



The Heartbeat

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October, November & December 2025

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Resource Center Holiday Schedule:

Closed on:

**Wednesday & Thursday,
November 26th & 27th:**

Thanksgiving

Monday, Dec. 22nd—

Thursday, Dec. 25th: Christmas

Wednesday, Dec. 31st & Thurs.

Jan. 1st: New Years Eve & Day



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

**It provides an
opportunity for
churches and
individuals to express
their appreciation for
pastors who are pillars
of strength and support.**

Buncombe Baptist Association Fall Worship Celebration

Monday, October 20, 2025

Skyland First Baptist Church

2115 Hendersonville Road

Arden, NC 28704



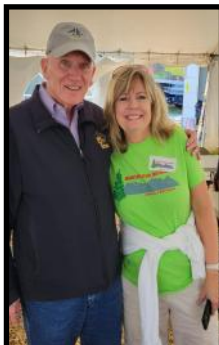
5:30 pm—Light Meal
6:30 pm—Celebration

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!



Mountain State Fair Ministry 2025





Perry's Pen

*"And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation."
2nd Corinthians 5:18*

Reading the New Testament, embeds in the heart of every disciple that we are called to missionary activity **across the street**. C.S. Lewis wrote, *"The church exists for nothing else but to draw people to Christ!"* It is with continued joy that I hear of and see the people coming to Christ in the local churches and following Christ in **BAPTISM!** Thank you for allowing the BBA staff to **Celebrate each ONE!** Let me share a few exciting opportunities below:

- ♦ The Reconstruct Conference will be held for all pastors, staff, and lay-leaders on Tuesday October 7th, 9am till 3pm. The conference is for churches interested in fostering, adoption, marriage, or re-planting. The healthy church and the struggling church will both gain valuable information. Go to ncbaptist.org and look for the reconstruct conference and register there.
- ♦ The Minister's Roundtable is open to all on Monday October 13th at 10am. The BBA worship center will host the **"Upside Down Leadership Conference"** with Taylor and Susan Field and Paul Langston giving leadership. The conference will be from 9am till 2pm. Go to: www.baptistsonmission.org/bom/calendar/upside-down-training/7250 to register. The cost is \$15.00 covering materials and lunch. If you are a member of a church that partners with the BBA, bring your receipt of payment for reimbursement. This scholarship is funded through your NCMO giving.
- ♦ The BBA fall celebration is Monday, October 20th 5:30 light dinner and viewing of exhibits. The business and worship will convene at 6:30 with our guest Chris Allen sharing his personal testimony and message. Chris serves as the Assistant Director of Church & Baptist Convention Relations at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.
- ♦ Retired Ministers' Breakfast: Thursday, October 16th; Cracker Barrel in West Asheville. 8:30 am.

Don't forget that October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Make plans & set aside a time to honor the Lord by honoring your staff!

Perry

2025 Red Box Checklist



Empty Red Boxes are available for pickup at the
Buncombe Baptist Association office
(227 Hazel Mill Rd. Asheville, NC 28806).
Filled boxes are due back on Thursday, November 20, 2025.
Please pack your Red Boxes according to the guidelines listed.
We will add a gospel tract and deliver your gift to the
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.

**DUE
November 20**



2025 Appalachian Christmas Outreach

The Appalachian Coalfields Ministry seeks to meet physical and spiritual needs of those living in Appalachia. One of the greatest needs in this area occurs at Christmastime. We are calling on churches statewide to respond to this need through **Appalachian Christmas Outreach**.



Share a gift of LOVE and the GOSPEL MESSAGE with a child in need this Christmas!



Our statewide goal is to collect 24,000 backpacks of items to be distributed to Appalachian children in December of 2025. Visit our website for all the details on how to put backpacks together!

Statewide Collection: November 1
Over thirty collection sites will be set up statewide for churches to bring their backpacks. Locations will be listed in September on the Baptists On Mission website: www.baptistsonmission.org/aco

Statewide Goal: 24,000

Our Goal: _____

For more information contact Mark Abernathy, Baptists on Mission, at mabernathy@ncbaptist.org or 919-459-5607 or visit our website at www.baptistsonmission.org/aco

BAPTISTS ON MISSION

Church Receipts, January 1, 2025 thru August 31, 2025

CHURCH	YTD	CHURCH	YTD	CHURCH	YTD
Antioch	300.00	Gashes Creek	0.00	Pleasant Hill	700.00
Asheville City Church	0.00	Glady	0.00	Pole Creek	18,666.64
Asheville Deaf	0.00	Grace	2,480.00	Radiant	1,650.00
Bald Mountain	0.00	GracePoint	550.00	Reach Life	2,400.00
Barnardsville	0.00	Grassy Branch	4,000.00	Redmon	0.00
Berea	0.00	Grove Stone	2,308.00	Reynolds	3,000.00
Bethel	150.00	Inanda	0.00	Ridgeway	3,500.00
Bethel Romanian	0.00	Ivy Creek	0.00	Riverside	0.00
Beverly Hills	9,366.35	Jupiter	0.00	Skyland FBC	4,725.00
Biltmore	12,500.00	Kerlee	0.00	Source of Life Evangelical	50.00
Black Mountain FBC	640.00	Lake Hills	8,250.00	South Asheville	0.00
Blue Ridge Biker	0.00	Lakewood	1,475.00	Starnes Cove	5,832.50
Blue Ridge Cowboy	150.00	Laurel Springs	0.00	Steadfast	3,666.67
Brookstone	2,000.00	Liberty	1,605.30	Sulphur Springs. Pk.	0.00
Brown's Chapel	0.00	Long Shoals	2,364.31	Swannanoa FBC	5,200.00
Buckeye	1,328.00	Macedonia	115.00	The Peaks	0.00
Calvary	0.00	Maple Ridge	0.00	The Place Fellowship	0.00
Calvary at Fairview	600.00	Mills Gap	0.00	Trinity of Fairview	2,100.00
Captivate	0.00	Morgan Hill	800.00	Turkey Creek	1,800.00
Celebration	0.00	Mount Carmel	1,333.36	Vance Ave.	0.00
Christian Creek	0.00	Mount Horeb	120.00	Vertical Church	0.00
Community	0.00	Mount Olive	1,275.00	Victory	3,836.84
Congregation Beth Shiloh	150.00	Mountain View	600.00	Weaverville FBC	0.00
Corinth	200.00	New Liberty	100.00	West Asheville	16,183.00
Covenant/Highlands	0.00	New Life Community	1,200.00	White Rock	0.00
Crosspoint Community	0.00	New Salem	0.00	Wilkey	0.00
Edgewood	1,000.00	Newbridge	3,680.00	Zion Hill	1,050.00
Emma's Grove	1,350.48	Newfound	2,133.36	TOTAL	\$149,230.65
Enka	2,362.00	North Point	1,752.00		
Erwin Hills	0.00	Oak Grove	700.00		
Fairview	650.00	Oakley	2,181.84		
Fellowship Asheville	900.00	Oasis	800.00		
First Moldovan	0.00	Oteen	1,200.00		
Flat Creek	200.00	Pine Burr Park	0.00		
Freedom	0.00	Pine Forest	0.00		

Thank you!



Norma's Notes

Buncombe Baptist Association along with other WNC Baptist Association have just completed the 35th year of Fair Ministry. Thanks goes to volunteers who served at the fair, who provided needed supplies for the ministry, and for those who lifted the ministry to God in prayer. Your generosity and dedication to this special ministry is amazing! When I think of the hundreds of volunteers, I am reminded of Peter's words in 1 Peter 3:10, "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms". Thank you for your faithfulness! You fed people, provided hygiene bags, showed compassion and shared the love of Jesus. Because you did this people came to know the Lord and others were encouraged in their faith.

The cool mornings and changing colors of leaves tell us that fall is here! We're excited to again provide a time for senior adults to come together this fall and enjoy a BBQ lunch, fellowship time and a delightful program. This luncheon will be at Zion Hill Baptist Church on Thursday, October 9, from 12:00 noon until 2:00 pm. We look forward to seeing those who have registered to attend.

Christmas will soon be here! I encourage you to participate in the Christmas Red Box Ministry for the ladies at the WNC Correctional Facility. We will need 366 boxes filled with specific supplies. The list can be found in this newsletter. We have the boxes at the office and you may call and reserve boxes for your church group to fill. This will be the only gift that some of the ladies receive at Christmas.

As we are approaching the Thanksgiving and Christmas season, I pray God's blessings as you share His love with family, friends and those you come in contact with in your community and beyond.

Blessings!! Norma Melton

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Return Service Requested

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.



- 9 12pm—2pm; Senior Adult Meal, Zion Hill Church
13 9am—2pm; Upside/Down Leadership Training, BBA
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR ASSOCIATIONS OCT. 19—25
16 8:30am; Retired Pastors' Breakfast, Cracker Barrel
20 **FALL CELEBRATION:** Skyland First Baptist
5:30pm—Light Meal 6:30pm—Meeting
22 10am; Church Strengthening Meeting; BBA
27 & 28 9am; Transitional Interim Training, BBA



- 1 9am; Backpacks due at the Resource Center
5 10am; Church Strengthening Meeting; BBA
10 & 11 **North Carolina Baptist State Convention**
17 10am; Ministers' Roundtable/Fellowship
20 **Red Boxes due at the Resource Center**
26 & 27 **Office Closed for Thanksgiving**



- 2 6pm; Ministers, Staff & Spouses Christmas Dinner
22-25 **Office Closed for Christmas**
31 & 1 **Office Closed for New Years Eve and Day**



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COMPASSION IS CONTAGIOUS

So often, Christians think "church" first, but Jesus taught another way. He started with ministry, meeting needs first. His ministry grew people's faith, and then He built the church on that faith.

Basic Principles for Every Church to Strengthen Ministry in Their Community.

Taught by trainers who cumulatively have over 100 years experience with under-resourced communities (and every community is under-resourced in some way.)

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Monday,
October 13, 2025
9:00am - 2:00pm

How to "do" compassion ministry in the best way!

It's often

UPSIDE DOWN



TAYLOR FIELD
Author
Upside Down Series



SUSAN FIELD
Author
Upside Down Results



PAUL LANGSTON
Missions Mobilization Consultant
NC Baptists on Mission

SCHEDULE

9:00 - Intro and Meet the Need First
10:00 - Serve the Unserved
11:00 - See the Unseen
11:45 - LUNCH
12:30 - Small is Big
1:20 - Admin and Giving of Certificate

Cost is \$15.00 - Includes Lunch

To Register,
<https://baptistsonmission.org/bom/compassion-ministries/upside-down-training/7250>