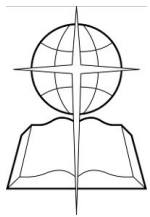


# Ashe Baptist Association News



2020

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Welcome Home

## Preacher David's Corner

Rev. David Blackburn, Director of Missions  
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### "The Lazarus Moment In our Time"

We are all familiar with the passage of John 11:1- 45. This is the story of Lazarus who died and Jesus brought him back to life. You and I may feel like Lazarus because of the stay at home orders that we had to live by. All the changes such as social distancing, wearing a face mask (although that may help our looks), no hugs, no handshakes, no meetings in person are just a few. Wash our hands often is the first habit we were to be careful doing and the list goes on. People like Mary and Martha were looking for answers. They go to Jesus, the chain breaker! I believe that is who we need to go to as well. Jesus shared with Martha in verse 25, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live!" We live because we believe in Him. Verse 43 and 44; "And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. He that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave clothes and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go". I feel like I am bound up and ready to break loose too. Do you? We are living in a Lazarus Moment! The birds and blossoms seem to tell us of the possibility of new life for our souls as well! May the transformation begin in our life as we wait for Jesus to transform us. We may think we are in the tomb all bound up but Jesus is on the way. Churches are dealing with this time in a special way. Thank you churches! It reminds me of how the early church began and how they worked as one. Thank you churches for continuing the work as the Spirit leads, some on Facebook, some streaming live from the web, some having drive-in services, some meeting in groups of 10 or less. Verse 45 of the 11th chapter shares; Many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him. And just like that all my pastors are televangelist! People all though the United States and around the world are hearing the word of God and many are believing on Jesus! It is a Lazarus Moment for them and for us. Isn't it amazing the number of Pharisees and Chief Priest that are still alive today? Verse 53 shares "Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death". There are folks who want the churches and Christians to just go away. How sad, "They need a Dose of the Ghost!" I believe Jesus is on the way for us in more ways than one! Verse 25 shares; "When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was". Time is not a factor for Jesus. He knew all things are under the control of His Father in Heaven. We too must wait if we are to experience the Lazarus Moment! The whole world has the opportunity to experience this Jesus of Nazareth. We all can grow to maturity in our faith even though we may be blighted with doubts, withered with worry and tainted with sophistication. May we feel once more as do children, who whisper their love to God. We need to bow and kneel as children. May we enter into the Kingdom of God here below and know it, feel it and rejoice in it! As we prepare for the Lazarus Moment in our life, family, with our friends and church may worry, negative thoughts, burdens, and apprehensions be placed upon the shoulders of the one who can bear them for us. I know that I can not add one cubit to my stature nor my ability if I try to bear them. Let us walk with our hands in His, whether we be on the mountain top or in the valley. Jesus help us be aware that thou art walking by my side as you did with Mary and Martha. They were on the way to a Lazarus Moment and you and I are too! Ask God to give us calmness and confidence as we trust in Him. Let us just live one day at a time! I may not know you because you are wearing a mask but know that God does. I look Forward to the Lazarus Moment!

*Your Servant, David*



## Ashe Really Cares

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I have set the Lord always before me: because he is my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth; my flesh also shall rest in hope. Psalm 16:8-9

As our world has been turned upside down let us look to the one who made heaven and earth and everything therein. As we struggle with everything that is going on in our world today and everything seems so uncertain let us remember who is in charge. With families staying at home and children are being home schooled everything is confusing and also frustrating. As families and a country we are learning patience and a different way of doing things.

We have continued to be open for families who are in need of food. We have stopped allowing our neighbors to come in to look at clothing until things calm down. Those who have appointments are told to pull up to the door and open their trunk, we then bring out their food boxes and put them into their vehicle. We are trying to keep everyone as safe as possible during this time.

We have struggled some to keep enough food for all the families who have appointments and also those who call in needing food. We have went to the grocery store trying to find the food that we are out of. Sometimes we are able to get a few cans of each item and sometimes there is nothing left on the shelf. Second Harvest Food Bank is also struggling to send food from Winston-Salem. Our salvage boxes have been cut down from 12 a week to 6 a week. We have not gotten any meat in two weeks from Second Harvest Food Bank. The driver said that we would not receive any meat or eggs for the next few weeks. We are thankful to some in our community who have brought us fresh eggs and to Food Lion for the daily products that we have been getting. We were also blessed with a lot of meat from our County Extension Office. God is our provider and He knows what we need and He blesses us with items to give out.

As we work through this situation please remember to pray for families, be patient and keep a smile on your face so others can see God's love through you. If you know of someone that needs help please give the office a call.

Thank you churches for your prayers as we continue to serve families in need.



Ashe Really Cares

Pat Miller, Director



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|--------|-------------------------------|
| May 2  | Dr. & Mrs. Jim Rash           |
| May 5  | Rev. Johnny Goodman           |
| May 5  | Rev. Darrell Poole            |
| May 7  | Mrs. Juanita Hodges           |
| May 8  | Rev. Cory Halsey              |
| May 9  | Rev. & Mrs. Billy Joe Blevins |
| May 10 | Rev. & Mrs. Josh Hernandez    |
| May 12 | Mrs. Sabrina Hernandez        |
| May 18 | Rev. Toby Oliver              |
| May 21 | Mrs. Grace Witherspoon        |
| May 21 | Rev. & Mrs. Derrick Hodges    |
| May 25 | Rev. Garrett Mahaffey         |
| May 29 | Rev. Steve Viers              |

### 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 are approaching the end of another quarter, so don't forget to turn in your used literature at ARC. Together, we recycled 11 TONS of materials in 2019. Thank You!

**ASHE REALY CARES** is open but has adjusted some of their methods to stay as healthy as possible. If you find yourself in need let us know. It is a time to help our neighbors. Thank you for your financial support and your prayers. Thank you volunteers at ARC. **ARC does need the following food items if you have any to spare: Jiffy Mix, Dry pinto beans, carrots, greens, sauerkraut, dry spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, pork n beans, green peas, can pasta, can potatoes, mixed vegetables, peanut butter and oatmeal.** Thank you, Pat Miller and Shelia Miller for your extra hard work during these strange and difficult times.





# Ashe Really Cares Curb-Side Service for Food Pick-up



**COVID-19 Precautions taken**  
**6 Foot Social Distancing**  
**Hand Sanitizing**  
**Gloves & Mask**

**Call Pat at the ARC for details**  
**336-846-5234**





# Thank You

Ashe Baptist would like to thank our **sponsors** for the Ashe Baptist News heard on WSKS each Saturday and on SoundCloud on the Web.

Ashe County Ford, Rev. Jeff and Amy Dollar, Tri-County Paving, Lucian and Patricia Jordan, Tri County Monuments, Mike and Lisa Peters 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.

# Submit your local event



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.



Your VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL can forever change the lives of Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina's (BCH) boys and girls by taking on MISSION: Kids NC!

**THE MISSION:** To show God's love by praying, giving and connecting with boys and girls living at Baptist Children's Homes across North Carolina.

### pray

Please take time during your VBS to pray for the BCH ministry:

- Pray that God will heal children's hurts. Many come to BCH because of family dysfunction, abuse, neglect, and abandonment.
- Pray for the cottage parents who provide a safe, caring home for the children and teach them about God's unconditional love.
- Pray the children will ask Jesus to be their Savior. 70% of BCH's residents come to us unchurched and unreached for Jesus.

### give

Prayerfully consider collecting a VBS offering for BCH's children. Your offering will help to...

- Provide hot, regular meals. Some children have gone without eating every day before coming to BCH.
- Buy new clothes. Many children come to BCH with clothes that don't fit or are old and tattered.
- Reach out to children even beyond NC. Your offering will also help provide a caring home for Guatemala orphans where BCH ministers to impoverished children.

### connect

- Connect and learn more!
- Invite a BCH speaker to share the BCH story at your VBS. Call 336-474-1209 to schedule.
- Show a short video. Download at [www.bchkids.org](http://www.bchkids.org) or call 336-474-1209 for a DVD.
- Use the downloadable activity sheet at [www.bchkids.org](http://www.bchkids.org)
- Bonus: Bring your church children to a "Friends of Children" workday, a one-day missions trip at BCH's statewide locations. Dates and info at [www.bchfamily.org/fof](http://www.bchfamily.org/fof)



# collecting a MILE of PENNIES

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

Go the extra mile to help North Carolina children living at Baptist Children's Homes! A mile of pennies, laid edge to edge, is worth \$844.40.

Collecting a Mile of Pennies is a fun way VBS and Sunday School children of any age can make a difference in the lives of other children!

**Announce your goal:** Promote the collection early and announce your goal. Maybe it's a half a mile. Perhaps you want to aim for more than a mile!

**Make it fun:** Have a contest between boys and girls, or different age groups, to see who can raise the most! Use a scale and have weigh-ins to see whose collection weighs the most. Collect your change in soda cans (12 oz. soda can holds about 550 pennies), jars, buckets, a children's wagon, etc. Use the Mile of Pennies labels to put on your cans and jars. And organize a penny rolling party.

**Brag on your kids!** Take a photo of your children's efforts. Find "Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina" on Facebook and post your photo, church name, and what your children accomplished. You can also email your photo to [jbragsdale@bchfamily.org](mailto:jbragsdale@bchfamily.org)

**Send your offering:** We thank you for collecting so much change, but please don't send 84,440 pennies. Check with your bank to find out the way they prefer to accept your pennies. Write a check in the amount you raised to "Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina" and mail to P.O. Box 338, Thomasville, NC 27361.



P.O. Box 338 / Thomasville, NC 27361 / 336.474.1209 / [www.bchkids.org](http://www.bchkids.org)





## HAPPENINGS

**New Steps at Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church now ready for New Handrails!!!  
Congratulations Fletcher Memorial on getting ready to open in the future!**



The Ashe Baptist Association is partnering with Ashe County Emergency Management Agency, Ashe County Health Department, Ashe County Department of Social Services, Ashe Outreach, Ashe Services for Aging and other agencies to help work together during this time of crisis. If you need any assistance or further information please contact; Ashe Baptist Director of Missions, Rev. David Blackburn at 336-846-5631  
Email: [domblackburn@gmail.com](mailto:domblackburn@gmail.com)

Ashe County Folks working together during the COVID-19. Check out the website listed and click around to get use to it. Lots of good accurate info. <https://resiliencesystem.org/dashboards/ashe-county/> . Please take time to fill out the [Community Needs Survey](#) and the [WE HAVE/WE NEED Form](#), Working together for a better tomorrow.



## **Bandana Facemask:**

### **Step-by-step instructions for making your own face mask:**

First, fold your bandana into a long rectangle, wide enough from top to bottom to cover both your nose and mouth, and extend slightly under your chin.

Then, slide your hair ties around either side of the bandana, about one-quarter of the way in from each end. These will be the hooks that go around your ears to keep the bandanna on your face.

Next, fold the bandana in one side, at the point where you've placed the hair tie. Do the same thing with the other side, tucking that side into the opening of first flap you folded in.

This side that you've been working with will be the side that goes against your face, as you loop the hair ties around your ears to keep it in place.

That's it, you did it! You made your own face mask that you can now wear in public while you have to do essential things that might bring you in close contact with others, like when you have to go to the grocery store.

## **What to Do If You Test Positive for COVID-19**

COVID-19 cases are rising across the country. Large-scale efforts like lockdowns and social gathering bans are helping slow the spread, but containment efforts shouldn't stop at your front door.

According to the CDC, if you or someone you live with tests positive for COVID-19, or is exhibiting common symptoms like cough, fever and shortness of breath, you should stay home and contact your doctor or local health department.

If possible, ensure that the person who is sick stays in a separate room away from other people - even pets. Pets will not get sick from the disease, but can transfer the virus from person to person through contact, similarly to shared surfaces.

It's important to call ahead before visiting the doctor. Health officials say this allows the doctor to take proper precautions to protect other patients and health care workers. It also can prevent increasing strain on emergency and healthcare systems.

Don't share household items, such as food, drinks, or personal care items. Wear a mask if you're sick or if you're directly caring for someone who is. As always, cover coughs and sneezes, preferably with a tissue -and wash your hands right after you cough or sneeze. Washing your hands is one easy to implement step that can drastically slow down the spread of COVID-19. After you use a tissue, throw it away immediately into a lined trash bin.

Wash your hands often, using soap and warm water - scrubbing for at least 20 seconds. Disinfect high-touch surfaces often, like doorknobs, phones, and counters.

If you develop serious symptoms like difficulty breathing and a fever of 104 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, contact your doctor or emergency services.

For more information, visit [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) and your local health department website.



# ASHE BAPTIST CAMPGROUND



**TO BE DETERMINED AT LATER DATE**

**Churches that are mowing, feel free to do any additional work that you may see needs doing when you are at the campground.**

**Your assistance is greatly appreciated!**

**All announcements are on web site at [www.ashebaptist.org](http://www.ashebaptist.org).** Check out the newsletters in color as well as list of all churches and lots of more information. We do update daily.

## INTERESTED IN HANDS-ON MISSION WORK?

NCBM Lumberton Rebuild Coordinators are requesting assistance as they continue to serve the needs of hurting folks in Robeson County who are still suffering from the storm impacts in that area. Many are still without homes. Don't let your supposed 'lack of skills' keep you away. There are opportunities for anyone who is willing. We'd love to see Ashe Baptist Association represented!

Contact DOM David Blackburn for more information.

**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



## ASHE BAPTIST CAMPGROUND

Churches: Please take note of the following dates that you are scheduled to mow at the Baptist Campground. We appreciate all that you do to keep the property in good shape!

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| May 2        | Midway          |
| May 16       | Christian Unity |
| May 30       | Welcome Home    |
| June 13      | New River       |
| June 27      | Friendly Grove  |
| July 11      | Fletcher        |
| July 25      | Warrensville    |
| August 8     | Friendship      |
| August 22    | Clifton         |
| September 5  | Liberty Grove   |
| September 19 | Mission Home    |
| October 3    | Beaver Creek    |

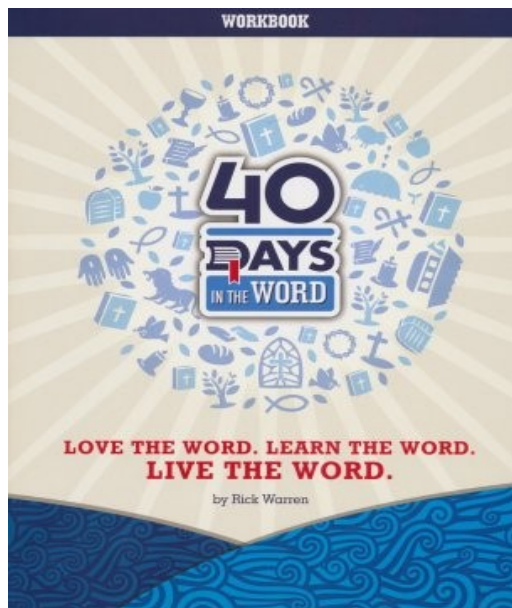
**We need another church to take the Oct 17 date to mow. If you can help out, let us know.**

If you would like to schedule a date to use the Campground, please call the ABA Office as soon as possible. We like to let churches have a couple months to make their plans before we make it available to the general public the first of April.

### **UPDATES at the Campground:**

We have wall-mounted a large screen TV in the downstairs area for use in trainings and meetings and hope to soon be supplying a DVD player. The computer will be moved to that side of the room as well to be used with the TV.

Electric service has been improved to alleviate breakers throwing when AC or other appliances are being used.



## LOOMS BIBLE STUDY

“40 Days in the Word”

LADIES Bible Study is held weekly on Thursday, 11:30-12:30 at the Ashe Baptist Association Office on 204 Beaver Creek School Road, West Jefferson. Meetings are facilitated by Mrs. Linda Blackburn. Next session of Rick Warren’s Bible Study will begin May 7!

Join us for the fun. All ladies are welcome to join us! Study Six easy to learn methods of Loving, Learning, and Living in the Word. 1) Pronounce it, 2) Picture it, 3) Probe it, 4) Paraphrase it, 5) Personalize it, 6) Pray it.

Reignite and Strengthen your passion for God’s Word by not only being “hearers” of the word, but also “doers” of the word.

## UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

FYI- We should never stop having church but the way we have church may be adjusted. **Some Facebook or Stream their Services on-line. Some preach in the parking lot like a Drive-in Theater. Some have small group meetings in the home.** Each church and each person must make a decision that they feel is what God would have them to do. Hopefully in a couple of weeks the curve will begin to flatten and we can see a decline in this sickness. Until then we obey the law, have safe distancing (6-10 feet), no hand shaking or hugging and above all if sick stay at home. If you have service on-line I encourage you to share with your audience to E-Mail or call the church office or association and let us know you have made a decision so we can follow up on you. We are finding folks are being saved on-line and we need to know that person.

**God's Will Baptist Church** is more active than ever. We have service Sunday morning at 11:00 am Sunday evening at 7:00 pm and Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm. All services can be viewed on-line and on Face Book. Rev. Homer Murdock is the pastor.

**Round Knob Baptist Church** has cancelled services through the month of April. Rev. Keith Elledge is the pastor.

### FYI

**VBS Clinic** scheduled for April 27th at Friendship Baptist Church has been cancelled.

**Queen Esther Trip** to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania scheduled for May 13-17 has been cancelled. Rescheduling will be announced at a later date.

**National Day of Prayer**, May 7 at Ashe County Courthouse has been cancelled. Please observe National Day of Prayer by praying at your home.

**The Associational Office is open to serve you and Ashe Really Cares is open as well but has adjusted some of their methods to stay as healthy as possible. If you find yourself in need let us know. It is a time to help our neighbors but also to worship God.**



WAKE FOREST BAPTIST HEALTH

# Giving Thanks

MOTHER'S DAY  
OFFERING

WEEK OF PRAYER  
MAY 3-10, 2020

*Then Moses said to Aaron,  
"This is what the LORD has said,  
'Among those who are near me I will be  
sanctified, and before all the people  
I will be glorified."  
And Aaron held his peace.*

LEVITICUS 10:3

Vicki Gruver

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YOUR GIFTS to the Mother's Day Offering bring hope to patients who suffer from great need at Wake Forest Baptist Health (WFBH). God changes their lives through your compassion.

### HOW IS MY GIFT USED?

EVERY DOLLAR you give helps patients like those in this magazine pay their hospital bills in the name of Jesus Christ and His love.

They are hard-working people who face overwhelming financial crises because of serious illness. They have too much to qualify for government assistance or charity care — but not nearly enough to pay their hospital bills. They are carefully screened by financial counselors.

Around 5% of the Offering, as needed, helps WFBH provide a subsidy to almost 150 Baptist ministers and their families every year. "This was a Godsend that truly helped us," a pastor recently said.

### WHO DECIDES THE AMOUNT TO GIVE?

A group of N.C. Baptist ministers and laypersons prayerfully determine how much assistance to provide, from a few hundred to a few thousand dollars per patient.



**THANK YOU** for your generous gifts to the Mother's Day Offering and **THANK YOU** for allowing God's love to work through you. Your gifts to this Offering make a life-changing difference for hurting patients and their families at North Carolina Baptist Hospital.

**EVERY DOLLAR OF YOUR GIFT IS USED AS A SOURCE OF HOPE**, to help patients in great need pay their hospital bills in the name of Jesus Christ and His love. Recovering from devastating illness and facing a frightening financial burden, God touches

patients and families through you and your gift, restoring hope, producing heartfelt thankfulness and leading them closer to Christ in genuine gratitude.

Your gifts made so much difference for many people like Marie Brown, Vicki Gruver and Declan Johnson. Many others suffer alone with the same fears and needs. Together we can help them.

**THANK YOU** for reaching out through your gifts and making a difference in the name of Jesus Christ and His love.

**PLEASE JOIN ME IN PRAYING** for God to bless this mission of hope in 2020.

**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY** to the Mother's Day Offering.

In Christ's love,

*Leland A. Kerr*

Rev. Leland A. Kerr  
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*Additional Mother's Day Offering Stories and materials are available at [www.mothersdayoffering.org](http://www.mothersdayoffering.org)*

### Woman's Missionary Union Directors and Leaders

**THANK YOU** for working with your pastor and church to promote the Mother's Day Offering!

The 2020 Offering promotional packet will arrive soon at your church. Please order the prayer guides, offering envelopes, posters and copies of this magazine that your church will need.

**PLEASE PRAY** for this ministry of Christ's love!

### Please Visit our Website at [mothersdayoffering.org](http://mothersdayoffering.org)

- Learn creative ways to promote the Offering
- Watch our new video and see how your gifts are changing lives
- Share the website with church members

### Mother's Day Offering Video

See God's love bringing hope to the Church family and others. Many churches share one of the stories as people gather for worship. Others use the video for mission programs.

Order FREE DVDs by contacting Rev. Leland A. Kerr at **(336) 716-3027** or [lakerr@wakehealth.edu](mailto:lakerr@wakehealth.edu).

*Jesus replied, "This is the first and greatest commandment: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. And the second is like it, love your neighbor as yourself."*

MATTHEW 22: 36-39





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## *A Note From the President*

Happy Spring, ladies! I trust that you are doing well in these unprecedented times we find ourselves in. I'm sitting at my dining room table as I write this. My husband, who has now been asked to work from home, is beside me. We are both on our laptops; very unusual Monday morning, to say the least. And with everything going on in the world, we have reason to be fearful and discouraged. But I know exactly who is reading this article and I know you are confident of exactly Who holds this crazy world in the palm of His hand. Regardless, you may be having "one of those days" or just feeling a little bit anxious despite all that. Can I remind you of, and encourage you with, a simple truth? "God's answer for troubled times has always been the same: heaven has an occupied throne. Fear may fill our world, but it doesn't have to fill our hearts." (Max Lucado)

I am currently reading one of my favorite authors, Max Lucado, and his book, *Trade Your Cares for Calm*. If you haven't already read it, now is an opportune time. Following is just a brief excerpt based on Philippians 4:4-8. (This is also one of my favorite passages of scripture, one that I committed to memory many years ago.)

"Five verses with four admonitions that lead to one wonderful promise: the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds" (vs. 7)

Celebrate God's goodness. "*Rejoice in the Lord always*" (vs.4)

Ask God for help. "*Let your requests be made known to God*" (vs. 6)

Leave your concerns with him. "*With thanksgiving...*" (vs. 6)

Meditate on good things. "*Think about the things that are good and worthy or praise*" (vs. 8)

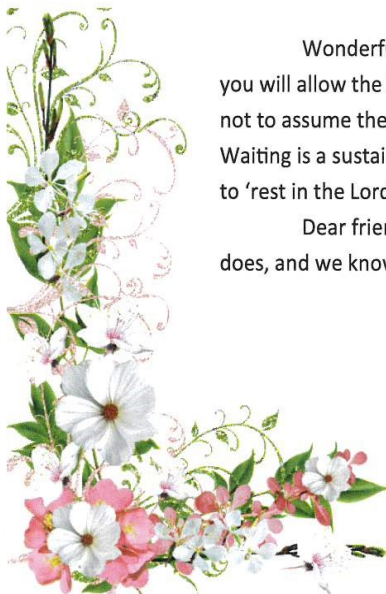
**Celebrate. Ask. Leave. Meditate. C.A.L.M."**

Wonderful advice, wouldn't you agree? One more thing, and it is my prayer that you will allow the Holy Spirit to remind you of this today: "to wait, biblically speaking, is not to assume the worst, worry, fret, make demands, or take control. Nor is it inactivity. Waiting is a sustained effort to stay focused on God through prayer and belief. To wait is to 'rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him. (Psalm 37:7)"

Dear friends, we do not know what today or tomorrow hold, but we know who does, and we know who holds our hand!

Stay safe and God bless!

*Karoline*



### And our Speaker for 2020 is...

One of the doors God closed last year was opened very early in our planning process this year, and as is always the case, God had His reasons and they are evident now. 2019 was not the right time, but 2020 is! She was a recommendation from your 2018 evaluations and she is as excited about being our keynote speaker as we are that she'll be joining us at Ridgecrest in November.



"This is me, **Joy Earle**. I have been sharing my life stories since I was a child. I consider laughter a life celebration, and offering that to an audience is a lifelong dream come true. I am a daughter, sister, wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother "Gaga," and friend. I am deeply invested in every area of my life, and should you ever be part of this circle of love, you will hear a story or two about yourself, so be careful. My facial expressions put me in a lot of trouble growing up in Kentucky. I was asked by a teacher, "Are your eyes loose in your head? They keep rolling!" Yes, the "Joy Earle eye roll" should have been patented long ago; it is a trademark if I ever had one. Those facial expressions now grace platforms across the country, and as of yet no one has asked if my eyes were not attached! The truth, my truth, is that life has given me my best stories; you can't make this stuff up! I will never tire of finding the funny in every bit of it and sharing it with the world. We will meet in the near future to celebrate the funny together. You're welcome!"

The executive committee is very grateful that God opened this door. We believe it is definitely the year to be reminded it is okay (and good!) to laugh. As we continue planning for the 2020 conference, we ask for continued prayers, specifically as we plan the breakout sessions, as some of those doors are closing. But we are confident God has a reason and we are praying He will lead us to exactly who He wants this year.

Know we pray for you all, and if you need us, don't hesitate to reach out.

Blessings! *Karoline*

### **DENIM** and *Pearls*

**The great dilemma : Do I dress up for the "Banquet" or can I come casual?**

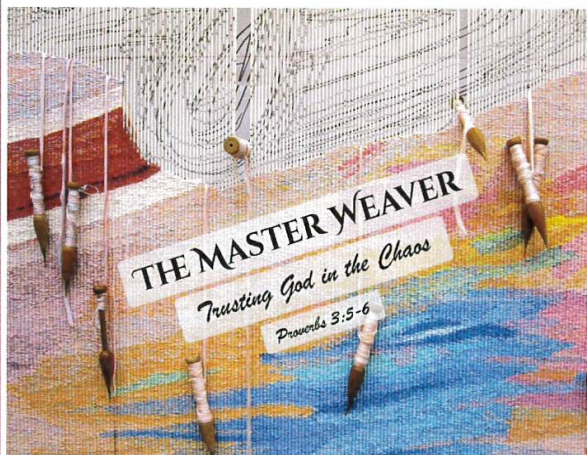
**Well, we are listening and empathize with your struggles! After all, we're Sista's here, right?**

**This year, your Executive Committee decided to take away some of your distress. For 2020, we are losing the "Banquet" name for our Tuesday evening meal gathering. Instead, we will be having a true Southern buffet with all the favorite foods and are calling it "Denim and Pearls". We will be reminded of many 'pearls' of wisdom found in God's word and about the durability of 'denim'-an example of how God's love endures, and how we are called to persevere in our love for God and others. We'll highlight the blessings and challenges of persevering, like 'denim', while seeking God's 'pearls' of wisdom which He promises to all those who ask Him. In keeping with that theme, we would like for you gals to show up in what else but Denim! Maybe just a Denim Jacket, or Denim Jeans, or a Denim Skirt, or Denim Shirt or Dress...**

**you get the idea! But don't forget a southern girls favorite accessory, PEARLS!**

**You read it right! Wear Denim and Pearls and come prepared for an exciting and fun evening!**





## REGISTER NOW FOR OUR 2020 CONFERENCE

**NOVEMBER 2-4**  
**RIDGECREST CONFERENCE CENTER**

The fee is \$225.00 per person and includes membership and conference fee, double occupancy room, and all meals. Private rooms will be an additional \$109.00. Commuters will pay \$160.00 which includes membership, conference fee, and six meals (Monday dinner; Tuesday breakfast, lunch, and dinner; Wednesday breakfast and lunch).

Those of you who have attended at Ridgecrest before will be pleasantly surprised by all the new renovations to our rooms! We were recently graced with a tour, and were blown away with what had been done. It was one of those HGTV makeover WOWS! All rooms are light and bright with all new appointments; light fixtures and décor. Every room has it's own Keurig Coffee maker, so you can bring your K-cups and be set any time! In addition, hair dryers and refrigerators are standard in every room!

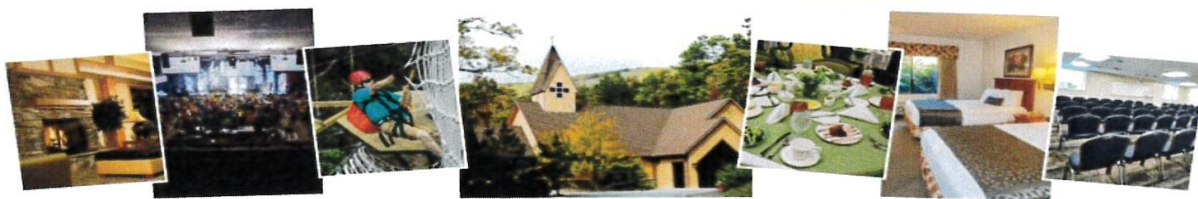
We hope you will plan to attend! You might consider asking your church or association to help in funding your time away for this conference. Payments can be made in installments, and \$50.00 will hold your reservation.

Make checks payable to NCBSA and mail to: **Janette Harris, c/o Burkemont Baptist Church,  
4668 Burkemont Rd., Morganton, NC 28655.**

Your officers are hard at work making plans for what we pray will be a very rewarding and inspiring conference .

# RIDGECREST

CONFERENCE CENTER  
NORTH CAROLINA



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**REGISTER NOW**

**Registration & First Timers**

A BIG thank you to those who have already sent in your registration and deposit for our upcoming NCBSA Conference. As with past conferences, November 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 will be a time to remember. Rooms at Ridgecrest have been updated and will provide a very comfortable and memorable experience. Early registration is encouraged, and a \$50 deposit will hold your spot. The balance may be paid periodically, with final payment due by September 30. If you are unable to attend this year’s conference, you can still be a member of the NCBSA. Just remember to send in your annual membership dues of only \$30. This helps with the administrative costs of the NCBSA. As a reminder, only active members qualify to serve as future officers.

Whether you are a secretary, treasurer, office manager, ministry assistant or volunteer, this is a great time to be a part of the NCBSA. Come to Ridgecrest and enjoy God’s beauty! If you have been before you know that the NCBSA Conference is a way to make new friends as well as reconnect with old ones, be encouraged, learn how to better minister to others, etc. That’s why it is so important to invite a First Timer to attend this year. Each First Timer will be assigned a mentor who will help her find her room, show her around the area, and be on hand to answer any questions she may have. In order to make each First Timer feel special and welcome, we need several current members to prayerfully consider saying “yes” to being a mentor.

Your officers have been working diligently and are super excited about this year’s conference. Already we have seen God’s mighty hand at work! We have prayerfully considered each and every evaluation sheet and are implementing changes as needed for the conference. Please be in prayer for us as we strive to make this conference an experience of spiritual, professional and personal enrichment along with lots of fun and fellowship for all.

Don’t forget to send in your registration and invite a First Timer!

*Janette*



**THANKS!**

Many thanks to Teresa Almond, Becky Johnson and Lori Matthews for agreeing to serve as this year’s Nominating Committee. Please join us as we prayerfully consider prospective First and Second Vice Presidents. Begin praying now as to how you will respond if it is your time to serve the NCBSA.



**2020 NCBSA Conference November 2-4 at Ridgecrest**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (work): \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: (Required): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Room mate(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

NEED Private Room (Enclose additional \$109): \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL COST: \$225.00** (includes membership and conference fee, room at conference center, and meals).

**PRIVATE ROOM - additional \$109** (If you do not have a roommate in mind and do not want a private room, a roommate can be assigned to you.)

**COMMUTERS: \$160.00** (includes membership and conference fee, Monday dinner, Tuesday breakfast, lunch and dinner, Wednesday breakfast and lunch).

[We encourage you to register early!](#)

A \$50.00 deposit, along with the completed registration form, reserves your spot.

**Amount enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Installments are acceptable.**

**Final payment due September 30.**

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**Refunds for Cancellations**

*(excludes \$30 membership fee)*

**Before July 31: 100% refund**

**August 1–September 30: 60% refund**

**After September 30: No refunds**

Is this your first time attending a NCBSA Conference? \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you attended? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you serve as a mentor to a First Timer? \_\_\_\_\_

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2020 NC Baptist  
Ministers' Wives Retreat

*A Focused Vision*

July 13-15, 2020

Caraway Conference Center  
Sophia, NC

*2 Corinthians 4:18*

*While we look not at the things which are seen,  
but at the things which are not seen: for the  
things which are seen are temporal; but the  
things which are not seen are eternal.*



Featured Speaker  
Janice Drum

Janice Drum is a Pastor's wife and mother of two sons. She has a beautiful daughter-in-love and 1 precious grandbaby, named Hays! She has been in full time ministry for 37 years. Her heart is to mentor and disciple women in God's word and the power of prayer. Her life verses are Philippians 4:6-7. We must guard our hearts and minds through Jesus Christ. We are called to be Titus Women; leading and growing up our young women in their faith and walk in Christ.

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# CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

The Coronavirus is a major concern throughout the world. What can we do as Christians to love our neighbor and care for ourselves and one another during these stressful days? Please check out links below at:

[baptistsonmission.org/Coronavirus](https://baptistsonmission.org/Coronavirus) to help the spread of the virus, know how the church you attend can help in your community, and get support if you are isolated and need assistance.

**THINGS YOUR CHURCH CAN DO AND HOW TOS**    [Volunteer at a Food Bank](#)   [No Kid Hungry Resources](#)

[Preparing Your Church for Coronavirus](#)   [Donate Blood with Red Cross](#)   [Donate Blood with The Blood Connection](#)

[Ideas of Ways You Can Help](#)   [How to make a Mask](#)

**FOOD SAFETY INFORMATION/RESOURCES**                      [Food Handling During Coronavirus Outbreak](#)

[Food Safety Information](#)   [Safety in The Kitchen Video](#)   [How to Safely Prepare Boxed Meals](#)

[Food Safety Guidance for School Meal Delivery](#)   [DPI School Food Safety Training](#)   [Exposure Control Policy](#)

[Food Preparation Guideline Video](#)   [Preparing Grab and Go Meals Video](#)

**PREVENTION POSTERS/VIDEO RESOURCES**                      [CDC Poster: Stop The- Spread of Germs](#)

[Poster: Protect Yourself from Coronavirus](#)    [What You Can do to Prevent the Spread Video](#)

**CHURCH SUPPORT RESOURCES**                                      [Helping Churches Survive During this Crisis](#)

[Live Streaming for Churches](#)    [How churches, pastors are eligible for relief in stimulus package](#)

[Tips for Well-Check Calls](#)    [Love Your Neighbor Flyer](#)    [Disciple Making Resources](#)

***God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind.  
2 Timothy 1:7***

**Studies reveal coloring can help improve our mood, reduce stress & boost our creativity!  
So relax and enjoy coloring the next page!**

***Remember FAITH OVER FEAR - GOD IS ALWAYS WITH YOU!***





*do not*

**FEAR, FOR**

**I AM**

*with you*

ISAIAH 41:10

SARAH TITUS

## Discipleship Tip of the Month

I am thankful that still we live in a land bountiful able to supply all our needs, a land which still by the Providence knows peace, whose skies are not darkened by the machines of the enemy, whose fields and woodlands are still unbasted by the flames of war, a land with peaceful valleys and smiling meadows still serene. Lord help us to be thankful and appreciate all that we have, to be content with it, to be grateful for it, to be proud of it - not in an arrogant pride that boasts, but in a grateful pride that strives to be more worthy.

To God whose bounty we owe these blessings before us, to thee we give thanks and gratitude.

Copied from The Prayers of Peter Marshall



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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### May

- 3 Senior Adult Sunday
- 7 National Day of Prayer (Pray from Home)
- 10 Mother's Day
- 13-16 "For Such a Time as This" Trip
- 25 Memorial Day—ABA/ARC offices closed



#### June

- 20 First Day of Summer
- 21 Father's Day
- 29-July 3 ABA/ARC offices closed



#### July

- 4 Fourth of July



### 2020 MAY

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| 26     | 27     | 28      | 29        | 30       | 1      | 2        |
| 3      | 4      | 5       | 6         | 7        | 8      | 9        |
| 10     | 11     | 12      | 13        | 14       | 15     | 16       |
| 17     | 18     | 19      | 20        | 21       | 22     | 23       |
| 24     | 25     | 26      | 27        | 28       | 29     | 30       |
| 31     | 1      | 2       | 3         | 4        | 5      | 6        |

### 2020 JUNE

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| 31     | 1      | 2       | 3         | 4        | 5      | 6        |
| 7      | 8      | 9       | 10        | 11       | 12     | 13       |
| 14     | 15     | 16      | 17        | 18       | 19     | 20       |
| 21     | 22     | 23      | 24        | 25       | 26     | 27       |
| 28     | 29     | 30      | 1         | 2        | 3      | 4        |

### 2020 JULY

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| 28     | 29     | 30      | 1         | 2        | 3      | 4        |
| 5      | 6      | 7       | 8         | 9        | 10     | 11       |
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