



**Newsletter
April-June
2025**



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Unified in 2025

Upcoming Associational Meeting:

Monday, April 28th
 Hosted at Lake Lure Baptist Church
 6837 US 64/74a HWY, Lake Lure
 Meal (provided by LLBC) @ 5:30pm
Meeting Starts @ 6:45pm

Rev. Ethan Gardner (Pastor of Sulphur Springs Baptist Church) will be preaching

Music will be led by the Lake Lure Baptist Church Worship Team

Easter Events:

April 12th @ 11:30am
 Rock Springs Baptist Church
 Easter Eggstravaganza
 Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch

April 12th @ 2pm
 (April 19th Rain Date)
 Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
 Rutherfordton
 Easter Egg Hunt

April 19th @ 10am-Noon
 Forest City First Baptist Church
 Family Life Center
 Easter Party & Egg Hunt

April 19th @ 1-3pm
 Southern Baptist Church
 Candy, Prizes, Egg-Drop, and
 More Fun for the Whole Family!

Christian Character Scholarship

Apply Now!
 Applications Available via
 paper or email
 April 30, 2025 Deadline!

***Current High School Seniors and Fruitland Students are Eligible to Apply**

FULL PLATES, FULL HEARTS.

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES IS ABLE TO PROVIDE MEALS AND THE MESSAGE OF JESUS TO CHILDREN.

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PARTICIPATE BY VISITING BCHFOODROUNDUP.ORG OR CALL 336.474.1277

Bring Your Donations to the GRBA Office by 4:00pm on Tuesday, April 29th



Breakfast with a Purpose

Join us for a memorable morning with Shepherds College as we share how we equip individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) to embrace their God-given potential and live with Appropriate Independence™.

Saturday, May 17, 2025

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

**140 Church St, Rutherfordton, NC 28139
(Christian Life Center)**

Enjoy a heartfelt gathering over breakfast, hear powerful stories of transformed lives, and discover the role you can play in making a lasting difference.

RSVP now! Text "May17" to 704-685-2540 to reserve your seat.

GRBA Quarterly Associational Meetings

Visitors Welcome!

Our Next Meetings are as Follows:

July 28th, 2025 - Calvary Baptist Church

October 27th, 2025 - Adaville Baptist Church; Guest Speaker: Todd Unzicker!!

Dates for 2026 to be announced next Quarter

If you have not done so already, please send us your current church messengers for the year. If anyone needs to be added/removed, please call/email the office to do so. If you are not sure how many messengers your church can have, or who all is currently listed, please contact the office for more information.

VBS Schedule

June 4th-6th

Meal 5:45pm; 6:15-8:20pm
Ages 4-16

Bill's Creek Baptist Church



June 8th-12th

West Point Baptist Church



June 22nd-26th

6:00-8:30pm

Adaville Baptist Church



July 6th-10th

6:00-8:30pm

Ages 3Y-8th Grade

2nd Baptist Church

<http://2ndbc.tv/vbs>



July 7th-11th

6:30-8:00pm

Pre-K-5th

Southern Baptist Church



July 21st-25th

Ages 3Y-7th Grade

Lake Lure Baptist Church

Contact: Lilani Roos

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Main Street Baptist Church

2025 Annual Car Show

Saturday, June 28th

9:00am - 2:00pm

327 E Main St, Spindale

Registration ends at NOON: \$20/car

Prizes/Awards at 2:00pm

Top 25 & Best in Each Class

Lunch Available:

Pulled Pork Sandwiches

Contact Jay Poole:

(828)289-8801



Please pray for these churches and pastors during your midweek service:

April

Week 1:

CrossLink

Rev. Tripp
Queen

Week 2:

Fellowship

Rev. Raymond
Byrd

Week 3:

Forest City First

Dr. Garin Hill

Week 4:

Gilkey

Rev. Tony
Pearson

May

Week 1:

Green Hill

Rev. Matthew
Moore

Week 2:

Lake Lure

Rev. Anton
Roos

Week 3:

Long Branch Rd

Rev. Jerry
Ruppe

Week 4:

Main Street

Rev. Dale
Dubose

June

Week 1:

Montford Cove

Rev. Rodney
Hellard

Week 2:

Mount Vernon

Dr. David
Jendrey

Week 3:

Mountain Creek

Rev. Brian
Blanchette

Week 4:

Mountain View

Rev. Eric Reedy

Churches in need of Pastors

CALVARY BAPTIST:

224 Chimney Rock Rd, Rutherfordton, NC
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FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST:

210 Silvers Lake Rd, Rutherfordton, NC 28139

WEST MEMORIAL BAPTIST:

320 Piedmont Rd, Rutherfordton, NC 28139

WESTMINSTER BAPTIST:

**MONTHLY PASTORS'
GATHERINGS**

The *NEW* Schedule is:

1st and 3rd Monday of every month at 11 am

Meeting Dates:

4/7 5/19 6/16
5/5 6/2

From the AMS's Desk:

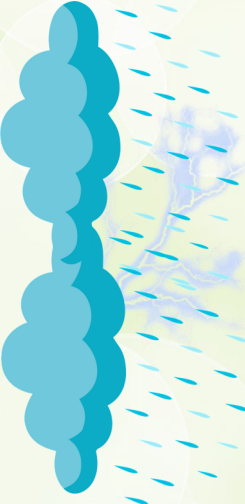
Greetings, Everyone! I hope that you are enjoying the first few days of Spring and the warmer temperatures that come along with it. I have been asked what my goal or mission for the GRBA is right now, so I want to share it with you. My prayer and goal for this year is that we will be unified in love, service, and in our faith like never before. What does it mean to be unified in this way? First, we should be unified in love. Jesus was asked in Matthew 22:36-39, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." How much more will it impact Rutherford County and beyond when they see us unified in our love toward God and others?

Second, we should be unified in service. While each individual church of the Green River Baptist Association can make a tremendous impact through their service to the community, how much more impact can we make when we work together. The Soup Kitchen would not be able to feed the people they feed without multiple churches and individuals being unified in service. The Disaster Relief work we accomplished would not have been nearly as large and impactful without our churches coming together to serve. My desire is to find more ways for the churches of the GRBA to serve our communities together in powerful ways for the sake of the Gospel!

Third, we should be unified in faith. Paul summarized this in 1 Corinthians 15:3-4. "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures." While this is the foundation of our faith, there are other doctrines that matter deeply to Southern Baptists.

This is one of the main reasons that the Leadership Team and I are presenting to the messengers at the GRBA Quarterly Meeting on April 28th that we adopt the Baptist Faith & Message 2000 as our statement of faith. This would unify us within some doctrinal guardrails that help to ensure that we can stand shoulder-to-shoulder in service to our county and beyond. Adopting this statement of faith will build unity, but not uniformity. While the BF&M is crystal clear on many issues, it is a wide tent for those who disagree on tertiary matters. You can find the BF&M online at <https://bfm.sbc.net/bfm2000/>. Please take a few minutes to check it out.

Alexandra and I are here for you. Please reach out to us if we can help in any way. I'll close with this passage of Scripture. "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace" (Numbers 6:24-26).



APRIL



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Mrs. Stacey Jackson's Birthday (Oak Ridge) Pillar Pastors' Forum 10am-2pm @ Grace Baptist West Asheville	2 Rev. Ken Simpson's Birthday (Calvary)	3	4	5
6	7 Pastors' Gathering 11:00am	8	9	10	11	12 Easter Egg Hunt @ Pleasant Grove 2pm; Easter Eggstravaganza @ Rock Springs 11:30 am
13 Palm Sunday	14	15	16	17 Maundy Thursday	18 Good Friday	19 Easter Party & Egg Hunt @ Forest City First 10am-12pm Easter Party @ Southern 1-3pm
20 Easter	21 Easter Monday Office CLOSED <u>No Pastors' Gathering</u>	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Quarterly Meeting Lake Lure Baptist Church; 5:30pm Meal 6:45pm Meeting	29 BCH Food Roundup GRBA Office Drop-Off Deadline 4:00pm	30 Christian Character Scholarship Application Deadline: 4:00pm			

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 National Day of Prayer 7:00pm Service @ Crestview Baptist Forest City	2	3 VBS Training @ Spencer 8:30am-12:30pm
4	5 Pastors' Gathering 11:00am	6	7	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day Nannie Newsome Offering Week	12	13	14	15	16	17 Breakfast with a Purpose @ Southern 9:00-10:30am
18	19 Mrs. Ashley Stockton's Birthday (Piney Knob) Pastors' Gathering 11:00am	20	21	22 Rev. Tony McCraw's Birthday (Camp Creek)	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day Office <u>CLOSED</u>	27	28	29	30 Mrs. Lissa Queen's Birthday (CrossLink)	31

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Mrs. Kelly Pearson's Birthday (Gilkey) Rev. Todd Westfall's Birthday (Oak Springs)	2 Pastors' Gathering 11:00am	3	4 Bill's Creek VBS Meal 5:45pm; 6:15-8:20pm	5 Mrs. Kiley Henson's Birthday (Pleasant Hill) Bill's Creek VBS Meal 5:45pm; 6:15-8:20pm	6 Bill's Creek VBS Meal 5:45pm; 6:15-8:20pm	7
8 West Point VBS	9 Mrs. Hannah Gardner's Birthday (Sulphur Springs) West Point VBS	10 Rev. Ron Reep's Birthday (Bill's Creek) West Point VBS	11 West Point VBS	12 West Point VBS	13 Mrs. Ann Caldwell's Birthday (Spencer)	14 Rev. Alan Beane's Birthday (West Memorial)
15 Father's Day	16 Pastors' Gathering 11:00am	17 Mrs. Martha Byrd's Birthday (Fellowship)	18	19	20	21
22 Adaville VBS 6:00-8:30pm	23 Adaville VBS 6:00-8:30pm	24 Adaville VBS 6:00-8:30pm	25 Adaville VBS 6:00-8:30pm	26 Adaville VBS 6:00-8:30pm	27	28 Main Street Baptist Church Car Show 9:00am-2:00pm
29	30					