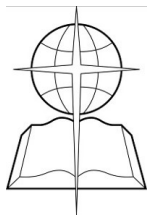


Ashe Baptist Association News



November

2022

OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 AM—4:00 PM Monday—Friday
Location: 204 Beaver Creek School Road West Jefferson, NC
Mailing Address: PO Box 850 Jefferson, NC 28640
Phone: 336-846-5631 **Website:** www.ashebaptist.org

Appalachian
Bald Mountain
Beaver Creek
Big Flatts
Big Laurel
Blue Ridge
Bristol
Buffalo
Calvary
Christian Unity
Farmers Memorial
Fletcher Memorial
Friendly Grove
Friendship
God's Will Missionary
Grassy Creek
Happy Trails Cowboy
Healing Springs
Laurel Knob
Liberty Grove
Little Helton
Midway
Mission Home
Mount Olive
New River
North Beaver
Oak Hill
Obids
Old Fields
Orion
Phoenix
Pilot Mountain
Pine Swamp
Pleasant Home
Pleasant Valley
Riverview
Round Knob
Trinity
Tuckerdale
Wagoner
Warrensville
Welcome Home

Preacher David's Corner

Rev. David Blackburn, Director of Missions

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Ashe County Children's Christmas Project 2022

The Ashe County Children's Christmas Project is in full swing. Names are in the process of being chosen and parents response letters are being returned. The beginning date for the red cards to be available to sponsor a child is November 1. Come by Ashe Baptist Office, 204 Beaver Creek School Rd., West Jefferson to chose your card to sponsor a child. They are available Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 4 PM. Gift intake will be November 28--30 at Family Central Common Area. Make a child happy by being a part of the ACCCP. The ACCCP receives numerous donations from many people and from many places. We do appreciate these donations as they assist in making this project work for up to 1000 Ashe County children. With many volunteers, the Partnership for Children of Ashe, Ashe County DSS, Ashe County Schools, churches, individuals, industries and Ashe Baptist Association working together, a chore becomes a joy. A question is asked, "Do we plan to spend funds in account this year? This is a \$150,000 project. There are expense to the project other than gifts such as supplies, gentleman restores desktop computers and laptops for the children that need them. He does the labor free but does need parts he does not have so the ACCCP helps with those items. There are sometimes a few cards that do not get picked up. The ACCCP takes care of gifts for those remaining children. Helping 1000 children is expensive so if funds are lower one year compared to another we have funds to use. God always supplies. A child gets overlooked or left out for one reason or another, ACCCP writes a check for the parent to buy the child a gift in the amount of \$200. one thousand back packs will be provided again this year by Stanley/Montgomery Association packed to the brim and running over. The book list will be updated before going out with the letter to parents. Parents select books for their children from the list appropriate for children and age group. Angie Ritter with Ashe County DSS checks to make sure all applicants are eligible for the program according to income. Any applicants not served before are ask to fill out an eligibility income document and verify income to determine if they qualify for the Christmas project. The master list is sent to the Ashe County Partnership for Children. Elizabeth receives the referral list and letters and forms go out to the parents deemed to meet requirements for the program. Parents receiving information are asked to complete the forms for each child and return to Ashe Baptist Association where I check each form, number each child, pray over them and their families, then pass the forms on to Debbie where they are processed. Jessica Hamilton enters form information onto the red cards, hence red cards are ready for the public to pick up. Wrapping gifts has been discussed and agreed upon by the ACCCP Team that we will not be wrapping gifts this year. A note will be on letters to parents that wrapping paper will be available to parents and also to donors if they would like to supply wrapping paper for each child's gift they purchase. Volunteers check all the gifts to make sure they are appropriate for each child. They then place each Child's gifts in large trash bag, log the gift in and then bags are taken by more volunteers to add wrapping paper and extra gifts if needed. Volunteers carry the bags with each child's gift to the ACCCP storage area at Ashe Baptist Complex at Family Central on Tuesday, November 22 at 9:30am. If you would like to volunteer for any of these tasks the week of November 28 thru December 2 give the office a call and schedule a day and a time. On December 2 we have 1000 backpacks to move between 12:00-2:00 and help is needed. Move day, when we move all the bags to the gym is Monday, December 5 beginning at 8:00. This requires lots of help. Distribution Day help is needed to give the bags of gifts to parents from 8:00-5:00. It is our hope and prayer that the children, parents, donors and volunteers will all be drawn a little closer to the Lord during this time. For more info go to ashebaptist.org. click on newsletters and then ACCCP. On Mission Together, to help Ashe County folks be drawn closer to the Lord. Be apart of and be praying for The Ashe County Children's Christmas Project. See you on the mission field, missions begin at home and then we go on to other areas as God directs us.



Your Servant, David

Ashe Really Cares

336-846-5234

ashereallycares@gmail.com

Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Psalm 133: 1

It is a blessing to see the churches and community working together to help families that are in need. Through your support we are able to meet the needs of families that come in needing assistance. Each month we see new families that are needing food, clothing and household items. Through your generosity we are able to make sure that families have what they need.

Last month we were able to serve 100 families which touched 230 individuals. We also had 6 new families to come in needing assistance. We served 182 families with clothing and household items.

As the cooler months are fast approaching please keep in mind those who might need warm clothing, blankets and even help with heat assistance. The cost of heating homes is going to be up this years and especially our elderly may struggle to stay warm.

The holidays are upon us and some of the items we are in need of to help with the meals are: canned yams, gravy mixes, stuffing mixes, canned cranberry sauce. We have the other items to make up a meal and are hoping to get some turkeys donated. If you can help we will need these items for the months of November and December.

Thanks to everyone that supports the ARC and please remember to pray for those who do not know Christ as their Savior. As encouragement is given and seeds are being planted, pray that folks will see the need of accepting Jesus.

If someone in your church needs help please give us a call or bring them by the office. We are here to help those that are in need by being a friend and a place where they can receive help.

Ashe Really Cares
Pat Miller, Director



November 6	B- Mrs. Debbie Darnell
November 7	B- Mrs. Tonya Trivette
November 12	B- Mrs. Peggy Calloway
November 13	A- Rev. & Mrs. Allen Huffman
November 14	B- Mrs. Trish Wagoner
November 17	B- Mr. Garry Miller
November 17	A-Rev. & Mrs. Kirby McNeill
November 18	B- Mrs. Anni Leashomb
November 20	B- Mrs. Diane Dixon
November 21	B- Mrs. Rosalee McNeill
November 21	A- Rev. & Mrs. Evan Moore
November 23	A- Rev. & Mrs. Ken Jones
November 24	A-Rev. & Mrs. Mike Trivette
November 28	B-Mrs. Sue Rash
November 29	B- Mrs. Linda Blackburn

Hope for the Mountains PRAYER TEAM meets weekly at 8 AM on Tuesday mornings in the sanctuary of Midway Baptist Church. We have a short devotion, share prayer requests, and gather around the altar for prayer. It is open to the public, men and women, all are welcome!

GOOD SOIL MINISTRY would like to remind everyone that we accept your used literature and other materials monthly at Ashe Really Cares. This literature goes out all over the world to assist in aiding those you are spiritually orphaned. We do appreciate your support with this mission work.

THANK YOU! Ashe County Ford and Jeff and Amy Dollar for sponsoring Ashe County Baptist News each Saturday morning on 580 WKSK for the past several years. We appreciate your support and wish you the best.

We would like to thank Randy Marion and staff at Randy Marion Ford for continuing to sponsor the Ashe Baptist News on 580 WKSK. We appreciate your support and wish you well at Randy Marion Ford in West Jefferson. Welcome to Ashe County!

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2022

ASHE COUNTY CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROJECT

The Ashe County Children's Christmas Project is in full swing! We are currently processing names of children that have been chosen for the ACCCP. We are able to assist up to 1000 children in Ashe County this year. Please come by Ashe Baptist Association Office at 204 Beaver Creek School Road West Jefferson. Monday—Friday 9 am– 4 pm to pick up **Red Cards BEGINNING November 1st.** Gift intake will be **November 28-30, 9 am– 4 pm at Family Central.** Make a child happy this Christmas by being a part of the ACCCP.

MARK YOU CALENDARS WITH THESE IMPORTANT DATES

Red Cards to be ready to distribute-----	Nov. 1
Gift Intake at Family Central-----	Nov. 28-30
Move Day-----	Dec. 5

***** VOLUNTEERS NEEDED *****

Tuesday, November 22nd- 9:30 am to move extra gifts and wrapping paper from Ashe Baptist Association to Family Central. Please call the Ashe Baptist Office at 336-846-5631 to volunteer. Thank you!



THANK YOU

**Ashe Baptist Association
would like to thank our sponsors**

for the Ashe Baptist News heard on WSKS
each Saturday and on SoundCloud on the Web.

Randy Marion Ford in West Jefferson
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.



Newsletter

We want to CELEBRATE with you and share the
GOOD NEWS when exciting things are happening
at the church you attend! Please send articles,
pictures or flyers to our e-mail address:
ashebaptist@gmail.com, and we will announce on
our WSKS weekly radio show, post on the events
page of our website, ashebaptist.org, and on our
Facebook Page, in addition to printing in this
monthly newsletter publication that is posted in
color on the website and mailed to 680+ folks in
Ashe Co., all across NC, and neighboring states!
**As you set dates for church events, Special
Singings, Revivals, or Speakers, let us know! You
must submit articles for the Newsletter NO LATER
THAN the 20th of each month in order for them
to appear in the next month's publication.**

SUNDAY, NOV. 13TH

TAKE OUT LUNCH FUNDRAISER

STARTING AT 11:30, PICK UP YOUR SPAGHETTI
LUNCH AT APPALACHIAN CHURCH!

SUGGESTED DONATION IS \$10 PER PLATE

WE'RE RAISING FUNDS FOR AN UPCOMING TRIP TO ECUADOR.
THE TRIP WILL BE TO ASSIST THE WORK OF KEITH HOCUTT, A
MISSIONARY IN ECUADOR WHO IS PLANTING CHURCHES AND
COMMUNITY-LED BIBLE STUDIES IN REMOTE AREAS OF
ECUADOR.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO
ORDER YOUR PLATE:
YOUR ORDER WILL BE UNDER
THE NAME OF YOUR PAYMENT



Let's Pray

Hope for the Mountains PRAYER TEAM

meets

each Tuesday 8 am at Midway Baptist Church
Join us for a short devotion, share your prayer requests
& gather around the altar for prayer.

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

COMMUNITY PRAYER NIGHT

2022

Nov. 30th - Beaver Creek Christian

2023

Jan. 4th - Appalachian Church

Jan. 29th - Peace Haven Community Church

Mar. 29th - Warrensville Baptist Church

April 30th - Orion Baptist Church

May 31st - Midway Baptist Church

July 30th - South Fork Baptist Church

Aug. 30th - Beaver Creek Christian Church

Nov. 29th - Friendship Baptist Church



Executive Committee Meeting was held at Liberty Grove Baptist Church on Thursday, October 6th at 7 pm. The meeting was called into order by Moderator Jerry Powers. Jackie Blevins led the congregation in Amazing Grace as Butch Miller provided the music. Rev. Toby Oliver, Pastor at Liberty Grove Baptist welcomed everyone with devotion and prayer. Roll Call of Churches presented by Debbie Miller, Associational Clerk. Special Speaker, Rev. Carl Witherspoon presented information on IMB Missionaries visiting the county. Mrs. Pat Miller, Rev. David Blackburn, Rev. Larry Powers, Rev. Russell Hart and Mrs. Linda Blackburn also presented reports. The Business Section of the meeting followed and we then adjourned the meeting in prayer led by Mrs. Peggy Powers. The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held in January 2023, we invite you to attend.



Ashe Missionary Baptist Association					
Treasurer's Report July - September 2022 (1st Qtr.)					
Church Name	1st Qtr.	Year-To-Date		Amount	Year-To-Date
APPALACHIAN CHURCH			Churches	19,624.67	19,624.67
BALD MOUNTAIN	4,800.00	4,800.00	Other Income	9,588.34	9,588.34
BEAVER CREEK	450.00	450.00	Reimbursements	18,439.58	18,439.58
BIG FLATTS	0.00	0.00	Debt Reduction	-	-
BIG LAUREL	0.00	0.00	TOTAL INCOME	\$47,652.59	\$47,652.59
BLUE RIDGE	0.00	0.00			
BRISTOL	800.00	800.00	Beginning Balance	13,461.06	
BUFFALO	420.00	420.00	Income	47,652.59	
CALVARY	100.00	100.00	Expenses	47,316.44	
CHRISTIAN UNITY	300.00	300.00	Ending Balance 9.30.2022	13,797.21	
FARMER MEMORIAL	0.00	0.00			
FLETCHER MEMORIAL	977.84	977.84			
FRIENDLY GROVE	0.00	0.00			
FRIENDSHIP	1,650.00	1,650.00			
GOD'S WILL	150.00	150.00			
GRASSY CREEK	490.80	490.80	ABA Mortgage Balance 6.30.2022	\$ 68,436.87	
HAPPY TRAILS	311.76	311.76			
HEALING SPRINGS	205.12	205.12	Minutebooks-Other Income	\$225.00	
LAUREL KNOB	1,169.44	1,169.44	Beaver Creek Baptist	\$20.00	
LIBERTY GROVE	0.00	0.00	Liberty Grove Baptist	\$100.00	
LITTLE HELTON	60.00	60.00	New River Baptist	\$75.00	
MIDWAY	875.00	875.00	Round Knob Baptist	\$30.00	
MISSION HOME	500.00	500.00			
MOUNT OLIVE	0.00	0.00			
NEW RIVER	360.29	360.29			
NORTH BEAVER	750.00	750.00			
OAK HILL	0.00	0.00			
OBIDS	250.00	250.00			
OLD FIELDS	0.00	0.00			
ORION	1,100.00	1,100.00			
PHOENIX	600.00	600.00			
PILOT MOUNTAIN	215.10	215.10			
PINE SWAMP	0.00	0.00			
PLEASANT HOME	0.00	0.00			
PLEASANT VALLEY	250.00	250.00	All checks sent to the Associational Office written directly to either		
RIVERVIEW	150.00	150.00	Ashe Really Cares or ABA Campground are recorded in		
ROUND KNOB	442.00	442.00	separate bank accounts		
TRINITY	327.32	327.32			
TUCKERDALE	300.00	300.00	Note: Funds coming in after the first of the month,		
WAGONER	150.00	150.00	will show on the next month/quarter.		
WARRENSVILLE	1,200.00	1,200.00			
WELCOME HOME	300.00	300.00	<i>Every man according as he purposeth in his heart so let</i>		
			<i>him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth</i>		
Totals	\$19,654.67	\$19,654.67	<i>a cheerful giver.</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 9:7</i>	

Current Debt Reduction Offering:

\$6,618

8 Churches Reporting

Church Announcements

Bald Mountain Baptist Church -now has Inside Worship Service on Sundays at 10 am and Sunday School at 9 am as well as online and on Facebook. Wednesday night services are at 6:45 pm and Thursday morning Bible Study is at 10 am. Pastor, Rev. John Elledge welcomes you to attend.

Grief Support Services at the Bald Mountain Baptist Fellowship Hall. 13 week session every Thursday thru October 13, 6-8pm. Contact baldmountainchurch.org or call Peggy Ashley 336-877-7775.

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

North Beaver Baptist Church— Speakers November 6, Rev. Scott Day, November 13, Rev. Guy Testerman Sunday School at 10 am, Worship at 11 am. The congregations welcomes everyone.

Mission Home Baptist Church announces Rev. Luke Watson has been elected as Interim Pastor. We welcome Brother Luke, his wife Katy and their two children to the Ashe Baptist Association and look forward to working with them. He will begin on November 6th.

When you pray please remember Big Laurel Baptist, and North Beaver they are currently seeking a pastor.

Would the church you attend like to host The Annual Meeting of the Ashe Baptist Association in 2023 on Saturday, August 19th? Give the Preacher Place Committee a call or call the Associational Office at 336-846-5631. Bald Mountain Baptist Church will be hosting the Friday, August 18th session in 2023.

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 September– November newsletters. Thank you.



Christmas Dinner

The **Ashe Baptist Association** announces a Minister, wife and staff Christmas Dinner hosted by Bald Mountain Baptist Church on Thursday, December 8th at 6:30. A time of celebrating the birth of Christ together. A meal, scripture reading, singing and door prizes will be given. Call the Ashe Baptist Office at 336-846-5631 to reserve your seat at the table.



Annual Church Profile 2022

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How are you doing in getting the church you attend to complete the ACP?

Please have your Clerks or ACP Contact Person fill out the ACP.

This information helps us to be able to serve your church's ministry needs.

- 1. Total Membership**
- 2. Average Attendance**
- 3. Baptisms**
- 4. Total Cooperative Program Giving and**
- 5. Total Undesignated Gifts (Offerings)**

Churches can fill in the for those 5 questions on a 2022 digital form.
The link is <https://form.jotform.com/221234581146147>

For the 2022 Short Form the link is:

<https://ncbaptist.org/wp-content/uploads/2022-ACP-short-form.pdf>

Thank you for your assistance in getting this information for the ACP completed and submitted to NC Baptists and to the Ashe Baptist Association. **Please submit information by November 15th.**

Rev. David Blackburn, DOM
Ashe Baptist Association

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**ANNUAL
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Baptist Children's Homes
of NORTH CAROLINA

ASHE REALLY CARES VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

held on Tuesday, October 11, hosted by Friendly Grove Baptist Church. We appreciate all our volunteers at Ashe Really Cares. We could not function without you all, Thank you, Thank you Volunteers! Special thanks to Pastor Jeff Rizoti and Friendly Grove Baptist for allowing us to have the event at your fellowship hall.



Ashe County's Annual Canned Food Drive

OCTOBER
4TH -
DECEMBER
2ND



ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

Monetary donations are welcome as well. A full list of participating drop off sites can be found on Generations Ashe Facebook Page or call 336-246-4347

SPONSORED BY: ASHE COUNTY VOLUNTEER INITIATIVE PROGRAM

ON MISSION *Together*

Annual Meeting | Nov. 7-8, 2022

Breakout Session: Monday, November 7th @ 3:30pm

Making the EVERY CHILD Initiative Part of Your Missions Strategy

Join a panel discussion hosted by Mark Smith, foster and adoption church liaison with the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, as statewide church leaders share how the EVERY CHILD initiative has impacted their respective church's missions strategies. Guest panelists will be: John Cashwell, Senior Pastor of Providence Baptist – Harrisburg; Kyler Smith, Senior Associate Pastor of Hickory Grove – Charlotte; Casey Norkett, Missions Pastor of Hickory Grove – Charlotte; and Andrew Hopper, Lead Pastor of Mercy Hill – Greensboro.

The *Cook* family answers God's call.



Less than five years ago, Roger and Shanell Cook along with biological son, Jackson, were a family of three. Their household, and their lives, completely changed in 2018 when the Cooks became a trained and licensed foster family through Baptist Children's Homes (BCH).

"Fostering is about doing God's work," Roger shares. "This may be the only chance a child gets to see a Christian family."

The boys and girls placed with the Cook family are among the approximately 17,000 children in the custody of the NC foster care system. Many of them have been removed from their homes for their well-being and safety.

A BCH case manager provides continuous support to the Cooks and works with them when there is a child in need of a foster family. One of those children was seven-year-old Makala.

"We met her the week of Valentine's Day and fell in love with her immediately," Shanell says. "A little more than a year after they began fostering her, the Cooks adopted Makala making her a permanent member of their family. *And on August 1, 2019, Makala became a member of God's family when she asked Jesus into her heart.*

One day while Roger was at work, Shanell received a call from BCH asking if they would foster a seven-month old named Harmony. It had been years since they cared for a baby. Shanell texted Roger to share her concerns and ask for his feedback. His response: "God is calling, are you going to answer or let it go to voice mail?"

The Cooks have answered the call time after time. Like Makala, Harmony was fostered and then adopted by the family in July 2020. Just three months later, the Cooks fostered and adopted a teenage girl – 17-year-old Ashley. After three adoptions, they continue to foster.

"The blessings far outweigh the challenges," Shanell says. "Whether it's one hour, one day, one week, one month, one year – every child will know what love is and know who Jesus is. That is what it is all about."

ANNUAL OFFERING

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Help Wanted

Bald Mountain Baptist Church – 2 Positions available- Children’s Director and Youth Director These will be paid positions. Please send resume to Bald Mountain Baptist Church, 1460 Bald Mountain Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694 or contact the office at: 336-877-1550.

**Samaritan’s Purse has Seasonal Part-time and Full-time positions available.
For more information call: 1-800-528-1980**



LOOKING FOR A SEASONAL JOB WITH AN ETERNAL PURPOSE?

Help process Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for children around the world in Jesus' Name!

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Midway Baptist Church looking to fill a part time Maintenance/Custodial Position

Principle Function of the Position:

- To ensure basic maintenance items are taken care of us and daily cleaning of the facility, along with lawn care duties.

Description of Position:

- This job is an hourly position, up to 20 hours weekly. Pay scale is starting at \$13.00/hour.
- There are no benefits at this time for this position.
- This position is flexible as to which days of the week (Monday-Saturday) and hours you choose to work, as long as at least two(2) days a week or (8) hours a week are during normal office hours of Monday –Friday 8:30– 5:00 p.m.

If interested, please contact Midway Baptist Church for a more detailed job description at:
336-246-2012 or email: pastorsteve@midwaybaptistnc.org

Pray for Ukraine

The people of central and western Ukraine were living with the hope that the war with Russia would be contained in the eastern part of the nation. Families in Kiev and surrounding villages were returning with the hope that their homes would still be standing—spared from the Russian bombs and looting by the Russian soldiers.

However, on October 10th the situation suddenly changed, people in Kiev and the surrounding villages were awakened by the sound of air raid sirens as Russia sent a barrage of Iranian kamikaze drones to strike population centers of innocent civilians and critical infrastructure. With this recent assault, Ukraine has lost 30% of the power stations leading to massive blackouts as the cold Ukrainian winter is upon them.

Although, Ukraine is no longer in the headlines for the US media, the situation has become more dire for the people of Ukraine. Time is on the side of Russia; Putin is willing to destroy the Russian economy and nation rather than lose face by admitting that his goal to become the new Russian Czar encountered a road block—the resistance of the Ukrainian people who had rather die as free Ukrainians than live under Russian domination.

Pray for Ukraine; this war has a face, I have friends in Irpin, Bucha, Kiev, Zdvizhevka, Boradanka, and Korestin--brothers and sisters in Christ. God enabled me to first minister in Ukraine in 1993, my first role was construction, working alongside believers building churches. The ministry soon branched out to include children's outreach with Vacation Bible Schools.

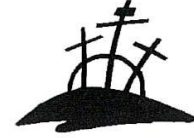
I am asking believers to join with me praying for Ukraine. Pray for the people of Ukraine, pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ, Isaiah 26:3 promises: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth thee." Pray for the leaders of Ukraine and Russia, pray for leaders of western nations. God reminds us in Proverbs 21:1 "The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will."

I would like to share with your church a PowerPoint presentation about the situation in Ukraine with a call for us as believers to pray. I am available to come for Sunday morning worship, Sunday evening, Sunday School classes or small groups. If you would like to learn more about the situation in Ukraine, please contact: Jim Rash at 336-877-1760.



Though the eyes of a child: fear and tears as her homeland is invaded, but yet a hope for peace, the word she has printed on the Ukrainian flag is PEACE.

Ashe Baptist Association



Date: Friday, October 28, 2022
Post Office Box 850,
Jefferson, North Carolina, 28640-0850
E-mail domdblackburn@gmail.com
Cell 336-877-7233

Dear Ministers,

The Annual Minister, wife, family and staff Christmas Dinner will be held at Bald Mountain Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on Thursday, December 8 at 6:30. Mountain Aire Seafood and Steaks will be catering this meal. She will have meat, assorted veggies, sides, desserts and drinks. It will be sponsored by Virginia-Carolina Concrete Inc. We will enjoy fellowship together, relaxing, eating and singing Christmas Carols and reading the Christmas Story together. Door prizes will be given to those who have been good though the year. Plan now to be a part of this event by reserving your seat before November 26th by calling the office at 336-846-5631. I hope you will take time to enjoy this time together.

Merry Christmas,

David Blackburn

DOM David Blackburn,

Associational Missions Strategist for Ashe Baptist Association

Discipleship Tip of the Month

John 17:9-10

⁹ I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. ¹⁰ And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. This text presents two truths relate to believers that are essential if we are to see the church revived. First, there are times when believers need to focus their prayers specifically one for another. Jesus made it clear in this text that His prayers were not for the world but instead for His disciples whom the Father had given Him. Jesus was not suggesting here that believers should never pray for the lost or for the world. The Bible is very clear that prayers on behalf of the lost and the world should be a part of every Christian's life (Romans 10:1 -2 - Matt. 6:9-10) Second, Jesus makes it very clear that His glorification is tied to the disciples whom the Father gave Him. Thus, it is imperative that Jesus' followers walk Christ-like character and live holy lives as witnesses to Him and the resurrection. When believers are prayed for and they fulfill their calling and Mission, Jesus is glorified. This ultimately brings glory to the Father, which is a direct answer to Jesus' prayer on John 17:1



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Jefferson, NC 28640

Return Service Requested

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage Paid
Permit No. 1

November

- 1 ACCCP Red Cards
- 6 Time Change Fall Back
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 24 Thanksgiving
- 24-25 ABA/ARC Offices Closed
- 28-30 ACCCP Gift Intake



NOVEMBER 2022						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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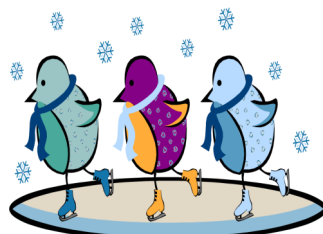
- 5 ACCCP Move Day
- 4-11 Lottie Moon Week of Prayer Christmas Offering
- 25 Christmas
- 22-28 ABA/ARC Offices Closed



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January 2023

- 1-2 Happy New Year ABA/ARC Offices Closed
- 10 ARC Committee Meeting @ ABA Board Room 7pm
- 12 ABA Executive Committee Meeting @ Midway 7pm
- 22 Sanctity of Life Sunday



JANUARY 2023						
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