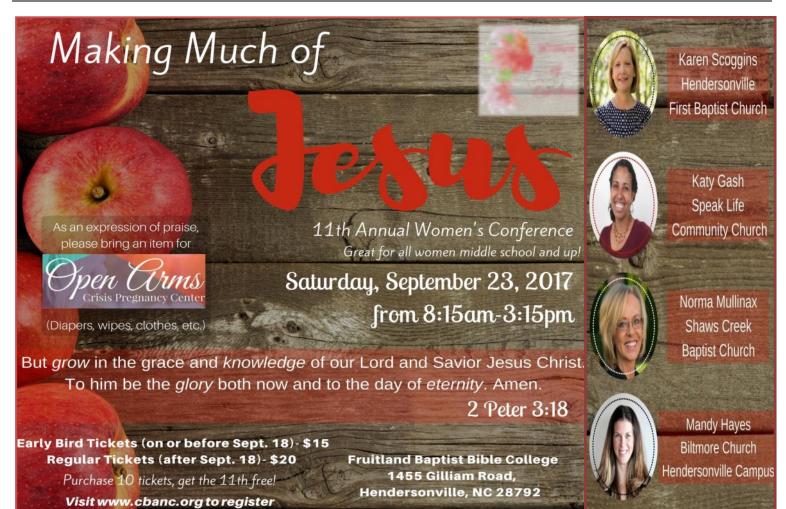
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Between the Two . . .



A few years ago, the church I served became mightily involved in missions, taking mission trips in country and out of country. People got excited about being a part of these mission efforts. Each effort required lots of planning, logistics and financial support.

One gentleman in the church took exception to the trips. His attitude was that there were thousands of people in our own community who needed help in one way or another and many of them were lost. He just couldn't understand why we would take the time, spend the money, and go somewhere else to do ministry and mission when there was such great need right in our own hometown.

This summer we have had reports of so many of our churches sending out teams to different parts of our country, as well as around the world. Nicaragua, Honduras, Haiti, Russia, India, Bahamas, China, Montana, Ohio, Vermont, Maine, as well as other places were blessed with teams who worked to help people in need as well as sharing the Gospel.

It is amazing to me how many of our churches are invested in missions around the country and around the world. As director of missions, it makes my heart glad that our churches as serious about following the mandate of scripture found in Acts 1:8, Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:15-16, Luke 24:46-49, and John 20:21-22. However, I do believe the gentleman in our church had a point.

Don't get me wrong. I don't think we neglect the world and focus solely on our home turf. At the same time, I don't believe we should put as much effort as we do in order to take those wonderful mission trips to other places and neglect "home."

You see, a conservative estimate is that there are some 70,000 people in Henderson County who are unchurched or unsaved. I am afraid we can get excited about going somewhere else and proclaiming the Gospel, but when we get home, we forget the need around us and neglect those here because home is not as exciting as the other places we've been.

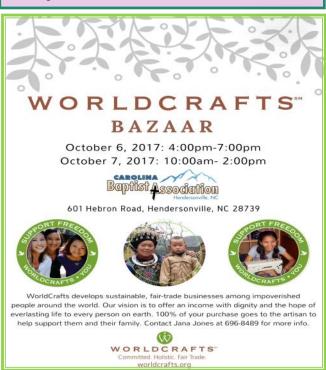
May I encourage us all to remember what Acts 1:8 says. It says we are to also focus on Jerusalem – that is, where we live! I pray that God will excite our hearts concerning mission, ministry and the proclamation of the Gospel through these home and international mission efforts. And, when we get home, God will remind us of the need here and compel our hearts to do the hard work of reaching those at home. It is where we live – among the people we say we love. God, help us to reach the Carolina Baptist Association area with the Good News of Jesus Christ!

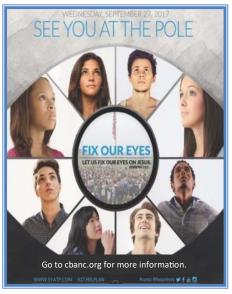
Soli Deo Gloria, Mike Smith Director of Missions

Welcome to Our New Pastor

David Woodie was elected as pastor of Valley Hill on August 6, 2017 and will begin serving on August 13, 2017. He is married to Theresa and they have two grown daughters, Michaela (25) and Dayna (19). They have 3 beautiful grandchildren.





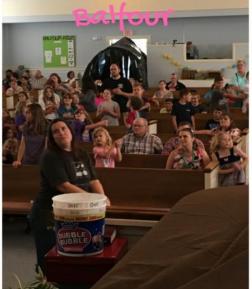












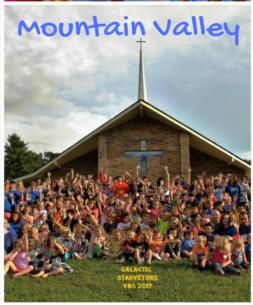














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Monday Minister Meetings:

Mondays at 10:00 AM—Downstairs in the Baptist Resource Center (Light Refreshments Served)



WMU Red Boxes Chewing Gum Collection

- Single Adult Sunday
- 4 Labor Day (CBA Office Closed)
- CBA Leadership Team Meeting, 9:00am, BRC 18
- WOC Annual Women's Conference, 23
 - "Making Much of Jesus"; 8:15am-3:15pm; FBBC
- Global Week of Student Prayer 24-30
- 27 See You at the Pole

Cooperative Program Emphasis Month Pastor Appreciation Month

WMU Red Boxes Chewing Gum Collection (Due Oct. 16)

- 2 ACP's Due to the CBA
- Global Hunger Sunday 8
- 16 WMU Red Boxes Chewing Gum Collection Due to the CBA
- CBA Leadership Team Meeting, 9:00am, BRC 16
- 140th Fall Semi-Annual Meeting; 4:00pm; 17
 - **Etowah Baptist Church**
- **CBA Office Closed** 18



September

- Mike Smith-CBA
- Bryan Melton- Mount Moriah
- Susan Garren- Mountain Home
- 28 Brent Thomas East Flat Rock First

October

- Craig Garren- Mountain Home
- Tony & Merle Reese-Saluda First
- Steven Blanton-Ebenezer
- 7 Joe & Stacy Lund-Balfour
- 8 Dan & Marie Blackwell- Dana
- 10 Amy Lewis-Double Springs Clint & Nancy McKnight- Horse Shoe First
- 15 Stacy Lund- Balfour
- 20 Tony Reese-Saluda First
- 25 Mandy Knox- Crab Creek

Deadline for November/December Newsletter is October 9, 2017



A Collection of New and Gently Used Coats for New York Collection Due Date: October 6, 2017 Take to Fruitland Baptist Bible College, 1455 Gilliam Rd.

This is a Great Commission Partnership with North Carolina Baptists. It began as Coats for Queens and became a huge success. Now, partnering with church planters all across New York, this year the goal is 10,000 coats and either a Bible or Jesus film in the language of the person receiving the coat.

The coats need to be new or gently used, sorted in heavy lawn bags according to three styles: Men, Women, and Children.

A donation of \$2.00 for every coat will help cover the cost of a Bible and/or Jesus Video.

If you are interested in going to help distribute the coats, contact Abby Edwards at 800-395-5102, ext. 5536, or email her at aedwards@ncbaptist.org. Visit www.ncbaptist.org and click Events for more information.





The mission of the WNC Mountain State Fair Ministry is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with people working at and attending the annual Mountain State Fair. This will be accomplished by volunteers from Baptist churches in Western North Carolina who will witness by caring for the physical and spiritual needs of fair employees and fair guests.

Ways you can help: Pray for the Fair Leadership Team and for the church volunteer teams; volunteer a church team to serve a shift; provide Bibles; make "Jesus Loves You" teddy bears, salvation bracelets or hygiene kits; provide clothing from a specific list; provide new or clean used blankets and towels; provide paper plates, cups, plastic silverware, or paper towels; give a tax deductible gift to the fair ministry. Checks can be made to Buncombe Baptist Association, designated "Fair Ministry" and mailed to 227 Hazel Mill Road, Asheville, NC 28806. The State Fair will be held September 8-17, 2017. For more information and a list of needs go to buncombebaptist.org or call 252-1864, ext. 306.



"Anchored" ~ NC Baptist Women's Retreat

Caraway Conference Center October 27-28, 2017

During the fiercest of winds and strongest of storms, the trees with the deepest roots are not easily uprooted. Simply put, the tree

is anchored to the ground, and though it might be weathered, it is firmly planted. God desires for women to live their lives anchored to Him so that when the storms of life come, we are firmly planted in Him and His promises. But how do we anchor ourselves in the Lord's Word? At this retreat, we will learn how to study Scripture so we might be anchored in our Heavenly Father and His truth.

Many sessions available for you to choose from throughout the event. Special speaker, Katie Orr, will equip you as a busy woman to experience God. She's discovered a passion to teach women how to study Scripture, equipping them to walk with God for a lifetime.

Go to www.ncbaptist.org/embrace for more information and to register or call 800-395-5102, ext. 5558.



North Carolina Missions Offering September 2017 ~ Do you have eyes to see?

Prayer undergirds everything we do, and the NCMO and the ministries it supports are no different. That's why

we've designated *Sunday, August 27—Sunday, September 3* as a special week of prayer for this year's NCMO. Since the month of September marks the primary NCMO emphasis in many churches, this week of prayer is designed to focus our hearts on praying for missions in the week leading up to the beginning of the NCMO emphasis. Some churches choose to focus on the offering at other times of the year.

Please consider how you and your church can pray for the ministries supported through NCMO. Several prayer prompts have been developed for individuals and churches for the week of prayer.

Your gifts help relieve suffering, plant new churches, engage people in missions, minister during disasters, treat the sick and share the gospel.

For more information go to namissionsoffering.org.



The Appalachian Coalfields Ministry, sponsored by NC Baptist Men, seeks to help meet the physical and spiritual needs of some of the poorest people in the

Appalachian area. One of the greatest ministry needs in this area occurs at Christmastime. We are calling on churches statewide to respond to this need. The goal is to collect 10,000 backpacks of items to be distributed to Appalachian children in December.

Teams serve in the states of West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, and North Carolina.

Collection date is November 4 from 9:00—3:00. Collection sites will be listed on the website soon. For more information call our local representative, Wanda Love, at 891-7167.

Also visit *baptistsonmission.org*, Mission Projects, United States, Appalachian Coalfields.

Inside-Out Sunday School

Oct. 28, 2017 9:30 a.m. - noon West Canton Baptist Church



Inside-Out Sunday School is designed to train and equip Sunday School leaders, church staff and pastors around making disciples in Sunday School and Bible study groups. Baptist State Convention of North Carolina consultants and other experienced leaders will lead age-graded breakout sessions, as well as a special session for pastors, around the themes of teaching, caring and sharing. These sessions will help equip and encourage attendees to convey a love for Christ that is centered on the gospel, which compels us to imitate Jesus. Gain a new perspective on Sunday School that focuses on growing and making disciples—not just filling seats. Go to ncbaptist.org/insideout to register or call 800-395-5102, ext. 5646.



Please pray for these churches and their pastors on each designated week.

Sept. 3	Living Water Mountain View	Tony Birkhead No Pastor
Sept. 10	Oak Forest FBC Saluda	Jerry Lacefield Tony Reese
Sept. 17	Cedar Springs Broad River	Phillip Winter Bob Hagan
Sept. 24	Mountain Valley Liberty	Shannon Owen Robert Garren
Oct. 1	Kings Grove Asheville Korean	Phillip Capell Inhee Park
Oct. 8	Carolina Baptist Association Horse Shoe First	Mike Smith Clint McKnight
Oct. 15	New Haven Etowah	Randall Marshall Brian Henderson
Oct. 22	Crab Creek Barker Heights	Brad Knox Jimmy Owens
Oct. 29	Contemporary First Dana	K. DeWayne Jeter Dan Blackwell

OTHER NEWS/EVENTS

~IAM Annual School Supply Drive Please collect school supplies in August and take to IAM Mon.-Fri, 9:00—3:30. For a list of supplies go to iam-hc.org. August: Peanut butter, jelly, crackers, bread, eggs, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. ALSO, SHARE THE BOUNTY OF YOUR GARDEN! A Taste of Hendersonville, IAM's fabulous annual fundraiser, will be held on October 10. Tickets are \$45 each and are on sale now. Call 697-7029 for more information.

~N.C. Baptist Women's Retreat, Caraway Conference Center, October 27-28. God desires for women to live their lives anchored to Him so that when the storms of life come, we are firmly planted in Him and His promises. A retreat of worship, study and growth. Visit embracenc.org for more information.

~Start now preparing backpacks for the **Appalachian Christmas Outreach**. The goal for this year is 10,000 backpacks. If you would like someone to come to your church and present this ministry call Kathie Aiken at 828-553-8785. Go to ARMinistry.org for more information.

~Prepare for Retirement Seminar Topics include: Compensation planning, retirement plan, designated funds, charitable giving, other financial topics. Designed for pastors, ministers, financial administrators, treasurers, church committees and other interested lay leaders. August 31 from 9-Noon, Buncombe Baptist Association. go to www.ncbaptist.org/retirement or call Mary Landis at 800-395-5102, ext. 5637.

~Broyhill Home 58th Annual Western Area Conference September 7 beginning at 4:00 p.m. There will be tours, a free meal at 4:45 p.m. and music and an inspirational program involving our children in care and Dr. Michael Blackwell, President of Baptist Children's Home of NC. All churches are welcome! Bchfamily.org/westernarea or call 828-627-9254.

~2017 Annual Offering for Baptist Children's Homes Week of prayer is November 13-20 but you can participate any time.





Ebenezer celebrated 200 years in August! They had a weeklong celebration beginning August 13th and wrapping up on August 20th. July 30, 2017, they opened the doors to their newly renovated sanctuary.

Etowah Grades 1-5 kids are going to Deep Impact in Shelby in September. Awana kickoff on September 6. Mission Trip to Kenya to build houses for widows and build a church and name it *Centennial Church* commemorating Etowah's 100 year anniversary. Celebrating 100th Homecoming on October 1. Etowah will be hosting CBA Fall meeting on October 17. Trunk or Treat on October 31.

Fletcher First Revival with Leonard Fletcher on October 16-19, at 7pm. Special singing, Mountain Joy with Phil Cross on October 29 at 6pm. Awana registration September 6 at 6:30pm.

Hendersonville First Teams participated in partnership mission trips to Cuba, Honduras, and Russia in June and July. Started a prayer ministry for adopted unreached people group. Family mission project to Clarkston, GA and recovery work in eastern NC in August. Crosswalk afterschool program and English as second language to begin soon. There will be a Fall 2017 Kickoff on Wednesday, September 6 from 6:15pm-7:30pm for Pastor's Bible Study, LifeStep Classes, Women's Bible Studies (Beginning September 13), AWANA, and Student Ministry Growth Groups. They will begin "Experiencing God's Dream for Your Marriage", a study by Chip Ingram, on Wednesday evenings beginning September 6-October 11 from 6:15pm-7:30pm. A Bible study for men will begin on September 12-October 3 on Tuesday mornings from 9:00am-11:00am. The study is "The Promises of God" and will be led by Bob Jaeger. Operation Inasmuch will take place on Saturday, October 14 from 9:00am-12:00pm. There will be projects for everyone of all ages.

Horse Shoe First They will be having homecoming on September 10th at Horse Shoe First Baptist. Todd Alewine founder of Around the Corner Ministries will be the guest speaker for our homecoming services. Oct 29 - Nov 1 Come Alive Bible Conference at Horse Shoe First Baptist Church 7:00pm nightly. Speakers will include Steven Blanton of Ebenezer Baptist Church, David Maceachern of Grace Baptist Church, Chuck McKnight of Cobb Memorial Baptist Church, and Jeff LaBorg of Fairview Baptist Church. Services will be held at 7:00pm nightly and will include special music. There will be a supper on Wednesday night (Nov 1) at 6:00pm prior to service.

Main Street received recognition from the North American Mission Board as the Top Per Capita Giving church in the Carolina Association for giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering in 2016. Will have a community outreach during the Apple Festival. Free bottles of water, balloons, pinwheels, etc. Basketball and Corn Hole games will be set up also. Tables and chairs will be available for visitors to rest and eat. On September 3 Bible Study will be at 9am and a special worship service at 10am. On October 20, the movie "The Insanity of God" will be shown.

Mud Creek New support groups starting Sunday, September 24: Divorce Care for Women, Grief Share and SOS-Survivors of Suicide. Call 692-1262, ext. 135 or email patty@mudcreekchurch.org. Mission trip to Mumbai, India, Oct. 12-21 doing evangelism, discipleship and helping with church planters among an unreached people group.

Valley Hill elected new pastor, David Woodie on August 6, 2017. His first official day as pastor will be August 13, 2017. Wayside has changed their name to New Haven.

