

## Church News...

Thank you for praying for the following churches during their pastoral transitioning:



### Bill's Creek, Mountain Creek, Green Hill, Oak Ridge

**Forest City First...** will have a community Advent Chorus Service featuring the combined choirs of FBC and Fairfield Chapel on Saturday, December 5, 7 pm at FBC and on Sunday, Dec. 6, 7 pm at Fairfield Chapel. Saturday, Dec. 19, 6-8 pm, live nativity on their front lawn. Barry Keys, pastor.

**Mountain View (R)...** continues to be in need of a part-time pianist. Contact Hilda Enloe if interested 287-4985

**Rutherfordton Second...** is offering to facilitate a Grief Share group (a grief recovery support group) in any church that would be interested. The church would be in charge of making all arrangements and the facilitator would lead the group and provide the materials. A fee for a work book would be the only expense. Contact Roxanne Terry at 828-827-5199 or cell 828-289-2728 or by email: [johnroxanne@bellsouth.net](mailto:johnroxanne@bellsouth.net).

### Ministers' & Spouse Christmas Dinner

Friday, December 4, 6:30pm at Mountain Creek Baptist Church

#### Guest Speaker:

Rev. Shane Kirby, Pastor at Floyd's Creek Baptist, Christian Humorist

#### Games, & Fellowship:

Brandi Powers, Min/Youth & Child. at Forest City First Baptist

#### Music:

Rev. Malone Thomason & Quartet, retired Min/Music, Mt. Vernon Bapt

**Meal:** \$8.00 per person **All Ministers and their spouse are invited.**

### 2008-2009 Association Budget Year

Month	Needed	Received	% of Budget
October	\$12,345.00	\$11,893.00	96%
November	24,690.00	16,782.00	68%
December	37,035.00	32,555.00	88%
January	49,380.00	42,355.00	86%
February	61,725.00	50,678.00	82%
March	74,070.00	65,629.00	89%
April	86,415.00	77,448.00	90%
May	98,760.00	86,945.00	88%
June	111,105.00	99,437.00	89%
July	123,450.00	113,581.00	92%
August	135,795.00	123,179.00	91%
September	148,140.00	136,085.05	92%

Percentage of Budget for '09-'10 Year: **88%**

### 2009-2010 Association Budget Year

October	\$12,074.17	\$10,574.45	88%
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### Associational Prayer for our Churches

#### December

- Week 1: Rock Springs - Rev. Greg Huntley
- Week 2: Round Hill - Rev. Lynn Williamson
- Week 3: Rfdtn. First - Rev. Dean Baughn
- Week 4: Rfdtn. Second - Dr. Keith Stephenson
- Week 5: Southern - Rev. John Perry

#### January

- Week 1: Spencer - Rev. Billy Vaughn
- Week 2: Spindale First - Rev. Andy Evans
- Week 3: Sulphur Springs - Rev. Ron Boone
- Week 4: West Memorial - Rev. Charley Melton

One beautiful Sunday morning, Samuel, a priest, announced to his congregation:

"My good people, I have here in my hands, three sermons... a \$100 sermon that lasts five minutes, a \$50 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes, and a \$10 sermon that lasts a full hour. "Now, we'll take the collection and see which one I'll deliver."

Have a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!  
From your Associational Staff, Billy & Teresa

In October & November the following volunteers hosted the Rest Stop: Calvary, Cane Creek, Chimney Rock, Green Hill, Long Branch Road, Mountain Creek, Mountain View (R), Spindale First and Rutherfordton Second.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER, CALL THE OFFICE

ITEMS NEEDED: \*COFFEE (decaf) \*COOKIES (sugar free & reg.)  
\*CANNED SOFT DRINKS (diet & regular)

Thank you for your contributions

Rest Stop



# Green River Baptist Association



A Baptist Association is a self-governing fellowship of autonomous churches sharing a common faith and active on mission in their setting. J.C. Bradley

## December 2009 & January 2010 Newsletter

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## Calendar

### December

4 6:30pm Pastor's & Spouse Banquet,  
Mountain Creek  
24-28 Office closed for holiday

### January

1 Office Closed for holiday  
12 12:00 Noon Ministers' Conference/  
Luncheon  
19 12:00 Noon Secretaries' Luncheon  
17 GWU Min. Ed. Day for GRBA  
25 6:45pm GRBA Qtrly. Association  
Mtg., Lake Lure Baptist Church  
27-28 Billy away, Caraway  
28 7:00 pm Info Session with Rfd. Co.  
Police Officer, Spencer Baptist Ch.

## Birthdays

### December

3	Rev. Brent Frady	Pleasant Grove
15	Mrs. Sandra Swink	Pleasant Hill
20	Mrs. Kay Hollifield	retired
22	Rev. Don Brooks	Gilkey
29	Mrs. Joyce ReepMtn.	View (R)
31	Mrs. Debbie Brooks	Gilkey

### January

3	Rev. Jerry Campbell	Montford Cove
5	Rev. Lynn Williamson	Round Hill
9	Rev. William Swink	Pleasant Hill
12	Mrs. Gladys Campbell	Montford Cove
13	Mrs. Brenda Vaughn	Spencer
15	Dr. Barry Keys	Forest City First
28	Mrs. Kaye Ruppe	Long Branch Road

Please call our office if your minister's or their spouse's birthday is not listed.

## Love Packages

A ministry aimed at putting Christian literature and Bibles into the hands of people around the world. Send Bibles, SS materials, books, etc. These in turn will be sent to other countries to distribute freely to people hungry for the Word of God. The address is: Love Packages, 220 Union St, Butler, IL 62015, or call 217-532-6701 or go to [www.lovepackages.org](http://www.lovepackages.org)

## Handel's MESSIAH

On Monday, December 7, 8pm, the Rutherford County Chorus will present MESSIAH at the Frank and Mabel West Auditorium of the Foundation Performing Arts and Conference Center of Isothermal Community College. Since 1961, Rev. Malone Thomason has given Rutherford County a glimpse of Divine beauty, goodness and truth through the annual presentation of MESSIAH. This year's presentation will be directed by Dr. Paul Etter, Director of Choral Activities at Gardner-Webb University, and Malone Thomason will be the honored guest. Malone will be recognized and the audience will have an opportunity to express their appreciation, but the primary focus of the evening will be the music and the message of the new-born child as presented in the MESSIAH. Following the concert, Malone will be in the lobby to greet people. Put the date on your calendar and plan to honor Malone's contributions as the Rutherford County Chorus leads in worship. The Chorus will have one rehearsal that will be from 5-7 pm on Dec. 7 at the Foundation. Dress for chorus is concert black (back pants and blouse for women, black pants, white shirt and long dark tie for men.) The concert is free. Bring your church family for a special evening of worship and spiritual preparation for Christmas.

## Rfd. Co. Youth Ministers Monthly Fellowship

Meets 1st Weds. monthly 10:00 am at Sandy Run Baptist Resource Center  
**Open to all youth ministers.**  
Call Howie Lederfind at  
(828) 429-7968.

## Newsletter Items

The next newsletter mailing will be for February & March 2010. Please get us any news that you have by **Monday, January 18.**

## Did You Know?

Did you know that the #1 resolution in America is to get out of **debt**?  
Did you know that 60-70% of all divorces are related to **finances**?  
Did you know that 36% of all individuals **spend** more on movie rentals than they give to church?  
Did you know that **January is "Make Your Will Month?"**

A lot of problems in America exist because of our relationship with all of our **stuff** and that was a topic that Jesus dealt with more than any other. Do you have any stuff? Do you have a plan for what will happen with your stuff upon your death? The NC Baptist Foundation can assist Baptists with personal estate plans for providing organized and thoughtful ways of caring for self, family and important ministry work.

Churches can call the North Carolina Baptist Foundation toll-free today at 1-800-521-7334 to request a speaker and to order free bulletin inserts. Help your church promote good Christian stewardship.



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"Baptists helping Baptists since  
1920"

## FROM THE DOM

*In October, Mr. Pete Camp, member of Rutherford Second Baptist Church, cut the brush on the bank at the Rest Stop building. This made the area look so much better. Thank you Pete for your hard work. Also, in November C.F. Reece donated a metal box to be used for collecting donations that hopefully will be tamper proof. Thanks to C.F. Reece for this donation. During the month of December the Rest Stop building will be open the first two weekends and then December 18-January 3 each day. Many of these days are open for hosting by churches, so call the office to take a day.*

*The January Quarterly Association Meeting will be held on January 25, 6:45 pm at Lake Lure Baptist Church. The mission message will feature Rev. David Horton, president of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute. Registration will begin at 6:15. All messengers are urged to attend. Appreciation is expressed to Rutherford Second Baptist for their hosting the October QAM and to Dr. Larry Gregg for the message on "How Do You Spell Baptist?"*

*Mrs. Susan Campbell of First Baptist Church, Spindale, has been involved in some one on one discipleship using materials from Go Face to Face International, Inc., from Bethany, Oklahoma. She has found these materials to be very helpful in teaching new Christians and helping seasoned Christians grow in their discipleship. You may go to the web site [www.ONEonONEwithGOD.org](http://www.ONEonONEwithGOD.org) to review the materials or call Susan at 287-9820 to gather more info.*

*The annual Christmas banquet and fellowship for ministers and spouses will be December 4, 6:30 pm at Mountain Creek Baptist Church. Directions to church: go 4 miles north of Rutherfordton on highway 221, turn left on Mountain Creek Road, church 1 mile on right. Guest speaker will be Rev. Shane Kirby of Floyd's Creek Baptist Church. There will be music, some games and fellowship as the ministers and spouses gather for the banquet. Cost is \$8 per person. Call the Association office, 286-9278, by Monday, Nov. 30 to make a reservation.*

*Thank you for your prayers for the Association. Billy*

## Sympathy from the Association is expressed to...

Rev. Bobby West, pastor of Mountain View Baptist Church, Polk, at the death of his daughter.  
Rev. Charlie Blackwell, retired, at the death of his daughter.  
Rev. Marshall Dill, pastor of Gilkey Baptist Church, at the death of his sister.  
And to the family of Rev. Charles Nanney, retired, at his death.

## A HEARTFELT THANK YOU!!

*What a wonderful surprise it was to celebrate my 20th year of ministry with GRBA on Monday night at the quarterly meeting. Thanks to all of you, I have been very blessed to have this wonderful position as Administrative Assistant. Of course, I especially want to thank Billy Honeycutt for being the greatest boss in the world, for the beautiful roses and for planning this special event so thoughtfully. Thank you to all the churches for your generous gifts. All of you are so kind and good to me and I love you all!*

*God bless you, Teresa*

## CHRISTIAN CHARACTER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Each year GRBA awards scholarships to high seniors from our churches. Applications are available at the Association office. Either stop by for a copy or call the office to have one sent by mail.

## BAPTIST MEN'S NEWS

### Baptist Men's Day

Sunday, January 24, 2010, is the suggested day for Baptist Men's Day in the churches. For ideas and more info. in preparation for this date, go to [www.ncmissions.org](http://www.ncmissions.org) or call NC Baptist Men at 1-800-395-5102, ext 5607.

### Men's Ministry Worship Rallies

November 30, 2009, 6:30 pm West Asheville Baptist Church, Asheville, NC. Music, spiritual challenge, discussion and prayer will unfold at the rallies. No cost.

### N.C. Baptist Men Disaster Relief Training

May 7-8 2010 for GRBA. The place to be determined in the spring. The training is an overnight event where participants sleep in a local church. You will learn policies, procedures, safety, receive a notebook, yellow hat, yellow shirt and a photo id at this event.

### Statewide Operation In-As-Much

April 24-May 1, 2010 Organized by NC Baptist Men  
1-800-395-5102 ext. 5605 [gross@ncbaptist.org](mailto:gross@ncbaptist.org) [www.ncmissions.org](http://www.ncmissions.org)

## NC SEX OFFENDER & PUBLIC REGISTRY PROGRAM

Sgt. Justin McCluney, Rutherford County Sheriff's Dept., will lead an information session on this program on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 7 pm, Spencer Baptist Church., Family Life Center. Church leaders are invited to this session to learn of this program and its availability to churches.

## WHO'S MISSING? WHOSE MISSIONS? LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Week of Prayer  
November 29 - December 6  
for  
International Mission Board

## INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS STUDY

Focus for this study:  
North Africa  
2009 National Goal:  
\$175 million  
Give to reach those still missing  
from God's family