

Church News...

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

Fellowship, Oak Ridge, Oak Springs, Round Hill

Also, be praying for our Association as we search for a new **Director of Missions.**



We are delighted to welcome these new Pastors to our Association...

Calvary...has called Rev. Ron Boone as pastor.

Mountain View (P)...has called Rev. Charles Jackson as pastor.

Piney Knob...has called Rev. Michael Brown as pastor.

Rutherfordton First...has called Rev. Tim Marsh as pastor.



"IF MY PEOPLE..." COMMUNITY PRAYER RALLY at ADAVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH 805 Oakland Rd, Spindale on April 26, 27 & 28

Join us for this community prayer rally. This multi-denominational rally will take the form of a testimony service with worship, and guided prayer times. Contact Rev. Marvin Green (828) 245-2613 or info@sandyrunba.com.

"There has never been a spiritual awakening in any country or locality that did not begin in united prayer." A.T. Pierson

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CAMP Summer 2013 Schedule

June 3-7 "Do Your Own" Camp	July 15-19 Children's Camp
June 10-14 Children's Camp	July 22-26 Children's Camp
June 17-21 Children's Camp	July 29-August 2 Children's Camp
June 24-28 Children's Camp	August 4-7 Girls' Camp
June 30-July 4 Coed Camp	August 4-7 Boys' Camp
July 7-12 Youth Mission Camp	August 12-16 "Do Your Own" Camp

Early Registration opens December 1 and ends December 31. Deposits must be postmarked by 12/31/2012 to receive a 2012 discount rate.

Registration Open to All on January 1, 2013. For more info go to www.southmountainbaptistcamp.com under the Summer Camp tab or call Mary at (828) 437-8788.

2012-2013	Month	Recv'd	Needed	Bdgt. %
ASSOCIATION	Oct.	\$10,252.35	\$11,732.92	87%
BUDGET	Nov.	\$17,514.36	\$23,465.83	75%
YEAR-TO-DATE:	% of Budget Met for Year:			81%

God called the church into being to join Him in His work to save and redeem humanity and our job at the Association is to assist the Church.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Green River Baptist Association, Inc.
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Rutherfordton, N.C. 28139

Associational Prayer for our Churches

Week 1: Forest City First
Dr. Barry Keys

Week 2: Gilkey
Rev. Danny Hamrick

Week 3: Green Hill
Rev. John Baker

Week 4: Iglesia Bautista/New Hope
Rev. Miguel Rodriguez
Rev. John Harrison

Week 5: Lake Lure
Rev. Anton Roos

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

Week 1: Mountain Creek
Rev. Charles McClure

Week 2: Mountain View (P)
Rev. Charles Jackson

Week 3: Mountain View (r)
Rev. Ron Reep

Week 4: Oak Ridge
Rev. John Edwards

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Ecclesiastes 3:1

HAPPY NEW YEAR

ATTENTION GRBA NEWSLETTER RECIPIENTS

We are in the process of updating our mailing list. If you are interested in continuing to receive the GRBA newsletter, please let us know by phone, fax, e-mail or postal mail. If we do not hear from you by March 1, we will assume that you no longer wish to receive it (pastors excluded) and this will be your final issue. **OR**, if you would prefer to receive our newsletter by e-mail, please send an email to us.

All those who are not currently receiving our newsletter but wish to, please let us know.

Pastors, would you announce this to your congregation? Thanks!

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

2013 Quarterly Newsletter January - February - March

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- 1 Office Closed for New Years Day
- 8 11:00 am Ministers' Conference/Lunch
- 15 12:00 Noon Secretaries' Luncheon
- 20 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 27 Baptist Men's Day & Day of Prayer for SBC
- 28 6:45pm GRBA Quarterly Association Meeting, Camp Creek BC

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- 3-10 Week of Prayer and Offering for Baptist Retirement Homes
- 11-17 Focus on WMU NC Heck-Jones Offering and Week of Prayer
- 12 11:00 am Minister's Conference/Lunch

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- 3-10 North America: Week of Prayer and Mission Study and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 12 11:00 am Ministers' Conference/Lunch

January

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

February

- 3 Rev. Jerry Ruppe, Long Branch Road
- 3 Mrs. Rosie Howell, retired
- 6 Rev. Anton Roos, Lake Lure

March

- 1 Mrs. Tina Hooper, retired
- 1 Mrs. Shannon Hamrick, Gilkey
- 2 Mrs. Gail Jones, retired
- 4 Dr. Keith Stephenson, Rfdtn. Second
- 6 Mrs. Rose Bass, retired
- 8 Mrs. Amber Keys, Forest City First
- 12 Mrs. Betty Thomason, retired
- 12 Rev. Michael Jones, retired
- 13 Mr. Greg Settlemyre, Spencer
- 15 Mrs. Mildred Bradshaw, retired
- 22 Rev. Tony McCraw, Camp Creek
- 25 Mrs. Dorothy Crawford, retired
- 27 Rev. Charles McClure, Mountain Creek
- 29 Mrs. Becky Spencer, Forest City First
- 31 Rev. Greg Huntley, Rock Springs

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JANUARY 2013
QUARTERLY ASSOC. MEETING
 The next Quarterly Association Meeting will be **Monday, January 28, 6:45 pm at Camp Creek Baptist Church in Union Mills.** The messengers will receive more info. prior to the meeting.

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.

NEW BEGINNINGS SOUP KITCHEN
 If you would like to volunteer to prepare and/or serve meals for the soup kitchen, presently serving approx. 500 meals each Thursday, contact Jason at (828)748-1990.

MONTHLY MINISTERS' CONFERENCES
Tues. of ea. Month 11:00 am at the Association Office
 ♦ **January 8** Devotions by Rev. Jerry Campbell followed by a BBQ Lunch at the Association Office, Cost: \$3.
Please RSVP by Fri. Jan. 4.
 ♦ **February 12 & March 12** These two meetings will be followed by dutch lunch at a local restaurant.

FROM WMU DIRECTOR
 A big **THANK YOU** to all who donated toothbrushes during the World Day of Prayer for the Women's Prison in Raleigh. We committed to 500 for the prison and collected over 1200! We sent 600 to Raleigh and donated the rest to local ministries including Hands of Hope, Grace of God Rescue Mission, Gail's House, Rfd. Co. Detention Center, and Path. We also sent some to the Hurricane Sandy victims in New York.

SECRETARIES' LUNCHEON
March 19 at 12:00 Noon



BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES
 OF NORTH CAROLINA, INCORPORATED
Week of Prayer and Offering
February 3-10, 2013
Making Life for Older Adults the Best of Times: Preparing for the Future in Aging Services



Focus on WMU NC
Heck-Jones Offering and
Week of Prayer
February 11-17



ANNIE ARMSTRONG
 EASTER OFFERING
 FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS
Week of prayer and
Mission Study and the
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
March 3-10
Goal: \$70 million

NEWSLETTER ITEMS
 The next newsletter mailing will be for April-June 2013. Please get us any news that you have by **Wednesday, March 13.**

SANCTITY OF LIFE SERVICE
Tuesday,
January 22
6:30 pm
Bethany Baptist Church
 760 Bethany Ch.
 Rd., Forest City



From our Interim Director of Missions

Dear Fellow Christians,

The angel in Luke's Gospel brought to the shepherds the greatest news they had ever heard. In Luke 2:10, the angel said, "I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." They rejoiced at that good news. We, today, rejoice also, for Christ our Saviour has brought Peace to us. In John 14:27, Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my Peace I give unto you. Not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled; neither let it be afraid." What a precious reminder that God sent His Son to bring Peace within our hearts. So as you face this time of the year, praise God for Christ who is the Light of the world, and continue to thank Him for the Peace that is ours because we trust Him as our Saviour.

I encourage you to set aside a special time on Christmas day or Christmas Eve to gather your family around you and read Luke 2:1-14, sing your favorite Christmas Carol together, and share special memories with your loved ones.

Laverne and I pray that you will have a great and glorious Christmas.

Your Interim Director of Missions,
Ed Rogers

Plan to be present at our Quarterly Meeting, January 28, 2013, at Camp Creek Church, on Camp Creek Church Road. Our guest speaker will be Chris Schofield, Director of the Office of Prayer in our State Baptist Convention.

2013 STATE EVANGELISM CONFERENCE, is February 25, 2013, at Pleasant Garden Baptist Church, Pleasant Garden, NC. The theme will be Culture Reach: Understanding, loving and relating to Muslims.

2013 N.C. BAPTIST MISSIONS CONFERENCE is scheduled for April 5-6, 2013, at Calvary Baptist Church in Winston Salem, NC.

DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING for Region 7, will be in Watauga County on May 3, 4. The place will be announced. Watch for further details.

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION 2013 YOUTH EVENTS

Summer Youth Weeks Camp...Registration begins January 1. Week 1: June 10-15, Week 2: June 17-22, Week 3: June 24-29 and Week 4: July 8-13. To register, go to www.FortCaswell.com. For speakers, go to www.BeDoTell.com.

Tag: You're It...Four Conferences April, June, July and October are designed to empower students to make their lives count, be a game changer and stand for what they believe. Discussion will center on praying their friends to Christ, sharing Jesus without fear, apologetics and leadership training. For details go to www.TAGevent.org and www.BeDoTell.com.

Ski Retreat 2013...February 22-24 at Winterplace Ski Resort in Beckley, WV, with all-day skiing and snow tubing on Sat. and a retreat format for Sat. evening and Sun. morning worship led by the BeDoTell band and drama team with guest speaker, Eddie Briery. To register contact Tim Wilson of CTI Group Adventures at 800-285-7273, twilson@skicti.com.

Student Ministry Lab 2013 (SML)...Youth Leader Training on April 13 at FBC, Salisbury, NC, **August 24 at Spencer Baptist, Spindale, NC** and September 14 at Wrightsboro Baptist Church, Wilmington, NC. To register, call 800-395-5102 ext. 5566, or email Student.Evangelism@ncbaptist.org or visit www.BeDoTell.com.

Conclave 2013...Training for people who minister to teenagers in Southern Baptist life. January 31 - February 2 at the Chattanooga Convention Center, Chattanooga, TN. To register go to www.SoutheastConclave.org.

GEM (Girls Embrace Ministry)...a ministry of the BSC that seeks to encourage 7-12 grade girls to walk with Christ in their everyday circumstances and begin building a legacy of faithfulness. To pre-regis, go to www.ncbaptist.org/gem or call 800-395-5102 ext. 5561 or email embracenc@ncbaptist.org.

My Hope...This year North Carolina is partnering with a nationwide outreach by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association as an endeavor to reach our youth for Christ.

The Baptist State Convention and Change This World have partnered together to **help alleviate hunger in Haiti**. 16,000 children and teenagers die each day from starvation. Our world produces enough food for everyone on the planet to have 2,700 calories a day. During the summer of 2012 campers from all eight Youth Weeks packaged 300,000 meals for Haiti receiving \$80,016.70 in offerings to purchase the food that was packaged. The BeDoTell team plans to continue to package meals and expand the mission project. Go to www.ChangeThisWorld.com/BeDoTell for more information.

2013 DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING REGION 7

Location TBD

Date: 5/3/2013 4:00 pm - 5/4/2013 3:00 pm (May 3-4, 2013)

Cost: \$45.00

New volunteers will learn the basics of NCBM Disaster Relief and be on the call out list for future disasters. Returning volunteers will have the opportunity to re-certify and/or take additional courses. Most courses will be offered at all events, however, check each event for the specific course you want to take. The course offerings include but are not limited to: Administration, Assessment, Chaplaincy, Childcare, Communications, Mass Feeding, International Search and Rescue, Laundry, Medical, PODS, Recovery, and Shower units.