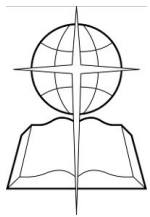


Ashe Baptist Association News



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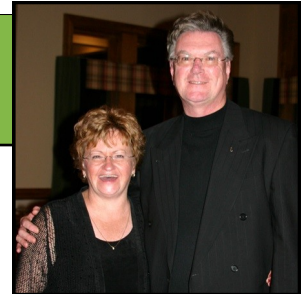
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Friendly Grove
Friendship
God's Will Missionary
Grassy Creek
Happy Trails Cowboy
Healing Springs
Laurel Knob
Liberty Grove
Little Helton
Midway
Mission Home
Mount Olive
New River
North Beaver
Oak Hill
Obids
Old Fields
Orion
Phoenix
Pilot Mountain
Pine Swamp
Pleasant Home
Pleasant Valley
Riverview
Round Knob
Trinity
Tuckerdale
Wagoner
Warrensville
Welcome Home

Preacher David's Corner

Rev. David Blackburn, Director of Missions



God's Great Work

The Great Commission and the Great Commandment was shared with all of us at the North Carolina Baptist State Convention Annual Meeting on the 11th and 12th of November. God's Great Work was our theme. Milton A Hollifield our Executive Director-Treasurer thanked all of us and you as well for partnering in the gospel and for advancing God's Great Work in our state, nation and the world. He challenged us to start at new work, in Christ, in our life and in the church that we attend. We are to see the condition of people around us. **Four point five billion** lost folks in this world. Seven thousand unreached people groups. Two hundred forty-five million lost people in U.S. Five point seven lost folks in N.C. We must get involved. What are you doing to share that God loves them? Help change a life. What are you willing to do? Dr. Ronnie Floyd, the new president and CEO of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee spoke to us about Who's Your One. I remember him saying "people need Jesus and people need Jesus now!" He said "Make evangelism a Priority!" It is the greatest thing a church can do. We are to be intentional. We heard reports from Baptist on Mission, Church Planting, Baptist Foundation, Baptist Hospital, Baptist Children's Homes of NC, Biblical Recorder, Woman's Missionary Union, Budget Report, Southern Baptist Convention, North American Mission Board, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fruitland Bible College, Faith Health of NC, International Mission Board, and the list goes on! Lots of great singing, reports, preaching and breakout sessions were given. Southern Baptists are hard at work at home and around the world. Giving millions of dollars and sending thousands of missionaries to do God's Great Work! Things are very positive in Southern Baptist Denomination. Don't believe Satan and any naysayers. God is blessing us in many ways because folks like you are involved in God's Great Work. Ordinary folks doing extraordinary things because of God's Holy Spirit working in us. Revitalization is a buzz word at the Baptist State Convention of NC and movement is happening to help churches who are plateaued or declining and who want to grow and be healthy. I'm so glad we have a convention that will help churches to be a part of God's Great Work. Linda and I heard great preaching and singing at the North Carolina Pastors Conference. The president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. JD Greer spoke to us at the Pastors Conference. He is the youngest president ever elected to that office. He shared with us four convictions of those who transformed the world. 1) God wants to use me, 2) The Holy Spirit fills me, 3) As Jesus was to me so I will be to others, 4) Jesus is worth it. Ordinary people changed the world then and does today through the power of the Holy Spirit. You have the Spirit if you have accepted Jesus as your Savior. The Gospel is only good news to people if it gets there in time. The Gospel demands something of us. The tip of the Gospel Spear is in the audience not the pulpit. We are all here to serve. I close with a quote from Milton A Hollifield, "By working together we reach the lost, disciple believers and take the gospel to North American and the nations." I pray that you who read this, will be a part of God's Great Work beginning today and for the rest of your life. I will see you in the field as we serve together. Have a great Thanksgiving!!!!

Your Servant, David



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Psalm 95: 6-7

***O come, let us worship and bow down:
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.
For he is our God; and we are the people of his
pasture, and the sheep of his hand.***

As we are in the season of giving thanks and celebrating our saviors birth, let us take time to thank him for each day he gives and each blessing he bestows. God is so faithful to the ARC by providing just what we need when we need it. As he continues to bless through you his people we appreciate your support and your prayers. You touch hurting people that feels Gods love through what you give.

Last month we were able to help 187 families with food and clothing. This touched 452 individuals; Along with the families that came in for clothing only we touched a total of about 700 individuals.

As we celebrate the Holidays some items that are needed are canned yams, stuffing mixes, canned gravy or gravy mixes, cranberry sauce, small 1 lb. canned hams. These items will help families to have a Thanksgiving or Christmas meal.

As our year is ending we want to thank each church and individual that has helped the ARC share God's love to our hurting community. As we hug and love on people we are helping them feel God's arms of love around them. To some this may be a feeling they have never experienced and because you care others may come to know Christ.

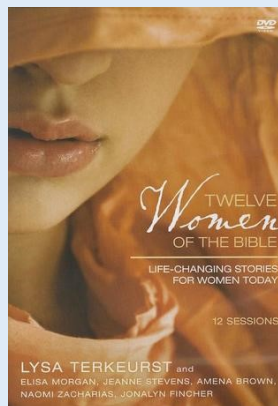
Keep smiling, keep loving and keep sharing the good news of Jesus Christ to the hurting world around you. Many thanks go your way from a very grateful servant. Have a Blessed Holiday Season and a very Merry Christmas.

Ashe Really Cares
Pat Miller,
Director



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Dec 1	Mrs. Mary Graybeal
Dec 4	Rev. & Mrs. Toby Oliver
Dec 6	Rev. & Mrs. Garrett Mahaffey
Dec 7	Mrs. Lesia Goodman
Dec 10	Mr. John Calloway
Dec 12	Ms. Eva Miller
Dec 13	Mrs. Margie Jones
Dec 15	Mrs. Denise Woodie
Dec 16	Rev. & Mrs. Larry Powers Jean & Bill Burkett
Dec 26	Scott Roten
Dec 28	Rev. & Mrs. Lawrence Goodman
Dec 30	Rev. Wade Huntsinger
Dec 31	Rev. & Mrs. Russell Hart



LOOMS

Ladies Bible Study

continues at

Ashe Baptist Association

Thursdays @ 11:30,

Twelve Women of the Bible

You are welcome to join us at any time during this study. Spiritual lessons learned from 12 biblical women and what they mean for your life today. Mary Magdalene, Rebekah, Hannah, and others.

Facilitator: Linda Blackburn, 336-877-7720



JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL
**MINISTER, WIVES, & STAFF
CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Catered by Richardson's Catering
**Roast Beef, Chicken, Assorted Veggies,
Sides, Desserts, Drinks**

December 12, 2019 | 6:00 PM
NEW LOCATION:
BALD MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Call to reserve seats: 336-846-5631



DO YOU PLAY PIANO or know someone who does? We have a church that is looking for a pianist for Sundays and Wednesday nights.

This is a paid position.

Call David Blackburn 336-846-5631
for more information.

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

- God's Will Baptist Church
- Grassy Creek Baptist Church
- Christian Unity Baptist Church
- Pleasant Valley Baptist Church
- Riverview Baptist Church



ASHE COUNTY CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Wrapping will begin this year on **December 2**

If your group would like to participate, call to get on the schedule.

Wrapping daily until finished: beginning at 9 AM.

Volunteers would also appreciate donations of snacks or goodies!

Call 336-846-5631 if you have any questions.



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CHRISTMAS
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DECEMBER 1-8, 2019

100 % of your generous gifts provide missionaries the services they need to live among the unreached peoples they serve.

\$55 provides two weeks of training for one house church leader

\$350 pays to translate one Bible Story into sign language

\$7500 pays for one year of international school

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPECIAL WORSHIP THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

Bald Mountain Baptist Church

Worship Ministry presents:

The Children's Choir and Drama Team in:

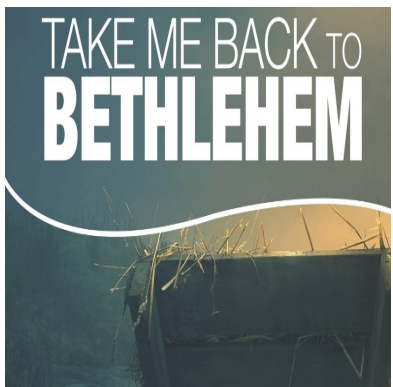


December 8, 2019 @ 10:45 am

Come one, come all!

CHRISTMAS: PAST AND PRESENT

**with Combined Choirs and Congregational
worship featuring**



December 15, 2019 @ 10:45 am

**December 22—A Bald Mountain Family Christmas
Gathering in the Fellowship Hall @ 6 PM**

December 24—Christmas Eve Services @ PM

Rev. John Elledge, Pastor invites you to attend!



Bethlehem Morning tells the miraculous story of Christmas through traditional carols and Christmas favorites, sharing the powerful message that the Gospel should overflow into all aspects of our life, and reminding us that the story of God's love didn't stop there. I John 4:10 says, "This is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." Jesus came FOR us when He was born in Bethlehem and it was FOR us He went to Calvary. Join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ one **Bethlehem Morning**.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

10:00 AM

LIBERTY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Dec 8th, 5 PM—Children's Christmas Play

Dec 15th, 11 AM—Choir Cantata


Everyone is invited by the Pastor,

Rev. Toby Oliver

ECUMENICAL ADVENT SERVICES: The Ashe Ministerial Association (AMA) is sponsoring three noon Advent services on the first three Wednesdays in December at three local churches. Each thirty-minute service will offer music, prayer and a spiritual exercise to encourage reflection on the meaning of the season. Take a break from the holiday rush and join us at the Mt. Jefferson Presbyterian Church on December 4, the First Baptist Church on December 11, and the United Methodist Church on December 18 all in West Jefferson, NC. Each service will be led by members of the AMA and will be held in the fellowship hall of the host church. These services are free and open to the whole community.

Warrensville Baptist Church invites everyone to come and enjoy a Live Nativity Sunday December 15th beginning at 6 PM. Stroll through the Nativity scene as you enter the front of the church and you will see live people playing the parts along with live animals. Walk thru and enter the church and enjoy a special Christmas Celebration service with live music, drama and skits, along with your favorite Christmas carols. We will enjoy a fellowship afterwards in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited.

Warrensville Baptist church will also celebrate the Risen Christ through the remembrance of Communion Sunday morning December 22nd at 10 AM




"HIS PRESENCE"

Dec. 1st	10:00am "His Presence" Worship and Fellowship Meal
Dec. 4th	6:30pm Abide Prayer Gathering
Dec. 8th	10:00am "His Presence" Worship
Dec. 11th	6:30pm Abide Prayer Gathering
Dec. 15th	10:00am "His Presence" Worship and AppKids Worship
Dec. 18th	6:30pm Abide Prayer Gathering
Dec. 22nd	10:00am "His Presence" Worship
Dec. 25th	6:00pm Candlelight Communion MERRY CHRISTMAS!


A Christian Carol

Date: 12/15/19 | Time: 5pm- 6pm | Refreshments 6pm-7pm

Midway Baptist Church
1670 Mt. Jefferson Rd
Behind Wal-Mart



Free will offerings taken up for



In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened.

THE JOYOUS SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY, December 8, 2019
3:00 p.m.
West Jefferson United Methodist Church
"CONCERT IS FREE TO THE PUBLIC"



Presented by
The Combined Choirs of

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WEST JEFFERSON
MOUNT JEFFERSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WEST JEFFERSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

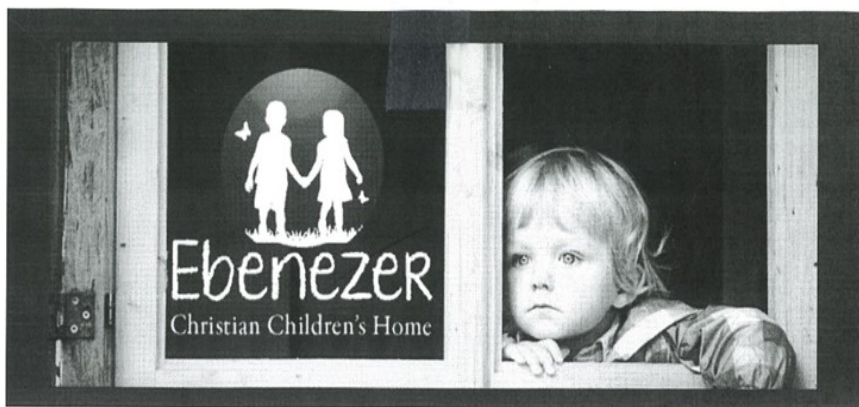
WELCOME HOME BAPTIST CHURCH

December 8, at 10:30 AM the Combs family from Watauga County will be singing. Christmas program by the church choir on both Dec 15 and Dec 22 at the 11 AM worship hour. Christmas play by the youth, teens, and adults will be at 6:00 on Sunday Dec 15 followed by refreshments in the fellowship hall.

Pastor, Rev. Lonnie Jones invites all to attend!



Tax Aide at the Senior Center! The Senior Center will be offering the VITA Tax Aide Program again. The VITA program will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning January 29, 2020. Tax preparations will be held on these days from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. VITA Tax Aide, in conjunction with the IRS and NC Department of Revenue, has trained volunteers to provide this service at no charge to the taxpayer. Appointments are required and will be made beginning January 13, 2020. Remember to bring proof of any and all income, your social security card, date of birth for everyone on the return and bring your Medicare and Medicaid card. If you do not have Medicare or Medicaid, bring the letter you received from your Insurance Company and last years return. Please arrive 15 minutes early to complete initial information. For more information or to make your appointment, please call the Senior Center at 336-246-4347. You can also make your appointment at the Senior Center front desk.



Thankful to announce that Grace Haven, Ebenezer's 7th residential home, is opening in Siler City!

Remember when you started out, everything you needed to start your first home...anything that you use in your home, we can use in our homes, multiplied by 9 children! To be a support for this special project please consider donating the following:

- Canned goods, non-perishable foods, & items to stock the pantry
- Kitchen necessities, bathroom essentials, & toiletries
- Cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, paper products, & trash bags
- Linens- twin sheets, towels, rugs, kitchen towels, pillows, & blankets
- Alarm clocks, storage bins, organizers, & technology devices
- Board games, recreation equipment, Bibles, journals, & devotionals

Donations can be dropped off now- through 12-31-19, at:

Midway Baptist Church

1670 Mt. Jefferson Rd
West Jefferson, NC

(near Wal-Mart) The church office is open Monday - Friday from 8:30 - 5:00.

**WHY DO WE
CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS?**

Why do we celebrate Christmas,

A 'Mass' for Christ each year?

Why do we shop and give our gifts,

Basking in Christmas cheer?

Our Joy is based in the Gospel

The amazing 'good news' of Christ;

We're grateful for what He gave us

And for all He sacrificed.

Priceless gifts He brought,

Eternal life, and more,

A perfect role model for all of us

He opened Heaven's door.

At Christmastime let's be

Reverent and devout

Celebrating a Christmas real and true,

Jesus Christ is what it's all about.

—Joanna Fuchs



LOOKING BACK: HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019



Prayer for the Mountain Disciple Team presents...

THE AWAKENING RALLY

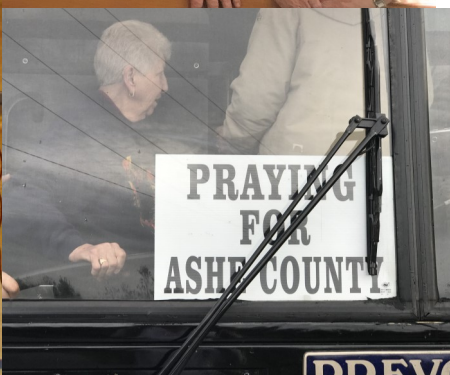
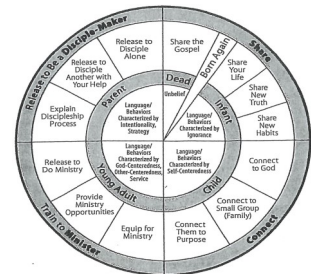
... Now it is high time to awake out of sleep. Romans 13:11 Twitter #HighTimeRom13:11

When: Sunday, Sept 8 - Tuesday, Sept 10
 Sunday 6 pm; Monday and Tuesday 6:30 pm
 (Sunday fellowship & food following service, Monday & Tuesday food served at 6:00)

Where: Midway Baptist Church

Why: To revive The Church, for God's glory to be revealed in a watching world that needs to know HIM!

RSVP by September 3 - Phone 336-246-5631 or email: ashebaptist@gmail.com



Joy It Brings

Christmas time is coming
 Time for joy and cheer
 Everyone is dancing
 And jingle bells we hear
 Snow begins to fall
 Fires begin to burn
 While shopping I see people
 And I feel much concern...
 A man is sleeping in a bag
 He has no place to live
 I see a lady holding a sign saying,
 "I have kids, money, I need you to give."
 When I see these things
 My heart fills with dread
 Why am I so fortunate?
 Sleeping in a soft warm bed?
 There must be something I can do
 To help these people in need
 So I went to ask my mom and dad
 And they said absolutely
 At church one day there was a basket
 Filled with little red cards
 On each card there was a name
 A child of a family, whose times were hard
 The child was only eleven months old
 With clothing a size two
 Barbies and dolls she really liked
 And also needed shoes
 My family and I went to the store
 And bought her all these needs
 Jacket, outfit, and grey socks
 Along with little shoes and Barbies
 Once we gathered all these things
 We went to go check out
 Then we went to the place
 That will deliver to her, no doubt
 I know I won't see her
 Opening gifts on Christmas day
 In my mind I can imagine
 Her shouting out a big hurray!

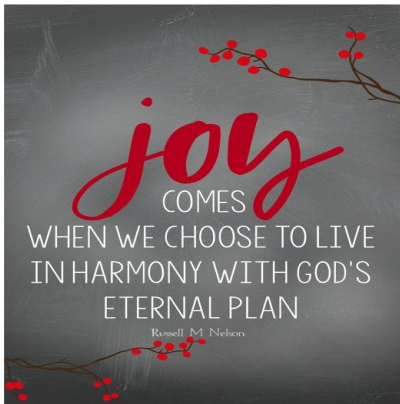
What makes my heart lift up?
 There are so many things
 But buying for this small little girl
 Joy and love it brings

John David Lea
 Grade 6
 Teacher, Shera Ashley
 Mountain View Elementary
 *Council Choice

Discipleship Thought of the Month

Merry Christmas

More than two thousand years ago a little baby was born in a manger; an event that changed the world. This boy-child, Jesus, is the promised Messiah who stepped down from Heaven to be born as a babe, live a sinless life and willingly give His life as the Perfect Lamb of God to pay a sin debt that He did not owe. As foretold in the Scriptures, He did this for you; He did this for me; He did this for the whole world. When we believe this simple truth, Jesus' payment for sin is accounted to us and we are promised eternal life. Since that first Christmas morn much has been said about Christmas. "Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born king." Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled! ~Charles Wesley



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

- 2 ACCCP Wrapping begins at Family Central
- 12 Pastor/Wives Christmas Dinner @ BMBC, 6:00 PM
- 23-27 ABA/ARC Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday

January

- 1 ABA/ARC Offices Closed for New Year's Day
- 7 ARC Committee Meeting, 7 PM
- 9 ABA Executive Committee @ Mission Home, 7 PM
- 19 Sanctity of Life Sunday
- 26 NC Baptist Men's Day

February

- 2 "Souper Bowl" Sunday for Ashe Really Cares
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 17 ABA/ARC Offices Closed for President's Day

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