

Ashe Baptist Association News



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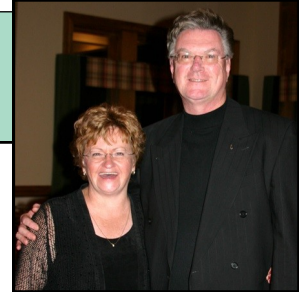
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OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 AM—4:00 PM Monday—Friday
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Bald Mountain
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Fletcher Memorial
Friendly Grove
Friendship
God's Will Missionary
Grassy Creek
Happy 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

Preacher David's Corner

Rev. David Blackburn, Director of Missions



"The Baptist Association"

"A valuable partner in ministry." Milton Hollifield Executive Director Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina hit the nail on the head with these words. Our theme is "Moving into a new Future: Sowing and Reaping." The association is created by the churches and is accountable through the church's messengers. The association is what the churches decide to make it. The churches decide what the association will become when they decide what percentage of their church budget will go to the associational missions. Churches shape the association by their expectations, by the significance they give to the role of their messengers and executive board members, Churches make the association a vital source for advancing God's work. Without support from the local churches the association cannot function. There are seventy seven associations in North Carolina. We share a common faith and are active on missions. Every association differs from one another in size, geographical territory, population, culture, ethnic, and number of churches. We are unique and it is the uniqueness of that situation that an association has a very special responsibility to be on mission. We all have a God called work to do in our own area. We all can be a part of what's happening in a specific way through involvement in the church you attend and the association. One of the most beautiful descriptions of a Baptist Association is a "family of Churches." Families share the same common heritage. That doesn't mean that everyone in a family is just alike. Likewise a healthy association-family encourages an appreciation for the uniqueness of the churches that makes it up. In a healthy family, everyone cares for one another. Families do things together. There is a special joy in the Christian Life when family of churches express it's spiritual kinship through its life and work together. Associations have a Director of Missions, Associational Missionary or a Missions Strategist or a David which I am called sometimes. I feel they play a vital role to impact lostness through Disciple Making. We also are a pastor to the pastor. We are someone folks can talk to about anything. We work with pastor, work with churches and strengthen relationships among churches. Together we make a difference in Ashe County, North Carolina, in the United States and around the world! From Administrative Assistants to leaders in the association from the churches we attend, all serve the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords! Milton Hollifield says "If the church you attend isn't connected or engaged with the local Baptist Association I would encourage you to get involved." The popular statement that we as Southern Baptist hold true is that we can accomplish more together than we can apart." I am thankful that we in Ashe County do work together on many projects to further the Kingdoms Work no matter what our denomination or size is. We believe Christ first and everything else second! I am thankful for the Ashe Baptist Associations and all the other associations. We continue to work and not be depressed by the old devil and his crowd. Are we perfect? NO. But God forgives and we move forward. Still try to win folks to the Lord and strengthen Christians and Churches. Every church is important. I realize that if I do not visit the small church I must give up the right to visit the large church. We are apart of "THE CHURCH." We are a family of churches no matter what size. We are seen through the eyes of God and that is all that matters in the long run. Keep working, don't give up, better days ahead. Call the association and we will do our best to help. When I lay down at night and I pray myself to sleep. I am thankful I am His and He is mine! I pray it is true for you as well.

Your Servant, David





We are happy to partner with Dr. Burt Wilbur, President of the Brushy Mountain Bible Institute as he announces the opening of a second campus here in Ashe County.

Classes will be offered at the Ashe Baptist Association Office:
204 Beaver Creek School Road, West Jefferson.

The Institute offers Associate and Bachelor's degrees in ministry.

The Rev. David Blackburn will serve as the campus director and Rev. John Crawford will be the main instructor as the campus gets underway.

Classes are scheduled to begin on August 19th with two offerings:

The Baptist Faith and Message (TH101) 2 credit hours Mondays; 6-7:45pm

Sharing Jesus Without Fear (EV101) 2 credit hours Mondays; 8-9:45pm

Students can enroll beginning July 5th at either Brushy Mountain Bible Institute location.

WILKES CAMPUS

1519 River Street

Wilkesboro, NC 28697

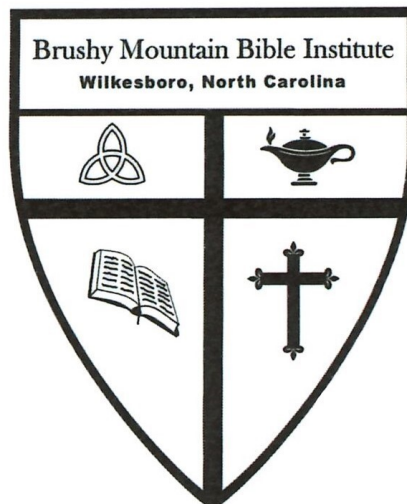
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ASHE CAMPUS

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Rev. Robert Duncan Institute Team Leader

Dr. Charles Whipple, Academic Dean

Gloria Kilby, Finance Director

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Ashe Really Cares

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Psalm 100:3

Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Worthy is our praise to our God, the creator of the universe and everything there in!! What a mighty God that we serve. The blessings that we receive cannot be counted. God is so good to Ashe Really Cares. Through Him and His people we are blessed to have the food, clothing and other items to share with those that are in need. We cannot thank the churches and individuals enough for all of your prayers and support. Without the churches and the people we would not be able to reach and help those that are in need.

Last month we served 172 families with food and clothing. This touched 401 individuals. Counting the families that come in to look at the clothing only, we were able to reach a total of 700 individuals. One Monday we served 23 families with clothing only and 13 families with food and clothing. On that one day we had about 500 pieces of clothing that went out our doors. This helps you to understand the amount of people that you help to show the love of Christ to.

Please remember as your vegetables grow that we would love to have some to share with our neighbors that come in. We have been blessed to be able to share fresh apples and oranges that we received from Second Harvest Food Bank. This helps to have nutritious food to give out. Some items that we need are: Pancake Mix, peanut butter, canned pinto beans, canned pork-n-beans and dry spaghetti noodles (white).

A shout out to all of the volunteers that help to keep the ARC going!!!! Without those that pick up food, sort and hang clothing and those that stock the shelves we would not exist. They are the back bone that keeps the ARC moving forward. If you would like to help, come by and talk with me. Thanks again for all that you do to help reach people for God's Kingdom.



Ashe Really Cares
Pat Miller, Director



2—Rev. & Mrs. Darrell Poole

2—Mrs. Terri Shatley

4—Rev. J.C. Darnell

5—Ms. Linda Richardson

7—Mrs. Sherrie Harless

12—Rev. & Mrs. Kevin York

13—Rev. & Mrs. Steve Ashley

14—Rev. Mark Harless

14—Mrs. April Jones

17—Mrs. Teresa Blevins

19—Rev. & Mrs. John Crawford

20—Rev. & Mrs. J.C. Darnell

21—Rev. Billy Norris

23—Rev. & Mrs. Mark Harless

27—Brother Brandy & Mrs. Samantha Phipps

27—Mrs. Judy Viers

30—Mrs. Pat & Mr. Garry Miller

30—Mr. Donnie & Mrs. Betty Houck

We ask that you remember in prayer the following congregations that are in search of a Pastor.

God's Will Baptist Church

Phoenix Baptist Church

Grassy Creek Baptist Church

WELCOME to Rev. Jerry Francis and his wife, Ethel as he begins serving as interim Pastor at Pleasant Valley Baptist.



Micah Lee from **Baptist Children's Homes of NC** picks up supplies that were donated by Ashe churches during the month of May.

He was also presented with checks and gift cards that were collected.

Thanks so much for your generous support!

For 100 years, GuideStone® has helped aged pastors, workers and their widows who served small churches at a time when salaries were meager and benefits few. Today many of these godly men and women struggle to buy groceries. Or pay the electric bill. Or get a necessary prescription.

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OCTOBER 26, 2019

A Special **INVITATION** for YOU

May 7, 2019

Dear Servant of the Lord,

We are a group of men and women, pastors and lay people, who have felt led by God to come together and pray for the churches of Ashe county and America as a nation, as well as for those whom the Lord is seeking to reach who have not yet come to know His saving grace.

We meet every Tuesday morning at 8:00am at Midway Baptist Church at 1670 Mt. Jefferson Rd, West Jefferson for a time of sharing and to pray at the alter to the Lord. We would like to invite you as pastor or a representative from your church to come join us. We believe God wants to and needs to do a great work of grace in America and who knows if He might begin it here is Ashe county.

The Bible states 2 Chronicles 7:14 that the first steps to seeing God move is prayer. **If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.** History has also proven that every great work (revival) of God began with someone praying which led to others praying and finally God moving. We are asking you and your church to consider joining this group of believers as we pray for God to show His power in calling America back to Himself.

All you have to do is simply show up because all are welcome as we pray together. If another time or location would work better, we are open to your suggestions. For more information you can contact David Blackburn at 336-846-5631 or Steve LeaShomb at 336-246-2012.

Thank you for your time in considering this very important request.

Praying people

What's Happening

We'd love to share what's going on at the church where you attend. Please send us articles and/or pictures of special events by the 20th of each month to ashebaptist@gmail.com. Newsletters are mailed out and published on our website and Facebook page prior to the beginning of each month.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend

WEEKLY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
 Tuesdays 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 April 9 - July 2, 2019
 Bald Mountain Baptist Church
 1435 Bald Mountain Rd
 West Jefferson, NC 28694
 336-877-1550

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June 2-5	Pine Swamp Baptist	Fixer-Upper
June 2-6	Healing Springs Baptist	In the Wild
June 2-5	Obids Baptist Church	In the Wild
June 16-19	Orion Baptist Church	In the Wild
June 16-20	Christian Unity Baptist	In the Wild
June 17-21	Laurel Knob Baptist	In the Wild
June 17-21	Mt. Olive Baptist	GiddyUP Junction
June 23-27	Midway Baptist	The Incredible Race
June 23-28	Friendship Baptist	In the Wild
June 23-29	Mission Home Baptist	In the Wild
June 24-28	Bald Mountain Baptist	In the Wild
July 7-10	Round Knob Baptist Church	In the Wild
July 12-14	Buffalo Baptist	Yee-Haw
July 14-17	Fletcher Baptist Church	In the Wild

Times and more details for each can be found on the ABA website at ashebaptist.com

These special folks graced our ABA office with a visit last week. We are so pleased that they will once again be partnering with us for the "Backpack" portion of our Ashe County Children's Christmas Project. It was well received last year, and we are once again looking for great results!

WE HAVE A FEW SEATS LEFT!!

Ashe Baptist Association office is planning a trip to the Ozarks September 16-21. We will be seeing an outdoor drama "The Passion" in Eureka Springs, Arkansas and then on to Branson, MO for more shows and activities! We'd love to have you travel with us! For more information and pricing, please call the office at 336-846-5631.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE IN WORD AND DEED

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Encouraging & Equipping Leaders to Serve

WMU NC is committed to helping leaders feel equipped to lead in their churches and communities. **ABOUND** is our annual leadership training, hosted each summer across the state. It is a day focused on encouraging and equipping leaders to live out their specific ministry callings within their churches and communities.

Leaders will hear from powerful keynote speakers and a wide variety of workshop sessions are available, from WMU age-level mission groups to spiritual development sessions. It's a time for leaders to network and fellowship with one another, gain fresh ideas, and receive new resources.

Join us at any of the training locations below for a day of encouragement and strengthening your leadership skills.

2019 Dates & Locations:

JUNE 29, 2019

Oakmont Baptist Church

Greenville, NC

JULY 27, 2019

Fairview Baptist Church

Statesville, NC

AUGUST 10, 2019

First Baptist Church of Swannanoa

Swannanoa, NC



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER VISIT:
WWW.WMUNC.ORG/TRAINING
OR CALL (866) 210-8602 EXT. 208



We were blessed to be able to recently honor Ms. Mattie Latham and her 14+ years of service to Ashe Really Cares. Ms. Mattie has been a faithful employee who has touched many lives. She will be missed by workers and clients both!

We certainly wish her well as she starts this new season, and is able to spend more time with family and friends.

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ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



High Country Gaming Guild



Location: Warrensville Baptist Church. 130 Church St, Warrensville, NC 28693

Guild begins on June 4th. Guild will meet every Tuesday through July 30th

Participation and registration are free. Sign up at
(<http://warrensvillebaptistchurch.com/HighCountryGamingGuild>)

Youth League: Players ages 13-18

Adult League: Payers ages 18+

Position in the league is based on an accumulated points system. Points are awarded weekly for attendance and performance.

Top 8 from each age League will qualify for Finals.

Youth Finals: August 6th. Adult Finals: August 13th

Prizes will be awarded to top three players in each League.

Doors open at 5:45. A meal will be provided each night from 6 to 6:30.

Events start at 6:30 and will end at 8:30 each night.

High Country Gaming Guild contacts

Nicholas Woods – 336-620-2506

David Rubino – 336-207-7053

For questions and inquiries please email us at: HighCountryGG@gmail.com



Do you know a child that has experienced a significant change?
Tell them about Camp Sunshine!



Camp Sunshine is an educational day camp for children between the ages of 6-13 who have experienced a significant change in life. Here, children will encounter a mix of fun, recreation, and structured activities to promote coping and encourage healing. Children do not need to be associated with Medi Home Health and Hospice to register for this event.

Transportation is available Thursday and Friday and lunch is included all three days. There is no charge for the camp, transportation, meals or admission to Tweetsie. Parent/guardian is responsible for transportation on Saturday for Family Day at Tweetsie.

Activities for the 2 days Include:

- Yoga and Meditation
- Expressive Arts
- Music Therapy
- Pet Therapy
- Nature Integration
- Hands on Activities

Registration is required for this event and applications are due by Friday, July 12th.



"My child was so excited to attend Camp Sunshine and enjoyed every second. The staff from phone conversations, drop off, pick up and everywhere in between were so positive and warming to myself and my child. Thank you so much for providing my child and all the other children various outlets and supports during this 'change' in their lives. Thank you!"

– Parent of a Camper

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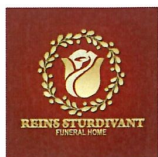
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August 1-2 9:30 am – 3:00 pm
 Appalachian State University Campus
August 3 Family Day at Tweetsie Railroad



Medi Home Health & Hospice

bereavementmsa@msa-corp.com
 call (828) 265-3926 or (336) 246-6443
 Register online at www.msa-corp.com/events.aspx



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 2019





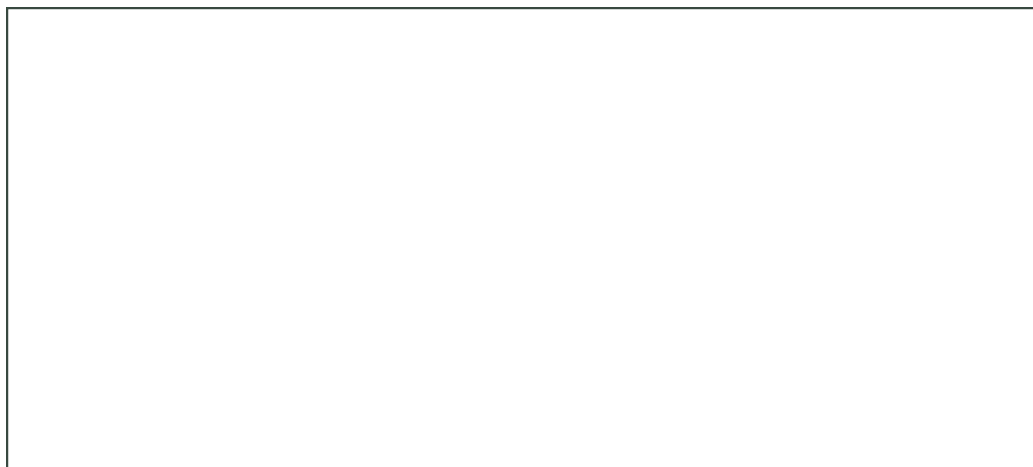
Discipleship Thought of the Month

THE SPRINGTIME IS A PERIOD OF RESTORED VITAL ENERGY

Psalm 104:30 *Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.*

We live in a time of renewal. Not only is this a time of seasonal renewal, it is also a time of spiritual renewal. Like the natural cycles of the seasons, our evolving consciousness follows the universal pattern of growth, maturity, decay, and renewal. Life is starting from every pore of Nature. The whole face of the earth heaves and throbs with an exhaustless tide of life. Every spot teems with new existence.

We are impressed with the infinite affluence of the "Fountain of life." Spring is really a new display of God's presence and power; a renewal which comes from the putting forth of Divine energy. And what He does in the natural world He also does in the spiritual realm. May your Spring be great because of what God does in your life !!!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

- 1 Welcome Home Mows Campground
- 15 New River Mows Campground
- 16 Father's Day
- 21 Summer Begins
- 29 Friendly Grove Mows Campground

July

- 1-5 ABA/ARC Office Closed for Summer Vacation
- 11 ABA Executive Committee Meets at Tuckerdale, 7 PM
- 13 Fletcher Mows Campground
- 27 Warrensville Mows Campground

August

- 10 Friendship Mows Campground
- 16 ABA Annual meeting; Welcome Home
- 17 ABA Annual meeting; Big Flatts

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