



Newsletter July-September 2025



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2025 Mountain State Fair Ministry

The Mountain State Fair ministry is a great way for GRBA church to bring God glory as we lock arms with other churches and associations in Western NC to reach our region for Christ by sharing Jesus in word and deed to carnival workers and fair attenders. Would you and your church be interested in partnering?

Here are multiple ways to serve on the day of the fair:

- We need **6 volunteers** to serve at the **break tent**. Break tent volunteers will minister to fair workers by serving them a meal, distributing hygiene kits as needed and engaging in conversation. Volunteers can share the gospel when appropriate with those they encounter here. These volunteers will serve from 12:30pm-6:00pm on September 9th.
- We need **4 volunteers** for the **3:16 Evangelism Booth**. The 3:16 Booth is located in the vendor hall and seeks to share the gospel, give away Bibles and pray with those attending the fair. These volunteers will serve from 2:30pm-6:00pm on September 9th.
- We need **4 volunteers** to drive **Courtesy Golf Carts**. We offer free rides to fair attenders who need assistance getting around the fairgrounds. The drive time provides a volunteer with an opportunity to share Christ with the passenger. Drivers must be 21 and possess a drivers license. These volunteers will serve from 2:30pm-6:00pm on September 9th.
- We need **2 volunteers** to serve as **alternates** who can serve in any location if someone backs out at the last minute.

Here are other ways you and your church can serve. Please reach out to our coordinator for more information!

Do you like to fix a meal? You can prepare a meal for 125 people that we will serve to fair workers (example: 125 variety sandwiches, fruit, chips, dessert).

Are you a doctor or a dentist? You can serve fair workers on the NC Baptist on Mission medical/dental bus.

Are you a barber/beautician? You can serve fair workers in the hair cut station.

Do you enjoy crafts? You can make salvation bracelets or homemade teddy bears that will be given away at the 3:16 Booth.

Do you want to collect donations? You can put together hygiene kits, collect bibles or break tent supplies.

Do you like to raise awareness? Please share this information with others in your church.

Want to be a prayer partner? Pick up a Mountain State Fair Ministry prayer calendar at the GRBA today!

If you desire to serve, please let our team coordinator (Matthew Moore) know how you would like to volunteer. The **dead line** for volunteering and turning in donations is **July 31st**. Also, if you would like a Mountain State Fair Ministry T-shirt to wear while you serve, please reach out to Matthew with your T-shirt size by July 24th. T-shirts are \$10 each. There will be a training for all Mountain State Fair Ministry volunteers at the GRBA office on Tuesday, August 12th at 6:00pm. You can reach Pastor Matthew at PastorJMatthewMoore@gmail.com or 828-553-7229.

2025 WNC Mountain State Fair Ministry

Needs List



Please bring all items to the Green River Baptist Association Office by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 31, 2025 **OR** to the Buncombe Baptist Resource Center by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 07, 2025.

HYGIENE KITS: Prepare 2 men's kits for each woman's kit made. **Please use clear two-gallon plastic bags.** Please mark "MALE" or "FEMALE". **DO NOT** put mouthwash or after-shave in the hygiene kits. **DO NOT use trial sizes.**

- MEN'S KIT:** toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, washcloth, shampoo, deodorant, comb, men's shaving cream and razors, hand lotion, Gospel message tract
- WOMEN'S KIT:** toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, washcloth, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, comb, hairbrush, women's shaving cream and razors, hand lotion, Gospel message tract

"JESUS LOVES YOU" TEDDY BEARS: Call 828-252-1864 to obtain pattern. Make bears, carefully following pattern instructions. Do not use buttons, craft eyes or any small parts which may be removed and swallowed.

SALVATION BRACELETS: Order of colored beads is black, red, white, blue, green, yellow. Use clear beads to fasten bracelets. Please use black ¼ inch elastic to make the bracelet. Cut each piece into ten-inch length. Beads and elastics may be purchased at local craft stores or online. Call 828-252-1864 to obtain a sample bracelet.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR BREAK TENT:

- 8- and 12-ounce Styrofoam cups
- Bottled water

BIBLES: NEW Bibles (including new Bibles that you might have left over from VBS)

OTHER NEEDS FOR FAIR WORKERS: Blankets & Towels (full size, new or gently used)

MONETARY DONATIONS: Make checks to Buncombe Baptist Association and designate for Fair Ministry. Send to: Buncombe Baptist Resource Center, 227 Hazel Mill Road, Asheville, NC 28806.

Thank you for supporting the Fair Ministry!

Church Safety & Security Training

Course Title: "Church Safety and Security Techniques and Concepts"
Presented by: Paul "Rob" Phelan Jr.
MSCJ, MA – NC Department of Justice
When: Saturday, August 16th from 9:00am-1:00pm (Lunch Provided)
Where: Main Street Baptist Church, 327 E Main St, Spindale, NC 28160

Scan the QR code to fill out the RSVP, or visit our Website or Facebook page for more information!



VBS Schedule



July 6th-10th

2nd Baptist Church

6:00-8:30pm

Ages 3Y-8th Grade

2ndbc.tv/vbs



July 7th-11th

Southern Baptist Church

6:30-8:00pm; Meal Provided

PreK - 5th Grade



July 8th-11th

Mountain Creek Baptist Church

6:00-8:00pm



July 20th-24th

Green Hill Baptist Church

6:00-8:15pm; Meal Provided

PreK - 8th Grade



July 21st-25th

Lake Lure Baptist Church

Ages 3Y-7th Grade

Contact: Lilani Roos

office.llbc@aol.com



July 27th-30th

Montford Cove Baptist Church

5:30-8:15pm; Meal Provided

August 6th-8th

Piedmont Baptist Church

6:00-8:00pm

GRBA Quarterly Associational Meetings

Visitors Welcome!

Our Next Meetings are as Follows:

July 28th, 2025 - Calvary Baptist Church

October 27th, 2025 - Adaville Baptist Church; Guest Speaker: Todd Unzicker!!

In 2026 we will be moving to biannual meetings instead of quarterly.

If you have not done so already, please send us your current church messengers for the year. If anyone needs to be added/removed, please call/email the office to do so. If you are not sure how many messengers your church can have, or who all is currently listed, please contact the office for more information.

BAPTISTS ON
MISSION



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

<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>
Week 1: <u>Oak Ridge</u> Rev. Lewis Jackson	Week 1: <u>Pleasant Grove</u> Rev. Randy Darley	Week 1: <u>Second</u> Dr. Keith Stephenson
Week 2: <u>Oak Springs</u> Rev. Todd Westfall	Week 2: <u>Pleasant Hill</u> Rev. James Henson	Week 2: <u>Southern</u> Dr. Peter Surran
Week 3: <u>Piedmont</u> Rev. Sidney Calhoun	Week 3: <u>Rock Springs</u> Rev. Isaac Arledge	Week 3: <u>Spencer</u> Dr. Bruce Caldwell
Week 4: <u>Piney Knob</u> Rev. Casey Stockton	Week 4: <u>Round Hill</u> Rev. Michael Jones	Week 4: <u>Sulphur Springs</u> Rev. Ethan Gardner

Churches in need of Pastors

CALVARY BAPTIST:

224 Chimney Rock Rd, Rutherfordton, NC 28139

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST:

210 Silvers Lake Rd, Rutherfordton, NC 28139

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 *NEW* Schedule is:

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

7/7	8/4	9/15
7/21	8/18	

From the AMS's Desk:

Greetings,

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 1:2). I am so thankful for each of our GRBA churches. I have already seen so many of you conducting Vacation Bible schools, and more are to come. I have seen some of our churches come together for events, which blesses my soul. My wife just held a pastors' wife's brunch in our home where they were able to enjoy food, fellowship, and the Word together. We also have many youth groups attending camps this summer.

We have continued to have volunteer teams come in to cut up trees that fell during the hurricane for people in our community. We have also had some teams help us do some work around the association building, such as painting, cutting trees, and other outdoor work. We have two teams coming in the month of July to continue that work and to also help other ministries in our area. I wanted to point all this out to you, because I believe we should celebrate all that God is doing in Rutherford County and beyond through the service of our churches and many others across the state and nation. God has been, and continues to be, good to us!

Obviously, summer is not over just yet, but I know that many of you are preparing for the time when school starts back and things get back to "normal." My prayer is that you continue to consider serving together with other churches. When churches work together to serve the community, they see that we are truly unified in faith, doctrine, and service. They see that we all love them, and our service is not to build up "my" church but "the" church. It's not about us. It's about Jesus. If you need some help with ideas of how you can do that, please reach out to me. I would love to be of assistance to you.

We are about to hold the first associational training under my leadership on Saturday, August 16th at Main Street Baptist Church from 9 am – 1 pm. This will be training for pastors and for those at your churches who serve on a security team, or for a church that wants to begin one. The training will be done by a friend of mine who is a Trainer for the N.C. Justice Academy in Edneyville, NC. This will include how to deal with active shooter situations at your facility. I wish that this was not needed, but the news came out just a couple of days ago that a gunman drove up to a church, got out of his vehicle, and opened fire while they were having V.B.S. It was members at the church that shot and killed him before he could kill anyone. My guess is that those people have received training, and so should we. You will find the information on how to sign up for this training in this newsletter. You will need to sign up by August 10th, so that we can prepare for you. Lunch will be included.

Please know that we are here for you. If you need any assistance, training, someone to preach, or if your church is struggling and you would like a consultation, please reach out to our office. May God continue to bless the GRBA as we seek to follow Him!

Blessings, Ray Brickhouse, AMS

JULY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 OFFICE CLOSED <u>Independence Day</u>	5 Rev. Matthew Moore's Birthday
6 Mrs. Lori Scarlett's Birthday (West Point) 6:00-8:30pm VBS @ 2nd	7 11:00am Pastors' Gathering 6:00-8:30pm VBS @ 2nd 6:30-8:00pm VBS @ Southern	8 6:00-8:30pm VBS @ 2nd 6:30-8:00pm VBS @ Southern 6:00-8:00pm VBS @ Mountain Creek	9 6:00-8:30pm VBS @ 2nd 6:30-8:00pm VBS @ Southern 6:00-8:00pm VBS @ Mountain Creek	10 Rev. James Henson's Birthday (Pleasant Hill) 6:00-8:30pm VBS @ 2nd 6:30-8:00pm VBS @ Southern 6:00-8:00pm VBS @ Mountain Creek	11 Mrs. Bethel Stepheson's Birthday (Second) 6:30-8:00pm VBS @ Southern 6:00-8:00pm VBS @ Mountain Creek	12
13	14 Mrs. Rita Westfall's Birthday	15	16	17	18	19
20 6:00pm-8:15pm VBS @ Green Hill	21 Mrs. Jeannie Simpson's Birthday (Calvary) 11:00am Pastors' Gathering 6:00-8:15pm VBS @ Green Hill; 5:30-9:00pm VBS @ Lake	22 6:00pm-8:15pm VBS @ Green Hill 5:30-9:00pm VBS @ Lake Lure	23 6:00pm-8:15pm VBS @ Green Hill 5:30-9:00pm VBS @ Lake Lure	24 6:00pm-8:15pm VBS @ Green Hill 5:30-9:00pm VBS @ Lake Lure	25 Rev. Ray Brickhouse's Birthday (AMS) 5:30-9:00pm VBS @ Lake Lure	26
27 5:30-8:15pm VBS @ Montford Cove	28 Dr. Bruce Caldwell's Birthday (Spencer) 5:30-8:15pm VBS @ Montford Cove 6:45pm GRBA Quarterly Meeting @	29 5:30-8:15pm VBS @ Montford Cove	30 5:30-8:15pm VBS @ Montford Cove	31 Mountain State Fair Supplies <u>DUE</u> by 4:00pm		



August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Serve NC
3 Serve NC	4 11:00am Pastors' Gathering Serve NC	5 Serve NC	6 Serve NC 6:00-8:00pm VBS @ Piedmont	7 6:00-8:00pm VBS @ Piedmont	8 6:00-8:00pm VBS @ Piedmont	9
10 Mrs. Lilani Roos's Birthday (Lake Lure)	11	12 6:30pm Mountain State Fair Volunteer Training at GRBA Office	13 Dr. Ansel Pace's Birthday (Cane Creek)	14 Rev. Lance Scarlett's Birthday (West Point)	15	16 Rev. Isaac Arledge's Birthday (Rock Springs) 9am-1pm Church Safety & Security Training @ Main Street Baptist Church
17	18 11:00am Pastors' Gathering	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Dr. Garin Hill's Birthday (Forest City First)	27 Dr. David Jendrey's Birthday (Mount Vernon)	28	29	30



SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Rev. Eric Reedy's Birthday (Mountain View)	1 Labor Day Office CLOSED	2	3	4	5	6 9:00am-12:00pm Scorecard Family Lab @ Lakewood Church
7	8	9 Mountain State Fair Ministry	10	11	12	13
14	15 11:00am Pastors' Gathering	16 Mrs. Samantha Arledge's Birthday (Rock Springs)	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				