



The Heartbeat

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Resource Center Holiday Schedule:

Closed on:

Monday, January 2nd:

New Years

Monday, January 16th:

Martin Luther King Day



Bi-Vocational Pastors & Spouse Lunch:

Saturday, January 7th
 11:30 am
 J&S Cafeteria at
 River Ridge

Retired Pastors Breakfast:

Thursday, February 23rd
 8:30 am



Cracker Barrel on
 Tunnel Road

Thank You!

A special "Thank You" to all the Pastors, Spouses, Church Staff & other guests who attended our Christmas dinner this year. Your presence made it special!



In 2023, Sanctity of Human Life Sunday will be recognized on Sunday, January 22nd. Sanctity of Human Life Sunday began in 1984 when then-President Ronald Reagan designated January 22nd to be set aside to celebrate God's gift of life, commemorate the many lives lost to abortion and commit to protecting human life at every stage – from conception to natural death. This date was selected because on January 22, 1973 – the Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decisions were handed down by the United States Supreme Court, making abortion legal in all 50 states.

LIFE 107

Life 107 is a Christian organization that educates concerning trafficking & exploitation. They are hosting the Youth Pastor's Symposium with the ultimate goal of preventing sexual exploitation, pornography use, and trafficking victimization by equipping & empowering youth pastors to start the conversation against exploitation with adolescents. Youth Pastors will learn the realities of exploitation among youth. Pastors will also be given the Gen Z Safeguard video & leaders guide to present this important issue to the youth at their churches.

This Symposium will be held at New Life Community Church of Asheville on Saturday, January 28th from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.



PERRY'S PEN "A BOX OF SOCKS"

Gift giving is such a tradition around the world at various times of the year. There are billions of dollars every year spent creating, marketing, and distributing products that people can buy for one another. Gift giving at Christmas is not solely a Christian tradition, but practiced by many outside the Christian community. The recorded history of gift giving dates back to the 4th century when St. Nicholas, a Christian Bishop was known for his generosity toward those who were less fortunate. Sometimes the gifts consisted of homemade foods, blankets, handcrafted gifts, sweaters, and socks. Yes, even socks!!

Traveling to my birthplace in Fort Payne, Alabama was special any time of year, but especially for Christmas. I grew up in several different locations around the state of Alabama before my immediate family transitioned to Asheville, N.C. I could always expect as one of my gifts under the tree, a "Box of Socks." My grandmother, whom I referred to as Mama Bea, would have fully agreed with Lieutenant Dan as he instructed Forrest Gump upon his arrival in Vietnam, always have clean socks in the field!! I must admit, as a child I may not have realized the value of a dozen pair of black socks or a dozen pair of white tube socks, after all I could walk to K-mart or Sky City and buy a pair. As I grew, I began to understand the sufficient sacrifice behind that "Box of Socks."

The town of Fort Payne prided itself as being the "sock capital of the world." Mama Bea labored for 45 years in a sock mill, raising three children as a widow. Before she was blessed to own a car, she walked three miles to the mill and three miles home. When asked about being frightened to walk home after dark, her response was, why should I be frightened, everyone else is walking too!! There is great value in that "Box of Socks" because of the great sacrifice made. Her investment in my life was great, after coming to faith in Christ at the age of 42, she later became my first children's Sunday School teacher, becoming the first one I remember talking to about **JESUS**. The world around me might not understand the significance of that simple "Box of Socks" but that memory always pushes me to remember the greatest gift ever given, and His Name is **JESUS**. I officiated the homegoing celebration of Mama Bea in Fort Payne September 2015. God blessed our family with her Godly influence for 96 years! Della and I plan to visit Fort Payne for a couple of nights during Christmas break, not because I have immediate family members still living there, not because of the great number of attractions, but simply because I need a "Box of Socks", a refocus on the Glory and Wonder of the Birth of my Savior **JESUS!!** I pray you receive your "Box of Socks" this year, and **Worship King Jesus!** May your "Box of Socks" refocus your attention on the precious birth of our Savior.

Hope you had a great Christmas celebration with your family! *Perry Brindley*

NORMA'S NOTES

The wonderful message of Christmas gives us reason to celebrate. This time of year, we are reminded of that night divine when Christ came to earth. The beauty of decorations around us cannot compare with the beauty of that night.

I have a book written by my favorite cowgirl, Dale Evans Rogers. In the book she says, "Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas."

Thank you for loving those who needed God's touch this year and for giving this season through Prison Fellowship Angel Tree ministry and the Red Box ministry for incarcerated women and women in rehab.

Diana Brewer, Missions Mobilization Assistant Coordinator, did a superb job coordinating these ministries in November and December. "Love in action" was expressed when about 140 children received a gift in the name of Jesus and on behalf of their incarcerated parent. "Love in action" was expressed when 272 incarcerated ladies received gift items along with the gospel message at a Christmas party. For some, it was the only Christmas gift and party for the season. We are grateful to Edwina Messer, Associational Women's Ministry Director, for coordinating the party.

Also, thanks to volunteers who filled backpacks for the Appalachian Christmas Outreach and to Beth Rogers for leadership in coordinating this outreach. The North Carolina Baptists on Mission goal of 19,000 backpacks was exceeded with 20,172 backpacks collected. Buncombe Association volunteers contributed 330 of those collected.

For eight years Buncombe Association has been a regional collection center for Coats for New York City. Coats that were collected will be taken to NY City and distributed by volunteer mission teams from North Carolina who will also share Bibles and the Jesus film in the language of the recipient. Christmas is love in action!

Blessings, *Norma Melton*



Church Receipts, January 1, 2022 thru October 31, 2022

CHURCH	YTD	CHURCH	YTD	CHURCH	YTD
Antioch	450.00	First Moldovan	0.00	Oakley	4,750.00
Arden FBC	4,562.50	Flat Creek	0.00	Oteen	0.00
Asheville City	0.00	Freedom	0.00	Pine Burr Park	0.00
Asheville Deaf	197.81	Gashes Creek	0.00	Pine Forest	0.00
Bald Mountain	0.00	Glady	0.00	Pleasant Hill	1,000.00
Barnardsville	1,254.00	Grace	4,624.98	Pole Creek	25,666.63
Bent Creek	749.97	GracePoint	4,500.00	Reach Life	2,490.00
Berea	0.00	Grassy Branch	7,315.00	Redeemer Community	2,102.00
Bethel	300.00	Grove Stone	3,919.23	Reynolds	4,000.00
Bethel Romanian	0.00	Hominy	0.00	Ridgeway	6,000.00
Beverly Hills	10,624.29	Hope Church of Asheville	0.00	Riverside	0.00
Biltmore	18,750.00	Iglesia Bautista Ebenezer	0.00	Skyland FBC	6,100.00
Biltmore Espanol	0.00	Inanda	0.00	Source of Life Evangelical	600.00
Black Mountain FBC	2,079.36	Ivy Creek	0.00	South Asheville	0.00
Blue Ridge Biker	0.00	Jupiter	0.00	Starnes Cove	6,190.40
Blue Ridge Cowboy	200.00	Kerlee	0.00	Sulphur Springs. Pk.	0.00
Brookstone	2,500.00	Lake Hills	9,166.70	Swannanoa FBC	6,500.00
Brown's Chapel	0.00	Lakewood	600.00	The Peaks	588.23
Buckeye	3,266.00	Laurel Springs	0.00	The Place Fellowship	0.00
Calvary	0.00	Liberty	1,494.38	The Ridge	0.00
Calvary at Fairview	0.00	Long Shoals	2,835.58	Trinity of Fairview	3,000.00
Captivate	0.00	Macedonia	525.00	Turkey Creek	2,250.00
Celebration	0.00	Maple Ridge	0.00	Vance Avenue	300.00
Christian Creek	0.00	Mills Gap	0.00	Victory	4,556.80
Community	0.00	Missio Dei	2,708.20	Weaverville FBC	59.00
Congregation Beth Shiloh	275.00	Morgan Hill	1,000.00	West Asheville	18,669.00
Corinth	300.00	Mount Camel	2,500.00	Westwood	1,914.00
Covenant/Highlands	0.00	Mount Horeb	300.00	White Rock	0.00
Crosspoint Community	0.00	Mount Olive	1,200.00	Wilkey	0.00
Ecclesia	0.00	Mountain View	900.00	Zion Hill	900.00
Edgewood	1,502.82	New Liberty	100.00	TOTAL	\$208,837.58
Emma	0.00	New Life Community	1,650.00		
Emma's Grove	3,828.00	New Salem	0.00		
Enka	2,561.00	Newbridge	5,060.00		
Erwin Hills	0.00	Newfound	2,666.70		
Fairview	150.00	North Point	1,635.00		
Fellowship Asheville	1,650.00	Oak Grove	700.00		

Thank you for your continued support for the ministries of the Buncombe Baptist Association!

MINISTERS' ROUNDTABLE/FELLOWSHIP

Sharpening your Sermon Preparation Skills Workshop

Monday, January 23, 2023

Call the office at (828) 252-1864 so we can plan for lunch.

10:00 am Buncombe Baptist Resource Center

10am—Coffee & Fellowship

10:15—11:30 am: Scott Thompson *"Effective Sermon Research"*

Lunch will be served at 11:30 am

12:15—1:30 pm: David Horton *"Putting the Pieces Together: Utilizing Homiletics in Sermon Development"*

There will be time allotted in each session for questions and comments.



As the association prepares for the year-end close of our records, please remember the cut-off date for receipt of 2022 contributions. We must receive your contributions at the Buncombe Baptist Resource Center no later than January 26, 2023. Contributions for 2022 received after the January date will be reflected in 2023 reporting.

Contribution statements will be prepared and mailed during the first ten days of February 2023.

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Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday

9:00 am—4:30 pm



- 2 New Years, Office Closed
- 7 11:30 am—Bi-Vocational Pastors' & Spouse Lunch, J&S Cafeteria (River Ridge)
- 11 11:30 am—Properties Team Meeting & Lunch, BBA
- 12 10am—Evangelism Team Mtg, BBA
- 16 Martin Luther King Day, Office Closed
- 18 10am—Church Revitalization Community, BBA
- 22 **SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY**
- 23 10am—Ministers' Roundtable/Fellowship, BBA (David Horton & Scott Thompson, Guest speakers)
- 24 11:30am—Finance Team Mtg & Lunch, BBA
- 25 11:30am—Personnel Team Mtg. & Lunch, BBA
- 31 11:30am—Constitution & By-Laws Team Mtg, BBA



- 2 Tarheel Leadership, BBA
- 13 10am—Ministers' Roundtable/Fellowship, BBA
- 15 11:30am—Church Revitalization Community, BBA
- 28 6pm—Church VBS Directors Workshop, (Overview of various curriculum) BBA

“Conversational Evangelism”

Monday, February 13, 2023

Buncombe Baptist Resource Center



Marty Dupree

Associational Missions Strategist for Little River Baptist Association

10am—Marty will speak at the Ministers' Roundtable/Fellowship at the BBA.

6pm—8pm: Workshop at the BBA. This is for Pastors, Outreach Leaders, Lay Leaders, Elders, Deacons, Church Staff, & Sunday School Leaders. Registration will begin after the first of the year. (828) 252-1864.