## **Ashe Baptist Association News**





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### 2024

**Preacher David's Corner** 

Rev. David Blackburn, Director of Missions Email: domdblackburn@gmail.com



#### Post 138th Annual Meeting of the Ashe Baptist Association

In the heart of the "Coolest Corner of North Carolina," nestled among the rolling hills and vibrant communities of Ashe County, the Ashe Baptist Association gathered for its 138th Annual Meeting. This historic event brought together representatives from 44 churches, all united by a shared mission and a deep commitment to their faith. Members from every corner of the county arrived at the meeting, their hearts full of anticipation. This year's gathering was especially significant, as it was not just a time for reflection and worship but also a crucial opportunity to learn and grow together. On Friday August 16 at the Liberty Grove Baptist Church the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina sent nine representatives and the Executive Director Treasurer, Rev. Todd Unzicker to share insights, offer guidance, and provide encouragement to the association's messengers. Their presence underscored the importance of unity and collaboration in facing the challenges of today's world. The messengers gained valuable knowledge on how to better serve their communities, spread the gospel, and support one another in their spiritual journeys. On Saturday August 17, at Friendly Grove Baptist Church, nineteen local associational leaders also took the stage, shared stories of what God was doing in their churches, communities and around the world. These testimonies were a powerful reminder of the strength that comes from working together, with each church playing its part in the larger mission of the Ashe Baptist Association and the Baptist State Convention of NC. God blessed us with His Holy Spirit. Wonderful singing, preaching, singing and two great meals. Rev. Toby Oliver preached on "Such a time as This" from the book of Esther. Rev. Brian Furches preached on "The world is coming to Ashe County", from the Book of Matthew 28:16-20 and Rev. Chris Taylor preached on "Prayer" from the book of Timothy. Excellent sermons for all of us. A recurring theme throughout the meeting was the importance of missions. From local outreach efforts to international initiatives, the association's dedication to helping others was evident. Stories of lives touched by their work, both near and far, filled the churches with a sense of purpose and determination. The our work is far from over. We have extra Book of Reports with all the information that was shared at the Associational Office if you would like one. I was revived and Spirit filled ready, to serve the Lord and I hope those of you who attended were as well. Thank you to all who came and it was well attended. I thank especially all the pastors who came. As the days came to a close, there was a renewed sense of unity and resolve among the messengers. The 138th Annual Meeting of the Ashe Baptist Association was more than just an event; it was a reaffirmation of their collective mission. With hearts full and spirits lifted, the members left, ready to continue their work in the "Coolest Corner of North Carolina" and beyond, inspired by the knowledge they had gained and the fellowship they had shared. Please remember the 139th Annual Session next year we will need one church to host on Friday, August 15, 2025. Orion Baptist Church has requested to host on Saturday, August 16, 2025. Please contact the church you attend and share with them this need as soon as you can. How long has it been since you hosted an Ashe Baptist Associational Meeting? Would you consider doing it. Contact the preacher and place committee, Mrs. Lucy Hagin, Mr. Jerry Powers, and Mr. Harold Riddle or the Associational Office.

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



Your Servant, David

#### Ashe Really Cares

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1 Thessalonians 5:15-18

<sup>15</sup> See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.<sup>16</sup> Rejoice evermore.<sup>17</sup> Pray without ceasing.<sup>18</sup> In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Please continue to lift up this ministry in prayer. While everyone works hard in this ministry there is nothing more powerful than calling on God and walking in faith that He will provide all our needs both seen and unseen.

July was a very busy month. Despite being closed the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>, we still assisted many households with food and clothing. In total, 109 households used the food pantry, 205 households used the clothing pantry, and 4 new households signed up to use the pantry for the first time. We continue to provide emergency electric assistance and helped 2 households prevent disconnection of their service this month. As the cold months approach, we anticipate that need to increase drastically. All this is possible through the generosity of our Association's churches and other community members donating funds, and goods, as well as volunteering their time.

Get connected with us at <u>facebook.com/</u> <u>ashereallycares</u> to keep up with ARC news!

Online giving is now available! We have partnered with Vanco to provide a safe and secure way to make donations online. This allows you to make a one-time donation or set up monthly payments.

Scan the QR code below (or go to:

https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZMX3) to donate now and help us reach our goal of our first \$1000 online donations by October.

God Bless, Twila Miller Director of Ashe Really Cares







September 1 A- Mr & Mrs David Miller September 3 B- Rev. Ken Jones September 5 B- Rev. Homer Murdock September 9 B- Mr. Butch Miller September 17 B- Rev. Alan Combs September 17 B- Rev. Tom Graybeal September 18 B- Mrs Kim Tester September 18 B- Mrs Pat Miller September 22 B- Mrs. Danna Rizoti September 24 B- Mrs. Cindy Strickland September 24 B- Mrs. Samatha Phipps September 24 B- Rev. Lawrence Goodman A- Rev. & Mrs. Steve LeaShomb September 24 September 24 A- Rev. & Mrs. Jeffery Rizoti September 25 B- Rev. Chris Goforth September 25 A- Rev. & Mrs. Steve Viers September 27 A- Rev. & Mrs. Paul Strickland September 30 B- Rev. Danny Joe Farmer

Special thanks to Pollard Glass Company in West Jefferson, for replacing a window at the campground. Dwayne & Donna Pollard are members New River Baptist Church.



#### Ashe Baptist Association

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

All three days of teaching will be made available in three different regional locations (Asheville, Hendersonville & Boone).

Choose the campus that works best for you! Registration will open July 1. **Email info@buncombebaptist.org** to be added to the pre-registration list. A one-time/optional \$10 donation will be received on-site. Lunch provided.

#### **FaithHealth Connector Report**

I had always loved the mountains, but I started to have a deep longing to live in the mountains about 25 years ago. My wife, Cindy, and I started to make plans to make a move to the mountains of N.C., but the plans were put on hold for many years as we cared for elderly family members in South Carolina. I have often wondered why I, and thousands of others, have been drawn to these mountains. In reality, there is and has always been, a longing in the hearts of people for the mountains all over the world in every generation. Why do mountains so mesmerize us? Where does this desire come from?

The United Nations declared 2009 "International Year of Mountains" and dedicated it with the slogan, "We are all mountain people." That phrase summarizes well the role mountains play in Scripture. From start to finish, the story of the Bible swirls around mountaintops, and the people of God truly are mountain people. The Bible uses the words Mountain or Mountains 624 times. In contrast, Love is used only 504 times.

Genesis 31:54. "Then Jacob offered a sacrifice on the mountain, and called his brethren to eat bread. And they are bread and stayed all night on the mountain."

**Exodus 19:20.** "Then the Lord came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain. And the Lord called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up."

Isaiah 2:2. "Now it shall come to pass in the latter days *That* the mountain of the Lord's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills, And all nations shall flow to it."

As we leave the Old Testament and move to the New Testament, we continually find the prominence of Mountains in the ministry of our Lord Jesus.

Luke 9:28-29. <sup>"28</sup> Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe *became* white *and* glistening."

Luke 6:12. "Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God."

The earthly ministry of our Lord Jesus concludes on a Mountain as He gives the Great Commission to His Disciples. Matthew 28:16. "Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them."

The Holy Scriptures close by declaring the eternal City of God and our eternal home is to be on a high mountain. Revelation 21:10. "And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God."

How do we ensure that our final home will be on that great mountain? We humble ourselves and bow at the foot of another mountain---Mount Calvary. The Mount on which the Son of the Living God shed His blood on a cruel Roman cross for the sins of the world. Let us all be certain that we bow at that Old Rugged Cross where our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, offered Himself as a sin offering for us all. This is the true call of the Mountains to each of us.

I continue to serve the residents of Ashe County as your Faith-Health Connector. If I can assist you in connecting you or your neighbors will resources to help you in time of need, please call the Association Office. I am always available to assist you.

Many Blessings, Paul Strickland, FaithHealth Connector, Ashe County

#### HOPE FOR THE MOUNTAINS

#### **PRAYER TEAM**

#### MEETS EACH TUESDAY 8:00 AM

At

#### **MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH**

#### **EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!**





We want to CELEBRATE with you and share the GOOD NEWS when exciting things are happening at the church you attend! Please send articles, pictures or flyers to our e-mail address at:

ashebaptist@gmail.com, and we will announce on our WKSK weekly radio show, post on the events page of our website, ashebaptist.org, and on our Facebook Page, in addition to printing in this monthly newsletter publication that is posted in color on the website and mailed to 680+ folks in Ashe Co., all across NC, 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. **Hope for the Mountain Revival Choir Practice** Sunday's at 6 pm at Midway Baptist Church located at 1670 Mt. Jefferson Rd. Anyone from any church interested in singing is invited to come to practice each Sunday Evening. Pastor Steve LeaShomb and Brother Ron Criss, Choir Director welcomes you to Midway Baptist Church.

**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.

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ASHE REALLY CARES STAFF Mrs. Twila Miller, Ashe Really Cares Director Mr. Nathan McLeese, Ashe Really Cares Assistant

## **Church Announcements**

**Bald Mountain Baptist** –Come join us! Sunday School- 9 am and Worship Service -10 am. Wednesday night services are at 6: 30 pm. Pastor, Rev. John Elledge welcomes you to attend.

**Orion- Revival -** Sunday Morning, September 22 thru Wednesday, September 25. Brother Victor Church will be the guest speaker. On the 5th Sunday Night Singing (September 29<sup>th</sup>) Mercy's Well will be the special guest singers from Greensboro, NC. Rev. Lawrence Goodman, pastor and the congregations invite you to attend.

**Mission Home Baptist-** Saturday, September 28th 11am- 2 pm BBQ & the fixin's \$10 per plate. Bounce House, hayrides, cake walks, face painting & games!!! Pastor, Rev. Luke Watson & congregation invite you to join them.

**Welcome Home Baptist Church** Homecoming Services will be on September 15 at 10 am with Harmony's Way singing. Worship service will be at 11:00 am with Rev. Sam Jones from Redemption Life Fellowship in Greenville South Carolina preaching. We will have a meal afterwards in our Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome by the Pastor, Rev. Lonnie Jones.

**When you pray,** please remember Grassy Creek, Buffalo Baptist, Round Knob Baptist, Mt Olive Baptist, Wagoner, Big Laurel and Riverview Baptist. These churches are currently seeking a pastor

**New Church Announcements:** please send updated church information for the church you attend: to:domdblackburn@gmail.com or ashebaptist@gmail.com. We will get all new information provided on the Saturday Radio Program, the <u>www.ashebaptist.org</u> and the newsletters.



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ASHE BAPTIST CAMPGROUND SEPTEMBER MOWING SCHDEULE September 14- New River Baptist September 28- Liberty Grove Baptist Thank you to everyone who keeps the grounds mowed & trimmed!!!

PRESENTED BY THE CHURCHES OF ASHE

**2024 EVENTS** 

# 51H QUARTER

**5TH QUARTER IS BACK FOR MORE FUN IN 2024!** COMMONS AREA DOORS WILL OPEN AFTER HALFTIME AND WE WILL END THE NIGHT BY 11PM.

AUGUST 23RD SEPTEMBER 13TH OCTOBER 18TH NOVEMBER 1ST OCTOBER 4TH IS OUR "PAINT IT PURPLE" TAILGATE PARTY

> FOLLOW US: @ASHETEENS4CHIRST FOR MORE INFO: ASHETEENS4CHRIST@GMAIL.COM

## **Community Revival**

September 15 thru September 19

Services-7:00 nightly, Prayer Room 6:45 Special Singing Nightly,

Sunday September 15th: at Grassy Creek Baptist Church:

420 Grassy Creek Road, Grassy Creek, NC

Rev. Lonnie Jones of Welcome Home Baptist Church will preach.

Monday September 16th: at Welcome Home Baptist Church-4087 US Highway 221 N, Crumpler, NC

Rev. Lonnie Carpenter of Pleasant Home Baptist Church will preach.

Tuesday September 17th: at Shelter Baptist Church-

2150 Shelter Church Road, Crumpler, NC

Rev. David Moore of Grassy Creek Baptist Church will preach.

Wednesday September 18th: at Pleasant Valley Baptist-

1836 Old Field Creek Road, Grassy Creek, NC

Rev. Louis Young of Shelter Baptist Church will preach.

Thursday September 19th: at Pleasant Home Baptist Church-

11028 Highway 16 N, Grassy Creek, NC

Rev. Allen Huffman of Pleasant Chapel Baptist Church will preach.

EVERYONE WELCOME; PASTORS AND CONGREGATIONS INVITE YOU TO ATTEND!

# **NCBAM Fall Regional** Bept. 12 Asheville Bot. 26 Bocky Mount

Sept. 12 Asheville Sept. 26 Rocky Mount Oct. 22 Thomasville

> Our focus: How churches can prevent Elder Abuse.

ncbam.org/events



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SEPT 14: Odum Home, Pembroke & Kennedy Home, Kinston SEPT 21: Camp Duncan, Aberdeen & Mills Home , Thomasville SEPT 28: Cameron Boys Camp, Cameron 26: Oak Ranch, Broadway

**MAKE PLANS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** 

LET'S STOP

THE HURTING



Revivial Nights

Sept. 15th Sept. 16th Sept. 17th Sept. 18th Sept. 22nd Liberty Grove Baptist Church, 6pm Friendship Baptist Church 7pm Blue Ridge Elementary Auditorium 7pm Midway Baptist Church 7pm ACHS Gymnasium 6pm

Revival Choir each night along with other worship music.

# HOPE FOR THE MOUNTAINS

#### Youth Worship Night Sept. 22nd

At Ashe County High School Gymnasium at 6:00pm, with a pizza party starting at 5:00pm! Join us for a night of teaching, worship and prayer.



# Prayer Stories of the \_\_\_\_\_\_ PERSECUTED

#### OCTOBER 29- NOVEMBER 7, 2024

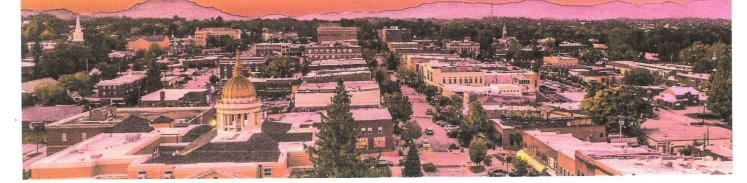
More than 360 million Christians worldwide suffer high levels of persecution and discrimination for their faith.

Join Getaneh in North Carolina for all or part of two weeks as he shares stories and prayers about the persecuted church in Somalia, kenya, Uganda, Eritrea, South Sudan, North Sudan, Ethiopia and the Arab Emirates. He will also be speaking on "What is the Agenda of Islam?"

Getaneh will be in Hendersonville and West Jefferson, North Carolina.

For information and details call 432.570.7500 or email getaneh@watchandprayministries.org

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:37-39:



Call Dale Toliver for more information: 336-877-7832

Rev. David Blackburn, AMS presents to Rev. Steve LeaShomb, Pastor of Midway Baptist Church, a certificate for leading the Ashe Baptist Association in Total Giving to the 2023 North Carolina Missions Offering. Midway Baptist monetary gift to the NCMO was \$3,500. Thank you for giving!



# RELIEF FOR TODAY.

HOPE FOR TOMORROW. NCMISSIONSOFFERING.ORG

# WEZERE Pray for...

#### N.C. Baptists are sent across the state and around the world to share the hope of the gospel and bring relief to those in need.

NC BAPTISTS

#### JOIN THE WEEK OF PRAYER for the NCMO from Sept. 1-8.

medical and dental aid



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**MORE INFORMATION** NCMISSIONSOFFE

Red Springs, Shelby and Rose Hill (Charity)

Baptist associations in North Carolina SendNC sending churches and church planters

Disaster relief volunteers with Baptists on Mission Physical and spiritual needs of those receiving





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GRANDFAMILIES & KINSHIP

Families Change Tomorrows

As many of you know, the opioid and methamphetamine crisis continue to destroy homes and displace children here in Ashe County. We are thankful that there are grandparents who are stepping up to the plate in their latter years to care for their grandchildren and keep them from going into the foster care system. With this commitment, there are many challenges as well as blessings. Grandparents are often on a fixed income, and many return to work to provide for their expanded families. Many grandparents are unable to physically participate in activities, causing the children to miss out on everyday activities and adventures other children can experience. However, studies show that keeping children with their families in a familiar environment is beneficial to them. High Country Caregivers is here to support these kinship care families. We provide experiences the children may not otherwise get to participate in. We provide support groups that are beneficial to both the grandparents and the children. We connect families with needed resources. We follow our kids until adulthood with programs aimed at guiding them in the right direction. It is our goal to point all children in our program to a path that leads to success! We also teach the children to "give back" to the community to show their appreciation for the community. Ashe County has 180 children and 52 families currently in the Kinship Care program. We have been designated as a nationally Exemplary Kinship Program. Our goal is to turn these kids' lives around so they can be successful and valued members of our community. To do this, we need your support! We would be happy to visit your organization and share more information about the services our non-profit provides to those in Ashe County. You can donate to highcountrycaregivers.org. You may also mail a check to PO Box 3356, Boone, NC 28607 and indicate "Ashe families" in the memo line. You can also designate what you would like your donation to be used for if you choose to do so (i.e. counseling, clothing, programs, camps, etc.). For more information, contact Jacob Willis, Executive Director at 828-832-6366.



Ashe Baptist Association 138th Annual Meeting August 16, Liberty Grove Baptist Pastor Toby Oliver opened with devotion & prayer, followed by Mrs. Joyce reading the History of Liberty Grove. Reports from NCBaptists, preaching, singing, food and fellowship all day long! Thanks to everyone that attended Friday's Session.



Our NC Baptists folks in attendance with lots of great information!!!! We appreciate each one for attending & sharing great information.





Thank you, Liberty Grove Baptist

Ashe Baptist Association 138th Annual Meeting August 17, Friendly Grove Baptist with Pastor Jeffery Rizoti opening with a devotion & prayer. Mrs. Peggy Harless reading the History of Friendly Grove, followed by reports, special music & good food! Thank you for hosting the Saturday Meeting, Friendly Grove Baptist.



## Twila Miller, ARC Director

Rev. Steve LeaShomb

**Evangelism** Report

Rev. Alan Ambrose

**Music Leader** 

Rev. Homer Murdock Missions Report

Rev. Paul Strickland FaithHealth, Ashe Co.

Rev. Johnny Goodman Guidestone, Local







Mr. Butch Miller Music Report

Rev. Michael Carte Chaplain, ACSO

Rev. Lonnie Jones VBS Report Rev. John Elledge In Memory Report



Mrs. Pat Miller, Director at Ashe Really Cares 24 years, has retired! Pat retired in April 2024 and was presented a Appreciation Plague by David Blackburn, AMS at Ashe Baptist Association.

> Friendly Grove Baptist Church Welcomes

the 138th Annual Session Ashe Baptist Association

Thank you, Pat!!!!

**138th Annual Session** 

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ABA Complex Mortgage was paid off in December 2023 and Note Burning was held Saturday, August 17 by Rev. David Blackburn, AMS, Mr. Ralph Davis, Trustee and Mr. Dean Witherspoon, Trustee Glory to God!!!!

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#### **Discipleship Tip of the Month**

#### The Beginning of Our Journey

Repentance is when we recognize the truth and we turn towards it. Usually it involves turning away from our own way of life and turning toward God's way. Repentance is the beginning of out faith journey. When we repent God forgives us. We no longer live according to our past mistakes and offenses. Rather, God gives us a new life that is forgiven of those things. If you haven't started that journey, begin today by repenting of your sins and turning back to God. He is faithful to forgive you. Pray for Him to guide your life. Continue to read about God's ways in scripture so you can grow in your knowledge of Him.

#### September 2024

2-Labor Day ABA/ARC Office Closed

#### October 2024

- 1- ARC Committee Meeting @ABA Board Room 7 pm
- 3- ABA Executive Committee Meeting @ Pleasant Valley Baptist @ 7 pm
- 31- Campground Closed for the 2024 Season

#### November 2024

 3 Time Change
3-5 NC Baptist Pastor Conference & NC Baptist Annual Meeting Greensboro, NC
11 Veteran's Day
28-29 Thanksgiving ABA/ARC Offices Closed







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