



## **MINISTERS' ROUNDTABLE/ FELLOWSHIP:**

**NO MEETING IN JULY**

**Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>:**

**10:00 am**

**Monday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

**10:00 am**

## **BAPTISTS ON MISSION REGION 9 MISSIONS RALLY**

***Tuesday, August 25, 2025***

**5:45pm (Dinner)**

**6:50—8:30pm (Service)**

### **Brevard First Baptist Church**

94 S. Gaston Street Brevard NC

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](http://www.baptistsonmission.org)**

# *The Heartbeat*

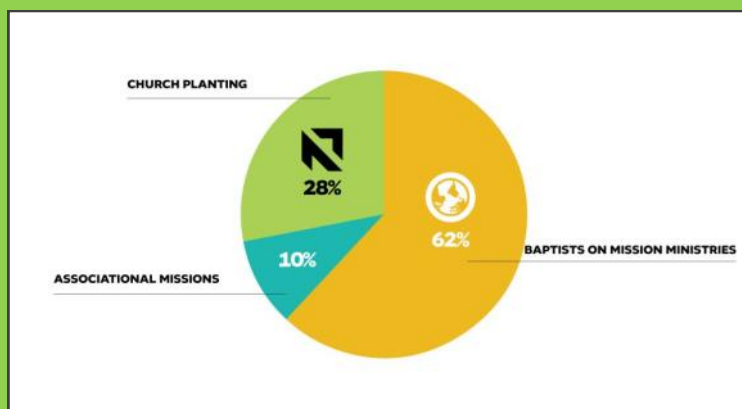
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**July, August, September 2025**

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Each year the BBA churches are challenged to participate in the NCMO offering received in September. The 2024 NCMO giving of Buncombe Baptist Churches, exceeded \$50,000. 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. 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:

**[www.ncmissionsoffering.org](http://www.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 3<sup>rd</sup>  
in observance of  
Independence Day and  
Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> in  
observance of Labor Day.

## Perry's Pen



*"But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."*  
*Mark 10:42-45*

It continues to be one of life's greatest privileges to serve among you. In July of 2025, I am entering in to my 13<sup>th</sup> year as your Director of Missions/Associational Missions Strategist. The churches of the BBA continues to pray for sister churches, BBA staff, those who need a personal relationship with Jesus, Great Commission passion, and kingdom advancement. Two updates which needs to be made:

- ♦ The Evangelism Team continues the promotion of the **"8000 New Believers by 2028!"** At present we have received confirmation of 983 baptisms in 2024. That number exceeds any number from the past 3 years. Churches reported 585 in 2023, 525 in 2022, and 333 in 2021. While the number may be short of our goal, the number is not priority. **PEOPLE** are our priority. **CELEBRATE EACH ONE!** Keep praying, sharing and see how God continues to bless!
- ♦ Baptists on Mission continues to serve in WNC and has committed to 5-7 years of rebuilding homes. As of June 4<sup>th</sup>, 283 homes have been rebuilt, 323 are in process, and 1,100 requests have been received. Pray that God continues to send teams to continue this WNC Rebuild! Go to: [helenerebuild.com](http://helenerebuild.com) to register your team.

Plowing on in the Name of Jesus!!

*Perry Brindley*



## Norma's Notes

In the July WMU *Missions Mosaic* magazine, there is an article titled "Praying for a Heart of Service". The author, Grace Thornton, shared that to know Jesus is to serve like Jesus. She refers to Matthew 20:28 reminding us that Jesus came to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many. To follow Jesus, she suggests that we do the following:

*Ask God to give you a heart that knows everything is His.*

*Ask God to give you a heart to serve.*

*Ask God to help you know where to serve.*

I challenge you to pray that God will give you a heart to do what Grace Thornton suggests.

We are excited to have Rebekah Reese serving part-time with Buncombe Baptist Association as a summer missionary intern. Please call or email me if you are interested in Rebekah working with your church in a VBS, block party or other outreach venture.

The WNC Western NC Mountain State Fair Leadership Team is preparing for the 35<sup>th</sup> year of Fair Ministry. Please note in this newsletter a "Fair Needs List" that you or your church can help supply.

Have you signed up for ServeNC? **This is an opportunity for every NC Baptist church to love its community in Jesus' name through service projects. To sign up or for more information, go to:**

<https://ncbaptist.org/servenc>.



*Norma Melton*

## Church Receipts for January 1, 2025 thru April 30, 2025

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Antioch	150.00	Freedom	0.00	Oteen	1,200.00
Asheville City Church	0.00	Gashes Creek	0.00	Pine Burr Park	0.00
Asheville Deaf	0.00	Glady	0.00	Pine Forest	0.00
Bald Mountain	0.00	Grace	1,240.00	Pleasant Hill	400.00
Barnardsville	0.00	GracePoint	0.00	Pole Creek	9,333.32
Berea	0.00	Grassy Branch	2,000.00	Radiant	830.00
Bethel	150.00	Grove Stone	412.00	Reach Life	0.00
Bethel Romanian	0.00	Iglesia Bautista Ebenezer	0.00	Reynolds	1,000.00
Beverly Hills	4,238.18	Inanda	0.00	Ridgeway	1,500.00
Biltmore	6,250.00	Ivy Creek	0.00	Riverside	0.00
Biltmore Espanol	0.00	Jupiter	0.00	Skyland FBC	2,700.00
Black Mountain FBC	320.00	Kerlee	0.00	Source of Life Evangelical	0.00
Blue Ridge Biker	0.00	Lake Hills	2,750.00	South Asheville	0.00
Blue Ridge Cowboy	0.00	Lakewood	737.50	Starnes Cove	3,096.42
Brookstone	1,000.00	Laurel Springs	0.00	Steadfast	2,291.67
Brown's Chapel	0.00	Liberty	803.71	Sulphur Springs. Pk.	0.00
Buckeye	1,328.00	Long Shoals	1,092.00	Swannanoa FBC	2,600.00
Calvary	0.00	Macedonia	115.00	The Peaks	0.00
Calvary of Fairview	400.00	Maple Ridge	0.00	The Place Fellowship	0.00
Captivate	0.00	Mills Gap	0.00	Trinity of Fairview	600.00
Celebration	0.00	Morgan Hill	400.00	Turkey Creek	900.00
Christian Creek	0.00	Mount Carmel	666.68	Vance Ave.	0.00
Community	0.00	Mount Horeb	120.00	Victory	1,770.41
Congregation Beth Shiloh	0.00	Mount Olive	600.00	Weaverville FBC	0.00
Corinth	100.00	Mountain View	300.00	West Asheville	7,754.00
Covenant/Highlands	0.00	New Liberty	100.00	White Rock	0.00
Crosspoint Community	0.00	New Life Community	750.00	Wilkey	0.00
Edgewood	1,000.00	New Salem	0.00	Zion Hill	0.00
Emma's Grove	900.16	Newbridge	1,840.00	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$71,527.65</b>
Enka	1,197.00	Newfound	1,066.68		
Erwin Hills	0.00	North Point	934.00		
Fairview	0.00	Oak Grove	400.00		
Fellowship Asheville	500.00	Oakley	1,090.92		
First Moldovan	0.00	Oasis	400.00		
Flat Creek	200.00				

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

### 2025 WNC Mountain State Fair Ministry Needs List



**Please bring all items to the Buncombe Baptist Resource Center by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 7, 2025.**

**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.**

- MEN'S KIT:** toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, washcloth, shampoo, deodorant, comb, men's shaving cream & razors, hand lotion, and **Gospel message tract.**
- WOMEN'S KIT:** toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, washcloth, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, comb, hairbrush, women's shaving cream & razors, hand lotion, and **Gospel message tract.**

**"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.

**SALVATION BRACELETS:** Order of colored beads is black, red, white, blue, green & yellow. Use a clear bead to fasten bracelets. Please use a black ¼ inch elastic to make the bracelet. Cut each piece into a ten-inch length. Beads and elastic may be purchased at local craft stores or online. Call 828-252-1864 to obtain a sample bracelet.

#### ITEMS NEEDED FOR BREAK TENT:

- 8- and 12-ounce Styrofoam cups
- Instant lemonade mix

**BIBLES:** **NEW** Bibles (including new Bibles that you might have left over from VBS).

**OTHER NEEDS FOR FAIR WORKERS:** Blankets & Towels (**full size, new or gently used**)

**MONETARY DONATIONS** may be made. Make checks to Buncombe Baptist Association designated for Fair Ministry.

**Send to:**  
**Buncombe Baptist Resource Center**  
227 Hazel Mill Road  
Asheville, NC 28806

*Thank you for supporting the Fair Ministry!*



## Welcome!

Buncombe Baptist Association welcomes Rebekah Reese who will be serving as our summer missionary intern beginning

June 16. Rebekah will be attending Appalachian State University in the fall and is a member of Enka Baptist Church. She 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 [nmelton@buncombebaptist.org](mailto:nmelton@buncombebaptist.org) or (828) 779-9489, if you are interested in Rebekah 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**



- 3 ***Independence Day; Office Closed***   
10 ***8:30am;*** Retired Pastors' Breakfast, Cracker  
Barrel, Tunnel Road  
21 ***11:30am;*** Budget & Finance Team Mtg, BBA



- 11 ***10am;*** Ministers' Roundtable/Fellowship, BBA  
12 & 13 Staff Retreat for BBA Staff  
20 ***10am;*** Church Strengthening Team Mtg, BBA  
25 ***5:45pm;*** Region 9 Missions Rally, Brevard First  
Baptist Church  
27 ***11:30am;*** Leadership Team Meeting, BBA



- 1 ***Labor Day; Office Closed***   
3 Fair Ministry Begins  
5—14 Mountain State Fair  
22 ***10am;*** Ministers' Roundtable/Fellowship, BBA  
24 ***10am;*** Church Plant/Membership Team Meeting,  
BBA

**SENIOR ADULT BBQ LUNCH**

**Thursday, October 9, 2025**

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 25<sup>th</sup> so that enough food can be ordered. When making reservations for your church, send ONE check to Buncombe Baptist Association.**

**Retired Ministers' Breakfast**



***Thursday, July 10th***

**8:30 am**

**Cracker Barrel on**

**Tunnel Road**

**34 Tunnel Road  
Asheville**