



The Heartbeat

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Resource Center Holiday Schedule:

Closed on:

Monday, January 1st:

New Years

Monday, January 15th:

Martin Luther King Day



Retired Pastors Breakfast:

**Thursday, January 4th
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 in
December. Your presence
made it special!



Every
Believer
a Witness



Dr. Dennis Nunn

Monday, February 19th at the Resource Center:

9:30 am—Coffee and fellowship

10am—Conference begins

11:30am—Lunch

(Please RSVP by Wed. Feb. 14th)

The mission of "Every Believer a Witness"

Since our beginning in 2003, various surveys have reported that the number of people who actively share their faith has dropped from 10% to 5%, to 3%. The last one we saw said only 2% of believers are actively sharing the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ. All of our training conferences are focused on seeing this change by helping pastors and leaders motivate and equip the entire congregation to actively share the Gospel.

For more info visit: everybelieverawitness.org

The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my
mother he named my name.
Isaiah 49:1





PERRY'S PEN

You may notice below that I am sharing the same challenge in this Newsletter that you received in October. Just a few years ago, it was reported that 29% of all SBC partnering churches baptized not one individual during one year of ministry. The objective to reach 8,000 by 2028 is a simple but profound intentional commitment to sharing, winning, baptizing, and discipling. As you implement your prayer and outreach strategy, we would like to invite you to attend the **"EVERY BELIEVER A WITNESS"** introduction led by Dr. Dennis Nunn on **Monday, February 19th from 9:30 till 11:30 am** at the Baptist Resource Center. Lunch will be provided, so registration will be necessary by **Wednesday, Feb. 14th**. There is no cost to this training. This will be an important time for pastors, staff and lay leaders who desire to fulfill their God glorifying, Christ centered, Holy Spirit empowered, Gospel driven objective of reaching their community for Christ. Please read below and emphasize the five steps that will lead to positive church health which results in greater emphasis on local church evangelism. Check everybelieverawitness.org.

I continually give thanks to partner with you as we advance the Gospel message around the world, globally, nationally, regionally, and locally. The world population has reached 8.1 billion, the North Carolina population has reached 10.7 million, which makes North Carolina the 9th most populated state. While the Great Commission moves us to impact our world with the Gospel, I desire to begin this **FOUR** year challenge with the local churches partnering with the Buncombe Association. Buncombe County has seen 16% growth between 2010 and 2020, now having a population of over 278,791 covering 660 square miles. I am challenging us to **"be on mission together"** by being intentional over the next **FOUR** years to **REFOCUS** our **PRIORITY** as a **LOCAL CHURCH**. In other words, **"keep the main thing the main thing!"** The **GOSPEL** must be emphasized in proclamation and personal witness. Consider implementing or continuing five steps to this challenge:

- **Develop a Corporate Prayer Strategy to pray for the lost.**
- **Mobilize Disciples to be intentional in Reaching the Lost (Sharing their faith, witness training, etc.)**
 - **Develop plans to corporately and personally Engage the Community with the Gospel.**
 - **Share/Win/Baptize (Celebrate every conversion publicly.)**
 - **Make Disciples of New Believers (Small groups, witness training.)**

The BBA staff will be diligent prayer partners and a resource for training materials and workshops. The BBA staff will be contacting each church family at the close of each quarter beginning in 2024 so that we can celebrate each baptism with your church family!!! Every number represents a person that desperately needs **JESUS!!** Let's teach believers to **"Live like a Missionary."** We are better togetherseek God for the harvest. **"8000 New Believers by 2028!!"** *Perry Brindley*



NORMA'S NOTES

Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians to "give thanks in everything". I am grateful to servant volunteers who prepared **386 Christmas Red Boxes** which were distributed to ladies at the WNC Correctional Facility for Women and the WNC Women's Rehab Facility. A tract sharing the gospel story was in each box. Thanks to Edwina Messer, BBA Women's Ministry Volunteer Director, who helped coordinate this ministry. A Christmas party was shared with ladies at both facilities.

Diana Brewer once again coordinated the **Prison Fellowship Angel Tree® Ministry**. One hundred-sixty-six children were given gifts on behalf of their incarcerated parents. Through Angel Tree Ministry, volunteers may continue to be involved throughout the year with Angel Tree families showing concern in the name of Jesus.

Save the date: August 3-10, 2024! The NC Baptist State Convention is promoting **ServeNC** as an opportunity for every NC Baptist church to love its community in Jesus' name through service projects. The question being asked is, "If your church didn't exist, would your community notice?" Please consider committing your church to one week of being on mission together and displaying the gospel to those in need. Already 529 Baptist churches across NC have signed up to participate. Your church can sign up by going to <https://ncbaptist.org/servenc/>. You will also find free resources to help promote **ServeNC** on this webpage. Your church has full freedom in deciding how and when to recruit and coordinate volunteers for your service projects. Everyone in your church can participate...kids, youth and adults...whoever is willing and able to serve! If you have questions or need assistance registering your church, please feel free to contact me.

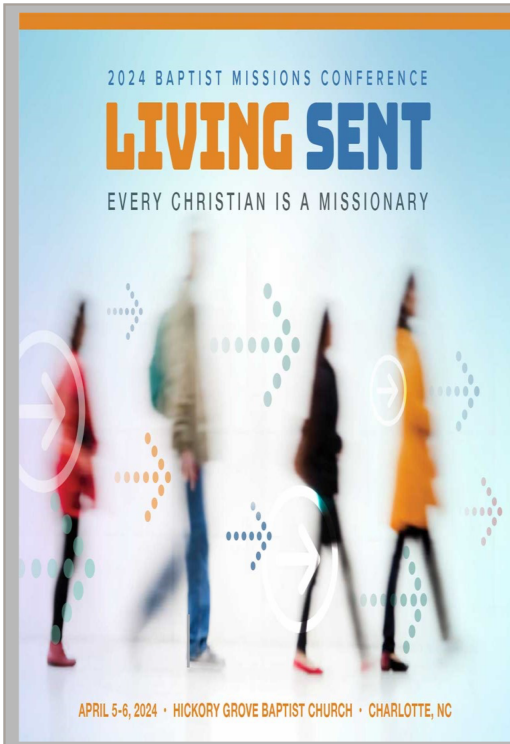
Blessings in 2024! *Norma Melton*



Church Receipts, January 1, 2023 thru November 30, 2023

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Antioch	600.00	Gashes Creek	0.00	Oteen	1,056.00
Asheville City	0.00	Glady	0.00	Pine Burr Park	0.00
Asheville Deaf	131.27	Grace	6,543.00	Pine Forest	0.00
Bald Mountain	0.00	GracePoint	1,250.00	Pleasant Hill	1,200.00
Barnardsville	313.00	Grassy Branch	6,652.00	Pole Creek	25,666.63
Berea	0.00	Grove Stone	4,744.20	Radiant	3,086.75
Bethel	150.00	Hominy	0.00	Reach Life	3,905.00
Bethel Romanian	0.00	Hope Church of Asheville	0.00	Redmon	0.00
Beverly Hills	14,756.16	Iglesia Bautista Ebenezer	0.00	Reynolds	3,500.00
Biltmore	18,750.00	Iglesia De Restauracion Jesucristo La		Ridgeway	4,500.00
Biltmore Espanol	0.00	Roca	0.00	Riverside	0.00
Black Mountain FBC	2,070.00	Inanda	0.00	Skyland FBC	7,150.00
Blue Ridge Biker	0.00	Ivy Creek	0.00	Source of Life Evangelical	500.00
Blue Ridge Cowboy	150.00	Jupiter	0.00	South Asheville	0.00
Brookstone	3,250.00	Kerlee	0.00	Starnes Cove	8,968.78
Brown's Chapel	0.00	Lake Hills	11,000.00	Steadfast	2,999.97
Buckeye	5,401.00	Lakewood	500.00	Sulphur Springs. Pk.	0.00
Calvary	0.00	Laurel Springs	0.00	Swannanoa FBC	6,600.00
Calvary at Fairview	0.00	Liberty	1,736.82	The Peaks	0.00
Captivate	0.00	Long Shoals	3,272.21	The Place Fellowship	0.00
Celebration	0.00	Macedonia	450.00	Trinity of Fairview	3,300.00
Christian Creek	480.00	Maple Ridge	0.00	Turkey Creek	2,250.00
Community	0.00	Mills Gap	0.00	Vance Avenue	0.00
Congregation Beth Shiloh	250.00	Missio Dei	666.66	Victory	5,011.02
Corinth	300.00	Morgan Hill	1,000.00	Weaverville FBC	0.00
Covenant/Highlands	0.00	Mount Carmel	1,833.37	West Asheville	20,008.00
Crosspoint Community	0.00	Mount Horeb	300.00	Westwood	1,925.00
Edgewood	1,750.00	Mount Olive	1,650.00	White Rock	0.00
Emma	0.00	Mountain View	900.00	Wilkey	0.00
Emma's Grove	3,804.00	New Liberty	100.00	Zion Hill	1,200.00
Enka	3,369.00	New Life Community	1,650.00	TOTAL	\$222,190.94
Erwin Hills	0.00	New Salem	0.00		
Fairview	200.00	Newbridge	6,630.00		
Fellowship Asheville	1,650.00	Newfound	2,933.37		
First Moldovan	0.00	North Point	1,955.00		
Flat Creek	0.00	Oak Grove	1,200.00		
Freedom	0.00	Oakley	5,022.73		

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



Missions Conference:
April 5 & 6, 2024
Hickory Grove Baptist Church
Charlotte, NC

Cost:
Friday w/supper - \$15
(Friday supper and Friday session only)
Friday & Saturday - \$20
(includes Saturday lunch)
Friday & Saturday - \$30
(with Friday Supper and Saturday lunch)
Saturday only - \$15
(includes Saturday lunch)

Covers:
General sessions, breakout sessions,
event materials and lunch on Saturday.
Pre-registration is required.

Registration Deadline:
March 25, 2024. For registration, hotel
information and additional details, call
919-459-5596.



As the association prepares for the year-end close of our records, please remember the cut-off date for receipt of 2023 contributions. We must receive your contributions at the Buncombe Baptist Resource Center no later than January 25, 2024. Contributions for 2023 received after the January date, will be reflected in 2024 reporting.

Contribution statements will be prepared and mailed during the first ten days of February 2024.

Dwayne Dills, CPA

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OFFICE HOURS:

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



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- 1 New Years, Office Closed
- 4 8:30 am—Retired Pastors' Breakfast; Cracker Barrel
- 10 11:30 am—Properties Team Mtg. & Lunch, BBA
- 11 10am—Evangelism Team Mtg, BBA
- 15 Martin Luther King Day, Office Closed
- 17 10am—Church Strengthening Co-hort, BBA
- 21 **SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY**
- 22 10am—Ministers' Roundtable/Fellowship, BBA
- 23 11:30am—Personnel Team Mtg & Lunch, BBA
- 25 11:30am—Constitution & By-Laws Team Mtg, BBA
- 30 10am—Finance Team Meeting, BBA



- 1 Tarheel Leadership, BBA
- 14 11:30am—Leadership Team Mtg & Lunch, BBA
- 19 9:30am—Ministers' Roundtable/Fellowship, BBA
- 21 10am—Church Strengthening Co-hort, BBA
- 22 6pm—Fair Leadership Team Mtg, BBA
- 27 5:45pm—Region 9 Missions Rally at Woodland Baptist in Waynesville



- 7 Tarheel Leadership, BBA
- 11 10am—Ministers' Roundtable/Fellowship, BBA
- 20 10am—Church Strengthening Co-hort, BBA
- 31 Easter

***Ministers' Roundtable/
Fellowship Schedule:***

Monday, January 22nd: 10am

Monday, February 19th: 9:30am

Monday, March 11th: 10am

**Come enjoy fellowship and
encouragement with each
other!**