



Newsletter October - December 2025



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2025 GRBA Christmas Giveaway

Saturday, December 6th

In Partnership with the Rutherford County School System, and Dr. Don Rabush.
Hosted by Green Hill Baptist Church



Last year, after seeing the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene, the GRBA partnered with Dr. Don Rabush and the Rutherford County School System to provide families in need with gifts for Christmas. After seeing the impact it made on those families, we have decided to do it again this year!

We are having a Christmas Giveaway for families in need within the Rutherford County School System. We will provide toys for parents to pick out for their kids, and we will be providing a meal for them as well. If you or your church would like to help us, here are a few ways you can serve:

Volunteer

We need about 40-50 people in total to help us pull this off!

- Friday: Help setup/organize (We'll have a lot of toys that need to be sorted by age and gender!)
- Saturday: Help prepare/serve the meal, welcome guests, register families, guide families through gifts

We will have a training for all Volunteers on Saturday, November 22nd from 10-11am. So, the deadline

to sign up is Friday, November 14th.

To sign up, you can scan the QR code, contact our office directly, or go to this link: <https://forms.gle/L6DfS1fbqWWNCZZQ6>



Donate

If you would like to donate new gifts, you can collect them at your church

and bring them to the Association Office by **December 3rd**. We will be collecting gifts for all ages (18 and under). Last year we primarily needed gifts for children ages 13-18.

In addition to gifts, we will also be collecting monetary donations to help fund the meal, or to buy more gifts where it's needed.

We thank you all for all that you do in helping us give back to our community!



Green River Baptist Association

Quarterly Associational Meeting

Monday, October 27th, 6:45pm

Adaville Baptist Church

Guest Speaker: Todd Unzicker

Music Led by Adaville's Worship Team

Representatives from Various Partnerships

(NC Baptist Aging Ministry, BCH, Provision, etc.)



2025 Appalachian Christmas Outreach

Our statewide goal is to collect 24,000 backpacks of items to be distributed to Appalachian children in December of 2025. Visit our website for all the details on how to put backpacks together!

Statewide Collection: November 1

Over thirty collection sites will be set up statewide for churches to bring their backpacks. Locations will be listed in September on the Baptists On Mission website: www.baptistsonmission.org/aco



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For more information contact Mark Abernathy, Baptists on Mission, at mabernathy@ncbaptist.org or 919-459-5607 or visit our website at www.baptistsonmission.org/aco

Or call Wilda Hodge at (704)473-8332



Pastors' Wives Brunch
Hosted by Ivy Brickhouse
Saturday, October 25th at 10:00am
208 Parkland Dr, Forest City
Please RSVP by 10/17/25
Email: ivy.brickhouse@duke.edu
Call or Text: (252)642-2679



Pastors' Appreciation Meal
October 20th at Gregory's
Noon OR 6:00 pm
RSVP by Monday, October 13th
Formal Invitations have been
mailed!
There will be gifts!!



Christmas Open House for
Pastors and Their Families
December 13th 4-7pm (Drop-in)
Ray & Ivy's House
208 Parkland Dr, Forest City



Christmas Dinner for Pastors and
Their Families
December 1st 6-8pm
The Spindale House
RSVP by Thursday, November 20th
Formal Invitations will be mailed!
There will be gifts!!

The 2025 ACP is Now Here!

Though many churches didn't submit reports last year due to Helene, our goal this year is for ALL 32 Churches to submit their Annual Church Profiles. If we're successful, it would be the first time in many years!! Help encourage your church to help us reach this goal!

Clerks have been mailed the packets for the 2025 ACP. The deadline to submit your church's information back to the GRBA is **December 31st**. If you have questions or need help submitting your church's information to SBC Workspace (Opens Jan. 1), please call our office at (828)286-9278 or email at grba@bellsouth.net.

**ANNUAL
MEETING
2025 ON
MISSION**
Together

Annual Meeting | Nov. 10-11, 2025

NOV. 10 & 11
Greensboro, NC

featured speaker

**SHANE
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National Next Gen Director,
North American Mission Board



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

October

Week 1:

West Memorial
Rev. Alan Beane

Week 2:

West Point
Rev. Lance Scarlett

Week 3:

Westminster

Week 4:

Adaville
Dr. Jeff Pate

November

Week 1:

Bill's Creek
Rev. Ron Reep

Week 2:

Calvary

Week 3:

Camp Creek

Week 4:

Cane Creek
Dr. Ansel Pace

December

Week 1:

Chimney Rock
Rev. Alex

Heafner

Week 2:

Fellowship
Rev. Raymond Byrd

Week 3:

Forest City First
Dr. Garin Hill

Week 4:

Gilkey
Rev. Todd Justice

Week 5:

Green Hill
Rev. Matthew Moore

Churches in need of Pastors

CALVARY BAPTIST:

224 Chimney Rock Rd, Rutherfordton, NC 28139

CAMP CREEK BAPTIST:

1801 Camp Creek Rd, Union Mills, NC 28167
(Mailing Address: 1307 Hudlow Rd, Forest City, NC 28043)

MONTFORD COVE BAPTIST

4920 Cove Rd, Union Mills, NC 28167

WEST MEMORIAL BAPTIST:

320 Piedmont Rd, Rutherfordton, NC 28139

WESTMINSTER BAPTIST:

348 Clements Rd, Rutherfordton, NC 28139

MONTHLY PASTORS' GATHERINGS

The Current Schedule is:

1st and 3rd Monday of every month at 11 am
Meeting Dates:

10/6	11/17
11/3	12/15

From the AMS's Desk:

It is somewhat hard to believe that Summer has come and gone, and Fall has taken its place. It is also hard to believe that we just recognized the 1-year anniversary since Helene. While we all grieve the loss of life and the destruction of homes/businesses, we celebrate the work of God in and through the recovery efforts. The people of God have stepped up in an amazing way to provide money, other resources, and the manpower needed to get a lot of people back on their feet. The Gospel was proclaimed in a massive way to those who were helped, and there were many decisions for Christ. Many people were prayed for as well. I am very thankful for the response of the churches of the Green River Baptist Association!

You would think that a disaster like Helene would grind the gears of the GRBA to a halt, but that has definitely not been the case. Over the last few months, we participated in a joint revival held at Crestview Baptist with the Sandy Run Association. We held a Church Safety training at Main Street Baptist Church. Folks from multiple of our churches served at the Mountain State Fair Ministry. Three of our ministers and myself competed in a Golf Tournament put on by West Point Baptist Church. The proceeds were for missions, so the GRBA sponsored a hole. I have preached and attended many of our churches. These things do not get done without the giving and unified participation of our churches. THANK YOU! Your gifts matter!

As you will see throughout the rest of this newsletter, we have multiple events coming up that focus on encouraging our pastors, their wives, and their children. From a pastors' wives' brunch to a Pastor Appreciation Meal to a Pastors and Family Christmas Banquet. One of our goals is to encourage our pastors for the work of ministry. October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Has your church considered celebrating your pastor and his commitment to the work of the ministry? You can have a meal after a service to honor him. (Maybe, provide his favorite entrée and/or dessert.) You can ask everyone in your church to write a card showing your appreciation and include a gift card or cash if you are able. You can offer to watch their kids for a date night. You could take up a Love Offering for their family. There are many ways that you can celebrate them. I hope that you do.

If you want to keep up with all that's happening in the GRBA, follow us on Facebook. You can also go to greenriverbaptistassociation.com. A box will pop up that says Subscribe to our Weekly Email! Click on Subscribe and enter your email address. Once you subscribe, you will get the latest updates, because they are updated each week. Until next time, "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace" (Numbers 6:24-26).

Blessings,
Ray Brickhouse, your AMS