



The Heartbeat

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Buncombe Baptist Association Spring Celebration

Monday, May 15, 2017, Merrimon Avenue Baptist Church
5:30 p.m. —Light meal, 6:30 p.m.— Celebration begins



Partnership Missions Team members will be sharing about missions opportunities in which persons from our association churches have been involved.

Childcare provided (babies through kindergarten.)

To our Partnering Churches,

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What a great honor to partner in delivering the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Buncombe County. He is glorified through our Kingdom PASSION and Focus. We must extend our appreciation for making every day at the BBA office exciting. We hear of lives being changed through the preaching and teaching of the Gospel. We read newsletters that share of a powerful focus on building disciples that make disciples.

May I stop to thank you for praying for the BBA staff. Nancy Owen, our communications secretary, is doing well after eye surgery and back in the office. Norma Melton, our CCM director, is recovering from total knee replacement and hopes to be back in the office in April. Continue to pray for these co-workers as they minister an invaluable service to all the BBA partners.

**Welcome,
New Staff
Members!**

Let me introduce you to a new interim employee that is serving as the Missions Mobilization assistant. **Johnny Prettyman**, lead pastor of Merrimon Avenue Baptist Church is serving 8 or so hours a week to assist Norma and myself with community ministries projects and church development opportunities. Johnny and his wife Alice reside in the North Buncombe community. Additionally, we have two contract assistants that are serving a few hours each month. **Gary Odom**, is focusing on Hispanic Church planting and health. Gary retired from the Ohio Baptist Convention after 17 years in Hispanic work. Gary and his wife Terri reside in the Fairview community. **Diana Brewer** is assisting the entire staff with any administrative, planning, or promoting needs that arise. Diana and her husband Mike reside in the North Buncombe community.

Finally, let me extend a special invitation to the Buncombe Baptist Spring celebration to be held at Merrimon Avenue Baptist Church on Monday, May 15th.

We have joined other WNC associations with the 2017 ongoing theme "Igniting Deeper Passion—Light Up 828". May God continue to grow our PASSION for Church Revitalization, Church Planting, ongoing Evangelism and Disciple-making, and Great Commission cooperation.

"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as Children of light" Ephesians 5:8

May God give an increased harvest to your labor in the Gospel!!!

Perry



WNC Hispanic Worship Rally sponsored by Buncombe Baptist Association and the

Sunday, March 19, 2017
Newbridge Baptist Church



Enjoying a Mexican meal prepared by ladies of Newbridge.



Baptist Children's Home Food Roundup
April 17-20, 9am-4pm
Baptist Resource Center.
Visit bchfamily.org for a list of items.



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and Week of Prayer for North American Missions

Offering Goal: \$70 million

Let's Celebrate Red, White, Blue and You!

**Buncombe Baptist
Senior Adult
Cook Out
Hamburgers,
Hotdogs, and Fixin's**



Monday, May 22, 2017

12:00 noon-2:00 p.m.

Long Shoals Baptist Church (inside event)

Optional: wear your red, white and blue.

**Music will be presented by the Men's
Chorus from Beverly Hills Baptist Church
and directed by Dennis Goodwin.**

Cost: \$7.00 per person

**Make reservations for your church and
send ONE check payable to: Buncombe
Baptist Association by Monday, May 15.**

**We will honor and remember those
who have served in our armed forces.**



National Day of Prayer

**Downtown Asheville
Event**

City-County Plaza

Thursday, May 4, 12:30—2pm

**Local community leaders will lead in prayer
Website: ashevillendp.com**

**Event location—Meet in stage/Green area in
front of the Asheville City Hall & Buncombe
County Courthouse**

Buncombe Baptist Association Women's Mission Celebration

Monday, April 3, 2017

6:00 p.m.—Light "free" meal provided

**6:30-7:30 p.m.—Celebration
Baptist Resource Center**

We need to hear from you!!

- Experienced mission leaders will share about their successes.
- You will share about your church's mission projects.
- We will plan meaningful activities and mission projects that will benefit unreached people in our communities.

**For more information, call
Edwina Messer (712-5593).**

Priscilla Shirer Simulcast



Saturday, April 8, 2017

9am-5:30pm

**Mount Carmel Baptist
Church**

200 Mount Carmel Road

Asheville NC 28806

**Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Buncombe
Baptist Association and the LifeWay Chris-
tian Store are partnering together to provide
an opportunity for **WOMEN** to participate in
this simulcast.**

The simulcast is free! Box lunch—\$5.00

**REGISTRATION: Log online to
www.mountcarmelonline.org.**

RA CAR COMPETITION 2017 WINNERS



Lads (Right to left)

First: Maddox Crooke—Pole Creek
Second: Noah Clark—Ridgeway
Third: Cameron Scott—Pole Creek
Most Unique Design: Noah Clark—Ridgeway



Crusaders (Left to Right)

First: Gavim Goodson—Ridgeway
Second: Jarrett Goodson—Ridgeway
Third: Nicholas Conard—Pole Creek
Most Unique Design: Nicholas Conard—Pole Creek

I-26 Rest Area Ministry

Pray for teams ministering to travelers
 Saturday, April 15 and May 27,
 7:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

APRIL 2017

- 3 Women's Mission Celebration;
5:45pm—"free" meal; 6:30pm—
Celebration, BBRC
- 7-8 Intentionally Evangelistic Church
Strategy Training, Pole Creek Baptist
- 8 10am-5:30pm, Priscilla Shirer
Simulcast, Mount Carmel Baptist
- 10 10am Ministers' Conference, BBRC
- 15 7am-7pm, I-26 Rest Area Ministry
- 17 Easter Monday; Resource Center
Closed
- 24 10-11:30am, Church Revitalization
Learning Community, BBRC
- 24 11:30am, Church Planting/
Membership Team, BBRC

MAY 2017

- 2. AAIM Roundup, Rich Fork Baptist
Church, Thomasville
- 4 National Day of Prayer
- 8 10am, Ministers' Conference, BBRC
- 15 **BBA Celebration, Merrimon Avenue
Baptist Church; 5:30pm—Light
meal; 6:30pm—Session begins**
- 19-20 NCBM Disaster Relief Training,
Newbridge Baptist, Asheville
- 22 12:00 noon-2pm, Senior Adult
"Red, White, Blue and You," Long
Shoals Baptist
- 27 7am-7pm, I-26 Rest Area Ministry
- 29 RESOURCE CENTER CLOSED
- 30 9:30-11 am, Senior Adults Ministries
Leaders meeting, BBRC

JUNE 2017

- 5 10am, Ministers' Conference, BBRC
- 6 6pm, Administrative Group, BBRC
- 6 7pm, Leadership Team, BBRC
- 10 Crossover Phoenix, Arizona
- 13-14 SBC, Phoenix, Arizona

Baptist Association Emphasis Week

May 21-28, 2017

**A monthly devotional booklet will be
 available to guide you as you pray for
 leaders and churches in our association.**



AAIM
Aging Adults Innovating Ministry

AAIM ROUNDUP ATTENTION SENIOR ADULT LEADERS

*Tuesday, May 2, 2017
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Rich Fork Baptist Church
Thomasville NC*

Exploring the Family of God

- *Caregiving support for families*
- *Intergenerational ministry within the church*
- *Alzheimer's disease and other dementias*
- *Community resources for churches*
- *Answers to the question, "How can churches best care for caregivers?"*

Interested senior adult leaders must contact Norma at 252-1864 or email nmelton@buncombebaptist.org if you would like to go.

Total cost: \$10.00; you will pay \$5.00, BBA will pay

Visit our website

www.buncombebaptist.org

for a current list of Bible studies,



**MOUNTAIN IMPACT MISSION
Buncombe Baptist Association
2017 Vermont Mission Trip
Volunteers needed
July 8-15, 2017**

Call Kyle Carver 683-2075; 712-8164 or
Norma Melton 252-1864; 779-9489.



**Intentionally Evangelistic Church
Strategy Training
Friday, April 7, 6-9:30pm
Saturday, April 8, 9am-2:30pm
Pole Creek Baptist Church**

**Dr. Don McCutcheon, former
Director of Evangelism for the Florida
and North Carolina Baptist Conventions
will be leading the sessions.**

A \$25.00 registration fee, which covers all materials and meals, is payable on Friday evening, but registration must be made by noon on Monday, April 3. Call Debbie Rogers or Della Brindley at the Pole Creek office (667-4053) between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

**This training is a partnership with
Buncombe Baptist Association .**

\$\$\$BUDGET RECEIPTS\$\$\$
JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2017

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Antioch	50.00	Erwin Hills	0.00	Newfound	533.34
Arden FBC	712.63	Fairview	0.00	North Asheville	500.00
Asheville Deaf	161.00	Fellowship Asheville	200.00	North Point	288.00
Audaci	550.00	Flat Creek	0.00	Oak Grove	0.00
Bald Mountain	0.00	Freedom	0.00	Oakley	850.00
Barnardsville	0.00	Freedom Biker	0.00	Oteen	995.16
Beaverdam	108.51	Gashes Creek	0.00	Pine Burr Park	0.00
Bent Creek	300.00	Glady	0.00	Pine Forest	0.00
Berea	2,000.00	Grace	205.64	Pleasant Hill	200.00
Bethel	100.00	Grace & Knowledge	0.00	Pole Creek	4,457.70
Bethel Romanian	0.00	Grassy Branch	1,500.00	Reynolds	875.00
Beverly Hills	1,450.44	Grove Stone	384.20	Ridgecrest	224.24
Biltmore	0.00	Hominy	0.00	Ridgeway	300.00
Black Mt. FBC	414.89	Inanda	946.56	Riverside	0.00
Blue Ridge Cowboy	0.00	Jupiter	0.00	Sand Hill	0.00
Brown's Chapel	0.00	Kerlee	0.00	Skyland FBC	1,000.00
Buckeye	841.60	Lake Hills	1,333.34	South Asheville	0.00
Calvary	0.00	Lakewood	0.00	Starnes Cove	1,500.22
Calvary/Fairview	0.00	Laurel Springs	0.00	Sulphur Spgs. Pk	0.00
Captivate	0.00	Liberty	422.34	Sunrise	0.00
Celebration	0.00	Long Shoals	592.37	Swannanoa FBC	1,528.86
Christian Creek	0.00	Macedonia	0.00	The Place Fellowship	0.00
Clear Branch	0.00	Maple Ridge	0.00	Trinity of Fairview	900.00
Community	0.00	Merrimon Avenue	200.00	Turkey Creek	450.00
Congregation Beth Shiloh	72.00	Mills Gap	0.00	Victory	282.04
Connect	518.64	Missio Dei	500.00	Weaverville FBC	24.00
Corinth	0.00	Morgan Hill	0.00	West Asheville	3,337.00
Covenant/Highlands	0.00	Morningside	233.34	Westwood-Faith	630.00
Crosspoint Comm.	0.00	Mount Carmel	833.34	White Rock	0.00
Ecclesia	0.00	Mount Olive	100.00	Wilkiey	0.00
Edgewood	500.33	Mountain View	0.00	Woodland Hills	1,500.00
Elk Mountain	0.00	New Beginnings	7.00	Zion Hill	200.00
Emma	0.00	New Liberty	0.00		
Emma's Grove	666.66	New Life Community	300.00	TOTAL	\$38,974.29
Emmaus	325.90	New Salem	0.00		
Enka	495.00	Newbridge	1,380.00		

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ELECT YOUR MESSENGERS NOW!!

*and bring them to the
Spring Celebration
Monday, May 15, 6:30 p.m.
Merrimon Avenue Baptist Church.*

"Each church may select a minimum of three messengers to the Association's general sessions. When feasible, the senior pastor of each church shall serve as one of these messengers. Each church may select one additional messenger for every fifty resident members, with the total number of messengers from a church not to exceed ten."

Messenger cards will be mailed from the office in April so you can fill them out before the meeting. If you do not receive your cards, please call the association office.



**Region #9 Disaster
Relief Training**

**Friday, May 19
Saturday, May 20**

**Newbridge Baptist Church
199 Elkwood Avenue
Asheville NC 28804**

**To register: email
Mary Mountz
mmountz@ncbaptist.org**