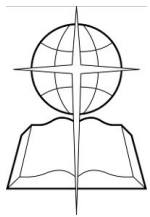


Ashe Baptist Association News



JANUARY 2023

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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
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Welcome Home

Preacher David's Corner

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"Post Ashe County Children's Christmas Project 2022"

It was a big success to say the least! To God be the glory. I appreciate all the folks who made it possible. From all the churches, individuals who took red cards, businesses, industry, DSS, Cooperative Extension, Partnership of Ashe, WKSK Radio, Parks and Rec, Randy Marion Ford of Ashe County, Santa, West Jefferson Police Dept, baggers, runners, those who put the bicycles together, Gideons International of Ashe County, folks who gave money and all those I have left out we thank you from the bottom of my heart. This is community effort, everyone working together for the cause of Christ. It's a little bit of heaven, folks of all denominations working together. Lots of Christian witness has been done because of you. You are the arms and feet of Jesus. Prayer was offered at different times for the children and their parents. Many Bibles went out to everyone. We did our best to help 770 children have a great Christmas with gifts, backpacks and love. We sent 300 or more fully loaded backpacks to the flood victims in Kentucky with 50 bicycles and some extra toys and clothes by way of Warrensville Baptist Church who have been there 5 times in the last little while. Approximately 500 Bibles were distributed by the Gideons International of Ashe. Three different sets of folks came at different times to witness to all who came that day. From beginning at 8:00 and at 5:00 when we finished. Helping folks of Ashe County who live in poverty is a priority for me. Because of sickness, disaster, family problems, debt and many other problems folks have a hard time especially at Christmas. Most all work but do not make enough money to enjoy the pleasures of life. When children return back to school after Christmas and their friends say what they got for Christmas it is my goal that all children receive something that they can talk about and not be burdened by the fact that they did not get anything. Nothing is sadder than a child that did not get a gift at Christmas. I believe that missions begins at home and then we spread out to North Carolina, United States and the world. That's the reason that I'm a Southern Baptist in denomination because of the witness that we do around the world and at home. The gift of folks receiving Christ as Savior is a priority for me. Christmas is a great time to share the love of Jesus and share what he has done for each of us. Lifestyle evangelism and direct talk to folks are good ways of leading folks to Christ. I still believe the word of God, the Bible and the Holy Spirit are required for folks to be saved. We can share the word in many ways but God is the one who eventually saves all of us. It's not about us, its all about God and his plan for us. I want to promote God and Him alone! To see Him work thru the Holy Spirit for salvation, calling to do His work, join the church, being baptized and yes, being the hands and feet of Jesus is amazing. For me, its that I need to get out of the way so God can do His work. I do not want to be a stumbling block to prevent folks from being in Gods perfect will. Watching God work in the life of another person is a thrill for me. I want to be a team player not a star. Jesus is the star and I'm on His team of Christians along with folks of all denominations who have accepted Christ as their Savior. This year the Ashe County Children's Christmas Project reached more folks that ever before because of the work of the Holy Spirit. I was amazed to see it all unfold here in Ashe County, North Carolina and Kentucky. Kinza Baptist Church from the Stanly-Montgomery Association provided the fully loaded backpacks and Warrensville Baptist Church from Ashe Baptist Association delivered them to Kentucky, God at work thru many folks and many churches all under the Holy Spirit at work in the lives of people. Will you be a witness this Christmas? Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Your Servant, David



Ashe Really Cares

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And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary; for thou hast found favour with God. Luke 1:30

Can the same be said about you and I: Have we found favour with God. Is God pleased with our actions or our words that we speak? My prayer is that as this year is closing and a new year is beginning we will take a look at our daily walk. This new year let's help others to see Christ and know His saving grace.

We would like to thank the churches and individuals who are so faithful to pray for and support the ARC. There are a lot of hurting people and families in our community and without your support we would not be able to help those that come through our doors. Many are needing food and clothing for their families and many are just needing a kind word or even a hug. Our prayer is that God will use each of us that are here to be his hands and feet. That we will be that vessel to help others see his love.

This past year we have seen a lot of hurting and heartache with those who come in. Some have lost a loved one. Some have dealt with cancer or other sickness. Some have found themselves homeless and living in their cars. Life itself is very hard and when you don't have the necessary things in life it becomes even harder. I often hear that our community is the most giving community and people care about their neighbors. It is because of you that the ARC exist and is able to meet the needs of hurting families.

I want to especially thank all of the volunteers who give their time and talents. The time that you give picking up the food from Food Lion and Second Harvest and all of the ladies who sort and hang the clothing is amazing! If it were not for the volunteers we would not be in existence. I often say they are the backbone that keeps everything going.

This next year if I can be of service to you or your church please call or come by and feel God's love as he works thru your ministry.

Ashe Really Cares
Pat Miller, Director



January 8	B- Rev. Larry Powers
January 9	A- Rev. & Mrs. Alan Ambrose
January 12	A- Rev. & Mrs. Steve Allen
January 13	B- Rev. Keith Elledge
January 17	A- Rev. & Mrs. Keith Woodie
January 17	B- Rev. Josh Hernandez
January 18	B- Mr. Nathan McLeese
January 20	B- Rev. Steve Ashley
January 23	B- Mrs. Hope Bare
January 24	B- Mrs. Ann Farmer
January 31	B- Mrs. Samatha Phipps

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 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 work.

ASHE REALLY CARES COMMITTEE MEETING will be held at the Ashe Baptist Association Board Room on Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00 pm. All Board Members are urged to attend.

ASHE BAPTIST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING will be held at Laurel Knob Baptist Church at 7pm. All Pastors and Committee Members are urged to attend.

Special Announcements from our friends,

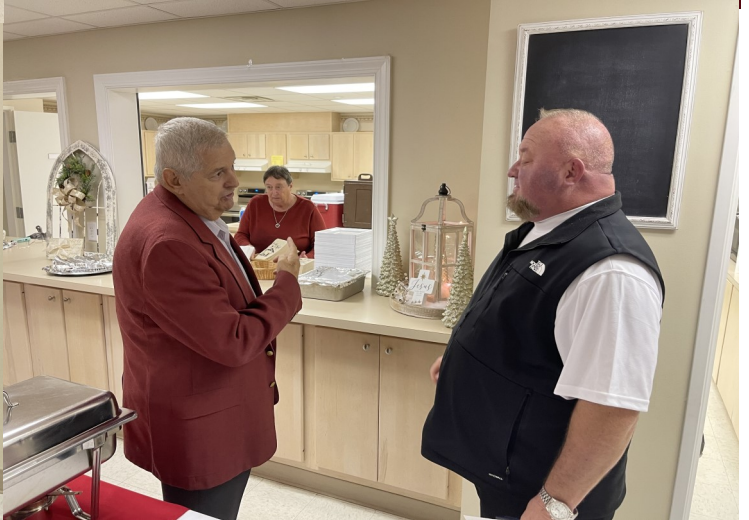
Gideons International of Ashe County reminds you they are speaking to churches about the work they are doing. If you would like to have a speaker, please, contact Larry Stanley at 336-977-0712.

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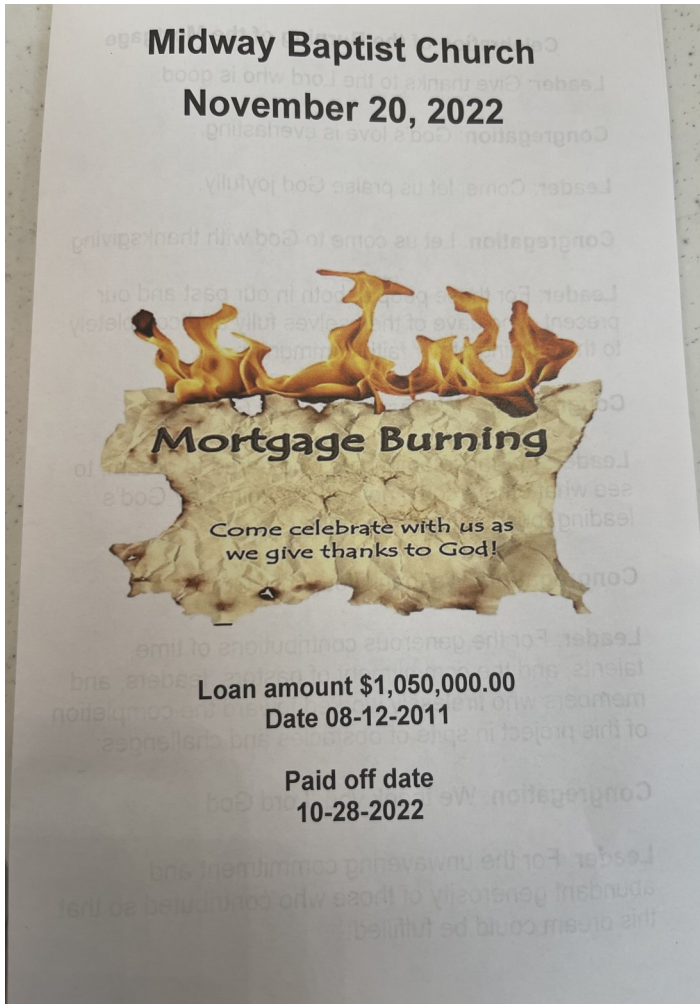
2022 ABA Pastor, Wife and Staff Christmas Dinner

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to Pastor John Elledge and Bald Mountain Baptist for the hosting the dinner on December 8th, everything was beautiful. We also would like to thank Brenda at Mountain Aire Seafood and Steaks for providing a very delicious meal. Susan Hendricks for the outstanding desserts they were also delicious and to Virginia -Carolina Concrete Inc. for sponsoring our meal. We appreciate and thank you for providing a wonderful evening for our 2022 Christmas Dinner. We wish each of you a Happy New Year!





Midway Baptist Church Note Burning Ceremony



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 in West Jefferson
Josh Harrold, General Manager
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Tri-County Paving, Lucian and Patricia Jordan
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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.

Newsletter

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 WSKS 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.

Church Announcements

Appalachian Church– will host Community Prayer Night, Wednesday, January 4th 2023 at 6:30 pm.

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

Bald Mountain Baptist Church –Position available- Youth Director This will be a paid position. Please send resume to Bald Mountain Baptist Church, 1460 Bald Mountain Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694 or contact the office at: 336-877-1550.

Midway Baptist Church (across from Walmart) Inside Services on Sunday, 9:30 am Prayer at the Alter, Sunday School at 9:45am classes including nursery, K-5th kids, 6th -12th youth and adults. Followed by Worship at 11:00 and will be livestreaming all their Sunday Services and doing Drive in Services@ 11:00 am tune car radio to 100.9 FM or on their FB Page & via their website www.midwaybaptistnc.org, or on youtube.com by looking up Midway Baptist of West Jefferson. We have Wednesday night services at 7:00pm at the church. We have Adult prayer, Children and Youth Classes along with Choir practice. Thursday Bible Study at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall. It is for Seniors within the community. Please check out our website for other activities and services may be watched anytime on website or youtube.com. Rev. Steve LeaShomb pastor invites you to attend.

North Beaver Baptist Church– Sunday School 10 am Worship 11 am. The congregation welcomes everyone.

When you pray please remember Big Laurel Baptist, and North Beaver they are currently seeking a pastor. 2023 Ashe Baptist Associational Calendars are ready for you to pick up at the office.

Special Thank you to Mrs. Jim Walters, Mr. Jerry Jones of the Warrensville Baptist Church and Dwayne Pollard of Pollard Glass member at New River Baptist Church for replacing a window at the Ashe Baptist Campground. We appreciate it very much. We have two more projects that we need to do this Winter before opening in April. We need to tack up 4 pieces of paneling in he one of the cubicles and nail a piece of plywood up above the hot water heater. If you or your Sunday School Class can help give us a shout at Ashe Baptist Office 846-5631.

Thank you to all the churches and individuals who have given to reduce the Ashe Baptist Association Complex debt. Current 2022 Debt Reduction Total is 15,158 . Together we have the debt down, with God's help to \$49,800.

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 and the November– January newsletters. Thank you.

Paul Strickland, Faith-Health Connector, Ashe County, NC

I am a new resident of Ashe County, having moved from Lee County, S.C., in September. My wife, Cindy, and I were seasonal campers at Racoon Hollar Campground for several years before making our transition. Cindy and I have been married for 47 years, have 3 children and 8 grandchildren. I am a retired Registered Nurse, having worked with the developmentally disabled, home health, and psychiatric patients.

We have recently joined Friendship Baptist Church in Jefferson with Ken Jones as Pastor. I look forward to working with the Ashe Baptist Association, the Churches and people of Ashe County in advancing the Kingdom of Christ and helping meet the needs of its citizens. You may contact Mr. Strickland at Ashe Baptist Association 336-846-5631.



Let's Get Together and Pray

**Hope for the Mountains
PRAYER TEAM
meet each Tuesday 8:00 am
at
Midway Baptist Church
Everyone is welcome to attend!**

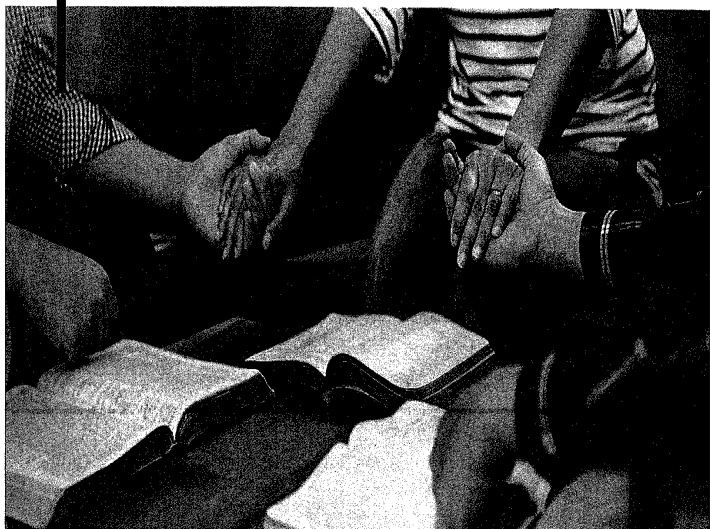
Devote yourselves in prayer, being watchful and thankful. Colossians 4:2

Every 5th Wednesday at 6:30pm & Sunday at 6:00pm

COMMUNITY PRAYER NIGHT

2023

- Jan. 4th - Appalachian Church
- Jan. 29th - Peace Haven Community Church
- Mar. 29th - Warrensville Baptist Church
- April 30th - Orion Baptist Church
- May 31st - Midway Baptist Church
- July 30th - South Fork Baptist Church
- Aug. 30th - Beaver Creek Baptist Church
- Nov. 29th - Friendship Baptist Church



THE LOOMS

Ladies with Open Hearts and Open Minds Seeking God thru Bible Study, Prayer, and Fellowship
Please come join us as we dig into God's Word!

New Study

A Study of Galatians by Beth Moore

Now That Faith Has Come

begins on Thursday, January 5th, 2023

11:30 am at Ashe Baptist Association office.

To reserve your seat

call Ashe Baptist Association

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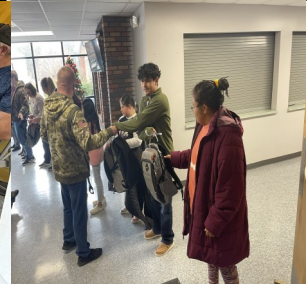


This will be a 6 week deep dive study into Paul's captivating letter to the Galatians. Come to know the letter's original recipients. Study its original context and embrace its timeless relevance. Discover— or perhaps rediscover—what makes the gospel of Jesus Christ revolutionary to those who choose to believe. Find out how everything has changed, now that faith has come.

2022 Ashe County Children's Christmas Project









ACCP 2022

Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's county mission helping our children to have Christmas! We appreciate your assistance in each area of the ACCP. It takes all of us!!!

THANK YOU

Discipleship Tip of the Month

Have a great New Year by following God in your life!

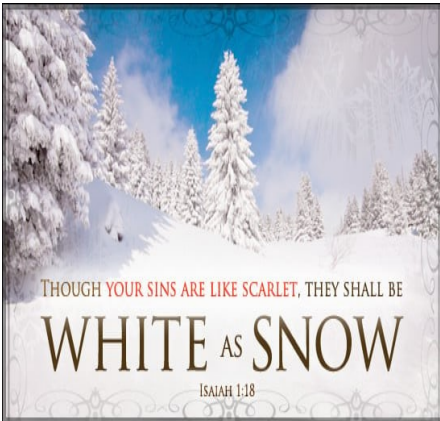
An optimist stays up until midnight to see the New Year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.”—*Bill Vaughn*

“This is a new year. A new beginning. And things will change.” —Taylor Swift

“Tomorrow, is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one.” —Brad Paisley

““Kindness, kindness, kindness. I want to make a new year's prayer, not a resolution. I'm praying for courage.” —Susan Sontag

"Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right."—Oprah



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January 2023

- 1 Happy New Year
- 2 ABA/ARC Offices Closed
- 10 ARC Committee Meeting @ ABA Board Room 7pm
- 12 ABA Executive Committee Meeting @ Laurel Knob 7pm
- 22 Sanctity of Life Sunday
- 29 NC Baptist Men's Day



January 2023

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February 2023

- 12 Souper Bowl
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 20 Presidents Day



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March 2023

- 5-12 Annie Armstrong North American Missions Offering
- 12 Daylight Savings Time Change Spring Forward
- 20 Happy Spring



March 2023

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