



The Heartbeat

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MINISTERS' ROUNDTABLE/ FELLOWSHIP:

NO MEETING IN JULY

Monday, August 17th:

10:00 am Terry Hollifield;
Guest Speaker

Monday, Sept. 14th:

10:00 am Chris Reese;
Guest Speaker



REGION 9 MISSIONS RALLY

Thursday, August 20, 2026

5:45pm (Dinner)

6:50—8:30pm (Service)

West Burnsville Baptist Church

222 W. Burnsville Church Road-
Burnsville 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



Each year the BBA churches are challenged to participate in the NCMO offering received in September. **The 2025 NCMO giving of Buncombe Baptist Churches, exceeded \$60,000.** 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

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 Monday, July 6th
in observance of
Independence Day and
Monday, September 7th
in observance of
Labor Day.





Perry's Pen

"Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up." *Ecclesiastes 4:9-10*

In Ecclesiastes, Solomon describes the value of partnership in two simple verses. The partnership of the Buncombe Baptist Association Churches is certainly "**Better Together**" as we strive to glorify the Father, exalt the Lord Jesus, and edify the Body of Christ!! As we have entered a busy summer let me remind you of a few requests:

- Please inform this office (dbrindley@buncombebaptist.org) of mission trips, VBS, Bible camps, etc. sponsored by your congregation. We desire to pray for the Lord to grant safety for all, the Gospel to be sown, and a harvest to be given!
- Pray for our summer collegiate intern, Miss Rebekah Reese. She has a calendar full of opportunities already scheduled.
- Pray for all our churches as the Gospel goes forward throughout the year. Mobilize, share, win, baptize, and disciple. Collectively, the churches of the BBA baptized 1247 in 2025. This is the most recorded since 1950.
- Pray and prepare for the receiving of the North Carolina Missions Offering this Fall. The latest info received on May 26th was 928 rebuilds completed, 185 in progress, 24 new homes underway, and 1 new home completed. Baptists on Mission received praise from the North Carolina state auditor for a perfect score and fully compliant on a 3-million-dollar state grant. WLOS TV produced a great piece on the perfect audit given to Baptists on Mission!! Prepare to give in September to continue the WNC rebuild effort!!
- In 2025, Southern Baptists saw 196,497 people decide to follow Jesus Christ through the work of IMB missionaries and ministry partners around the world. Every number represents a person made in God's image. A family changed, a community impacted by the Gospel. This is why we pray, give, send & go.

Perry

Norma's Notes

Churches across our nation are currently hosting hundreds of children for Vacation Bible School. Many of you are volunteering in a week-long program of Bible stories, worship, mission projects, crafts, and games. Or you may be at home praying for the VBS at your church. I remember when I was a child, VBS was a two-week program. In fact, I had our first child after teaching eight days of a two-week VBS! It was in the late 19th century when VBS began as a summer program to provide children with safe, faith-based activities. And it continues to be a staple of the church year.

Please take time to report brief information about your VBS by going to vbs.lifeway.com/churchreport. The information that is needed includes: Total Enrollment, Number of decisions to accept Christ, Number of people discovered not affiliated with any church, and Total of missions offering. This information can encourage others to participate in VBS. Thank you!

MFUGE (Mission Fuge) is a mission-focused summer camp program offered through Lifeway FUGECamps, designed to give students a hands-on experience in serving the Lord. Each year one of several FUGECamps is at Ridgecrest Conference Center. For several years a group of students have come to the Buncombe Baptist Resource Center to do ministry projects. This year's group of about 25 students from 3 different states spent an afternoon washing our windows and baseboards, pulling weeds, trimming bushes and spreading mulch. It is always great to interact with these students and let them know who Buncombe Baptists are.



Norma

Church Receipts for January 1, 2026 thru May 31, 2026

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Antioch	0.00	Freedom	0.00	Oteen	0.00
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	1,695.00	Pleasant Hill	500.00
Barnardsville	0.00	GracePoint	0.00	Pole Creek	11,666.65
Berea	1,500.00	Grassy Branch	2,500.00	Radiant	1,000.00
Bethel	300.00	Grove Stone	3,092.00	Reach Life	2,500.00
Bethel Romanian	0.00	Iglesia Bautista Ebenezer	0.00	Reynolds	2,000.00
Beverly Hills	1,322.61	Inanda	0.00	Ridgeway	2,500.00
Biltmore	6,250.00	Ivy Creek	0.00	Riverside	0.00
Biltmore Espanol	0.00	Jupiter	0.00	Skyland FBC	3,821.00
Black Mountain FBC	400.00	Kerlee	0.00	Source of Life Evangelical	0.00
Blue Ridge Biker	0.00	Lake Hills	5,500.00	South Asheville	0.00
Blue Ridge Cowboy	0.00	Lakewood	4,824.00	Starnes Cove	2,493.24
Brookstone	1,250.00	Laurel Springs	0.00	Steadfast	1,500.00
Brown's Chapel	0.00	Liberty	950.89	Sulphur Springs. Pk.	0.00
Calvary	0.00	Long Shoals	1,482.79	Swannanoa FBC	2,600.00
Calvary of Fairview	600.00	Macedonia	300.00	The Peaks	0.00
Captivate	0.00	Maple Ridge	0.00	The Place Fellowship	0.00
Celebration	0.00	Mills Gap	0.00	Trinity of Fairview	1,200.00
Christian Creek	0.00	Morgan Hill	500.00	Turkey Creek	1,125.00
Community	0.00	Mount Carmel	833.35	Vance Ave.	0.00
Congregation Beth Shiloh	100.00	Mount Horeb	0.00	Victory	1,748.65
Corinth	100.00	Mount Olive	800.00	Weaverville FBC	0.00
Covenant/Highlands	0.00	Mountain View	339.37	West Asheville	10,643.00
Crosspoint Community	0.00	New Liberty	100.00	White Rock	0.00
Edgewood	500.00	New Life Community	750.00	Wilkey	0.00
Emma's Grove	1,350.32	New Salem	0.00	Zion Hill	900.00
Enka	1,577.00	Newbridge	2,300.00	TOTAL	\$92,558.21
Erwin Hills	0.00	Newfound	1,066.34		
Fairview	75.00	North Point	1,152.00		
Fellowship Asheville	600.00	Oak Grove	500.00		
First Moldovan	0.00	Oakley	1,250.00		
Flat Creek	0.00	Oasis	500.00		

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

2026 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 06, 2026**. Thank you for supporting the Fair Ministry!

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 and razors, hand lotion, **Gospel message tract**

WOMEN'S KIT: toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, washcloth, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, comb, hairbrush, women's shaving cream and razors, hand lotion, **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 small parts which may be removed and swallowed.

SALVATION BRACELETS: Color order of beads is black, red, white, blue, green, yellow. Use a clear bead to fasten bracelets. Please use black ¼ inch elastic to make the bracelet. Cut each piece into a ten-inch length. To reserve beads and elastic you may call 828-252-1864. We have a limited amount of bracelet supplies available. Or you may purchase supplies online or at a craft store.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR BREAK TENT: 8- and 12-ounce styrofoam cups, pre-sweetened lemonade, plastic silverware (**forks and spoons only**).

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: Make checks to Buncombe Baptist Association and designate for Fair Ministry. Send to: Buncombe Baptist Resource Center, 227 Hazel Mill Road, Asheville, NC 28806.



Welcome!

Buncombe Baptist Association welcomes Rebekah Reese who will be serving as our summer missionary intern beginning June 8. Rebekah attends Appalachian State University and is a member of Enka Baptist Church. She will be serving in a number of our churches this summer through outreach ministries.

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OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday-Thursday
9:00 am—4:30 pm**

July



- 6 **Office Closed for Independence Day**
- 16 **8:30am;** Retired Pastors' Breakfast; Cracker Barrel
- 19—22 Mission trip to Copperhill, Tennessee
- 28 **10am;** Personnel Team Mtg, BBA



- 4 **10am;** Budget & Finance Team Meeting, BBA
- 5 **10am;** Church Strengthening, BBA
- 11 & 12 Staff Retreat for BBA Staff (**office closed**)
- 17 **10am;** Ministers' Roundtable/Fellowship; BBA
- 20 **5:45pm;** Region 9 Missions Rally, West Burnsville Baptist Church
- 26 **11:30am;** Leadership Team Meeting, BBA



- 7 **Labor Day; Office Closed**
- 9 Fair Ministry Begins (**BBA will feed the fair workers**)
- 11—20 Mountain State Fair
- 14 **10am;** Ministers' Roundtable/Fellowship, BBA
- 16 **10am;** Church Plant/Membership Team Mtg, BBA
- 30 **10am;** Church Strengthening; BBA

**SENIOR ADULT BBQ
LUNCH**

Thursday, October 8, 2026
12:00 pm—2:00 pm



Place to be determined
Cost: \$12.00 per person

RESERVATIONS MUST be made by Thursday, September 24th 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 16th
8:30 am

Cracker Barrel (West Asheville)
5 Crowell Road
Asheville