

PERRY'S PEN



Just the other day I completed my last newsletter article the last week in September and awaited the mailing of it that week. Then September 27th delayed the mailing for over a week. I pause and try to remember October 2024 but I cannot recall much of that month. Like most pastors and staff, I have fielded 1,000's of phone calls and answered another 1,000 emails and text. I have spent time assisting Baptists on Mission accessors looking at ministry requests. I have spent hours each day directing those in need or those wishing to give to distribution sites. The systematic flow of life and ministry was completely turned upside down. I have heard from generous believers all over the country desiring to assist in meeting immediate needs and long-term rebuilding. My grief has brought tears, emotional fatigue, and at times the need for isolation. This is the county I call home, where I played as a schoolboy, the people I call neighbor, the ballfield I fielded ground balls on, all 660 square miles of it! I struggled as what to say in this newsletter, but I needed to express this. As we have grieved for families and long-time friends, we have witnessed the eternal presence of the Holy Spirit at **WORK** through the hands-on ministry of many local leaders and those from across the country. Our Heavenly Father is a compassionate Healer! As we walk this journey of rebuild together, may healing begin as the **GOSPEL** is kept primary and **HE** receives all glory! Praying diligently for the BBA church families!!

Lifting up Jesus! *Perry*



Region 9 Baptists on Mission Rally:

Monday, February 24, 2025 at Newbridge Baptist Church
Meal: 5:45 pm **Rally:** 6:30 pm



NORMA'S NOTES



During the time that we were preparing to send our last quarterly newsletter, Helene came roaring through our area. Now, almost three months later, we continue to deal with the devastation from Helene. Amidst the unimaginable many Scripture verses have come to mind reminding that God is still in control. Almost immediately after Helene, a cousin of mine from out of state texted me Isaiah 43:1-2 which reads, "...this is what the Lord says-...Fear not for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you..." I pray that you continue to seek His word for comfort as you experience the effects of Helene or as you help those affected by the storm.

Some of our ongoing ministries have been affected by Helene. We were unable to have our fall Senior Adult Luncheon in September, but we look forward to getting together in May for our Senior Adult Patriotic Celebration. Several churches have participated in Angel Tree® through an online process. We have received Red Boxes for distribution at the Women's Correctional Facility. However, the women have not returned after they were evacuated at the time of the storm. Hopefully they will be back by Christmas. If not, we plan to save the boxes to be used for a Valentine party for the ladies. You may continue to bring your used literature and Bibles. Please sort it as much as possible and place it in boxes with lids. We will continue to take it to be shipped to countries where people are unable to financially purchase Christian literature and Bibles.

Thank you for blessing others through your prayers and servanthood!

Blessings,

Norma Melton



The Heartbeat

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January, February, March 2025

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Resource Center Holiday Schedule:

Closed on:

Wednesday, January 1st:

New Years Day

Monday, January 20th:

Martin Luther King Day



Retired Pastors Breakfast:

**Thursday, January 9th
8:30 am**

Cracker Barrel on
Tunnel Road

As the association prepares for the year-end close of our records, please remember the cut-off date for receipt of 2024 contributions. We must receive your contributions at the Buncombe Baptist Resource Center no later than **January 23, 2025**. Contributions for 2024 received after the January date, will be reflected in 2025 reporting.



Contribution statements will be prepared and mailed during the first ten days of February 2025.

Dwayne Dills, CPA

MINISTERS' ROUNDTABLE AND CHURCH STRENGTHENING COHORT

PRESENT AND FUTURE CHALLENGES IN MINISTRY

Led by Dr. Steve Scoggins
 Pastor Emeritus
 First Baptist Church
 Hendersonville



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

MONDAY, MARCH 17

MONDAY, APRIL 7

MONDAY, MAY 19

BUNCOMBE BAPTIST
 ASSOCIATION
 227 HAZEL MILL RD.
 ASHEVILLE, NC 28806

10:00 - 11:30AM

**LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED
 FROM 11:30 - 12:00PM**

Dr. Scoggins will lead a 90 minute dialogue and discussion from January - May, 2025. This will be held once a month and cover relevant subjects and challenges faced in the 21st century.



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WE STAND FOR



In light of the resignation of Diana Brewer in October, if you have any announcements to be placed on the website, please contact Aimee Stewart

(astewart@buncombebaptist.org) or

Della Brindley

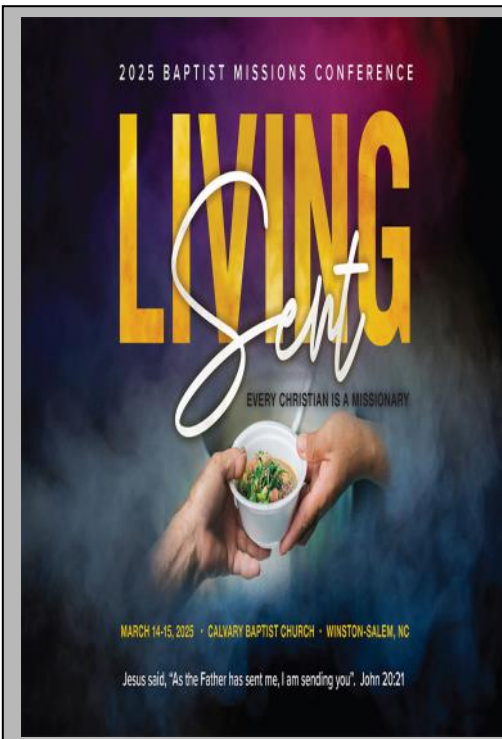
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Thank You!

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

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Antioch	300.00	Gashes Creek	0.00	Pine Burr Park	0.00
Asheville City	0.00	Glady	0.00	Pine Forest	0.00
Asheville Deaf	0.00	Grace	4,165.00	Pleasant Hill	1,000.00
Bald Mountain	0.00	GracePoint	500.00	Pole Creek	23,333.30
Barnardsville	0.00	Grassy Branch	5,000.00	Radiant	5,768.15
Berea	2,800.00	Grove Stone	4,125.90	Reach Life	5,279.00
Bethel	150.00	Hope Church of Asheville	0.00	Redmon	0.00
Bethel Romanian	0.00	Iglesia Bautista Ebenezer	0.00	Reynolds	4,000.00
Beverly Hills	11,315.04	Inanda	0.00	Ridgeway	4,500.00
Biltmore	18,750.00	Ivy Creek	0.00	Riverside	0.00
Biltmore Espanol	0.00	Jupiter	0.00	Skyland FBC	7,175.00
Black Mountain FBC	833.30	Kerlee	0.00	Source of Life Evangelical	50.00
Blue Ridge Biker	0.00	Lake Hills	13,750.00	South Asheville	0.00
Blue Ridge Cowboy	450.00	Lakewood	0.00	Starnes Cove	8,334.16
Brookstone	2,500.00	Laurel Springs	0.00	Steadfast	3,750.00
Brown's Chapel	0.00	Liberty	2,021.46	Sulphur Springs. Pk.	0.00
Buckeye	5,554.00	Long Shoals	2,713.87	Swannanoa FBC	5,850.00
Calvary	0.00	Macedonia	435.00	The Peaks	0.00
Calvary at Fairview	600.00	Maple Ridge	0.00	The Place Fellowship	0.00
Captivate	0.00	Mills Gap	0.00	Trinity of Fairview	3,300.00
Celebration	0.00	Morgan Hill	900.00	Turkey Creek	2,025.00
Christian Creek	0.00	Mount Carmel	1,666.70	Vance Avenue	300.00
Community	0.00	Mount Horeb	270.00	Victory	5,690.87
Congregation Beth Shiloh	250.00	Mount Olive	1,650.00	Weaverville FBC	0.00
Corinth	200.00	Mountain View	900.00	West Asheville	21,518.00
Covenant/Highlands	0.00	New Liberty	100.00	White Rock	0.00
Crosspoint Community	0.00	New Life Community	1,500.00	Wilkey	0.00
Edgewood	1,500.00	New Salem	0.00	Zion Hill	<u>1,200.00</u>
Emma's Grove	3,285.16	Newbridge	4,140.00	TOTAL	\$212,198.91
Enka	4,162.00	Newfound	2,666.70		
Erwin Hills	0.00	North Point	1,575.00		
Fairview	400.00	Oak Grove	1,100.00		
Fellowship Asheville	1,300.00	Oakley	2,727.30		
First Moldovan	0.00	Oasis	1,100.00		
Flat Creek	0.00	Oteen	1,769.00		
Freedom	0.00				

NOTE: The November books have not been closed at the time of printing of the Newsletter.



2025 BAPTIST MISSIONS CONFERENCE

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EVERY CHRISTIAN IS A MISSIONARY

MARCH 14-15, 2025 • CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH • WINSTON-SALEM, NC

Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you". John 20:21

March 14—15

COST: Friday and Saturday: **\$20.00**

Friday and Saturday with Friday supper: **\$32.00**

(Cost includes general sessions, breakout sessions, event materials and lunch on Saturday.)

Please call 919-459-5596 if you have any questions.

Registration deadline: March 1, 2025



BAPTISTS ON MISSION PRESENTS

MEN'S MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TRAINING
FEBRUARY 8, 2025

IGNITING THE HEARTS OF MEN FOR CHRIST

Baptists on Mission is sponsoring a one-day training event designed to equip and inspire **Baptist Men's Directors, Men's Ministry Leaders, pastors**, or anyone who works with men in the church. Program will include discussion on the "why" and "how" of men's ministry, followed by sessions on specific ministry areas, and a time for questions. The content will deal with how to have a vibrant, well-rounded Men's Ministry—one that leads men to grow spiritually while involving them in mission and ministry. /



BAPTISTS ON MISSION

Check-in begins 8:00 am
Training begins 8:30 am
Training concludes 1:00 pm

@ BUNCOMBE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION IN ASHEVILLE, NC

\$10 PER PERSON
INCLUDES TRAINING MATERIALS AND SATURDAY LUNCH

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

TO REGISTER

Visit our website at www.baptistsonmission.org/menstraining

Return this form with check

Contact Tracey Ford at 919-459-5606 and pay with credit card

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



- 1 **New Years Day, Office Closed**
- 9 8:30 am—Retired Pastors' Breakfast; Cracker Barrel
- 13 10:00 am—Ministers' Roundtable/Church Strengthening Co-hort; BBA
- 15 10am—Properties Team Mtg; BBA
- 16 10am—Evangelism Team Mtg; BBA
- 19 **SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY**
- 20 **Martin Luther King Day, Office Closed**
- 21 11:30 am—Personnel Team Mtg & Lunch; BBA
- 23 10am—Constitution Team Mtg; BBA
- 28 10am—Budget & Finance Team Mtg; BBA

- 6 Tarheel Leadership; BBA
- 14 & 15 Missions Conference; Calvary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem
- 17 10am—Ministers' Roundtable/Church Strengthening Co-hort; BBA
- 19 10am—Church Plant Team Meeting; BBA



- 4 10am—Partnership Missions Team Mtg; BBA
- 6 Tarheel Leadership; BBA
- 8 Men's Ministry Leadership Training; BBA
- 12 11:30am—Leadership Team Mtg & Lunch; BBA
- 17 10am—Ministers' Roundtable/Church Strengthening Co-hort; BBA
- 24 Region 9 Missions Rally; Newbridge Baptist Church
(Meal: 5:45 pm, Rally: 6:30 pm)

Buncombe Baptist Association is receiving resumes through February, 2025 for the part-time position of Summer Missions Intern. Qualifications include a college student who has completed at least one year of college and preferably is a member of one of the churches included in Buncombe Baptist Association.

You may send your resume or questions to:
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nmelton@buncombebaptist.org.

