

MINISTERS' ROUNDTABLE/ FELLOWSHIP:

NO MEETING IN JULY

**Monday, August 21st:
10:00 am**

**Monday, September 18th:
10:00 am**



REGION 9 MISSIONS RALLY

Tuesday, August 22, 2023
5:45pm (Dinner)
6:50—8:30pm (Service)

Mud Creek Baptist Church
403 Rutledge Drive
Hendersonville, NC 28739

This rally will highlight the variety of opportunities NC Baptists have to be involved in missions across our state, in our nation and around the world. A meal is provided for the NC Mission Rallies at no charge, but reservations need to be made. The cut-off date for reserving a meal for each rally is one week prior to the event. Call Melanie Crawford at 919-459-5596.

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NORTH CAROLINA MISSIONS OFFERING

Relief for today. Hope for tomorrow.

Each year the BBA churches are challenged to participate in the NCMO offering received in September. The 2022 NCMO giving of Buncombe Baptist Churches exceeded **\$51,000.00**. The total NCMO giving of Buncombe Baptist Churches was the 10th highest of all giving statewide out of 77 associations in North Carolina. Let me remind you that the NCMO supports the entire budget of Baptists on Mission/Disaster Relief, new work efforts in North Carolina, Mission Camps, Associational Special Projects and Mission Mobilization Ministries. This is definitely worth the kingdom investment as we impact lostness in North Carolina. My challenge to every Buncombe pastor, staff member, and lay-leader is to advance our participation in the NCMO. Let the associational staff challenge us to **INCREASE PARTICIPATION BY** over **30** churches giving to NCMO in 2023 and to give in excess of **\$55,000.00** in 2023. The Associational Missions Strategist will be glad to assist you in getting your church family engaged! You may find more information and promotional material at NCMISSIONSOFFERING.ORG.

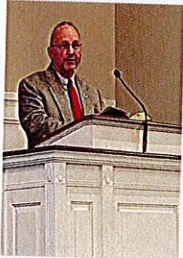
Mark your gift clearly for the NCMO!

Baptist State Convention of NC
FOR: NCMO OFFERING

205 Convention Drive
Cary, NC 27511

We would like to welcome Candice White. Candice is the Foster Care Case Manager for the Baptist Children's Home of NC. She has an office at the Buncombe Baptist Resource Center and we have enjoyed getting to know her. If you get an opportunity, come by and introduce yourself to Candice.





Perry's Pen

As we enter the third quarter of 2023, I want to express my appreciation for the staff of the BBA who are passionate about following Jesus and pursuing kingdom advancement throughout the county. Each staff person has put in extra hours and shared responsibilities during the illness of Mrs. Linda Brown, our Financial/Media assistant. I would like to briefly emphasize at least three thoughts:

- ♦ I will be celebrating the ten-year mark of serving the BBA as your Associational Missions Strategist on July 13, 2023. I continue to be grateful for your prayers and support in allowing me to serve the churches of this ministry over the last ten years. I remain passionate concerning the value and effectiveness of this important ministry. The Personnel Team and Leadership Team approved a six-week sabbatical to begin July 1st through August 13th. This is my first sabbatical in over 40 years of ministry. I have recommended to every local church personnel team, that sabbaticals be extended to church staff and encourage the downloading of **Soul-Shepherding Sabbatical Guide** written by Dr. Bill Gaultiere. The valuable staff of the BBA will serve you faithfully during my absence.
- ♦ I encourage Pastors and staff to watch for a mailing (September) encouraging participation in the **"8000 by 28 Challenge,"** an intentional evangelistic strategy to be launched in January 2024. Now is the time to be preparing your congregation for this 4-year challenge to **PRAY, SHARE, WIN, BAPTIZE, & DISCIPLE!!** In the mailing will be simple suggestions as to how you can lay out **YOUR PLAN** that is unique to your church family. Church leaders must hang the **MEAT** on the **BONES!!** Together we must grieve over **LOSTNESS** and **REFOCUS** on the Biblical Imperative to **SHARE THE GOSPEL!!**
- ♦ Prepare now to receive the North Carolina Missions Offering in September 2023. You can receive the offering at any time of the year you choose! The BBA goal for our churches in 2023 is \$55,000.

A Heart filled with Gratitude, *Perry*



Norma's Notes

Summer has arrived and many volunteers in our churches are preparing to serve on mission teams locally, nationally, and internationally. On July 8 about 40 Mountain Impact Missions (MIM) team volunteers will be heading to Vermont for a week. Please pray for opportunities to boldly share the gospel as they help with construction at Northeastern Baptist Bible College, lead a Kid's Club Bible School at a local church, provide community outreach cookouts for two churches, and assist with repairs at a Christian school. Because MIM has returned to the Bennington and Pownal areas of Vermont for several years, relationships have been made which open more doors to sharing Christ there.

Each December NC Baptists on Mission partners with the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association to be the hands and feet of Jesus by collecting thousands of coats and then distributing them at various locations in partnership with local churches across New York City. This year Buncombe Baptist Association is planning to have two teams of eight each to travel to New York to help with coat distribution on December 2. Also, the teams will have opportunities to share the gospel with individuals that they encounter while they are participating in this mission effort. Two ways you can help: (1) Collect coats and bring them to the associational office. See the NC Baptists on Mission website for ways to sort coats. (2) Make plans to participate in this mission trip with other Buncombe Baptists. For more information on the trip, contact Norma or Perry at the associational office.

The 2023 WNC Mountain State Fair Ministry is coming in September! For over thirty years this ministry has provided opportunities to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the people working at and attending the annual Mountain State Fair. We are still in need of one church team (15 people) to fill a shift for the ministry. Please contact Norma if your church is interested in more information about this shift.

Norma Melton Missions Mobilization Coordinator

Church Receipts, January 1, 2023 thru May 31, 2023

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Antioch	150.00	Freedom	0.00	Oakley	2,375.00
Asheville City Church	0.00	Gashes Creek	0.00	Oteen	960.00
Asheville Deaf	0.00	Gladly	0.00	Pine Burr Park	0.00
Bald Mountain	0.00	Grace	2,487.50	Pine Forest	0.00
Barnardsville	313.00	GracePoint	0.00	Pleasant Hill	500.00
Berea	0.00	Grassy Branch	3,327.00	Pole Creek	13,999.98
Bethel	150.00	Grove Stone	2,292.39	Radiant	980.41
Bethel Romanian	0.00	Hominy	0.00	Reach Life	0.00
Beverly Hills	8,824.83	Hope Church of Asheville	0.00	Reynolds	500.00
Biltmore	6,250.00	Iglesia Bautista Ebenezer	0.00	Ridgeway	2,000.00
Biltmore Espanol	0.00	Inanda	0.00	Riverside	0.00
Black Mountain FBC	862.50	Ivy Creek	0.00	Skyland FBC	3,250.00
Blue Ridge Biker	0.00	Jupiter	0.00	Source of Life Evangelical	250.00
Blue Ridge Cowboy	0.00	Kerlee	0.00	South Asheville	0.00
Brookstone	1,250.00	Lake Hills	5,500.00	Starnes Cove	4,481.74
Brown's Chapel	0.00	Lakewood	400.00	Steadfast	1,999.98
Buckeye	2,656.00	Laurel Springs	0.00	Sulphur Springs. Pk.	0.00
Calvary	0.00	Liberty	847.56	Swannanoa FBC	3,350.00
Calvary of Fairview	0.00	Long Shoals	1,377.70	The Peaks	0.00
Captivate	0.00	Macedonia	175.00	The Place Fellowship	0.00
Celebration	0.00	Macedonia	0.00	Trinity of Fairview	1,500.00
Christian Creek	0.00	Mills Gap	0.00	Turkey Creek	1,125.00
Community	0.00	Morgan Hill	400.00	Vance Ave.	0.00
Congregation Beth Shiloh	50.00	Mount Carmel	833.35	Victory	2,268.52
Corinth	100.00	Mount Horeb	150.00	Weaverville FBC	0.00
Covenant/Highlands	0.00	Mount Olive	750.00	West Asheville	9,737.00
Crosspoint Community	0.00	Mountain View	300.00	Westwood	875.00
Edgewood	1,250.00	New Liberty	100.00	White Rock	0.00
Emma	0.00	New Life Community	900.00	Wilkey	0.00
Emma's Grove	1,740.00	New Salem	0.00	Zion Hill	600.00
Enka	1,395.00	Newbridge	3,870.00	TOTAL	\$103,362.81
Erwin Hills	0.00	Newfound	1,333.35		
Fairview	200.00	North Point	875.00		
Fellowship Asheville	900.00	Oak Grove	600.00		
First Moldovan	0.00				
Flat Creek	0.00				

2023 WNC Mountain State Fair Ministry Needs List

Please bring all items to the Buncombe Baptist Association by
4:00 p.m. on Thurs, August 10, 2023.

HYGIENE KITS: Prepare 2 men's kits for each woman's kit made.
Please use clear two-gallon plastic bags. Please mark "MALE" or
"FEMALE". **DO NOT** put mouthwash or after-shave in the hygiene
kits. **DO NOT** use trial sizes.

WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING CLOTHING!

"JESUS LOVES YOU" TEDDY BEARS: Call 828-252-1864 to obtain
pattern. Make bears, carefully following pattern instructions. Do not
use buttons, craft eyes or any other small parts which may be
removed and swallowed.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR BREAK TENT:

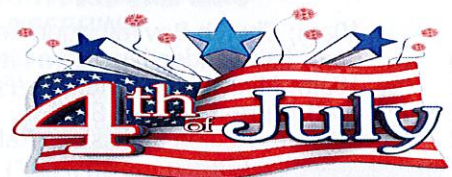
8- and 12-ounce Styrofoam cups
Instant lemonade mix

OTHER NEEDS FOR FAIR WORKERS:

Blankets & Towels (full size, new or gently used)



Our office will be closed on
Tuesday, July 4th in
observance of
Independence Day.



We will also be closed on
Monday, September 4th in
observance of Labor Day.



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OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.**



- 4 Independence Day; Office Closed
- 8-14 Vermont Mission Trip
- 24 11:30am; Budget & Finance Team Mtg, BBA
- 27 6pm; Fair Evangelism Team Meeting, BBA



- 9 10am; Church Revitalization Team Mtg. BBA
- 10 6pm; Fair Leadership Team Mtg, BBA
- 21 10am; Ministers' Roundtable/Fellowship, BBA
- 22 & 23 Staff Retreat for BBA Staff
- 22 5:45pm; Region 9 Missions Rally, Mud Creek Baptist Church
- 28 11am; Church Plant Team Meeting, BBA
- 30 11:30am; Leadership Team Meeting, BBA



- 4 Labor Day; Office Closed
- 6 Fair Ministry Begins
- 8-17 Mountain State Fair
- 18 10am; Ministers Roundtable/Fellowship, BBA
- 27 10am; Church Revitalization, BBA
- 28 12pm; Senior Adult BBQ, Fruitland Baptist Bible College



SENIOR ADULT BBQ LUNCH

**Thursday, September 28, 2023
12:00 pm—2:00 pm**

**Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute
1455 Gilliam Rd.
Hendersonville, NC**

Cost: \$12.00 per person

RESERVATIONS MUST be made by Thursday, September 14th so that enough food can be ordered. When making reservations for your church, send ONE check to Buncombe Baptist Association.

VERMONT MISSION TRIP

July 8th—14th

Pray for the team as they minister this week!

