Ashe Baptist Association News



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2020

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"Let Your Faith Be Bigger Than Your Fear"



"In a time such as this," our faith needs to guide us, not fear. "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Isaiah 41:10 May I share with you that God is in control. All though man-kind, disease has preyed upon man. For the last few years we have experienced Swine Flu, Influenzas, Flu and all the other flu's, they are all easily spread, usually self treatable, usually self diagnosable and resolves in a few days for most folks. Coronavirus is not new to God. This too shall pass away. The sooner the better for me. We have survived all the others and our prayer is that we will survive this as well. Fear causes folks to do things not logical. Fear is a tool of the devil and he uses it as much as he can. Fear, by its very nature, brings division, tears us apart and makes us doubt the goodness of God. The devil is a liar and the truth is not in him. Fear is perhaps the oldest and most common human emotion. Left unchecked it will ruin you and cause your life to be miserable. Your adversary the devil prows around like a roaring lion seeking someone to destroy. God who is all powerful over our feelings, situations and even the things in our life that are outside of our control. He is a Big God and does big things, even for us little folks. With the ever negative news and ever negative people its no wonder we have fears! Don't listen to them. 2 Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Fear has no place in the life of a Christian. Psalm 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. We may not understand Gods ways but we can rest in the assurances that His ways are always good. Psalm 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? I am not going to listen to the folks who do not trust God. God's word is clear, Christians have no reason to fear the evil in this world. None whatsoever. Time to let your faith in God be the determining force in your life. Yes, we need to use common sense and wash our hands, just for the record I was washing by hands before this fear factor that is upon us! Sometimes common sense is not very common. We need to follow the advice of the medical professionals and listen to our leaders. Don't let fear take you out of the will of God. Let your faith in God be bigger that your fears. We must figure out a way to survive and all I know to do is to follow God and His teachings, it will last all through eternity. It has lasted for all these years, why won't it work now? Keep working where you can. Put your faith in front of you and don't listen to the nay sayers and those who spread fear. Sometimes fear goes around the world while faith is still putting his shoes on. The world is watching you and I. Let's honor God, do those things that He has called us to do. Figure out a way to make it work. This is an opportunity for our faith to grow. Fear causes us to go out and buy 55 rolls of toilet tissue while faith tells us to buy what we need. Help your neighbor during these times. God is with you. He said he would never leave you nor forsake you. We have a great opportunity to witness to a lost world and weak Christians. Yes folks are dying every day and have since the beginning of time, but now we have the means to share Christ with them and disciple them before they die. Let your faith be bigger than your fear and go to work even in small groups if necessary as our leaders are telling us. Be well and stay healthy.



Appalachian Bald Mountain

Beaver Creek Big Flatts

Big Laurel

Blue Ridge Bristol Buffalo

Calvary

Clifton

Christian Unity

Cristo el Salvador

Farmers Memorial

Fletcher Memorial

God's Will Missionary

Happy Trails Cowboy

Friendly Grove

Grassy Creek

Healing Springs

Laurel Knob

Little Helton

Midway

Liberty Grove

Mission Home

Mount Olive

North Beaver

New River

Oak Hill

Old Fields

Obids

Orion

Phoenix

Pilot Mountain

Pleasant Home

Pleasant Valley

Pine Swamp

Riverview Round Knob

Tuckerdale

Warrensville

Welcome Home

Wagoner

Trinity

Friendship

Your Servant. David

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Psalms 46:10

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

As we work to get through this situation with the Covid-19 virus, let us keep our eyes upon the one who created heaven and earth. When we panic with fear we are not resting in the promise of God. We are trying to feed people that may find themselves not prepared if we are told to stay within our homes for a while. Our goal is to get food into the hands of people so that they will have enough food to last. We are only doing food at this time to help eliminate as many people from the food room as possible. Only one "neighbor" at a time can access the food pantry. If someone is sick we will pack the food box for them and they can wait outside in their car. These precautions are put in place to make sure that our elderly, volunteers and staff are as safe as possible.

Our meat, cold items, vegetables and fruit that we receive from Food Lion has dropped drastically. They no longer have items to share because everything is being sold. This has cut the amount that we are able to share with our neighbors. We will continue to serve as many families as we can. Thank you for praying for the ARC, it's volunteers and workers that are serving families in need during this time.

Last month we served 156 families which touched 376 individuals. With the clothing we touched around 700 individuals all together. We had 5 new families to come in needing assistance. We have been able to share household items with many that are in need.

We were blessed to have a group of young people from St. Joseph's College in Pennsylvania come and volunteer at the ARC. They helped to bar code all of the soup from Souper Bowl!!!!

If I can help someone in your church during this Covid-19 situation with food please call the office. Thank you for your prayers and continued support in your mission. As we share God's love, let us always remember who is in control and let us encourage others.



Ashe Really Cares

Pat Miller, Director



April 5 Mrs. Ph	yllis Pugh
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April 6 Mrs. Trish Church

April 11 Mrs. Betty Lou Houck

April 15 Rev. & Mrs. Tom Graybeal

April 15 Rev. & Mrs. Wayne Jones

April 16 Rev. Michael Carter

April 17 Mrs. Myra Phillips

April 18 Rev. Doug Halsey

April 20 Rev. Steve Allen

April 23 Mr. & Mrs. Dan Bare

April 24 Rev. & Mrs. John Elledge

April 24 Rev. & Mrs. David Blackburn

Hope for the Mountains PRAYER TEAM

meets weekly at 8 AM on Tuesday mornings in the sanctuary of Midway Baptist Church. We have a short devotion, share prayer requests, and gather around the altar for prayer. It is open to the public, men and women; all are welcome!

GOOD SOIL MINISTRY would like to remind everyone that we are approaching the end of another quarter, so don't forget to turn in your used literature at ARC. Together, we recycled 11 TONS of materials in 2019. Thank You!

TAKE NOTE OF DATE CHANGES!

The Executive Committee of the Ashe
Baptist Association will be meeting on
Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 PM at Old Fields Baptist
Church. Executive Committee Representatives
and Pastors are urged to attend. It is an open
meeting and anyone interested in the work of the
Ashe Baptist Association is welcome to join us.

Thank You

Ashe Baptist would like to thank our sponsors for the Ashe Baptist News heard on WKSK each Saturday and on SoundCloud on the Web.

Ashe County Ford, Rev. Jeff and Amy Dollar, Tri-County Paving, Lucian and Patricia Jordan, Tri County Monuments, Mike and Lisa Peters State Wide Insurance Solutions, Chris and Andrea Finney.

They are all Christians and attend church and welcome you to come see them when you find yourself in need of their services.





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

e-mail address: ashebaptist@gmail.com, and we will announce on our WKSK weekly radio show, post on the events page of our website, ashebaptist.org, and on our Facebook Page, in addition to printing in this monthly newsletter publication that is posted in color on the website and mailed o 680+ folks in Ashe Co., all across NC, and neighboring states!

As you set dates for VBS, Special Singings, Revivals, or Speakers, let us know! You must submit articles for the Newsletter NO LATER THAN the 20th of each month in order for them to appear in the next month's publication.



pray

Please take time during your VBS to pray for the BCH ministry:

- Pray that God will heal children's hurts. Many come to BCH because of family dysfunction, abuse, neglect, and abandonment.
- Pray for the cottage parents who provide a safe, caring home for the children and teach them about
- Pray the children will ask Jesus to be their Savior. 70% of BCH's residents come to us unchurched and unreached for Jesus.

give

Prayerfully consider collecting a VBS offering for BCH's children. Your offering will help to...

- Provide hot, regular meals. Some children have gone without eating every day before coming to BCH.
- Buy new clothes. Many children come to BCH with clothes that don't fit or are old and tattered.
- Reach out to children even beyond NC. Your offering will also help provide a caring home for Guatemala orphans where BCH ministers to impoverished children.

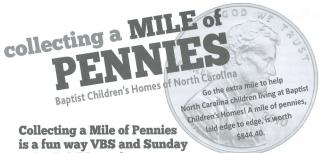
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Connect and learn more!

- Invite a BCH speaker to share the BCH story at your VBS. Call 336-474-1209 to schedule.
- Show a short video. Download at www.bchkids.org or call 336-474-1209 for a DVD.
- Use the downloadable activity sheet at **www.bchkids.org**
- Bonus: Bring your church children to a "Friends of Children" workday, a one-day missions trip at BCH's statewide locations. Dates and info at www.bchfamily.org/foc

Baptist Children's Homes

of NORTH CAROLINA



is a fun way VBS and Sunday
School children of any age can
make a difference in the lives of other children!

Announce your goal: Promote the collection early and announce your goal. Maybe it's a half a mile. Perhaps you want to aim for more than a mile!

Make it fun: Have a contest between boys and girls, or different age groups, to see who can raise the most! Use a scale and have weigh-ins to see whose collection weighs the most. Collect your change in soda cans (12 oz. soda can holds about 550 pennies), jars, buckets, a children's wagon, etc. Use the Mile of Pennies labels to put on your cans and jars. And organize a penny rolling party.

Brag on your kids! Take a photo of your children's efforts. Find "Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina" on Facebook and post your photo, church name, and what your children accomplished. You can also email your photo to jbragsdale@bchfamily.org

Send your offering: We thank you for collecting so much change, but please don't send 84,440 pennies. Check with your bank to find out the way they prefer to accept your pennies. Write a check in the amount you raised to "Baptist"

Children's Homes of North Carolina" and mail to P.O. Box 338, Thomasville, NC 27361.



P.O. Box 338 / Thomasville, NC 27361 / 336.474.1209 / www.bchkids.org





Their family's house was very dirty and unsafe. It was not a healthy place for the young brother and sister to live. Noah and Jessica were brought to Baptist Children's Homes late one night. All they had

were the dirty clothes they were wearing.

The children devoured the food BCH's cottage parents, Bobby and Sonya, had waiting for them. They could tell the children did not eat often. The cottage parents prepared baths so the children could be warm and clean. They gave the siblings new pajamas to wear. Bobby and Sonya then took them to see their bedrooms.

"I've never had my own bed before," Noah told the cottage parents. "Do you have rats in the cottage?" Bobby and Sonya assured the concerned boy that there were no rats. Noah and Jessica were frightened of the rats inside their old house, but they did not have to worry anymore. They were safe at Baptist Children's Homes.

LETTER TILES

Unscramble the mixed up letter tiles to complete the scripture.

WORD SEARCH

Boys and girls living at Baptist Children's Homes need many of the same things you do. Can you find and circle them?

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M P H L L Q I
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K K D W E Q D
J E S U S Y S

FOOD, CLOTHES, LOVE, SHOES, JESUS, BACKPACK, BED, HOME, FRIENDS, FAMILY

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SCRIPTURE COMPLETION	ノニタ
Boys and girls at Baptist Children's Homes are thankful for people who have shown them kindness. Look in your Bible and see how God wants us to treat others. (KJV Version)	412
John 13:34 - A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love	(° 0.5)
; as I have, that ye also love one another.	الرائزب)
Matthew 19:19 - Thou shalt love thy as thyself.	E
John 15:12 - This is my commandment, That ye one another, as I have you.	
Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina	

HAPPENINGS

We welcome Mrs. Debbie Miller

Mrs. Debbie Miller will be working as the Administrative Assistant on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Ashe Baptist Associational Office. Mrs. Myra Phillips will continue working as Administrative Assistant on Thursday and Friday and will continue as the clerk and treasurer of the association. We welcome Debbie and her husband Butch; they are members of Christian Unity Baptist Church.



Students from St. Joseph's College in Pennsylvania On Spring Break Helping Out At The ARC



Clip the Save the Date as a Reminder to attend the 2020 VBS Clinic

We hope to see you there!





2020 VBS Clinic
Friendship Baptist Church
6:00 PM

TEN REASONS TO DO VBS

- 1. Kids love it.
- 2. It is a great outreach event.
- 3. It is an opportunity to share the gospel of Christ.
- 4. It gives kids the chance to spend time together and build relationships.
- It gives adults a chance to serve and see how much fun and how rewarding working with kids can be.
- 6. Parents get a chance to hear the gospel.

 Dedicate at least one night to parent night.
- 7. There is something special about a action— packed week of VBS that builds excitement. Excitement we should feel about God and His Good News everyday.
- 8. You get to build relationships with kids.
- 9. You get to build relationships with adults.
- 10. It is just plain fun. VBS is just plain fun for both kids and adults, building lasting friendships for both kids and adults, sharing the gospel and the God's Good News.

There is no other week during the year that is as exhausting and yet so fulfilling at the same time.

2020 VBS- Let's Do It!!!



All VBS 2020

Materials will be on display at the
VBS Clinic!

See information below!



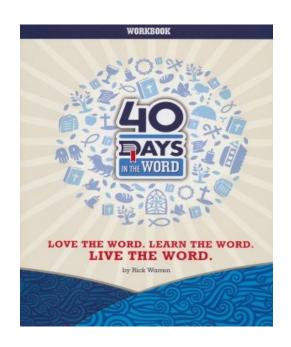
Call the
Associational
Office
336-846-5631
to check out
VBS Materials
for your
VBS!

<u>Vacation Bible School Clinic</u> for Concrete & Cranes from Philippian's 1:6 with Lifeway Materials. "Jesus our Strong Foundation!" Carrie Cotton and Renee Farrington who went to Ridgecrest to train and their team will present at <u>Friendship Baptist Family Life Center on Monday April 27 at 6:00</u> and a lite theme meal will be offered at 5:00. Everyone is invited. CONCRETE AND CRANES", Building on the Love of Jesus (Philippians 1:6) As kids explore a world of concrete and cranes, rivets and rebar, bulldozers and backhoes, they will learn to build their faith on Jesus as they uncover the truth that HE who began a good work will be faithful to carry it on to completion! <u>VBS Leaders and Directors</u>, Food served at 5:00 and presentations begin at 6:00. Please have someone contact the ABA office, 336-846-5631 by April 20, to let us know how many are attending, so we can properly plan. **Note DATE CHANGE from what was previously announced**









LOOMS BIBLE STUDY

"40 Days in the Word"

LADIES Bible Study is held weekly on Thursday, 11:30-12:30 at the Ashe Baptist Association Office on 204 Beaver Creek School Road, West Jefferson Meetings are facilitated by Mrs. Linda Blackburn.

All ladies are welcome to join us!

Study Six easy to learn methods of Loving, Learning, and Living in the Word. 1) Pronounce it, 2) Picture it, 3) Probe it, 4) Paraphrase it, 5) Personalize it, 6) Pray it.

Reignite and Strengthen your passion for God's Word

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Beaver Creek Baptist Church on the Mulatto Mountain Road is have Spring Revival at 7:00 on Sunday, April 19 with Rev. Wayne Jones preaching and then on Monday, Rev. Mark Harless, Tuesday, Rev. Rick Miller, Wednesday, Rev. Matt Grogan, Thursday Rev. Rick Cornejo. Special Singing each night. Everyone is invited by the pastor, Rev. Johnny Goodman.

Christian Unity Baptist Church at 365 East Main Street in Jefferson will celebrate Easter on Sunday, April 12 with Sunrise Service at 7:00 am with Rev. Darren South followed by Breakfast. Sunday School at 10 am and Easter Program "Here He Comes" at 11 am. Christian Unity Baptist invites everyone to join them in celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

God's Will Baptist Church has a revival scheduled for April 19th through April 22nd. Services will be held in the auditorium of Sparta Elementary School at 7:00 every night. Michael Combs will be doing a concert each night and Homer Murdock will be preaching. Everyone is invited.



This is the Bible display at the ARC!

What better time to share God's Word!

If you have a Bible you would like to share, or if you need a Bible call Pat Miller 336-846-5234 at Ashe Really Cares!

Ashe Really Cares SOUPER BOWL TOTALS FOR 2020

Total Food Items - 10,978

Total Monies - \$1,680.00

Thank you to all you donated to the Souper Bowl

WHAT CAN YOU AND THE CHURCH YOU ATTEND DO TO GLORIFY GOD IN THE MIDST OF THIS CRISIS?

For more information go to: baptistsonmission.org/Coronavirus/Church-Response-Information

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

As followers of Christ, we want to bring hope in the midst of the fear, economic upheaval, and physical challenges many will face in the weeks ahead.

Jesus told his followers, "let your light so shine before men that they will see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16) Light pierces the darkness. We can shine brightly by reaching out to those who are facing physical, financial, and emotional crisis because of coronavirus.

We are being encouraged to practice "social distancing," minimizing the physical contact we will have with people we meet. Many members of our communities will be isolated because they are at high risk for contracting the coronavirus due to age or underlying health conditions.

Churches can mobilize volunteers to show the love of Christ in practical ways offering relief and hope in this time of fear and crisis. Consider the challenges caused by the virus as opportunities for us to shine the light of Christ in the midst of darkness.

Ideas of Ways You Can Help

People in Need of Food/Food Banks

Helping Churches Survive and Thrive During this Crisis

Lots of Resources for Your Church

COVID-19 Grant Request From

Is Your Church Willing to Help?

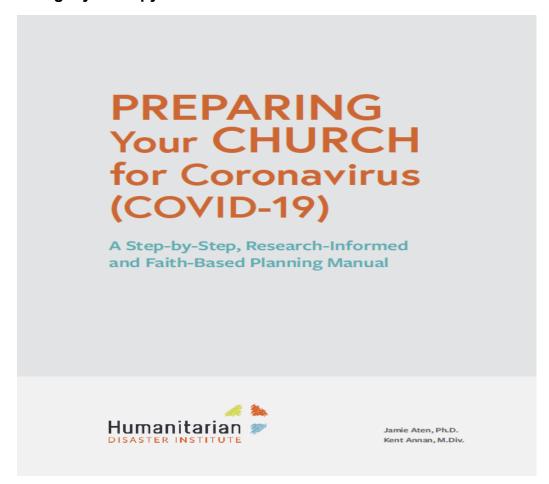
Live Streaming for Churches

The Ashe Baptist Association is partnering with Ashe County Emergency Management Agency, Ashe County Health Department, Ashe County Department of Social Services, Ashe Outreach, Ashe Services for Aging and other agencies to help work together during this time of crisis. If you need any assistance or further information please contact;

Ashe Baptist Director of Missions, Rev. David Blackburn at 336-846-5631

Email: domblackburn@gmail.com

Please contact the Ashe Associational Office at 336-846-5631 to get your copy of the



If you are delivering food to folks during the COVD-19 Crisis please follow these instructions!

No-Contact Delivery Instructions

Upon arrival to the delivery address, please call the individual you are delivering to, let them know you are on-site.

Request that they please wait inside until you drop off the items and are back inside your vehicle.

Ask where to drop-off the food/commodities, for example: outside the door, on the porch, etc.

Exit the vehicle, place the items at the drop off location and get back inside your vehicle.

Call the individual and ask them to please come out and get the items.

Please verify that the individual has items in-hand and that they make it back inside their residence before leaving.



Saturday, April 4th 8:00

The Ashe Baptist Campground Committee has scheduled a work day at the Camp for Saturday, April 4th. We are getting ready to open but need to do cut some trees and carry some brush to be chipped up. Gravel will be placed on the road, check tables to be sure they are secure, hook computer to the large TV that has been installed, place nets in basketball goals and volley ball area, and tidy up a bit. I hope you will plan on helping us beginning at 8:00. Plan on cutting trees and small brush with chainsaws and nippers. A lot of folks came last year and we hope for success this year.

INTERESTED IN HANDS-ON MISSION WORK?

NCBM Lumberton Rebuild Coordinators are requesting assistance as they continue to serve the needs of hurting folks in Robeson County who are still suffering from the storm impacts in that area. Many are still without homes. Don't let your supposed 'lack of skills' keep you away. There are opportunities for anyone who is willing. We'd love to see Ashe Association represented!

Contact DOM David Blackburn for more information.

When you pray, remember the following churches that are seeking a Pastor:

Grassy Creek Baptist Church Christian Unity Baptist Church Riverview Baptist Church Pleasant Valley Baptist Church



ASHE BAPTIST CAMPGROUND

Churches: Please take note of the following dates that you are scheduled to mow at the Baptist Campground. We appreciate all that you do to keep the property in good shape!

April 4 Orion

April 18 Bald Mountain

May 2 Midway

May 16 Christian Unity

May 30 Welcome Home

June 13 New River

June 27 Friendly Grove

July 11 Fletcher

July 25 Warrensville

August 8 Friendship

August 22 Clifton

September 5 Liberty Grove

September 19 Mission Home

October 3 Beaver Creek

We need another church to take the Oct 17 date to mow. If you can help out, let us know.

If you would like to schedule a date to use the Campground, please call the ABA Office as soon as possible. We like to let churches have a couple months to make their plans before we make it available to the general public the first of April.

UPDATES at the Campground:

We have wall-mounted a large screen TV in the downstairs area for use in trainings and meetings and hope to soon be supplying a DVD player. The computer will be moved to that side of the room as well to be used with the TV.

Electric service has been improved to alleviate breakers throwing when AC or other appliances are being used.

Discipleship Tip of the Month

Easter is a most joyous time in Christendom. It is the celebration of he Resurrection of Jesus, the Messiah. It is a time when we reflect upon the truth of the Gospel – that Christ died for our sins and rose from the dead. Although we see Easter only one time in the King James Bible (Acts 12:4), truly it is synonymous with the Resurrection. The Resurrection is proof that Jesus had victory over death and that everyone who believes in what He did on that cross will also live life eternal. 1 Corinthians 15:3-6 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures; 5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve; 6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. Enjoy Easter time! Celebrate! He is risen, He is risen indeed!



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

1	Campground	opens
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2 ABA Executive Committee meets 7 PM @Old Fields

10 Good Friday—ABA/ARC offices closed

12 Easter Sunday

13 Easter Monday—ABA/ARC offices closed

May

Senior Adult Sunday

National Day of Prayer

10 Mother's Day

13-16 "For Such a Time as This" Trip

25 Memorial Day—ABA/ARC offices closed





June

20 First Day of Summer

Father's Day

29-July 3 ABA/ARC offices closed



JUNE 2020							
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