With no further new business, Moderator adjourned the meeting with a closing prayer around the alter led by Rev. Keith Wagoner of Bristol Baptist Church. Offering taken at the door for ARC in the amount of \$84

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Miller, Clerk

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 13, 2023

The Executive Committee of the Ashe Baptist Association met for its quarterly meeting on Thursday, April 13th at Christian Unity Baptist Church. The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Rev. Allen Huffman. Butch Miller played the piano, Jackie Blevins led the congregation in the hymn, Victory In Jesus. Mr. Butch Miller of Christian Unity welcomed everyone and did devotion from Matthew 16:18-19. Butch spoke on How we need to stand on God's Word in the day we are living and then led us to the Lord in prayer.

Debbie Miller, presented the Roll Call with 12 churches being represented. Mrs. Miller then presented the minutes from the April-June 2023 (4th Quarter) . Debbie asked everyone to read over the minutes as we would be voting to approve them in the Business Section of this meeting. Ms. Miller, also presented the 4th Quarter- April - June Treasurer's Report. Income from churches for the 4th quarter totaled \$18,514.89. We do appreciate all churches who financial support the association, thank you. The Ending Balance was \$19,424.46 on June 30, 2023. Current Debt Reduction total is \$15,803.00 and mortgage balance on June 30, 2023 was \$45,046.49. We did go over our 2022-2023 budget by a small amount. Our average expenses per quarter is @ \$28,859.05. This Report will also be voted on for approval in the Business Section of the meeting.

Rev. Allen Huffman, Moderator called Rev. Curtis Presnell for a report on his attendance at the Southern Baptist Convention. In his absence, Rev. David Blackburn, DOM mentioned he had spoken with Rev. Presnell and he was glad he was able to attend the Convention, he thought he was great. Rev. Presnell is the pastor at Riverview Baptist Church and also does the "Hope After Dope Ministry."

Rev. Allen Huffman, Moderator asked Pat Miller for the Ashe Really Cares Report.

Mrs. Pat Miller, presented the Ashe Really Cares report. Thank you to each church and individual that donates to the ARC, pray for our neighbors as we have a lot of hurting folks that need God. Pray the feel and see the love of God through us. Midway Baptist VBS visited the ARC in July, some had visited before, others had not, they enjoyed the tour. In the 4th quarter the ARC served 376 families, 858 individuals and 22 new families. For the 2022-2023 year the ARC served 1035 families, 2035 individuals, 61 new families with not only food but clothing also. The ARC through NC Baptist on Mission is still providing Senior Boxes that help 41 senior neighbors with an extra box of food. We received the NC Hunger Fund Grant of \$750 that David applies for, this helps us buy extra food needed. FEMA Funds Phase 39 and 40 have been received and monies will be used for electric and heat in the colder months coming. We do receive clothing donations monetary donations, food and produce from individuals and our local churches, we appreciate and thank all you help keep the ARC stocked. We also received some funds to purchase food with from Second Harvest, they also provide food, along with Food Lion and our Souper Bowl Drive this year, that drive provided 3690 cans of food and \$5,826. We are making some improvements at the ARC, the gravel part of the parking lot will be paved in late August, also we have had some pressure washing done and some painting that will be done. The ARC fan is going to be repainted. It still serves us well and we want to take care of it to keep it in good working order. As always, we appreciate our volunteers, we are looking for a couple of men, or a just a couple of folks to help us with food pick-up, just call the office for details. We appreciate Nathan, with his duties he is also picking up food now since we are short a few food pick-up volunteers. Thank you.

Rev. David Blackburn, DOM presented his Missions Strategist Report for the 4th quarter. Rev. Blackburn thanks everyone for supporting the Ashe Baptist Association, NC Baptists and missions around the world. Thanks to our churches and individuals for your support, we could not do it with out you. Thanks to Debbie and Pat at the ARC for their work.

Rev. Blackburn recognizes Rev. Matthew Tilley, new pastor at North Beaver Baptist Church in West Jefferson. Prayer Request for Rev. Larry Powers, Pastor at Round Knob also remember Fletcher Memorial, Tuckerdale and Big Laurel Baptist Churches as they are all seeking pastors. Lots of VBS are taking place this year at our churches, along with the Community Camp VBS at the Ashe Baptist Campground with leader Rev. Jeffery Cotton. Packet contains our cover for

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the Book of Reports, picture provided by Ed Reed, member at Warrensville Baptist. The Agenda for Friday and Saturday Annual Meeting, pray for our Annual Meeting this year. We have representatives from Liberty Grove Baptist with us, and have volunteer to host the 2024 Friday Session of the annual meeting. Friendship Baptist has a mission team in Peru. Rev. Ken Jones, Rev. Jeffery Cotton and others are there, pray as they work and serve the Lord in Peru. There will be paving done out at the Associational Complex in late August. Pressure washing, gutter cleaning has been done and painting is scheduled to be done. Rev. Blackburn appreciates all you do for the cause of Christ.

Moderator, Rev. Allen Huffman call Rev. Paul Strickland for his FaithHealth Report.

Needs are great in Ashe County, but we are working with a broken system and it is very hard to find resources to help these folks in their time of need. As the FaithHealth Connector here in the county, I connect and assist people in their time of need with resources, as a Christian minister I pray and counsel with them. This month I have also did presentations about FaithHealth at churches and on WKSK, so folks will know what I do with FaithHealth. I have helped a gentlemen get into see his doctor, when he needed it but could not seem to make the connection, helps a couple get set up with home health services, assisted a very sick man in going to the ER, helping him home and going over his meds with he and his wife. I was also able to help a lady with cancer, get her car repaired to enable her to get to treatments and doctor appointments. The needs are many, if you know someone with needs, please get in touch with me through the Ashe Baptist office. Thank you.

Moderator Rev. Allen Huffman ask if there were any more reports with none, we went into the Business Section of the meeting.

In Old Business Motion made by Jackie Blevins and second by Joe Brown to approve the minutes for the April 2023 (3rd quarter) meeting. Motion Carried and Minutes were approved. Motion made by Carolyn Fos and a second by Joe Brown to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. All agreed. Motion carried and the 3rd Qtr. Treasurer's Report was approved. No other old business to discuss we moved to New Business.

In New Business Moderator, Rev. Allen Huffman asked for new business: Liberty Grove has volunteered to host the 2024 Friday Session of the annual meeting. Motion was made to accepted Liberty Grove as the host church for the Friday Session of the 2024 Annual Meeting. A second to the motion was made by Jackie Blevins. All agreed. Motion carried. Reminder was made that Saturday Session is still open and pray for a church that will host the meeting. With no further new business, Moderator adjourned the meeting with a closing prayer around the alter led by Rev. Johnny Goodman, Pastor at Beaver Creek Baptist Church. Offering taken at the door for ARC in the amount of \$57

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Miller, Clerk

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One Hundred Thirty-Seventh Annual Meeting
Friday, August 18, 2023
Bald Mountain Baptist Church

Moderator, Rev. Allen Huffman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order by asking Mr. Butch Miller and Rev. Alan Ambrose to lead the congregation in "To God Be The Glory."

Rev. John Elledge, Pastor of Bald Mountain Church welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting held at Bald Mountain Baptist Church. Rev. Elledge use the theme verse from Psalm 122:1 for the devotion. "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord". Are you glad to be in the House of God. It should be a delight to us, not a duty to be in House of God. We should be like David, rejoicing, excited to be in the presence of the Lord. Let us make it a practice to say, I was glad when they said unto me. Let us go into the house of the Lord. Walk in, rejoicing and praising the Lord. The congregation repeated Psalm 122:1 and Rev. Elledge led the congregation in prayer.

Moderator, Rev. Allen Huffman held a Moment of Silence for Mr. Ronnie Wyatt, a member at Bald Mountain Baptist. Mr. Wyatt passed on August 17th. He served as a deacon at Bald Mountain Baptist and was loved and respected by his church family, community and county.

The Moderator called our attention to the Rules of Order for this meeting on Page 14 of the Book of Reports.

The moderator continued by calling for the seating of the messengers, adopting the order of business, which comes from the committee. The vote was taken and the adoption of the order of business was approved. The moderator then recognized all visitors and speakers for the meeting, and new Pastors since last year; Rev. Matthew Tilley, Pastor at North Beaver Baptist Church was recognized as new pastor. Moderator mentioned that Committee Appointments are on Page 14. These were brought by a committee, all were approved. Association Clerk, Debbie Miller called the roll of churches with 57 messengers present representing 23 churches.

Mrs. Diane Roark, Member at Bald Mountain Baptist presented the history of the church. After another hymn led by Butch Miller and Rev. Ambrose, Rev. Ambrose ask if to think of all the things God has and is doing for us. We then sang, "O Praise The Name". The afternoon message was presented by Rev. Homer Murdock, pastor of God's Will Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. Murdock read Matthew 14: 22-23 and Luke 18: 31-34. Message is to encourage young preachers. God's Purpose is never Man's Purpose! Do you ever feel like quitting? God knows and sees your struggle. When God does a miraculous work, don't let your focus get off on who did the work. Avoid the great failure trying to do it on your own, follow God's will. The Great Rescue, even when you fail Jesus has already written the story of you restoration. When storms come your way, remember you are not done, don't quit! Don't let Satan use your failures to keep you from doing God's work now.

After the sermon and the hymn, All Hail The Power, the moderator presented the Administrative Committees for 2023-2024 from pages 11-13 in the book of reports. No discussion on the committees, all were approved by vote. The Proposed Budget and Treasurer's report on pages 55-56 was presented by Debbie Miller who also asked for anyone with questions to check with DOM, Rev. Blackburn, Rev. Russell Hart, Chairman of the Finance Committee or herself.

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Debbie thanks churches for their faithful financial support to the association. The proposed budget will be voted on during the business session on Saturday. The Debt Reduction Offering last year was \$15,803, which along with the monthly mortgage payments has brought the mortgage balance down to \$45,046.49. Rev. Russell Hart, Chairman of the Finance Committee announces it is his last year on the Finance Committee. He explains the increase in budget on page 55 is due to these changes: VBS has been reduced due to Covid changing the way folks do VBS. Printing and supplies increased, Under DOM Salaries and Allowances, DOM utilities increased. Office Assistant increased due to Debbie's salary increase. She took only \$18,900 her first year (2020-2021) and the remainder of the salary went to the mortgage. 2021-2022 was \$19,650.00 She can now make what she could not, due to SS limits, so we hope to give her back what she could not take. This increase will be \$12.94 per hour and a 40 hour work week. Proposing the increase in the budget from \$114,708.00 to \$121,471.00. (Special Offering for Debt Reduction) Last year's offering was \$15,803.00, the year before was \$23,678. The Association Debt Offering began two years ago, when Russell started on the Finance Committee the mortgage debt was \$101,000 and so many dollars, today it is a little less than \$45,000. We will have one more (special offering) debt reduction offering this year, it will be on Sunday, October 15th, this short amount of time we have cut the debt in half, the goal is by next year to be debt free, it can be done, the answer lies in your pocketbooks. Association has no way to increase their budget. The only way the association can get money is to ask for it, it is hard to ask for money, so Russell states he is asking for it for the association. If all churches take up \$20,000 this October 15 or your choice of dates. Russell believes by spring of 2024 the debt can be eliminated. Churches can survive without the association, but the association can't survive without the churches, it is totally dependent on the what churches give, association is totally dependent on what churches give. There are no set rules, churches do what they do, it is not unbiblical to tithe to the association as a church. The association is there as right arm to reach men, women, boy and girls with the gospel of Jesus Christ, first and foremost. Association is there to help churches with spreading the gospel. If we lose the association let's shut down. If we lose the business of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, we just shut it down. On behalf of the association. thank you. (Proposed Budget and Treasurer's Report are attached to these minutes). Moderator, Rev. Allen Huffman asks if there is any discussion as these items will be voted on tomorrow, Saturday's Session. With no discussion, we move on to reports.

Nine Representatives from the NC Baptist in Cary, NC came and gave their reports of which all are in the Book of Reports. Each representative brought greetings from Cary and gave appreciation and thank you's for our Ashe Baptist Associational Churches giving and supporting the Co-Operative Program, from where their programs do receive a portion of the monies given to the Co-Operative Program. A couple of the programs supported by the Co-operative Program such as the NC Baptist on Missions are allowed to have an annual offering this one is in September called NC Missions Offering which helps the Baptist on Missions, enabling them to help many others in various situations and locations: and sharing the gospel, also the Baptist Children's Home does an annual offering along with the Food Drive which is stocks 80% of their shelves annually.

Those representatives attending were: Great Commission Catalyst Regions 9 & 10, Rev. Steve Harris (report page 25), Rev. Paul Langston with NC Baptist On Mission (report pages 26-28), Rev. Chris Allen representing Southeast Seminary (report page 54), Rev. Jody Yopp with NC Baptist Children's Homes (report pages 45-46), Rev. Dr. Brian Davis representing, NC Baptist Hospital-Atrium Health/FaithHealth (report pages 40-42), Ms. Angie Gregg with NC Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM) (report pages 51-52), Mr. Wesley Berry representing NC Baptist Retirement Homes (report pages 47-48), Rev. Allen Schulyer representing NC Baptist Foundation (report page 53), and Dr. Rev. Lester Evans, Western Catalyst and giving the Report for the Associational Partnerships Catalysts for 2023 (report pages 47-48).

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We appreciate each one of these representatives for being with us and sharing valuable information on each program. All representatives are happy to visit your church and share more information and assist in any way needed by just contacting them and scheduling a date and time.

We were led in a hymn, "Thank God, I'm Free" by Rev. Alan Ambrose and Butch Miller. Special Music was provided by Rev. Alan Ambrose and Mrs. Penny Ambrose, members of Bald Mountain Baptist Church.

Rev. Matthew Tilley, Pastor at North Beaver Baptist Church preached the Association Sermon from Galatians with key verse being Galatians 5:13 *For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.* Rev. Tilley encourage us live in liberty as verse 13 says, to stand firm and don't go down the wrong path. Our churches are called to liberty, we cannot use the law as an excuse to sin. Christ secured our freedom on the cross may we never forget. Christ showed us what selfless love look like. We shall love our neighbor, serve each other, let the Holy Spirit lead us truly standing with Christ who has made us free, resisting the shackles Jesus has freed us from.

Rev. John Elledge blessed the dinner meal as the Friday session ended with the meal and everyone was reminded that the morning session will resume at 9 am at Phoenix Baptist Church.

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One Hundred Thirty-Seventh Annual Meeting
Saturday, August 19, 2023
Phoenix Baptist Church

The Saturday session of the Annual Meeting at Phoenix Baptist Church was called to order by Moderator, Mr. Jerry Powers. After a congregational hymn "Praise Him, Praise Him" led by Rev Alan Ambrose and Mr. Butch Miller, a welcome, devotion and prayer in reference to was given by Pastor, Rev. Chris Goforth of Phoenix Baptist. Debbie Miller, Associational Clerk called the Roll of Churches with 65 messengers present, representing 22 churches. The moderator called our attention to the Rules of Order on page 14. Pastor Chris Goforth presented the History of Phoenix Baptist Church.

Reports from Ashe Association ministries were presented. Director of Missions, Rev. David Blackburn presented the Missions Report, Mrs. Pat Miller reported for Ashe Really Cares that they continue to serve new folks and new families with clothes, food, compassion and love. Baptist Men report was given by Mr. Fred Walters. Rev. Paul Strickland, FaithHealth Connector for Ashe County reported for FaithHealth. Mr. J.C. Trivette reported for the Evangelism Committee. Pastor Ken Jones of Friendship Baptist presented report on a Mission Trip. All reports are in the Book of Reports.

Special Music- "God Is Still Good", was presented by Phoenix Baptist Pastor, Rev. Chris Goforth.

Rev. Lonnie Jones brought the morning message. Reading from Psalm 119 the longest chapter in the Bible. God's Word has a purpose. We need to use it, dig into God's Word and tell other people. The Word of God is a source of strength, wisdom in times of our needs and troubles, it gives us peace, it will take care of empty hearts and direct our paths, tells us how to love and love Christ. One single verse can mean so much to a needy soul. The focus of the Bible is about Jesus Christ. We grow closer to God by reading the Word, it can make a difference in lives if we use it. We need to read and study God's Word and apply it to our lives obey it, praise it, share it, walk in it. It changes lives, opens hearts and eyes, it teaches it truth and gives us spiritual discernment. We have the freedom and liberty to read and study here as we have lots of availability to God's Word, maybe we are not taking advantage of it like we should. In closing, Rev. Lonnie Jones states, "I love this Book, I truly love this book and I hope you do to; I believe you do if we do we need to share it. Why, because it's about my Jesus, it's about our Jesus".

Ms. Elaine Cox gave the NC Baptist Women's Report. Ms. Linda Blackburn gave the report for Disciple Making, followed by Butch Miller with his report on Church Music. Ms. Debbie Miller gave the Historian Report, followed by Rev. Johnny Goodman with the Ashe Baptist Campground Report. Pastor of Friendship, Rev. Ken Jones gave the Vacation Bible School report. All reports are found in the Book of Reports.

At 11:05 am, Moderator, Mr. Jerry Powers reminds us of the Rules of Order, found on page 14.

We were led in a Congregational Hymn, Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone by Rev. Ambrose before going into further reports. Moderator, Mr. Jerry Powers ask Rev. Johnny Goodman to come. Rev. Goodman reported for Guidestone, he encourages churches to enter our young pastors in Guidestone Retirement Program, his report is on page 23. Mr. Bill Barr gave the report for the Gideons his report is found on page.43-44 in the Book of Reports. Mrs.

Brenda Barr reported for the Ashe County Pregnancy Care Center. She announced their walk for life will be held this year on September 30, and will begin at the Backstreet Stage in West Jefferson at 9:30 am. (report on page 35) Rev. Steve Ashley reported that Community Prayer Meeting will continue into 2024. Rev. Ashley says "When we work we work, but when we pray God works!" (page 38). Rev. Michael Carter, Chaplain for the Ashe County Sheriff's Department reported on programs at the that need some assistance. (pages 36-37) All reports are found in the Book of Reports.

The congregation was led in "Thank God, I'm Free" and an offering was taken in the amount of \$ 296. This offering will go to the Ashe Baptist Association Budget.

The Moderator brought us into our final Business Session. Old Business: With no old business for discussion, there was a vote to Adopt the Associational Budget and to approve the Treasurer's Report that had been presented at yesterday's session. Does that need a motion, coming for a committee. All were in agreement and both motions carried.

New Business: Liberty Grove Baptist Church has volunteered to host the Friday, August 16, 2024 session of the 138th Annual Meeting. A motion was made to accept Liberty Grove Baptist as the Friday host church for the meeting with all in agreement, motion carried. The Preacher/Place Committee has no recommendation for the Saturday Session, August 17, 2024 138th Annual Meeting. Please call the Preacher/Place Committee or the Ashe Baptist Association Office if the church you attend would be interested in hosting the Saturday session of the 2024 Annual Meeting.

Rev Steve LeaShomb, Pastor at Midway Baptist Church presided over the memorial service by reading names of all those members who had passed away this past year. After the benediction and blessing on food by Pastor Chris Goforth, the 137th Annual Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Miller
Ashe Associational Clerk

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2023-2024
Proposed Budget

	2022-2023	2023-2024
	Approved	Proposed
EDUCATION AND PROMOTION		
1. Sunday School	\$100.00	\$100.00
2. Discipleship Training	\$800.00	\$800.00
3. Brotherhood	\$150.00	\$150.00
4. Baptist Women	\$600.00	\$600.00
5. Vacation Bible School	\$1,500.00	\$750.00
6. Evangelism	\$100.00	\$100.00
7. Association Youth	\$100.00	\$100.00
TOTAL EDUCATION & PROMOTION	\$3,350.00	\$2,600.00
ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICE		
1. Office Equipment	\$600.00	\$600.00
2. Printing and Supplies	\$3,008.00	\$4,000.00
3. Sharp Copier Lease	\$6,685.00	\$6,685.00
4. Postage/Mailing	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
5. Office Utilities	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
6. Building Mortgage	\$12,646.00	\$12,846.00
7. Office Repairs & Maintenance	\$500.00	\$500.00
8. Office Insurance premium	\$1,680.00	\$1,680.00
TOTAL ASSOCIATION OFFICE	\$32,619.00	\$33,611.00
SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES		
1. Director of Missions		
(a) SSI / Medicare	\$9,400.00	\$9,400.00
(b) Retirement	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
(c) Health Insurance	\$3,780.00	\$3,780.00
(d) Utilities	\$7,679.30	\$8,200.00
(e) Housing Allowance	\$11,700.00	\$11,700.00
(f) Home Owners insurance	\$475.00	\$475.00
(g) Net wages	\$14,788.00	\$14,788.00
(h) Accountable Reimbursement	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
TOTAL Director of Missions	\$54,222.30	\$54,743.00
2. Office Assistant / Treasurer		
(b) Payroll Taxes	\$1,450.00	\$1,917.00
(d) Salary	\$19,467.00	\$25,000.00
TOTAL Office Assistant/Treasurer	\$20,917.00	\$26,917.00
3. Clerk		
(a) Reimbursement for travel	\$100.00	\$100.00
4. Training	\$400.00	\$400.00
	\$600.00	\$600.00
TOTAL SALARIES & ALLOWANCES	\$75,739.30	\$82,260.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
BAPTIST CAMPGROUND	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
TOTAL	\$114,708.30	\$121,471.00

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Ashe Missionary Baptist Association					
Treasurer's Report April - June 2023 (4th Qtr.)					
Church Name	4th QTR	Year-To-Date	Amount	Year-To-Date	
APPALACHIAN CHURCH	500.00	500.00	Churches	18,514.89	77,170.11
BALD MOUNTAIN	3,600.00	15,600.00	Other Income	10,673.61	47,695.67
BEAVER CREEK	600.00	1,950.00	Reimbursements	27,268.01	86,741.67
BIG FLATTS	0.00	0.00	Debt Reduction		15,053.00
BIG LAUREL	0.00	0.00	TOTAL INCOME	56,456.51	\$226,660.45
BLUE RIDGE	0.00	0.00			
BRISTOL	600.00	2,600.00	Beginning Balance	16,366.66	
BUFFALO	420.00	1,680.00	Income -Debt Reduction	56,456.51	
CALVARY	0.00	200.00	Expenses	53,398.81	
CHRISTIAN UNITY	300.00	1,200.00	Ending Balance 6.30.2023	\$19,424.46	
FARMER MEMORIAL	500.00	500.00			
FLETCHER MEMORIAL	205.75	2,691.63			
FRIENDLY GROVE	0.00	0.00			
FRIENDSHIP	1,650.00	6,600.00	Mortgage Debt Reduction 2023 Total	\$15,803.00	
GOD'S WILL	150.00	650.00			
GRASSY CREEK	396.60	1,815.25	ABA Mortgage Balance 6-30-2023	\$ 45,046.49	
HAPPY TRAILS	0.00	552.09			
HEALING SPRINGS	337.83	1,307.80	Minutebooks-Other Income	\$0.00	
LAUREL KNOB	640.12	2,963.91			
LIBERTY GROVE	0.00	4,000.00			
LITTLE HELTON	60.00	180.00			
MIDWAY	1,750.00	3,500.00			
MISSION HOME	500.00	2,000.00			
MOUNT OLIVE	0.00	700.00			
NEW RIVER	352.17	1,618.38			
NORTH BEAVER	0.00	1,750.00			
OAK HILL	0.00	300.00			
OBIDS	250.00	1,000.00			
OLD FIELDS	0.00	0.00			
ORION	1,100.00	3,300.00			
PHOENIX	600.00	2,400.00			
PILOT MOUNTAIN	213.85	968.05			
PINE SWAMP	0.00	0.00			
PLEASANT HOME	278.00	1,716.40			
PLEASANT VALLEY	250.00	1,000.00			
RIVERVIEW	150.00	600.00	All checks sent to the Associational Office written directly to either		
ROUND KNOB	408.00	1,699.00	Ashe Really Cares or ABA Campground are recorded in		
TRINITY	752.57	1,829.60	separate bank accounts		
TUCKERDALE	300.00	1,200.00	Note: Funds coming in after the first of the month,		
WAGONER	150.00	600.00	will show on the next month/quarter.		
WARRENSVILLE	1,200.00	4,800.00			
WELCOME HOME	300.00	1,200.00	Every man according as he purposeth in his heart so let		
			him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth		
Totals	\$18,514.89	\$77,170.11	a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7		

CHURCH STATISTICAL INFORMATION 2022-2023

The information reported on the Congregation Summary and ACP Financial Summary is gathered through the yearly Annual Church Profile reports from individual church clerks.

THANK YOU CHURCH CLERKS that so meticulously report this information. It helps the Association and the NC Baptist State Convention to know the various kinds of ministries we need to provide in supporting our churches. It also helps us to identify trends in the Association and areas of improvement.

Please Note:

When reviewing the data on the congregation summary any blank spaces on the report indicates no information was reported by the church.

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Ashe Baptist Association Summary Information 2023

Congregation	Total Members	Resident Members	Total Baptisms	Other Additions	Worship Attendance	SS Enrollment	SS Avg. Attendance	DT Enrollment	Music Ministry	WMU Enrollment	Mens Ministry	Total Receipts
Appalachian Church	147	0	17	0	223	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0
Beaver Creek	77	77	4	5	68	0	44	0	0	10	0	\$57,473
Blue Ridge	35	24	0	0	9	0	7	0	0	0	0	\$0
Bristol	319	0	0	0	47	0	30	0	0	0	0	\$125,301
Buffalo	80	50	1	0	50	0	25	0	0	0	0	\$7,777
Christian Unity	53	53	0	3	48	0	20	0	0	12	0	\$52,736
Fletcher Memorial	373	150	0	1	52	0	34	0	0	6	0	\$127,818
Friendly Grove	200	100	2	3	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$64,620
Friendship	461	425	11	22	120	0	59	0	0	12	20	\$466,411
Grassy Creek	82	49	0	0	15	0	10	0	0	0	0	\$38,902
Healing Springs	75	60	2	0	60	0	40	0	0	0	0	\$83,441
Laurel Knob	65	45	0	0	35	0	25	0	0	0	0	\$116,416
Liberty Grove	210	123	8	6	113	0	65	0	0	10	0	\$358,856
Midway	118	250	12	0	117	0	80	0	0	0	0	\$187,849
Mission Home	87	24	0	0	33	0	19	0	0	10	0	\$61,891
New River	214	100	4	0	52	0	40	0	0	15	0	\$134,384
North Beaver	87	0	1	9	50	0	22	0	0	0	0	\$0
Oak Hill	40	30	0	0	7	0	5	0	0	0	0	\$0
Obids	83	58	2	3	50	0	20	0	0	0	0	\$61,766
Orion	147	87	3	7	62	0	31	0	0	0	0	\$169,344
Phoenix	81	51	1	5	38	0	25	0	0	11	0	\$54,574
Pilot Mountain	73	35	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$20,381
Pine Swamp	88	56	2	0	21	0	9	0	0	0	0	\$22,662
Pleasant Home	42	0	4	3	20	0	15	0	0	0	0	\$39,368
Pleasant Valley	32	5	0	0	12	0	9	0	0	0	0	\$24,867
Round Knob	100	52	1	4	22	0	10	0	0	0	0	\$41,362
Tuckerdale	212	188	3	37	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	\$46,525
Wagoner	86	25	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$20,084
Warrensville	298	298	0	8	80	0	33	0	0	8	20	\$154,258
Welcome Home	158	119	1	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	\$92,101
Ashe Baptist	4,123	2,534	79	116	1,492	0	747	0	0	94	40	\$2,631,167

ABA Churches not reporting: Bald Mountain, Big Flatts, Big Laurel, Calvary, Farmer's Memorial, God's Will, Happy Trails Cowboy Church, Little Helton, Mt. Olive, Oak Hill, Old Fields, Riverview and Trinity.

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Ashe Baptist Financial Information 2023

Congregation	Undesig. Receipts	Designated Receipts	Total Receipts	Cooperative Program	Association Expenditures	State Expenditures	Annie Armstrong	Lottie Moon	Other SBC Expenditures	Non SBC Expenditures	Total SBC Expenditures
Beaver Creek	\$48,324	\$9,149	\$57,473	\$600	\$1,800	\$900	\$100	\$100	\$778	\$0	\$4,278
Bristol	\$62,447	\$62,854	\$125,301	\$3,840	\$2,400			\$700	\$5,850	\$57,004	\$12,790
Buffalo	\$570	\$7,207	\$7,777							\$1,000	
Christian Unity	\$52,736		\$52,736		\$1,800	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$6,048	\$2,200
Fletcher Memorial	\$123,606	\$4,212	\$127,818	\$907	\$2,590		\$675	\$937		\$4,556	\$5,109
Friendly Grove	\$64,286	\$334	\$64,620	\$0	\$232	\$153	\$0	\$181	\$0	\$0	\$566
Friendship	\$373,149	\$93,262	\$466,411	\$5,000	\$6,600	\$600	\$1,457	\$6,223	\$1,665	\$83,163	\$21,545
Grassy Creek	\$36,752	\$2,150	\$38,902	\$1,262	\$2,245	\$200	\$275	\$275		\$11,685	\$4,257
Healing Springs	\$44,538	\$38,903	\$83,441	\$1,309	\$1,309	\$963	\$180	\$90	\$3,192		\$7,043
Laurel Knob	\$81,351	\$35,065	\$116,416	\$1,976	\$7,554	\$7,880	\$1,300	\$4,841	\$0	\$24,887	\$23,551
Liberty Grove	\$256,856	\$102,000	\$358,856	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,745	\$2,000	\$15,255	\$8,745
Midway	\$162,323	\$25,526	\$187,849	\$13,119	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,000	\$3,660	\$500	\$0	\$27,279
Mission Home	\$55,266	\$6,625	\$61,891	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$1,540	\$1,085	\$0	\$0	\$6,625
New River	\$131,361	\$3,023	\$134,384	\$1,700	\$1,616				\$1,966	\$8,028	\$5,282
North Beaver				\$1,000	\$3,000		\$500	\$206	\$1,100		\$5,806
Oak Hill					\$300						\$300
Obids	\$61,766	\$0	\$61,766		\$1,000				\$3,600		\$4,600
Orion	\$128,778	\$40,566	\$169,344	\$4,400	\$10,380	\$1,388	\$6,877	\$7,054	\$300	\$6,497	\$30,399
Phoenix	\$54,064	\$510	\$54,574	\$1,180	\$1,100	\$0	\$200	\$310		\$5,100	\$2,790
Pilot Mountain	\$19,261	\$1,120	\$20,381		\$977						\$977
Pine Swamp	\$20,812	\$1,850	\$22,662								
Pleasant Home	\$28,635	\$10,733	\$39,368	\$1,143	\$6,158	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$5,811	\$8,301
Pleasant Valley	\$24,867	\$0	\$24,867	\$0	\$1,400	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,652	\$3,400
Round Knob	\$41,362		\$41,362	\$2,067	\$1,634	\$1,634	\$3,685	\$3,685		\$14,254	\$12,705
Tuckerdale	\$41,229	\$5,296	\$46,525	\$600	\$2,600					\$6,281	\$3,200
Wagoner	\$17,134	\$2,950	\$20,084		\$2,150		\$300	\$500			\$2,950
Warrens ville	\$125,784	\$28,474	\$154,258	\$2,100	\$7,200	\$0	\$1,060	\$740		\$17,443	\$11,100
Welcome Home	\$70,612	\$21,489	\$92,101	\$1,200	\$2,095		\$246	\$317	\$322	\$22,921	\$4,180
Ashe Association	\$2,127,869	\$503,298	\$2,631,167	\$45,403	\$78,640	\$18,318	\$22,995	\$33,249	\$21,373	\$294,585	\$219,978

ABA Churches not reporting: Appalachian, Bald Mountain, Big Flatts, Big Laurel, Blue Ridge, Calvary, Farmer's Memorial, God's Will, Happy Trails Cowboy, Little Helton, Mt. Olive, Old Fields, Riverview and Trinity.

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ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

1. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three Persons in the God-head; the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one.
2. We believe that the Bible, the Old and New Testament, is the Word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the impotency of man and the sovereignty of God.
4. We believe that Salvation is by Grace through Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.
5. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances instituted by Jesus to be practiced only by believers in their spiritual order.
6. We believe that Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a qualified administrator, and that those who are thus baptized and are in fellowship with the church in feeling and doctrine should take the Lord's Supper.
7. We believe in the final perseverance of the Saints in Grace and Glory.
8. We believe in a separate resurrection and judgment, both for the righteous, and unrighteous dead.
9. We believe that the existence of the righteous and the wicked will both be of eternal duration, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will both be eternal.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels and the assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into this covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness and comfort to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain worship, ordinances, discipleship and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church and the relief of the poor; and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealing, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all fattling, backbiting, and excessive anger, to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense but always ready for reconciliation; and mindful of the rule of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

PREAMBLE

For the purpose of preserving, propagating, and making articulate the principles of our faith and to the end that this body of cooperating churches may be governed in an orderly manner, consistent with the accepted tenets of associations of Missionary Baptist Churches, for the purpose of preserving the liberties inherent in each individual church, and in order to set forth the relationship of this body to other Baptist bodies, we do adopt and establish this Constitution.

Article I - Name and Membership

Section 1. This body shall be called the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association.

Section 2. This Association shall consist of all Missionary Baptist Churches in Ashe County, and communities closely adjacent thereto, of like faith and practice, who wish to affiliate with this Association and are loyal to the faith and practice of the Missionary Baptist Denomination.

Section 3. The membership of this body shall be the pastor and three (3) messengers from each church. A letter certifying their appointment and giving the statistics of the membership and work of the church shall be sent to the Associational office at least twenty (20) days before the opening session of the annual meeting.

Section 4. Any church reported to be irregular in faith or practice may be investigated by order of the Association and such action taken, as may be decided by the Association.

Section 5. The Association shall be sole judge of its membership and may receive churches according to the Association's Constitution and By-Laws. Any church in the Association, which fails to cooperate with the Association for two consecutive years, shall be contacted by the Executive Committee to ascertain the wishes and desires of the church relative to its continuance in the Association. A Cooperating church should be defined as one which sends a report (church letter) to the annual session, is represented (by messengers) at the annual session, represented (by Executive Committee members) at the regularly scheduled Executive Committee meetings, contributes to the financial program of the Association, and is in general sympathy with the purposes of the Association. The Association recognizes that any affiliated church has the right to withdraw its fellowship from the Association.

Article II - Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of this Association shall be an organized effort to unite the churches of the Association in devising and promoting measures and programs for the spread of the gospel in our bounds and in all the world, in compliance with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Article III - Annual Church Letters (Annual Church Profile)

Section 1. The churches shall report annually statistical and general information upon a printed form furnished by the Associational office. The printed form shall be furnished to the church at least six weeks before the convening of an annual session of the Association and returned to the Associational office at least twenty (20) days before the opening session of the annual meeting.

Article IV - Officers and their Duties

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Associational Missionary, and the heads of such organizations as are set up and approved by the Association. The offices of Clerk and Treasurer may be the same person, at the discretion of the body.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Moderator of the Association (Vice-Moderator in his absence or disability) to preside over the annual sessions and all special sessions, including the meetings of the Executive Committee. As the presiding officer, he shall open the meetings punctually at the appointed time, enforce the rules, preserve the order, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage. He shall name the committees and representatives of Institutions and agencies described in Sections 5, 6, and 8 of Article V of the Constitution at the opening of the annual session. He shall be elected for a one-year term, and he cannot succeed himself after the second consecutive term.

Section 3. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of all proceedings of the Executive committee meetings, annual meetings, and make such available to the body and the Associational Missionary for printing and distribution.

Section 4. The treasurer shall have charge of all Associational funds as the Association may direct and make a report of receipts and disbursements at each annual meeting.

Section 5. (1) The Associational Missionary shall be elected upon a recommendation of the Committee on Missions, and by a vote of the Association at a regular scheduled meeting. The relationship between the Association and its Associational Missionary may be terminated following a reasonable notice of not less than 30 days.

(2) The Associational Missionary shall promote the work and witness of the Association and denomination, cooperating with the churches, their pastors and officers and Associational committees and organizations.

A. He shall be responsible for planning, promoting and executing the ministry of the Association in cooperation with the Committee on Missions.

B. He shall make an annual report to the Association at the August meeting

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Article IV - Officers and their Duties (continued)

- C. He shall be ex-officio member of all committees of the Association, serving in an advisory and/or resource capacity.
- D. He shall seek to visit each church in the Association in order to:
 - (1) Enrich Christian fellowship among churches.
 - (2) Encourage and strengthen the ministry of the churches.
 - (3) Enhance the cooperative relationship between the churches and the Association
- E. He shall, when necessary, conduct surveys or inquiries, in order to determine specific needs for ministry with the area of the Association.
- F. He shall, upon request, provide a list of qualified persons who may be considered by churches seeking pastors.
- G. He shall have full administrative responsibility for all personnel employed by the Association.
- H. **Strengthen Program Organizations**
 - (1) Promote evangelism and church growth through total church organizations. Provide needed helps to enable churches to become better equipped in areas of church ministry.
- I. **Promote Missions**
 - (1) Encourage and lead in mission commitment of member churches utilizing Bold Mission Thrust Plans, by creating awareness to mission opportunities, new work, and by assisting in the development of church mission development programs, church extension, language missions, Christian social ministries, chaplaincy ministries, interfaith witness and special mission ministries.
 - (2) Give high priority to reaching the many unreached Hispanics through existing churches and in new work.
- J. **Develop Leadership**
 - (1) Encourage and provide support for development and improvement in areas of church, ministry, dealing with crisis times, leadership, and supervision skills, etc. Approaches will include family ministry, seminary extensions, workshops and conferences for church secretaries, church clerks (Uniform Church Letter), non-salaried and salaried leaders, music workshops, pastors' retreats, and ethnic leadership development.
- K. **Nurture Fellowship**
 - (1) Nurture fellowship among member churches.
 - (2) The Associational Missionary is entitled to two weeks vacation annually. Upon completion of five years service, the Associational Missionary shall be entitled to three weeks annual vacation, and after ten years, four weeks annual vacation. Vacation is to be taken within the calendar year, and it is not accumulative.
 - (3) Should there occur at any time a grievance on the part of the Association of the Associational Missionary, either party may consult with the Moderator and Chairman of the Missions Committee.

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Article IV - Officers and their Duties (continued)

Section 6. The officers of the other organizations within the Association shall be nominated by their respective organizations and their names furnished, and presented to the Association for action at each annual session.

Section 7. The officers designated in Section 1, the Associational Missionary excepted, shall be elected at the morning session of the first day of the annual meeting and shall assume their duties at the close of the annual meeting, at which they are elected, and serve until the close of the next session.

Article V - Committees and Their Duties

Section 1. The committees of the Association shall be: Executive Committee, Committee on New Churches, Program Committee, Committee on Place and Preacher, Resolutions Committee, Missions Committee, Nominating Committee, and such other committees as the Association may designate and name at any annual session. All committee members will serve for a period of three (3) years. Initially each committee will, with the consent of each member, designate which committee member will serve the three- (3) year, two (2) year, and one (1) year term. After the completion of a term, no member shall be eligible for re-election to the committee until after the lapse of one year.

Section 2. The Associational Executive Committee shall be composed of one lay member of all churches, the pastors of such churches, and the officers of the Association, as listed under Section 1 of Article IV. Twelve members of this committee shall constitute a quorum to transact business, after notice of such meeting has been mailed, or otherwise given to all members of the committee at least three days prior to the proposed meeting. Members of this committee shall be elected by the churches annually.

Section 3. The Committee on Organized Churches shall consist of the Moderator, ex officio, three pastors, and three lay-persons. This committee shall be responsible for receiving letters of application for membership into the Association by organized Missionary Baptist Churches. This committee's responsibility shall be to communicate to applying churches the requirements of a cooperating church, as herein defined in Article I, section 5, paragraph 2 of the Ashe Baptist Association Constitution. Applying churches, upon recommendation of this committee, shall, with approval of the messengers at the annual session, serve one year under watch care of the Association. This committee shall work with this church during this period and then make final recommendations at the next annual meeting.

Section 4. The Program Committee shall consist of five members who shall prepare an order of business for the annual meeting, including the designating of persons to make reports as to the various objects supported by the Churches of the Association. The Associational office shall prepare copies of the same for distribution to those attending the annual sessions of the Association.

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Article V - Committees and Their Duties (continued)

Section 5. The Committee on Place and Preacher shall consist of three members, who may be appointed by the Moderator, with consent of the Association. At each annual session, this Committee shall recommend to the Association a place, or places, for the holding of the annual meeting of the Association, and shall designate a minister to deliver the Associational sermon and an alternate.

Section 6. The Resolutions Committee shall consist of three members to be appointed by the Moderator. This Committee shall prepare and submit to the Association such resolutions, as it may consider pertinent and proper for the good of the body.

Section 7. The Nominating Committee shall name a Nominating Committee of five (5) members who shall bring to the second Executive Committee of the calendar year, (which is normally in April); for election of the following nominations: Clerk, Youth Director, Brotherhood Director, Discipleship Training Director, Evangelism Chairperson, Moderator, Music Director, Seminary Extension Director, Sunday School Director, and others who are invited to receive training at the Key Leadership Conference by the Baptist State Convention, (which is normally in May).

This Committee shall also present at the annual meeting for election all of the other committee members which are covered herein. Organizational heads will be named by their respective organizations and presented to the Nominating Committee at least two weeks before their nominations are presented to the Executive Committee at their second meeting, (which is normally in April).

If the organizations do not present their respective organizational heads two weeks prior to the April Executive Committee, then the Nominating Committee will select those needed and present their names to the second Executive Committee meeting (normally in April). The chairman of the Nominating Committee will contact these organizational heads before making these selections to be sure they have not already selected someone.

All other nominations shall be presented and elected on the first day of the annual meeting of the Association. All nominations at the Executive Committee meeting and the annual meeting are subject to additional nominations from the floor, and the expressed will of the Association.

Section 8. The Moderator is authorized and directed to appoint suitable persons at each session to prepare and present to the next session reports on the various subjects and causes customary to be presented and to notify such persons in due time before the meeting of the Association. (Refer to Article IV, Section 2.)

Section 9. The Board of Directors of the Ashe Baptist Summer Camp shall consist of nine members who shall initially be chosen three (3) for one year, three (3) for two years, and three (3) for three years.

Of the said members, three shall be active pastors in the Association. After the completion of one term, no member shall be eligible for re-election to this board until after the lapse of one year. No more than one member of this board shall be chosen from any one church of the Association. The treasurer of the Ashe Baptist Summer Camp, (who shall serve in addition to the nine member Board of Directors), shall be elected by the Board of Directors on an indefinite basis. He/she shall have voting privileges, as do other members.

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Article V - Committees and Their Duties (continued)

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to cooperate with the officials, pastors, and Executive Committee of the Association in promoting and advancing the development and operation of the camp; to supervise and direct the work of the camp; and to make a report to the Association at each annual meeting. Vacancies occurring in this organization shall be filled in accordance with the provision of Section 7 thereof.

Section 10. The Mission Committee shall consist of seven (7) members, five (5) of which shall be heads of the following organizations: Sunday School, Discipleship Training, Brotherhood, WMU and Church Music. The names of these five (5) shall be submitted to the Associational Nominating Committee by their respective organizations and voted on by the full body on the first day of the annual meeting. The other two (2) members shall be active pastors in the Association and they shall be named by the Associational Nominating Committee. They too shall be elected along with the organizational heads. Should any of the before mentioned organizations fail to submit the name of a person nominated by themselves to serve as head of that organization, then the Associational Nominating Committee shall be responsible for nominating that person.

These seven (7) people shall constitute the Associational Missionary Search Committee, when such a need arises. This Committee shall work with the Associational Missionary in promoting the work of the Association and lead and assist in determining need for beginning new missions stations and organizing new churches. The Moderator and Associational Missionary shall be ex officio members of this committee.

Section 11. The Ordination Committee shall consist of five (5) members, all of whom must be ordained ministers, meeting the qualifications as stated in I Timothy 3:1-7, and who are members of cooperating churches of the Ashe Baptist Association. The Chairman, at his discretion, may invite the pastor of a candidate to sit with the committee. Churches of the Association desiring to ordain a preacher to the Gospel ministry, and desiring to use the services of the Ordination Committee of the Ashe Baptist Association, shall use the following procedure.

1. The Church in conference shall vote to ask the Ordination Committee to examine the candidate and so notify the chairman.
2. The candidate shall meet the following conditions before ordination:
 - (a) Hold membership in a cooperating Missionary Baptist church.
 - (b) Shall have held a license to preach, issued by a cooperating Missionary Baptist Church for not less than six months.
3. The chairman shall set a suitable time and place, notifying the members, for the examination.
4. The candidate shall be examined as to his conversion, call to the ministry, doctrinal beliefs, and attitude toward our denomination and its programs.
5. The Committee Chairman shall notify the church of its recommendations and they may proceed with the ordination.

Section 12. The Evangelism Committee, composed of 5 members, shall promote the work of Evangelism in the churches and the Association in cooperation with the State Department of Evangelism. All plans and programs are to be subject to the approval of the Association, or its Executive Committee.

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Article V - Committees and Their Duties (continued)

Section 13. The Nominating Committee shall nominate a Committee on Constitution and By-Laws consisting of five members, of which the first named shall serve as chairman. It shall be the duty of this committee to receive, examine and make recommendations to the Association on all proposed amendments to the Constitution or the By-Laws.

Section 14. The Nominating Committee shall nominate a Properties Committee, which shall consist of three members, and shall have the responsibility of recommending the purchase of necessary property, and the construction of necessary buildings. This Committee shall recommend any repairs and improvements needed on Associational property beyond normal repair. All recommendations are subject to approval by the Executive Committee between sessions or the full-body session.

Section 15. The Committee on Finance, composed of five (5) members and the treasurer, shall study the Association's financial needs for an adequate program, prepare and present a budget to the Association for the following year, devise and develop plans for securing the cooperation of churches in providing funds to meet the budget. The treasurer will submit a complete financial report at the annual meeting in August.

Section 16. The Committee on Youth shall be composed of at least nine (9) members, three (3) of whom shall be ministers. The Chairman, also called "Youth Director," shall be selected from within their own ranks. The Committee shall be concerned with ways of relating youth to the churches of the Association and shall lead the Churches and Association to plan programs and activities that will meet their needs.

Section 17. The Seminary Extension Committee, composed of five (5) members, shall work with the chairman of the Committee to plan, promote and implement the offering of such courses of study as will meet the needs of pastors and lay-persons in the areas of Biblical studies, historical theology, Baptist life, church administration, Christian education, and pastoral training.

Section 18. There shall be five (5) trustees of the Association. They shall handle all legal matters of the Association under the direction of the said Association. Trustees shall be elected for an indefinite term and shall serve at the pleasure of the Association.

Section 19. The Associational Historian, in his/her sole discretion, shall collect facts of interest to the Association and the cooperating churches, and shall make a report to each annual session of the Association. In addition, he/she shall contact hosting churches of the annual meeting and request a brief history of each church for publication in the Book of Reports and the Associational Annual.

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Article VI Meetings and Reports

Section 1. The Association shall hold an annual meeting convening in the month of August of each year, at such time and place as may be designated or authorized by the previous session.

Section 2. Each organization within the Association shall make a written report to the Association at each annual meeting.

Section 3. A special session of the Association may be called by the Moderator with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 4. The Associational Executive Committee shall meet quarterly.

Article VII Order of Religious Exercises

Section 1. At the annual meeting the Associational Sermon shall be delivered as herein before provided.

Section 2. In addition to the Associational Sermon, the Program Committee shall designate a minister to deliver at least one other sermon each day the Association is in session and all business shall be suspended while such sermons are being delivered. No sermon shall be scheduled so as to conflict or interfere with the business sessions of the Association or the presentation of reports to the Association.

Article VIII Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present, and voting on the second day, provided that such amendment is presented in writing on the first day, or that notice of such amendment shall have been given during the previous annual session.

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The Baptist Faith and Message

Baptist Faith and Message 2000

I. The Scriptures

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation.

Exodus 24:4; Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 17:19; Joshua 8:34; Psalms 19:7-10; 119:11,89,105,140; Isaiah 34:16; 40:8; Jeremiah 15:16; 36:1-32; Matthew 5:17-18; 22:29; Luke 21:33; 24:44-46; John 5:39; 16:13-15; 17:17; Acts 2:16ff.; 17:11; Romans 15:4; 16:25-26; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; 4:12; 1 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:19-21.

II. God

There is one and only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe. God is infinite in holiness and all other perfections. God is all powerful and all knowing; and His perfect knowledge extends to all things, past, present, and future, including the future decisions of His free creatures. To Him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. The eternal triune God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.

1. God the Father

God as Father reigns with providential care over His universe, His creatures, and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purposes of His grace. He is all powerful, all knowing, all loving, and all wise. God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. He is fatherly in His attitude toward all men.

Genesis 1:1; 2:7; Exodus 3:14; 6:2-3; 15:11ff.; 20:1ff.; Leviticus 22:2; Deuteronomy 6:4; 32:6; 1 Chronicles 29:10; Psalm 19:1-3; Isaiah 43:3,15; 64:8; Jeremiah 10:10; 17:13; Matthew 6:9ff.; 7:11; 23:9; 28:19; Mark 1:9-11; John 4:24; 5:26; 14:6-13; 17:1-8; Acts 1:7; Romans 8:14-15; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Galatians 4:6; Ephesians 4:6; Colossians 1:15; 1 Timothy 1:17; Hebrews 1:1; 12:9; 1 Peter 1:17; 1 John 5:7.

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2. God the Son

Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself human nature with its demands and necessities and identifying Himself completely with mankind yet without sin. He honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and in His substitutionary death on the cross He made provision for the redemption of men from sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where He is the One Mediator, fully God, fully man, in whose Person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission. He now dwells in all believers as the living and ever present Lord.

Genesis 18:1ff.; Psalms 2:7ff.; 110:1ff.; Isaiah 7:14; 53; Matthew 1:18-23; 3:17; 8:29; 11:27; 14:33; 16:16,27; 17:5; 27; 28:1-6,19; Mark 1:1; 3:11; Luke 1:35; 4:41; 22:70; 24:46; John 1:1-18,29; 10:30,38; 11:25-27; 12:44-50; 14:7-11; 16:15-16,28; 17:1-5, 21-22; 20:1-20,28; Acts 1:9; 2:22-24; 7:55-56; 9:4-5,20; Romans 1:3-4; 3:23-26; 5:6-21; 8:1-3,34; 10:4; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 2:2; 8:6; 15:1-8,24-28; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21; 8:9; Galatians 4:4-5; Ephesians 1:20; 3:11; 4:7-10; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:13-22; 2:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 3:16; Titus 2:13-14; Hebrews 1:1-3; 4:14-15; 7:14-28; 9:12-15,24-28; 12:2; 13:8; 1 Peter 2:21-25; 3:22; 1 John 1:7-9; 3:2; 4:14-15; 5:9; 2 John 7-9; Revelation 1:13-16; 5:9-14; 12:10-11; 13:8; 19:16.

3. God the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, fully divine. He inspired holy men of old to write the Scriptures. Through illumination He enables men to understand truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts men of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. He calls men to the Saviour, and effects regeneration. At the moment of regeneration He baptizes every believer into the Body of Christ. He cultivates Christian character, comforts believers, and bestows the spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His church. He seals the believer unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the Christian is the guarantee that God will bring the believer into the fullness of the stature of Christ. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service.

Genesis 1:2; Judges 14:6; Job 26:13; Psalms 51:11; 139:7ff.; Isaiah 61:1-3; Joel 2:28-32; Matthew 1:18; 3:16; 4:1; 12:28-32; 28:19; Mark 1:10,12; Luke 1:35; 4:1,18-19; 11:13; 12:12; 24:49; John 4:24; 14:16-17,26; 15:26; 16:7-14; Acts 1:8; 2:1-4,38; 4:31; 5:3; 6:3; 7:55; 8:17,39; 10:44; 13:2; 15:28; 16:6; 19:1-6; Romans 8:9-11,14-16,26-27; 1 Corinthians 2:10-14; 3:16; 12:3-11,13; Galatians 4:6; Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; 5:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:19; 1 Timothy 3:16; 4:1; 2 Timothy 1:14; 3:16; Hebrews 9:8,14; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 John 4:13; 5:6-7; Revelation 1:10; 2:17

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III. Man

Man is the special creation of God, made in His own image. He created them male and female as the crowning work of His creation. The gift of gender is thus part of the goodness of God's creation. In the beginning man was innocent of sin and was endowed by his Creator with freedom of choice. By his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Through the temptation of Satan man transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original innocence whereby his posterity inherit a nature and an environment inclined toward sin. Therefore, as soon as they are capable of moral action, they become transgressors and are under condemnation. Only the grace of God can bring man into His holy fellowship and enable man to fulfill the creative purpose of God. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every person of every race possesses full dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.

Genesis 1:26-30; 2:5,7,18-22; 3; 9:6; Psalms 1; 8:3-6; 32:1-5; 51:5; Isaiah 6:5; Jeremiah 17:5; Matthew 16:26; Acts 17:26-31; Romans 1:19-32; 3:10-18,23; 5:6,12,19; 6:6; 7:14-25; 8:14-18,29; 1 Corinthians 1:21-31; 15:19,21-22; Ephesians 2:1-22; Colossians 1:21-22; 3:9-11.

IV. Salvation

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.

1. Regeneration, or the new birth, is a work of God's grace whereby believers become new creatures in Christ Jesus. It is a change of heart wrought by the Holy Spirit through conviction of sin, to which the sinner responds in repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Repentance and faith are inseparable experiences of grace.

Repentance is a genuine turning from sin toward God. Faith is the acceptance of Jesus Christ and commitment of the entire personality to Him as Lord and Saviour.

1. Justification is God's gracious and full acquittal upon principles of His righteousness of all sinners who repent and believe in Christ. Justification brings the believer unto a relationship of peace and favor with God.
2. Sanctification is the experience, beginning in regeneration, by which the believer is set apart to God's purposes, and is enabled to progress toward moral and spiritual maturity through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in him. Growth in grace should continue throughout the regenerate person's life.

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3. Glorification is the culmination of salvation and is the final blessed and abiding state of the redeemed.

Genesis 3:15; Exodus 3:14-17; 6:2-8; Matthew 1:21; 4:17; 16:21-26; 27:22-28:6; Luke 1:68-69; 2:28-32; John 1:11-14,29; 3:3-21,36; 5:24; 10:9,28-29; 15:1-16; 17:17; Acts 2:21; 4:12; 15:11; 16:30-31; 17:30-31; 20:32; Romans 1:16-18; 2:4; 3:23-25; 4:3ff.; 5:8-10; 6:1-23; 8:1-18,29-39;10:9-10,13; 13:11-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18,30; 6:19-20; 15:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Galatians 2:20; 3:13; 5:22-25; 6:15; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-22; 4:11-16; Philippians 2:12-13; Colossians 1:9-22; 3:1ff.; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; 2 Timothy 1:12; Titus 2:11-14; Hebrews 2:1-3; 5:8-9; 9:24-28; 11:1-12:8,14; James 2:14-26; 1 Peter 1:2-23; 1 John 1:6-2:11; Revelation 3:20; 21:1-22:5.

V. God's Purpose of Grace

Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, justifies, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. It is consistent with the free agency of man, and comprehends all the means in connection with the end. It is the glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility.

All true believers endure to the end. Those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by His Spirit, will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end. Believers may fall into sin through neglect and temptation, whereby they grieve the Spirit, impair their graces and comforts, and bring reproach on the cause of Christ and temporal judgments on themselves; yet they shall be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 19:5-8; 1 Samuel 8:4-7,19-22; Isaiah 5:1-7; Jeremiah 31:31ff.; Matthew 16:18-19; 21:28-45; 24:22,31; 25:34; Luke 1:68-79; 2:29-32; 19:41-44; 24:44-48; John 1:12-14;3:16; 5:24; 6:44-45,65; 10:27-29; 15:16; 17:6,12,17-18; Acts 20:32; Romans 5:9-10; 8:28-39; 10:12-15; 11:5-7,26-36; 1 Corinthians 1:1-2; 15:24-28; Ephesians 1:4-23; 2:1-10; 3:1-11; Colossians 1:12-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14; 2 Timothy 1:12; 2:10,19; Hebrews 11:39-12:2; James 1:12; 1 Peter 1:2-5,13; 2:4-10; 1 John 1:7-9; 2:19; 3:2.

VI. The Church

A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is an autonomous local congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the two ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws, exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word, and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. Each congregation operates under the Lordship of Christ through democratic processes. In such a congregation each member is responsible and accountable to Christ as Lord. Its two scriptural offices are that of pastor/elder/overseer

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and deacon. While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor/elder/overseer is limited to men as qualified by Scripture.

The New Testament speaks also of the church as the Body of Christ which includes all of the redeemed of all the ages, believers from every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation.

Matthew 16:15-19; 18:15-20; Acts 2:41-42,47; 5:11-14; 6:3-6; 13:1-3; 14:23,27; 15:1-30; 16:5; 20:28; Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 3:16; 5:4-5; 7:17; 9:13-14; 12; Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:19-22; 3:8-11,21; 5:22-32; Philippians 1:1; Colossians 1:18; 1 Timothy 2:9-14; 3:1-15; 4:14; Hebrews 11:39-40; 1 Peter 5:1-4; Revelation 2-3; 21:2-3.

VII. Baptism and the Lord's Supper

Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Saviour, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a testimony to his faith in the final resurrection of the dead. Being a church ordinance, it is prerequisite to the privileges of church membership and to the Lord's Supper.

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.

Matthew 3:13-17; 26:26-30; 28:19-20; Mark 1:9-11; 14:22-26; Luke 3:21-22; 22:19-20; John 3:23; Acts 2:41-42; 8:35-39; 16:30-33; 20:7; Romans 6:3-5; 1 Corinthians 10:16,21; 11:23-29; Colossians 2:12.

VIII. The Lord's Day

The first day of the week is the Lord's Day. It is a Christian institution for regular observance. It commemorates the resurrection of Christ from the dead and should include exercises of worship and spiritual devotion, both public and private. Activities on the Lord's Day should be commensurate with the Christian's conscience under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Exodus 20:8-11; Matthew 12:1-12; 28:1ff.; Mark 2:27-28; 16:1-7; Luke 24:1-3,33-36; John 4:21-24; 20:1,19-28; Acts 20:7; Romans 14:5-10; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; Colossians 2:16; 3:16; Revelation 1:10.

IX. The Kingdom

The Kingdom of God includes both His general sovereignty over the universe and His particular kingship over men who willfully acknowledge Him as King. Particularly the Kingdom is the realm of salvation into which men enter by trustful, childlike

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commitment to Jesus Christ. Christians ought to pray and to labor that the Kingdom may come and God's will be done on earth. The full consummation of the Kingdom awaits the return of Jesus Christ and the end of this age.

Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 9:6-7; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Matthew 3:2; 4:8-10,23; 12:25-28; 13:1-52; 25:31-46; 26:29; Mark 1:14-15; 9:1; Luke 4:43; 8:1; 9:2; 12:31-32; 17:20-21; 23:42; John 3:3; 18:36; Acts 1:6-7; 17:22-31; Romans 5:17; 8:19; 1 Corinthians 15:24-28; Colossians 1:13; Hebrews 11:10,16; 12:28; 1 Peter 2:4-10; 4:13; Revelation 1:6,9; 5:10; 11:15; 21-22.

X. Last Things

God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth; the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment. The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord.

Isaiah 2:4; 11:9; Matthew 16:27; 18:8-9; 19:28; 24:27,30,36,44; 25:31-46; 26:64; Mark 8:38; 9:43-48; Luke 12:40,48; 16:19-26; 17:22-37; 21:27-28; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11; 17:31; Romans 14:10; 1 Corinthians 4:5; 15:24-28,35-58; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Philippians 3:20-21; Colossians 1:5; 3:4; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; 5:1ff.; 2 Thessalonians 1:7ff.; 2; 1 Timothy 6:14; 2 Timothy 4:1,8; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 9:27-28; James 5:8; 2 Peter 3:7ff.; 1 John 2:28; 3:2; Jude 14; Revelation 1:18; 3:11; 20:1-22:13.

XI. Evangelism and Missions

It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. The new birth of man's spirit by God's Holy Spirit means the birth of love for others. Missionary effort on the part of all rests thus upon a spiritual necessity of the regenerate life, and is expressly and repeatedly commanded in the teachings of Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ has commanded the preaching of the gospel to all nations. It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by verbal witness undergirded by a Christian lifestyle, and by other methods in harmony with the gospel of Christ.

Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 19:5-6; Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 9:37-38; 10:5-15; 13:18-30, 37-43; 16:19; 22:9-10; 24:14; 28:18-20; Luke 10:1-18; 24:46-53; John 14:11-12; 15:7-8,16; 17:15; 20:21; Acts 1:8; 2; 8:26-40; 10:42-48; 13:2-3; Romans 10:13-15; Ephesians 3:1-11; 1 Thessalonians 1:8; 2 Timothy 4:5; Hebrews 2:1-3; 11:39-12:2; 1 Peter 2:4-10; Revelation 22:17.

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XII. Education

Christianity is the faith of enlightenment and intelligence. In Jesus Christ abide all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. All sound learning is, therefore, a part of our Christian heritage. The new birth opens all human faculties and creates a thirst for knowledge. Moreover, the cause of education in the Kingdom of Christ is co-ordinate with the causes of missions and general benevolence, and should receive along with these the liberal support of the churches. An adequate system of Christian education is necessary to a complete spiritual program for Christ's people.

In Christian education there should be a proper balance between academic freedom and academic responsibility. Freedom in any orderly relationship of human life is always limited and never absolute. The freedom of a teacher in a Christian school, college, or seminary is limited by the pre-eminence of Jesus Christ, by the authoritative nature of the Scriptures, and by the distinct purpose for which the school exists.

Deuteronomy 4:1,5,9,14; 6:1-10; 31:12-13; Nehemiah 8:1-8; Job 28:28; Psalms 19:7ff.; 119:11; Proverbs 3:13ff.; 4:1-10; 8:1-7,11; 15:14; Ecclesiastes 7:19; Matthew 5:2; 7:24ff.; 28:19-20; Luke 2:40; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Ephesians 4:11-16; Philippians 4:8; Colossians 2:3,8-9; 1 Timothy 1:3-7; 2 Timothy 2:15; 3:14-17; Hebrews 5:12-6:3; James 1:5; 3:17.

XIII. Stewardship

God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to Him. Christians have a spiritual debtorship to the whole world, a holy trusteeship in the gospel, and a binding stewardship in their possessions. They are therefore under obligation to serve Him with their time, talents, and material possessions; and should recognize all these as entrusted to them to use for the glory of God and for helping others. According to the Scriptures, Christians should contribute of their means cheerfully, regularly, systematically, proportionately, and liberally for the advancement of the Redeemer's cause on earth.

Genesis 14:20; Leviticus 27:30-32; Deuteronomy 8:18; Malachi 3:8-12; Matthew 6:1-4,19-21; 19:21; 23:23; 25:14-29; Luke 12:16-21,42; 16:1-13; Acts 2:44-47; 5:1-11; 17:24-25; 20:35; Romans 6:6-22; 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2; 6:19-20; 12; 16:1-4; 2 Corinthians 8-9; 12:15; Philippians 4:10-19; 1 Peter 1:18-19.

XIV. Cooperation

Christ's people should, as occasion requires, organize such associations and conventions as may best secure cooperation for the great objects of the Kingdom of God. Such organizations have no authority over one another or over the churches. They are voluntary and advisory bodies designed to elicit, combine, and direct the energies of our people in the most effective manner. Members of New Testament churches should cooperate with one another in carrying fo p.135 the missionary, educational, and

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benevolent ministries for the extension of Christ's Kingdom. Christian unity in the New Testament sense is spiritual harmony and voluntary cooperation for common ends by various groups of Christ's people. Cooperation is desirable between the various Christian denominations, when the end to be attained is itself justified, and when such cooperation involves no violation of conscience or compromise of loyalty to Christ and His Word as revealed in the New Testament.

Exodus 17:12; 18:17ff.; Judges 7:21; Ezra 1:3-4; 2:68-69; 5:14-15; Nehemiah 4; 8:1-5; Matthew 10:5-15; 20:1-16; 22:1-10; 28:19-20; Mark 2:3; Luke 10:1ff.; Acts 1:13-14; 2:1ff.; 4:31-37; 13:2-3; 15:1-35; 1 Corinthians 1:10-17; 3:5-15; 12; 2 Corinthians 8-9; Galatians 1:6-10; Ephesians 4:1-16; Philippians 1:15-18.

XV. The Christian and the Social Order

All Christians are under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ supreme in our own lives and in human society. Means and methods used for the improvement of society and the establishment of righteousness among men can be truly and permanently helpful only when they are rooted in the regeneration of the individual by the saving grace of God in Jesus Christ. In the spirit of Christ, Christians should oppose racism, every form of greed, selfishness, and vice, and all forms of sexual immorality, including adultery, homosexuality, and pornography. We should work to provide for the orphaned, the needy, the abused, the aged, the helpless, and the sick. We should speak on behalf of the unborn and contend for the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. Every Christian should seek to bring industry, government, and society as a whole under the sway of the principles of righteousness, truth, and brotherly love. In order to promote these ends Christians should be ready to work with all men of good will in any good cause, always being careful to act in the spirit of love without compromising their loyalty to Christ and His truth.

Exodus 20:3-17; Leviticus 6:2-5; Deuteronomy 10:12; 27:17; Psalm 101:5; Micah 6:8; Zechariah 8:16; Matthew 5:13-16, 43-48; 22:36-40; 25:35; Mark 1:29-34; 2:3ff.; 10:21; Luke 4:18-21; 10:27-37; 20:25; John 15:12; 17:15; Romans 12-14; 1 Corinthians 5:9-10; 6:1-7; 7:20-24; 10:23-11:1; Galatians 3:26-28; Ephesians 6:5-9; Colossians 3:12-17; 1 Thessalonians 3:12; Philemon; James 1:27; 2:8.

XVI. Peace and War

It is the duty of Christians to seek peace with all men on principles of righteousness. In accordance with the spirit and teachings of Christ they should do all in their power to put an end to war.

The true remedy for the war spirit is the gospel of our Lord. The supreme need of the world is the acceptance of His teachings in all the affairs of men and nations, and the practical application of His law of love. Christian people throughout the world should pray for the reign of the Prince of Peace.

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Isaiah 2:4; Matthew 5:9,38-48; 6:33; 26:52; Luke 22:36,38; Romans 12:18-19; 13:1-7; 14:19; Hebrews 12:14; James 4:1-2.

XVII. Religious Liberty

God alone is Lord of the conscience, and He has left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are contrary to His Word or not contained in it. Church and state should be separate. The state owes to every church protection and full freedom in the pursuit of its spiritual ends. In providing for such freedom no ecclesiastical group or denomination should be favored by the state more than others. Civil government being ordained of God, it is the duty of Christians to render loyal obedience thereto in all things not contrary to the revealed will of God. The church should not resort to the civil power to carry on its work. The gospel of Christ contemplates spiritual means alone for the pursuit of its ends. The state has no right to impose penalties for religious opinions of any kind. The state has no right to impose taxes for the support of any form of religion. A free church in a free state is the Christian ideal, and this implies the right of free and unhindered access to God on the part of all men, and the right to form and propagate opinions in the sphere of religion without interference by the civil power.

Genesis 1:27; 2:7; Matthew 6:6-7,24; 16:26; 22:21; John 8:36; Acts 4:19-20; Romans 6:1-2; 13:1-7; Galatians 5:1,13; Philippians 3:20; 1 Timothy 2:1-2; James 4:12; 1 Peter 2:12-17; 3:11-17; 4:12-19.

XVIII. The Family

God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption.

Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. It is God's unique gift to reveal the union between Christ and His church and to provide for the man and the woman in marriage the framework for intimate companionship, the channel of sexual expression according to biblical standards, and the means for procreation of the human race.

The husband and wife are of equal worth before God, since both are created in God's image. The marriage relationship models the way God relates to His people. A husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the church. He has the God-given responsibility to provide for, to protect, and to lead his family. A wife is to submit herself graciously to the servant leadership of her husband even as the church willingly submits to the headship of Christ. She, being in the image of God as is her husband and thus equal to him, has the God-given responsibility to respect her husband and to serve as his helper in managing the household and nurturing the next generation.

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Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord. Parents are to demonstrate to their children God's pattern for marriage. Parents are to teach their children spiritual and moral values and to lead them, through consistent lifestyle example and loving discipline, to make choices based on biblical truth. Children are to honor and obey their parents.

Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15-25; 3:1-20; Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Joshua 24:15; 1 Samuel 1:26-28; Psalms 51:5; 78:1-8; 127; 128; 139:13-16; Proverbs 1:8; 5:15-20; 6:20-22; 12:4; 13:24; 14:1; 17:6; 18:22; 22:6,15; 23:13-14; 24:3; 29:15,17; 31:10-31; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; 9:9; Malachi 2:14-16; Matthew 5:31-32; 18:2-5; 19:3-9; Mark 10:6-12; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 7:1-16; Ephesians 5:21-33; 6:1-4; Colossians 3:18-21; 1 Timothy 5:8,14; 2 Timothy 1:3-5; Titus 2:3-5; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Peter 3:1-7.

