

Church News...



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

Adaville, Fellowship, Forest City First, Green Hill, Oak Springs, Pleasant Grove, Round Hill, Spencer, Spindale First, West Memorial

Lake Lure...would like to invite you to join them for a Community Worship Service at their church on Sunday, February 8, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

Oak Ridge...has called Rev. Lewis Jackson as Pastor.

Pleasant Grove...has called Rev. Randy Darley as Interim Pastor.

Southern...is searching for a Minister of Youth. Send resumes to Southern Baptist Church, 140 Church St, Rutherfordton, NC 28139

West Memorial...is in need of a pianist. Contact Lisa Owens at 287-4842.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LIST YOUR CHURCH EVENTS IN OUR NEWSLETTER FOR THE UPCOMING QUARTER (January-March, 2015, PLEASE EMAIL THEM OR CALL THE OFFICE BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014.

2014 ASSOCIATION BUDGET YEAR

Month	Recv'd	Needed	Bdgt. %
January	\$14,532.81	\$ 6,796.14	214%
February	\$10,563.37	\$ 9,911.83	107%
March	\$ 5,821.74	\$12,484.62	47%
April	\$ 9,337.79	\$10,276.17	91%
May	\$13,009.03	\$13,255.09	98%
June	\$ 9,738.94	\$11,016.75	88%
July	\$11,861.03	\$ 9,786.54	121%
August	\$11,222.62	\$12,218.62	92%
September	\$10,246.44	\$11,718.30	87%
October	\$15,420.61	\$11,899.46	130%
November	\$13,090.72	\$ 9,443.91	139%
December(1-12)	\$ 6,925.54	\$ 5,625.08	123%

% of Budget Met for Year: 111%

*A gift of \$50,000.00 from the Estate of Robert Frank Nanney, who was a long-time member of Round Hill Baptist Church, was given to GRBA in October, 2014. This undesignated money was placed in the General Fund. This money is not included in the above report.

Associational Prayer for our Churches

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

JANUARY

- Week 1: Forest City First
Rev. Billy Honeycutt (I)
- Week 2: Gilkey
Rev. Danny Hamrick
- Week 3: Green Hill
Rev. John Bridges (I)
- Week 4: Lake Lure
Rev. Anton Roos

FEBRUARY

- Week 1: Long Branch Road
Rev. Jerry Ruppe
- Week 2: Main Street
Rev. Rick Brewer
- Week 3: Montford Cove
Rev. Jerry Campbell
- Week 4: Mount Vernon
Dr. Scott Courtney

MARCH

- Week 1: Mountain Creek
Rev. Charles McClure
- Week 2: Mountain View (Polk Co)
Rev. Charles Jackson
- Week 3: Mountain View (Rfd Co)
Rev. Eric Reedy
- Week 4: Oak Ridge
Rev. Lewis Jackson

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

*...From your
Associational
Staff,
David
&
Teresa*



Quarterly Newsletter
January - February - March
2015

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

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Rev. Anton Roos
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Mrs. Teresa Sams
Administrative
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Calendar

January

- 1-2 Office Closed for New Year's
- 13 11:00 am Ministers' Conference
- 20 12:00 Noon Secretaries' Luncheon
- 26 6:45 pm GRBA Qtrly. Association Mtg, Mountain View Baptist Church (Rfd)

February

- 10 11:00 am Ministers' Conference

March

- 10 11:00 am Ministers' Conference

JANUARY QUARTERLY ASSOCIATION MEETING

Monday, January 26, 2015 6:45 pm
Mountain View Baptist Church
Hwy 221 S, Rutherfordton

Mission Message by **Kenneth C. Tan**, Leadership Development Consultant, Church Strengthening Team, Evangelism and Discipleship Group Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

Birthdays

January

- 3 Rev. Jerry Campbell Montford Cove
- 9 Rev. William Swink, Pleasant Hill
- 12 Mrs. Gladys Campbell, Montford Cove
- 12 Rev. Ad Hopper, Piedmont
- 28 Mrs. Kaye Ruppe, Long Branch Road
- 31 Rev. Lewis Jackson, Oak Ridge

February

- 3 Rev. Jerry Ruppe, Long Branch Road
- 6 Rev. Anton Roos, Lake Lure
- 14 Mrs. Evalee Hopper, Piedmont

March

- 1 Mrs. Shannon Hamrick, Gilkey
- 4 Dr. Keith Stephenson, Second
- 11 Rev. Susan Brown, Piney Knob
- 22 Rev. Tony McCraw, Camp Creek
- 23 Mrs. Rhonda Jendrey, GRBA
- 27 Rev. Charles McClure, Mountain Creek
- 31 Rev. Greg Huntley, Rock Springs

MONTHLY MINISTERS' CONFERENCES
11:00 am at the Association Office
DATE: PREACHER:
January 13: Jerry Campbell
February 10: Anton Roos
March 10: TBA

COUNTYWIDE YOUTH MINISTERS' MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP
 Meets 1st Tues. night monthly 7pm
 Sandy Run Baptist Resource Center
Open to all youth ministers.
 Call Howie Lederfind at 429-7968.

DOM PRAYER TIME
Each Wednesday at the GRBA office
 All Pastors are invited to meet together to prayer for our churches and our Association.

LOCAL MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES
 We would like to begin a ministry from the GRBA churches to help our church members who from time to time have needs of home repair, up-keep, clean-up, etc. In order to do this we need volunteers from each church who could work with a team when needs arise. We have sent out a letter to each Pastor, Brotherhood Director and Missions Leader to ask if they would enlist those interested in volunteering along with a list of their skills so that we could call upon them when needed. Our plan is to set a goal of 6 projects for the first year. If you are interested in volunteering, please let your Pastor, Brotherhood Director or Missions Leader know or call us at the office to sign up or for more details. Thank you.

Rev. Charles McClure,
 Missions Ministry
 Resource Team Leader

SANCTITY OF LIFE SERVICE
 A Sanctity of Life Service will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Rutherfordton Second Baptist Church.

FROM OUR WMU DIRECTOR
 Thank you so much to all who donated bags of hard candy for the Women's Prison in Raleigh this year. We didn't meet our goal of 400 bags this time but there were 290 bags collected from our churches.

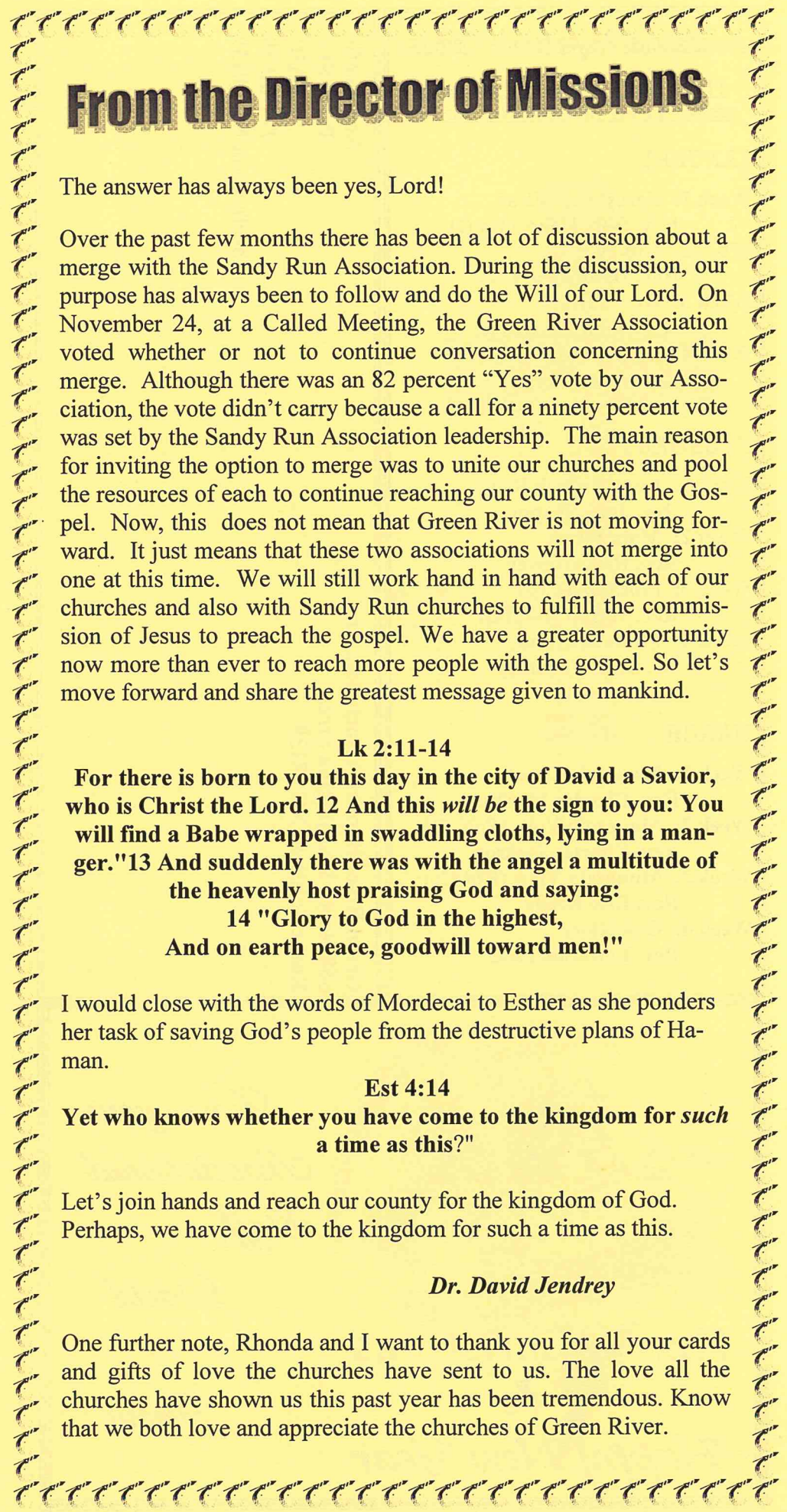
NEW BEGINNINGS SOUP KITCHEN
 On Wednesday, November 26 the New Beginnings Soup Kitchen provided a Thanksgiving meal for a record-breaking number of 616.

AVAILABLE FOR FREE AT THE GRBA OFFICE
 *DVD "HEAVEN" a 28 minute video from My Hope 2014 with Billy Graham

***BRAILLE BIBLE** for the blind

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
 If you are planning to attend college after you graduate, we offer a Christian Character Scholarship to all who qualify. You may pick up an application at the office or call and we will send it to you. The deadline to complete the application and return it to the office is April 10, 2015. The Scholarship(s) will be given at the July Quarterly Meeting. These funds come from donations and the interest from our Scholarship Fund.

HYMNALS
 Mr. Jimmy Keeter has 100+ church hymnals to donate to anyone interested. For details, you may call him at (828) 429-4691 or call Bob Armstrong at (828) 286-4341.



From the Director of Missions

The answer has always been yes, Lord!

Over the past few months there has been a lot of discussion about a merge with the Sandy Run Association. During the discussion, our purpose has always been to follow and do the Will of our Lord. On November 24, at a Called Meeting, the Green River Association voted whether or not to continue conversation concerning this merge. Although there was an 82 percent "Yes" vote by our Association, the vote didn't carry because a call for a ninety percent vote was set by the Sandy Run Association leadership. The main reason for inviting the option to merge was to unite our churches and pool the resources of each to continue reaching our county with the Gospel. Now, this does not mean that Green River is not moving forward. It just means that these two associations will not merge into one at this time. We will still work hand in hand with each of our churches and also with Sandy Run churches to fulfill the commission of Jesus to preach the gospel. We have a greater opportunity now more than ever to reach more people with the gospel. So let's move forward and share the greatest message given to mankind.

Lk 2:11-14

For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 14 "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

I would close with the words of Mordecai to Esther as she ponders her task of saving God's people from the destructive plans of Haman.

Est 4:14

Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

Let's join hands and reach our county for the kingdom of God. Perhaps, we have come to the kingdom for such a time as this.

Dr. David Jendrey

One further note, Rhonda and I want to thank you for all your cards and gifts of love the churches have sent to us. The love all the churches have shown us this past year has been tremendous. Know that we both love and appreciate the churches of Green River.



NC BAPTIST MEN EVENTS

MISSIONS CONFERENCE 2015
 APRIL 10-11
 CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
 WINSTON-SALEM, NC

"Broken ENOUGH TO CARE, Healed ENOUGH TO DARE"

Available at the GRBA office are the 2015 Projects Designed to Involve your Church in Missions booklet/and companion DVD and various missions related brochures.

MISSIONS RALLIES 2015

*Monday, February 16 - Region 8 Penelope BC
 3310 Main Ave NW, Hickory, NC 28601

*Tuesday, February 17 - Region 9 Fruitland BB College
 1455 Gilliam Rd, Hendersonville, NC

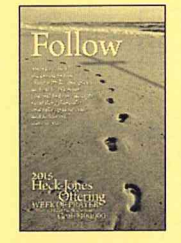
WORLD MISSIONS WEEK 2015 AT CASWELL

Deep Impact 2015 Summer Missions Caswell
 July 5-11, 2015

For more info go to www.baptistsonmission.org or www.facebook.com

NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS
Week of Prayer & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
 March 1-8, 2015





WMU HECK-JONES OFFERING & WEEK OF PRAYER

February 9-15, 2015
 NC WMU GOAL: \$ 400,000

RED BOX MINISTRY THANK YOU

On behalf of WMU NC, I want to thank the churches and WMU groups who donated items for the Red Box ministry this year. This ministry could not happen without your faithful contributions as we prepare over 2000 red boxes that go to the eligible women's prisons in our state. For many, it's the only gift they will receive at Christmas. Every item in the red box, including the scriptures, is greatly appreciated by the recipients. This ministry is one way we can share the love of Jesus "behind bars". Wishing you a blessed Christmas season and a joyous New Year!

Margaret Harding, Adult Specialist, Woman's Missionary Union of NC



Baptist Retirement Homes
Week of Prayer and Offering
 February 3-8, 2015