

## DOM PRAYER TIME

Each Wednesday 10:00 am at  
GRBA office

All pastors are invited to meet together to pray for our churches, Association, community and country.

## PRAYER AT COURTHOUSE

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

## WEEKLY MINISTERS' CONFERENCES

Each Tuesday 10:30 am—12:00 N  
at the Association Office

Date:	Preacher:
January	
5	Jesse Yarbrough
12	Shawn Berryhill
19	Peter Surran
26	Raymond Byrd
February	
2	William Swink
9	Horace Carson
16	OPEN
23	Marvin Green

## CHRISTIAN CHARACTER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

...for high school seniors that plan to go to college, will be available at the Association Office AFTER JANUARY 1st. The deadline to turn in the application is April 10, 2021.

## AVAILABLE at the ASSOCIATION

Used VBS Materials /Kits from Life-way are free &, also, **For LOAN:** Biblical costumes including robes, complete soldier outfits & accessories.

## BUDGET SUMMARY

January 1—December 21, 2021

Budget Needs:	\$137,618.00
Budget Receipts:	\$126,519.65
Budget Met:	-\$ 11,098.35



## SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY January 17, 2021

**ORIGINS:** On January 13, 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation designating January 22 as the first National Sanctity of Human Life Day. (January 22, 1973, was the day the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion-on-demand in all 50 states.) Churches around the United States use the day to celebrate God's gift of life, commemorate the many lives lost to abortion, and commit themselves to protecting human life at every stage.

## BAPTIST MEN'S DAY

In the Churches

Sunday, January 24, 2021

*"Prepare the Way"*

Luke 10:1



BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES  
OF NORTH CAROLINA, INCORPORATED

North Carolina Offering for  
Older Adults  
Week of Prayer and  
Offering Emphasis

February 1-7, 2021

Every dollar contributed is  
used to financially assist Older  
Adults who cannot pay the total  
cost of their care.

# From the Director's Desk

The New Year will certainly bring us some new and, I hope, exciting challenges for the Green River Baptist Association. We have seen a lot of things change in 2020. What has made me most proud is the way our churches have risen to the challenges and have, in many ways, excelled.

This leads me to a verse that has just touched my heart at this time.

Matt 22:37-40

**Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."**

I want you to notice the portion of verse 39 that I have underlined. In all that you have been doing, you have responded to your situations and have been obeying these words. I have heard some of you say "How can we do what is best for the people we minister to and help our neighbor?" Your flexibility and willingness to adapt has spoken volumes about the love for the people you minister to.

Also, our Association has been involved in a program that has blessed many with food during this time. In late September we were contacted by the Baptist on Missions leader, Paul Langston. They were tasked with distributing food boxes from the USDA Farmers to Family program. This began on October 1st for us. We, as an association, have given out over 2,967 boxes. I don't have the space to tell you of all the testimonies of those who have been helped, but to God be the glory.

So, what will 2021 be like? I do not know, but I do know this. If we will remember the words of Matthew 22:37-40 and love our God with our all, and then love our neighbor as our self, there will be nothing that God will not be able to do in and through the churches of Green River Baptist Association.

Thank you folks in the Green River churches for your love for our communities, and thank you for allowing me to serve you as we work together to serve our Lord and Savior.

In Your Service and in His,  
David Jendrey  
DOM, Green River Baptist Association

*If you are not yet receiving our MONTHLY E-NEWS to keep you more informed of our current events, please contact the office at 286-9278 or email us at [grba@bellsouth.net](mailto:grba@bellsouth.net).*



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HURRICANE FLORENCE REBUILD

Volunteers will be needed for the next 2 years to continue with rebuild phase.  
For more information go to: [www.baptistmission.org/florence](http://www.baptistmission.org/florence) or contact Paul Langston at (919-459-5611)

2021 MISSIONS RALLY  
Region 8  
(for Men, Women & Youth)  
Monday, February 22



South River Baptist Church  
2659 S Chipley Ford Rd  
Statesville, NC 28625

## 2021 NC Baptist Missions Conference From Friday, April 9 4:30 pm To Saturday, April 10 4:00 pm

Hickory Grove Baptist Main Campus  
7200 E W. T. Harris Blvd Charlotte NC 28215  
(open to all men, women, and youth)

*Theme: "Prepare the Way"*

Conference includes worship, general sessions, breakout sessions, missions fair exhibits, missions testimonies, volunteer supper and more. The Program is only during the day.

The speakers for 2021 are Bryan Loritts, Sheila Walsh, Tom Richter, D.A. Horton and Laura Story. Worship will be led by Christy Nockels. There is a \$20 per person registration fee which includes all general sessions, all breakout sessions, name tag, materials and lunch on Saturday. There is also an optional "Mission Opportunities" Friday supper for \$8 per person.

For more info., contact Melanie Crawford at 800.395.5102 x 5596.

## 2020 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING GOAL: \$175 MILLION

### WHY THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING IS NAMED FOR LOTTIE:

While living in China, Lottie wrote letters to the Foreign Mission Board (now the International Mission Board) and to Baptist women. She asked for more missionaries and for money to grow her work among the Chinese. Because of Lottie's determination, WMU collected a Christmas Offering to give to the Foreign Mission Board. In 1918, at Annie Armstrong's suggestion, WMU named the offering for Lottie Moon.

Today, we still give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in honor of her work and sacrifice to keep our missionaries on the field. One hundred percent of the offering goes to the missionaries, none to administration.

## Church News...

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



**Fellowship, Piedmont,  
Spindale First, Sulphur Springs, West Memorial**

*We welcome the following new Pastors to our Association:*

**Piney Knob...**has called Rev. Casey Stockton as pastor.

**Pleasant Hill...**has called Rev. James Henson as pastor.

**Sulphur Springs...**is seeking a full-time pastor. Send resume to ssbcpse@gmail.com or mail to Sulphur Springs Baptist Church, Pastor Search Committee, 221 Sulphur Springs Ch. Rd., Forest City, NC 28043

## **CANCELATION OF JANUARY QUARTERLY ASSOCIATION MEETING**

**Due to the recent increase in the Covid virus cases, it has been decided NOT to hold our January Quarterly Meeting of the Green River Baptist Association. We will, however, print a copy of the Book of Reports for each messenger that will include all of the various reports for review and consideration. We will be delivering the Book of Reports to each church for their messengers.**



**The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc.**  
*Serving Those Whose Stewardship Lasts Forever*

[NCBAPTISTFOUNDATION.ORG](http://NCBAPTISTFOUNDATION.ORG)

The NC Baptist Foundation has 3 educational scholarships available for Baptist Students. Applications are open on January 1, 2021 and will remain open until the close of the business day on February 15, 2021. Go to [www.ncbaptistfoundation.org/scholarships](http://www.ncbaptistfoundation.org/scholarships) to apply.

## Associational Prayer for our Churches

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

### **JANUARY**

WEEK 1: Adaville  
Rev. Jeff Pate

WEEK 2: Bill's Creek  
Rev. Darold Crawford

WEEK 3: Calvary  
Rev Bryan Hardin

WEEK 4: Camp Creek  
Dr. Tony Crawford

### **FEBRUARY**

WEEK 1: Cane Creek  
Dr. Ansel Pace

WEEK 2: Chimney Rock  
Rev. Alex Heafner

WEEK 3: CrossLink  
Rev. Tripp Queen

WEEK 4: Fellowship  
Rev. Raymond Byrd (I)

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Newsletter  
January-February  
2021

*Churches Helping Churches Fulfill the Great Commission*

## **Calendar**

December 31 Office Closed

### **January**

**Dr. David Jendrey**  
*Director  
of Missions*

**Rev. Alex Heafner**  
*Moderator*

**Rev. Dale Dubose**  
*Vice-Moderator*

**Dr. Bob Morgan**  
*Treasurer*

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

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2 8 am Prayer at Courthouse  
5 10:30-12N Ministers' Conf. at GRBA  
6 10 am Prayer time with DOM  
6 12-1 Business Men's Bible Study  
12 7 pm Accounting Committee  
12 10:30-12N Ministers' Conf. at GRBA  
13 10 am Prayer time with DOM  
17 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday  
19 10:30-12N Ministers' Conf. at GRBA  
20 10 am Prayer time with DOM  
24 Baptist Men's Day  
\* 25 **CANCELED** January Quarterly Mtg.  
26 10:30-12N Ministers' Conf. at GRBA  
27 10 am Prayer time with DOM

### **February**

2 10:30-12N Ministers' Conf. at GRBA  
3 10 am Prayer time with DOM  
6 8 am Prayer at Courthouse  
9 10:30-12N Ministers' Conf. at GRBA  
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24 10 am Prayer time with DOM

**EACH THURSDAY:** 4:30-6:00 pm New Beginnings  
Soup Kitchen take-out meals (Drive-Thru only)

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

### **January**

8 Mrs. Rachel Hill, Forest City First  
28 Mrs. Kaye Ruppe, Long Branch Road  
31 Rev. Lewis Jackson, Oak Ridge

### **February**

3 Rev. Jerry Ruppe, Long Branch Road  
4 Rev. Dale Dubose, Main Street  
6 Rev. Anton Roos, Lake Lure  
12 Mrs. Regina Darley, Pleasant Grove  
27 Rev. Peter Surran, Southern



# 2021

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
**From the Staff of GRBA...**  
**David Teresa**