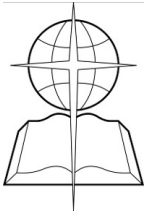


# Ashe Baptist Association News



# JULY 2026



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Mount Olive  
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Phoenix  
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## Preacher David's Corner

Rev. David Blackburn, Director of Missions

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### 2026 Southern Baptist Convention in Orlando, Florida

North Carolina was well represented with 826 messengers and 297 churches at the meeting last week. A total of 11,600 messengers and 21,000 attendees attended this meeting. N.C. Baptists were visible throughout the meeting as Charlotte pastor Clint Pressley wrapped up his tenure as SBC president. Messengers elected Florida pastor Willy Rice as the next president of the convention, and North Carolina's James Allen Murray was elected second vice president. During the seminary reports, Outgoing Southeastern Seminary President Danny Akin received a standing ovation before delivering his final report, which highlighted the school's leadership transition from Akin to Scott Pace. Our good friend, former N.C. Baptist Executive Director-Treasurer Milton A. Hollifield Jr. was also recognized with a distinguished alumni award from Southwestern Seminary. Messengers also celebrated 63 new missionaries during the IMB's Sending Celebration. Approval of a new Cooperative Program (CP) allocation budget that will increase support to the International Mission Board (IMB) to 51% of national CP receipts. Because of God's blessings, IMB Missionaries and churches who work together 196,497 people decided to follow Jesus. 951 new churches across the USA were formed by likeminded churches. 4000 folks did witness in Orlando resulting in 1,077 professions of faith during the SBC time. Messengers also gave first approval to a constitutional amendment proposed by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary President Albert Mohler that says cooperating churches may only have men serving in the office and function of pastor, specifically in the role of preaching to the gathered congregation. The amendment will require a second approval by a two-thirds majority at next year's annual meeting. The convention also adopted resolutions addressing a variety of topics, including America's 250th anniversary, assisted suicide, immigration and more. The Southern Baptist Convention reminded me of something we already know here in Ashe County: when churches unite around the Gospel, God blesses that cooperation. We can accomplish far more together than we ever could alone, I am thankful to be part of a family of churches that believes the Great Commission is still our calling. May we continue to pray, serve, give, and go wherever God leads. The future is bright because our hope is in Christ, and He is still building His Church. As I reflected on the 2026 Southern Baptist Convention, my heart is filled with gratitude. It reminds me that when God & people come together with a common purpose, He continues to do great things. Churches from every corner of our nation gathered, not to promote themselves, but to cooperate in advancing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Through prayer, VBS, worship, missions, and fellowship, I am encouraged to see that God is still moving among His people. To God be the glory for what He is doing across our Southern Baptist family and right here in the Ashe Baptist Association—the Coolest Corner of North Carolina.

*Your Servant, David*



# Ashe Really Cares

336-846-5234

Greetings in the name of our precious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

"Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." 2 Corinthians 3:17

Happy birthday to the United States of America!!!

Two hundred and fifty years is impressive by any standards. The United States has been blessed! We were not suppose to win the American Revolutionary War, but we did. We shouldn't have survived our Civil War, but we did. We should have been defeated at Pearl Harbor, but through God's blessings, we were victorious! 9/11 was tragic, but God has made this nation stronger. It is only through the blessings and strong hand of the Lord the United States of America is still standing. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty!!! Praise God!!! We should be thanking God we live in this nation each and every day!!!

We know July is typically the month for Summer vacations, but please remember us this month at Ashe Really Cares. We ask you to consider not only monetary donations to Ashe Really Cares, but also the following food and clothing items:

- Ramen Noodles
- Grape Jelly and/or Strawberry
- Canned Green Beans
- Jiffy Cornbread Mix
- Small and Medium Sized Men's Shirts and Pants
- Linens (towels, washcloths and bedsheets)
- Deodorant
- Fresh vegetables from you garden

Ashe Really Cares assisted in food care for 480 individuals in May and 599 individuals for clothing. Praise the Lord!

Remember, God is good..... All the time!!!

Billy Norris  
Director, ARC  
Faith Health Connector



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

July 1	B- Rev. Dale Ring
July 2	B- Rev. Johnny Goodman
July 6	B- Mrs. Chata Shumaker
July 6	A- Rev. & Mrs. Matthew Tilley
July 7	A- Mr. & Mrs Hal Monsees
July 10	B- Rev. Jeffery Rizotti
July 12	B- Mr. Jerry Powers
July 15	B- Rev. Steve LeaShomb
July 17	B- Rev. Keith Wagoner
July 17	B- Rev. Joshua Dellinger
July 18	B- Rev. Keith Woodie
July 20	A- Rev. & Mrs. Keith Wagoner
July 21	B- Mrs. Homer Murdock
July 21	A- Rev. & Mrs. Cory Halsey
July 27	B- Rev. Alan Ambrose
July 28	A- Rev. & Mrs. Tyler Dillard
July 29	B- Mrs. Sandy Carpenter
July 30	B- Rev. Wayne Jones

**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.

## Ashe Baptist Association

would like to thank our sponsors  
for the Ashe Baptist News heard on WKSK  
each Saturday and on SoundCloud on the Web.

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## Phoenix Baptist Church

announces that Rev. Nate Wood has been elected as their new pastor. The church welcomes Rev. Nate Wood and his wife, Cindy and son Ian. They reside in Lansing, NC. We look forward to working with Rev. Nate, his family & Phoenix Baptist.



## Helene Rebuild!!!



“God is Good!!!” “Miss Kelly received her Certificate of Occupancy !!! Thank you to each one that helped make this possible!!!

There are still a few things to do but Miss Kelly has her Certificate of Occupancy that is a huge blessing to her after her home was totally displaced during Hurricane Helene, it has been a long road for her. Thankfully with the efforts of Mr. David White and many, many volunteers and donors from near and far, her house is ready! Mr. David White, a volunteer with Baptist On Mission has been the leader of Miss Kelly's rebuild, after many issues here and there, he is very thankful for all the volunteers and donors and very happy for Miss Kelly, not only is her house ready, she also came to know the Lord!!!! Mr. White ask for prayers for Souls to be Saved and for other families still in need. Mr. White and volunteers are helping three more families with their Helene Rebuild efforts in the Ashe County. Thank you.

## Pleasant Home Baptist Church

announces, Rev. Arvill Scott has been elected as the new pastor. We welcome him and look forward to working with him and Pleasant Home in the Ashe Baptist Association. Rev. Scott resides in Lansing.



Camp 412  
1 Timothy 4:12

VBS  
at the  
ASHE BAPTIST  
CAMPGROUND





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.

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

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**Mr. Terry Jordan was ordained  
as a Deacon at Orion Baptist Church  
Sunday, June 7th  
Pastor Lawrence Goodman**



**THIS YEAR'S RAMPIN' UP**

We currently need **YOU** to help us meet the need for 250+ wheel chair ramps across the state! We aligning this year's *Rampin' Up* with the *Serve NC* initiative, and **we would love to partner with your church.**

**PARTNER WITH US:**

**877-506-2226**

# Vacation Bible School 2026

We have had many great Vacation Bible School Programs this spring in our churches and a few more coming up this summer!!!! VBS is an important summer ministry for our children, providing a blend of fun, faith and community connection. It is a mission to help kids encounter Jesus in ways they'll remember forever and also reaches families in the community inspiring them to visit with the church and set a tone for ministry that last long after summer ends. VBS remains a powerful tool for church ministry! We thank all churches that had a VBS this year!!!

We would love to share your VBS pictures on our website and in our newsletter. Also, you will be receiving a VBS report form soon please fill it in and return to the office. Send to: ashebaptist@gmail.com or PO Box 850 Jefferson, NC 28640 Thank you again!

## Big Flatts Baptist Vacation Bible School

### Junkyard Redemption

Sunday, July 26th– Wednesday, July 29th

Supper at 5:30 pm Classes 6– 8 pm

Pastor Darien South

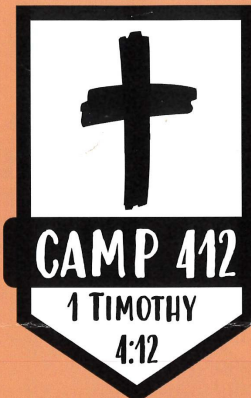
VBS Directors, Parker & Kala Johnson



**WHO? ALL AGES!**

**WHEN? JULY 16-19**

**WHERE? 1471 MULATTO MOUNTAIN RD WEST JEFFERSON, NC 28694**



**\*What is it?** Camp 412 is a overnight camp for all students from finished 6th grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**\*When is it?** Camp 412 will be July 5th-10, 2026

**\*Where is it?** Camp 412 will be located at Valley Haven near Hickory, NC.

**\*How much does it cost?** Camp 412 is only \$230. that includes lodging, meals, a T-shirt, and all camp materials.

**\*What to expect?** Summer Camp is an amazing time where students can expect to experience GOD move in their lives.

Students and Leaders are welcome to attend.  
For more info, call Jeff Cotten at 336-649-2317  
or email [jcotten212@gmail.com](mailto:jcotten212@gmail.com)

# 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.

**Big Flatts Baptist**— welcomes you each Sunday 10 am for Sunday School & 11 am Worship. Wednesday Evening 6:30 pm Choir practice & 7 pm Bible Study for all ages! Homecoming Service on Sunday July 19th!!! Vacation Bible School Week of July 26th!!! Pastor Darien South

**North Beaver Baptist**-Sunday School classes for all ages starts at 10:00, with Children's Church and Worship Services starting at 11:00—Bible Study and Prayer Service Wednesday evenings at:30....for more information, contact us at 336-698-6396, email at [mjtilley@gmail.com](mailto:mjtilley@gmail.com), or [www.northbeaver.org](http://www.northbeaver.org), Facebook & YouTube @northbeaverbaptistchurch

Pastor Matthew Tilley will be preaching a new series, "Jesus: Rescuer:-June 7, — September 27, 2026.

July 5, 2026: July 4th weekend | Mark 1:14-20 | Responding to the rescuer's call

July 12, 2026: Mark 1:21-28 | The scandal of Jesus' claims

July 19, 2026: Mark 1:29-31 | What if Jesus fixes everything?

July 26, 2026: Mark 1:21-39 | Rescue in a spiritual battle.

**Pleasant Valley Baptist**— celebrating its centennial!!! Come and join in the 100 Year Celebration Services on July 26th. Singing by the Wagoner Family at 10:30 am— Worship with a guest speaker 11am with lunch following the service. Pastor Allen Huffman and the congregation invite everyone to attend.

**Warrensville Baptist**—Saturday, July 18th 9:30 am -2 pm Blood Drive at Warrensville Baptist. Call and make an appointment by going to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and put in sponsor code WBC or Call Beth at 828-406-8897.

## **Special News Alert from Ashe Really Cares**

**Bald Mountain Baptist Church, along with Senior Pastor John Elledge, Youth Pastor Joshua Dellinger and Bald Mountain Youth Volunteers, will be at Ashe Really Cares on Tuesday, July 14th, beginning at 10am. They will be serving food for our neighbors at ARC, along with encouragement for all. Please spread the word! ARC appreciates our volunteers!**

Ashe Really Cares Quarterly Meeting will be held on July 7, Tuesday @ 7:00 PM at the Ashe Baptist Conference Room. All Committee Members and interested folks are urged attend.

Ashe Baptist Association Executive Committee will have its quarterly committee meeting on Thursday July 9 at 7:00PM at Laurel Knob Baptist Church. All committee members and pastors are urged to attend.

Ashe Baptist Association would love to put your VBS pic's in the newsletter & on the website !!! Send them to: [ashebaptist@gmail.com](mailto:ashebaptist@gmail.com)

VBS Directors you will be receiving the 2026 VBS Report Form soon!!! Please fill these out and return to the office via email at [ashebaptist@gmail.com](mailto:ashebaptist@gmail.com) or to PO Box 850 Jefferson, NC 28640. Thank you.

**ASHE BAPTIST CAMPGROUND SCHEDULE FOR JULY & AUGUST**  
**JULY 11 FRIENDLY GROVE BAPTIST JULY 25 FLETCHER MEMORIAL**  
**AUGUST 8—NEED SOMEONE TO MOW AUGUST 22 MISSION HOME BAPTIST**

When you pray, please remember Mt. Olive Baptist, Liberty Grove Baptist, Riverview Baptist, Wagoner Baptist, Trinity and Pine Swamp Baptist as they search for a pastor.

**New Church Announcements:** please send updated church information for the church you attend to: [domdblackburn@gmail.com](mailto:domdblackburn@gmail.com) or [ashebaptist@gmail.com](mailto:ashebaptist@gmail.com). We will get all new information provided on the Saturday Radio Program, the [www.ashebaptist.org](http://www.ashebaptist.org) and the newsletter. Thank you.

**WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US!**

**LOOM Ladies Bible Study**  
**(Ladies with Open Hearts and Open Minds)**  
**Sponsored by Ashe Baptist Association**

**Beginning Thursday, July 23, 2026**

**Book of ISAIAH**

**Striving Less and Trusting God More**



This 7-session study by Melissa Spoelstra encourages us to let go of striving and learn to trust God's character, His comfort, and even His correction. Even though it was written so many years ago, Isaiah's message reverberates through our lives today as we study and read the call to rely on the Lord and not our self-sufficiency. If you are in need of a little freedom and light in your thoughts, attitudes, or actions, come hang out with a group of ladies as we look at the book of Isaiah and find how to fill a trust prescription with amazing side effects of hope and peace in our lives. Be prepared to lift both hands in worship to the Faithful One who is so worthy of our utter dependence.

Facilitators: Linda Blackburn, Jeanne Coward, and Elaine Cox welcome you!

**Thursdays, Beginning July 23, 2026**

**Midway Baptist Church Fellowship Hall**

**11:45 – 12:45 (each Thursday)**

Study Guides are \$23.50 each and includes free video access.

If you plan to attend or need additional information,  
call Jeanne at 336-877-0041 or Elaine at 336-877-7934 by July 13 to reserve a study guide.



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## Discipleship Tip of the Month

Vacation Bible Schools are very important

Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.” (Mark 10:14, KJV)

The Ashe Baptist Association is blessed with churches that understand the importance of reaching the next generation. Even after the challenges our communities have faced in recent years, our churches continue to cooperate, serve together, and faithfully proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. That spirit of cooperation reflects the heart of the Gospel. As we watch boys and girls carrying their Bibles through the church doors each evening, we are reminded how important VBS is! We are thankful that Vacation Bible School is still alive and well in the churches of the Ashe Baptist Association. May God continue to use this ministry to strengthen our churches, encourage families, and lead many people to saving faith in Jesus Christ for generations to come.

### July 4 Independence Day

- ABA & ARC Office Closed– June 29-July 3
- 7 ARC Committee Meeting @ ABA Office 7pm
- 9 ABA Executive Committee Meeting @ Laurel Knob Baptist 7 pm



2026 JULY						
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### August 21 ABA Annual Meeting

- Midway Baptist at 2 pm
- 22 ABA Annual Meeting Mission Home at 9 am



2026 AUGUST						
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### September 7 Labor Day

- ABA & ARC Offices Closed
- 22 Fall Begins



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