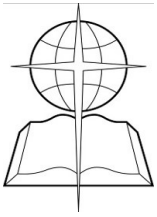


Ashe Baptist Association News



October
2025



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What is ACCCP?

The Ashe County Children's Christmas Project brings joy up to 1,000 Kids. Ashe County, NC — In the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains, a spirit of unity and compassion shines brightest during the holiday season. For over a three decades, the Ashe County Children's Christmas Project has brought smiles, warmth, and hope to children with disabilities—making Christmas a little brighter for those who need it most.

Led by the Ashe Baptist Association, the project has grown into a \$220,000 community-wide effort that touches the lives of up to 1,000 children across the county. These children, all living with 100% disability, face unique challenges every day—challenges that can feel even heavier during the holiday season. But thanks to the generosity and coordination of local churches, schools, businesses, government offices, and countless individual donors, these children are reminded that they are not alone.

The project is not about charity—it's about dignity, love, and joy. Each child receives hand-selected Christmas presents and a backpack filled with age-appropriate items like books, hygiene products, school supplies, snacks, and toys. These thoughtful gifts are more than just things—they're a message to every child that they are seen, valued, and cared for.

This is about the whole community coming together "We have churches of every denomination, small businesses, schools, county employees, and individuals from every walk of life who step up to help. It's truly a county-wide mission of love. It restores my faith in mankind.

Volunteers spend weeks preparing—shopping for gifts, packing backpacks, organizing donation drives, and ensuring that each package is tailored to the child receiving it. Age, needs, and personal preferences are all taken into account, making every gift meaningful and personal.

For many of these children, Christmas morning is a time of wonder thanks to this program. The twinkle of excitement in their eyes, the laughter echoing through their homes, and the joy in their families' hearts are reminders that compassion can truly change lives.

"We just don't want any child to be sad at Christmas," says a longtime volunteer. "No matter their circumstances, every child deserves to feel the magic of the season."

In Ashe County, that magic is real. It comes delivered by a community that believes in lifting each other up. Through faith, unity, and love, the Ashe County Children's Christmas Project continues to bring the true spirit of Christmas to life—one child at a time. We are the hands and feet of Jesus.



Your Servant, David

ASHE REALLY CARES UPDATE

ARC Report

August food and pantry impact:

Food pantry appointments and food boxes: 169 households served impacting 398 individuals

Clothing pantry: 203 households served impacting 556 individuals

Announcements:

We are so excited to share that Blue Ridge Electric Members Foundation awarded Ashe Really Cares a grant for \$10,000 for necessary renovations on a portion of our warehouse. We are so grateful to this organization for supporting our community. More details to come!

Ashe Really Cares Volunteer dinner will be held October 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at Generations dining hall. This is a time of recognition and fellowship for all of our volunteers who are such a crucial part of our ministry.

Food pantry needs:

15 oz can: corn, diced tomatoes, and sweet peas
1lb spaghetti
Jiffy corn muffin mix
Saltine crackers

Clothing pantry needs (fall/winter wear):

Men's and Women's coats
Women's XL tops
Men's shirts XL-3XL
Men's and children's shoes
Men's and Women's hats

Thank you,

Twila Miller

Director
Ashe Really Cares



October 2	A- Rev. & Mrs. Jake Miller
October 9	B- Rev. Kevin Jones
October 10	B-Rev. Teddy Shatley
October 14	A- Rev. & Mrs. Luke Watson
October 15	B- Mrs. Ruby Blevins
October 16	B-Rev. Allen Huffman
October 17	B- Rev. David Blackburn
October 18	B- Mrs. Penny Ambrose
October 23	B- Rev. Jackie Stone
October 23	B-Mrs. Marcia Elledge
October 27	B- Mrs. Katy Watson
October 27	B- Mrs. Melinda Goforth
October 27	B-Mrs. Ann Huffman
October 28	B- Mrs. Gaynell Goodman

Ashe Baptist Association would like to thank our sponsors

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

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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.

Fletcher Memorial Baptist in Jefferson- Wednesday Morning Bible Study - 10:30 am. The study will be on the Gospel of John for 1 hour and only material needed is your Bible. Pastor Paul Strickland invites you to attend!

Friendly Grove Baptist will be hosting a special singing Oct 18th at 6:00pm featuring the ladies group Made by Grace. Please join us for a special night of worship. 444 Buck Mountain Rd, West Jefferson, NC. Pastor is Rev. Jeff Rizoti.

Liberty Grove Baptist announces Revival, October 5 at 11:00 with Rev. Neal Hatfield, October 5-6 at 6:30 and on October 7 - 8 at 6:30 with Rev. Mike Craver. Everyone is invited by the congregation to attend.

Midway Baptist-S.M.I.L.E. Single Mothers inspired Love Encouraged. Are you a single Mother? Our ministry seeks to walk alongside single mothers & their children by providing spiritual, emotional & practical support, empowering them to grow in faith, and to overcome challenges through the love of Christ. Free childcare provided, dinner, resources, social gatherings, devotions & more, on the third Wednesday of each month in the Midway Fellowship Hall AT 5:45 pm. RSVP by calling 336-246-2012 or email: adminassist@midwaybaptistnc.org. Pastor is Rev. Steve LeaShomb. Midway Baptist is located at 1670 Mt. Jefferson Rd. West Jefferson, NC 28694. www.midwaybaptistnc.org

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. October 5: Amos 5:1-17 - "Seek the Lord and live" October 12: Amos 5:18-6:14 - "The arrogance of self-satisfied religion" October 19: Amos 7:1-8:14 - "The closing window: when mercy yields to judgment" October 26: Amos 9:1-10 - "The God of the judgment" November 5: Amos 9:11-15 - "An unfailing hope" Everyone is welcome.

Orion Baptist Fall Revival- October 3-5, 7 pm nightly, 11:00 Worship on Sunday with Robert Duncan of Robert Duncan Ministries in Wilkesboro, a full time missions evangelist. Pastor Lawrence Goodman and the congregation invite everyone.

Welcome Home Baptist Church will host a Prophecy Conference nightly at 7:00 pm November 2-6. 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.

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.

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 August - October newsletters. Thank you.

Ashe Really Cares Quarterly Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 7th -7 pm at the Ashe Baptist Conference Room. All committee members and interested folks are urged to attend.

Ashe Baptist Association Executive Committee meets
for Quarterly Meeting, Thursday, October 9th at 7 pm at Bald Mtn. Baptist Church. All Executive Committee Representatives & Pastors are urged to attend

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**Ashe Baptist Campground
Mowing Schedule for October**
Beaver Creek Baptist - October 11
Bald Mountain Baptist - October 25

We appreciate and thank all the churches & volunteers that help keep the campground looking good and running smooth!

The campground is scheduled to close to the public on October 31st.

**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.

Big Laurel Baptist Church

Announces that Rev. Tim Greer is their new pastor. He and his wife Holly and 2 teenagers reside in Marion, Virginia.

We look forward to working with Brother Tim Greer.



TEENS

HELPING

TEENS



SIGN UP NOW!



OCTOBER 4, 2025

- ◆ A letter to my adult self
- ◆ Free Lunch!
- ◆ Journaling as a self-care skill for everyone

WHY BECOME A YOUTH LEADER?

- ◆ Making your voice heard!
- ◆ Writing, sharing, reflecting together!
- ◆ Networking Opportunities!

WHEN AND WHERE?

- 📅 Oct. 4th, 2025
- 🕒 1:00pm-3:00pm
- 📍 Mount Jefferson Shelter at the top



Filled with Purpose

Women's Conference

Nan Jones

October 4
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Register now by
scanning the QR code.



Appalachian Church
787 Ray Taylor Rd. West Jefferson





APPALACHIAN
— CHURCH —

FALL Festival

Family Central
October 31 at 5:30 pm

Join us for **FREE** carnival games and candy.

Food is available for purchase from local organizations!



THEN-September 2024 Hurricane Helene demolished this house outside and inside. David White, BOM & many volunteers from near and far have worked hard to get this house in livable condition. So with the inside completed, FEMA tells Mr. White the house will have to be raised 14 feet! Mr. White has put endless time and effort into making this happen.

NOW -September 2025 The house has been raised, according to FEMA request. A little way to go but with a lot of aid from many ,many donors, volunteers and by the grace of God much progress has been made on this home and the homeowner is very thankful for everyone that made this possible!

Thank you everyone and To God Be The Glory!





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Discipleship Tip of the Month

Being Put to the Test: Encouragement– Genesis 22:1-14

- 1) Tests are to be expected. We fail or pass. Abraham failed test as a husband and as a father but, he passed the test with Isaac.
- 2) Tests are not a temptation from satan. Test bring out our best but temptation brings our worst. Power, pride, materialism, greed, land lust, Guard our mind, sin has no satisfaction.
- 3) Test serve a purpose. What is God making thru your test?
- 4) How to make it thru the tests. Why me? God will provide and God will see to it.
- 5) Trust God with our dreams. What is your dream? Will you pass the test?

October 2025

- 7 ARC Committee Meeting -7 pm
@ ABA Board Room
- 9 ABA Executive Committee
7 pm at Bald Mountain Baptist
- 31 Campground Closes for Season



2025 OCTOBER						
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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



2025 NOVEMBER						
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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



2025 DECEMBER						
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