Ashe Baptist Association News





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Summer in the Ashe Baptist Association

In the heart of the Blue Ridge Appalachian Mountains in the coolest corner of NC, nestled within the lush, rolling hills of North Carolina, lay the Ashe Baptist Association, a close-knit community of 44 Southern Baptist Churches. Every summer, this active association comes alive with a season of fellowship, faith, and festivities that draws families from near and far. As the first days of June dawn, a sense of anticipation buzzes through the air. Children finished their last days of school, and families began preparing for the annual Vacation Bible Schools. This is no ordinary time—it is a week-long celebration of worship, music, and fun that brings together the families of those churches. Sometimes VBS event kicks off with an outdoor event. The church grounds, usually serene and quiet, transforms into a bustling hub of activity. Tents sometimes are erected, tables laden with potluck dishes stretched endlessly, and a stage is set for all types of activities. Usually the pastor, a beloved figure in the community, opens the Vacation Bible School with a heartfelt prayer, invoking a spirit of unity and renewal. Each evening, churches have classes and fun times for all the folks attending VBS, showcasing their singing talents and their teaching ability. The air is filled with the blend of music to go with the theme of the VBS and the enthusiastic excitement of the participants. Activities range from Bible Study Sessions to nature hikes and mission activities. All designed to foster a deeper connection with faith and nature. The highlight of VBS can be a bonfire night where stories of faith and testimonies are shared under a starlit sky, accompanied by the gentle strumming of quitars. As the week progresses the sense of community is realized. Families from churches share meals, laughter, and stories. Long-standing problems were set aside, and new friendships blossomed. The elderly reminisced about past revivals, and the anticipation for the fall revival is immense, as these gatherings are known for their powerful preaching, soul-stirring music and salvation of the lost. The young folks acquire memories that they will cherish for years to come. The final Summer event begins to take shape for the two day event in August know as the 138th Annual Meeting of the Ashe Baptist Association. Praying, preaching and singing is mixed in with reports from the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and its Institutions, agencies' and Missions. The aroma of barbecued meat and freshly baked pies filled the air as meals are prepared for all who attend. As the summer days lengthen, the churches began preparing for the upcoming fall revivals. Committees meet to plan the events, choosing themes, guest speakers, and musical activities. Volunteers work tirelessly, cleaning sanctuaries, decorating the church, and spreading the word throughout the community. As summer draws to a close, the Ashe Baptist Association will look at a season filled with joy, fellowship, and spiritual growth. The summer in the Ashe Baptist Association is more than just a series of events; it is a testament to the power of faith and community. Each year, it reminds the 44 churches of their shared purpose and the strength they derived from their unity. As the congregants return to their daily lives, they carry with them the spirit of Vacation Bible School and revival, ready to face the world with renewed faith and a heart full of love. The summer in the Ashe Baptist Association is not just a time of leisure and enjoyment; it is also a celebration of faith and community, a reminder of the blessings of togetherness and the beauty of shared worship. As the first hints of autumn appear in the Blue Ridge Mountains, the congregations feel ready to embrace the future, fortified by the experiences of a truly remarkable summer. Enjoy your Summer (there is still time) before getting ready for Fall.



Wagoner

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Welcome Home

Your Servant David

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1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

In the month of May we served 134 different households; impacting 325 people. There were 178 households that utilized the clothing pantry. We had 9 new households start using our services. I want to recognize the many hours that the volunteers put in every week. They give their time to come in and sort donations, bag groceries, clean, pick-up food deliveries and fellowship with our neighbors. This amazing group of people are what keeps the ARC running smoothly. They average a total of 85 hours a week of volunteer hours. Thank you to each and every volunteer past and present that has helped us towards our mission! We are still in search of one more driver for Wednesday's from about 10-11 to pick up food from Food Lion. Should be able to lift 50lbs and comfortable driving a van. We are also hoping to get one more volunteer for Wednesdays from 1-3 to take in and sort donations. If interested please stop by or call Twila Miller at the ARC 336-846-5234.

Current pantry needs:

15oz canned: sauerkraut and carrots

6ct pop tarts

Saltine crackers

Thank you,

Twila Miller, Director Ashe Really Cares



Ashe Really Cares If you church would like to participate in a Diaper Drive during VBS collecting wipes, diapers, or change in order for ARC to purchase it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!



| July 1 | B- Rev. Dale Ring |
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| July 1 | B- Rev. Johnny Huffman |
| July 6 | A-Rev. & Mrs. Matthew Tilley |
| July 7 | A- Mr. & Mrs. Hal Monsees |
| July 10 | B- Rev. Jeffery Rizoti |
| July 14 | B- Mrs. Elin Caporolie |
| July 14 | B- Mrs. Anna Mary Shepherd |
| July 15 | B- Rev. Steve LeaShomb |
| July 17 | B- Rev. Keith Wagoner |
| July 18 | B- Rev. Keith Woodie |
| July 20 | A-Rev. & Mrs. Keith Wagoner |
| July 21 | B- Mrs. Barbara Murdock |
| July 21 | A- Rev. & Mrs. Cory Halsey |
| July 27 | B- Rev. Alan Ambrose |
| July 27 | B- Mrs. Sandy Carpenter |
| July 28 | B- Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Calloway |
| July 30 | B- Rev. Wayne Jones |
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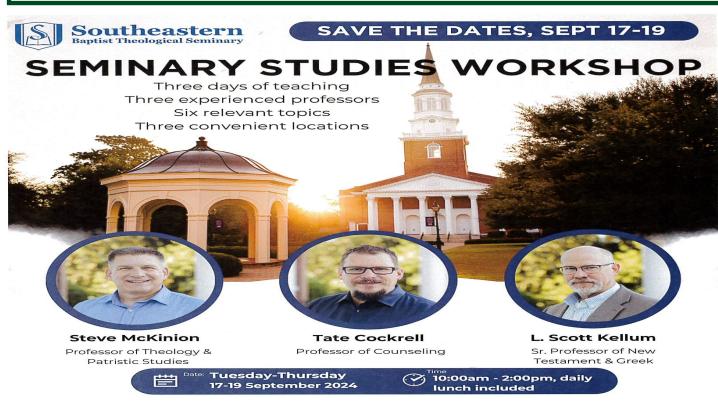
FaithHealth Connector Report

As the Faith-Health Connector for Ashe County, as well as serving as a Pastor, I see the many sides of our resident's lives and their experiences. I often see the joy of so many as they experience the good things of living in the beautiful surroundings of this mountain community. Life is comfortable and sweet for many who live here in their retirement years. They have worked hard for many decades and are now enjoying the fruit of their labors. But for many others of our residents, their lives are much different and more difficult. So many that I encounter and serve suffer from serious health issues and loneliness in their senior years. Many have no family or true support system to assist them with their needs. Others that I serve have serious financial needs and concerns with daily provision. Crises of health, divorce, or job loss have left them struggling to simply survive each day. The suffering and pain of these people are palpable when I try to assist them.

Life in Ashe County is sometimes antithetical and shockingly opposite. Although I am so thankful for the comfort and affluence of many in Ashe County, my work is primarily with those who suffer with hardship, loss, and need. I would simply ask you to join with me in assisting our fellow residents who have genuine needs and suffer daily. Numerous worthy organizations in our County serve these residents. Please consider joining with one or more of them with your prayers, labors, and financial assistance. If you feel led and so desired, Faith Health at the Ashe Baptist Association would always be grateful for any financial assistance. Every penny given goes directly to residents who have been screened and considered worthy of assistance.

Many Blessings,

Paul Strickland, FaithHealth Connector, Ashe County, NC

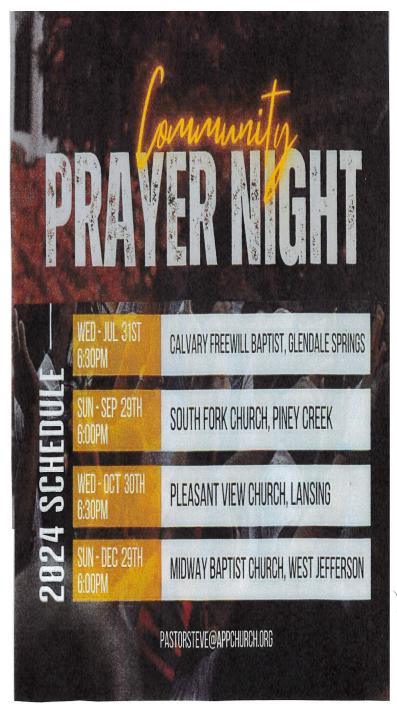


The Buncombe Baptist Association, in partnership with Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, is pleased to offer three days of solid Biblical teaching for pastors and lay leaders in our area. Topics will vary each day and will address everything from Theology to avoiding burnout.

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** 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!





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 WKSK weekly radio show, post on the events page of our website, ashebaptist.org, and on our Facebook Page, in addition to printing in this monthly newsletter publication that is posted in color on the website and mailed to 680+ folks in Ashe Co., all across NC, 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.

ASHE BAPTIST CAMPGROUND

July Mowing Schedule
July 6 Friendly Grove
July 20 Fletcher-Memorial



Thank you to everyone that supports the ASHF BAPTIST CAMPGROUND!

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.

Obids Baptist Church VBS "You Are a Piece of GOD'S Plan" When: Sunday, July 7th —Wednesday, July 10 th 6:30-8:30 Classes for All Ages: Infants — Adults 194 Obids Baptist Church Rd West Jefferson, NC For more information call Pastor Mark Harless at 336-977-3736

Midway Baptist Kid's Camp July 8-12- 9 am- \$:30 pm for Kindergarten - Sixth Grade. Breakfast-lunch-snacks are included with the \$100 fee. P.R.A.Y. is the theme and it's a week at the day camp, playing, worshipping, studying God's Word, with day trips to various places. Free Scholarships are available based on need. Register at: www.midwaybaptistnc.org or for more information call: Bendena Coldiron 336-977-3707, Pastor Chris Taylor 336-620-2378. Pastor, Rev. Steve LeaShomb welcomes you to Midway Baptist Church.

Misson Home Baptist Church announces VBS Breaker Rock Beach beginning July 24, Wednesday thru Friday from 6-8 with dinner at 6:00. Cookout on the 27 th at the Campground at 6:00. Classes for all ages. Everyone is welcome by the pastor, Rev. Luke Watson and the congregation

Pleasant Valley Baptist Church -Homecoming & Decoration Sunday, July 28. Special singing at 10:30am & Lunch to be serve at Noon. Special Singing by Melinda & Corbit Bryan & Nathan & Christina Wagoner & family!

Pastor, Rev. Allen Huffman & congregation invite everyone to attend.

Riverview Missionary Baptist Church would like to invite you to the fourth annual, Camp Meeting 21-26 July. There will be special singing Every night, there will be local preacher each night, with Brothers Alan Carr, Leonard Fletcher, Stacy Lane, will be our main speakers Brother Allen on Sunday night, Brother Stacy on Monday and Tuesday, Brother Fletcher Wednesday - Friday. Friday night will be Youth Night. The Congregation invites everyone to attend.

When you pray, please remember Grassy Creek, Buffalo Baptist, Round Knob Baptist, Mt Olive Baptist, Wagoner Big Laurel, Old Fields 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 and the newsletters. Thank you.

Ashe Really Cares will have its quarterly committee meeting on Tuesday, July 9 at 7:00PM at the Ashe Baptist Association Conference Room. All committee members and interested folks are urged to attend.

Ashe Baptist Association Executive Committee will have its quarterly committee meeting on Thursday, July 11 at 7:00PM with the Christian Unity Baptist Church. All committee members and pastors are urged to attend.

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 read 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.

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.

Hope for the Mountain Revival Choir

will practice on Sunday's at 6pm 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

Ashe Pregnancy Care Center is seeking to employ a part-time permanent Client Services Coordinator.

We are seeking a committed Christian who has a passion and compassion for ministering to women. This position would require good computer skills, time management skills, leadership skills, reviewing client files and overseeing volunteer services as well as working with community agencies and churches. Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and special events. 11 am - 5 pm If interested contact Sherrie Edwards at 336-977-2597 or email ashepcc@gmail.com or at the center 336-846-4100.







June 12, 2024

Ashe County Friends and Neighbors:

The Ashe County Volunteer Initiative is holding a donation drive for the 'Shoes for Kids' program. Have you ever had to wear a pair of shoes that were too little, too big, had holes in them, were worn out? Have you ever had someone make fun of you because you had to wear shoes that were not appropriate for the weather? In the society we live in, kids can be really mean and say hurtful things. As parents, we want the best for our children, but in reality, not everyone can afford to make sure their kids have all the things that other kids have. I am including a story about a couple of people in Ashe County who felt led to start a "Shoes for Kids" program to make sure that all kids had properly fitting shoes that were season appropriate, along with some testimonials. Please take time to read (on the next page).

With the help of wonderful caring people in Ashe County, this program is now in its 11th year of operation, but cannot continue without your support. The Ashe County Volunteer Initiative asks that you consider this opportunity to help the children in Ashe County, by making a monetary donation to support this cause. All donations can be mailed to Ashe County Volunteer Initiative, 180 Chattyrob Lane, West Jefferson, NC 28694 and write 'Shoes for Kids in the memo section.' Or, use the QR code at the bottom of this letter to make an online donation. Donations need to be received by July 31st. This will allow them to purchase additional shoes for the upcoming Back to School Blast, where many children will be able to get a new pair of shoes before school starts. They also try to keep shoes in each of the schools and day cares so they are prepared, when children need shoes.

If you have any questions feel free to reach out to me. Thank you in advance for your support!

Sincerely,

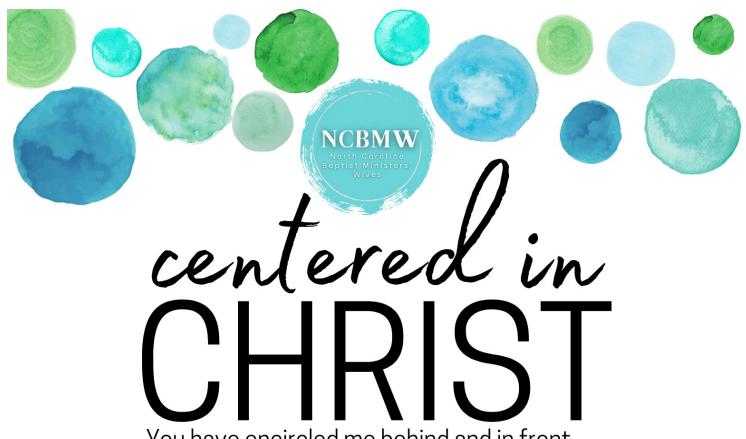
Jennifer Richardson
Ashe County Volunteer Initiative
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You have encircled me behind and in front, And placed Your hand upon me. Psalm 139:5

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Serve NC

ServeNC is an opportunity for every Church to love its community in Jesus' name through service projects. Sign up for your church at ServeNC.com. The Ashe Baptist Assn. will be sponsoring a Mobile Medical Screening Unit in Creston on Sept. 28th for ServeNC. We will be conducting Hemoglobin A1C diabetes screening, total cholesterol and HDL results, Heart disease risk assessments, etc. The assessments are free of charge to any resident. Other churches like Christian Unity have started early to ServeNC. They recently spent several days assisting a disabled elderly couple clean up their home and yard. This is a great example of what ServeNC is all about. Sign up your Church today!!

Paul Strickland,
ServeNC Coordinator, Ashe County

May 2024 Update

Total Foster Homes Licensed

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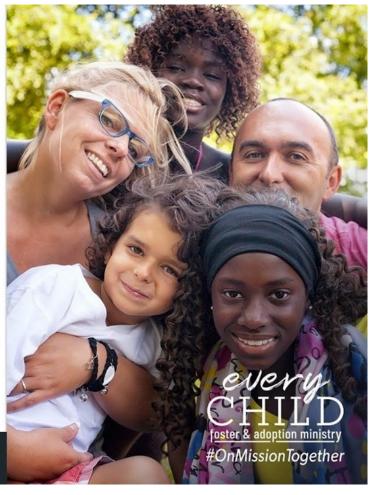
Total Children
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1,029

Thank you NC Baptists!







BAPTISTS ON MISSI

June 5, 2024

Dear Associational Missions Strategists,

Thank you for the way you have lived out your love for God and people. You are a shining light that brings glory to God as Jesus said in Matthew 5:14-16.

Churches across the state are *On Mission Together* providing Relief for Today and Hope for Tomorrow through the **NC Missions Offering (NCMO)**. The NCMO provides the entire regular budget for Baptists on Mission, about half of the church planting budget, and returns 10% of the offering to local associations to meet mission needs they have identified. While some benefits from BOM staff come from your generous Cooperative Program giving, funding for the budget of Baptists on Mission (BOM) including salaries comes from the NCMO alone. Additionally, Disaster Relief is primarily supported through designated gifts. Cooperative Program gifts support ministries of the Baptists State Convention of NC, but the BSCNC encourages support of Baptists on Mission through the NCMO with an annual emphasis in September.

Your faithful support of Baptists on Mission allows us to have a structure in place to deploy Disaster Relief volunteers and equipment in response to disasters, rebuild lives after Hurricane Florence in Eastern NC and Tropical Storm Fred in Western NC, meet needs through our mobile dental and health screening units, assist churches and church planters through partnerships in the U.S. and around the world, serve communities through three mission camps, and help students develop a missional lifestyle through Deep Impact and DI Kids Camps. Thank you!

Whether through Disaster Relief and Recovery, Mobile Medical/Dental Ministry, International or National Partnerships, Deep Impact or DI Kids camps, Mission Camps, Rebuild Centers, or some of the other projects we are involved with, we are grateful that you share Christ through the 19 different ministries of Baptists on Mission.

Please encourage your churches to participate in the NC Missions Offering in 2024. Whether they take up special offerings in September, make it a line item in their budget, or choose to make a donation to NCMO anytime during the year, God uses every gift to change lives in NC and around the world.

In His service,

Richard Brunson

Executive Director, Baptists on Mission Paul Jangton

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Missions Mobilization Consultant, Baptists on Mission

Baptists On Mission PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512 Main (919) 467-5100 ext 5596 Toll Free (800) 395-5102 ext 5596

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Discipleship Tip of the Month

Disciple Making in the Summer Time

Inside the church, a group of eager young Christians gathered for their weekly discipleship meeting. The group, led by Pastor John, had committed to deepening their faith and learning how to disciple others. This summer, they decided to take their meetings outdoors, combining their lessons with the beauty of God's creation. This evening's meeting was held in the church's backyard, a large garden teeming with flowers and fruit trees. The group sat in a circle on a patch of freshly mown grass, Bibles open on their laps. Tonight," Pastor John began, "we're going to talk about the importance of Disciple making in our daily lives, especially during the summer when we have more opportunities to connect with others. Jesus called us to make disciples of all nations, and that starts right here in our community. Be a Disciple Maker!!!!

July 2024

1-5 ABA/ARC Offices Closed 4 Happy Independence Day 9 ARC Committee Meeting 7pm @ABA Board Room 11 ABA Executive Committee Meeting 7 pm @ Christian Unity Baptist Church

August 2024

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

September 2024
2-Labor Day
ABA/ARC Offices Closed







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