



Resource Center Holiday Schedule:

We will be closed on:

**Wednesday & Thursday,
November 25th & 26th: Thanksgiving**
**Wednesday, Dec. 23rd—Thursday,
Dec. 31st: Christmas & New Year**



**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.**

The Heartbeat

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October, November & December 2026

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Buncombe Baptist Association Fall Worship Celebration



Monday, October 19, 2026

Ridgeway Baptist Church

525 Old US 19/23 Hwy.

Candler, NC 28715

5:30 pm—Light Meal

6:30 pm—Celebration

Rev. Cam McLaughlin, Pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church & Vice-Moderator of the Association, 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 2026



And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
-Ephesians 4:11 KJV



- ♦ I desire to begin the final quarter of 2026 (*October through December*) by thanking pastors and church staff for their faithful and passionate leadership that is given to our partnering churches. Over the last 13 years, 2 months and 8 days, I have been blessed to hear many of our BBA ministers proclaim strong Bible messages that are focused on pointing a world to Jesus and edifying the body of Christ. One former university president has said that there are three kinds of people in the world; “those who don’t know what’s happening, those who watch what’s happening, and those who make things happen.” As you continue to lift your pastor and church staff in prayer, ask God to increase wisdom, increase leadership skills, expand influence, and may he grow in personal relationships with God’s people.

INTENTIONALITY: Be *intentional* about your prayer strategy, be *intentional* to mobilize your membership to share the Gospel, be *intentional* to share, win, baptize, and be *intentional* to disciple the new converts.

Remember to **CELEBRATE** the ministry of the pastor and church staff in **OCTOBER!!!**

- ♦ Senior Adult Lunch gathering, **Thursday, October 8th 12pm until 2pm.**
Hosted by Grassy Branch Baptist Church.
- ♦ Ministers’ Roundtable, ***Seminary for a Morning*. Monday, October 12th 10am**, led by Dr. David Horton.
- ♦ BBA Fall Celebration; **Monday, October 19th. Light meal at 5:45 pm, celebration begins at 6:30 pm.**
Hosted by Ridgeway Baptist Church.
- ♦ Ministers’ Roundtable, ***Seminary for a Morning*. Monday November 9th 10am**,
led by Dr. Kelvin Moseley.
- ♦ Pastors, church staff, and spouses Christmas Dinner on **Tuesday December 1st at 6pm** hosted by the BBA staff. This event is provided by an anonymous donor and is no cost to all.

Happy Thanksgiving & Merry Christmas!

Perry

2026 Christmas Red Box Ministry Checklist **UPDATE**

Note carefully sizes and number of the following items
to be placed in each Red Box.

Because the boxes will be distributed at the Women’s Prison, they need to be as
similar as possible.

Please pack your Red Boxes according to the guidelines listed below.
Do not add items that are not on the list.

- One package of blank greeting cards with envelopes. **No “Thank you” cards.** There should be a total of 8 to 10 cards in each Red Box.
- Two transparent Bic pens.
- One 2027 pocket size calendar.
- One flat-spine journal. No larger than 5X8 size. **No spiral bound journals allowed.**
- One game magazine (Sudoku, Crossword, Word Search, etc.) No larger than 5X8 size.
- One Full-Size body wash in plastic bottle. **No pump bottles.**
- One Full-Size lotion in plastic bottle. **No pump bottles.**
- Two chap sticks.
- Two small packages of tissues.
- One sleeve of cotton rounds.
- One large bath puff.



When we receive the Red Boxes, we will place a gospel tract in each box.
Please call the association office to let us know how many boxes your church plans to fill. Empty Red Boxes are now available for pickup (BBA, 227 Hazel Mill Road, Asheville, NC 28806). Filled boxes should be returned by November 19, 2026.
If you have questions, please contact Norma Melton at nmelton@buncombebaptist.org or 828-252-1864.
Thank you!

The Buncombe Baptist Association
Invites ministry staff and
their spouses
to attend

Christmas Dinner

Tuesday, December 1, 2026
6:00pm
227 Hazel Mill Road
Asheville, NC 28806

Ministerial staff and spouses are invited
to join us for dinner, fellowship and entertainment
in honor of the season.
There will be no cost for the meal.

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Steak and Gravy	Let us know if you would like
or	Steak and Gravy
Smoked Chicken	or
Salad	Smoked Chicken.
Mashed Potatoes	
Green Beans	
Roll	
Desserts	

Kindly RSVP by
November 19.
828-252-1864

Church Receipts, January 1, 2026 thru August 31, 2026

CHURCH	YTD	CHURCH	YTD	CHURCH	YTD
Antioch	0.00	Glady	0.00	Pleasant Hill	800.00
Asheville City Church	0.00	Grace	2,598.00	Pole Creek	18,666.64
Asheville Deaf	0.00	GracePoint	1,100.00	Radiant	1,940.00
Bald Mountain	0.00	Grassy Branch	4,000.00	Reach Life	5,640.00
Barnardsville	0.00	Grove Stone	4,601.00	Redmon	0.00
Berea	1,500.00	Inanda	0.00	Reynolds	3,000.00
Bethel	300.00	Ivy Creek	0.00	Ridgeway	4,300.00
Bethel Romanian	0.00	Jupiter	0.00	Riverside	0.00
Beverly Hills	2,677.81	Kerlee	0.00	Skyland FBC	6,521.00
Biltmore	12,500.00	Lake Hills	8,250.00	Source of Life Evangelical	0.00
Black Mountain FBC	640.00	Lakewood	4,824.00	South Asheville	0.00
Blue Ridge Biker	0.00	Laurel Springs	0.00	Starnes Cove	3,686.25
Blue Ridge Cowboy	252.00	Liberty	1,528.32	Steadfast	2,400.00
Brookstone	2,000.00	Long Shoals	2,566.51	Sulphur Springs. Pk.	0.00
Brown's Chapel	0.00	Macedonia	480.00	Swannanoa FBC	5,200.00
Calvary	0.00	Maple Ridge	0.00	The Peaks	0.00
Calvary at Fairview	900.00	Mills Gap	0.00	The Place Fellowship	0.00
Captivate	0.00	Morgan Hill	800.00	Trinity of Fairview	2,400.00
Celebration	0.00	Mount Carmel	1,333.36	Turkey Creek	1,800.00
Christian Creek	0.00	Mount Horeb	0.00	Vance Ave.	0.00
Community	0.00	Mount Olive	1,600.00	Victory	2,948.77
Congregation Beth Shiloh	160.00	Mountain View	688.75	Weaverville FBC	0.00
Corinth	200.00	New Liberty	100.00	West Asheville	14,926.00
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	1,350.00
Emma's Grove	1,800.32	Newfound	2,093.02		
Enka	2,512.00	North Point	1,728.00		
Erwin Hills	0.00	Oak Grove	800.00		
Fairview	150.00	Oakley	1,750.00		
Fellowship Asheville	900.00	Oasis	800.00		
First Moldovan	0.00	Oteen	0.00		
Flat Creek	0.00	Pine Burr Park	0.00		
Freedom	0.00	Pine Forest	0.00		
Gashes Creek	0.00				
				TOTAL	\$149,591.75



Norma's Notes

In July the Buncombe Baptist Association sponsored a mission trip to Copperhill, Tennessee. We had the opportunity to conduct a Vacation Bible School for preschoolers through adults at Coletown Baptist Church. The church was appreciative and excited to interact with our team. Children and adults from the church attended and several unchurched attended. Also, we were privileged to serve at the Copper Basis Ministry Center sharing food and clothing with those in the area and to reach out to others through community projects.

The 36th annual WNC Fair Ministry just concluded. It continues to be an amazing ministry with the mission of sharing Jesus with the people working at and attending the annual Mountain State Fair. The expressions of gratitude for our presence at the Fair were overwhelming! Thank you to the forty teams from churches and associations who served at the Fair by caring for the physical and spiritual needs of fair employees and fair guests. Also, thank you to those who provided supplies to be used by the teams. This ministry is a great example of the partnership that Paul talks about in the New Testament.

Christmas season opportunities will be here soon. Red Boxes will be needed for the Women's Correctional Facility. Backpacks will be needed for children in the Appalachian region. If you are interested in either of these ministries, please contact our office.

Blessings, *Norma Melton*



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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.



- 1 9am;** Tarheel Leadership; BBA
- 8 12pm—2pm;** Senior Adult Meal, *Grassy Branch Church*
- 12 10am;** Ministers' Roundtable/Fellowship; BBA
Dr. David Horton will be sharing
- 15 8:30am;** Retired Pastors' Breakfast, *Cracker Barrel*
- WEEK OF PRAYER FOR ASSOCIATIONS OCT. 18—24**
- 19 FALL CELEBRATION:** Ridgeway Baptist Church
5:30pm—Light Meal **6:30pm**—Meeting
- 28 10am;** Church Strengthening Meeting; BBA



- 7 9am; Backpacks due at the Resource Center**
- 9 10am;** Ministers' Roundtable/Fellowship; BBA
Kelvin Moseley will be sharing
- 16 & 17 North Carolina Baptist State Convention**
- 19 Red Boxes due at the Resource Center**
- 25 & 26 Office Closed for Thanksgiving**



- 1 6pm;** Ministers, Staff & Spouses Christmas Dinner
- 23 & 24 Office Closed for Christmas**
- 28—31 Office Closed for the holidays**



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REPORT FROM OUR SUMMER INTERN:



This summer has been an amazing season of ministry. I loved seeing so many churches using their spiritual gifts to build the Kingdom of God through Vacation Bible Schools, camps, and mission projects. There is nothing more rewarding than being able to witness seeds being planted and children coming to know Christ as their Lord and Savior!

I was blessed with the opportunity to travel to Copperhill, Tennessee, where I served the community through the Copper Basin Crisis Center and helped lead VBS at a local church. It was a joy to partner with others in sharing the love of Christ through service, building relationships, and investing in the lives of children and families. Seeing God work through these ministries was a powerful reminder that even small acts of faithfulness can have an eternal impact.

Thank you to all the churches who have allowed me to be a part of what God is doing in your community! I have had so many incredible experiences that will forever be a part of my testimony.

With Love,
Rebekah Reese,
2026 Collegiate Summer Intern

