



The Heartbeat

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Buncombe Baptist Association Fall Celebration

October 8, 2018 Grassy Branch Baptist Church
5:30 p.m.—Light meal, 6:30 p.m.—Celebration begins

Effectively Communicating the Gospel In a Post Christian Culture



K. Allan Blume

Allan Blume, our speaker for the evening, began serving as the editor/president of the *Biblical Recorder* on May 25, 2011. He has served three churches in North Carolina, the most recent being the Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Boone. Allan grew up in Charlotte where New Hope Baptist Church reached out to his family and led each of them to faith in Christ.

Allan and his wife, Pam, have one adult son.

Childcare provided (babies through kindergarten)

From the Director of Missions/ Associational Missions Strategist

Most of you are familiar with the Congregation Profile which is compiled by Lifeway each year as the local associations collect the data from individual churches. The CP allows us to serve the local churches more effectively as we plan the associational opportunities for the upcoming years. As one of eight urban centers in North Carolina we receive a greater percentage of CP returns than any of the other urban centers in the state. This can be contributed to the tireless effort of the BBA office staff. We still must improve in pursuing this report so we can be more accurate. The office staff has drafted a new simplified form (short form) to be used in reporting so we can gain a greater response from our churches. We will bring you the new short form so that reporting is simplified (call us at 252-1864). Let me encourage you today by taking a brief look at some of the 2017 figures based upon churches reporting:

- *Baptisms saw an increase from 2016 to 2017*
- *Small Group attendance rose from 8,236 in 2016 to 9,467 in 2017*
- *Total membership grew from 34,257 in 2016 to 36,289 in 2017.*
- *AM worship attendance grew from 15,569 in 2016 to 15,967 in 2017*
- *Cooperative Program giving was at a 5 year high*
- *Associational Giving was at a 5 year high*
- *North Carolina Missions offering was at a 5 year high*
- *Lottie Moon International missions giving and Annie Armstrong North American missions giving also increased from 2016 to 2017*



“TO GOD BE THE GLORY” His Kingdom work is advancing through His local church in Buncombe County!!

While the National and State Conventions are seeing no advancement or decline (based upon CP returns) in baptisms, small group attendance, or total membership, the churches of the BBA are ticking upward!

Please let us celebrate in 2018 with you every baptism, every mission dollar given, and every person attending a small group or worship service. The BBA exist to assist the local church in advancing kingdom causes!! The local Baptist Association is the oldest and most effective mission partnership for area churches. Thank you for giving and participating in the LOCAL kingdom efforts!!

Serving with Great Joy!
Perry Brindley

“To God be the glory, great things He has done.”

God is doing wonderful things, and you are part of it. The used Sunday School literature and Bibles you collected and drop off at the Baptist Resource Center are touching lives for Christ in far-away lands. A testimony in May 2018, comes from Zimbabwe where Bibles and literature that they call “love packages” were shared with 36 churches, most of whom have never held a Bible in their entire life. *“Oh, the joy, the singing, the dancing, the screaming all because Love packages were able to hear the cry of the people of Zimbabwe. One lady was on her knees for over one hour just clasping her Bible.”* Thank you for sharing! Please pray for the spiritual growth of those who receive your donated materials.

July 7-14 is the time for Vermont Missions! My wife, Laurie, our son, Steven, and I have the privilege of going with many of our Buncombe Baptist family to Vermont where we will do Backyard Bible Club in a mobile home park and several other projects with the great goal of sharing the gospel of our great Lord, Jesus Christ. Please pray for God’s work in and through God’s servants as they share the Good News in Vermont.

The heat of summer is a hard time to think of warm coats for December, us in praying for “Coats for the City.” This is a special ministry targeting residents: City on December 1, 2018, by sharing a warm coat and the Gospel of Jesus Christ get involved?



1. Donate a new or gently used coat (with a working zipper, no holes or stains), drop it off at the Baptist Resource Center anytime Monday – Thursday between 10am and 3pm. The deadline is October 20, 2018.
2. Be part of a small team that goes to New York City to help give out coats and Bibles on Dec. 1.

The deadline to register a team is Sept. 1, 2018. Check out ncbaptist.org/coats for more info.

“I will rejoice greatly in the LORD, my soul will exult in my God; for He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness ...”
Isaiah 61:10 (NASB).



September 7-16, 2018
WNC Agricultural Center

Ways you can help:

- ◆ Make “Jesus Loves You” teddy bears, salvation bracelets or hygiene kits.*
- ◆ Provide clothes. Specific items are requested.*
- ◆ Pray for the Fair Leadership Team.
- ◆ Pray for the church volunteer teams.
- ◆ Provide Bibles.
- ◆ Provide new or clean used blankets and towels.
- ◆ Provide paper plates, cups or plastic silverware.
- ◆ Give a tax deductible gift to the fair ministry.
- ◆ Mail checks to: Buncombe Baptist Association
227 Hazel Mill Road, Asheville NC 28806. Designate
“Fair Ministry.”

**Contact the Buncombe Baptist Resource Center at 252-1864 for the pattern for bears and bracelets, lists of clothing and other needs.*

Two Church Teams needed to minister at the Mountain State Fair.

- ◆ A team of 6-8 people to serve on Wednesday, September 12, at 10:00 p.m. at the Break Tent only.
- ◆ A team of 6-8 people to serve on Thursday, September 13, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

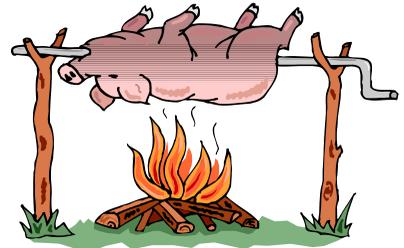
Buncombe Baptist Association Women's Leadership Conference

Monday, September 24, 2018
6:00 p.m.

Baptist Resource Center
Bring your favorite dessert
and join us.

Discover ways to glorify God
through missions.

For more information, call
Edwina Messer (298-6464).



SENIOR ADULT BARBECUE LUNCH

Thursday, September 27
12:00 noon—2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$7.00 per person

Make reservations for your church
and send ONE check to Buncombe
Baptist Association by Monday,
September 14, 2018. **Remember, all
reservations must be paid.**

**Make it easier for the caterer—call the
Association Office (252-1864) as soon as
you can to make reservations for your
group.**

BBA Spring Celebration Macedonia Baptist



Worship in song



**Macedonia Baptist members
helping messengers park.**

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

JULY—NO MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

August 13, 2018

September 10, 2018

JULY 2018

- NO MINISTERS' CONFERENCE
- 4 RESOURCE CENTER CLOSED
- 7-14 Vermont Mission trip
- 16 6:30pm, Appalachian Coalfields
Christmas Outreach Informational
meeting, BBRC
- 23 6:30pm, Budget and Finance Team,
BBRC

AUGUST 2018

- 13 10am, Ministers' Conference, BBRC
- 14-15 Staff Retreat
- 27 10-11:30am, Church Revitalization
Learning Community, BBRC, Lunch
- 28 6pm, Administrative Group;
6:30pm, meal served BBRC
- 28 7pm, Leadership Team, BBRC

SEPTEMBER 2018

- 3 Labor Day; Resource Center Closed
- 7 Mountain State Fair begins
- 10 10am, Ministers' Fellowship, BBRC
- 16 Mountain State Fair Ends
- 17 10am-12noon, Church Revitalization
Learning Community, BBRC; Lunch
Served both groups
- 17 11:30am, Church Planting and
Membership Team, BBRC
- 17 Reservations due for Senior Adult
Lunch
- 20 8:30am, Retired Ministers' Breakfast,
Happy Hill Restaurant
- 27 12noon-2pm, Senior Adult BBQ
Lunch

GOD BLESS



AMERICA

ATTENTION SENIOR ADULT LEADERS



AAIM FALL REGIONAL GATHERING

Thursday, September 20, 2018

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Greenway Baptist Church
Boone, NC

Cost is \$10 and includes lunch!

Attendees will be inspired to affirm seniors to evaluate their experiences, knowledge, and wisdom and to infuse them with the knowledge that their neighbors, their families, and the world desperately need them.

To register: Go to ncbam.org, click "events" look for the "September 20 AAIM Regional Gathering" or call 828-252-1864.

Buncombe Baptist Senior Adults celebrated "Red, White, Blue and You"



at Pole Creek Baptist Church with a cook out of hamburgers, hotdogs, and the fixin's.

Santa Claus was the special guest. And Norma had her picture taken with Santa.



North Carolina Baptists on Mission is collecting backpacks for the Appalachian Coalfields Christmas Outreach. Last year over 11,000 backpacks were collected statewide.

This year's goal is 12,000 backpacks.

Bring the filled backpacks to the Baptist Resource Center on Saturday, November 2, 9am-3pm.

If your church would like to provide backpacks and sponsor a party with a church in the Appalachia area, Call Beth Rogers at 775-3434. She will be glad to speak with your church or group.

Visit www.baptistsonmissions.org to know how to fill the backpacks.



Special treat bags given to every veteran.



\$\$\$BUDGET RECEIPTS\$\$\$

JANUARY-MAY 2018

| <u>CHURCH</u> | <u>YTD</u> | <u>CHURCH</u> | <u>YTD</u> | <u>CHURCH</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
|--------------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Antioch | 75.00 | Enka | 1,017.00 | North Point | 650.00 |
| Arden FBC | 1,269.97 | Erwin Hills | 0.00 | Oak Grove | 0.00 |
| Asheville Deaf | 0.00 | Fairview | 0.00 | Oakley | 2,375.00 |
| Audaci | 750.00 | Fellowship Asheville | 600.00 | Oteen | 370.96 |
| Bald Mountain | 0.00 | First Moldovan Miss. | 1,000.00 | Passion Fellowship | 289.80 |
| Barnardsville | 313.50 | Flat Creek | 0.00 | Pine Burr Park | 0.00 |
| Beaverdam | 659.50 | Freedom | 0.00 | Pine Forest | 0.00 |
| Bent Creek | 416.65 | Gashes Creek | 0.00 | Pleasant Hill | 500.00 |
| Berea | 0.00 | Glady | 0.00 | Pole Creek | 12,295.16 |
| Bethel | 200.00 | Grace | 581.94 | Renown | 20.00 |
| Bethel Romanian | 0.00 | Grace & Knowledge | 150.00 | Resonate | 579.34 |
| Beverly Hills | 3,313.69 | Grassy Branch | 2,166.64 | Reynolds | 1,750.00 |
| Biltmore | 6,250.00 | Grove Stone | 1,593.23 | Ridgecrest | 559.00 |
| Black Mt. FBC | 1,006.82 | Inanda | 0.00 | Ridgeway | 2,000.00 |
| Blue Ridge Biker | 25.00 | Jupiter | 0.00 | Riverside | 0.00 |
| Blue Ridge Cowboy | 0.00 | Kerlee | 0.00 | Sand Hill | 0.00 |
| Brookstone Church | 1,250.00 | Lake Hills | 999.99 | Skyland FBC | 2,000.00 |
| Brown's Chapel | 0.00 | Lakewood | 200.00 | South Asheville | 0.00 |
| Buckeye | 1,138.88 | Laurel Springs | 0.00 | Starnes Cove | 3,722.52 |
| Calvary | 0.00 | Liberty | 507.72 | Sulphur Spgs. Pk | 0.00 |
| Calvary/Fairview | 0.00 | Long Shoals | 1,349.09 | Sunrise | 0.00 |
| Captivate | 0.00 | Macedonia | 380.00 | Swannanoa FBC | 3,250.00 |
| Celebration | 0.00 | Maple Ridge | 0.00 | The Place Fellowship | 0.00 |
| Christian Creek | 0.00 | Mills Gap | 0.00 | Trinity of Fairview | 1,500.00 |
| Clear Branch | 0.00 | Missio Dei | 989.00 | Turkey Creek | 1,125.00 |
| Community | 0.00 | Morgan Hill | 175.00 | Victory | 944.32 |
| Congregation Beth Shiloh | 144.00 | Morningside | 466.68 | Weaverville FBC | 61.00 |
| Connect | 896.04 | Mount Carmel | 2,083.35 | West Asheville | 8,429.00 |
| Corinth | 50.00 | Mount Horeb | 180.00 | Westwood | 1,470.00 |
| Covenant/Highlands | 0.00 | Mount Olive | 250.00 | White Rock | 0.00 |
| Crosspoint Comm. | 0.00 | Mountain View | 0.00 | Wilkey | 0.00 |
| Ecclesia | 0.00 | New Liberty | 0.00 | Woodland Hills | 3,000.00 |
| Edgewood | 1,386.55 | New Life Community | 750.00 | Zion Hill | <u>600.00</u> |
| Elk Mountain | 0.00 | New Salem | 0.00 | | |
| Emma | 0.00 | Newbridge | 2,300.00 | TOTAL | \$88,646.06 |
| Emma's Grove | 1,999.98 | Newfound | 1,343.35 | | |
| Emmaus | 926.39 | | | | |

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Your gifts to the NCMO help relieve suffering, plant new churches, mobilize volunteers for missions, treat the sick and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The NCMO supports all 18 ministries of NCBM/ Baptists on Mission, church planting, partnerships, associational missions and more.

Buncombe Baptist Association
Goal: \$42,000



5:45 p.m.—Meal
6:50-8:30 p.m.—Program
Hendersonville FBC

The meal is free but reservations must be made one week prior to the event. Call Kailyn Eskridge 1-919-459-5596 or email: keskridge@ncbaptist.org.