

## BETHLEHEM TOY STORE

DECEMBER 2, 2016

A BIG thank you to churches that participated in *Christmas in July!* This gets us off to a great start! Our primary goal is to help make a difference in a needy child's life. Christmas is a time of year when family needs are intensified. Women of Carolina and WMU are trying to help ease that tension by providing toys for children of families right here in our community. The message of Christ is shared with each person that enters the door. We would like to provide an opportunity for you, your family and your church to help us bring this Christmas joy.

*Please collect new, unwrapped, non-violent toys for boys and girls from infancy to 16 years of age.*

**We need volunteers to witness, distribute toys and witness. Call 693-4274 and sign up!**

*Toys and money are due in the Association office by Monday, November 28, 2016*

the gospel resounds

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING\*

100% of your gift helps send and sustain IMB missionaries.



www.imb.org

Agua Viva	Cedar Springs	Etowah	French Broad	Liberty	Mountain	Pleasant Grove	West H'ville
Asheville Korean	Contemp. First	FBC E. Flat	Fruitland	Living Water	Home	Pleasant Hill	Zion Hill
Balfour	Covenant	Rock	Gethsemane	Locust Grove	Mountain Page	Refuge	
Barker Heights	Crab Creek	FBC H'ville	Hoopers Creek	Main Street	Mtn. Valley	Rise Fellowship	
Bat Cave	Crossroads	FBC Saluda	Horse Shoe	Middle Fork	Mtn. View Miss.	Shaws Creek	
Bearwallow	Dana	FBC Tryon	First	Mount Gilead	Mud Creek	Upward	
Beulah	Double Springs	FBC Tuxedo	Jones Gap	Mount Moriah	Naples	Valley Hill	
Broad River	Ebenezer	Fletcher First	Kings Grove	Mount Olivet	Oak Forest	Wayside	



*A word from your Director of Missions...Give*

The 139<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual Meeting was a great blessing. We heard challenging, yet inspiring reports of what God is doing through our churches. Ebenezer Baptist Church did a wonderful job hosting our meeting. We are a blessed association! Yet, there is much still to do.

There is no doubt we are now casting our attention on the holiday period. These are exciting times for most of us, but not for all in our community. This Thanksgiving, many will not have enough to have a bountiful meal. Might I suggest that your church have a Thanksgiving meal for those who are not as fortunate? Or, perhaps you would invite someone to join your family so they will have contact with people on this day. It may be just the time to share the Gospel!

Then, with Christmas coming up, there are those who have very little with which to celebrate the season. This could be another opportunity for you and your church to reach out, not only with material resources, but with the Good News of Jesus. In fact, this is a very appropriate time to do that. People tend to be more open to spiritual things around these holidays. Take advantage of the time. **The Bethlehem Toy Project could certainly use your help!** Besides, isn't the Gospel the best gift you could ever give?

And, could I give one more possibility for this holiday season? What may make this 2016 season different from others is the fact that many people in the Eastern part of our state are suffering from the remnants of Hurricane Matthew. This holiday season may be just the time to get a group of people together, partner with the Baptist Disaster Relief folk, and give a hand toward restoring and rebuilding those communities that have been so devastated.

In all this, the common theme seems to be "giving." How appropriate. God so loved the World that He gave. By his own example, He taught us. Now He sends us out to give. Give service with our hands. Give the Gospel with our hearts.

This Thanksgiving and Christmas season, may God use us to simply follow Him, and give.

**Churches without a pastor: Bat Cave, Cedar Springs, Contemporary First, Fruitland, Horse Shoe First, Locust Grove, Mount Olivet, and Wayside**

*Welcome to our new pastor:*  
Rev. Robert Garren began his ministry as pastor to Liberty Baptist Church on September 4, 2016. He is married to Lynda and they have one married daughter and one granddaughter.



**christmas PROGRAM**  
Fletcher First Baptist  
*The Keeper*  
December 3 | 7:00 PM  
December 4 | 6:00 PM

*FBC Hendersonville*  
**Glory Divine**  
A Christmas Musical  
Performance Dates:  
Saturday, December 3 | 6:00 PM  
Sunday, December 4 | 3:30 & 6:00 PM

**a NIGHT in Bethlehem**  
A Hands-On Holy Land Experience

**FRENCH BROAD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
828.891.4665  
**An indoor walk through experience for all ages. Live nativity.**  
**Friday, December 2nd**  
**Saturday, December 3rd**  
**Open from 6:30 to 9:00 PM**

**ARISE SHINE**

**World Day of Prayer**  
November 7, 2016 | 4:00 PM  
Main Street Baptist Church

*Mission:* Our mission is to encourage and celebrate unity in Christ among Baptist women of the world and work towards peace, reconciliation, justice and development through prayer, witness and service.

*Vision:* Baptist Women from every continent standing together, growing in effectiveness, and impacting our world for Christ.

If you have any questions call Jana Jones at 696-8489.

**One Small CHILD**

The Worship and Music Ministry of **Mud Creek Baptist Church** will present Christmas Celebration 2016 featuring the musical, "One Small Child" and presentations by the Choir and Orchestra, and soloists. Performances are **December 11 at 4:00 p.m.** and **December 14 at 6:30 p.m.** Doors will open one hour prior to the performances, and there is no admission charge. Call 692-1262 for more information

If you have not turned in your Annual Church Profile it is not too late! It is vital to us an Association and the NC Baptist State Convention to obtain this information. Even if it is a short form, please take the time to turn one in to us. Call us if you need a short form. Thank you!!

# GIRLS NIGHT OUT

featuring

#1 New York Times Bestselling Author

## KAREN KINGSBURY

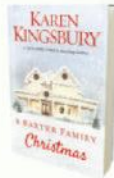


and special guests

## KELSEY & KYLE KUPECKY



*A night of faith, laughter, music & inspiration!*



Celebrating Karen's new novel in stores Oct. 25

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### Mud Creek Baptist Church

Hendersonville, NC  
7 pm ~ Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016

**Ticket Prices:** (Additional fees apply.)

**VIP:** \$100.00 \*Includes photo opp w/ Karen, signed copy of her new book, Q&A w/ Karen, early entry & preferred seating!

**Preferred:** \$35.00 \*Includes Q&A w/ Karen, early entry, preferred seating

**General Admission:** \$20.00

**Groups of 10+:** \$15.00, plus 1 FREE!



Internet Sales: PremierProductions.com

Ticket Outlet: Church office

Group Sales: PremierProductions.com

For More Information: (828) 692-1262

For Ticketing Questions: Email support@premierproductions.com



**January 6-7: 2017 VBS Preview**—Ridgecrest Conference Center, Black Mtn. Come to a VBS Preview Event and you'll go home inspired and ready to take your VBS to the next level! \$70 per person, \$80 per person after November 1. Group discounts available. [www.LifeWay.com](http://www.LifeWay.com)



**Operation Christmas Child** drop off dates are **November 14-21** at Hendersonville Presbyterian Church, 699 N. Grove Street. Call Dave Stewart at 698-1297 or Dale Stephens at 891-7155 for more information. [samaritanspur.org](http://samaritanspur.org)



**Sunday, January 15, 2017**  
Churches around the United States use the day to celebrate God's gift of life, commemorate the many lives lost to abortion, and commit themselves to protecting human life at every stage.

# REFINED

HIS GLORY SHINING THROUGH HER STORY  
A WOMEN'S MINISTRY HOLIDAY EVENT

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

**COST: \$15**

LUNCH SESSION: 10:30 AM • DINNER SESSION: 6:30 PM

**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
NAN JONES: TEACHER, BLOGGER, AUTHOR

FOR INFORMATION ON NAN, VISIT HER WEBSITE AT  
[WWW.NANJONES.COM](http://WWW.NANJONES.COM)

TICKETS ON SALE IN THE WELCOME CENTER OCTOBER 16. SEATING IS LIMITED.



If you don't know who the Joy Singers are, we are a group of Christians from the area that meet at the Carolina Baptist Association office each Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. to practice and then go to local retirement homes to sing for the patients. It is such a rewarding experience to see them brighten up with the singing and fellowship. Come join us! This invitation is open for all ages! Call Terry Baker at 329-8938



Bible Drill is for children, youth and high school students in grades 4-12. Bible Drill helps students increase in their knowledge, memorization and application of scripture.

Drillers can carry their verses everywhere they go now! The Georgia Baptist Convention has developed an "app" for Bible Drill. It can be downloaded from "iTunes" for only .99! Online registration dates are March 1-27, 2017. Go to [www.ncbibledrill.org](http://www.ncbibledrill.org) for regional locations, state finals and nationals.

2016 ANNUAL OFFERING

# I AM GOD'S CHILD



YOU CAN INTRODUCE CHILDREN TO THE GREAT I AM



**Baptist Children's Homes**

Week of Prayer: November 13 - 20 Goal: \$1,500,000

[www.bchoffering.org](http://www.bchoffering.org)

## OUR STAFF

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*Our purpose is to develop healthy churches and help them grow: Powerful through Prayer; Warmer through Fellowship; Deeper through Discipleship; Stronger through Worship; Broader through Ministry and Larger through Evangelism.*



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### Monday Minister Meetings:

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



### BETHLEHEM TOY STORE COLLECTION BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES ANNUAL OFFERING

- 6 Daylight Savings Time ends
- 7 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer, Main St. Baptist Church

- 8 ELECTION DAY
- 13 Karen Kingsbury, Mud Creek Baptist Church
- 14-15 NCBCS Annual Meeting, Greensboro
- 14-21 Operation Christmas Child Drop off, Hendersonville Presbyterian
- 21 CBA Leadership Team Meeting, CBA, 9:00 AM
- 23 CBA Office Closes at Noon
- 24 Thanksgiving
- 18 Refined, Women's Event, FBC Hendersonville
- 13-20 Baptist Children's Homes Week of Prayer and Offering

### LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

- 29-1 Bethlehem Toy Store Setup
- 2 Bethlehem Toy Store Distribution
- 4-11 Week of Prayer/Mission Study for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 19 CBA Leadership Team Meeting, CBA, 9:00 AM
- 26-30 CBA Office Closed for the Holidays



### November

- 8 Robert Capps—Bearwallow
- 9 Valerie Fletcher—West Hendersonville
- 11 Justin Perdue—Covenant
- 12 Betty Chandler—Upward
- 14 John Mason—Main Street
- 18 Roy Perry—Refuge
- 21 Mike and Karen Bennett—Tuxedo First
- 25 Danny & Debra Pridmore—Gethsemane

### December

- 1 Lisa Owens—Barker Heights
- 5 Nancy Gibbs—CBA
- 8 Justin and Michelle Perdue—Covenant
- 9 Tracy and Valerie Fletcher—West H'ville
- 12 Norma Mullinax—Shaws Creek
- 13 Paul Chandler—Upward
- 19 Greg Mathis—Mud Creek
- 20 Merle Reese—Saluda First
- 22 John and Shelia Mason—Main Street
- 24 Robert Ponder—Mount Gilead

Deadline for January/February  
Newsletter is December 12



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



**Balfour** has an ongoing WMU ministry called "Busy Fingers" that makes blankets, quilts and scarves for Mexico.

**Ebenezer** Going to Orlando on November 4 to pack shoeboxes for Haiti with Tim DeTellis and New Missions.

**Etowah** Participating in the Appalachian Christmas Outreach, a ministry of NC Baptist Men, and will be taking filled backpacks to Williamsburg, KY in December. Having a craft and bake sale for missions on Nov. 11 and 12 from 9-2 each day (lunch is available). Thanksgiving meal will be provided for the community on November 22 from 4-7. Both will be held at the Promise Center. Had over 200 enrolled in VBS with several decisions for Christ. Upward Basketball and Cheerleading evaluations on November 7 & 8 from 6-7:30 p.m. 40 people prayer walked local schools.

**First Baptist Church East Flat Rock** Providing Thanksgiving meals to families in the Dodd Meadows Habitat Community on November 20. On November 19-26 four members are planning to go to Haiti on a mission trip. Presentation of the Christmas musical on December 11, "The Greatest Story" at 10:45 a.m.

**First Baptist Church Hendersonville** More than 200 church members were involved in Operation In As Much on October 8. A team of 17 went to the Baton Rouge area for mud-out and basic recovery. Prison Ministry team went to 3 regional prisons giving out funnel cakes, cotton candy, and the gospel message. Approximately 100 students per day learn Bible verses and interact with committed staff and volunteers at Crosswalk. Special worship guest, Rodrigo Rodriguez on November 20 at 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. Student Ministry Winter Retreat will be held at Ridgecrest on January 14-16. Registration deadline is November 20. Call 693-3493. 15 people prayer walked 15 schools!

**French Broad** The Heritage Choir will be presenting a Christmas musical on December 18 at 11:00 a.m.

**Gethsemane** Had a total VBS enrollment of 70 with 3 decisions to accept Christ.

**Main Street** collected 25 backpacks for the Appalachian Regional Ministry. Ingathering of Shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child, November 9 with a dedication of the gifts on November 13. Supper of International Food on December 7. Choir presents the Christmas Musical, "Come, Let Us Worship the King," on December 11 at 11:00 a.m. Christmas Eve candlelight service at 5:00 p.m. with Communion and Advent Wreath. Fellowship afterward.

**Mud Creek** provided a ramp for an aging adult. NC Baptist Aging Ministry expresses their gratitude to Mud Creek for working together to help aging adults maintain independence and quality of life. Had a VBS attendance of 157.

**Naples** In November participating in Miles of Pennies for Baptist Children's Homes. Filling and collecting shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child and collecting toys for the Bethlehem Toy Store. On November 13 will host the Broyhill Baptist Children's Home for the morning worship followed by an annual Thanksgiving/Christmas luncheon. Will present a Christmas musical on December 18 at 10:45 a.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6:00 p.m. On Christmas day will have a morning service only beginning at 10:45 a.m. Collected 40 backpacks to send to the Appalachian Coalfield Christmas backpack program. The youth harvested 688 lbs. of sweet potatoes from their garden to donate to The Storehouse. The WMU is providing enough food for a Thanksgiving Dinner for the Rescue Mission. 5 people prayer walked 3 schools.

**Oak Forest** had 57 enrolled for VBS.

**Refuge** Church family Thanksgiving meal on November 20 at 6:00 p.m. Sound of Singing Men Christmas Buffet on December 2 at 6:00 p.m. Christmas Cantata, "Once Upon a Miracle" on December 11 at 10:30 a.m. Children's Christmas program on December 18 at 10:30 a.m. Christmas Even Candlelight Service at 11:00 p.m.

**Saluda First** 8 people prayer walked Saluda schools.

*Thanksgiving and Christmas blessings to all from the staff at Carolina Baptist Association*



Nov 6	Covenant Gethsemane	Branton Burleson Danny Pridmore
Nov 13	Shaws Creek Locust Grove	Jerry Mullinax No Pastor
Nov 20	FBC Tuxedo Mount Moriah	Mike Bennett Bryan Melton
Nov 27	Naples Valley Hill	Richard Merck James McHarge
Dec 4	Refuge FBC Hendersonville	Roy Perry Steve Scoggins
Dec 11	French Broad Bat Cave	Kemuel Pruitt Scott Thompson, Int.
Dec 18	Mount Olivet Jones Gap	Larry Stapleton, Int. Curtis Pace
Dec 25	Pleasant Grove Upward	Rick Phillips Paul Chandler



Living Out Your Faith Ministries is a non-profit organization making a difference in the lives of families in Central America. Founded by Joe and Rose Dwyer, Living Out Your Faith Ministries provides opportunities for God's people to use their God-given skills to make a difference in Nicaragua through both short and long term missionary involvement.



Living Out Your Faith Ministries, partnering with Cullowhee Tree farmer, Ryan Holquist, is doing a fundraiser to help save lives and improve livelihoods to families in Nicaragua. When you purchase a NC Frasier Fir Christmas tree, all of your proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to provide Gospel Stoves for families in Nicaragua. The Gospel Stove is designed to improve the health of women and children by eliminating more than 92% of particle emission inside the home.

Order your Frasier Fir Christmas tree today! Prices range from \$44 to \$115. The last day to order your tree is November 21. Trees will be available for pick-up on November 28 between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at Living Out Your Faith Ministry Office located at 520 South Allen, Suite #3, Flat Rock, NC. For more information call Rose Dwyer at 828-699-8943.



### OTHER NEWS/EVENTS

- **Appalachian Coalfields Ministry Backpack Collection** sponsored by the NC Baptist Men will have a collection site at The Light & Hope Ministry Center, 40 Nicholson Creek Rd., Brevard on Saturday, November 5 from 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. They are also collecting new, children's shoes to distribute to the same area. Go to [baptistsonmission.org](http://baptistsonmission.org) and click on Missions.
- **2016 Annual Offering for Baptist Children's Homes** Week of prayer is November 13-20 but you can participate any time.
- **EFL (English as a Foreign Language) TRAINING** to be held on November 18-19 at Fruitland Baptist Bible College. Friday, 5:00-9:00 p.m., Saturday, 8:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 (materials, lunch and snacks). Call 685-8990 for more info. and to register.
- A BIG thank you to FBC Hendersonville, Naples, Oak Forest, Broad River, Locust Grove, Balfour, Tuxedo First, Etowah and Main Street for surpassing our goal of 850 socks for the **Red Boxes for the Women's Prison in Raleigh!** You collected 1,302 pairs of socks!
- Thank you to Fruitland Baptist Bible College for hosting the **Western Regional Bivocational and Small Church Ministers' Family Retreat.** The theme was "Built to Last" and there were 40 in attendance.



## Hurricane Matthew Update

**T**here is an urgent need for volunteers to help with Hurricane Matthew relief efforts! Teams are needed to help individuals and families remove the wet furniture, floors, walls, and other items as needed. Volunteers are needed in relief efforts which include: Feeding, disaster recover, chaplaincy, providing

showers, doing laundry and much more. We have large feeding kitchens and volunteers serving in Fayetteville, Lumberton, Kinston, Greenville, Whiteville and Wallace. We will need many recovery volunteers for many months to come. You do not need to be trained; there will be on the job training. Lodging and meals are provided free of charge at our various sites. Youth are also welcomed to participate. Thousands of homes and many thousands of people were affected by Hurricane Matthew and we need volunteers to assist with cleanup for the long term. Please share this at your church. Please continue to Pray and Go.

**Logistics:** sleeping area, showers, and food are provided. You will need to provide your own cot, air mattress and bedding items, towels, washcloths etc.

**Age:** minimum age is completion of 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Your team must have a 2/5 ration of adult to student. Teams with students: all adults must complete a background check. Additional information will be sent to help you.

**Nature of Work:** to serve those who have been affected by the recent disaster. We are also focused on the spiritual needs of the people here so remember to love and pray for these survivors as your work. Work may be related to flood damage or wind damage or both. Your site coordinator can give you specific details depending on where you are assigned.

**What to bring:** in most cases simple hand tools will suffice such as a hammer, wrecking bar, battery powered screwdrivers, etc. The site coordinator can give you specific tool lists depending on the project. We can provide some tools on a limited basis.

Pray for people who were affected by Hurricane Matthew. Pray for the volunteers who are going to minister. If you are interested and able to go and help, please either call 800.395.5102 ext. 5596 or go to our website to sign up: <http://baptistsonmission.org/HurricaneMatthew>. You can also get updates on our website and on our Facebook page at [www.Facebook.com/ncmissions](http://www.Facebook.com/ncmissions).

**Thanks to Mike Nelson and Charles Allen, the Association has a exceptionally furnished Disaster Relief Trailer for CBA churches to use at no charge! Contact the Association, connect with a group, pray and GO!**



### THE NC BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION-Did you know?

**T**he Baptist State Convention of NC (BSCNC) is an autonomous body of Baptist Churches that work in partner with Baptist associations and the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) in fulfilling the Great Commission in local and global missionary efforts through the Cooperative Program, the principal funding system. N.C. Baptist churches use to support Missions and Ministries. The 2016 budget for the BSCNC is \$29.5 million. The 2016 SBC budget is \$186.5 million. The BSCNC is comprised of 4,300 N.C. Baptist churches. The convention owns Fruitland Baptist College and three conference centers: Caraway, Fort Caswell and Truett.

The Biblical Recorder and the N.C. Baptist Foundation are agencies of the BSCNC. NC Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem and Baptist Children's Homes of NC are institutions of the convention. NC Baptist Men work with the BSCNC in an auxiliary relationship. Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill and Wingate universities have an affiliate relationship with the BSCNC.

**SUPPORTING MISSIONS:** *Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (International Missions), Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (North American Missions), Cooperative Program Support and NC Missions Offering.*

#### MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

**Asian Ministry** 2,342 people representing 246 churches attended training sessions through the Asian ministry.

**Adult Evangelism and Discipleship** "The Story" a conversational witnessing tool that presents the gospel through creation, fall, rescue, redemption and restoration, now has a new phone app ([viewthestory.com](http://viewthestory.com)). Learn more at [ncbaptist.org/thestory](http://ncbaptist.org/thestory).

**Childhood Ministry** In 2015, over 500 people from 100 churches attended childhood ministry training events.

**Church Planting** On average, church planting consultants work with approximately 100 new churches across the state each year.

**Church and Family Connect** Church and Family Connect offers resources to equip leaders to help families make disciples in the home.

**Embrace Women's Evangelism and Discipleship** Embrace encourages women to make disciples who make disciples through consultations and statewide ministry events. Learn more at [ncbaptist.org/embrace](http://ncbaptist.org/embrace).

**Fruitland Baptist Bible College** In 2015, FBBC had a record student enrollment of 423 on the main campus in Hendersonville; at satellite campuses in Rocky Mount, Winston-Salem, and Monroe; and at Hispanic satellite campuses in Wilmington, Statesville and Sylva.

**Hispanic Evangelism and Discipleship** In 2015, 277 people from 29 congregations attended the Hispanic Youth Retreat at Caswell. In those attending, 30 made a profession of faith and 12 made a commitment for vocational Christian service.

**NC Baptist Men/Baptists on Mission** In 2015, NCBM responded to 15 different disaster events, which included the Nepal earthquake and flooding in the Carolinas. The mobile medical/dental units treated 4,655 patients in 140 locations with 45 making a profession of faith. NCBM also launched the new health screening ministry and conducted seven clinics from July to November.

**Special Ministries** In 2015, 690 people from 49 churches participated in the Happiness Retreats for mentally and physically challenged individuals.

**Some other ministries are Strategic Focus Team, Worship and Music, Youth Evangelism and Discipleship and many, many more.**

*Go to [ncbaptist.org](http://ncbaptist.org) and [ncmissions.org](http://ncmissions.org) for more information about the many ministry opportunities our State Convention offers!*