



Norma's Notes:

This fall I have been privileged to be part of several mission adventures where God's love was shared.

First, ServeNC presented opportunities to reach out in local communities to share with our neighbors. In my local church, I

was a participant in visiting local businesses, sharing a loaf of sweet bread while letting employers know we appreciate their service in our community. Also, your associational staff provided a home cooked meal for an EMS organization near us.

Second, I had the opportunity to be part of a mission team led by Rev. Johnny Byrd to the Baltimore, Maryland and Washington, DC area. We assisted three churches in ministry for six days. Each church was a recent new church plant sponsored by the North American Mission Board. The first church was East Baltimore Graffiti Church located in Baltimore. The poverty and the drug culture we saw there was overwhelming, but Pastor Charlie Brown is leading efforts to help the people be more self-sufficient while reaching out with the Gospel. The second church was Aletheia College Park. Pastor Rob Stevens is reaching students on the University of Maryland campus where there are 40,000 students and 140 culture groups. The third church was King's Church located on Capitol Hill. We were there on Sunday morning along with the 500 others at this church. Most attendees are employed at the Capitol Building in Washington. They were three very different churches but all reaching people who need the Lord!

Third, as I write this, we are in the final days of the 34th year of Fair Ministry! God has greatly blessed volunteers who have served in many capacities to help meet physical and spiritual needs for fair attendees and fair workers. The first night that I was there I talked to a young man who was amazed at what we were providing. It was special to be able to say to him, "It's free, just like the gift that God gave us by sending His Son, Jesus, giving us the opportunity to have the free gift of eternal life." Thank you for making it possible for this young man and so many others be able to experience the love of Jesus!

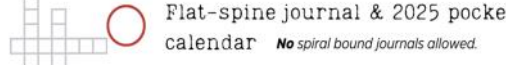
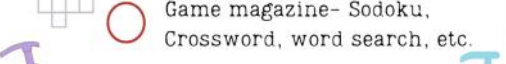
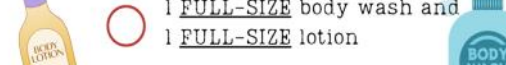
Many of you also participated in ServeNC, mission trips and the fair ministry this summer or fall. Thank you for blessing and in return you were blessed!

Blessings,

Norma Melton



2024 Red Box Checklist

-  1 package blank greeting cards & two transparent pens
-  Flat-spine journal & 2025 pocket calendar **No spiral bound journals allowed.**
-  Game magazine- Sudoku, Crossword, word search, etc.
-  1 FULL-SIZE body wash and 1 FULL-SIZE lotion
-  2 chapsticks, 2 small packages of tissues
-  1 sleeve of cotton rounds & 1 large bath puff

Empty Red Boxes are available for pickup at the Buncombe Baptist Association office (227 Hazel Mill Rd, Asheville). **Filled boxes are due back on Monday, November 18th, 2024.** Please pack your Red Boxes according to the guidelines listed. We will add a gospel tract and deliver your gift to Western Women's Correctional Facility. The Red Box program is a ministry of the Women's Missionary Union. Call 828.252.1864 for additional information.



Each year the Buncombe Baptist Association serves as a collection site for coats (**headed to New York City**).

For more info go to:

ncbaptist.org/events/event-coats-for-the-city/

Appalachian Christmas Outreach

Additional details on how to pack a backpack or connect with a delivery trip can be found online at:

www.baptistsonmission.org/Appalachian-Christmas-outreach

Due Saturday, November 2nd

9am at the BBA





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October, November & December 2024

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Resource Center Holiday Schedule:

Closed on:

Wednesday & Thursday,
November 27th & 28th:
Thanksgiving



Monday, December 23rd —
Wednesday, January 1st:
Christmas & New Year



Celebrate your Pastor
and his family during the
month of October!



The Buncombe Baptist Association
Invites ministry staff and their spouses to Attend

Christmas Dinner

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024
6 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

227 HAZEL MILL ROAD
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Ministerial staff & their spouses are invited to join us for dinner & entertainment in honor of the season.

A delicious menu is being planned for you!
Please mark your calendars and make plans to fellowship with one another.

\$12 per person
Kindly RSVP by November 21st
828.252.1864

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE
Peace on Earth

Buncombe Baptist Association Fall Worship Celebration

Monday, October 21, 2024



Ridgeway Baptist Church

525 Old 19/23 Hwy.

Candler, NC 28715

5:30 pm—Light Meal

6:30 pm—Celebration

Chris Allen, Assistant Director of Church & Baptist Convention Relations at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, will share during our time at the evening gathering.



Come & hear about the exciting things God is doing through **YOUR** Association!

MINISTERS' ROUNDTABLE/FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday, October 7th:

10:00 am

Sandy Marks, Pastoral Ministry Strategist with the NC Baptist State Convention, will be sharing on: *"Present & Future Challenges in Ministry."*

Monday, November 18th:

10:00 am

Tommy Wilkes, will be sharing on: *"A Bi-Vocational Ministers' Journey."*

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

Church Receipts, January 1, 2024 thru August 31, 2024

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Antioch	300.00	Glady	0.00	Pleasant Hill	800.00
Asheville City Church	0.00	Grace	3,865.00	Pole Creek	18,666.64
Asheville Deaf	0.00	GracePoint	500.00	Radiant	4,455.65
Bald Mountain	0.00	Grassy Branch	4,000.00	Reach Life	5,279.00
Barnardsville	0.00	Grove Stone	3,225.90	Reynolds	3,000.00
Berea	2,800.00	Hope Church of Asheville	0.00	Ridgeway	2,500.00
Bethel	150.00	Inanda	0.00	Riverside	0.00
Bethel Romanian	0.00	Ivy Creek	0.00	Skyland FBC	6,500.00
Beverly Hills	9,691.92	Jupiter	0.00	Source of Life Evangelical	50.00
Biltmore	12,500.00	Kerlee	0.00	South Asheville	0.00
Black Mountain FBC	666.64	Lake Hills	11,000.00	Starnes Cove	7,117.06
Blue Ridge Biker	0.00	Lakewood	0.00	Steadfast	3,000.00
Blue Ridge Cowboy	300.00	Laurel Springs	0.00	Sulphur Springs. Pk.	0.00
Brookstone	2,000.00	Liberty	1,670.66	Swannanoa FBC	4,550.00
Brown's Chapel	0.00	Long Shoals	2,162.56	The Peaks	0.00
Buckeye	3,984.00	Macedonia	435.00	Trinity of Fairview	3,000.00
Calvary	0.00	Maple Ridge	0.00	Turkey Creek	1,575.00
Calvary at Fairview	400.00	Mills Gap	0.00	Vance Ave.	0.00
Captive	0.00	Morgan Hill	900.00	Vertical Church	0.00
Celebration	0.00	Mount Carmel	1,333.36	Victory	4,638.66
Christian Creek	0.00	Mount Horeb	270.00	Weaverville FBC	0.00
Community	0.00	Mount Olive	1,350.00	West Asheville	17,335.00
Congregation Beth Shiloh	150.00	Mountain View	600.00	White Rock	0.00
Corinth	200.00	New Liberty	100.00	Wilkey	0.00
Covenant/Highlands	0.00	New Life Community	1,200.00	Zion Hill	600.00
Crosspoint Community	0.00	New Salem	0.00	TOTAL	\$170,302.25
Edgewood	1,000.00	Newbridge	3,220.00		
Emma's Grove	2,720.00	Newfound	2,133.36		
Enka	3,581.00	North Point	1,575.00		
Erwin Hills	0.00	Oak Grove	900.00		
Fairview	400.00	Oakley	2,181.84		
Fellowship Asheville	1,200.00	Oasis	800.00		
First Moldovan	0.00	Oteen	1,769.00		
Flat Creek	0.00	Pine Burr Park	0.00		
Freedom	0.00	Pine Forest	0.00		
Gashes Creek	0.00				



"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus sake" 2nd Corinthians 4:5



The servanthood of ministry is sometimes filled with unexpected challenges, some disappointments, and heavy burdens. The relationships and rewards of ministry far outweigh any of the above!! I am grateful to *serve* with you, *pray* with you, *share burdens* with you, and *rejoice in our Savior daily* with you! The partnership of Buncombe Churches are filled with gifted and passionate individuals, putting their hands on life-changing ministry each day. I often find myself reciting or singing (*in private*) the words of a song by Robert & Wendell Loveless, *"Every day with Jesus."* When those lyrics come to mind, I am overflowed with His joy, as this wretched sinner reflects on His love, grace, mercy, & forgiveness.

"Every day with Jesus, is sweeter than the day before. Every day with Jesus, I love Him more & more. Jesus saves and keeps me, and He's the One I'm waiting for. Every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before. Every day He grows a little dearer, sweeter than the day before. Every day He gets a little nearer, sweeter than the day before. Every day He guides me all along, sweeter than the day before. Every day He shields me from all harm. Sweeter than the day before."

The vision of the Buncombe Baptist Association of churches is to assist partnering churches to grow multiplying disciples of Christ and advance Great Commission ministry. The mission of the Buncombe Baptist Association of churches is to partner in relationship, equipping and missions.

Every day with Jesus!! Perry

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.




- 7 **10am;** Ministers' Roundtable/Fellowship
- WEEK OF PRAYER FOR ASSOCIATIONS OCT. 13—19**
- 21 **FALL CELEBRATION:** Ridgeway Baptist
5:30pm—Light Meal **6:30pm**—Meeting
- 24 **DEADLINE**— Coats for the City; BBA



- 2 **9am;** Backpacks due at BBA
- 4 & 5 North Carolina Baptist State Convention
- 18 **10am;** Ministers' Roundtable/Fellowship
- 18 Red Boxes due at the Resource Center
- 27-28 Office Closed for Thanksgiving



- 3 **6pm;** Ministers, Staff & Spouses Christmas Dinner, BBA
- 23-Jan. 1 Office Closed for Christmas/New Year



LOTTIE MOON

Lottie Moon—the namesake of Southern Baptists' international missions offering—has become a legend. But in her time, Lottie was anything but an untouchable hero. In fact, she was like today's missionaries. She labored tirelessly so her people group could know Jesus.

