

THANK YOU!

2017 BETHLEHEM TOY STORE REPORT (by Glo Nock, Director)

Thank you to everyone who prayed, bought, sorted, brought, bagged, carried, encouraged, invited, witnessed, checked-in, fed, organized, shopped, participated and cared for others through this year's C.B.A. Bethlehem Toy Project. Thank you volunteers from Camp GLOW, Balfour Baptist Youth, Fruitland Baptist Youth, CBA Staff, Biltmore Church, Mountain View Baptist, The Bridge, East Flat Rock First Baptist, United Christian Fellowship, Mud Creek Baptist, Ebenezer, and Words of Life Tabernacle, who helped with set up and on distribution day.

Thank you to the following churches who gave toys and financial contributions: Balfour, Cedar Springs, Crab Creek, Dana, East Flat Rock First, Etowah, FBC Hendersonville, Fletcher First, Fruitland, Oak Forest, Saluda First.

Over 41 families and 80 children were impacted by your generosity and prayers. The greatest gift offered to each client was they were asked if they knew Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Each family was invited to be a part of a local C.B.A. church if they were not already attending. The best news of all is that 7 adults asked Jesus into their hearts on toy distribution day! Bibles were given to the clients and many were extremely excited to receive a Bible. Many gave prayer requests and prayed with our volunteer counselors. All were appreciative of the toys and support shown. Several left without accepting the good news, so please remember every family that came through our doors that God will send a brother or sister into their path to help water the seeds that were planted. May God bless each of you for being a part of this important ministry. Please pray all year for the Bethlehem Toy Project. God is on the move.

And the King will answer and say to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me." Matthew 25:40



Agua Viva	Broad River	Ebenezer	Fletcher First	Liberty	Mountain Home	Pleasant Grove	Zion Hill
Asheville Korean	Cedar Springs	Etowah	French Broad	Living Water	Mountain Page	Pleasant Hill	Churches with- out a pastor: Mountain View Pleasant Hill Refuge 
Balfour	Contemp. First	FBC E. Flat	Fruitland	Locust Grove	Mtn. Valley	Refuge	
Barker Heights	Covenant	Rock	Gethsemane	Main Street	Mtn. View Miss.	Shaws Creek	
Bat Cave	Crab Creek	FBC H'ville	Hoopers Creek	Middle Fork	Mud Creek	The Beloved	
Bearwallow	Crossroads	FBC Saluda	Horse Shoe 1st	Mount Gilead	Naples	Upward	
Beulah	Dana	FBC Tryon	Jones Gap	Mount Moriah	New Haven	Valley Hill	
Biltmore H'ville	Double Springs	FBC Tuxedo	Kings Grove	Mount Olivet	Oak Forest	West H'ville	



**“Write the Vision, Make it Plain”
Habakkuk 2:2**

There are a plethora of subjects that could be mentioned as we begin a new year. We could talk about the blank slate of a calendar that will be filled in the next 12 months. We could mention the many possibilities before us, and the vast potential for Christian witness in our Jerusalem. We could be challenged by many things as we begin 2018, but I want to submit that there will be one thing that will be a constant during this year, and every year after – information.

You see, every action and reaction that is a part of our lives is based on information. And, with all our modern technology, we are overrun with information. Not all of the information is good information. So, we have to ask ourselves, what are the dependable sources for information for us, especially for Christians, so we can make good, informed decisions?

Much could be discussed here, but may I share with you one such dependable resource for us as North Carolina Baptists? We are blessed to have the Biblical Recorder as our state Baptist newspaper. Through the Recorder, we can learn of mission and ministry activities in our state and around the world. We can learn, from a Biblical perspective, how to encounter the tidal wave of secularism that surrounds us. The Recorder also affords us a unique platform for editorials and guest columns that discuss current issues of our day in a clear and fair way.

The problem is that only 1% of all NC Baptists read the

Recorder. Only 671 of our 4,300 churches subscribe to the Recorder. In my view, that is shortsighted. I understand that some stopped subscribing a few years ago because they were not happy with the direction of the paper. Others have ceased subscribing as a cost cutting measure. For the former, the direction of the paper is not longer a good excuse. For the latter, you are losing out on a tremendous investment opportunity. You cannot inform your people enough through newsletters, bulletins, emails, texts, PhoneTrees, or any other attempt to get the information into the hands of your people. I believe a subscription for every church member is a great investment in order to inform your people. After all, an informed Baptist is ALWAYS a better Baptist. If you cannot afford a subscription for everyone, at least consider a group plan. You can get 26 subscriptions a year for only \$135. That would mean that, at least, all of your leadership would be much better informed.

For full disclosure, I am concluding my 4 year term as a member of the Board of Directors of the Biblical Recorder. However, I was a proponent of the paper long before I came on the board. If you are interested in following through, contact Liz Tablazon at 919-459-5693 or liz@BRnow.org. She can help you with these, or other subscription ideas.

Then, you will be contributing to writing the vision in order to make it plain. I believe that will be pleasing to God – the self-revealing one who makes sure His people are informed!

Soli Deo Gloria!
Michael Smith, Director of Missions

April 28 or May 5, 2018



Churches statewide are challenged to designate either April 28 or May 5, 2018, as a day to help meet the needs in their community. The goal for North Carolina Operation Inasmuch is to involve as many churches as possible in missions.

Our local OIAM training will be at Buncombe Baptist Association on February 10 from 9:00 a.m.—Noon. One of the most helpful things for a new church is hearing how others in the area have done OIAM, what worked and didn't, and how preparation and promotion was done. A church that has never done OIAM will learn how they can raise funds, some ideas on what projects they can do, how to plan and promote, and how to mobilize over half of their church members to impact their communities. Call 828-252-1864 to sign up.

Welcome New Pastors!



Tyler Pegram was called to **Locust Grove Baptist Church** on October 8, 2017. Tyler is married to Katie, and they have a baby on the way.

Biltmore Hendersonville was voted into watchcare on October 24, 2017. They will be voted on for full membership in October 2018. We welcome Marcus Hayes and his wife, Mandy! They have 3 girls: Sarai (6), Amaya (4) and Naomi (1).



January 21, 2018

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

APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS OUTREACH REPORT

For several years we have been praying that we could have 10,000 backpacks distributed in the Appalachian Coalfields region as part of Appalachian Christmas Outreach. Last year we collected and then churches distributed about 9,000. This year.... 11,302! That means over 11,000 children will receive a reminder that they are not forgotten, that God has them in the palm of His hand, and will hear the message of Hope. This is one of the most incredible things you could do as part of your Christmas celebration.

Thank you all for your prayers, support, and participation. Many of you will be on teams that distribute them in the next week or two. You will be in our prayers as you travel, share, and deepen friendships among your church and beyond.

It's not too early to plan for next year....!!! If you did not have a contact person in your association this year let's pray together that God will raise up a church or an individual to lead the charge. Call Wanda Love at 891-7167 for more information on this ministry.



FREE CHURCH FINANCIAL SEMINAR

Davis Blount of The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina is offering a **FREE** Church Financial Seminar for the Transylvania Baptist Association and all surrounding Associations at **TBA Baptist Center** on

January 30, 2018 (Tuesday) from 5:30-8:00 pm. Each church is encouraged to send as many people as possible to this seminar - at least one person. Please put this date and time on your calendar. Refreshments will be served.

Davis will focus on church budgets, tax updates and laws along with many other vital church financial information. This information would greatly benefit all church pastors, staff, deacons, financial administrators, treasurers, church committees and other lay team leaders.

He will be scheduling a few individual one on one appointments from 2-4 on that day. These will be 15-20 minutes each.

You can call Davis at the Baptist State Convention if you need information before the seminar at 1-800-395-5102 , ext. 5604, and to also schedule your one-on-one.

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February 4-11, 2018
Goal: \$600,000



The Souper Bowl of Caring collections on Super Bowl Sunday are a big help to the Food Pantry at Interfaith Assistance Ministry.

In 2017, the IAM Food Pantry received 5,147 lbs. of soup!

Souper Bowl Sunday is February 4, 2018, but many congregations around the country will start their collection in January. Find out more and receive promotional materials at souperbowl.org.

BAPTIST ON MISSION CONSTRUCTION SKILLS TRAINING

We had a very successful Construction Skills Training on October 28 at the Red Springs Mission Camp and are making plans to repeat it in 2018 at both Red Springs and Shelby. This is open to adults and students age 13 and above who have an adult present with them. It is a great event for youth groups to learn more about some of the skills we use in Disaster Relief, handyman ministries, and a number of local ministries.

Learn to:
Hang/Finish Drywall
Install Flooring
Lay out/Frame Walls
And more!



The training will be on **Saturday, February 24, 2018** at Shelby Mission Camp from 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Training only is \$10.00 per person, training with overnight housing (Friday-Saturday) is \$21.00 per person.

A Service of
Lights
for
Life



Honoring children and families impacted during the 45 years since Roe v. Wade.

Sponsored by the Henderson County Ministerial Association and Open Arms Pregnancy Center

6:00 PM, Monday, January 22, 2018

Hendersonville Presbyterian Church

Call 828-696-4510 for more information

Please join us for dedication, remembrance and repentance for our Nation. Prayer is making a difference in a Nation that values LIFE.

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Monday Minister Meetings:

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

January

**CALL TO PRAYER MONTH
SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE MONTH
MAKE YOUR WILL MONTH**

- 1 New Year's Day (CBA Office Closed)
- 11-12 Vocational Emphasis Retreat, Caraway Conference Center
- 15 CBA Leadership Team Meeting, BRC, 9:00 AM
- 21 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 22 Lights for Life, Hendersonville Presbyterian, 6:00 PM
- 30 CBA Executive Team Meeting, BRC, 7:00 PM
- 30 Financial Seminar, Transylvania Baptist Association, 5:30—8:00 PM

TRUE LOVE WAITS EMPHASIS MONTH

February

- 04 Souper Bowl Sunday for IAM
- 11 Racial Reconciliation Sunday
- 13 Region 9 Missions Rally, FBC Arden, 6:00 PM
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 17 Children's Ministry Day
- 19 CBA Leadership Team Meeting, BRC, 9:00 AM
- 24 Construction Skills Training, Shelby Mission Camp



Birthdays & Anniversaries

January

- 2 Greg and Deborah Mathis— Mud Creek
- 3 Jerry Mullinax— Shaws Creek
- 7 Craig Stepp— Fruitland
- 7 Paula Janes— CBA
- 12 Blair and Tina Stewart— Zion Hill
- 15 Roy Waldroup— Fletcher First
- 18 Shannon and Kim Owen— Mountain Valley
- 26 Samuel Lee— Asheville Korean
- 28 Steve Scoggins— Hendersonville First
- 30 Deborah Mathis— Mud Creek
- 31 Robert and Sharon Capps— Bearwallow

February

- 4 Kelly Smith—CBA
- 14 Robert and Lisa Ponder— Mount Gilead
- 22 Kim Owen— Mountain Valley
- 23 Marie Blackwell— Dana
- 25 Jerry Lacefield— Oak Forest
Joe Lund— Balfour

*Deadline for March/ April
Newsletter is February 8, 2018*



REGION 9 MISSIONS RALLY

NC Baptists on Mission hosts a series of Regional Mission Rallies across the

state. These rallies (10 of them) will highlight the variety of opportunities NC Baptists have to be involved in missions across our state, in our nation, and around the world. Featured will be worship, testimony, mission video, and a prayer time for missions. These rallies are for men, women and youth- everyone interested in missions is encouraged to attend. A main focus of these rallies will be state, national, international partnerships and projects (including Disaster Relief) that are supported by the NCMO.

A meal is provided for the NC Mission Rallies at no charge, but reservations are necessary to ensure an accurate meal count. The cut off date for reserving a meal for each Celebration is one week prior to the event. To register, go to baptistsonmissions.org.

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

First Baptist Church, Arden (3839 Sweeten Creek Rd.)

6:00 pm (Meal)

6:50 - 8:30 pm (Program)


Awaken

RETURN TO ME

2018 North Carolina Prayer Gathering

FRIDAY, MARCH 9 — 7-9 P.M.
SATURDAY, MARCH 10 — 8:30 A.M. TO NOON

Lake Hills Baptist Church (Candler Campus)
370 Lake Drive | Candler, NC 28175



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RED BOXES FOR WOMEN INMATES REPORT THANK YOU to the following churches for your MANY donations of sticks of gum for women inmates this Christmas season! Balfour, Broad River, Dana, Etowah, FBC Hendersonville, French Broad, Fruitland, Locust Grove, Main Street, Naples, Saluda First. **You collected 2,184 sticks of gum!**

The **NC Baptist Foundation** has 3 educational scholarships available for Baptist students: The Luther H. Butler Scholarship, The Bullard Family Scholarship, and The Martha Watson Scholarship. Applications are open on January 1, 2018 and will remain open until the close of business on February 15, 2018. **Go to www.ncbaptistfoundation.org/scholarships.aspx to apply.**



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We've all been there. All needed a time to refresh. To step back from the busyness of our ministry...to reconnect with our families...to get away. At Ridgecrest, we invite you to do just that...get away! Located in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains, there is a place for you to come and enjoy at an incredible room rate of \$49 per night for

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Vocational Evangelists Retreat

Jan. 11-12, 2018

**Caraway Conference Center
Sophia, N.C.**

The Vocational Evangelists Retreat is a conference for those whose ministry vocation is focused primarily on evangelism and sharing the gospel through preaching, teaching or in creative ways, such as illusions, comedy, music, drama or art. Registration is required for this event. The conference fee includes lodging and four meals.

Registration options: Single participant is \$100 (single room) or \$90 per person (double room). Husband and wife participants are \$165 (per couple). Commuter(s): One day/one meal commuter \$25 per day (per person); One day/two meals commuter \$35 per day (per person)

Go to ncbaptist.org/events to register or call 800-395-5102.



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

Jan. 7	Pleasant Grove Upward	Rick Phillips Paul Chandler
Jan. 14	Bearwallow Zion Hill	Robert Capps Blair Stewart
Jan. 21	Crossroads Balfour	Eddie Conard Joe Lund
Jan. 28	The Beloved Double Springs	Brian Allen Michael Lewis
Feb. 4	Hoopers Creek Middle Fork	Phillip Youngblood Ralph Fry, Jr.
Feb. 11	Agua Viva Mud Creek	Marco Hernandez Greg Mathis
Feb. 18	West Hendersonville Pleasant Hill	Tracy Fletcher No Pastor
Feb. 25	Mount Gilead Ebenezer	Robert Ponder Steven Blanton



Contemporary First A Message from CFMBC: We are building up a network of people to call a nation back to God. With that in mind, we've learned that people don't care how much you know until they know how much you care. We seek to care for our community by addressing the specific need of clothing. In our service to those in need of the basic necessity or clothing, we offer a Clothes Closet Ministry. Our ministry provides clean, gently used clothing for children and adults, both male and female. It is our hope that you would share our contact information with anyone you may know who is in need. We would be more than happy to meet the needs of those in our community. To schedule an appointment, contact Carolyn Pea (828.699.4446) or Rovonda Green (828.458.8369).

Fletcher First Special Singing, Feb. 4, 2017. 10:45 am. The Mylon Hayes Family.

Hendersonville First Numerous Bibles studies will begin in January. Call 828-693-3493 or go to their website at www.fbchnc.org.

Pleasant Hill Matt Morgan resigned from Pleasant Hill on October 18, 2017.

Shaws Creek Abishai will be singing at Shaws Creek Baptist on Sunday, February 4, 2018 at 6 pm in a love-offering concert.

OTHER NEWS/EVENTS

~Disciple-Making Conference You will learn personal and practical applications of the biblical mandate to make disciples in your home, church and world from experienced pastors and practitioners. February 27, 2018. 9:00am-4:00pm at Center Grove Baptist Church, Clemmons, NC. \$10 conference fee includes lunch.

~Daddy Daughter Valentine's Gala February 10, 2018 from 5:00pm-8:00pm at Camp Mundo Vista, Sophia, NC. Join us for dinner, music, dancing, games, and door prizes in the Mundo Vista Dining Hall. For girls 1-6 grades. \$20 per Daddy-Daughter couple and \$5 for each additional daughter. Registration deadline is January 31, 2018. Register online at www.campmundovista.com/events or call 336-625-4828.

~Living Out Your Faith Ministries, Inc. Nicaragua Mission Trip is March 29, 2018– April 5, 2018. Cost is \$1,100.00. Space is limited, call today to reserve your spot! 828-337-2837.

~In His Name: Learning to Pray Like Jesus Women's Prayer Retreat. March 2 & 3, 2018 at Mundo Vista Camp & Retreat Center (3140 Camp Mundo Vista Trail, Sophia, NC). Cost includes: Program Friday & Saturday, Meals and Lodging. \$80 per person in Activity Building/Guest Lodge and \$68 per person in cabin (bring your own linens & towels). Speaker is Dorothy Barham and worship led by Deborah Lockey. Register by Feb. 21, 2018 at www.campmundovista.com or call 336.625.4828.

~Inside Out at Camp Mundo Vista March 9-10, 2018 (1st-6th boys and girls) and March 16-17 (1st-6th girls). Sleep over or come for the day! Register your child online for this fun event at www.campmundovista.com/events between January 22, 2018 and February 22, 2018.

~S.P.L.A.S.H: Show People Love and Share Him with Ken Hemphill. April 14, 2018 from 9:30am-2:00pm at Buncombe Baptist Association. To register, call 828-252-1864 or 828-782-0545. Lunch is provided.

JANUARY IS MAKE YOUR WILL MONTH



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A Difference
When You**

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Forward" ...**



**through
your Christian
Estate Plan**

How do you wish to be remembered? Most people want to be remembered fondly and as having made a difference in the lives of others. Everyone has the capacity to extend their generosity beyond their lifetime by simply having a thoughtful estate plan in place. Consider how you might choose to make a difference, how you might want to "pay your blessings forward" as you seek to be more Christ-like. Then, take action by having a personal estate plan prepared for you and your family. Call the NC Baptist Foundation at 800-521-7334 and they can help you with this planning.



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