

# Ashe Baptist Association News



**JANUARY/FEBRUARY**

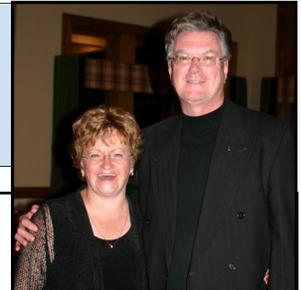
**2020**

**OFFICE HOURS:** 9:00 AM—4:00 PM Monday—Friday  
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Appalachian  
Bald Mountain  
Beaver Creek  
Big Flatts  
Big Laurel  
Blue Ridge  
Bristol  
Buffalo  
Calvary  
Christian Unity  
Clifton  
Cristo el Salvador  
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  
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### "The Lord's Supper"

One may see many elaborate memorials to great people as you travel the world. The Vietnam Memorial in Washington DC is special to me because I served in the Army during that time period. The memorial in Israel showing a ladder going up to heaven with life size soldiers carved climbing the ladder reminding us of the soldiers that were shot down waiting on a bus. This stands out to me. I am sure that you have seen many that you remember. All of them combined do not mean as much as the Lord's Table set before us displaying the bread and wine. It is given to us by our Lord. It is the Master's Memorial. **1 Corinthians 11:25** shares with us "this cup is the New Testament in my blood, this do ye, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me". **1 Corinthians 11:24** shares that the Lord's Supper is a Memorial Service "Take eat, this is my body, which is broken for you, this do in remembrance of me". Memorials are erected to honor great lives, to commemorate great deeds and to keep memories alive. The Lord's Supper is a time of communion as an act of worship. We then enter a time of asking forgiveness which is available through the blood of Jesus and we feed our souls on spiritual relationship with Him who is the bread of life. **I have found that a prisoner is released when forgiveness happens and that prisoner is me!** The Lord's Supper is a proclamation, first to our own heart and then to our fellow man as we proclaim our faith. It also is a time of self-examination. **1 Corinthians 11:28** shares, "But let a man examine himself and so let him eat of the bread and drink of that cup". This is not to see if we are worthy to partake (only thru Jesus are we made worthy) but to examine our manner and motive in which we participate. The Lord's Supper is a time of expression of gratitude, "and when He had given thanks " so says the scriptures. We can offer thanks for the love of God, the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the full forgiveness of sins and for the new life we have. The Lord's Supper is a silent time yet a time to proclaim loudly the prophecy of Jesus in this special service. **1 Corinthians 11:26** shares, "for as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He comes". We are to partake of this until the heavens roll back as the scroll and the Lord Himself descends from heaven with a shout. Some churches have the Lord's Supper periodically through-out the year, some every quarter, some every Sunday, some yearly. I encourage you to participate in this special service and draw a little closer to God. Every time I am in one of these services my eyes moisten and I feel God's presence magnified within me. I leave the church a little closer to God than when I went in. **Luke 22:7-22** gives us a great passage concerning the Lord's Supper. I encourage you to read it! This is Jesus' teaching for us as we follow Him. The time of the first Lord's Supper, there was one who Jesus called the devil that was with them but that did not stop the others from the great experience that Jesus had for them. We do not live in a perfect world but through Jesus we can have our sins forgiven as **1 John 1:9** shares with us. It is conditional, "If" we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness and **when that happens remember, a prisoner is released and that prisoner is "YOU"**. Experience the freedom that Jesus offers to everyone. Let freedom ring in your heart and share with others the power of Christ His offer is taught through the local church and experienced through the Lord's Supper. It is for you and I.

*Your Servant, David*



## Ashe Really Cares

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***And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savor.*** Ephesians 5:2

What has love got to do with our Christian walk? EVERYTHING!! If we don't show love toward other people, how are we to have the opportunity to share God's love with them. God so willingly showed love to mankind by the giving of his son Jesus for our sins. To love someone is to always have their best interest at heart and to always have a helping attitude toward them. Love is a universal language because God placed love in each of our hearts when we were created. When someone knows that we love and care about them they are more willing to listen to us when we share about the love that God has for them. As we go about our walk let us love on people so that they can see the love of Jesus.

Thank you churches and individuals who help the ARC be able to love on our neighbors who need a little extra help to make ends meet. Because of your prayers and support we are able to let them know that not only do we care but God also cares about them. Ashe Really Cares is a place where not only can they get their physical needs meet but also their spiritual needs. I have a lot of folks that come in that enjoy getting hugs and encouraging words along with their food and clothing.

Last month we served 147 families which touched 321 individuals. We were down from what we normally do due to being closed for Christmas. We had 2 new families that come in needing assistance. With the help of Appalachian Senior Projects we helped 25 of our elderly with gifts and money toward their electricity or fuel. We also helped 50 children with Christmas gifts. Thanks to everyone who donated items to help make a Christmas meal. We had a lot of turkeys and hams donated, which was a blessing. Come by the ARC and see where God can use your talents and gifts that he has given you.

Ashe Really Cares  
Pat Miller, Director



Jan 1	Mrs. Lillian Miller
Jan 5	Rev. & Mrs. Lawrence White
Jan 6	Rev. Kevin York
Jan 8	Rev. Larry Powers
Jan 12	Rev. & Mrs. Steve Allen
Jan 13	Rev. Keith Elledge
Jan 17	Rev. & Mrs. Keith Woodie
Jan 17	Rev. Josh Hernandez
Jan 18	Rev. Mike Trivette
Jan 20	Rev. Steve Ashley
Jan 23	Rev. Chip Ritchie
Jan 23	Mrs. Hope Bare
Jan 24	Mrs. Ann Farmer
Jan 24	Mrs. Dayna White
Jan 27	Rev. & Mrs. Billy Norris
Jan 30	David & Myra Phillips
Jan 31	Mrs. Brandy Phipps



Feb 9	Mrs. Monica Allen
Feb 12	Rev. & Mrs. Wade Huntsinger
Feb 14	Rev. & Mrs. Keith Elledge
Feb 18	Mrs. Sami Ashley

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

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

**New Pastor at GOD’S WILL  
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

Ashe Baptist Association and God’s Will Missionary Baptist Church both say WELCOME to Rev. Homer Murdock and his wife, Barbara. They are excited to be ‘back in the mountains’ and happy to be serving at God’s Will. We look forward to seeing how God will be using this body of believers in the coming months.



**“Colorful Places, Colorful People”  
“Colorful Personalities”**



**Making Life for Older Adults...the Best of Times**



**2020 North Carolina  
Offering for Older Adults  
FEBRUARY 2-9, 2020  
GOAL: \$600,000**

**2020 VAYA HEALTH TRAININGS**

**Ashe County Public Library 148 Library Rd., West Jefferson, NC 28694**  
Held the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each Month  
(10:00 am - 12:00 noon)  
Attend one or both sessions  
Contact Mandy Matney at [mandy.matney@vayahealth.com](mailto:mandy.matney@vayahealth.com) to register

Vaya Health’s Geriatric Team serves Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Iredell, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin and Yancey counties.

Date	Topic 1 (10:00am-11:00am)	Topic 2 (11:00am-12:00 noon)
Jan 2	I’m Covered Up: What You Need to Know about Hoarding	OCD: Supporting People with Obsessions and Compulsions in an Adaptive Way
Feb 6	Depression: From Surviving to Thriving	Antidepressants: Not Just for Depression
Mar 5	Enhancing Mental Health with Alternative Treatments	The Impact of Chronic Medical Illnesses on the Brain
Apr 2	Bipolar Extreme Mood Variation--Is There Stability?	Keeping the Balance: Mood-Stabilizing Medications
May 7	Crisis Prevention: Keeping Your Cool Under Pressure	Overcoming Communication Barriers in Mental Illness
Jun 4	Anxiety: Calming the Anxious Mind	Coping with Anxiety: Medications and More
Jul 2	Overcoming Communication Barriers in Dementia	Dementia & Psychosis Behavior: What You Need to Know
Aug 6	Substance Use, Misuse and the Opioid Crisis	Commonly Misused Medications: Understanding Medication Side Effects on the Aging Brain
Sept 3	Posttraumatic Stress Disorder: Invisible Scars	Suicide Indicators, Response and Prevention
Oct 1	Schizophrenia and Psychosis: Can this be real?	The Many Faces of Antipsychotic Medications
Nov 5	A Rainbow of Mental Health: An Introduction	Person(Re)ality: Why is Mine Different?
Dec 3	Neurocognitive Disorders: Living with Dementia	It’s a Brain Thing: The Study of Dementia Medications

Access to services:  
1-800-849-6127

Hearing impaired?  
Call NC Relay 711

[www.vayahealth.com](http://www.vayahealth.com)

Hosted by the Ashe County Public Library in partnership with the Vaya Health Geriatric & Adult Mental Health Specialty Team. All Vaya Health trainings are free and accredited through the NC Division of Health Service Regulation which awards one contact hour for each hour of training.



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](mailto:ashebaptist@gmail.com), and we will announce on our WSKS weekly radio show, post on the events page of our website, [ashebaptist.org](http://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 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.**

# PLAYING FOR THE EASTER SEASON

*Martin & Clark's*

## The 4<sup>th</sup> Cross

One man  
is a murderer.

Two are thieves.

The fourth,  
a carpenter from Nazareth.

Pilate shouts to the crowd and the stones echo back:

"I will save one man and crucify the other!  
Whom do you choose?"

And though the cry of the crowd that day  
set only one man free - it saved us all.

This is the story of  
The Fourth Cross.

**"Wonderful!  
A must-do experience!"**

**Saturday – March 7<sup>th</sup>**

*We invite you to join us for a tour that will enhance your faith and inspire your life. We'll travel to Fort Mill, South Carolina to Narroway Productions as they present one of their most attended productions....The Fourth Cross.*

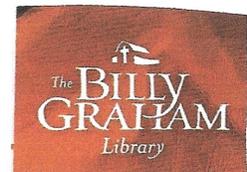
*We'll enjoy a special lunch featuring Boneless beef short ribs in white pepper sauce on a bed of Couscous with dried cranberries, roasted vegetables, Mediterranean herb bread brushed with olive oil, homemade bread pudding with cherry and sour cream sauce with sweet iced tea or water.*

*Our tour includes a visit to the Billy Graham Library & Museum to include the boyhood home of Billy Graham and the gravesites of Dr. & Mrs. Graham. Transportation will be by late model deluxe motorcoach.*

**Special Price Per Person: Only \$69.00**

**For more information or reservations contact**

**Myra Phillips at 336-846-5631**



*This is a matinee performance, so we plan to arrive back in West Jefferson at app. 6:30 p.m. this evening.*

**A great opportunity for church groups, families or individuals! Call today to reserve your seat!!  
Payment in full must be made by Friday, February 28.**

**Make checks payable to:**

**ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, and mail to PO BOX 850, Jefferson, NC 28640**

## HAPPENINGS



**Buffalo Baptist Church**

**November 2019**

**Deacon Ordination**

**Mr. Billy Main & Family**



**Appalachian Church**

**November 2019**

**Dedication of Newly Remodeled Facility**

**Pastor, Rev. Steve Ashley**



**Bristol Baptist Church**

**November 2019**

**Shown here: First time preaching,**

**Rev. Jessie Ball**



**Christian Unity Baptist Church**

**Dec 29, 2019**

**Deacon Ordination**

**Mr. Dillion Harless and family**

## Reflections from the 2019 Ashe County Children's Christmas Project (ACCCP)

....Numerous Hours, Thousands of Gifts, Hundreds of Black Trash bags, Boxes of Books, Gideon Bibles, and Piles of Backpacks!  
Families and Children blessed, Lots of Love shared, Lots of smiles!  
ABA would like to express thanks to everyone who had any part; small or great in this annual ministry to folks in our community.  
A true reflection of "the church at work for the cause of Christ."



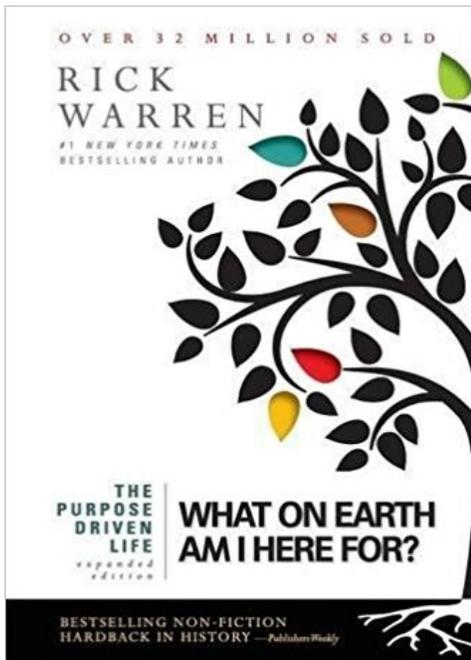


## 2019 Minister, Wives, and Staff Christmas Dinner held at Bald Mountain Baptist Church on Dec. 12

Thanks to Virginia/Carolina Concrete: Teddy Huffman, Ted Huffman, Jr. and Adam Huffman for sponsoring the meal catered by Sherwood Richardson; to Rev. Alan Ambrose for providing beautiful music; to Rev. John Elledge for a reading of the Christmas Story; and to Bald Mountain Baptist Church for hosting and all the folks there who decorated to provide a beautiful Christmas atmosphere. Special thanks to all those who came!



More photos can be seen online at [ashebaptist.org](http://ashebaptist.org)



## LOOMS BIBLE STUDY

How do you like taking assessments? On Jan. 9 we will begin this session by discussing who we are and finding out “What on Earth Am I Here For?” We’ll continue discussions through Jan 16.

January 23 begins our study of “The Purpose Driven Life: What Am I Here For? 40 days in the Word.”

Bible Study is held weekly on Thursdays, 11:30-12:30 to allow for those who need to come during lunch. Meetings are held at the Ashe Baptist Association Office at 204 Beaver Creek School Road, West Jefferson and are facilitated by Mrs. Linda Blackburn. All ladies are welcome to join us!

***Come share in the excitement of the 34 million who have bought the book and the millions who have experienced transformed lives! Are you ready for a change?***

Together, we can ensure that our community receives the resources it needs.

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**Census 2020**

Learn more at [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov).

### The 2020 Census. How You Can Help.

This coming March the 2020 Census will occur. It is important that each person be counted because it determines how many seats our state will have in congress and how many federal tax dollars will flow back to North Carolina. We have many needs in our state. But the federal tax dollars and the State matches don't follow needs. They follow the numbers; they follow the people count.

As a faith leader and a trusted voice for your congregation, census workers in North Carolina are asking for your help. Please remind your congregation to complete their census form. Let them know their responses are confidential and their personal identity, by law, can't be made public.

There are several ways you can encourage your members to fill out and submit their form: Consider a reminder in your service bulletin and or remind your faith community during the Service Announcements; send out an email blast; put a reminder on your marquee; or make a computer with Internet service available for your congregation to fill out their census form. Anything you can do will help Ashe County, its municipalities, and the State of North Carolina to get much needed funds for roads, schools, hospitals, and community services.

### An EXCELLENT opportunity for the ladies in your church!!



You may desire to study the Bible but find yourself easily discouraged when trying to do so on your own. God wants us to spend time in His Word, but sometimes we don't know where to begin or how to do it correctly. Embrace roundtable discussions will provide the opportunity to learn how various women's ministries are engaging women in Scripture, equipping women to share the gospel and disciple others, how they are building their leadership teams, and helping ladies learn to mentor. The \$7 registration fee covers materials and light refreshments. Roundtables are open to any woman who desires to learn.

Register online at <https://ncbaptist.org/women-embrace/>

**PERKINSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, BOONE, NC 10 am—NOON**

2020 NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST  
MISSIONS CONFERENCE

COMPELLED BY  
LOVE

March 27-28, 2020  
Calvary Baptist Church | Winston-Salem, NC

SPEAKERS



KATIE DAVIS MAJORS



KYLE IDLEMAN



ANNE GRAHAM LOTZ



BOB GOFF



GARY CHAPMAN



TOM RICHTER

WORSHIP



ANNIE MOSES BAND

*For Christ's love compels us,  
because we are convinced that one  
died for all, and therefore all died.*

**2 Corinthians 5:14**

**INFORMATION**

The 2020 Missions Conference will be held on March 27-28, 2020  
at Calvary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, NC.

Special features include Mission Breakout Sessions, Volunteer Supper,  
Mission Testimonies, Mission Fair Exhibits and much more

**Registration Deadline: March 20, 2020**

Register by calling (800) 395-5102, Ext 5596

Church Name	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	YTD
APPALACHIAN CHURCH	201.00	201.00	402.00
BALD MOUNTAIN	4,200.00	4,200.00	8,400.00
BEAVER CREEK	450.00	300.00	750.00
BIG FLATTS	0.00	0.00	0.00
BIG LAUREL	200.00	0.00	200.00
BLUE RIDGE	0.00	0.00	0.00
BRISTOL	400.00	600.00	1,000.00
BUFFALO	425.00	420.00	845.00
CALVARY	200.00	0.00	200.00
CHRISTIAN UNITY	300.00	300.00	600.00
CLIFTON	90.00	90.00	180.00
FARMER MEMORIAL	241.00	164.00	405.00
FLETCHER MEMORIAL	1,663.65	1,052.80	2,716.45
FRIENDLY GROVE	50.00	250.00	300.00
FRIENDSHIP	1,650.00	1,100.00	2,750.00
GOD'S WILL	150.00	150.00	300.00
GRASSY CREEK	578.55	514.59	1,093.14
HAPPY TRAILS	0.00	0.00	0.00
HEALING SPRINGS	505.30	233.52	738.82
LAUREL KNOB	553.67	583.68	1,137.35
LIBERTY GROVE	0.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
LITTLE HELTON	0.00	0.00	0.00
MIDWAY	875.00	875.00	1,750.00
MISSION HOME	1,800.00	200.00	2,000.00
MOUNT OLIVE	0.00	0.00	0.00
NEW RIVER	417.64	435.10	852.74
NORTH BEAVER	750.00	750.00	1,500.00
OAK HILL	0.00	0.00	0.00
OBIDS	500.00	450.00	950.00
OLD FIELDS	500.00	0.00	500.00
ORION	237.00	0.00	237.00
PHOENIX	600.00	600.00	1,200.00
PILOT MOUNTAIN	169.30	192.60	361.90
PINE SWAMP	600.00	0.00	600.00
PLEASANT HOME	0.00	385.56	385.56
PLEASANT VALLEY	200.00	250.00	450.00
RIVERVIEW	150.00	200.00	350.00
ROUND KNOB	432.00	356.00	788.00
TRINITY	345.33	434.85	780.18
TUCKERDALE	300.00	300.00	600.00
WAGONER	150.00	150.00	300.00
WARRENSVILLE	1,200.00	1,200.00	2,400.00
WELCOME HOME	300.00	300.00	600.00
HISPANIC MISSION	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21,384.44</b>	<b>21,738.70</b>	<b>43,123.14</b>

# Thank You

Linda and I would like to thank the following churches for their gifts; Midway Baptist, Fletcher Memorial, Round Knob, Phoenix Baptist, Healing Springs, Liberty Grove, Welcome Home, Orion, Bristol, Christian Unity, and individuals who have sent us gifts and Christmas Cards; Daughters of the King, Rev. Steve LeaShomb (Midway), Rev. Ken Jones (Friendship), Rev. Russell Hart & Jennifer (Laurel Knob), Rev. Gary Norris, Minister and Wives Christmas Dinner attendees and Grassy Creek Baptist. We appreciate it very much.

DOM, David Blackburn



## PLANNING MISSION TRIPS OR TRAVEL???

Wilcox Travel coordinates travel logistics, including airfare, for church mission trips, individual missionaries, mission organizations and disaster relief volunteers. With travel services for church groups traveling anywhere, Wilcox Travel is there from beginning to home.

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# Discipleship Tip of the Month

## Valentines Day all the Time—Proverbs 3:5-6

Love is a wonderful feeling that God has given all of us. If we trust Him ,love abounds! Sometimes we need to take time off, for the mind and body to rest. Unplug ourselves if you will.. That’s what we do for a computer to reboot. We should cultivate positive thoughts. Laugh and be happy! Refuse to quit. Keep on for the Lord and love everyone. Our goal should be to live for the Lord ,FULL THROTTLE! Work while you can. Love needs to be in the forefront of our life, everyday. Don’t waste time.! Work your calling with all your might. When that happens it’s Valentines Day everyday! Enjoy this day that the Lord has given you. Let grit and grace abound, no thumb sucking. Surround yourself with positive folks! Happy Valentines Day !



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 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

### March —Annie Armstrong Offerings Collected

- 1-8 Week of Prayer for North American Missions
- 7 Day Trip to NarroWay Theater
- 8 Daylight Saving Time Begins (Spring Forward)
- 19 First Day of Spring

### January 2020

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