



# The Heartbeat

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## Resource Center Holiday closing schedule



**Thanksgiving:** Wednesday-Friday,  
 November 21-23, 2018  
**Christmas:** Monday-Friday,  
 December 24-28, 2018 and  
 Monday, December 31, 2018 and  
 Tuesday, January 1, 2019

## Retirement Celebration at Associational Fall Meeting



Norma Melton



Nancy Owen

**Buncombe Baptist Association Ministers, Staff and Spouses Christmas Dinner**

**Monday, December 4  
 6:00 p.m.  
 Baptist Resource Center**

**Good food, fellowship and door prizes**

**Monday, October 8, 2018**

**Grassy Branch Baptist Church  
 499 Riceville Road  
 Asheville NC 28805**

**5:30-6:15pm—Reception and Meal**

**6:30-8:00 pm—Retirement Celebration for Norma and Nancy and Associational Fall Celebration**

### ELECT YOUR MESSENGERS NOW!

*“Each church may select a minimum of three messengers to the Association’s celebration. 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 have been mailed from the association office so you can fill them out before the meeting. Please call the office (828) 252-1864 if you have not received your cards*

### MINISTERS’ FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

**October 8, November 12, No Ministers’ Fellowship in December**



**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**

**NATIONAL GOAL—\$160 million**

## From the Desk of your Director of Missions

We excitingly approach fall with many opportunities to connect around fellowship and ministry.

- The WNC Fair ministry has at least 35 churches serving on the fairgrounds. A multitude of others prepare fair ministry items.
- On October 20, several church teams will greet travelers on I-26 East and West.
- The Senior Adult BBQ was an enjoyable time of fellowship,
- The Red Box and Angel tree ministries are just around the corner.

I extend a special invitation to the **2018 Fall Celebration on Monday Evening, October 8, Grassy Branch Baptist Church** as we honor two faithful associational servants who are entering into a season of retirement. See the invitation extended in this newsletter. It is my great joy to serve the Lord by serving you!!!

Enjoying the Journey  
Perry Brindley

### Angel Tree® is a Ministry of Prison Fellowship

Applications represent children who live in the Asheville area whose parent or parents are incarcerated. Applications will be sent to the associational office soon.

This hands-on ministry provides an important bond between parent and child. Once you have chosen an application, you will contact the caregiver of the child to make arrangements to take the gift to the child before Christmas. Prison Fellowship recommends that \$25 be spent per child.

**If you want to sponsor a child, call Diana Brewer (828) 252-1864 or email [dianajbrewer@gmail.com](mailto:dianajbrewer@gmail.com).**

Baptist Men on Mission installing the portable ramp available through Buncombe Baptist Association.



## Missions Mobilization Assistant –Roger Rearden

Our God is a wonderful Lord! Look how He brings so many churches together to serve in the name of Jesus Christ. I am specifically talking about the Mountain State Fair Ministry. Different ages, different gifts and talents, different times of day and night – you were there as a witness to the grace and kindness of our God. Thank you for serving the Lord – clothes, shoes, socks, hats, blankets, hygiene kits, teddy bears, coffee, fruit and dinner, driving carts, making cards, being present, praying, and so much more.



We look forward to another “together” experience – the **Christmas Red Box Ministry**. This project is sponsored by the Women’s ministry of the association. Churches prepare individual boxes for the inmates at the Women’s Correctional Center in Black Mountain.

We are so thankful for the leadership of Edwina Messer, our Women’s Ministry Director, in carrying out this great ministry of kindness, and for the many ladies of our churches who make it a reality.

## THE RED BOX MINISTRY™

The **Christmas Red Box** ministry project is sponsored by the associational WMU. Each church is asked to prepare the boxes individually. **Red Boxes will not be available until October, but please call the Resource Center (252-1864) to reserve the number you need.**

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS** (all must be 5”x7” or smaller)

- Stationery or tablets with envelopes
- Journal book (no metal spiral bound)
- Two transparent pens
- Pocket calendar (no spiral bound)
- Choose one 5”x7” size game magazine such as: word games, crossword puzzles, Sudoku

### **COSMETIC AND HEALTH/BEAUTY ITEMS**

- 2 individual packs of tissues
- 2 chapsticks
- Liquid body wash (not trial size)
- Lotion (not trial size)
- Make up cotton pads (not cotton balls)
- Scrunchie bath puff

### **REMEMBER:**

- \* No glass bottles, mirrors, stamps, etc., just clear ballpoint pens, and no sharp items.
- \* Bring items in the requested sizes (or as near as possible) so inmates will receive identical gifts.

## Church Receipts, January-August 2018

<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Antioch	150.00	Emmaus	1,313.23	Newfound	2,143.36
Arden FBC	2,240.19	Enka	1,877.00	North Point	1,040.00
Asheville Deaf	0.00	Erwin Hills	0.00	Oak Grove	0.00
Audaci	900.00	Fairview	50.00	Oakley	3,800.00
Bald Mountain	0.00	Fellowship Asheville	900.00	Oteen	842.08
Barnardsville	627.00	First Moldovan	1,400.00	Passion Fellowship	643.86
Beaverdam	1,141.84	Flat Creek	0.00	Pine Burr Park	0.00
Bent Creek	666.64	Freedom	0.00	Pine Forest	0.00
Berea	0.00	Gashes Creek	0.00	Pleasant Hill	800.00
Bethel	300.00	Glady	0.00	Pole Creek	19,147.94
Bethel Romanian	0.00	Grace	907.81	Reach Life	0.00
Beverly Hills	7,696.57	Grace & Knowledge	150.00	Renown	20.00
Biltmore	12,500.00	Grassy Branch	4,333.28	Resonate	667.84
Black Mountain FBC	1,390.11	Grove Stone	2,895.55	Reynolds	1,750.00
Blue Ridge Biker	25.00	Inanda	965.54	Ridgecrest	1,233.00
Blue Ridge Cowboy	0.00	Jupiter	0.00	Ridgeway	3,200.00
Brookstone	2,000.00	Kerlee	0.00	Riverside	0.00
Brown's Chapel	0.00	Lake Hills	1,999.99	Sand Hill	0.00
Buckeye	1,138.88	Lakewood	400.00	Skyland FBC	3,000.00
Calvary	0.00	Laurel Springs	0.00	South Asheville	0.00
Calvary at Fairview	0.00	Liberty	797.74	Starnes Cove	6,054.12
Captive	0.00	Long Shoals	2,432.94	Sulphur Spgs. Pk.	0.00
Celebration	0.00	Macedonia	380.00	Sunrise	0.00
Christian Creek	0.00	Maple Ridge	0.00	Swannanoa FBC	5,200.00
Clear Branch	0.00	Mills Gap	0.00	The Place Fellowship	0.00
Community	0.00	Missio Dei	1,583.00	Trinity of Fairview	2,400.00
Congregation Beth Shiloh	144.00	Morgan Hill	350.00	Turkey Creek	1,800.00
Connect	1,270.80	Morningside	933.36	Victory	1,924.35
Corinth	100.00	Mount Camel	2,916.69	Weaverville FBC	73.00
Covenant/Highlands	0.00	Mount Horeb	210.00	West Asheville	13,615.00
Crosspoint Community	0.00	Mount Olive	400.00	Westwood	2,380.00
Ecclesia	0.00	Mountain View	0.00	White Rock	0.00
Edgewood	2,573.10	New Liberty	0.00	Wilkey	0.00
Elk Mountain	0.00	New Life Community	1,200.00	Woodland Hills	4,500.00
Emma	0.00	New Salem	0.00	Zion Hill	800.00
Emma 's Grove	2,999.97	Newbridge	3,680.00	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$146,774.77</b>

### *Norma's "Final" Notes*

As most of you are aware by now, I have retired as the Church and Community Ministries Director. However, though I have not been at the fairgrounds a lot, I have continued to assist with supervising this year's Fair Ministry. As I write this is the seventh day of the 2018 Fair, I am hearing stories about how appreciative the fair workers are for our presence there. One worker was especially grateful for a full plate of sliced tomatoes! An example of how we too often take for granted simple things of life.

Thank you, Buncombe Baptists, for your commitment and faithfulness to this ministry for twenty-nine years. The first four were county fairs and the last twenty-five have been NC state fairs. God has used you as an extension of His hands and feet! Thank you for being willing. It is impossible to know exactly how many hundreds of people have been involved as many of you provide supplies, while others serve on the fairgrounds. Lives have been changed because you cared.

Serving as Church and Communities Ministry Director for the past twenty years has been the partnership experience of a lifetime, the dream job! It was in the prayer garden at Ridgecrest (LifeWay) Conference Center as a teenager that I made a commitment to go where God led me. I am thankful that it was Buncombe Association where he allowed me to partner with you and an always incredible associational staff.

I am also grateful to a precious husband, Randy, who has always been supportive of my ministry. I appreciate your continued prayers as I am now caring for Randy who has Parkinson's Disease.



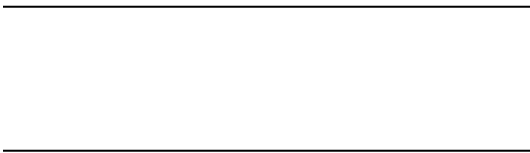
**MOUNTAIN  
STATE FAIR  
2018**



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**OCTOBER 2018**

- 6 11:30am Bivocational Ministers' Lunch, Happy Hill Restaurant
- 8 10am, Ministers' Fellowship, BBRC
- 8 6:30pm, BBA Fall Celebration, Grassy Branch Baptist Church
- 12 6-9:30pm, IECS (Intentionally Evangelistic Church Strategy, Pole Creek Baptist, Don McCutcheon will lead the sessions
- 13 8:30am-3pm, IECS Pole Creek
- 14 7am-7pm, I-26 Rest Area Ministry
- 15 10-11:30am CRLC; 11:30am—lunch; BBRC

**NOVEMBER 2018**

- 3 9am-3pm, Backpacks for Appalachian Coalfields Christmas Outreach due at the Resource Center
- 5-6 NC Baptist Convention Annual Meeting, Koury Convention Center, Greensboro
- 21-22 Thanksgiving Holidays; Resource Center will be closed
- 26 10-11:30am, CRLC; 11:30am—lunch; BBRC 11:30am, Church Planting and Membership, BBRC

**DECEMBER 2018**

- 4 6:00pm, Ministers, Staff and Spouses Christmas Dinner, BBRC
- 24-28, 31 and January 1, 2019, Christmas Holidays; Resource Center will be closed



**Carolina Baptists**  
**On Mission**  
Collecting backpacks for the  
**Appalachian**  
**Coalfields Christmas Outreach.**

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

**Visit [www.baptistsonmissions.org](http://www.baptistsonmissions.org) to get a list of items to fill the**