

# Ashe Baptist Association News



## MARCH

**OFFICE HOURS:** 9:00 AM—4:00 PM Monday—Friday  
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## 2024

### Preacher David's Corner

Rev. David Blackburn, Director of Missions  
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Appalachian  
Bald Mountain  
Beaver Creek  
Big Flatts  
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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

### Planning for Vacation Bible School

Churches should be bustling with excitement. It is that time of the year again - the time to plan for Vacation Bible School (VBS). We adults fondly remember the days of our youth when we attended VBS, and now we feel it is more important than ever to provide this experience for the children in our community. The memories flood back as we reminisced about the songs, the crafts, and the stories that had shaped childhood summers. For many, VBS is more than just a week of fun activities; it was a time of spiritual growth and lasting friendships. When the planning committee gathers in the cozy meeting room of the church, there is an air of excitement and anticipation. We know that this year, we want to make VBS even more special, considering the challenging times the world is facing. "We need to make this year's VBS unforgettable," "The children need it now more than ever. It's a chance for them to come together, learn about God's love, and just have fun." We want something that will captivate the children's imaginations and teach them valuable lessons in a way that was both engaging and memorable. A theme that will allow the children to embark on an exciting adventure while learning about the unconditional love and grace of Jesus Christ. The planning committee needs to go to work. We can divide into teams to tackle different aspects of VBS - from decorations to music to lesson plans. Each member should bring their own unique talents and ideas to the table, ensuring that this year's VBS will be truly special. The committee works tirelessly to bring their vision to life. The church is transformed into a colorful and vibrant oasis, complete with towering palm trees, sparkling streams, and majestic mountains. Finally, the big day comes, and the children eagerly filed into the church, their eyes wide with anticipation. As we entered the magical world of VBS, we are greeted with warm smiles and open arms. Throughout the week, we sing songs, made crafts, and listened to stories that brought the Bible to life in a whole new way. We learned about Jesus' miracles, his teachings, and most importantly, his boundless love for each and every one of them. As the week draws to a close, there is a sense of sadness mingled with joy. Sadness that their time together was ending, but joy in the memories we had made and the lessons we have learned. As the children said their goodbyes and headed home, their hearts are full and their spirits uplifted. And the adults know that they had succeeded in their mission - to provide a Vacation Bible School experience that would stay with these children for a lifetime. For in the midst of uncertainty and change, the love of God remained constant, guiding them on their journey through life. Is VBS Worth It? IT'S WORTH IT! One Week Can Transform the church you attend. Adults who attend VBS have overwhelmingly positive memories of the experience. 69% of American parents will encourage their child to participate in a VBS event at a church they don't attend if invited by one of their friends. That should tell us something. The Ashe Baptist Association office is ordering the new material from Lifeway for you to see and use. The theme this year is Breaker Rock Beach. Adventure awaits each day as kids explore tide pools, spot orcas, fly kites, and watch the mighty waves crash up against the immovable Breaker Rock! Like Breaker Rock, God's truth never changes! Explore the difference between the lies of culture and God's unchanging truth. VBS prepares your leaders with trustworthy Bible-teaching. Your kids will have a blast while every activity, Bible study, and song points them to Jesus. You'll find everything you need right here at Ashe Baptist for a successful and impactful VBS.



*Your Servant, David*

## Ashe Really Cares

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**Matthew 10:37** Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Thank you once again for being the hands and feet of Christ. Sharing his love and the plan of Salvation with those around you. As Christians our job is to tell others about Christ, his love and about God's plan of salvation. To a hurting world you may be the one that can reach that person who needs to know Christ.

Last month we were able to help 123 families with food and clothing, which touched 300 individuals. We also had 5 new families, to come in needing a little help. We had 228 families to come in to look at the clothing. There are a lot of people who come through our doors each month and you are a part of what goes on here at the ARC. Your support and prayers mean so much to everything that is done in Jesus's name.

We are still in the process of collecting and counting items that have come in from the Souper Bowl collection. So far we have collected 204 canned items and \$2,060. We will continue collecting through the end of February and will give the total in next month's newsletter. Thank you in advance for all that was collected. We appreciate all of the churches who have donated for this food collection. This helps to stock our shelves and we are able to give out plenty of food to our neighbors who come in.

Some items that we are in need of are: 16oz. Peanut Butter, can potatoes, can carrots, can sauerkraut, can mixed vegetables and can tomatoes. Thank you for helping to stock our shelves!!!

Continue to pray for God to send the ARC the person that He wants to be the next director. We want the ARC to continue being a blessing to the community and to the families that are in need.

**Ashe Really Cares**  
**Pat Miller, Director**



March 2	B- Mrs. Jessica Stansberry
March 3	B- Mrs. Jennifer Hart
March 9	B- Dr. Russell Hart
March 14	B- Mrs. Linda Wyrick
March 17	B- Mrs. Vanessa Tilley
March 22	B- Rev. Luke Watson
March 22	B- Rev. Nathan Caparolie
March 24	B- Rev. Larry Shepherd
March 25	B- Mrs. Tonya Halsey
March 28	B- Mrs. Jean Burkett
March 30	B-Dr. Jim Rash



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yourself in need of their services.

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## FaithHealthNC Connector

I know that I am a bit biased, but my wife, Cindy, is one of the best cooks in the South. She can take plain old vegetables out of the garden--- add meat, spices, and who knows what else---and out comes a dish fit for a king. I can take the same vegetables and make a dish that even my dog will turn up her nose. Cindy knows how to add the proper ingredients, in the right amounts, with the correct spices, to make the meal scrumptious. The circumstances that life presents to us are like a meal. Sometimes they can be like my cooking---seemingly unpalatable. Situations, predicaments, or relationships may seem unfair or unbearable at times. For the Christian, there is an answer. When Christ is the main ingredient in our bowl of life, He will cause the bitter, sour, or distasteful to become sweet. As it simmers over time, you will be amazed at how the unappetizing and unpalatable will become something pleasant and savory. "O taste and see that the Lord is good; How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!" Psalm 34:8.

As the Faith-Health Connector for Ashe County, I encounter people almost daily who have circumstances in their lives that seem unpalatable to them. Many are discouraged and even depressed and feel that life is almost unbearable. I always try to do what is in my power and abilities to connect them with resources that will help them. There are times, though, when the needs are so great that only God Himself can bring the help and peace they need. This is the glory of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Although He may not always remove completely all the negative circumstances of life, He can give the peace and even joy that are so desperately needed during every trial of life. Please remember the Faith-Health Ministry here in Ashe County in your prayers, and if you are led, any financial assistance to this ministry is greatly appreciated.

Many Blessings,  
Paul Strickland, Faith-Health Connector

## COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICES

**Services 7 pm Nightly, Prayer Room 6:45 pm  
Special Music to be arranged nightly.**

**Join Us for Services at the following Churches  
with the Speakers listed for each date.**

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**Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at Grassy Creek Baptist**

420 Grassy Creek Rd. Grassy Creek, NC

**Rev. Lonnie Jones, Welcome Home Baptist**

**Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at Welcome Home Baptist**

4087 US Hwy 221, Crumpler, NC

**Rev. Lonnie Carpenter of Pleasant Home Baptist**

**Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at Shelter Baptist Church**

2150 Shelter Church Road, Crumpler, NC

**Rev. David Moore of Grassy Creek Baptist**

**Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at Pleasant Valley Baptist**

1836 Old Field Creek Road, Crumpler, NC

**Rev. Louis Young of Shelter Baptist**

**Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Pleasant Home Baptist**

11028 Highway 16 N. Grassy Creek, NC

**Rev. Allen Huffman of Pleasant Valley Baptist**

**EVERYONE WELCOME  
THESE PASTORS & CONGREGATIONS  
INVITE YOU TO ATTEND!!!**

## Need a Job?

The Ashe Baptist Association is in search of and praying for a new Director for Ashe Really Cares. Mrs. Pat Miller who has been the director for the past 24 years is retiring. The assistant director, Mr. Nathan McLeese will be staying in the position that he is in, and will help the new director make the transition. Pat and Nathan will train the new director with all responsibilities that are required at the ARC. The Ashe Really Cares ministry, operated by the Ashe Baptist Association, is dedicated to assisting those in need. Their mission is to provide both physical and spiritual support by supplying food and household essentials, and sharing the love of Christ. They offer services such as distributing Bibles, literature, food, clothing, and household goods. Additionally, they are attentive listeners, ready to lend a compassionate ear. The ideal candidate would be a lady (if possible) because our female neighbors that come to Ashe Really Cares, do appreciate being able to talk and share with another lady. The person needs to feel God has led them to take this job, and feel led to get into a ministry of serving people. The person needs to be a strong Christian, a people person, have computer skills, in good health, can create reports and be willing to present them verbally when needed. This is a full-time position with competitive pay and benefits. The Associational Mission Strategist / Director of Mission is the immediate supervisor of this role. If you feel led by God to do this work, contact David Blackburn at 336-877-7233 or [domdblackburn@gmail.com](mailto:domdblackburn@gmail.com).



*Let's get together and pray!!!*

## Hope for the Mountains

### PRAYER TEAM

meets each Tuesday 8:00 am  
at Midway Baptist Church

Everyone is welcome to attend!

*1 Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing,*



Ministry Fund ID: CVPL5D-Danner, Jesse  
<https://missionaries.namb.net/full/jesse-danner>

Serving As: Church Planting Team Member  
Location: New Bedford, Massachusetts  
Church: Grace Harbor Church  
Born: November 6

#### The Danner Family and Ministry

Hi, we are Jesse and Carrie Danner. I (Jesse) am blessed to have a mother and father who love Jesus and spent the better half of their lives in ministry serving my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. They modeled for me a life that "pressed on," as Paul mentions in Philippians 3. God then further blessed me with a mother and father-in-law who truly embodied a servant's heart. They raised a beautiful, God loving woman named Carrie, who has been my bride for more than 15 years.

Carrie and I met at a Christian camp, Caswell off the coast of North Carolina, serving as part of the summer staff. We have three children: Bryson (boy 13), Carsie Grace (girl, 8), Lawrence Rae (girl, 3). God has and continues to, cultivate hearts for ministry in my family. We desire leverage our lives for gospel change in the Northeast.

We go to a part of our country where less than 2% of the population are evangelical Christians. In addition, we go to an impoverished area of our country where less than 1% of church planting is happening. God has blessed our family in our desire to relocate from North Carolina to Massachusetts and leverage our lives for gospel change in the Northeast.

We go specifically to the south coast of Massachusetts to partner with an existing church plant, Grace Harbor-MA. We will partner with Grace Harbor and their desire to "plant and revitalize churches in the forgotten places of New Bedford/Fall River, Massachusetts."

#### From a Member at Midway Baptist

Jesse Danner, is the grandson of former Ashe County pastor, Ray Minton. Jesse's father, Doug Danner, was a visiting speaker at Midway Baptist Church many times. Seeing Jesse in the pulpit at Midway Baptist recently where my daddy pastored and his father spoke was such a special occurrence for my family. The information provided above is from his website.

Jesse and his wife have been approved as missionaries for the NAMB and are fundraising and preparing to move to New Bedford, MA. If you would like to assist them in their journey to Massachusetts to plant a church, serve and lead others to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, please contact, Kristy Aldridge at 336-649-8460 or contact Jesse Danner at 910-508-2177.

Thank you and please keep Jesse, Carrie and their family in your prayers.

# Community PRAYER NIGHT

SUN - MAR 3RD  
6:00PM WELCOME HOME BAPTIST CHURCH, CRUMPLER

WED - MAY 29TH  
6:30PM RESTORATION CHURCH, WEST JEFFERSON

SUN - JUN 30TH  
6:00PM CHRISTIAN UNITY CHURCH, JEFFERSON

WED - JUL 31ST  
6:30PM CALVARY FREEWILL BAPTIST, GLENDALE SPRINGS

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

2024 SCHEDULE

PASTORSTEVE@APPCURCH.ORG

# Church Announcements

**Bald Mountain Baptist Church** –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.

**Christian Unity Baptist Church** will have Easter Sunrise Service at 7 am followed by breakfast. The Easter Program will begin at 11 am. Christian Unity Baptist invites you to attend. The church is located at 513 East Main Street in Jefferson.

**Grassy Creek Baptist Church will have Community Worship Service on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.** Rev. Lonnie Jones from Welcome Home Baptist will preach. Prayer Room at 6:45 pm – Service begins at 7 pm. Everyone Welcome! Grassy Creek Baptist is located at 420 Grassy Creek Road, Grassy Creek, NC .

**Orion Baptist Church** announces that Rev. Brian Furches has been elected as Associate Pastor. We welcome Brother Brian and his wife Sara and family to the Ashe Baptist Association and look forward to working with them.

**Liberty Grove Baptist Church** will be hosting a Community Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday afternoon, March 24th at 3:00. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy an egg hunt, prizes, games, crafts, food and fellowship. Bring a basket and a friend! Pastor is Rev. Toby Oliver.

**Midway Baptist Church** announces that Rev. Chris Taylor has been elected as Associate Pastor of Family Ministries. We welcome Brother Chris and his wife Chelsea and family to the Ashe Baptist Association and look forward to working with them.

**The Ashe Baptist Campground is closed until April 2024.** If you would like to cut some wood at the campground for your use this Winter come by the office and pick up a key. Many trees are down and need to be cut up. The campground will have a **WORK DAY** in April! We invite all Associational Churches to send a few good folks to help prepare for the 2024 Campground Season! We also encourage everyone to use the Campground, call the office at 336-826-5631 to book a date!

**When you pray,** please remember Christian Unity Baptist, Mt. Olive Baptist, Church, Wagoner Baptist Church, Buffalo Baptist Church, Round Knob Baptist Church, and Big Laurel Baptist Church, are currently seeking a pastor.

**The 2024 Ministers Tax Return Preparation Guide is available at the Ashe Baptist Association office.**

**Ashe Baptist Association Minute Books are available,** call the office for a copy! You can also go online at [www.ashebaptist.org](http://www.ashebaptist.org) click on the MORE tab, then newsletter page and there you will see the Minute Book Download, click on it and check it out the 2023 Ashe Baptist Association 137<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Minute Book.

**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 January- March newsletters. Thank you.

**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.

## 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 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.**

## Vacation Bible School 2024

**MATERIALS COMING SOON!**



**GOD'S ROCK-SOLID TRUTH IN A  
WORLD OF SHIFTING SANDS**  
ROMANS 12:2

2024 BAPTIST MISSIONS CONFERENCE

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EVERY CHRISTIAN IS A MISSIONARY



APRIL 5-6, 2024 • HICKORY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH • CHARLOTTE, NC

## INFORMATION- APRIL 5-6, 2024

### Cost:

- Friday & Saturday - \$30 (With Friday Supper and Saturday Lunch)
- Friday & Saturday - \$20 (Includes Saturday Lunch)
- Friday w/Supper - \$15 (Friday Supper and Friday Session Only)
- Saturday only - \$15 (Includes Saturday Lunch)

### Covers:

General sessions, breakout sessions, event materials and lunch on Saturday.  
Pre-registration is required. Registration Deadline: March 25, 2024.

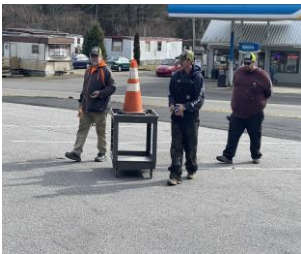
### Schedule:

Friday registration begins at 3 pm. Supper serving lines open 4:20 pm. 4:20-6:30 pm Volunteer Opportunities Supper Program  
7-9 pm Friday night General Session  
Saturday 9 am-4 pm- Morning and afternoon General Sessions, 3 Breakout Session times (with 100 breakout sessions), Mission Fair Exhibits, Lunch is included and more.

**For registration, hotel information and additional details call 919-459-5596.**

**SPEAKERS INCLUDE:** Anne Graham Lotz, Quintell Hill, Tom Richter, Shauna Pilgreen, Mark Richt, Todd Unzicker, Jeff Lorg, Alicia Jones, Rebekah Naylor and **WORSHIP LEADER:** Laura Story

Ashe Baptist Complex gets a new change in the parking lot. We now have 18 parking spaces with two handicap spaces and one way traffic! This striping will benefit the ARC tremendously and the Ashe Baptist Office giving visitors, volunteers, neighbors and others more room to park and maneuver around in. We are very happy with the results of the updated parking area! Tri County Paving put the new asphalt down a few weeks ago and the striping was done by DeBord Asphalt Sealing & Striping from Sparta, NC.



## Holy Week Services

at

First Baptist Church of West Jefferson

March 25-29

Services begin at NOON

(Food Truck on lawn for Lunch)

Services are sponsored by the:

Ashe County Ministerial Association

Clergy and laity from area churches will lead the worship and music.

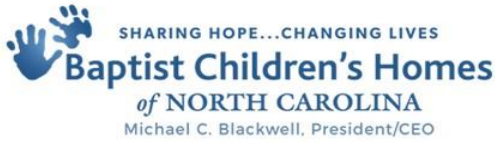
Services will be livestreamed-[fbcwj.org](http://fbcwj.org)



Come and Join Us!

Saturday, April 6 at the Ashe Baptist Campground  
8:00 am for a

# WORKDAY



We believe that EVERY CHILD deserves a safe, stable, and loving home. Whether it is a temporary placement or a long-term living situation, we know that the local church can bridge the gap for the thousands of children in the North Carolina foster care system.

Every Child Progress to date  
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**Foster Children served to date: 820**

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**March 11-12, 2024**  
**9 am – 5 pm**  
**Midway Baptist Church**  
**1670 Mt. Jefferson Road**  
**West Jefferson, NC 28694**  
 Register email: [ashebaptist@gmail.com](mailto:ashebaptist@gmail.com)  
 or call: 336-846-5631  
 Registration Fee: \$75 includes materials, meals and snacks  
 Hosted by: Ashe Baptist Association  
 Rev. David Blackburn, AMS

Transitional Interim Ministry training is a two-day event that equips pastors to serve as an interim pastor with churches in pastoral transition. You will be provided effective tools that can be used by either a traditional or a transitional interim pastor, as well as the pastor search committee. The training is from 9 am to 5 pm each day, with lunch provided.

The experience of hundreds of congregations and their leaders confirms that what is done in the transitional period between the departure of one pastor and the calling of another greatly influences the future of the church. The \$75.00 registration fee covers materials, meals and snacks.

The training is taught by Allan Blume, contract worker for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, retired pastor, and former editor of the Biblical Recorder.



You provide NC children food while pointing them to Jesus.



**HELP PROVIDE THREE MEALS EVERY DAY**

## Because too many have gone without.

When children come into Baptist Children's Homes' (BCH) care, it is obvious they have gone without: **without food, without love, without hope.** One of the first ways our children learn that they are loved is when their cottage parents serve them the regular meals they were unable to count on before arriving. This is because their families let them down. When a child can't depend on loved ones to meet his or her basic needs, trusting any adult becomes almost impossible.

## How does the Food Roundup help?

When your church, along with NC Baptists across the state, collect food, supplies and gift cards through the Food Roundup, you ensure that we can provide three meals a day plus snacks to our boys and girls and everyone we serve. Children's trust is restored! **Boys and girls see that they are loved not only by churches and caregivers but by a Heavenly Father our efforts point them too.**

## By filling their plates, you fill their hearts.



## Food & Supplies Needs List 2024



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| <p><b>MOST NEEDED: (in bold)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>__ Canned Fruits</li> <li>__ Fruit Juice (Apple, Orange, Grape, Cranberry)</li> <li>__ Laundry Detergent</li> <li>__ Paper Products (paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, Kleenex)</li> <li>__ Bottled Water</li> <li>__ Canned Vegetables (green beans, corn, etc.)</li> <li>__ Dry Cereal</li> <li>__ Baked Beans</li> <li>__ Spaghetti Sauce</li> <li>__ Pasta (Spaghetti, Lasagna, Macaroni)</li> <li>__ Canned Tomatoes (diced, sauce, paste)</li> <li>__ Pancake Mix and Syrup</li> <li>__ Soups (All types &amp; condensed)</li> <li>__ Sugar: Granulated &amp; Brown</li> <li>__ Flour</li> <li>__ Stevia and Splenda</li> <li>__ Popcorn, Kettle Corn</li> <li>__ Apple Sauce</li> <li>__ Fruit Pie Filling Cherry, Peach</li> <li>__ Beverage Mixes (Tea, Tang, Kool-Aid, Lemonade, Cider Mix - All Sugar Free)</li> <li>__ Vegetable Oil, Shortening, Olive Oil, Pam Cooking Spray, Bakers Choice</li> <li>__ Canned Sweet Potatoes, Canned Yams, Canned pumpkin</li> <li>__ Canned Meats (pink salmon, tuna, roast beef, chicken - packed in water)</li> <li>__ Stuffing Mix</li> <li>__ Gravy Mixes</li> <li>__ Hamburger, Chicken, Tuna Helper (all types)</li> <li>__ Pickles (Sweet &amp; Dill)</li> <li>__ Refried Beans</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>__ Hot Chocolate Mix</li> <li>__ Snack Foods with &amp; without sugar (Fruit Rollups, Fruit Cups, Beef Jerky, Slim Jims, Pepperoni Sticks, Cheese Nips, Pretzels, etc.)</li> <li>__ Health Snacks (Dried Fruit, Nuts, Raisins, Cranraisins, Trail Mix)</li> <li>__ Individual Cookie Packs</li> <li>__ Jello</li> <li>__ PopTarts</li> <li>__ Rice</li> <li>__ Instant Potatoes (scalloped, au gratin, mashed, julienne)</li> <li>__ Muffin Mixes</li> <li>__ Bisquick Mix</li> <li>__ Kidney Beans</li> <li>__ Pickle Relish</li> <li>__ Cranberry Sauce</li> <li>__ Mac &amp; Cheese</li> <li>__ Corn Meal</li> <li>__ Jiffy Mixes, Corn Muffin Mix</li> <li>__ Potatoes</li> <li>__ Hush Puppy Mix</li> <li>__ Peanut Butter</li> <li>__ Jelly, Jams, Preserves (Strawberry is a favorite)</li> <li>__ Pizza &amp; Pizza Dough Mix</li> <li>__ Saltine Crackers, Ritz Crackers, Graham Crackers, Nabs</li> <li>__ Sauces (A-1, Steak, BBQ, Texas Pete, Cheese, Soy, Worcestershire, Teriyaki Sauce, Sweet and Sour)</li> <li>__ Spices and Seasonings (including Salt &amp; Pepper)</li> <li>__ Dishwashing detergents</li> <li>__ Laundry pre-treating products (i.e. Shout, Spray and Wash)</li> <li>__ HE Laundry Detergent</li> <li>__ Brooms, Mops, Scrub Brushes, Dust Pans</li> <li>__ Foil and Plastic Wrap</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>__ SOS Pads</li> <li>__ Fabric Softener (Dryer Sheets)</li> <li>__ Sanitary Pads &amp; Tampons</li> <li>__ Hand Lotion</li> <li>__ Shampoo</li> <li>__ Body Wash</li> <li>__ Soap</li> <li>__ Household cleaning products (i.e. bleach, Comet, Lysol spray and wipes, Clorox spray, Windex, Pinesol, Pledge, Tilex, etc.)</li> </ul> <p><b>OTHER NEEDED ITEMS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>__ Brownie, Cookie, Cake Mixes &amp; Icing</li> <li>__ Canned Vegetables (no corn or green beans</li> <li>__ Individual Chef Boyardee cups</li> <li>__ Clif nutritional bars</li> <li>__ Hot Dog Chili</li> <li>__ Coffee (Regular &amp; Decaf)</li> <li>__ Coffee Creamer</li> <li>__ Sweetened Condensed Milk</li> <li>__ Evaporated Milk</li> <li>__ Powdered Milk</li> <li>__ Flavorings (Vanilla, etc.)</li> <li>__ French Fried Onions</li> <li>__ Honey</li> <li>__ Ketchup</li> <li>__ Mustard</li> <li>__ Oatmeal</li> <li>__ Parmesan Cheese</li> <li>__ Puddings, Pudding Cups</li> <li>__ Salsa</li> <li>__ Vinegar</li> <li>__ Paper Products (Cups, Plates, Bowls, Plastic Ware, Dixie Cups)</li> <li>__ Copy/Printer Paper</li> <li>__ Trash Bags (large &amp; small)</li> <li>__ Zip-Loc bags (Sandwich, Snack, Quart &amp; Gallon Sizes)</li> <li>__ Band Aids</li> <li>__ Rubbing Alcohol/Peroxide</li> <li>__ Anti-bacterial ointment</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>__ Razors</li> <li>__ Shaving Cream/Shaving Gel</li> <li>__ Dental Floss</li> <li>__ Hair brushes</li> <li>__ Deodorant</li> <li>__ Conditioner</li> <li>__ Tooth Paste</li> <li>__ Tooth Brushes</li> <li>__ Diapers (all sizes)</li> <li>__ Baby Wipes</li> <li>__ Bug Repellent</li> <li>__ Wasp/Hornet Spray</li> <li>__ Sunblock 30+</li> <li>__ Batteries (AA, AAA and D)</li> <li>__ Disposable Gloves (Non-Latex ONLY)</li> <li>__ Heavy Duty Soap (Fast Orange)</li> </ul> <p><b>FINAL NOTES:</b></p> <p>Gift Cards are appreciated for buying perishables and items not received. (i.e. Wal-Mart, Sams Clubs, Food Lion, Lowes, Ingles, Piggy Wiggly).</p> <p>We can use all size cans. Some locations prefer #10 cans (family size).</p> <p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> Please check for expired dates on food – we cannot accept expired items.</p> <p>Please help our volunteer truck drivers by packing your church's donations in small, sturdy boxes.</p> <p>Pack like items together. Please do not pack chemicals with food.</p> |
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### Questions?

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## SERVE NC 2024 IS COMING SOON!

ServeNC is a missions blitz in your community. Imagine your whole church active in missions in your community! The dates for 2024 are August 3-10, 2024. Pick one day or several days during this ServeNC week. Imagine the impact of hundreds of churches across North Carolina serving their communities during this week!

Move your church out of their seats and into the streets!

### ServeNC- August 3-10, 2024

- More details will be coming soon! For now, hold the date and go to <https://ncbaptist.org/servenc/> to sign up!

Each North Carolina community is unique, and ServeNC will help North Carolina churches to consider the needs of their communities and work to meet those needs. Possible projects include Backyard Bible Clubs, sewing projects, home repairs, wheelchair ramp construction, homebound visitation, yard work for elderly, blood pressure checks, affirmation of public servants, prayerwalks, block parties, projects at schools, garden projects, child care and nursing home ministry. Think of people in your community who need Christians to touch their lives in the name of Jesus Christ. On ServeNC Days, August 3-10, 2024, hundreds of churches and thousands of volunteers will share the love of Jesus with those who have never heard the Good News about Jesus. God may lead you to make this a key part of your local ministry on a regular basis.

### Training

There will be many training opportunities. More information will be coming soon.

Rev. Paul Strickland is our Ashe County leader for ServeNC, call the ABA office 336-846-5163 to get in touch with him.



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**Save the dates!  
April 27 & May 4**

**Join us for *Rampin' Up 2024!***

***Rampin' Up!*** NCBAM partners with Baptist churches to provide wheelchair ramps. Rampin' Up, held biennially in conjunction with Operation Inasmuch, brings attention to the accessibility needs of seniors.

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**A generous gift is a powerful thing.**

When you and your church give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, this is what happens: in North American communities with little or no gospel witness, new churches are planted, physical needs are met and Jesus is made known.

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This guide, along with the resources at AnnieArmstrong.com, will help you lead your church to pray fervently and give generously.

# Help make Jesus known across North America

**Your gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering:**

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- Continue the SBC's 179-year commitment to North American missions.

2024 National Offering Goal:

# L.I.F.E. Club

A club for girls ages 10-14

Learn to do cool things:

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Every Monday night 6-8pm  
(beginning March 4th)

Meets at Midway Baptist Church (next to Walmart)

Questions? Email L.I.F.E.Clubforgirls@gmail.com

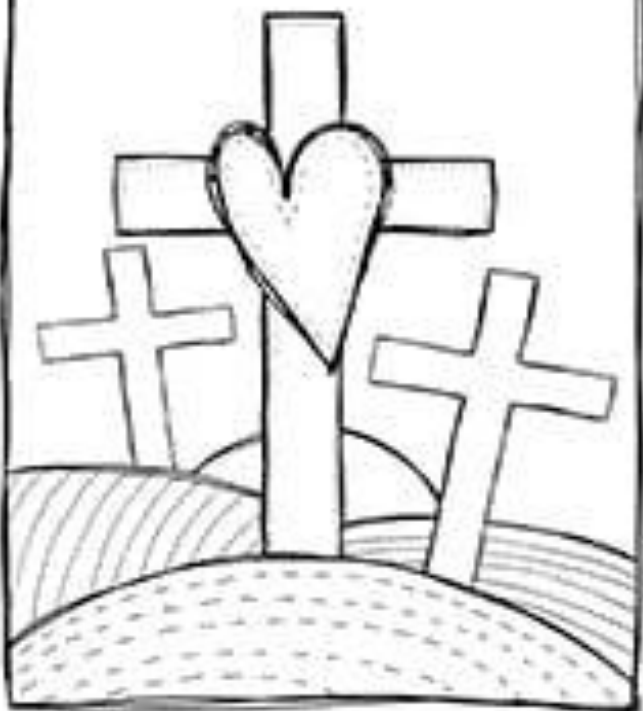
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## Discipleship Tip of the Month

### What does John 3 verse 16 mean?

The John 3:16 meaning is simple and clear: Jesus Christ died for the sins of humanity, willingly offering to make a sacrifice to save the world. It is a gift, freely given to any man or woman who chooses to accept it — and it comes with a wonderful benefit: Everlasting life in heaven. To believe in Jesus, in the way John 3:16 describes, is to truly give our hearts and lives to Jesus. Believing in Jesus is a daily choice to dedicate our lives to him, and to seek his kingdom rather than indulge ourselves. In being born again Jesus makes it clear that he's not talking about anything physical, but rather a spiritual birth. He says that we need the Holy Spirit to give birth to a new spiritual life within us. That's the gift He gives us through John 3:16.

Broken people need John 3:16.

### March 2024

- 3-10 Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer  
North American Missions
- 10 Spring Forward
- 19 First Day of SPRING
- 29 Good Friday
- 31 Easter
- ABA & ARC Office Closed  
March 29- April 1



### March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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### April 2024

- 1 Easter Monday  
ABA & ARC Closed
- 1 Campground Opens
- 2 ARC Committee Meeting 7 pm  
@ABA Conference Room
- 4 ABA Ex. Comm. Meeting 7 pm  
@ Beaver Creek Baptist Church



### April 2024

Calendarpedia  
Your source for calendars

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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### May 2024

- 2 National Day of Prayer
- 5 Senior Adult Sunday
- 27 Memorial Day- ABA/ARC Closed



### May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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27: Memorial Day