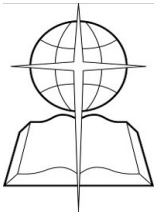


Ashe Baptist Association News



2025

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On Mission Together" in Greensboro: A Record-Breaking Gathering of N.C. Baptists

Linda and I had the privilege to attend the Baptist State Convention of N.C. Annual Meeting and Pastor's Conference this past week. In Greensboro they move faster than we do in the mountains and they talk faster than we do in the mountains and I guess that's ok if you do not have anything important to say! But during this year's Baptist State Convention Annual Meeting, slowing down wasn't an option. With so much to celebrate, NC. Baptists came ready to share what God is doing across our state and around the world. This year's two-day meeting drew **2,039 attendees**, the highest turnout since 2009, united under the theme "**On Mission Together.**" Pastors, leaders, families and young adults filled the convention hall, creating an atmosphere energized by worship, prayer and a shared commitment to reach the nations and the next generation.

A State on Mission -Throughout the meeting, N.C. Baptists highlighted the power of cooperative ministry. A new missions engagement initiative was introduced, expanding opportunities for churches to partner in local and global mission efforts. One of the meeting's most moving moments; **22 missionaries** were prayed over and sent out to the nations, a reminder that God is raising up workers for the harvest. Speakers emphasized the importance of prayer, unity and intentional ministry to the next generation—an area where God is clearly at work.

Next Generation Impact -The impact of youth ministry was especially evident this year. At **Caswell Youth Camp**, more than **12,000 students** attended. Among them: **467 students were saved, 500 answered a call to ministry.** Across North Carolina, the spiritual harvest continued, with **15,000 people coming to Christ** this year, a powerful testimony of God's movement across the state.

Strengthening Churches and Communities—In addition to evangelism and discipleship, churches across North Carolina made significant strides in strengthening communities; **212 new churches** were planted this year. **Baptists on Mission** volunteers repaired **609 homes**, serving families with compassion and excellence. These efforts reflect the heart of N.C. Baptist meeting physical needs while proclaiming the hope of the Gospel.

Generosity That Fuels the Mission—N.C. Baptist also led the way in missions giving: **\$14 million** to the **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (#1 in Southern Baptist Convention)** and **\$7.7 million** to the **Annie Armstrong Offering (#1 in Southern Baptist Convention)**. The finance committee proposed **\$30 million budget** at the Baptist Convention to continue supporting ministries statewide. These gifts represent more than numbers—they are investments in missionaries, church planters and ministries around the world.

Moving Forward, Together- Greensboro might be known for moving fast, but during this meeting, every fast-paced conversation and every handshake carried eternal significance. N.C. Baptists left encouraged, strengthened and united with one clear message: **When we are on mission together, God multiplies the impact.**



Your Servant, David

ASHE REALLY CARES UPDATE

October Impact

Food Appointments or Emergency Food Boxes:
237 Households-553 Neighbors

Clothing Pantry: 260 Households - 667 Neighbors

New: 15 Households - 687 Neighbors

October 2025 was an extraordinary month for Ashe Really Cares - **the highest number of households and individuals served in our ministry's history**. This October we served 237 households, a remarkable increase from the 136 served in October of last year, highlighting just how much the need has grown in our community. This record-setting impact is possible thanks to our dedicated volunteers, generous donors and the faithful support of the Ashe Baptist Association Churches. Your compassion ensures we can continue serving families, seniors and children throughout Ashe County. Thank you for making a difference in our community and making this work possible.

Current Needs

Food pantry: 15 oz canned-potatoes, tomatoes, mixed vegetables, carrots and pinto beans.

Clothing pantry needs: children's shoes, adult gloves and linens.

Up-to-date needs can be found at: ashereallycares.com/donate

Colder weather also brings increased requests for heating assistance. Donations to our Heating Fund can be made online or mailed PO Box 850 Jefferson, NC 28640. Contributions of electric, kerosene or propane heater as well as filled 1 pound or 20 pound propane tanks are welcome.

Thank you,

Twila Miller
Director
Ashe Really Cares



December 7	B- Mrs. Leisa Goodman
December 13	B -Mrs. Margie Jones
December 15	B- Mrs. Denise Woodie
December 17	A- MR. & Mrs. Nathan McLeese
December 22	B- Rev. Carl Witherspoon
December 28	A - Rev. & Mrs. Lawrence Goodman
December 28	A- Rev. & Mrs. Darien South

*Ashe Baptist Association
wishes everyone a very
Merry Christmas!*

Jesus Is the Reason for the Season!

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We appreciate our sponsors & encourage you to call them when you need their services!

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.

Big Flatts Baptist- Sunday, December 14- 10:30 am Generation Excellent Program “And There Was Light” & 6:00 pm Church Christmas Program “A New Star”.. Pastor Darien South & congregation invite everyone.

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.

Friendly Grove Baptist announces, Calvary Reflections Singing -December 6th at 6:00. Everyone is invited by the pastor, Rev. Jeff Rizoti and the congregation.

Liberty Grove Baptist Church announces Generation Excellent will be sharing their Christmas Program. “Let There Be Light” on December 7 at 10:30. The congregation invite you to attend.

North Beaver Baptist -Sunday School 10:00 -Worship 11:00.... Bible and prayers services Wednesday 6:30 pm Pastor Matthew Tilley is continuing a short series -Praise ye the Lord.

- 12/7 - The ancient longing becomes a present hope (Isaiah 9:1-7 & Revelation 22:12-21)
 - 12/7 - Join us at 6:00 pm for our Christmas Cantata “TAKE ME BACK TO BETHLEHEM” Christmas party afterwards.
 - 12/14 - The suffering servant becomes the righteous judge (Isaiah 42:1-9 & Revelation 19:11-16)
 - 12/21 - Promises made become promises fulfilled (Luke 1:46-55 & Revelation 21:1-8)
 - 12/25 -- Christmas Day service -The glory revealed from cradle to crown (Matthew 1:18-25 & Revelation 22:1-5)
 - 12/28 - From shepherds’ awe to heaven adoration (Luke 2, Matthew 2, Revelation 5)
- Everyone is welcome by the pastor Rev. Mathew Tilley and the congregation

Obids Baptist - will present A Country Christmas With A City Twistmas. Sunday December 21 at 5 pm. Pastor Mark Harless and the congregation invite everyone.

Pleasant Home Baptist will be having their Annual Christmas Program Sunday, December 7th at 6pm. Refreshments to follow. Everyone welcome! Look forward to seeing you there!

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

Bald Mountain Baptist 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 of enjoying God’s Spirit and fellowship of others. Thank you , Rev. David Blackburn, AMS

ASHE COUNTY CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROJECT

2025

To volunteer to work for
Intake, Move Day and Distribution Day

Call 336-846-5631

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New Church Announcements: please send updated church information for the church you attend to: domdburn@gmail.com or ashebaptist@gmail.com. We will get all new information provided on the Saturday Radio Program, the www.ashebaptist.org and the October- December newsletters. Thank you.

NC Baptists Meeting 2025- Greensboro, NC



Baptist on Mission and volunteers from everywhere are still coming to Ashe County to give aid to Hurricane Helene victims. We appreciate and thank them for the work they are doing and the kindness they have shown to so many here in Ashe County. Thank you!!!!



**HOPE FOR THE MOUNTAINS
PRAYER TEAM
MEETS EACH TUESDAY
8:00 AM
MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH
EVERYONE IS WELCOME !**



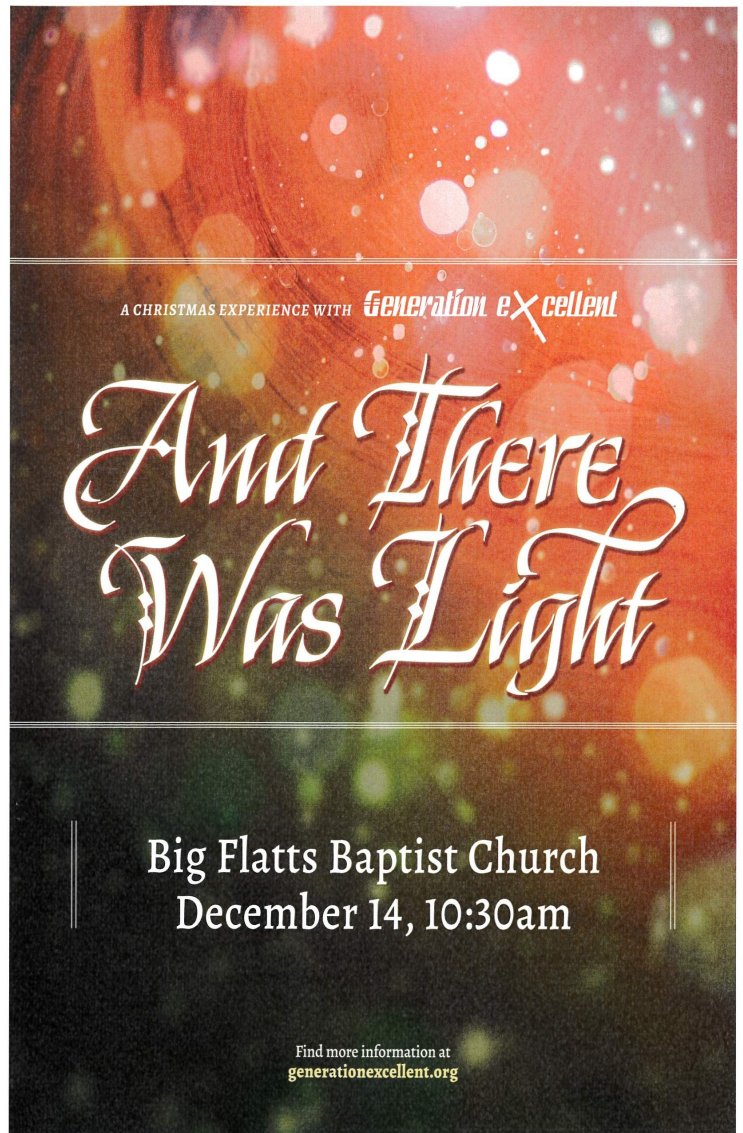
GOOD SOIL MINISTRY

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 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 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.**



**2373 Big Flatts Church Road in Fleetwood, NC
Pastor Darien South & the Congregation
invite you to attend!**



Region 7, AMS 's met for their Quarterly Meeting !

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.

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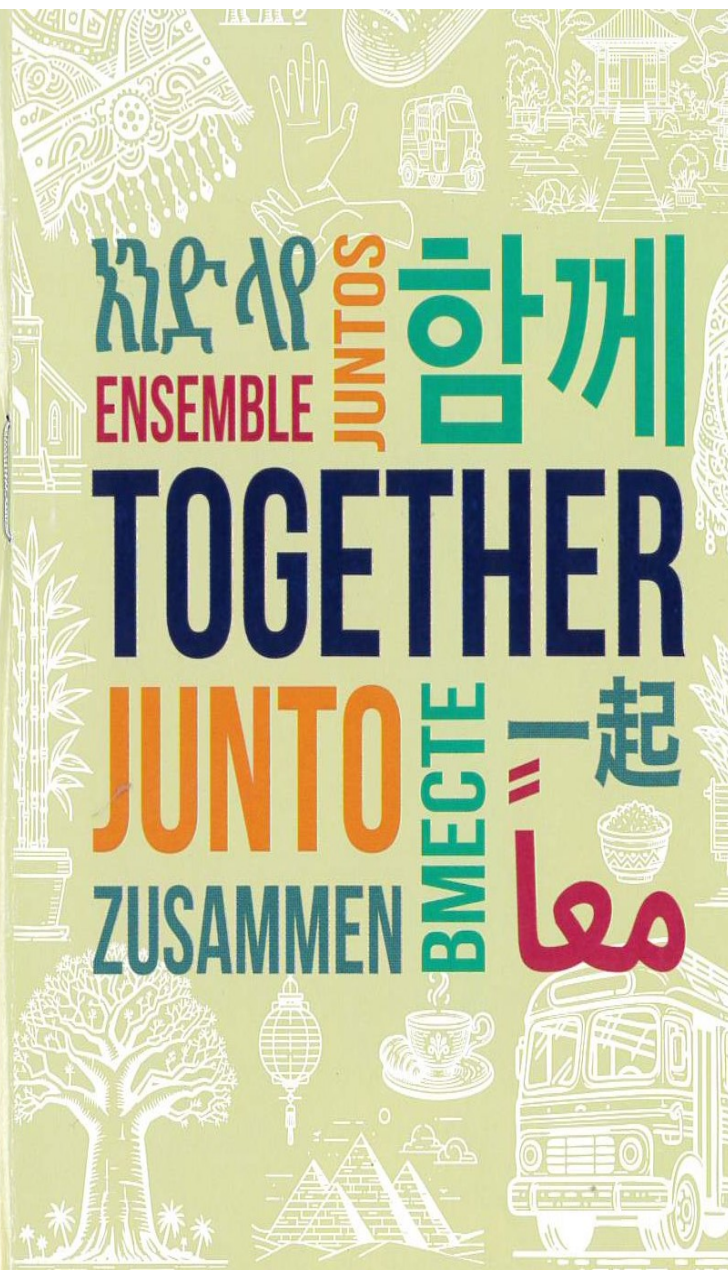
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Discipleship Tip of the Month

The Night the World Held its Breath (Matthew and Luke account)

Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy—for today in the city of David, a Savior has been born. You will find Him wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger.” Before the shepherds could speak, the sky filled with a multitude of angels praising God. Their song was like thunder and wind and music all at once: “Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to those He loves.” When the light faded, the shepherds hurried to Bethlehem. Breathless and wide-eyed, they found Mary, Joseph, and the newborn child exactly as the angel had said. The shepherds knelt beside the manger, awestruck by the tiny King who had come not with armies or crowns, but with quietness and hope. And so, on that still night in Bethlehem, beneath a sky filled with stars, the world received a gift it had long been waiting for—God with us, born in the gentlest of ways. May we celebrate and be thankful!! Merry Christmas !!!!

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



2025 DECEMBER						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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January 2026

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



2026 JANUARY						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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February 2026

- 8 Souper Bowl Sunday
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 16 President's Day
(ABA/ARC Offices Closed)



2026 FEBRUARY						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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