



Resource Center Holiday Schedule:

Closed on:

Thursday, January 1st:

New Years Day

Monday, January 19th:

Martin Luther King Day



Retired Ministers' Breakfast:

Thursday, January 8th

8:30 am

Moose Café

570 Brevard Rd Asheville



As the association prepares for the year-end close of our records, please remember the cut-off date for receipt of 2025 contributions. We must receive your contributions at the Buncombe Baptist Resource Center no later than **January 22, 2026**. Contributions for 2025 received after the January date, will be reflected in 2026 reporting.



Contribution statements will be prepared and mailed during the first ten days of February 2026.

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January, February, March 2026

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Seminary for a Day

The 2026 Ministers' Roundtable of the BBA, will sponsor a **"Seminary for a Day,"** as part of our ministers' fellowship. You will enjoy one guest on January 20th, and then our local pastors will give leadership throughout the year. Listed below are the dates and participants.

- ◆ **Tuesday, January 20th 9am—4pm: Dr. Chuck Lawless**
Preaching Lab of Southeastern Seminary
- ◆ **Monday, February 16th: Pastor Alan-Michael Sprinkle**
Lakewood Church in Black Mountain
- ◆ **Monday, March 16th: Pastor Brian Buckner**
Newbridge Baptist Church in Asheville
- ◆ **Monday, April 20th: Pastor Fred Baker**
Fellowship Asheville Church in Asheville
- ◆ **Monday, May 18th: Pastor Johnny Byrd**
North Point Baptist Church in Weaverville
- ◆ **Monday, June 1st: Ministers' Gathering at Ascend Women's Center. Kristi Brown, Executive Director**
 - ◆ **No Roundtable in July**
- ◆ **Monday, August 17th: Associate Pastor Terry Hollifield**
Reach Life Church in Asheville
- ◆ **Monday, September 14th: Pastor Chris Reese**
Enka Baptist Church in Candler
- ◆ **Monday, October 12th: Dr. David Horton**
President of Fruitland Baptist Bible College
 - ◆ **Monday, November 9th: TBA**

Life. The Other Choice.
January 18, 2026



Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

PERRY'S PEN



As I write this, my prayer is that your family has just experienced a wonderful celebration of the birth of our Savior and welcomed the new year. The days after Christmas celebrations, are a time to exhale and refocus on the Great Commission that Jesus taught His disciples. Let this office encourage you to intentionally **SOW** the Gospel of Jesus with great passion.

⁶ Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. ⁷ Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. ⁸ For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. ⁹ And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. ¹⁰ As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6:6-10

I have been so blessed to see and hear of those who have come to faith in Christ through the ministry of partnering churches in 2024 and 2025. The BBA will be in contact with each partnering church in January (ACP), email, or phone to **CELEBRATE EACH ONE** that was baptized in 2025. In the passage above, Paul states one of the most powerful principles in the Bible. It's called the law of the **HARVEST!!** It's usually expressed "**you reap what you sow,**" but it can also be expressed as "**you pick what you plant.**" If you plant grass seed you get grass, if you plant white half runners, you get white half runners, if you plant squash, you get squash. If you are planting the **GOSPEL**, your harvest will be souls for the kingdom!!! The BBA staff loves and appreciates each partnering church and is here to serve local churches!! Advancing the kingdom work through the local church is our passion!

Perry



NORMA'S NOTES

As I am writing this, we are in the midst of the 2025 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering emphasis. Thank you for praying for our missionaries and for giving to this important offering which provides half of the funds needed to support our international missionaries. Lostness is our greatest problem in the world today. Lottie responded to "How can they hear unless they are sent?" by saying "Let's send those beautiful feet." The Lottie Moon Offering was not named for her because she was extraordinary though she was. It was named after her because she was obedient to her Lord.

Thank you for responding to needs in your church community during the Christmas season. Also, thank you for preparing Red Boxes for the Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women. We were able to provide Boxes for the women's correctional center and for the women's rehabilitation center. You were also generous to pack supplies in backpacks for children in the Appalachian region. Not only were physical needs met, but spiritual needs were addressed through these ministries. The gospel message was in each Red Box and each backpack. Pray that the gospel will be read, understood and accepted. There will be an updated list of items for the 2026 Red Boxes in the next newsletter.

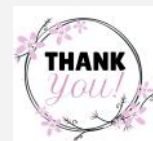
When you receive this newsletter, it will be 2026! If you haven't made a New Year's resolution, consider this verse of Paul's teaching, "To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some." 1 Corinthians 9:22

Happy and Blessed 2026!

Norma Melton

Church Receipts, January 1, 2025 thru November 30, 2025

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Antioch	600.00	Gashes Creek	0.00	Pleasant Hill	1,000.00
Asheville City	0.00	Glady	0.00	Pole Creek	27,999.96
Asheville Deaf	0.00	Grace	3,410.00	Radiant	2,470.00
Bald Mountain	0.00	GracePoint	1,100.00	Reach Life	2,400.00
Barnardsville	0.00	Grassy Branch	5,500.00	Redmon	0.00
Berea	0.00	Grove Stone	4,124.00	Reynolds	3,000.00
Bethel	300.00	Iglesia Bautista Ebenezer	0.00	Ridgeway	5,000.00
Bethel Romanian	0.00	Inanda	0.00	Riverside	0.00
Beverly Hills	10,980.19	Ivy Creek	0.00	Skyland FBC	6,750.00
Biltmore	25,000.00	Jupiter	0.00	Source of Life Evangelical	50.00
Biltmore Espanol	0.00	Kerlee	0.00	South Asheville	0.00
Black Mountain FBC	880.00	Lake Hills	11,000.00	Starnes Cove	8,177.63
Blue Ridge Biker	0.00	Lakewood	2,212.50	Steadfast	5,500.00
Blue Ridge Cowboy	225.00	Laurel Springs	0.00	Sulphur Springs. Pk.	0.00
Brookstone	2,750.00	Liberty	2,124.86	Swannanoa FBC	7,150.00
Brown's Chapel	0.00	Long Shoals	3,318.56	The Peaks	0.00
Buckeye	1,328.00	Macedonia	835.00	The Place Fellowship	0.00
Calvary	0.00	Maple Ridge	0.00	Trinity of Fairview	3,300.00
Calvary at Fairview	800.00	Mills Gap	0.00	Turkey Creek	2,700.00
Captivate	0.00	Morgan Hill	1,100.00	Vance Avenue	0.00
Celebration	0.00	Mount Carmel	1,833.37	Victory	5,601.03
Christian Creek	0.00	Mount Horeb	120.00	Weaverville FBC	0.00
Community	0.00	Mount Olive	1,800.00	West Asheville	22,124.00
Congregation Beth Shiloh	250.00	Mountain View	900.00	White Rock	0.00
Corinth	400.00	New Liberty	100.00	Wilkey	0.00
Covenant/Highlands	0.00	New Life Community	1,800.00	Zion Hill	1,500.00
Crosspoint Community	0.00	New Salem	0.00	TOTAL	\$215,706.59
Edgewood	2,000.00	Newbridge	4,600.00		
Emma's Grove	2,476.28	Newfound	3,393.37		
Enka	3,263.00	North Point	2,328.00		
Erwin Hills	0.00	Oak Grove	1,100.00		
Fairview	650.00	Oakley	2,681.84		
Fellowship Asheville	1,200.00	Oasis	1,100.00		
First Moldovan	0.00	Oteen	1,200.00		
Flat Creek	200.00	Pine Burr Park	0.00		



*A special "THANK YOU"
to the churches for your
continued support to
the BBA!*



Ryan Goodson serves as a dedicated coach with Crossfire Ministry, using his talents on and off the basketball court to impact lives for Christ. With years of experience in both coaching and ministry, Ryan combines skill, mentorship, and a passion for the Gospel to reach players and audiences of all ages. Whether leading drills at camps, sharing his testimony, or building relationships through sports, Ryan brings energy, authenticity, and faith to every opportunity. His commitment to helping others grow — not just as athletes but as followers of Jesus — makes him a vital part of the Crossfire team and its worldwide mission.

Please contact Ryan at (828) 255-9111 if you would like to schedule him for an event.



The Annual Church Profile (ACP) is a survey that collects information from NC Baptist churches and associations. The 2025 ACP will be available January 1, 2026. The data submitted on this survey is based on the January 1—December 31, 2025 church year. Church clerks: submit your information at ncbaptist.org/acp. If you need assistance on completing the ACP, please call our office at 828-252-1864.

Thank you!

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OFFICE HOURS:

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



- 1** **New Years Day, Office Closed**
- 8** **8:30 am**—Retired Pastors' Breakfast; Moose Café
- 14** **10am**—Properties Team Mtg; BBA
- 15** **10am**—Evangelism Team Mtg; BBA
- 18** **SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY**
- 19** **Martin Luther King Day, Office Closed**
- 20** **9am**—Ministers' Roundtable/Seminary for a Day with Dr. Chuck Lawless; BBA
- 21** **11:30 am**—Personnel Team Mtg; BBA
- 22** **10am**—Constitution Team Mtg; BBA
- 27** **10am**—Partnership Missions Team Mtg; BBA
- 29** **ACP's are due (Annual Church Profile)**



- 3** **10am**—Budget & Finance Team Mtg; BBA
- 5** **9am**—Tarheel Leadership; BBA
- 16** **10am**—Ministers' Roundtable/Seminary for a Day with Pastor Alan-Michael Sprinkle; BBA
- 23** Region 9 Missions Rally; West Burnsville Baptist (Meal: 5:45 pm, Rally: 6:50—8:30 pm)
- 25** **11:30am**—Leadership Team Mtg & Lunch; BBA



- 5** **9am**—Tarheel Leadership; BBA
- 16** **10am**—Ministers' Roundtable/Seminary for a Day with Pastor Brian Buckner; BBA
- 18** **10am**—Church Planting & Membership Team Meeting; BBA
- 23—25** AMS Conference at Camp Caraway

Buncombe Baptist Association is receiving resumes through February, 2026 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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