

## DOM PRAYER TIME

**Each Wednesday at GRBA office**  
All Pastors are invited to meet together to pray for our churches, Association, community & country.

## PRAYER AT COURTHOUSE

**First Saturday of each month**  
8:00 am, GRBA will meet on the courthouse lawn to pray together for our county.

## MONTHLY MINISTERS' CONFERENCES

**Each Tuesday 11:00 am**  
(10:30am Fellowship time)  
at GRBA

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Preacher:</b>
March 3:	Matthew Moore
10	Alvin Allen
17	Shawn Berryhill
24	Raymond Byrd
31	open
April 7	open
14	Shawn Berryhill
21	open
28	opem

## BI-VOCATIONAL PASTORS

**....4th Saturday Each Month**  
8:00 am for breakfast at  
McDonalds, Oak St., Forest City

## AVAILABLE at the ASSOCIATION

**FREE:**  
Used VBS Materials /Kits from  
Lifeway are free.

**For LOAN:** Biblical costumes including robes, complete soldier outfits and accessories.

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Applications are available at the Association office. Deadline to turn in to Office is April 10, 2020.

# Church News



Please pray for the following Churches during their pastoral transitioning:

**Fellowship, Pleasant Hill,  
Spindale First, Piney Knob  
Sulphur Springs, West Memorial**

**Calvary...**is seeking a part-time paid Music Director. Resumes may be sent to ATT: Chad Bailey, Calvary Baptist Church, 224 Chimney Rock Rd, Rfdtn, NC 28139. Please include "Statement of Faith."

**Lake Lure...**will host the Carolina Boys Quartet on Sunday, March 1 at 11am and Concert at 6pm with an Ice Cream Social after the 6pm Concert. For more info contact LLBC Office at (828) 625-1448 or office.llbc@aol.com

**Mountain View (P)...**has called Ronnie Hodge as their Pastor. We welcome Rev Hodge and his family to the Association.

## 2020 MISSIONS EXTRAVAGANZA & 129TH ANNUAL MEETING April 24-25

Pritchard Memorial  
Baptist Church  
1117 South Boulevard, Charlotte, NC

**CASWELL MISSION TRIP**  
with the College Ministry  
"The Gathering" **April 13-16**  
(landscaping & cleaning projects)  
Food, lodging and transportation  
provided. For details, call Lisa  
Courtney at 828-406-0615 or call the  
Association office.

**DISASTER RELIEF  
REBUILD TRIP**  
Red Springs Mission Camp  
March 26-28  
Contact office to volunteer.

**DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING**  
May 1-2 Region 8  
Hickory FBC (339 2nd Ave NW)

# From the Director's Desk

This morning I am thinking of several things I need to share with the Green River Association members and friends. I have been doing some demographic work for our associational area. In the process of doing this I have come across the NC Baptist work on the "The Pockets of Lostness." If you go to their website, you will find a map of the state with these pockets all over our state. If you enlarge the part of the state we live in and you move in on Rutherford County, you will find three of these pockets marked out in Rutherford County.

Now before I continue, I need to define what makes up a "Pocket of Lostness." Here is how our state convention does that.

POCKETS OF LOSTNESS are small geographic areas about three to six miles in diameter with a large percentage and high concentration of lost people. Based on demographic data, approximately 70% of the population who live in these places are unchurched. We have identified 250 distinct pockets of lostness in North Carolina. These are places where the general population is growing or changing faster than the church. Each pocket also has its own distinct barriers to gospel ministry.

Here are three such pockets in Rutherford County. Number 160 is in Mooresboro, number 188 is right in Forest City and then lastly you have number 189 centered at 183 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Rutherfordton. Think about this for a minute. If you GPS that address from the Green River office, you will find it is .9 miles from the office.

Now let me share some information about this Pocket of Lostness. This pocket is centered in the town of Rutherfordton. There is a total of 4,672 households in this pocket. Out of those households, it is estimated that there are 3,093 unreached households. That means there are ¾'s of those homes where no one is going to church. Then consider this, 80% of those homes are Anglo, and 16 % are African Americans.

I am sharing this information this morning because while we hear about the lost world out there, we need to consider the fact that the lost world is just outside our own doors. Would you pray with me that God would again burden our hearts for Rutherford County? More than that, would you pray that we would reach out to Rutherfordton. Who will open their hearts to be used by God to reach our neighbors in our own county? You don't even have to buy an airplane ticket to go and do that.

On another note, in March we are going to be heading back to Red Spring Mission Camp to work with Re-Build after last year's hurricane season. The dates are March 26-28<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in going contact our office to sign up.

May God bless you as you seek to fulfill His commission to reach out to others.

In His Service and yours,  
*David*

## ASSOCIATIONAL EMPHASIS WEEK NANNIE NEWSOME OFFERING For Associational Missions

MAY 17-24, 2020

OFFERING GOAL: \$8,000

- ♦ Office Building Roof \$4,000
- ♦ General Fund \$4,000

## GRBA Chapel Ministry Volunteers Welcome

**Purpose:** Commissioned by God and empowered by His Spirit to share Christ's gospel of grace and compassionate care with those impacted by overwhelming life-events.

Ministering to People in Need

If the Lord is compelling you to minister to people in need within our community, come be a part of the GRBA Chapel Ministry every Thursday 3:30-6:00 p.m.  
Come Volunteer With Us!

- **Who can serve?** Anyone who desires to effectively minister God's love and grace by sharing the free gift of eternal life through Christ alone by faith alone.
- **Who is served?** Those people experiencing loss or overwhelmed with life's circumstances.
- **What is required?** Training is provided for all those who desire to volunteer for the weekly Thursday Chapel Ministry

For More Information

Contact: Dr. Jack Green at Life Support

Email: [drjackwgreen@gmail.com](mailto:drjackwgreen@gmail.com) Cell: 321-277-7087

**"While the FACE of POVERTY has changed . . .  
the answer to our deepest NEEDS has not . . ."  
JESUS IS STILL THE ANSWER!**

## Pancake Breakfast & WALK FOR LIFE

Saturday, March 28, 2020  
Pancake Breakfast 8:00 am - 9:30 am  
Walk 10:00 am

It will be held at Grace Chapel, 121 Mitchell Street, Forest City. The walk will begin and end at Grace Chapel and is about 1 mile going through Main Street in Forest City. Visit the Hands of Hope website at [hh4life.org/walk-for-life-pancake-breakfast](http://hh4life.org/walk-for-life-pancake-breakfast) for more information. Pledge forms and posters are available through Hands of Hope.

We appreciate all your support. If there are any questions or additional information you need, please let me know. Thank you, Paula

## Joe Mullins and the Radio Ramblers

Benefit Concert and Bar-B-Q Supper  
April 24, 2020

at Midway Baptist Church, 2101 NC Hwy. 108 E., Columbus  
for Polk Baptist Association Hispanic Ministries  
Tickets before March 1st \$20, after that, \$25.  
Call 828-894-3787 for more information.

## 2020 NC BAPTIST MISSIONS CONFERENCE COMPELLED BY **LOVE** Calvary Baptist Church

134 S. Peace Haven Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27104

From: Friday, March 27, 2020, 04:30 PM


To: Saturday, March 28, 2020, 04:00 PM

For more information contact Melanie Crawford at 800.395.5102 x 5596.



**GOD'S NOT DONE 2020**  
*\* Encouraging, Inspiring, and Motivating Church Leaders to Go Beyond \**

A conference for the church with NAMB revitalization specialist...  
**MARK CLIFTON**  
 Senior Director of Replanting, NAMB




**May 01, 2020, 6:15 PM - 9:00 PM**  
 Registration begins 4:30 PM, Dinner 5:20 PM

**May 02, 2020, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM**  
 Continental Breakfast 8:30 AM

**Second Baptist Church**  
 191 Green St, Rutherfordton, NC 28139, USA

**\$10.00 per person**  
 (includes Dinner & workshop materials)  
 (Must preregister for Dinner and if Childcare is needed)




There will also be break-out sessions led by experienced and faithful pastors and teachers.  
 This is an area-wide event and all are welcome to attend!

For more information and to register go to [www.godsnotdone2020.com](http://www.godsnotdone2020.com) or  
 contact Green River Baptist Association at (828) 286-9278.

Sponsored by: Green River, Sandy Run, Polk and Greater Cleveland Baptist Associations

**A W A K E N**  
 A North Carolina Prayer Gathering  
 March 13-14, 2020  
 Pleasant Garden, Baptist Church  
 1415 Neelley Rd, Pleasant Garden, NC




Pre-registration is required for Friday afternoon's 3-6 pm pastor/  
 ministry leader dialogue, prayer session and dinner. Otherwise, reg-  
 istration is at the door. A love offering will be received.  
 To register or for more info., please visit [www.ncbaptist.org/awaken](http://www.ncbaptist.org/awaken)  
 or email [froma@ncbaptist.org](mailto:froma@ncbaptist.org) or call 1-800-395-5102 ext. 5513.

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG**  
**EASTER OFFERING®**  
 FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

**March 1 - 8 , 2020**  
**Week of Prayer & Offering**

One hundred percent of gifts  
 given to AAEO are used to  
 support Southern Baptist  
 missionaries serving across the  
 United States and Canada.



**BAPTIST**  
**CHILDREN'S**  
**HOMES**

**Associational Prayer for our Churches**

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

**MARCH:**

Week 1: Pleasant Hill  
 Dr. Scott Thompson (I)

Week 2: Rock Springs  
 Rev. Greg Huntley

Week 3: Round Hill  
 Rev. Michael Jones

Week 4: Rutherfordton First  
 Dr. Tim Marsh

**APRIL:**

Week 1: Rutherfordton Second  
 Dr. Keith Stephenson

Week 2: Southern  
 Rev. Peter Surran

Week 3: Spencer  
 Dr. Bruce Caldwell

Week 4: Spindale First  
 Allen Hall (I)


Week 5: Sulphur Springs  
 No Pastor

Non-Profit  
 Psrtd Std  
 PAID  
 Permit 39  
 Rutherfordton NC 28139

Green River Baptist Association, Inc.  
 668 North Washington Street  
 Rutherfordton, NC 28139

**APRIL QUARTERLY ASSOCIATION MEETING**  
**Monday, April 27, 6:45 pm**  
**Piney Knob Baptist Church**  
 1534 Piney Knob Road, Rutherfordton, NC 28139

*Mission Speaker:*  
**Dr. Ken Tan, BSC Leadership Team Senior Consultant**



Newsletter  
 March-April  
 2020

*Churches Helping Churches Fulfill the Great Commission*

**Calendar**

**March**

2-3 DOM away at Mark Clifton Conf, Atlanta  
 3 11:00 am Ministers' Conf., Preacher: Matthew Moore  
 7 8:00 am Prayer at Courthouse  
 8 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS (spring forward)  
 10 11:00 am Ministers' Conf., Preacher: Alvin Allen  
 17 11:00 Ministers' Conf., Preacher: Shawn Berryhill  
 24 11:00 am Ministers' Conf., Preacher: Raymond Byrd  
 26 Place & Preacher Committee (by email)  
 28 8:00 am Bi-Voc. Ministers' Breakfast, McDonalds, FC  
 28 WALK FOR LIFE Pancake Breakfast 8-9:30 am;  
 WALK at 10:00 am.

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**April**

4 8:00 am Prayer at Courthouse  
 5 PALM SUNDAY  
 7 11:00 am Ministers' Conference  
 12 EASTER  
 14 11:00 am Ministers' Conf., Preacher: Shawn Berryhill  
 21 11:00 am Ministers' Conference  
 25 8:00 am Bi-Voc Ministers' Breakfast, McDonalds, FC  
 27 6:45 pm Qtrly Assoc. Mtg, Piney Knob Meal: 5:30-6:30  
 pm, Dr. Ken Tan  
 28 11:00 am Ministers' Conference

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**Birthdays**  
**Pastor/Wife**

**March**

1 Mrs. Susan Heafner, Chimney Rock  
 1 Mrs. Shannon Hamrick, Gilkey  
 2 Mrs. Gail Jones, Round Hill  
 4 Dr. Keith Stephenson, Rfdtn. Second  
 5 Mrs. Amanda Berryhill, Montford Cove  
 11 Mrs. Susan Brown, Piney Knob  
 12 Rev. Michael Jones, Round Hill  
 22 Dr. Tony McCraw, Camp Creek  
 23 Mrs. Rhonda Jendrey, GRBA  
 30 Rev. Alex Heafner, Chimney Rock  
 31 Rev. Greg Huntley, Rock Springs  
 31 Rev. Randy Darley, Pleasant Grove

**April**

1 Mrs. Stacey Jackson, Oak Ridge

*Dr. David Jendrey*  
*Director of Missions*

*Rev. Jerry Ruppe*  
*Moderator*

*Rev. Alex Heafner*  
*Vice-Moderator*

*Dr. Bob Morgan*  
*Treasurer*

*Mrs. Teresa Sams*  
*Administrative Assistant & Clerk*

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