



The Heartbeat

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MINISTERS' ROUNDTABLE/ FELLOWSHIP:

NO MEETING IN JULY

**Monday, August 12th:
10:00 am**



REGION 9 MISSIONS RALLY

Tuesday, August 22, 2024

5:45pm (Dinner)

6:50—8:30pm (Service)

Hendersonville First Baptist Church

312 5th Ave. West

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 rally but reservations need to be made. The cut-off date for reserving the meal for the rally is one week prior to the event.

**Call Melanie Crawford at
919-459-5596.**

www.baptistsonmission.org



North Carolina **MISSIONS** *Offering*

Each year the BBA churches are challenged to participate in the NCMO offering received in September.

The 2023 NCMO giving of Buncombe Baptist Churches, exceeded \$100,000.00 which ranks the BBA as FIRST in the state of NC in NCMO for 2023!!

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 TO** over **40** churches giving to NCMO in 2024. 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



Our office will be closed on
Thursday, July 4th
in observance of
Independence Day and
Monday, September 2nd in
observance of Labor Day.



Perry's Pen

The BBA staff has been blessed with connecting with so many lay leaders, pastors, and staff in the spring quarter of 2024. What a joy to see so many Buncombe Baptists at the NC Baptist Missions conference in Charlotte! In April, over 1500 worshippers gathered to celebrate the *"Living Sent"* theme. We are hearing such great response from BBA churches reporting the baptismal celebrations during the first quarter of 2024. I had the privilege of praying and planning with the church strengthening cohort, church plant team, partnership missions team, ministers roundtable, fair ministry leaders, spring celebration, senior adult gathering, ServeNC leaders, search team training, properties team, evangelism team, disaster relief training, preaching invitations, etc. What a great joy to connect with each other and **CELEBRATE KINGDOM ADVANCEMENT** in each local church family!! Let me remind you to mark the date of several opportunities to impact the Kingdom!

- ◆ Grateful for all the reports and pictures of new believers following Christ in baptism during the second quarter of 2024. The BBA staff continues to **CELEBRATE EACH ONE!!**
- ◆ Continue to pray and focus on intentionality in sharing the Gospel. Praying for **8000 NEW DISCIPLES BY 2028!!**
- ◆ Continue to pray and give to the **NORTH CAROLINA MISSIONS OFFERING (NCMO)**. The offering funds Baptists on Mission and all the Disaster Relief efforts. NC Baptist have had recovery teams in Texas and Kentucky recently. 5000 Baptists on Mission volunteers are very active and on call as needed!! The BBA staff are praying that God would burden at least **40** BBA churches to contribute in 2024. This offering is emphasized in September but can be received at any time. Mark your gift clearly NCMO and mail to:

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- ◆ Continue to pray for BBA partnering churches that are hosting VBS this summer and BBA partnering churches that are sending mission teams around the globe to share the Gospel!
- ◆ Registration for **SEMINARY FOR A DAY** in September is now open. Check out buncombebaptist.org for more info and online registration. You may also register directly by calling the BBA resource center at 828-252-1864.

Lifting up Jesus!! *Perry*

Norma's Notes

If your church didn't exist, would your community notice? ServeNC is an opportunity for every NC Baptist church to love its community in Jesus' name through service projects. Of the 940 churches in NC currently registered to participate in this "on mission" adventure during August 3-10, twenty-six of these churches are in Buncombe Baptist Association. There's still time to register your church by going to ncbaptist.org. Your church knows your community's specific needs. Let's make a concerted effort to "leave the building" and make a difference in Jesus' name.

This year marks thirty-four years that Buncombe Baptist Association has been involved in Fair Ministry. The first three years of ministry were at a county fair and then for the last thirty years ministry has been with the WNC Mountain State Fair. God has blessed in amazing ways as associations in WNC have partnered to share compassion and the love of Jesus. We are grateful for the support and cooperation of the Agricultural Center administration. Please pray for continued open doors to share Jesus as we minister at the fairgrounds this September.

There were 180 senior adults who attended the Senior Adult Patriotic Celebration Luncheon at Emma's Grove Baptist Church in May. Thank you to Emma's Grove for their gracious hospitality! Make plans for your church senior adults to attend our Fall Barbeque Luncheon at Zion Hill Baptist Church on September 26, 2024, from 12:00 noon until 2:00 pm.

Buncombe Baptist Association received a thank you letter from the Baptist Children's Home of NC (Broyhill Home in Clyde) for the gifts of food and gift cards during their Food Round-Up. Brenda Gray with the Children's Home wrote, "Your gift is like a warm embrace to each precious life that is entrusted to the care of Baptist Children's Homes, and we can't begin to thank you enough for it!" *Norma Melton*



Church Receipts for January 1, 2024 thru May 31, 2024

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Antioch	150.00	Flat Creek	0.00	Oasis	600.00
Asheville City Church	0.00	Freedom	0.00	Oteen	1,769.00
Asheville Deaf	0.00	Gashes Creek	0.00	Pine Burr Park	0.00
Bald Mountain	0.00	Glady	0.00	Pine Forest	0.00
Barnardsville	0.00	Grace	2,940.00	Pleasant Hill	500.00
Berea	1,800.00	GracePoint	0.00	Pole Creek	13,999.98
Bethel	150.00	Grassy Branch	3,000.00	Radiant	3,143.15
Bethel Romanian	0.00	Grove Stone	2,693.29	Reach Life	5,279.00
Beverly Hills	7,403.81	Hope Church of Asheville	0.00	Reynolds	2,000.00
Biltmore	6,250.00	Iglesia Bautista Ebenezer	0.00	Ridgeway	2,500.00
Biltmore Espanol	0.00	Inanda	0.00	Riverside	0.00
Black Mountain FBC	416.65	Ivy Creek	0.00	Skyland FBC	4,500.00
Blue Ridge Biker	0.00	Jupiter	0.00	Source of Life Evangelical	50.00
Blue Ridge Cowboy	150.00	Kerlee	0.00	South Asheville	0.00
Brookstone	1,250.00	Lake Hills	8,250.00	Starnes Cove	3,916.32
Brown's Chapel	0.00	Lakewood	0.00	Steadfast	2,250.00
Buckeye	2,656.00	Laurel Springs	0.00	Sulphur Springs. Pk.	0.00
Calvary	0.00	Liberty	1,127.69	Swannanoa FBC	3,250.00
Calvary of Fairview	200.00	Long Shoals	1,274.11	The Peaks	0.00
Captive	0.00	Macedonia	435.00	The Place Fellowship	0.00
Celebration	0.00	Maple Ridge	0.00	Trinity of Fairview	2,100.00
Christian Creek	0.00	Mills Gap	0.00	Turkey Creek	1,125.00
Community	0.00	Morgan Hill	600.00	Vance Ave.	0.00
Congregation Beth Shiloh	100.00	Mount Carmel	833.35	Victory	3,020.13
Corinth	100.00	Mount Horeb	180.00	Weaverville FBC	0.00
Covenant/Highlands	0.00	Mount Olive	900.00	West Asheville	10,756.00
Crosspoint Community	0.00	Mountain View	300.00	White Rock	0.00
Edgewood	500.00	New Liberty	100.00	Wilkey	0.00
Emma's Grove	2,040.00	New Life Community	900.00	Zion Hill	600.00
Enka	2,749.00	New Salem	0.00	TOTAL	\$118,729.48
Erwin Hills	0.00	Newbridge	2,300.00		
Fairview	325.00	Newfound	1,333.35		
Fellowship Asheville	900.00	North Point	1,050.00		
First Moldovan	0.00	Oak Grove	600.00		
		Oakley	1,363.65		

A special ***"Thank You"*** to the churches for your support!



SAVE THE DATES, SEPT 17-19

SEMINARY STUDIES WORKSHOP

Three days of teaching
Three experienced professors
Six relevant topics
Three convenient locations



Steve McKinion
Professor of Theology & Patristic Studies



Tate Cockrell
Professor of Counseling



L. Scott Kellum
Sr. Professor of New Testament & Greek

Date: **Tuesday-Thursday**
17-19 September 2024

Time: **10:00am - 2:00pm, daily**
lunch included


We are pleased to partner with SEBTS to offer 3 days of biblical teaching for pastors and lay leaders on a variety of topics. All three days of teaching will be made available in three different regional locations (Asheville, Hendersonville & Boone). Choose the campus that works best for you! A one-time/optional \$10 donation will be received on-site.

Questions? Email info@buncombebaptist.org or call 828.252.1864



Scan the QR code to register.

Welcome!



Buncombe Baptist Association welcomes James Almquist who will be serving as an intern with us this summer, June 10 through August 8.

James is a rising sophomore at North Greenville University and a member of Pole Creek Baptist Church. James will be available to BBA churches to help with Vacation Bible Schools, block parties, Backyard Bible Clubs or other mission efforts in your church. Please contact Norma Melton at (828) 779-9489 or nmelton@buncombebaptist.org if you are interested in James serving with your church in any of these activities this summer.

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OFFICE HOURS:
Monday-Thursday
9:00 am—4:30 pm



- 1 6pm; MIM Meeting; BBA
- 4 Independence Day; Office Closed
- 13-19 Vermont Mission Trip
- 22 11:30am; Budget & Finance Team Mtg, BBA



- 6 & 7 Staff Retreat for BBA Staff
- 8 6pm; Fair Leadership Team Mtg, BBA
- 12 10am; Ministers' Roundtable/Fellowship, BBA
- 15 11:30 am; Worship Leaders' Roundtable, BBA
- 19 10am; Church Plant Team Meeting, BBA
- 21 10am; Church Strengthening Team Mtg, BBA
- 22 5:45pm; Region 9 Missions Rally, Hendersonville First Baptist Church
- 28 11:30am; Leadership Team Meeting, BBA



- 2 Labor Day; Office Closed
- 4 Fair Ministry Begins
- 6—15 Mountain State Fair
- 17—19 Seminary for a Day
- 23 10am; Church Strengthening Team Mtg, BBA
- 26 12—2pm; Sr. Adult BBQ; Zion Hill Baptist Church

SENIOR ADULT BBQ LUNCH

Thursday, September 26, 2024
 12:00 pm—2:00 pm

Zion Hill Baptist Church
 1008 Newfound Rd.
 Leicester, NC

Cost: \$12.00 per person

RESERVATIONS MUST be made by Thursday, September 12th so that enough food can be ordered. When making reservations for your church, send ONE check to Buncombe Baptist Association.



VERMONT MISSION TRIP
 July 13th—19th
 Pray for the team as they minister this week!



BALTIMORE/DC MISSION TRIP
 August 20th—27th
 Pray for the team as they minister this week!

