Ashe Baptist Association News



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Preacher David's Corner

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



A Thanksgiving to Remember in the Ashe Baptist Association Set in the Heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains

The air is crisp and scented with woodsmoke and fallen leaves. It is in November in Ashe County, North Carolina, nestled in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The rolling hills blazed with color—fiery reds, deep oranges, and golden yellows—a masterpiece painted by God's own hand. It is Thanksgiving season, and across the 44 churches of the Ashe Baptist Association, a spirit of gratitude echoes through the valleys.

Each church, whether perched on a ridge or tucked in a quiet holler, prepare for their annual Thanksgiving Services. These are not just ordinary Sunday gatherings; they are special moments of worship, testimony, and fellowship—an offering of thanks to the Lord for His unwavering faithfulness through the seasons.

Some folks bring homemade quilts and jars of apple butter to be given to the elderly and shut-ins. The sanctuary is with warmth, both in spirit and in temperature. Pastors stands before the congregation with tears in his eyes as he read Psalm 100 aloud: "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise..." The choir sings "Come Ye Thankful People, Come," their voices blending in harmony with the rustling of leaves outside.

Down the road at another church, children practice a short Thanksgiving play. They dress as pilgrims and Native Americans, not for historical accuracy, but as a joyful symbol of coming together in gratitude. Afterward, the congregation enjoyed a potluck supper—sweet potato casseroles, cornbread dressing, green beans, ham, and at least a dozen kinds of pie. Laughter filled the fellowship hall as families tell stories, give thanks to God, and share memories.

Meanwhile our churches located high in the mountains with its panoramic mountain view, can have an outdoor service. As the golden morning sun breaks over the Blue Ridge peaks, the congregation stands bundled in coats and blankets, giving thanks for the year's blessings—health, family, harvest, and the peace only Christ can bring. A young couple, having just welcomed their first child, shared how their church family have supported them with meals, prayers, and love. "We're not just members," they said. "We're family."

As night falls, the stars above the Blue Ridge Mountains twinkled like a choir of heavenly lights. From Lansing to West Jefferson, from Todd to Crumpler, 44 churches stand as beacons of faith, rooted in tradition, glowing with gratitude. And though each congregation has their own ways of celebrating, our hearts are united in one common prayer to God: "Thank You, Lord, for Your blessings on us.

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

Your Servant, David

ASHE REALLY CARES UPDATE

The ARC Volunteer Dinner was held on October 23rd, and in true Southern potluck fashion, the food was delicious and the fellowship uplifting. We are deeply grateful for our many volunteers—each one contributing in unique and valuable ways to this ministry.

We were honored to have Allison Costner, our Second Harvest Coordinator, join us as a special guest. A heartfelt thank-you also goes to Generations for allowing us to meet in their dining hall and to Jennifer Richardson for her kind assistance in making the evening a success.

Please keep Ashe Really Cares (ARC), other food pantries throughout the county, food banks such as Second Harvest, and our governmental leaders in your prayers. In these times of uncertainty and scarcity, we remain committed to serving our community—providing resources and support for physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

Through the year ARC supports around 800 different households through food appointments, clothing and household needs, as well as emergency and crisis assistance. Every can of food, every dollar given, every hour of time volunteered, every blanket, coat or boots, has a real and critical impact in our community.

If you are able to support ARC in any way, your generosity helps us continue this important work. Monetary donations can be made online www.ashereallycares.com/donate or by check to PO Box 850, Jefferson NC 28640. Food donations are also appreciated and an updated needs list can be found on Facebook or on our website. If you would like to consider volunteering, please stop by anytime to discuss what opportunities are available with Twila or Nathan.

Thank you,

Twila Miller
Director
Ashe Really Cares
336-846-5234
www.ashereallycares.com





November 6	B- Mrs. Debbie Darnell
November 11	B- Mrs. Brittany Dellinger
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 21	B- Mrs. Rosalee McNeill
November 23	A- Rev. & Mrs. Ken Jones
November 28	B- Mrs. Sue Rash
November 29	B- Mrs. Linda Blackburn

Ashe Baptist Association wishes everyone a safe & Happy Thanksgiving!

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SPECIAL EVENT

AT BALD MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 AT 5:00 PM JOIN US AS WE WELCOME

DR. BILL KATZ

FROM HOPE FOR ISRAEL

Dr. Katz will deliver a timely and thoughtprovoking message on Hamas, the Bible, the ongoing conflict, and its biblical implications.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION Contact:

Jennifer Richardson 336-246-4347





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 John Elledge welcomes you to attend.

Fletcher Memorial Baptist announces; Generation Excellent will be sharing their Christmas Program. "Let There Be Light" on November 23 at 10:30. Everyone is welcome by the pastor Rev. Paul Strickland and the congregation.

North Beaver Baptist Pastor Matthew Tilley from will begin preaching a new Sunday morning sermon series from the book of Amos-Uncomfortable Truths for Comfortable Christians. "The God of the judgment" November 5: Amos 9:11-15 - "An unfailing hope" Everyone is welcome.

Tuckerdale Baptist Revival - November 2-5 with Rev. Lewis Young. 7 pm nightly with special singing each evening. Pastor, Rev. Jonathan Stansberry and the congregation invite everyone to attend

When you pray, please remember Pleasant Home Baptist Church, Liberty Grove Baptist Church, Riverview Baptist Church, and Wagoner Baptist Church. They are without a pasto

1st Quarter Executive Committee Meeting was held Thursday, October 9th at Bald Mountain Baptist Church. We appreciate Rev. John Elledge for hosting and opening the meeting with devotion. Reports were given by several in attendance. There was 21 churches represented with 47 representative's in attendance.

New Church Announcements: please send updated church information for the church you attend to: domdblack-burn@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.

Generation Excellent announces: Step into a Christmas Celebration where we reveal a story set in motion before God said, "Let there be Light." Discover how the Creator planned to save a fallen world even before it was created! Dates are limited so please call or email to reserve your date today!!Pam Miller - 336-877-3440 or contact@generationexcellent.org

Baptist Children's Home of NC Offering. Week of Prayer is November 2-9. Your love offering changes children's lives. Go to https://www.bchoffering.org for more info. (See pg. 11).

Bald Mountain Baptist Church will be hosting, The 2025 Annual Pastor and Wives Dinner on Thursday, December 11 at 6 pm at the Bald Mountain Barn. Please call the Ashe Baptist Associational Office 336-846-5631, to make your reservations for the dinner. We look forward to all our pastors and wives attending the dinner this year. Bald Mountain Baptist will be providing our meal also this year. Menu: Roast Beef or Chicken, vegetables, dessert and drink. Please reserve by Wednesday, December 3rd for a good time or enjoying God's Spirit and fellowship of others. Thank you, Rev. David Blackburn, AMS

ASHE COUNTY CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROJECT 2025
RED CARDS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD AT 9 AM
ASHE BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICE 204 BEAVER CREEK SCHOOL RD. WJ

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WELCOME HOME BAPTIST CHURCH





Guest Speaker - Rev. Russell Hart

On November 2nd through November 6th Welcome Home Baptist Church will host a Prophecy Conference nightly at 7:00 pm. Rev. Russell Hart will speak nightly on the Rapture, the Second Coming, the Great Tribulation, and the Millennium. In covering these subjects, he will speak on the Anti-Christ, Daniel's 70 Week's prophecy and the Last Days. We invite everyone to attend these meetings. Pastor Lonnie Jones and the congregation welcome you to attend.

Last Days

- Night One Rapture 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15:50-58; John 14:1-3
- Night Two Part One of the Tribulation (Seventy Weeks of Danial) Dan.
 9:24-27; Ezek. 38-39; Matt. 24; Rev. 6-9
- Night Three Part Two of the Tribulation (The Antichrist) Dan. 9:24-27;
 Matt. 24; Rev. 10-16
- Night Four The second coming of Christ (A comparison of the Rapture and second coming) Matt. 24; Rev. 19:11-16; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Zach. 12-14
- Night Five The Millennium Ps. 72; Isaiah 2:2-4; 11:4-9; Rev. 20:1-6
- · Outline of Rev. Russell Hart's Plan for the Prophecy Conference

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Welcome Home Baptist 4087 US Hwy. 221N Jefferson, NC 28640

Pastor Lonnie Jones 336-977-1009

PRAYER TEAM PRAYER TEAM MEETS EACH TUESDAY 8:00 AM MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH EVERYONE IS 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.

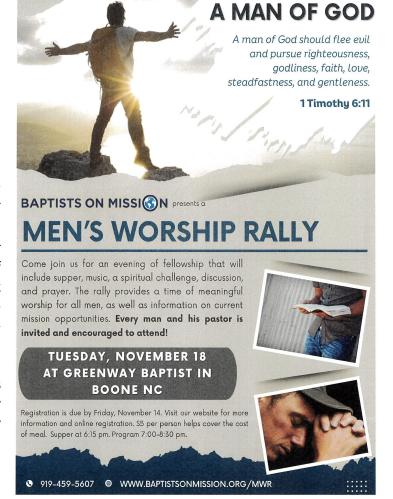


We want to CELEBRATE with you and share the GOOD NEWS when exciting things are happening at the church you attend! Please send articles, pictures or flyers to our e-mail address at:

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 580+ 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.

Welcome Home Baptist Church Pastor, Rev. Lonnie Jones holds an Deacon Ordination Service for Mr. Kris Little on October 5th.





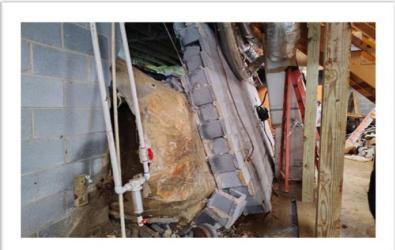
Lots going on out at the Ashe Baptist Campground. Volunteers are still staying & assisting folks with the Rebuild from Helene! They also are doing lots of work at the campground! Painting the floors that were damaged by water downstairs, along with pouring concrete at the front of the building to prevent future flooding in the basement!!! These folks came from Utah to do this project!!! Mrs. Lucy Hagin donated a refrigerator that was much needed, she is a member at Friendship Baptist Church in Jefferson. We are happy to be able to allow volunteers to use the campground again this winter. We appreciate the time, work, supplies and funds they have given in Ashe County's time of need. We have definitely been blessed by these folks coming from near and far. Thank you to each and very one that has donated and volunteered. Ashe County is extremely grateful.



Hurricane Helene Damage to a Home in Todd - 2024

Damage now repaired completely thanks to David White & many volunteers !!! 2025 Homeowner is sooo happy and grateful!











Another Helene Project in Ashe County nearing completion. Mr.

David White has worked aimlessly on this one along with many volunteers working with him from the beginning in 2024 until now. The folks helping recently came from the Surry County Association and are from the Calvary Baptist Church in Mt. Airy, NC. Pastor Alex and member came to help with the foundation of Ms. Kelly's house which was severely damaged by the hurricane. Thank Pastor Alex & Calvary Baptist along with the many others who have been a part of Ms. Kelly's rebuild from Hurricane Helene. THANK YOU!!!!



NOV 15,16



GRATITUDE

A TIME OF

PRAISE, PRAYER, PREACHING

AND HOSTING HIS PRESENCE

SATURDAY, NOV. 15TH AT 7:00PM SUNDAY, NOV. 16TH AT 7:00PM

"ENTER INTO HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING, AND INTO HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE. BE THANKFUL TO HIM, AND BLESS HIS NAME." - PSALMS 100:4

Asne Missionary Baptist Association Amended Treasurer's Report July - September 2025 (1st Qtr.)						
Church Name	1st QTR	Year-To-Date		Amount	Year-To-Date	
APPALACHIAN CHURCH	\$500.00	\$500.00	Churches	17,801.44	17,801.44	
BALD MOUNTAIN	\$1,500.00		Other Income	13,277.30	13,277.30	
BEAVER CREEK	\$450.00		Reimbursements (does not include Sept.)	12,997.43	12,997.43	
BIG FLATTS	\$0.00	\$0.00		,		
BIG LAUREL	\$200.00	\$200.00	TOTAL INCOME	44,076.17	\$44,076.17	
BLUE RIDGE	\$600.00	\$600.00				
BRISTOL	\$400.00	\$400.00	Beginning Balance	24,094.23		
BUFFALO	\$450,00		Income	44,076.17		
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Ashe Missionary Raptist Association



And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me." MARK 9: 36-37

Jesus loved children. We see this more than once in God's word. In this passage, Christ explains to the disciples that the greatest in the kingdom of heaven would be those who humble themselves as a servant. His example to them: a child. This was not the last time Jesus exemplified His love for children. Later in Mark, when the people brought children to see Jesus, the disciples disapproved, but Jesus quickly corrected them. Scripture states He allowed the children to come to Him, took them in His arms, and blessed them.

The **Annual Offering** is vital for bringing hope to vulnerable boys and girls who need the church to be the arms of Jesus. In NC alone, there are more than 10,000 children in the foster care system. They need Christian couples, like Chad and Alicia Hinton, to care for them with the unconditional love of Christ. They need churches to provide community and resources to support foster families' efforts. This is because we desire for EVERY CHILD to know the hope of the Gospel, whether through Baptist Children's Homes' foster families, cottage homes, or any of our ministries across NC and beyond. You can impact these efforts through your Offering gift.

WEEK OF PRAYER Please use this as your daily prayer guide.

SUNDAY. Pray for children and families in your community and across North Carolina.

MONDAY. Pray for the thousands BCH serves across three-dozen communities in NC, SC and Guatemala.

TUESDAY. Pray for BCH's cottage and foster parents, staff, caregivers, and adoptive parents who care for children around the clock.

WEDNESDAY. Pray God leads couples to foster and/or adopt through the EVERY CHILD ministry. THURSDAY. Pray for intellectually/developmentally disabled adults and caregivers serving them daily.

FRIDAY. Pray for impoverished children and people served through our partnerships in Guatemala.

SATURDAY. Pray for women we come alongside who face an unplanned pregnancy. Pray they see the beauty of choosing life for their unborn babies.

SUNDAY. Pray for children, families and individuals BCH serves to come to know Jesus as Savior.

Through your offering, 172,101 LIVES were impacted in 2024. In 2024, there were 322 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST.



ANNUAL OFFERING GOAL: \$2 MILLION | BCHOFFERING.ORG **#ONMISSIONTOGETHER** #EVERYCHILD

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WEEK OF PRAYER

for International Missions

November 30-December 7, 2025

Southern Baptists observe a Week of Prayer for International Missions each year before the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® emphasis. God works through your prayers to change lives.

> How will you continue to respond through your prayers and financial support?







WEEK OF PRAYER for International Missions

2025 PRAYER GUIDE







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Discipleship Tip of the Month

The Forgiving Father Luke 15:11-20

Has there ever been a time in your life when you've come in humble repentance to God, confessing that you've messed up your life and need forgiveness? If so ,how have you seen the Lord's restoration in your life? If not why are you laying?

"Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Kill the fattened calf! We are going to celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" Luke 15:20 This story shares how God forgives us when we come to our senses like the prodigal son did. God is a forgiving Father!

November 2025

- 2 Time Changes
- 2-4 NC Pastor's Conference & **NC Baptist Convention Meeting**
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 27-28 Thanksgiving- ABA/ARC Office **Closed 27-28**



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December 2025

30-7th Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

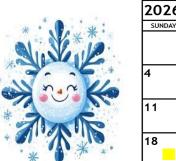
- 1-3 ACCCP Gift Intake
- 8-9 Move Day & Distribution
- 11 Pastor & Wives Meal
- 20 First Day of Winter
- 22-26 ABA/ARC Office Closed for Christmas
 - 25 Christmas Day



January 2026

- 1 Happy New Year ABA/ARC closed
- **6 ARC Committee Meeting** @ ABA Board Room 7 pm
- **8 ABA Executive Committee Meeting** @ 7 pm
- 18 Sanctity of Life Sunday
- 25 NC Baptist Men's Day





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