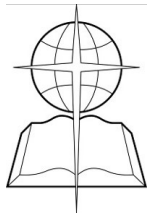


# Ashe Baptist Association News



August

2024

**OFFICE HOURS:** 9:00 AM—4:00 PM Monday—Friday  
**Location:** 204 Beaver Creek School Road West Jefferson, NC  
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Appalachian  
Bald Mountain  
Beaver Creek  
Big Flatts  
Big Laurel  
Blue Ridge  
Bristol  
Buffalo  
Calvary  
Christian Unity  
Farmers Memorial  
Fletcher Memorial  
Friendly Grove  
Friendship  
God's Will Missionary  
Grassy Creek  
Happy Trails Cowboy  
Healing Springs  
Laurel Knob  
Liberty Grove  
Little Helton  
Midway  
Mission Home  
Mount Olive  
New River  
North Beaver  
Oak Hill  
Obids  
Old Fields  
Orion  
Phoenix  
Pilot Mountain  
Pine Swamp  
Pleasant Home  
Pleasant Valley  
Riverview  
Round Knob  
Trinity  
Tuckerdale  
Wagoner  
Warrensville  
Welcome Home

## Preacher David's Corner

Rev. David Blackburn, Director of Missions  
Email: [domdblackburn@gmail.com](mailto:domdblackburn@gmail.com)



### "Growing in Christ Together"

The 138th Annual Meeting of the Ashe Baptist Association of Churches is a highly anticipated event, drawing congregants from all corners of the region. This year's theme, "Growing in Christ Together," resonated deeply with the community, promising two days of reflection, fellowship, information and spiritual growth.

Set against the backdrop of the association's 44 picturesque churches, the meeting takes place on the top of the mountains, where the beauty of nature mirrors the warmth and love radiating from the attendees.

Ashe Baptist Association Churches, with their welcoming facades and peaceful surroundings, have long been sanctuaries for souls seeking solace and redemption. The community within their walls are bound together not only by their shared faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior but also by the profound sense of freedom and liberation that their belief grants them. Thank you, Liberty Grove Baptist Church and Friendly Grove Baptist Church, for hosting this year on the third Friday and Saturday in August.

As messengers arrived, they are greeted with open arms, embodying the very spirit of unity and love that the association cherishes. Each person, regardless of their background, feels the embrace of their spiritual family. From farmers to teachers, business owners to retirees, the diversity within the messengers is a testament to the inclusive nature of their faith. They come bearing the scars of their past, but also with hearts full of hope, ready to share their stories of redemption and grace.

The event will have three powerful sermons centered around the theme and the chosen scripture, **2 Peter 3:18:and others, "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen."** The Preachers words echo through the church, encouraging everyone to embrace their journey of growth in Christ, both individually and collectively. His message is clear: growth in faith is not a solitary endeavor but a communal one, strengthened by the support and love of their spiritual family.

Each day, the messengers also gather for a delicious meal. The laughter, the hum of conversations, and the aroma of home-cooked food fills the air, creating an atmosphere of joy and togetherness. It is a reminder that growing in Christ is not just about sermons and scriptures but also about building relationships and supporting one another through the ups and downs of life.

As the 138th Annual Meeting of the Ashe Baptist Association of Churches ends the messengers leave with renewed hearts and strengthened spirits. They will carry with them the lessons learned, the stories shared, and the unwavering support of their spiritual family. United by their faith and the incredible liberty it bestowed upon them, we are ready to continue our journey, growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I hope to see you at this years Annual Meeting of the Ashe Baptist Association of Churches! Be praying for God to be honored.

*Your Servant, David*



## Ashe Really Cares

336-846-5234

[ashereallycares@gmail.com](mailto:ashereallycares@gmail.com)

“Thank You” by Ray Boltz:

Thank you for giving to the Lord  
I am a life that was changed  
Thank you for giving to the Lord  
I am so glad you gave

Recently, I received a referral from Daymark. They had a woman who was in crisis and reached out on her behalf to see how we could help. She only needed some toiletries. I gathered some items and gave her a Food Lion gift card to purchase whatever else she needed. As I handed her the gift card, she dropped her head and started to cry. She began to tell me her partner of 20 years just moved into a nursing home due to dementia and she was left with no support, little income, and a mountain of medical bills. She pointed over to the stack of Bibles and told me that she grew up in church but she hadn't been in a while. A few days ago, she picked up a Bible and she could feel God working on her. I hugged her, offered a prayer, and invited her to church. That encounter occurred because when she walked through our doors she saw and felt God's love.

We are so grateful for the support of our churches. While community donations help stock our clothing pantry, the rest of our expenses to keep the doors open are dependent on monetary donations. If you don't already, please consider making the ARC part of your family or church's regular charitable giving.

[In June, we served 121 households consisting of 282 individuals. We had 203 households use the clothing pantry. We had 11 new households use our services for the first time.](#)

We have been blessed with a supply of mobility aids such as walkers, canes, wheelchairs, and shower chairs. If you know anyone in need of these items please have them contact us.

Current ARC pantry needs:  
15oz cans: carrots, diced tomatoes, and sauerkraut  
Saltine Crackers

God Bless you and Keep you,  
Twila Miller  
Director of Ashe Really Cares



## Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...



August 2	B- Rev. Chris Taylor
August 2	B- Rev. John Elledge
August 3	B- Rev. Lonnie Carpenter
August 3	B- Mrs. Joyce Jones
August 8	B- Rev. Jonathan Stansberry
August 9	B- Rev. Lonnie Jones
August 11	A- Rev. & Mrs. Danny Joe Farmer
August 14	A- Rev. & Mrs. Johnny Goodman
August 18	B- Mrs. Hailey Oliver
August 18	A-Rev. & Mrs. Jonathan Stansberry
August 20	B- Mrs. Shelia Miller
August 21	A- Rev. & Mrs. Billy Norris
August 22	B- Mr. Donnie Houck
August 22	A- Rev. & Mrs. Dale Ring
August 27	A- Rev. & Mrs. Roger Blevins
August 28	B- Mrs. Chelsea Taylor
August 29	B-Rev. Roger Blevins
August 29	B-Rev. Billy Joe Blevins
August 31	B- Rev. Jack Pugh

## THANK YOU!

### Ashe Baptist Association

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

**Randy Marion Ford West Jefferson**  
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We appreciate our sponsors & encourage you to call them when you need their services!



YOU'RE  
INVITED TO  
THE 1ST ANNUAL  
NORTH BEAVER  
BAPTIST CHURCH

## Community Fun Day!

AUGUST 10, 2024  
10 AM - 4 PM

FREE LUNCH SERVED AT NOON

8000 NC HIGHWAY 163  
WEST JEFFERSON, NC

QUESTIONS? CALL OR TEXT (336) 698-6296

## HEAVEN

THE KEY WAS HUNG ON A NAIL



John 3:16

JOIN US AT BEAVER CREEK  
BAPTIST CHURCH FOR VBS  
AUGUST 8-11

Thursday: 5:45pm meal; march in at 6:15pm

Friday: 5:45pm meal; march in at 6:15pm

Saturday: 3:00pm march in; meal and water  
activities planned

Sunday: 10:00am commencement; meal, activities,  
and fun to follow at Ashe Baptist Campground



ALL AGES WELCOME!

1471 Mulatto Mountain Rd  
West Jefferson, NC 28694



# GIVE THE GIFT OF

RELIEF FOR TODAY.  
HOPE FOR TOMORROW.  
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**\$2.6 MILLION**  
2024 GOAL



North Carolina  
**MISSIONS**  
Offering

WE ARE  
FUELED  
FOR AND BY  
THE LOCAL  
CHURCH.

N.C. Baptists are sent  
across the state and around  
the world to share the hope  
of the gospel and bring  
relief to those in need.

JOIN THE WEEK OF PRAYER  
for the NCMO from Sept. 1-8.



## Pray for...

- Disaster relief volunteers with Baptists on Mission
- Physical and spiritual needs of those receiving medical and dental aid
- Red Springs, Shelby and Rose Hill (Charity) mission camps
- Baptist associations in North Carolina
- SendNC sending churches and church planters

 NC BAPTISTS

MORE INFORMATION  
NCMISSIONSOFFERING.ORG



## FaithHealth Connector Report

Many years ago, I was a star-gazer---an amateur astronomer. I would pull out my telescope on a clear winter night and marvel at the number of stars that could be seen with my inexpensive telescope. The number of stars in the observable universe is reported to be about  $10^{21}=10,000,000,000,000,000,000$ .

Note, this is only the number that is observable with our powerful telescopes today. Who knows how many more stars there are in the universe. Jesus Christ declared that the Holy Father has the very hairs on our heads all numbered. There are presently nearly 8 billion people on planet Earth. An average head of hair has about 100,000 hairs [balding men like me are the exception]. This would total  $8^{14}=800,000,000,000,000$  or 800 trillion [if my math is correct]. This does not include all the people who have previously lived and died on planet Earth. These enormous numbers are given to us for a reason--- to begin to reveal our God's greatness, power, wisdom, and knowledge. The Holy Scriptures declare that He determines the number of stars and gives them all their names [Psalm 147:4]. He is omnipresent---His Presence fills the entire universe [Jeremiah 23:24]. He is omniscient---He knows all things [Job 28:24]. He is omnipotent--- all-powerful. He upholds the universe by the word of His power [Hebrews 1:3].

During these troubling and unsettling times in our world and nation, it may be helpful to remember these things about our God. For the Christian, these truths and promises should give us great peace and assurance---God is still very much in control. For the Christian, a faith that is rooted in the absolute sovereignty of God with Biblical assurances of His care for His people will ensure peace and rest in these alarming and disrupting times.

As the Faith-Health Connector for Ashe County, I am always available to assist you with practical needs as well as Spiritual encouragement.

Many Blessings.

Paul Strickland,

FaithHealth Connector, Ashe County, NC

**AMS, David Blackburn, presented Rev. Lawrence Goodman, Pastor at Orion Baptist with Award from NC Baptists & Baptist On Mission for total giving to the 2023 NC Missions Offering. Total given by Orion Baptist, \$2089.05. Orion was second in the Ashe Baptist Association with their North Carolina Missions Offering! Thank you Pastor Goodman & Orion for giving!**





**SAVE THE DATES, SEPT 17-19**

## SEMINARY STUDIES WORKSHOP

Three days of teaching  
Three experienced professors  
Six relevant topics  
Three convenient locations





**Steve McKinion**  
Professor of Theology & Patristic Studies



**Tate Cockrell**  
Professor of Counseling



**L. Scott Kellum**  
Sr. Professor of New Testament & Greek

Date: **Tuesday-Thursday**  
17-19 September 2024

Time: **10:00am - 2:00pm, daily**  
Lunch included

The Buncombe Baptist Association, in partnership with Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, is pleased to offer three days of solid Biblical teaching for pastors and lay leaders in our area. Topics will vary each day and will address everything from Theology to avoiding burnout. All three days of teaching will be made available in three different regional locations (Asheville, Hendersonville & Boone). Choose the campus that works best for you! Registration will open July 1. **Email [info@buncombebaptist.org](mailto:info@buncombebaptist.org)** to be added to the pre-registration list. A one-time/optional \$10 donation will be received on-site. Lunch provided.

# HOPE FOR THE MOUNTAINS

## PRAYER TEAM

**MEETS EACH TUESDAY 8:00 AM**

**At**

**MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!**



*Community*  
**PRAYER NIGHT**

**2024 SCHEDULE**

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

PASTORSTEVE@APPCHURCH.ORG



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ALL  
ABOUT  
IT!

We want to CELEBRATE with you and share the GOOD NEWS when exciting things are happening at the church you attend! Please send articles, pictures or flyers to our e-mail address at: ashebaptist@gmail.com, and we will announce on our WKSJ weekly radio show, post on the events page of our website, ashebaptist.org, and on our Facebook Page, in addition to printing in this monthly newsletter publication that is posted in color on the website and mailed to 680+ folks in Ashe Co., all across NC, and neighboring states! As you set dates for church events, Special Singings, Revivals, or Speakers, let us know! You must submit articles for the Newsletter NO LATER THAN the 20th of each month in order for them to appear in the next month's publication.

### Hope for the Mountain Revival Choir Practice

Sunday's at 6 pm at Midway Baptist Church located at 1670 Mt. Jefferson Rd. Anyone from any church interested in singing is invited to come to practice each Sunday Evening. Pastor Steve LeaShomb and Brother Ron Criss, Choir Director welcomes you to Midway Baptist Church.

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

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Mrs. Twila Miller, Ashe Really Cares Director  
Mr. Nathan McLeese, Ashe Really Cares Assistant

# Church Announcements

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

**Healing Springs Baptist Church** announces Annual Decoration in the cemetery on Sunday August 4 at 10:00. There will be a short service given by AMS David Blackburn at 10:30. Worship Service will be held in the church at 11:00. Rev. Kevin Jones, pastor invites everyone to attend.

**Old Fields Baptist Church** is pleased to announce that Rev. Cory Halsey has been chosen to preach for them and will be voted on as Interim Pastor in the next couple of weeks. We welcome Brother Cory and his wife, Amanda and their son to the Ashe Baptist Association and look forward to working with them.

**When you pray**, please remember Grassy Creek, Buffalo Baptist, Round Knob Baptist, Mt Olive Baptist, Wagoner Big Laurel and Riverview Baptist. These churches are currently seeking a pastor.

**New Church Announcements:** please send updated church information for the church you attend: to:domdblackburn@gmail.com or ashebaptist@gmail.com. We will get all new information provided on the Saturday Radio Program, the [www.ashebaptist.org](http://www.ashebaptist.org) and the newsletters. Thank you.

**Ashe Baptist Association** announces host for this year sessions of Annual Meeting. Liberty Grove Baptist Church is hosting on Friday and Friendly Grove Baptist Church on Saturday. Thank you churches for hosting. We look forward to being with you. The Executive Director Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of NC is scheduled to be with us on Friday as one of our Special Speakers, Todd Unzicker. We are now ready to request of two more churches to host next year 2025. Third Friday and Saturday in August. How long has it been since you hosted an Ashe Baptist Associational Meeting? Would you consider doing it. Contact the preacher and place committee, Mrs. Lucy Hagin, Rev. Allen Huffman, Mr. Harold Riddle or the Associational Office.

**Ashe Really Cares announces:** **If anyone has any upcoming mission trips where they could use some of these extra clothes when they go. We had one going to Haiti a month or so ago and were able to send her with several bags so it would be great if we could line up some better outreach options for the stuff we can't use. Just let them know to call me when they have something like that coming up so we can coordinate it. In need of 1 man to pick up food especially on Wednesday and any churches that would like to participate in a diaper drive for ARC during VBS can collect diapers (of any size), wipes, collect change to go towards the purchase of diapers. We have several new mothers that come through on a regular basis and need help with diapers. **Contact Director, Twila Miller at ARC or Ashe Baptist for more info. 846-5234.****

*The Inspirations will be singing Thursday night August 1st at 7pm at **Calvary Free Will Baptist**. Everyone is invited. by the pastor, Rev. Frank Woods. for more information call 423-270-9377*



**Ashe County Middle School** is asking for help with school needs. They have removed the water fountains and put in new filling stations, so they are wanting to give each student a new water bottle to use for the year. Churches that might want to help the cost is just under \$2.00 a bottle and they need 800 to start the year. **For more info contact Ashe County Middle School.**

**Ashe County School System** is preparing for the Back 2 School Blast and are collecting donations and supplies. We are in need of lots of items, monetary donations, volunteers, and more. If you can help contact Jamie Phillips Little or Amy Walker at the Board of Education. 336-246-7175



## ASHE BAPTIST CAMPGROUND

**for  
August**

**August 3 Warrensville Baptist  
August 17 Friendship Baptist  
August 31 Mission Home Baptist**

**Thank you to each church that keeps the campground mowed & trimmed!!!!**



# SERVE NC

AUGUST 3-10, 2024



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# NCBAM Fall Regional Gatherings

- Sept. 12 Asheville
- Sept. 26 Rocky Mount
- Oct. 22 Thomasville

Our focus:  
How churches can prevent Elder Abuse.

[ncbam.org/events](http://ncbam.org/events)



FRIENDS OF  
**1 DAY**  
 SATURDAY  
 MISSIONS  
 DAYS  
 CHILDREN

SHARING HOPE...CHANGING LIVES  
**Baptist Children's Homes**  
 of NORTH CAROLINA

# THE SAVE DATE

MAKE PLANS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

SEPT 14: Odum Home, Pembroke & Kennedy Home, Kinston

SEPT 21: Camp Duncan, Aberdeen & Mills Home, Thomasville

SEPT 28: Cameron Boys Camp, Cameron | 26: Oak Ranch, Broadway

# Hope

FOR THE MOUNTAINS

## Revival Nights

Sept. 15th	Liberty Grove Baptist Church, 6pm
Sept. 16th	Friendship Baptist Church 7pm
Sept. 17th	Blue Ridge Elementary Auditorium 7pm
Sept. 18th	Midway Baptist Church 7pm
Sept. 22nd	ACHS Gymnasium 6pm

**Revival Choir each night along with other worship music.**





## Blossom Ridge Christian Camps

Hello! My name is Braylin Miller and in May 2024 I graduated from Liberty University with a degree in Camp and Outdoor Adventure Leadership. The Lord has called me along with my family to build a Christian summer camp for students. We would love to invite you to a "Share-the-Vision" night on ***Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at Appalachian Church on Ray Taylor Rd in West Jefferson.***

The vision of camp was given to me a little over 2 years ago and God has been equipping me through different projects in school and by having the opportunity to work at a summer camp as a counselor and now as a Village Director. In the fall, I will start a new position as the Program Director through an internship program. This will allow me to see hands-on the entire cycle of camp from beginning to the end for the next year. In mid-2025, I will be ready to begin the role of Executive Director of Blossom Ridge Christian Camps.

The camp will be a co-ed camp that serves ages 7 – 17. Beyond summer camp sessions, we plan to have year-round events such as Family Weekend, Single Parent Weekend, Mother-Daughter Weekend, Father-Son Weekend, Easter and Fall Events along with Student Days with our local schools.

Please pray for Blossom Ridge Christian Camps! If you would like to learn more, please plan to attend the "Share-the-Vision" program on ***Tuesday, August 6, 2024*** at Appalachian Church at 7 pm.

May God Bless,

Braylin Miller  
***Founder and Executive Director***  
*Blossom Ridge Christian Camps*  
blossomridge.cc@gmail.com



## Ashe Missionary Baptist Association

### Treasurer's Report April- June 2024 (4th Qtr.)

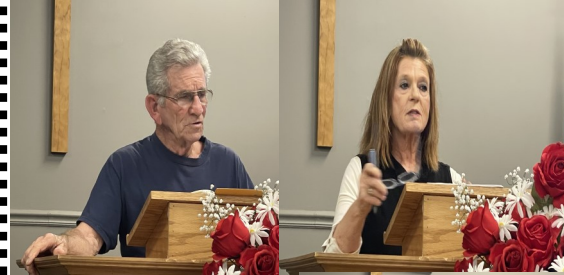
Church Name	4th QTR.	Year-To-Date		Amount	Year-To-Date
APPALACHIAN CHURCH	\$500.00	\$500.00	Churches	16,185.24	75,707.53
BALD MOUNTAIN	\$3,600.00	\$14,400.00	Other Income	3,254.43	28,686.63
BEAVER CREEK	\$450.00	\$1,800.00	Reimbursements	30,419.25	99,441.88
BIG FLATTS	\$0.00	\$0.00			
BIG LAUREL	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>49,858.92</b>	
BLUE RIDGE	\$0.00	\$600.00			
BRISTOL	\$600.00	\$2,200.00	Beginning Balance	7,402.01	
BUFFALO	\$450.00	\$1,800.00	Income	57,260.93	
CALVARY	\$0.00	\$500.00	Expenses	51,596.16	
CHRISTIAN UNITY	\$300.00	\$1,200.00	Ending Balance 6.30.2024	\$5,664.77	
FARMER MEMORIAL	\$0.00	\$0.00			
FLETCHER MEMORIAL	\$135.05	\$577.26			
FRIENDLY GROVE	\$0.00	\$0.00			
FRIENDSHIP	\$1,650.00	\$6,600.00			
GOD'S WILL	\$0.00	\$900.00			
GRASSY CREEK	\$431.35	\$1,950.40			
HAPPY TRAILS	\$0.00	\$0.00			
HEALING SPRINGS	\$495.17	\$1,426.20	Minutebooks-Other Income	\$135.00	
LAUREL KNOB	\$552.72	\$2,249.56	Friendly Grove	\$50.00	
LIBERTY GROVE	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	Healing Springs	\$50.00	
LITTLE HELTON	\$120.00	\$240.00	Orion	\$25.00	
MIDWAY	\$0.00	\$2,625.00	Pleasant Valley	\$10.00	
MISSION HOME	\$0.00	\$1,500.00			
MOUNT OLIVE	\$0.00	\$700.00			
NEW RIVER	\$433.70	\$1,614.68			
NORTH BEAVER	\$750.00	\$2,250.00			
OAK HILL	\$0.00	\$800.00			
OBIDS	\$0.00	\$1,000.00			
OLD FIELDS	\$0.00	\$500.00			
ORION	\$1,250.00	\$6,100.00			
PHOENIX	\$600.00	\$2,400.00			
PILOT MOUNTAIN	\$229.95	\$997.05			
PINE SWAMP	\$150.00	\$150.00			
PLEASANT HOME	\$323.00	\$1,079.00			
PLEASANT VALLEY	\$250.00	\$1,000.00			
RIVERVIEW	\$100.00	\$550.00			
ROUND KNOB	\$361.00	\$1,358.00			
TRINITY	\$553.30	\$1,540.38			
TUCKERDALE	\$300.00	\$1,200.00			
WAGONER	\$100.00	\$550.00			
WARRENSVILLE	\$1,200.00	\$4,800.00			
WELCOME HOME	\$300.00	\$1,200.00			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$16,185.24</b>	<b>\$75,707.53</b>			

All checks sent to the Associational Office written directly to either Ashe Really Cares or ABA Campground are recorded in separate bank accounts

**Note: Funds coming in after the first of the month, will show on the next month/quarter.**

*Every man according as he purposeth in his heart so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7*

**Ashe Baptist Executive Committee met at Christian Unity Baptist Church for the 4th Quarter on July 11th. Rev. Allen Huffman, Moderator called the meeting to order, Butch Miller opened with devotion and prayer, followed by a hymn led by Mr. Jackie Blevins. Treasurer Report given by Debbie Miller, ARC Report by Director, Twila Miller, Rev. Paul Strickland reported on FaithHealth and NCServe. Rev. David Blackburn, AMS gave the AMS Report followed by the Discipleship Report by Mrs. Linda Blackburn. Meeting was adjourned around the altar in with Rev. Johnny Goodman leading the prayer.**



# Ashe Missionary Baptist Association



## “GROWING IN CHRIST TOGETHER”

*But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever. Amen. 2 Peter 3:18*



**ABA 1997**



**ABA 1999**



**ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICE & ASHE REALLY CARES COMPLEX 2011**

## One Hundred Thirty-Eighth Annual Session

**Friday, August 16, 2024**

**Hosted by:**

**Liberty Grove Baptist Church**

**Saturday, August 17, 2024**

**Hosted by:**

**Friendly Grove Baptist Church**

**ASHE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**ONE HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHTTH ANNUAL SESSION  
LIBERTY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH  
Friday Afternoon, August 16th, 2024**

- 2:00 Call to Order** Moderator, Rev. Allen Huffman  
Pastor, Pleasant Valley Baptist Church
- Congregational Hymn** \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Butch Miller  
Associational Music Director  
Rev. Alan Ambrose  
Worship / Associate Pastor, Bald Mountain Baptist Church
- Welcome / Devotion / Prayer** Rev. Toby Oliver  
Pastor, Liberty Grove 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 Liberty Grove Baptist Church** \_\_\_\_\_  
Liberty Grove Baptist Church
- Congregational Hymn** \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Butch Miller  
Rev. Alan Ambrose
- 2:40 Message** Rev. Toby Oliver  
Pastor, Liberty Grove Baptist Church
- Alternate** Rev. Luke Watson  
Mission Home Baptist Church
- Congregational Hymn** \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Butch Miller  
Rev. Alan Ambrose
- 3:10 Miscellaneous Business** Moderator, Rev. Allen Huffman  
Election of Administrative Committees  
Treasurer's Report  
Budget Report  
Mrs. Debbie Miller  
Rev. Tom Graybeal
- Institutions Agencies Missions***  
**(See "Rules of Order" page 14)**
- Reports**  
**(10 minutes each)**
- 3:40 Special Report (20 Minutes)** Rev. Todd Unzicker  
Executive Director-Treasurer
- Institutions Agencies Missions (10 Minutes Each)***
- 4:00** Baptist on Mission, Baptist State Convention of NC Rev. Paul Langston  
**4:10** NC Baptist Missions Giving Strategist Mr. Andy Williams  
**4:20** Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Mr. Jonathan Vaughan
- 4:30 Congregational Hymn** \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Butch Miller  
Rev. Alan Ambrose
- 4:40** North Carolina Baptist Children's Home Foster & Adoption Rev. Mark Smith  
**4:50** North Carolina Baptist Children's Home Rev. Jody Yopp  
**5:00** Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center and FaithHealth NC Rev. Dr. Brian Davis  
**5:20** NC Baptist Aging Ministry Mr. Austin Decker  
**5:30** Baptist Retirement Homes of NC Mrs. Stephanie Shaffer  
**5:40** Provision Financial Resources of NC Baptists. Mr. Erick Hamm  
Mr. Chris Jones
- 5:50 Congregational Hymn** \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Butch Miller  
Rev. Alan Ambrose
- 6:00 Special Music** \_\_\_\_\_, Liberty Grove Baptist Church
- 6:10 Annual Message / Associational Sermon** Rev. Mark Harless  
Pastor, Obids Baptist Church
- Alternate** Rev. Brian Furches  
Associate Pastor, Orion Baptist Church
- 6:35 Benediction & blessing on food** Rev. Toby Oliver

**Supper will be provided and served by Liberty Grove Baptist Church**

**Special thanks to Liberty Grove Baptist Church  
for hosting and to the ladies and men for a delicious meal!  
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**ASHE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**ONE HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHTTH ANNUAL SESSION  
FRIENDLY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH  
Saturday Morning, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

<b>9:00 Call to order</b>	Moderator, Mr. Jerry Powers Member, Bald Mountain Baptist Church
<b>Congregational</b> _____	Mr. Butch Miller Associational Music Director Rev. Alan Ambrose Worship / Associate Pastor, Bald Mountain Baptist Church
<b>9:05 Welcome / Devotion / Prayer</b>	Rev. Jeffery Rizoti Pastor, Friendly Grove Baptist Church
<b>9:15 Roll Call of the Churches</b>	Mrs. Debbie Miller Associational Clerk
(See "Rules of Order" page ____)	
<b>9:20 History of Friendly Grove Baptist Church</b>	Mrs. Sally Harless Member, Friendly Grove Baptist Church
<b>9:25 Mission Reports (5 Minutes Each)</b> Associational Missions Strategist Ashe Really Cares Baptist Men FaithHealth NC Missions Evangelism	DOM, David Blackburn Mrs. Twila Miller Mr. Fred Walters Rev. Paul Strickland Rev. Homer Murdock Rev. Steve LeaShomb
<b>9:55 Special Music</b>	_____
<b>10:10 Message</b>	Rev. Chris Taylor Associate Family Pastor, Midway Baptist Church
<b>Alternate</b>	Rev. Steve LeaShomb Senior Pastor, Midway Baptist Church
<b>10:25 Reports</b> <b>5 minutes each</b> N. C. Baptist Women Disciple Making Church Music Historian Baptist Campground Vacation Bible School	(Local & Associational)  Mrs. Elaine Cox Mrs. Linda Blackburn Mr. Butch Miller Mrs. Debbie Miller Mr. Tim Hamby Rev. Lonnie Jones
<b>11:00 Congregational Hymn</b> _____	Mr. Butch Miller Rev. Alan Ambrose
<b>11:05 Reports</b> <b>5 Minutes each</b> (See "Rules of Order", page ____)	(Local & Associational)  Rev. Johnny Goodman Mr. Bill Barr Director, Mrs. Sherry Edwards Rev. Steve Ashley Rev. Michael Carter
GuideStone ABA Gideon's International Ashe Pregnancy Care Center Community Prayer Detention Center Chaplain Program	
<b>11:25 Congregational Hymn &amp; Offering</b> _____	Mr. Butch Miller Rev. Alan Ambrose
Offering to Ashe Baptist Association	
<b>11:30 Business Session</b>	Moderator Mr. Jerry Powers
Old Business Adoption of Associational Budget Other  New Business Other Pat Miller Recognition and Award ABA Complex Mortgage Note Burning	
Resolutions Committee Report of Time / Place Preacher Committee 2024 August 15th, Friday, Host _____ 2024 August 16th, Saturday, Host _____	Mr. Fred Walters Mr. Jerry Powers
<b>11:35 Memorial Service</b>	Rev. John Elledge Pastor, Bald Mountain Baptist
<b>11:45 Benediction &amp; blessing on food</b>	Rev. Jeffery Rizoti Pastor, Friendly Grove Baptist Church

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## Help Ashe Habitat Build Community

Seeking to put God's love into action, Ashe County Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope. It is natural that faith organizations should be a primary partner in Habitat's work. There are many ways the faith community can support our goal to help Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and their families. Want to help? Read on for ways you can contribute to this important, life-changing work!

### Ways for a Congregation to Engage

**PRAY:** Ashe Habitat seeks to engage faith organizations in the spiritual aspects of our ministry through practical means.

1. Pray privately or as a congregation for Ashe Habitat and our partner families.
2. Lead a devotion and prayer at a construction build site, at a homeowner workshop, or at a house dedication ceremony.
3. Set aside one Sunday a year to draw attention to the need for safe, affordable, decent housing in our country, state, and county and to pray for God's help in solving the problem. Ashe Habitat can provide handouts, collection envelopes, statistics, or presentation materials.

**SERVE:** Ashe Habitat offers various volunteer opportunities to help us eradicate substandard housing and build decent, affordable homes.



1. On a build site – volunteer as an individual or a group at a worksite. Site supervisor, training, materials and tools are provided. No experience necessary.
2. Provide meals for our volunteers on the jobsite on a Saturday or Wednesday.
3. In our ReStore – volunteer in our Ashe Habitat ReStore. We sell building materials and gently used furniture and household items.
4. On a committee–In addition to the volunteer Board of Directors, Ashe Habitat is looking for volunteers to serve on the following committees: Faith Relations, Resource Development, and Family Support.

**DONATE:** Much of our work is funded through donations. Items donated to our ReStore and dollars donated to our mission are turned into affordable homes for partner families in Ashe County. We are a 501(C)3 organization, so your donations may be tax-deductible.

1. Give a financial gift - to help us build more homes. You can donate at our website ([ashehabitat.org](http://ashehabitat.org)), on our Facebook page, or by mailing a check (PO Box 392, West Jefferson, NC 28694).
2. Donate to our ReStore – Donate items you no longer want to our ReStore – furniture, appliances, household items and building supplies are welcome. Check our website for a complete list of what we can and cannot accept. We can arrange pickups for large items. (336-846-2525)
3. Make an in-kind gift – of product or service. Do you know any construction subcontractors who would be willing to donate their labor? Shop owners can donate overstock inventory or returned items for use in our homes or to the ReStore.
4. Hold a Fundraiser – Bake sales, car washes, etc. are great ways for churches to support us and raise awareness at the same time! Use your creativity to come up with a fun idea to raise financial support for us!
5. Sponsor a house or a part of a house – Ashe Habitat house sponsorship levels range from partial to full sponsorship. Congregations can partner with other congregations or local businesses to sponsor a house or to provide the labor to build a house. The hard costs for materials of a Habitat house in our county average \$150,000.

**ADVOCATE** – Help us spread the word about the good work we are doing and the need for affordable housing. This small act can make a HUGE difference!

1. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram and like, comment on, and share our posts. Find us @ashehabitat on both platforms. Your interactions help others see our posts!
2. Word of mouth publicity is the best! Please mention us to others every chance you get! Let your friends know about our great ReStore, suggest us as a place for others to get involved, and generally tell everyone that Ashe Habitat is amazing!

Ready to join us? To find out more, visit our website, [www.ashehabitat.org](http://www.ashehabitat.org). You can find links for volunteering and donating there, and you can sign up to get our quarterly newsletter via email. You can also email us at [info@ashehabitat.org](mailto:info@ashehabitat.org) or call our Director, Beth Sorrell, at (336) 902-8611 to talk about your ideas.

Ashe County Habitat for Humanity is empowered when the community of faith prays for Habitat and when congregations join Habitat as a faith partner in discipleship and service.

July 1, 2024

Dear Friends of Children and Families,

First, we could not answer the call to serve vulnerable children, families and special needs adults without your prayers and support -- **thank you for being our partners in ministry!**

I hope you and your church will come and celebrate God's goodness during **The 63rd Western Area Conference. We will gather at Broyhill Home campus on Thursday, September 5 beginning a 4:00 p.m.** It is an opportunity for you to see firsthand how the Lord is transforming lives throughout **Baptist Children's Homes' (BCH) Western NC locations.**

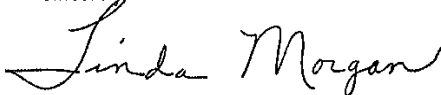
Everyday, our cottage parents, foster care families, adoptive families, caregivers and staff answer the call to serve "the least of these" as Jesus shares in Matthew 25:40. Through the faithful dedication of these individuals and families, along with the aid of our churches, boys and girls throughout our area and beyond are removed from the darkest of circumstances. Special needs adults receive the care they need while achieving their dreams through our **Intellectually/Developmentally Disabled Adults Ministry.** Together -- hand in hand -- we are able to shine the light of Christ into the lives of all we serve.

Cottage tours begin at 4:00 pm. We will debut this year's new Annual "Thanksgiving" Offering video at the picnic shelter at 4:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Gospel singing is from 4:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. and a FREE barbecue meal will be served at the gym and picnic area during that time. We will begin our special program at 5:45 p.m.

We want to ensure there is enough food and space for every friend who plans to attend so please make your reservation by calling 828-627-9254 or mailing the enclosed reply card. You can also register online at [bchfamily.org/wac](http://bchfamily.org/wac) or by scanning the QR code at the bottom right of this letter. Enclosed are two fliers to help you spread the word about this year's conference.

Thank you for helping us answer the call to serve! We look forward to celebrating with you.

Sincerely



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**WESTERN AREA  
CONFERENCE**

**Thursday, Sept. 5, 2024 at 4 pm**  
Broyhill Home in Clyde  
111 Sneed Dr., Clyde, NC 28721

Celebrating God's goodness  
at Baptist Children's Homes'  
Western NC ministries  
including:

**FREE BBQ MEAL**

**LIVE GOSPEL MUSIC**

**HEAR FROM THE CHILDREN  
& SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS  
WE SERVE**

RSVP:

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## Discipleship Tip of the Month

### Disciple– Making

A disciple is a person who “is following Christ, being changed by Christ and committed to the mission of Christ.”

A disciple making culture happens when the values and ministry focus of a church result in a lifestyle of disciple making behaviors on the part of church members.

Disciple making is a relational process where disciples of Christ share the gospel, people come to repentance and faith in Christ, new disciples are taught to obey the commands of Christ and mature in Christ, new disciples share the gospel with others and then repeat the process.

#### August 2024

- 16 ABA Annual Meeting 2 pm  
@ Liberty Grove Baptist
- 17 ABA Annual Meeting 9 am  
@ Friendly Grove Baptist



#### August 2024

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#### September 2024

- 2-Labor Day  
ABA/ARC Office Closed



Happy  
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DAY

#### September 2024

Calendarpedia  
Your source for calendars

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2: Labor Day

#### October 2024

- 1- ARC Committee Meeting  
@ABA Board Room 7 pm
- 3- ABA Executive Committee  
Meeting @ Pleasant Valley  
Baptist @ 7 pm
- 31- Campground Closed  
for the 2024 Season



#### October 2024

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14: Columbus Day