

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



Fellowship, Mountain View (Polk), Mountain View (Rfd.), Oak Ridge, Oak Springs, Round Hill, Spindale First, Sulphur Springs, West Memorial

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

Our Deepest Sympathy goes out to the following families...

- ♦ **Rev. Darold Crawford in the loss of his father who died on September 10, 2013**
- ♦ **Mrs. Terry Honeycutt in the loss of her father who died on October 6, 2013**
- ♦ **Sherri Daggerhart in the loss of her father who died on November 7, 2013**

QUARTERLY ASSOCIATION MEETING

January 27, 6:45 PM
Chimney Rock Baptist Church
270 Boys Camp Road
Lake Lure, NC 28746

Our Guest Speaker will be Martin (Marty) Dupree, Evangelism & Church Growth Team Leader, BSC. Special music and various reports will be a part of this gathering. The messengers will receive more details prior to the meeting.

2012-2013 ASSOCIATION BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE:

| Month | Recv'd | Needed | Bdgt. % |
|-----------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| October | \$ 10,252.35 | \$ 11,732.92 | 87% |
| November | \$ 17,514.36 | \$ 23,465.83 | 75% |
| December | \$ 26,613.90 | \$ 35,198.75 | 76% |
| January | \$ 41,778.58 | \$ 46,931.67 | 89% |
| February | \$ 54,548.96 | \$ 58,664.58 | 93% |
| March | \$ 64,336.94 | \$ 70,397.50 | 91% |
| April | \$ 75,365.50 | \$ 82,130.42 | 92% |
| May | \$ 84,694.56 | \$ 93,863.33 | 90% |
| June | \$ 95,387.27 | \$105,596.25 | 90% |
| July | \$103,982.50 | \$117,329.17 | 89% |
| August | \$115,991.43 | \$129,062.08 | 90% |
| September | \$128,775.58 | \$140,795.00 | 91% |

% of Budget Met for Year: 88%

Associational Prayer for our Churches

JANUARY

- Week 1: Pleasant Grove
Rev. Brent Frady
- Week 2: Pleasant Hill
Rev. William Swink
- Week 3: Rock Springs
Rev. Greg Huntley
- Week 4: Round Hill
Dr. Wayne Blackwood (I)
- Week 5: Rutherfordton First
Rev. Tim Marsh

FEBRUARY

- Week 1: Rutherfordton Second
Dr. Keith Stephenson
- Week 2: Southern
Rev. John Perry
- Week 3: Spencer
Rev. Billy Vaughn
- Week 4: Spindale First
No pastor

MARCH

- Week 1: Sulphur Springs
Rev. Sidney Calhoun (I)
- Week 2: West Memorial
Rev. Alan Beane (I)
- Week 3: Westminster
Rev. Aaron Vess
- Week 4: Adaville
Rev. Cal Sayles

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
 from your GRBA Staff



Ed & Teresa



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

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Calendar

January

- 1 Office Closed
- 12 6-8pm Solemn Assembly gathering, ICC Foundation
- 14 11:00 am Ministers' Conference
- 21 12:00 Secretaries' Luncheon
- 21 6:30pm Sanctity of Life Service, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
- 27 6:45pm Quarterly Association Meeting, Chimney Rock BC

February

- 3-9 Week of Prayer & Offering for Baptist Retirement Homes
- 10-16 Focus on WMU NC Heck-Jones Offering & Week of Prayer
- 11 11:00 am Ministers' Conference

March

- 2-9 Week of Prayer & Mission Study for North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 11 11:00am Ministers' Conference

January

- 3 Rev. Jerry Campbell, Montford Cove
- 9 Rev. William Swink, Pleasant Hill
- 12 Mrs. Gladys Campbell, Montford Cove
- 13 Rev. Ad Hopper, Piedmont
- 13 Mrs. Brenda Vaughn, Spencer
- 14 Mrs. Cynthia Calhoun, Sulphur Springs
- 15 Dr. Barry Keys, Forest City First
- 25 Mr. Sidney Calhoun, Sulphur Springs
- 28 Mrs. Kaye Ruppe, Long Branch Road

February

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

March

- 1 Mrs. Shannon Hamrick, Gilkey
- 4 Dr. Keith Stephenson, Second
- 8 Mrs. Amber Keys, Forest City First
- 11 Mrs. Susan Brown, Piney Knob
- 22 Rev. Tony McCraw, Camp Creek
- 27 Rev. Charles McClure, Mountain Creek
- 31 Rev. Greg Huntley, Rock Springs

NEW BEGINNINGS SOUP KITCHEN

On Wednesday, November 27, the New Beginnings Soup Kitchen fed 552 people a Thanksgiving meal. This was their largest crowd thus far.

SOLEMN ASSEMBLY

January 12, 6-8pm
ICC Foundation

Churches are asked to gather for prayer.

MONTHLY MINISTERS' CONFERENCES

January 14, February 11 & March 11 at 11:00 am at the Assoc. Office.

David Webb, NC Bapt. Foundation representative, will be the speaker for the January 14 meeting.

Thank you from SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Thank you so much for the scholarship money! It will be put to great use! It was very much appreciated! You helped make my studies in special education possible!

Thanks, Ali Bovender



WMU HECK-JONES OFFERING & WEEK OF PRAYER
February 9-16

FROM OUR WMU DIRECTOR

Thank you so much to all who donated chewing gum to the Women's Prison in Raleigh this year. We committed to 1600 single packs and met that goal. Good job ladies!

-Hilda



BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

Every penny given to the Baptist Children's Homes from now until January 31, 2014 will be matched up to \$200,000.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

Week of Prayer & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
March 2-9

Theme: "Firmly Planted"

Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23

Rooted in the Gospel

GOAL: \$70 MILLION

EMPOWERED PASTOR/STAFF & WIVES Prayer Retreat

January 14-15,

Lifeway Ridgecrest Conference Center
Speakers:

Gary Frost, Richard Owen Roberts, J. Chris Schofield, Chad Pollard, Phyllis Foy & Tara Furman
www.ncbaptist.org/empowered

BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES
WEEK OF PRAYER AND OFFERING
February 3-9

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.

The Rutherfordton Library donated a complete set of the Old & New Testament in Braille. If you know of anyone who could use these, please let us know.

From the Interim Director of Missions

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Do you remember Christmas of your early years? I do, well. The first one I remember was in the early 1930's. I had four brothers and on this particular Christmas there wasn't much money around our house. My Dad came in on Christmas morning and gave each of us a little bag, in which were ten marbles. We treasured those marbles and had lots of fun playing with them.

The gifts we received down through the years remind me of the Greatest Gift of all time: the Gift that brought light to a dark world. Isaiah lived in a time when his world was dark, but out in the future he could see a bright Light shining.

From that early Christmas of my memory until our present day we have seen good times and bad, and like Isaiah there is a bright Light shining, the Light of love and grace, forgiveness.

Isaiah, in chapter 9:6, speaks of the names of our Lord, "Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." I have preached a series of messages using each of those names, and I always think of this passage, for it speaks to me of the Light that Isaiah saw in the distant future. I believe that Light yet shines and that God will bring us out of the dark days that surround us.

During the early 1900's, prayer was sent up to God on behalf of our country and God heard from Heaven and sent revival, from the East Coast to the West Coast. God will rend the heavens and send revival as His people call upon Him in prayer, confessing sin in humility.

Please join us at The Foundation on January 12, 2014, from 6 pm to 8 pm in our Solemn Assembly, and seek His face in prayer.

It has been great days for Laverne and me as we have served our Lord among you wonderful people, as Interim DOM and wife. It has been a blessing.

Read again Matthew 1:18-25 and Luke 2:1-7. Have a special Christmas.

Ed Rogers

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.



GRBA DISASTER RELIEF & HANDYMAN MINISTRY

On Oct. 6 Tom & Janice Horner, Disaster Relief Chaplains from Lake Lure BC, were called to minister to the members at Frontstreet B.C. in Statesville pertaining

to the six people killed in the bus accident in Tenn. on October 2. During the month of December, a lady stopped by the office asking if there was someone who could put handrails on her steps. Tom volunteered to install the hand rails for her (see picture above). Another day a homeless man came by the office to use the phone to call a homeless shelter. Steve Ruppe, member of Mount Vernon BC, drove him to a motel and paid for a night's stay and Tom Horner ministered to him by buying a meal for him and the next day transporting him to the homeless shelter in Gaffney. He called back to express how God had blessed him and how thankful he was for the help.

Scott Courtney has headed up a mission to help the Cristo Vive Church complete their building project.

There are many other ministries offered by our churches in helping those in need in our community. May the witness of these efforts draw all to Christ the Savior!

If you would like to be added to the GRBA on-call list for our Disaster Relief/Handyman Ministry, please contact Tom Horner at (828) 551-1234 or call the GRBA office to sign up.

Dear Pastors & Friends of the Ministry,

Our Annual Sanctity of Life Service is planned for Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. We will meet at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church on 563 Pleasant Hill Church Road in Rutherfordton. This will be a time of prayer & fellowship in remembrance of those who have been lost to abortion, and the families that have forever been



changed by abortion. This is not a political rally, but an opportunity for Christians to stand together and honor the One who ordains life & show compassion for those who have experienced the horrors of abortion. We would love to have representatives from every church in the both Rutherford & Polk County. I hope you will make plans to join us. God continues to use this Center and our Satellite Center to impact the lives of women & children in Rutherford & Polk counties. You continue to be the key He uses to make it happen.

Thank you for standing with us as we reach out to those in need. Hope to hear from you soon.

In Christ's Love,
Karen B. Hill,